



# THE GLEBE SOCIETY BULLETIN

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## MEET THE MEMBERS EVENINGS

On Friday, 7th June at 7 p.m., the Society will hold a Meet the Members evening - we hope the first of many.

The evenings will provide an informal opportunity to :

- welcome new members
- meet Committee members
- talk to representatives of the sub-committees
- buy books and other publications of local interest
- hear guest speakers
- discuss matters affecting The Glebe
- and enjoy each other's company.

The 'Meet the Members' sub-committee is headed by Alan Hunt (H.660 2407) who will welcome suggestions and help from everyone to ensure the success of these evenings.



Arnott's.  
In 1865 William Arnott opened a shop in Newcastle to manufacture and sell ships' biscuits to the coal ships. The story goes that one of the captains gave him a parrot for his shop. This

parrot became the famous Arnott's symbol. The version shown here was registered by William Arnott Ltd, Newcastle, in 1907, a year before they moved to Sydney.

## OUR FIRST MEET THE MEMBERS

### EVENING

TIME: Friday, 7 June, 7 - 10 p.m.

PLACE: Toxteth Road Kindergarten, 19 Toxteth Road (next door to the Uniting Church).

FOOD: Don't have dinner first. There will be plenty of home-made soup, bread rolls, wine, tea and coffee, etc.

COST: \$5-00 per head  
(Pensioners \$4.50).

Come along and bring your friends. Everybody is welcome.

## REUSSDALE - 160 Bridge Road

### - Planning Sub-Committee

The owners of this sadly neglected property, the De Carlo brothers, also own the neighbouring Abbey Restaurant. They have approached the Heritage Council with a proposal for the house which would involve some restoration. The Planning Sub-Committee believes that heritage considerations are compatible with commercial success and nowadays perhaps even enhance it.

The Sub-Committee has made some positive suggestions for an improved design for the house and hopes that negotiations will continue with the purpose of reconciling both aims.

The Committee has recommended a number of measures including road closures on the Estate in order to form local parks and prevent overflow of through traffic.

However, at the meeting with the new Director of Planning, Gary Shiels (see below), the Society representatives were informed that the Management Traffic Study for Glebe would not be conducted until Council had reviewed all the recommendations so far made for the Municipality. Therefore, apart from the Mitchell Street closure now being completed, further closures are unlikely for some time.

There is already considerable resident pressure for a park on the vacant Mt Vernon-Catherine Street site.

Other possible sites include : Derwent Street, adjacent to Glebe Primary; Mitchell Street, for a short distance on both sides of Glebe Point Road, and also the intersection with Glebe Street; a section of Derby Place; and the vacant 132 Glebe Point Road.

MEETING WITH THE NEW DIRECTOR OF PLANNING

- Neil Macindoe

On March 21st Alan Robertson, John Buckingham and myself discussed a large number of planning matters with the new Director, Gary Shiels, and Senior Planner, Alan Coker.

Alan made Mr Shiels aware of the range and depth of the Society's involvement, and as a result many matters that had not received recent attention have been revived.

See the next Bulletin for the Director's considered reply to a number of searching questions.



The lay board of the Hospital is considering building on part of the vacant block on the corner of Wigram Road and Glebe Point Road.

The Health Commission has apparently made it easier for the Hospital to spend its very large accumulated funds.

No plans have yet been drawn up for the new building. Given the high cost of this type of building it seems unlikely that it would occupy much more than half the site. It will probably incorporate a lift (in itself a very expensive item) and a number of clinics.

I have indicated to the Hospital administration that the Society would be happy to see the funds expended on the improvement of health services for the Glebe community. The Hospital has agreed to keep the Society informed and to show us any plans that are drawn up. The lay board has already agreed that any new building should be in sympathy with the existing Hospital, and that there should be some open space.

Further information will appear in the next Bulletin, after the proposal has been discussed by the Committee.



STRIDES YARD - Blackwattle and Johnstons Bays

This important site will not be classified by the Industrial Archaeology Committee of the National Trust, but two of the houses on it are still awaiting a decision from another committee.

How splendid it would be if a group of people could band together to purchase such a superb site with such fine buildings! If you know anyone who might be interested in forming a small commune, you could point out this opportunity, now advertised for sale.

## NEW MEMBERS

We are pleased to welcome the following new members:

Attwater, Mr/Mrs  
Cutbush, Bill & Mary  
Davis, P.A.  
Freeman, Alan  
Johnston, Gwenda  
Jeffries, Carol  
Rayner, Lois  
Thomas, Fred & Joyce



## "YOU MUST REMEMBER THIS"

A nostalgia show featuring The Ritz Dance Orchestra with singer Mick Conway and Tap Dancers from the Ross Colman Company. 1920's to 1940's music. May 30, 31 and June 1st, 8.30 p.m. Off Broadway Theatre, Bay Street. Tickets \$10. Concession \$8. Enquiries to The Ritz Manager, Nancy Currie, 660 8587.

## THE GLEBE ESTATE - A CLARIFICATION

Owing to a misprint and the delay in publication of the last Bulletin, some readers thought the article about the squatters on the Glebe Estate referred to letters published in the daily papers accusing the Housing Commission of vandalism.

This is not the case. As with the recent partial destruction of 58 Glebe Street, the Commission was concerned that in some cases those charged with making the houses uninhabitable had misinterpreted their instructions and done more damage than was strictly necessary.

The commentary accompanying the ABC news report of the eviction was totally inadequate. People without a detailed knowledge of recent events were confused rather than enlightened by the item.

## MONDAY GROUP MEETINGS

20th May - 2.30 p.m. Afternoon tea at the home of Sue Stainer, 7/411 Glebe Point Road (above the Doctor's surgery).

17th June - 1 p.m. Visit to the Music Recital, St Stephen's Church, Macquarie Street. If you would like to lunch in town first, join the group at the Hyde Park Barracks Cafe at 11.45 a.m.

15th July - 2.30 p.m. Afternoon tea at Sally Nelson's, 1 Allen Street.

## HAPPY HOUR

Sunday, 26th May, 11 a.m. Hosts are Jean and Col McKenzie, 16/2A Forsyth Street (Avon Towers).

## HOT GLASS FACTORY

We all enjoyed the visit to the Hot Glass Factory at 136 Mitchell Street, on 4th May last. The standard is very high, and the beautiful pieces are also on display at the Christopher Alexander Gallery at Wentworth Falls, and have been exhibited at the Royal Easter Show. Call in any time and make a selection for that "difficult gift".

## ST SCHOLASTICA'S, SUNDAY, 3rd JUNE, 2 p.m.

St Scholastica's Convent (corner Arcadia & Avenue Roads) is celebrating the 150th anniversary of Archbishop Polding as the Archbishop of Sydney.

There will be a display of artefacts dealing with Archbishop Polding, who founded the Order of the Sisters of the Good Samaritan, who operate the St. Scholastica College. Afternoon tea will be served (for a small donation). Entrance is via the front gate.

## BIRTHDAY PARTY

The 16th Glebe Society Birthday Party will be held on Saturday, 20th July at the Glebe Rowing Club. The cost for a set menu of three courses, plus coffee, is \$9.50 per head. More details in next Bulletin.

## BULLETIN DISTRIBUTION

At the April Committee Meeting, it was agreed that for the next four months all Bulletins would be posted. Thus there will be an opportunity for the membership to debate the change at the A.G.M.

The Committee extends its sincere thanks to those members who have distributed Bulletins in the past.

Andrew Birtchnall will still be responsible for keeping the distribution list up to date. Ring him if your Bulletin fails to arrive.

## GARAGE SALE

By popular request, we will be holding another Garage Sale at the end of June, so please start collecting for it. Details later.

## 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 6149

Monday Group (Social) -  
Sally Nelson - 660 6138

Meet the Members Evenings -  
Alan Hunt - 660 2407

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.

20th May - 2.30 p.m.

Monday Group, 7/411 Glebe Point Rd.

Tuesday, 21st May, 7.00 p.m.

Committee Meeting - 56 Wigram St.

Sunday, 26th May, 11 a.m.

Happy Hour - 16/2A Forsyth St.  
(Avon Towers).

Sunday, 3rd June - 2 p.m.

St Scholastica

Exhibition and afternoon tea  
(for a small donation). Entrance  
is via the front gate.

Friday, 7th June - 7 p.m.

'Meet the Members' Meeting, 19  
Toxteth Street.

Monday, 17th June - 1 p.m.

Monday Group Recital, St. Stephen's  
Church.

Monday, 15th July - 2.30 p.m.

Monday Group, 1 Allen Street.

Saturday, 20th July - 7 p.m.

16th Glebe Society Birthday Party  
at Glebe Rowing Club.

## MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE:

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660 4825 (H)

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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.