



THE GLEBE SOCIETY BULLETIN

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MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING - OCTOBER

The Town Clerk of Leichhardt Council has written to tell us that the Council will provide the litter bin which we asked for at the corner of Northcote Road and Federal Road.

All other matters discussed at the meeting are fully covered by reports elsewhere in this Bulletin.

TAXI

BRAND



GARAGE SALE - SAT. 10 NOV.

Don't forget to bring your unwanted treasures to the Glebe Society stall at the Foley Park Fair, at any time after 8.30 a.m.

Helpers are also needed for the stall. Ring Neil Macindoe, 660.0208, if you can spare a couple of hours.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

TUESDAY, 11TH DECEMBER, 1984

7 p.m. for 8

at BASSET'S OF GLEBE
207 Glebe Point Road, Glebe

Choice of :

4 Entrees and
4 Main Courses

Special Christmas Pudding
exclusive to Basset's

Coffee

Cost : \$18 per head.

Basset's are generously allowing us to B.Y.O.G. A special place for drinks will be allocated downstairs, with dinner being served upstairs.

Reservations (before 6th Dec.) may be made by telephoning Betty Wright on 660.1875 a.m. or p.m. Be sure to book early as we must limit the number to 60.

GLEBE POINT ROAD

Following the lopping of some poplars early this year and the more recent Food Fair, together with the publicity about University Hall and its unfortunate tenants, a number of members have expressed concern about the whole of Glebe Point Road, and especially the section between Parramatta Road and St Johns Road. This section contains some of the oldest buildings in Glebe, some of them carefully restored, some more irresponsibly treated and others untouched or dilapidated.

As mentioned in the October Bulletin, the Committee has written to Leichhardt Council asking them to request funding from the NSW Heritage Council for a study of this section of the road. Hopefully such a study will help to preserve what remains, and provide guidelines for future restoration and development.

Members may not realise that many of the commercial premises from St Johns Road to the Point have been created by tacking later front sections onto pre-existing Victorian housing. The Committee has also asked that wherever possible, guidelines for the Parramatta Road end of Glebe Point Road should be extended to the whole road to preserve its unity as Glebe's principal thoroughfare.

PUBLICATIONS & THE BICENTENNARY

One of the aims of the 1984-85 Committee is a review of the Society's publications, and of available literature on Glebe. Comparatively new members may be unaware that the Society has produced a series of monographs, generally on matters relating to urban planning, as well as a wide variety of studies and papers, some of which have been widely distributed as pamphlets. A few copies of Monograph No.3 on Light Rail are still available.

The Society is co-publisher, together with the Annandale, Balmain and Leichhardt Associations of the Leichhardt Historical Journal. A synopsis of the most recent volume appears elsewhere in this Bulletin, and members with an interest in local history are asked to subscribe and contribute if possible.

The standard work on the architecture of Glebe, written by the Society's co-founders, Bernard and Kate Smith, is now out of print, but demand for a reprint is now so great that we expect the publishers will soon respond.

The Committee will obtain further copies of The Glebe Project, a very comprehensive Federal government review on the progress of work on the Glebe Estate to 1980, which has been in steady demand from individuals and institutions. This book contains a reprint of the Society's pamphlet on the Estate by Bernard and Kate Smith and Max Solling, that first stimulated government involvement.

The Society has sought funding from the NSW Bicentennial Committee for two projects. The first is a monograph by Max Solling on the history of Glebe's churches and their relationship with the community. The second is an illustrated brochure for a walking tour of Glebe. The Committee will press ahead soon with the latter, which will replace a pamphlet published five years ago, whether funding is granted or not. These projects will not jeopardise the Rozelle Bay Bicentennial Park project in any way, as this project is a Municipal one seeking Federal funding.

ORPHAN SCHOOL CREEK PARK

The Committee has received a reply from the Minister for Natural Resources, pledging her support for the rapid completion of the project, which she has also communicated to the Deputy Premier, Mr Mulock. The Committee is also seeking active support from the City Council.

The Children's Hospital has told Leichhardt Council that it has to complete its planning scheme before going ahead with an exchange of land. The Committee hopes the Hospital will include plans for a multi-storey car park in its scheme. So far the only sign of action has been the removal of the bulldozer that threatened to extend the present Bridge Road car park into Orphan School Creek.

CAMPAIGN FOR ROAD SAFETY

- Alison Mckeown

Forest Lodge public school and the Parents & Citizens Association are very keen to ensure greater safety for the children, aged 5 to 12 years, who cross the extremely busy intersection outside the school at Ross Street and Bridge Road, Forest Lodge. Glebe Society members may have noticed the P. & C's road safety letter, published in the Glebe Newspaper on 17.10.84. Pedestrian safety is challenged by drivers' illegal actions; beating the lights, and driving around the corners when pedestrians have right of way. These breaches of the law are occurring frequently.

Meetings have occurred recently with Leichhardt Council, D.M.R., police, U.T.A., school and local participants.

In Forest Lodge P. & C's view, the D.M.R. needs to install red - left arrows to compel drivers to stop for pedestrians, but the D.M.R. is reluctant to do so because of the cost, limited quota of the equipment, and a possible slowing down of traffic in response to a red-left arrow.

The P. & C. points out that traffic must slow down in response to people crossing, in accordance with the N.S.W. rules of the road. We feel a more authoritative means of stopping traffic is now required and this view may indeed be shared by many local residents who have complained of near misses when crossing the intersection at all hours of the day.

We were informed that accidents at the intersection are not sufficiently significant to warrant expensive electronic devices. We cannot help but contrast the information with verbal reports from residents, and parents of school children, regarding hits and near-misses with the traffic.

Glebe High School and Sydney University (at Ross Street gates) have been given red-left arrows for their protection, and we feel it is appropriate for Forest Lodge primary school children and other residents to receive the same consideration. The P. & C. hopes the Glebe Society, and others affected by this dangerous crossing will support our request for tighter controls.

Please help the campaign for road safety by reporting incidents to the police, giving the number of the vehicle concerned and details of witnesses if possible.

P.S. Further ideas for traffic management were discussed at Leichhardt Council's traffic committee meeting on 25.10.84. Problems experienced by Forsyth Street and Ferry Road residents which relate to traffic flow along Bridge Road, were discussed.

The housing crisis and the squatters

SIR: The recent occupation of some unrestored houses on the Glebe Estate highlights the seriousness of the housing shortage (*Herald*, October 8 and 9).

The real issue is not relations between tenants and squatters, but the need to finish the Glebe project promptly.

The policy of creating public housing in the inner city provides an immediate and practical solution to the present shortage. The restoration of the unique Victorian housing of the Glebe Estate was the first, and is still the largest, of its kind in Australia, and has attracted world-wide attention.

The negotiations currently taking place for transfer of the estate from the Commonwealth to the NSW Government must be concluded swiftly and make provision for rapid completion if the project is to remain credible.

**N. P. Macindoe,
President,
The Glebe Society,
Wigram Road,
Glebe.**

October 9

S.M.H., 16th OCTOBER

LIGHT RAIL

Light Rail is an efficient, fast and relatively cheap form of public transport that has evolved from the tram and is increasingly being introduced into European and American cities.

The Society has actively promoted its introduction in Sydney as a way of using existing railways and tram corridors without the high cost of conventional trains, or using buses on roads already choked with traffic.

Recently the Minister for Transport, Barrie Unsworth, decided to study proposals for Light Rail in the inner west more closely. The Society is sending the Minister a copy of its monograph, written by John Gerofi.

A copy will also go to Jack Ferguson, Chairman of the Darling Harbour Development Authority. There have been various proposals for transport to this major bicentennial project, but use of the existing goods line for Light Rail is the most logical.

MONDAY GROUP

The meeting on 19th November will be the last for 1984, so it will be a Christmas Lunch at the home of Bara Marsh, 3 Victoria Road, at 12 noon.

The program for 1985 will start on Monday, 18th February. Pat Moore, who has been living in America, is home on an extended holiday and has invited the group to tea at 7/26 Cook Street.

New members are always welcome at meetings. Ring Sally Nelson on 660.6138.

HAPPY HOUR - SUNDAY, 25th NOV.

11 am

In Edwina Doe's garden (weather permitting - otherwise indoors) at 224 Bridge Road, near Ross Street.

LEICHHARDT HISTORICAL JOURNAL

The latest issue of this most informative Journal covering the history of the Municipality of Leichhardt is now on sale.

A lengthy article on St James' Church, Forest Lodge, will be of special interest to Glebe residents.

The Journal will be available at the Foley Park Fair or from Neil Macindoe for \$5.00. It is well worth buying and may persuade you to become a regular subscriber.

OLD CLOCKS

Greg Alexander of The Clock Shop, 119 Glebe Point Road, has a passion for timepieces of all periods, and is happy to date your particular chronometer free of charge if you bring it to him. Greg says that many people would like to furnish their old house with a clock of a similar date, but are not well informed about the styles that are appropriate. Greg is researching Australian vendors of clocks (most clock actions were manufactured overseas, but more than 40 vendors made cases) and hopes eventually to publish a guide. He also has a collection of alarm clocks manufactured here.

Greg has agreed to offer a talk and workshop on Victorian and Federation clocks. I would like to gauge the level of interest in such a workshop, so please call Neil Macindoe on 6600208 if you would like to participate (probably early in 1985).

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

We are happy to announce that the following have recently joined the Glebe Society:

AAP Reuters Communications P/L
Bettoni, Camilla
Bowring, Ian & Jane
Burke, Roberta
Fischer, Michael
Fischer, Wendy
Gready, Dr. J.E.
Helios Enterprises Ltd.
Jackson, F.D. Mr/Mrs
Lloyd, David
Mackell, R. Mr/Mrs
Matthews/Fischer Mr/Ms
Mawson, May
Newton, M. & C. Mr/Mrs
Nilsson, S.C. Mr/Mrs
Putley, Jeremy
Reynolds, Lyn
Torok, P. Mr/Mrs
Wilson, Sally
Young, David

***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, 4th NOVEMBER -

House Inspection - 10am - 1pm and
2 pm - 5 pm.

SATURDAY, 10th NOVEMBER

Glebe Society Garage Sale/Foley
Park Fair. Bring goods from 8.30am.

MONDAY, 19th NOVEMBER - 12 noon

Monday Group Christmas Lunch -
3 Victoria Road.

MONDAY, 19th NOVEMBER - 7.30 pm

Committee Meeting - 56 Wigram Road.

SUNDAY, 25th NOVEMBER

Closing date for December Bulletin,
224 Bridge Rd., near Ross St.

SUNDAY, 25th NOVEMBER - 11am

Happy Hour, 224 Bridge Rd., Glebe.

TUESDAY, 11th DECEMBER - 7pm for 8

Glebe Society Christmas Party at
Basset's. Book with Betty Wright,
660.1875 by 6th Dec.

MONDAY, 18th FEBRUARY - 2.30 pm

Monday Group meets, 7/26 Cook St.

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE:

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660 1875 (H)

Membership of the Glebe Society costs \$8 per year (individual membership). For information ring Betty Wright on 660 1875.