



THE GLEBE SOCIETY BULLETIN

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MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING - SEPTEMBER, 1983.

The new Committee is settling down happily to its tasks for the coming year.

At this meeting, it was agreed that letters be sent to: Leichhardt Council, expressing our keen interest in participating in the Bicentennial Committee; The Minister of Health about the uncertain future of the Homeopathic Hospital (see August Bulletin); The National Trust - renewing our membership of this important organisation.

The Committee discussed ways of improving the efficiency of integrating new members into the Society. Betty Wright, the new members' representative, will write to new members. Measures will be taken to ensure that names are added immediately to the Bulletin distribution list.

Anyone interested in joining the Society should contact Betty Wright (660 1875) and any current members having problems receiving their Bulletins should phone Niel Macindoe (660 0208).

CHRISTMAS CARDS

The Glebe Society's correspondence cards are just the thing to send to your overseas or interstate friends. There is plenty of room to write a note as well as the season's greetings. They cost \$5 for 10, including the envelopes. Ring Betty Wright (660 1875) or Eileen Lacey (692 0173) for supplies.



APATHY ON AMALGAMATION - Eric Gidney

A public meeting was held at the Glebe Town Hall on Sunday, 18th September, to oppose the transfer of Glebe to the Sydney Council. The turnout was very disappointing. Despite the distribution of 4,000 leaflets, only 30 people turned up. What do we have to do to motivate you??

Nevertheless, interesting comments were made by a number of speakers, including Nick O'Neill, who opened the discussion, John Buckingham, Eric Gidney and Eileen Lacey. The point was made that socially and environmentally we have far more in common with Leichhardt than with the City Council.

On the day before the meeting, at Markettown, volunteers organised by Sharon Page of Lillyfield, collected over 400 signatures from Leichhardt residents opposed to the amalgamation. If you haven't sent in your objection, do so today. Let's hope that we are successful in stopping this bureaucratic bungling.

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Sounds
hopeful!!

Proposed amalgamations involving six Sydney councils are likely to be dropped by the State Government after the Premier, Mr Wran, declared yesterday they were a "dead issue."

Mr Wran's unilateral move acknowledges the strong local sentiment against the mergers and followed Labor's setbacks in several local elections on Saturday.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING -
10th August, 1983.

Reports: The President's and Treasurer's Reports were presented. (These were published in the August Bulletin).

Alan Robertson then presented his informative annual report on planning developments in the municipality and in the Glebe Ward in particular. It is hoped to print details of this in the next issue.

John Buckingham then reported on Parks and Open Spaces. In brief: the Council had a substantial sum of money resulting from a development in Bridge Road, which would have to be spent on open space in that vicinity; there was a possibility to have a reasonable open space at the bottom of Creek Street in due course. Sadly it is now 12 months since there has been any contact with the Minister on the proposed Bicentennial Park. Mr. Buckingham considered that the Society should pursue this vigorously and not let the matter fade into oblivion.

Now that Blackwattle Bay Park is officially opened, there remained the problem of Fletchers sharing access with the Council for their trucks alongside the park, as the Council tip lies behind the Fletcher site. The meeting resolved that the Council should be congratulated on the excellence of Blackwattle Bay Park, but that the Council's attention should be drawn to the inappropriateness of the Fletcher Container site and also the Council storage site. The heavy truck traffic along Miller and Taylor Streets past the new Glebe High School to the access road, was also most inappropriate. Finally the Council should be requested to declare the Fletcher site and the Council depot Open Space.

There was then a motion carried to suspend standing orders so that Alderman Nick O'Neil could address the meeting on the proposed amalgamation of Glebe with the City of

Sydney. He strongly recommended residents of Glebe to oppose the move, pointing out the advantages of the status quo.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS & COMMITTEE

All people who were nominated for the Committee were elected unopposed. (Some positions were allocated at the following Committee meeting).

A full list of Committee members is on the back page. Thank you to those who are no longer on the Committee for their help in the past.

GENERAL BUSINESS

A motion was passed amending Clause 11 of the Society's Constitution restricting eligibility to vote at an Annual or Special General meeting to those who have been financial members for at least 3 months before the date of the general meeting in question.

A proposal to set up a Chamber of Commerce in Glebe in order to encourage the business community in Glebe - and shopkeepers in particular - to improve the appearance of their premises, dispose of garbage and become "community conscious" was discussed. It was decided that a Chamber of Commerce was not the appropriate organisation for the purpose, but the idea of smartening and cleaning up the area should most certainly be pursued, and was referred to the new Committee for action.

The third motion concerned sending telegrams of protest to the Premier, the Minister of Local Government and the local Member in protest at the proposed Council amalgamations. (Details were presented in the August bulletin.)

The meeting concluded at approx. 10 pm and everyone enjoyed the refreshments which had been arranged by Betty Wright.

DINNER AT THE MIXING POT
178 St Johns Road, Glebe.
TUESDAY, 25 OCTOBER AT 7 P.M.

We have hired an upstairs room (seating 28) for what promises to be an excellent dinner. Since there is no set menu, guests will choose from the a la carte menu and pay for themselves. A few of the dishes are as follows (to give you an idea of prices):

Entrees: Avocado vinaigrette 4.90; Avocado seafood 6.00; Maccheroni with gorgonzola cheese 3.90; Crespelle (pancakes with ricotta & ham) 3.90; Fettucine with baby clams, 3.90; Tortellini with ham, cream & cheese 3.90, etc.

Main course: Garlic brains 7.50; Veal pizzaïola 8.50; Veal Boscaïola 8.50; Filetto al pepe verde 8.90; BBQ prawns 10.50; Chicken Bavarian 8.50, etc. Salads 1.30. Desserts 2.50.

House wines are available at reasonable cost.

It is necessary to make firm bookings by FRIDAY, 21 OCTOBER by ringing Betty Wright on 660 1875. ✓

AN OLD-FASHIONED SING-ALONG

We don't often have an opportunity lately to join in a good old sing-along around the piano. Alan Hunt is remedying this on Friday, 14th October at 7.30 p.m.

Come along, to 13 Mitchell Street, Glebe. Bring your instrument, your music, your voice or just your enthusiasm. Also please bring a plate. Drinks will be provided. RSVP by Wednesday, 12th October. (Alan Hunt, 660 2407).



Gladys Reid

We are happy to report that Gladys is making good progress at RPA. She would welcome visitors and is in the new wing of the main building.



HISTORY GROUP - Alan Hunt

On Monday, 5th September, the first meeting of the History Group was held at the home of Alan Hunt. Three of the people present represented families who between them have had approximately 160 years as tenants on the Glebe Estate.

Max Solling gave a comprehensive talk on the history of Glebe and the Estate in particular. Max's slides of early buildings and prominent residents prompted many entertaining stories from those present.

The Group hopes to meet again soon and would like to interview any long-term residents to record their memories of life in the Glebe. These interviews could form the basis of a small booklet.

The evening was brought to a close with an excellent supper provided by Josephine Law and Cleo Sabardine

More history buffs are urgently needed. Anyone interested please ring Alan Hunt - 660 2407 - for details of the next meeting.

THE MONDAY GROUP

Sally Nelson - Tel. 660 0038

The next meeting will be at 2.30pm on Monday, 17th October, at the home of Gwen Knox, 26 Victoria Rd.

On Monday, 21st November, we will celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the Monday Group. We will meet at the Regent Hotel, Sydney, at 2.30 pm for afternoon tea.

FOR YOUR DIARY:

(Full details elsewhere in this Bulletin).

TUESDAY, 4TH OCTOBER, 7.30 P.M.

Committee Meeting at Eileen Lacey's.

FRIDAY, 14TH OCTOBER, 7.30 P.M.

Sing-along - Alan Hunt's.
(RSVP by 12th October).

SUNDAY, 16TH OCTOBER

Closing date for November Bulletin material. (Edwina Doe, 929 9848(W); 660 7066 (H), 224 Bridge Road, near Ross Street).

MONDAY, 17TH OCTOBER - 2.30 PM

Monday Group meets.

TUESDAY, 25TH OCTOBER - 7 PM

Dinner at the Mixing Pot. Ring Betty Wright on 660 1875 by Friday, 21st October.

MONDAY, 21ST NOVEMBER

Monday Group's afternoon tea at the Regent Hotel.



WHAT CAN WE DO WITH VENETIA?

The Society is anxious to make use of Venetia. We are trying to arrange a small 'tour of inspection' but meanwhile would welcome your ideas for using this unique property. Please ring Peter Martin (660 8587).



INFORMATION EXCHANGE

Plasterer. Robert Watt and Helen Lucas, who are restoring Divo (439 Glebe Point Rd) have found a good plasterer to restore damaged plaster skirtings and other ornamentation. (Tel. 660 0585).

HELP WANTED

A most important function of the Society is to provide opportunities for members to meet each other. We urgently need three people to volunteer to form the Social sub-committee. The duties mainly involve taking the bookings for functions and arranging the refreshments. Ring Eileen Lacey, 692 0173 if you can help.

Also, in June, we appealed for help in looking after the Society's collection of journals and other papers. Someone did volunteer, but unfortunately in the change of Committee, her name has been lost. If that person, or anyone else, can help, please contact the President, Peter Martin, on 660 8587.

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

<u>President</u>	: Peter Martin 660 8587 (H) 745 3377 (W)
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Membership of the Glebe Society costs only \$4 per year (individual membership). For information ring Betty Wright on 660 1875. Also ring Betty if you wish to buy any Glebe Society correspondence folders (Glebe terraces design). They are \$5 for 10 with envelopes.