



# THE GLEBE SOCIETY BULLETIN

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## THANK YOU PETER MARTIN

Peter Martin left for Fiji in early January to take up the post of Asst. General Manager, Finance, for the Native Land Trust Board of Fiji. This is a big step up the ladder for Peter, but it means he will be living in Fiji for the foreseeable future and can no longer be President.

Peter has been a member of the Society for about 6 years and has been an extremely effective President this year.

Good luck in the future, Peter. We will miss you.

## WENTWORTH PARK

Members may have noticed the report in S.M.H., 28.1.84, concerning the proposal of the Minister for Leisure, Sport and Tourism to appoint an administrator for the National Coursing Association, who are facing bankruptcy as a consequence of the cost of the new grandstand.

The Committee is keeping a close eye on the situation and will do its best to put forward the views of the Society in the correct quarters.

## VISIT TO GLEBE HIGH SCHOOL:

Mr Porteous, the school's Headmaster, will personally conduct a tour of the new Glebe High School on Wednesday, 29th February at 5.30 p.m. This is an excellent opportunity to see this new amenity in our midst.

Come into the school by the main entrance - the entrance off Taylor Street, which is nearest to Bridge Road.



## GLEBE AMALGAMATION ENQUIRY - Neil Macindoe

On 15th December 1983 I attended the Local Government Boundaries Commission Enquiry into proposed Council amalgamations and spoke in support of the Glebe Society's submission, opposing the transfer of Glebe from Leichhardt to the City.

My task was made much easier by the excellence of our written submission, which had impressed the Commission by its comprehensive conciseness and strong argument. It was written by Ted McKeown, and the Glebe Society is indebted to him for doing such a fine job in so short a time.

No one spoke in favour of the transfer of Glebe to the City. Sydney City Council had voted unanimously against the proposed transfer, and their representatives spoke strongly against it, as did the Mayor of Leichhardt. I had only to endorse the views of speakers from the City and Leichhardt and stress the lack of adequate reasons for a change.

At the time of writing, the report of the Commission has not been released, nor can they say when we can expect it. If the report does recommend the transfer of Glebe to the City, it will be interesting to see what reasons they can find.

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETINGS  
- DECEMBER AND JANUARY

Changes to Committee:

Peter Martin resigned from his position as President because of a posting to Fiji. (See p.1).

Neil Macindoe has been appointed to fill the position of President. Edwina Doe is now Senior Vice-President. Cleo Sabadine has been co-opted to the Committee. There is still a vacancy on the Committee, as Gladys Reid is now living in Melbourne.

Bi-Centennial Committee:

Neil Macindoe will represent the Glebe Society at the next meeting of this Committee. Tentative proposals being put forward by the Society are the Bi-Centennial Park, a history map and/or booklet of The Glebe and landscaping the grounds around Lyndhurst.

Lyndhurst:

The renovation of Lyndhurst is nearing completion. The house will be used by the Historic Houses Trust of N.S.W. The Secretary is contacting the Trust regarding possible use of Lyndhurst by the Glebe Society.

Cleanliness of The Glebe:

The Leichhardt Town Clerk has replied to our letter regarding "Pebble-Crete" litter bins. Apparently these bins were provided for use in the City by an advertising company as a limited promotion. However, the Town Clerk advised us:

"The matter of the adequacy of existing litter bins will be investigated, however, Council is concerned of the practice of many shopkeepers and residents depositing garbage and trade refuse in be-tidy bins, hence precluding their use for street litter. Council's Ordinance Inspector is currently patrolling Glebe shopping areas in the early morning to determine the persons responsible and discourage this practice."

We will watch out for improvements.

Advertising properties for sale:

Neil Macindoe raised the matter of Real Estate agents using coloured bunting on properties for sale. At the suggestion of the Committee, he later contacted

the Real Estate Institute for their comments. Apparently the bunting is used at the discretion of individual agents, so we will wait and see if the practice increases.

Homeopathic Hospital:

The Minister for Health wrote to tell us that changes in the role of the Hospital are no longer envisaged. The Secretary will write to the Hospital Board to advise them that we wrote to the Minister in support of their campaign. We will also ask the Hospital Board to consider removing the fence around the vacant block of land adjoining the Hospital, to give public access.

Social Calendar:

Several functions were proposed for the coming year. Some are announced in this Bulletin. Plans for others are still being finalised. Look out for further details.

Wentworth Park & Harold Park:

A sub-committee was proposed to monitor the increased use of these parks, and the possible effects on noise, parking and street cleanliness. Any members interested in joining this sub-committee should contact Neil Macindoe (660-0208).

Membership Lists:

Each Committee member has been given a list of apparently 'unfinancial' members to contact by phone. If you have not yet paid your 1983/84 subscription, please help us by doing so immediately. Ring John Priest (660-3543) if you can't remember if you have paid, or to notify any change of address.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS:

The following people have recently joined the Glebe Society:

Adams, R.F. & W.R.	Hunt, Mr/Mrs J.
Birtchnell Mr/Mrs A.	Hunt, K. & P.
Black, Mr/Mrs E.	Johnson, Sue
Bradshaw, Mr/Mrs P.	Johnston, R.
Campbell, C. & N.	Kiel, Helen
Clifford-Everest J.J.	Law, Josephine
Craigie, Ian	Lemercier, S.
Currie, Nancy	Manchur, Lisa
Eder, Antoinette	Minchin, E.F.
Greig, N.G.	Richardson, J.&A.
Helmer, K.	Stander, J.

### COLONIAL FURNITURE ARRIVES IN GLEBE:

Peter and Madeleine Aitken are proud to announce that Peddler's Period Furniture is open for business at 136 Bridge Road, on the corner of Talfourd Street. They specialise in the restoration and sale of Australian furniture which will blend with the architecture and atmosphere of the Australian home, whether colonial, federation or Edwardian in style.

All are welcome to come and browse. They are open every day from 10.30 a.m. except Sunday when they open from midday. (Phone 660 2768).

### ANIMAL CORNER - Eileen Lacey

We have all heard of Guide Dogs for the Blind, but how many of us have heard about Hearing Dogs?

Hearing Dogs are a project of the Lions Clubs of Australia and New Guinea. There are only three in New South Wales, and one of them is in Glebe.

The dogs are specially trained to alert the deaf owner to sounds such as a ringing telephone, a knock at the door, an alarm clock, a baby crying, or unfamiliar sounds which may indicate some emergency.

Information about obtaining a Hearing Dog may be had by writing to Lions Hearing Dogs Incorporated, G.P.O. Box 1687, Adelaide, S.A. 5001. Telephone (08) 388 7836. Donations are very acceptable and are tax deductible.



"DINGO" BRAND.

### HAPPY HOURS

All members are welcome at the home of Bara and Ted Marsh at 3 Victoria Road on Tuesday, 21st February for drinks and 'nibbles' from 6 p.m.

Mr and Mrs Ian Evans have invited us to their home at 18 Mansfield Street for the March Happy Hour, on Saturday, 24th March at 12 noon.

Ian Evans is the author of 'Restoring Old Houses' and other books.

### ST. PATRICK'S DAY SING-ALONG:

Alan Hunt is organising another sing-along at his home, 13 Mitchell Street, on Saturday, 17th March. Come along at 7.30 p.m., bringing:

- Words and/or music, especially for Irish songs;
- A small plate of food for supper;
- Your favourite drink.

If you came to Alan's first sing-along, you will know that this is an evening not to be missed. (There is no entrance fee).



### MONDAY GROUP - Sally Nelson

Our first meeting for 1984 will be a visit to Pat Moore's new home at 7/26 Cook Street, on 20th February, at 2.30 p.m. Pat's unit overlooks Blackwattle Bay and Blackwattle Park. Please bring a "plate" for afternoon tea.

We will continue to meet on the third Monday of each month and your ideas are needed for this year's programme. The March meeting will be on the 19th - details next month. Ring me on 660 0038 if you want to know more about our group.

### OPEN DAY AT BALMAIN'S WATCHHOUSE:

The Balmain Association invites our members to their Open Day at the Watchhouse, on 14th April (during National Heritage Week). More details next month.

AUTUMN GARAGE SALE - VENUE NEEDED

In response to requests from several members, we will hold a garage sale in April. We are looking for a suitable garage or covered area to hold it in, so we can go ahead even if it rains. If you can help, please ring Betty Wright on 660 1875.

Meanwhile, start collecting all those old books, household items, plants, clothes etc that are too good to throw away but you have grown tired of. Somebody else will love them.

Details of the date and venue will be in next month's Bulletin.

DRIVER FOR BULLETIN:

Is there someone who can spare an hour one Saturday morning per month to deliver packets of Bulletins to about 20 distributors? With practice you might be able to do it even quicker! Reliability is the main thing. Ring Neil Macindoe, 660 0208.

A GENTS' FOLDING UMBRELLA was left behind when we visited St. Scholastica's in December.

If it's yours, ring Alan Hunt (660-2407)

BULLETIN DISTRIBUTOR NEEDED:

A new permanent Bulletin distributor is needed for the area west of The Crescent, from Wigram Road north. If you can help, please contact Neil Macindoe, 660 0208.

HOME WANTED FOR THE GLEBE SOCIETY ARCHIVES.

At the moment, a wealth of material about The Glebe and the Society is scattered throughout members' homes and other locations. Neil Macindoe is in the process of getting all this material together but WE NEED SOMEWHERE TO STORE IT!

If you have, or know of, a secure, dry garage or storage room that we can borrow or rent for a reasonable fee, please let Neil know (660 0208).

FOR YOUR DIARY:

Full details elsewhere in Bulletin.

MONDAY, 20th February, 2.30 p.m.  
Monday Group meeting - 7/26 Cook St.

TUESDAY, 21st February, 6 p.m.  
Happy Hour, 3 Victoria Road.

WEDNESDAY, 29th February, 5.30 p.m.  
Visit to Glebe High School.

MONDAY, 27th February, 7.30 p.m.  
Committee meeting - 56 Wigram Road.

SUNDAY, 11th March  
Closing date for April Bulletin.  
(224 Bridge Road, near Ross Street).

SATURDAY, 17th March, 7.30 p.m.  
Sing-Along, 13 Mitchell Street.

MONDAY, 19th March  
Monday Group's meeting. Details later.

SATURDAY, 24th March, 12 noon  
Happy Hour, 18 Mansfield Street.

SATURDAY, 14th April  
Open Day, Balmain Watch House.

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE:

President : Neil Macindoe  
660 0208 (H)

Senior Vice Pres : Edwina Doe  
660 7066 (H)  
929 9848 (W)

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692 0173 (H)

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660 3543 (H)

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660 2407 (H)

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660 3917 (H)  
Cleo Sabadine  
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279 271 (W)

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929 9848 (W)

Distributor : Neil Macindoe  
660 0208 (H)

New Members' Rep.: Betty Wright  
660 1875

Membership of the Glebe Society costs only \$4 per year (individual membership). For information ring Betty Wright on 660 1875.