

THE GLEBE SOCIETY BULLETIN

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JULY

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETINGS - MAY & JUNE

Poplar Trees Saved: Thanks to the prompt action of our President, the poplar trees in Glebe Point Road have been saved from drastic lopping. (See report on P.2.)

Traffic Sub-Committee Revived: Jeannette Knox has offered her services as Convenor for the traffic sub-committee.

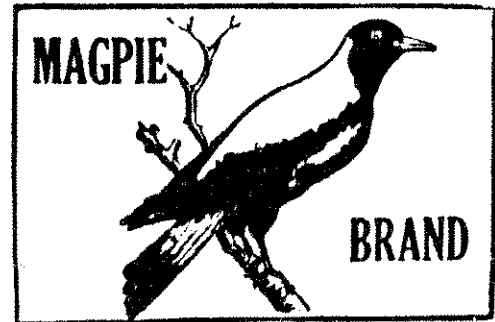
Membership Fees Increased: Membership fees for 1984/5 will be \$8 for individual members, \$10 for households and \$2 for pensioners. The increase, the first for several years, is due to inflation.

The Treasurer, John Priest, is sending out accounts to all members. With the exception of new members who have joined since April 1984, we are all unfinancial from 30th June. According to the Constitution, only financial members are eligible to vote at the AGM, so please pay up immediately.

Letters to Leichhardt Council: The relevant sub-committees have written to the Council regarding:

- closure of the Water Board Road in Jubilee Park
- opposition to plans to rebuild Federal Road Bridge
- support of the proposal to construct tennis courts at the corner of Maxwell Street and Victoria Road
- concern about the apparent lack of maintenance at Blackwattle Bay Park and four actual or proposed alienations to parks that have taken place in Glebe recently.

Fireworks Display: A letter was sent to the Wentworth Park Trust and Leichhardt Council protesting about a recent fireworks display in Wentworth Park. The display was late in the evening and very noisy. Residents had not been warned that it would take place.



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - WEDNESDAY 8th AUGUST

7.30pm - BIDURA AUDITORIUM
(Entrance in Ferry Lane - off Ferry Road).

The fifteenth Annual General Meeting of the Glebe Society will receive the reports of the outgoing Management Committee, and will elect a new committee for the next twelve months. Nominations for election to the following positions are open to all members:

President
Senior Vice-President
Junior Vice-President
Secretary
Treasurer
Four 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 occupation and address) and by two proposers who are financial members of the Society for 1984/5, and must reach The Secretary at least 14 days before the AGM, i.e. they must be lodged at: P.O. Box 100, Glebe, 2037, by Wednesday 25th July.

You may use the nomination form included in this Bulletin, or a copy of it in your own writing.

If you want to have a say in the way the Society is run, or to help improve the standard of life in The Glebe, the best way is to nominate for the Committee.

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MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETINGS - Cont'd

Sugar's Timber Yard: The President reported that the council intends to resume the Timber Yard and has long range plans to provide parking for the shops and restaurants. This would consist of an underground area and two storeys above ground. (What will happen to the white rabbits?)

Broadway Theatre: We have written to the Broadway Theatre regarding their programme. We will try to arrange a theatre party there, since they are on our doorstep.

Venetia: Possible ways of funding the renovation of Venetia, including Wage Pause money and Technical Help money, are being explored.

Discussions have been held with the Glebe Neighbourhood Centre and the Leichhardt Council Social Worker regarding possible community uses of Venetia during weekdays. Several groups are interested in access to Venetia on an ad hoc basis. This would not interfere with public access on weekends.

The Society will distribute leaflets to houses in that area, asking residents for their suggestions for using Venetia.



TRAFFIC SUB-COMMITTEE

It is hardly necessary to point out how important traffic control is to Glebe residents. Recently, the Water Board road passing through Jubilee Park was closed to allow pipes to be laid. Members in the area around Jubilee Park and in Forsyth Street are asked to note any decrease in through traffic and to write to Leichhardt Council urging the permanent closure of this road.

At a recent meeting, Council decided not to close this road at the present time despite strong representations from the Society. Anyone who has observed the use of this road must wonder why more serious accidents do not occur more frequently. There is only one lane, but several blind corners, and a car out of control would plunge directly into the canal.

The survey of traffic in Glebe by Ove Arup will soon be complete. The Committee has now re-established the Traffic Sub-committee, but more members are needed, especially those with a knowledge of traffic management.

THE POPLARS OF GLEBE POINT ROAD

On Saturday, 26th May, workmen from Leichhardt Council began drastically lopping the poplars (not under the wires) at the Broadway end of Glebe Point Road.

The President sought a meeting with the Municipal Engineer to discuss this action, and after inspection and an amicable discussion Mr Alagich agreed to stop the lopping.

Council attention to the poplars had improved since 1981, when the Society demonstrated to prevent their removal. In the succeeding years, the Council removed only unsightly, overhanging and diseased branches. The poplars under the wires have always had to be lopped, of course.

The Council foreman expressed fears that poplars allowed to retain their full height might be uprooted in strong winds. This is unlikely to happen if the trees are healthy. The Society would support any inspection of these trees to identify any diseased ones. Members are urged to report any sign of disease or imbalance in these trees directly to Council or to the Committee.

The Society's position is that these poplars, planted about 1910, when able to grow in their natural shape and to full height, are an important part of the streetscape of Glebe's principal thoroughfare. The Society has already unsuccessfully attempted to have all wires in Glebe Point Road placed underground, as has been done in Johnson Street, Annandale. A fresh approach will be made to Sydney County Council to have this done.

The Committee has decided to re-establish the Trees Sub-committee to consult with Council on this and related issues. The Society has already received valuable help from Helen Armstrong, an authority on street plantings in NSW, and is able to draw on a previous report from 1972. If you have horticultural or botanical training, or are simply interested in preserving and beautifying Glebe streets, please tell a Committee member of your willingness to join this Sub-committee.

COST OF MAINTAINING PARKS

Members may wonder why the cost of maintaining parks in Leichhardt Municipality has risen so steeply despite their deteriorating condition and lack of amenities. The Committee is seeking a full explanation of this increase, which puts future plans for open space at risk.

MONDAY GROUP

Gladys Reid came to the meeting on Monday 18th June, looking amazingly well, in fact, even better than before her illness. Everyone was delighted to see her.

Another old friend, Sylvia Ingall, also came along after a long absence. She is now living in Annandale.

MONDAY 16th JULY - 2.30pm - Afternoon tea at the home of Leeka Rose, 200 Glebe Point Road (NOTE CHANGE OF VENUE).

MONDAY 20th AUGUST - 2.30pm - Afternoon tea at Sally Nelson's new home - 1 Allen Street, Glebe.

SOLO WHIST

Vi Hicks (660 3694) and Jean MacKenzie (660 0492) are keen to play Solo Whist and are looking for others to form a Solo Whist Group.

Vi and Jean are thinking about a daytime group, meeting from about 11.30am to 3.30pm, with a light lunch included. Please ring Vi or Jean if you are interested.

OFFICIAL OPENING OF GLEBE HIGH

The President and Secretary will represent the Society at the official opening on Friday 20th July by the Minister for Education, Rod Cavalier.

NEWS FROM OUR NEIGHBOURS

The Annandale Association has arranged a talk on "Theft and Neighbourwatch", to be given by an officer of the Crime Prevention Squad. Unfortunately, the talk co-incides with our AGM, so our members won't be able to attend.

Apparently the "Neighbourwatch" scheme has been tried on a pilot basis in Victoria with some success. The scheme involves householders putting a small plaque on front and back of their properties with the word "Neighbourwatch" on them... thus advertising the fact that they have informed their neighbours of movements about their homes. In essence it is a statement of community.. i.e. "my neighbours are watching".

We will be most interested to hear how the scheme succeeds in Annandale.

GLEBE SOCIETY'S 15TH BIRTHDAY PARTY

This year's party will be held

At: THE SYDNEY COLLEGE FOR THE ARTS
Glebe Point Road, opposite the
Max Factor Factory

On: Saturday 28th July, 6.30pm

Price: \$10, \$5 for Pensioners

Bookings: Judy Casimir, 692 9705. Bookings must be confirmed with money by Wednesday 25th July at the latest, to make sure we provide enough food.

There will be 'nibblies' followed by a choice of three hot dishes with rice and tossed salad, desert, coffee, wine, mineral water and orange juice.

The extra space available at the College means that we will have room to dance - does anyone have any old Victor Silvester records we could borrow?

HAPPY HOUR - BALMAIN WATCH HOUSE

Do come to our first Happy Hour to be held jointly with the Balmain Association. It is on SUNDAY 5th AUGUST at 11am.

The Watch House is at 179 Darling Street, Balmain.

HAPPY HOUR - SUNDAY 19TH AUGUST, 11am

At the home of Betty Wright, 120 Bridge and Talfourd Road, Glebe (between Gottenham & Talfourd Streets).

If you would like to offer your home for a Happy Hour, or have a suggestion for another interesting venue, please contact Judy Casimir, our Social Secretary (692 9705).

WINE BOTTLING - Tony Larkum is planning a wine bottling in September. He will need to know in advance how much wine to order, so you'd better check your wine cellar! Details next month.

DON'T FORGET TO RENEW YOUR
MEMBERSHIP FOR 1984/5. AN
ACCOUNT IS BEING MAILED TO
YOU.

WANTED:

Nominations for 1984/5 Committee. A nomination form is enclosed.

HOUSE FOR RENT:

Fully renovated terrace house with one double-sized bedroom and sunroom available now for rent by private arrangement at \$95 per week.

The house is in a quiet leafy street and has a courtyard. It is fully furnished and other equipment can be provided if required.

'Phone Margaret Pile in Canberra:

062 82 5051 (W)
062 48 8147 (H)

***Glebe is a great
place to live -
let's keep
Glebe clean!***

PEOPLE TO CONTACT FOR AREAS OF
SPECIAL INTEREST:

Bi-centennial Park -
John Buckingham, 660 7780

Blackwattle Bay Park -
Bob Armstrong, 660 4189

Harold & Wentworth Parks -
Gideon Rutherford, 692 0239

Jubilee Park -
Tony Larkum, 660 7030

History Group -
Alan Hunt, 660 2407

Planning -
Alan Robertson, 660 6149

Traffic -
Jeanette Knox, 660 7781

The Committee is anxious to form groups to cover other interest areas. If you are willing to help form a sub-committee on any matter concerning The Glebe contact Neil Macindoe (660 0208).

FOR YOUR DIARY:

Full details elsewhere in Bulletin.

SUNDAY, 15TH JULY - Closing date for July Bulletin - 224 Bridge Road, Near Ross Street.

MONDAY 16TH JULY - 2.30pm
Monday Group - 200 Glebe Point Rd.

MONDAY 16TH JULY - 7.30pm
Committee meeting - 56 Wigram Rd.

SATURDAY 28TH JULY - 6.30pm for 7pm - Birthday Party - College for the Arts.

SUNDAY 5TH AUGUST - 11am
Happy Hour - Balmain Watch House

WEDNESDAY 8TH AUGUST - 7.30pm
Annual General Meeting - Bidura Auditorium.

SUNDAY 19TH AUGUST - 11am
Happy Hour - 120 Bridge Rd.

MONDAY 20TH AUGUST - 2.30pm
Monday Group - 1 Allen St.

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