

# THE GLEBE SOCIETY BULLETIN

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## MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETINGS - DECEMBER AND JANUARY

The Society has been extremely active in recent months writing to the Leichhardt Council, the Premier and his Ministers and other relevant bodies regarding the many important issues which are of concern to Glebe residents.

More importantly, we have received prompt and understanding replies to most of these letters, proving that the Society is seen as a force to be reckoned with. Subjects covered by this correspondence include:

- the delay in renovating the Glebe Estate (prior to its transfer from the Federal to the State Government - see report on page 2).
- the latest freeway proposals and their possible effect on the hoped-for Rozelle Bay Bicentennial Park and on the quality of life of Ultimo residents.
- the Darling Harbour Development, which could increase traffic flow through Glebe.
- Strides Yard, on Blackwattle Bay, which contains some worthwhile buildings which appear to be in danger of demolition.
- the future of the site of 132 Glebe Point Road, which is part of the Glebe Estate.
- parking outside Wentworth Park kindergarten.

Other matters which the Committee is watching include:

- the Harold Park redevelopment.
- the Orphan School Creek Park area.
- possible Bicentennial funding for Venetia.
- the vacant land beside the Homeopathic Hospital in Glebe Point Road.

THE CUP THAT CHEERS



The Invigorating Cup.  
J.A. Booth & Co.,  
Sydney.  
Tea, coffee, cocoa; 1913.

- the St John's Road horse trough.
- changing use of the Max Factor site.
- a proposed Glebe Market.

More news on most or all of these topics will be in future Bulletins.

Social events were not forgotten. The 60 people at the Christmas Party at Bassetts all agreed that it was an excellent evening.

A varied programme of social events and outings is being planned for 1985. Some are announced on page 3 of this Bulletin, and there are lots more to come.

## PICNIC IN THE PARK - SUNDAY, 10TH FEBRUARY

Don't forget the barbecue/picnic in Jubilee Park, starting at 11.30 a.m. As this is our first social event of 1985, we are looking forward to meeting everyone again, especially members of the Annandale, Balmain and Stanmore associations.

Bring all your friends and enough food and drink to satisfy them. A portable barbecue will be available for cooking.

## TRANSFER OF GLEBE ESTATE

After a couple of fairly short delays before Christmas, the relevant ministers settled the terms of transfer of the Estate from Commonwealth to State.

The Society has been arguing strongly for transfer to the NSW Housing Commission ever since the future of the project was thrown into doubt by the Fraser Liberal Government. There is no doubt the invasion of the Estate by squatters added a much-needed air of urgency to the negotiations.

The terms of the transfer are favourable to New South Wales. The Committee understands that Federal and State governments will vote \$7m each in their next budgets toward the completion of the project. This will represent by far the largest public investment in the history of Glebe. Other public housing projects in Glebe make the total close to \$20m. The number of jobs created will be substantial.

All this is excellent news. The task before the Society is twofold: to ensure that the agreements are kept and that the work proceeds promptly, and to ensure facilities for the additional population are adequate, and additional building appropriate. The Housing Minister has already arranged discussions with the squatters.

## CLOSURE OF WATER BOARD ROAD

The Society has been fighting for the closure of this road alongside the canal in Jubilee Park since the first proposal to create a waterfront bicentennial park. The closure of Federal Road is an essential element in the projected park, and the closure of the narrow and dangerous water board road, confirmed in a letter to the Society from the Minister for Natural Resources, Janice Crosio, late last year, is the first stage in achieving this objective. We should know by the end of February whether the waterfront MSB land will be released for use as parkland.

*THEY'RE going to be sorry when the petrol runs out... Leichhardt Council staff that is. They removed a horse drinking trough from St Johns Road (Glebe) several months ago and are refusing to reinstall it. There are only two of the historic relics remaining in the municipality! Where will the horses go? A residents' group's requests that the trough be returned have been ignored. A council officer told The Glebe it was removed following complaints that it was being used as a urinal. "If the community can suggest an off-street site where it serves a better purpose, such as in an historic precinct, it will be installed, but it will not go back on a main thoroughfare." Psst. St Johns Road is an historic precinct, Mister councilman, sir.*

'BUNYIP'

THE GLEBE

January 30, 1985

(But you read about it first in the Bulletin).

## DARLING HARBOUR

John Hoddinott is writing the Society's response to the Darling Harbour Bicentennial plan. The Committee has already discussed the importance of local residents' involvement and reactions with the Darling Harbour Authority and has been promised the opportunity to address the Authority as well as represent local reactions. The Committee is grateful to John for offering his expertise, especially in relation to light rail. We hope as many members as possible will view the proposals and send their reactions to the Authority.

Members will hardly need reminding that there is bound to be an impact on Glebe from the development of so many major projects on our eastern borders. As well as Darling Harbour, the Powerhouse Museum and the Sydney Fishmarkets project are due for completion by 1988. The Committee is particularly concerned that the new White Bay expressway takes account of these developments, and that the Glebe Traffic Study being undertaken in 1985 looks at likely future trends.

### BOB COOLEY

Members will be saddened to hear of the sudden death of Bob Cooley.

Bob, a member of the Society for many years, with a particular interest in Glebe's traffic and pollution problems, had a heart attack just before Christmas.

The Society expresses its sympathy to Bob's wife Jan and his two young daughters.

### THE MONDAY GROUP

The Group will continue to meet on the 3rd Monday of each month in 1985.

The programme for the coming year will be discussed at the next meeting on Monday, 18th February (Pat Moore's, 7/26 Cook Street), so come along and offer your suggestions.

The organiser of the Monday Group is Sally Nelson - 660 6138.

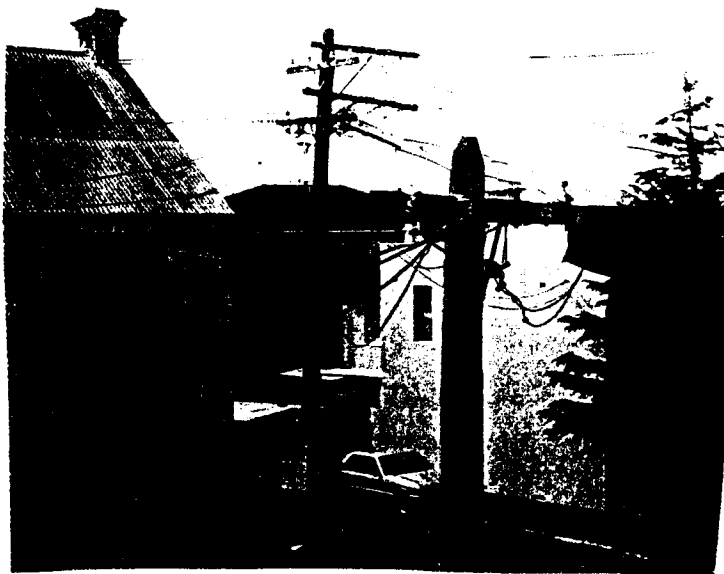
### VISIT TO GLEBE HIGH SCHOOL - WEDNESDAY, 6TH MARCH - 5 p.m.

Anyone who missed last year's visit to Glebe High School will be pleased to hear that Headmaster Ian Porteous, has invited us back for another tour. He has a new computer to show off, too!

### HAPPY HOURS

We are looking for new venues for the popular Happy Hours. If you would like to offer your home, or have a suggestion for a suitable place to visit, please phone Edwina Doe or Betty Wright.

It is not necessary to provide an elaborate spread of food. Cheese and biscuits will do, and the Society will provide the wine and glasses and reimburse you for your expenses.



A Case for Underground Cables?  
(Cnr. Bridge Rd and Gottenham St.)

### VISIT TO THE BREWERY MUSEUM - SATURDAY, 23RD FEBRUARY - 3 p.m.

Alan Hunt has invited us to visit the Museum of Tooth's Kent Brewery in the premises of Carlton and United Brewery, 26 Broadway.

Alan, who as well as being on the Glebe Society Committee, is the Curator of the Museum, will regale us with stories of the Brewery's history dating back to 1827.

(We will also be able to sample some of the Brewery's products and nibble cheese and biscuits).

Limited parking is available. To overcome the median strip, drive up Harris Street, turn right in to Broadway and then left through the main gates.

Booking is not necessary, but don't miss this interesting visit.

### WINE BOTTLING - SATURDAY, 16 MARCH 2.30 p.m.

The wine bottling which was announced in the last Bulletin will be on:

Saturday, 16th March at 2.30pm  
at 17 Alexandra Rd, Glebe.

Tony Larkum will be able to accept orders up to Friday, 15 February (660 7030).

The wines are:

- a Saltram's Red - Shiraz type
- a Saltram's White - Reisling

Both are \$1.60 per bottle;  
\$19.20 per dozen.

Don't forget to bring enough clean, empty bottles (still wine type, not champagne type) for your order. The bottles will be sterilized on the day.

NEW DISTRIBUTION ORGANISOR FOR THE BULLETIN

Andrew Birtchnall is taking over the job of organising the Bulletin Distributors. Neil Macindoe has done an excellent job for some time and has handed over to Andrew an up-dated list of members. Thank you, Neil, for all your hard work.

For this month only, we are mailing the Bulletin to you. This is because we wanted to make sure you all had notice of the Picnic on Sunday, 10th February, and Andrew and some of the distributors are still on holiday.



Watch this space for details

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).

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

FOR YOUR DIARY:

- Full details elsewhere in Bulletin
- SUNDAY, 10th FEBRUARY - 11.30 a.m.  
Picnic in the Park - BBQ/Picnic in Jubilee Park.
- FRIDAY, 15th FEBRUARY -  
Closing date for wine orders - 660 7030.
- SUNDAY, 17th FEBRUARY  
Closing date for March Bulletin, 224 Bridge Road, nr. Ross Street.
- MONDAY, 18th FEBRUARY - 7.30 p.m.  
Committee Meeting, 56 Wigram Road.
- MONDAY, 18th FEBRUARY - 2.30 p.m.  
Monday Group meets, 7/26 Cook St.
- SATURDAY, 23rd FEBRUARY - 3 p.m.  
Visit to the Brewery Museum.
- WEDNESDAY, 6th MARCH - 5 p.m.  
Visit to Glebe High School.
- SATURDAY, 16th MARCH - 2.30 p.m.  
Wine bottling - 17 Alexandra Road, Glebe.
- MONDAY, 18th MARCH - 2.30 p.m.  
Monday Group meeting. Details later.

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