



# THE GLEBE SOCIETY BULLETIN

Box 100, Glebe 2037

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## A.G.M.

The thirteenth Annual General Meeting of The Glebe Society will be held at the Glebe Town Hall on Wednesday 11th August at 7.30p.m. The meeting will receive the reports of the outgoing Management Committee, which will be included in the next Bulletin.

The A.G.M. will also elect a new committee for the next 12 months. Nominations for election to the following positions are open to all members:

- President
- Senior Vice-President
- Junior Vice-President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- 4 committee members
- New members' representative

Nominations for positions must comply with Clause 10 of the Constitution. This means that they must be signed by the nominated person (with statement of occupation and address) and by two proposers, and must reach the Secretary at least 14 days before the A.G.M., that is, they must be lodged at P.O. Box 100, Glebe, by Wednesday 28th July. You may use the nomination form included in this Bulletin, or a copy of it in your own writing.

Changes to the Constitution, notices of motion, and nominations received by 28th July will be reported to members in the next Bulletin. Only positions for which no nominations have been received in advance will be open to nominations from the floor at the A.G.M.

## Why not accept nomination yourself?

The members of this year's Management Committee (several of whom will be retiring from their positions) invite you to consider offering yourself for nomination for the Committee. Essentially, this involves attendance at a meeting once a month, with a little more work involved for office-bearers. It is most desirable that membership of the Management Committee be spread, over time, amongst as many of our members as possible. This gives more people an insight into the practical workings of The Glebe Society, and ensures that the Committee genuinely reflects the views of all the Society's members. Please feel free to ring any Committee member for further information and encouragement!

## SUBSCRIPTIONS DUE NOW

Now is the time to renew your subscription to The Glebe Society. Subscription dues are:

INDIVIDUAL	\$4
HOUSEHOLD	\$6
STUDENT/PENSIONER	\$1

There is a \$3 postal surcharge for subscriptions from outside Glebe.

Please fill in the enclosed subscription form, and return it to the Treasurer.

## GLEBE SOCIETY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE 1982-83 NOMINATIONS

We ..... and ..... being financial members of the Glebe Society, hereby nominate ..... as ..... of the Society for the forthcoming year.

DATED ..... SIGNED ..... and .....

I, ..... of .....  
(name in full) (address)

..... consent to this nomination.

SIGNED .....

NB: This form must be lodged with the Secretary, John Buckingham at P.O. Box 100, Glebe 2037, by Wednesday 28th July.

## CATCH 22 FOR TOWN PLANNING

The Minister for Planning and Environment, Mr Bedford, has issued a directive (117) on 14th April 1982 which will critically and adversely affect Leichhardt Council's plans to reduce planning densities in the municipality. The directive is as follows:

### SCHEDULE 1

Draft Local Environmental Plans shall maintain existing zonings or availability of land for medium and high density residential flat development except that these may be altered, without reducing the overall quantity, where an Environmental study justifies. Local Environmental Plans may increase zonings for medium/high density residential flat development in areas which have high access and/or amenity, within environmental constraints.

### SCHEDULE 2

Draft Local Environmental Plans which zone land for residential purposes

- (i) shall not contain provisions which will result in a reduction of the permissible residential density on any land to which the plan applies; and
- (ii) shall in as much as is practicable and compatible with the environmental quality of the area, provide for a variety of housing forms and increase the permissible residential density on the land.



## PUBLIC MEETING ON TOWN PLANNING

There will be a public meeting on Town Planning at Leichhardt Town Hall at 8pm on Tuesday 13th July. The meeting is being organised to protest State Government delays in processing Leichhardt Council's plans for the Municipality including lower population densities. The current Town Plan (IDO 27) increased densities in 1979 and is favourable to flat development in many areas. Recently the Minister for Planning and Environment has introduced, out of the blue, a directive that residential densities shall not be reduced. (See "Catch 22 for Town Planning"). As a result Council's plans which have been with the minister since last year now seem to be stalled. A large public response is therefore needed to voice residents' disapproval.

Tony Larkum



## BI-CENTENNIAL PARK

Over the next month, The Glebe Society is undertaking a limited campaign aimed at promoting the concept of the Bi-Centennial Park to the Glebe population-at-large. While Glebe Society Members are aware of the plans for the park, other Glebe residents may not be. We have not publicised the plans more widely to this date, because of the discussions taking place with Mr Ferguson in his role as Minister responsible for the Maritime Services Board. However, we feel it is now time to reveal to residents what they could have on Rozelle Bay in contrast to what they suffer there now. Mr Ferguson has been aware of our proposals for access to the harbour foreshores since his appointment as the responsible Minister in 1976. It is now about a year since he was acquainted with the plans drawn up by Bruce Mackenzie on behalf of Leichhardt Council to establish a Bi-Centennial Park on Rozelle Bay.

By giving limited publicity to the Bi-Centennial Park, and by encouraging residents to support the proposals, we hope to assure the Minister during future discussions that the plans are fully endorsed by local residents. Within a fortnight you will see the basic plan being displayed in selected shops along Glebe Point Road. Please draw them to the attention of your friends and neighbours.

Soon after the initial display, Glebe will be "letter-boxed". You will be asked to attend a meeting and to write to the Minister supporting the plans for the Bi-Centennial Park. Please urge friends and neighbours to follow your lead.

Remember, it is a limited campaign. We want Glebe residents to be fully informed of the plans for the park. We want Mr Ferguson to be aware that Glebe residents fully support these plans. We do not seek TV, radio, or daily paper coverage of the sort that might prove detrimental to the goodwill that has been established. To date, Mr Ferguson has not committed himself one way or the other on the transfer of the lands needed for the park. But he does need to know that he has the full support of Glebe residents if (and when) he executes the transfer.

John Buckingham

## DRAMATIC RATE VALUATION INCREASES

Property owners throughout Glebe (and Leichhardt Municipality) are at present receiving notices from the Valuer-General's Department on increases to the unimproved capital valuation (UCV) of their properties. Since rates are levied on this basis, it is an important matter.

Many householders have been shocked, and rightly so, to find that their UCV has increased by 300%! Apparently there is a move afoot to bring UCVs to a realistic figure. If this move were uniform for everyone it would have little effect on the rates paid. However there is a very wide range of increases ranging from 20 – 300%. This is therefore a very unsatisfactory situation since those with a very large increase will bear a much greater rate burden. Such people should complain strongly to the Valuer-General about this inequitable treatment.

People affected should make enquiries with neighbours and householders in other parts of Glebe to find out how their increase compares and then base their complaint on these facts. If necessary I can coordinate activities and provide information.

In terms of the rate valuation, the increases will be phased in over 2 years. This means that in the first year householders will be rated for only half the increase in their valuation and at the full rate only after two years. Leichhardt Council will probably need to increase its income (from rates) by 10% next year to cover CPI increases so that we can all expect increased rates. But those with very large UCV increases will bear an excessive burden unless some action is taken.

**Tony Larkum (660 7030)**

## WHAT THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE DID

### Residential densities and Town Plan

The implications of Mr Bedford's "Directive 117" were discussed at length and it was decided to write to him to protest against the superficiality of the approach. (For background information see "Catch 22 on Town Plan").

### Forsyth Street Council Depot

It was noted that Council was looking to shift the Council depot to the DMR site in Annandale. The Committee decided to write to Council reminding them of the park proposal for that area.

Other matters discussed included: the Bi-centennial park, Year of the Tree, rates and plans for the Glebe Society's birthday party. These are covered in separate articles in this Bulletin.



## CORRESPONDENCE

We have received the following letter from Jennifer Stackhouse, the Curatorial Assistant at Elizabeth Bay House, about a forthcoming exhibition which may be of interest to our members.

*Dear Sir/Madam,*

*Elizabeth Bay House is planning to hold an exhibition about 19th and early 20th century housekeeping methods, to open in August. We intend to present an exhibition that looks at early cleaning implements and routines, the role of the servants in a household and at household hints. We also hope to produce a housekeeping manual which, based on methods of the past will be a practical guide to the care of old furnishings and materials.*

*Would your collection hold any relevant material that could be included in this exhibition? We require objects (for example early vacuum cleaners, irons and brooms) as well as information. In addition we are seeking people who can remember housekeeping in days gone by and who, perhaps, have favourite hints or interesting anecdotes to relate.*

*If you can provide any assistance in this project I would be delighted to hear from you.*

*Yours sincerely,  
Jennifer Stackhouse  
Curatorial Assistant*





## FOR YOUR DIARY

### Thursday, 1st July

Last day to order wine for bottling on 17th July.  
Ring Tony Larkum, 660 7030.

### Sunday, 11th July, 11a.m. – 1p.m.

Coffee morning at the home of Michael Hough, 6/1  
Stewart Street. Come along and meet other members.

### Tuesday, 13th July, 8p.m.

Public meeting on Town Planning at Leichhardt  
Town Hall.

### Saturday, 17th July, 2.30p.m.

Wine bottling at Tony and Hilary Larkum's  
17 Alexandra Road. Bring your own bottles.  
(660 7030)

### Monday, 19th July

Monday Group meets. For details ring Vi Hicks,  
660 3694.

### Wednesday, 21st July

Last day for booking for Glebe Society birthday  
party at Bassets Restaurant. Ring Betty Wright,  
660 1875.

### Monday, 26th July, 7p.m. for 7.30

Glebe Society birthday party at Bassets Restaurant,  
Glebe Point Road.

### Wednesday, 28th July

Last day for submitting nominations for Glebe  
Society A.G.M.

### Wednesday, 11th August, 7.30p.m.

Glebe Society A.G.M. at Glebe Town Hall.

## MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

President	Maureen Colman	660 2302
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## WINETASTING

Thanks a lot to those who came along to the Wine-tasting on the 29th June. It was "touch and go" on Wednesday the 27th whether to go ahead in view of the small number of bookings. However, John Walker of Rhinecastle Wines was still willing, and brought along, and discoursed upon, an interesting collection of reds, and whites, a muscat and an Old Dolcette port. The tasting developed into a most agreeable party, with plenty of food which, hopefully, complemented the wine.

## THE GLEBE SOCIETY'S TWELFTH BIRTHDAY To be celebrated 26th July

Date: Monday 26th July  
Time: 7pm for 7.30pm  
Place: Bassets Restaurant, Glebe Point Road,  
(near the Commonwealth Bank)



Menu: Entree  
Main course  
Dessert  
Coffee  
Price: \$14, inclusive. Pensioners, \$7  
Wines: B.Y.O.  
Bookings: Betty Wright – 660 1857 (any time)  
Bookings close noon 21st July  
Limit: 50 people – so book early