



# THE GLEBE SOCIETY BULLETIN

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## WHAT THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE DID

Gwen Geschmay, full of goodwill at the Christmas party, offered to become Bulletin Editor. Edwina Doe has therefore agreed to take on the role of President officially.

Eileen Lacey has taken over the membership list from Andrew Birtchnall and will co-ordinate Bulletin mail-outs.

John Stander, our New Members' Representative and Eileen are busy checking the membership files. They have found a few gaps - people they are sure are financial members but whose names are not on the computer list. There are also some names on the list with no record of membership renewal for 1985/86. To avoid disappointment every one on the list will continue to receive a Bulletin, until the next renewal date. John Stander is also writing to new members to welcome them to the Society.

Jeanette Knox's excellent submission on traffic has been acknowledged by Bruce Loder, Commissioner for Main Roads.

The Ombudsman has replied to a detailed complaint compiled by Neil Macindoe about Leichhardt Council's lack of action on University Hall, which is being neglected despite its Heritage Council listing.

Lob Armstrong is taking an interest in Stride's Yard. As it is close to Venetia perhaps the two sites could be developed together.

In future, Committee meetings will be held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month.



Kiss it and make it better.  
A. S. Cohn, Vic.  
Medicines: 1921.

## MEET THE MEMBERS

We hope to continue with Meet The Members Evenings, as they proved so successful last year. To begin the New Year we have Max Solling as guest speaker, to tell us more about the past history of The Glebe and show slides of the district. If any member has pictures or anecdotes about the area bring them along Max and your fellow members would be interested. Make a note in your diary and support your Society, Friday, 28th February, 7.30 p.m. at Lyndhurst, Dargan Street.

## PICNIC IN THE PARK - SUNDAY 9th MARCH

Enjoy our parks. Bring a hamper to Jubilee Park on Sunday 9th March and have a pleasant day in the fresh air, good food and great company.

The Leichhardt Council Meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month, we urge interested members to attend and keep up with what's happening in your suburb.

# FACTORS AGAINST THE MONORAIL

We the undersigned experts in our fields of urban planning, architecture, transportation, environment; and concerned citizens consider the **CURRENT PROPOSAL** for a **MONORAIL** in the centre of the City of Sydney to be **TOTALLY INAPPROPRIATE** for the following reasons:-

## **INCORRECT ROUTE**

The objective of a transport system serving Darling Harbour should be to efficiently carry people between the harbour and the existing transport services. The proposed route does not link with any railway station.

## **INADEQUATE CAPACITY**

The proposed system can carry between 4100 and 5100 passengers per hour. The Darling Harbour development cannot be served by the monorail alone, some other form of transport will be needed.

## **CHANGING THE ENVIRONMENT**

No monorail in the world passes through the centre of a beautiful city or alongside historic buildings. It will

- pass within 2 or 3 metres of many buildings and 20 historic buildings.
- detract views along George Street and York Street to the Town Hall.
- detract from the architecture of the old Pyrmont Bridge.
- overpower Pitt Street — part of which is likely to become a mall.

## **COVERT PLANNING**

Special legislation enacted by the government has by-passed the commendable aims of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act which sought specifically to involve the public in decision-making and encourage representation on planning issues.

The public has been given no detailed plans of the proposed system. There must be information on the size of stations, access to paths, obstruction of views, increased traffic delays and the basis of costing.

## **WHO BENEFITS?**

It would appear that the main source of income for the

monorail will come from passengers who use the car parks in Darling Harbour then ride to the City, and not people going to Darling Harbour. There will be no through ticketing from trains, buses and ferries. The average commuter will not be able to afford the monorail.

## **COMPENSATION**

The location of the pylons and track will block access to adjoining properties and this could lead to claims for compensation. There will be critical problems of emergency access.

## **APPROPRIATE ALTERNATIVES**

These are alternative routes which would better serve the transport needs of Darling Harbour, linking to stations and which are more sensitive to the environment.

Other forms of transport which carry more people include electric buses, "high tech" trams, or even a moving footway direct to Darling Harbour. Ten buses could carry the same number of people as the proposed monorail, but do they have the image required?

We the undersigned call for the Government to stop its current plan for the monorail.

We ask the Government to honour its environmental legislation and adhere to proper planning procedures.

We ask that a comprehensive assessment of alternative transport systems be carried out with full public participation.

Sydney is one of the most beautiful cities in the world and does not need a gimmick at its centre.

Herewith a selection of 100 names of people who contributed to this advertisement. Thank you also to the many others who signed and those who rely on State Government funds, gave their moral support but were unable to sign.

The Society along with many other people contributed to the Sydney Morning Herald on 16th Dec., protesting about the proposed Monorail. The Society has always supported the idea of a light rail system for Sydney.

STRONACH, Peter, Arch.

TAYLOR, Jennifer, Associate Professor, Uni of Sydney

The Glebe Society (Edwina Doo, President)

TONKIN, Peter, Arch., 88 Beattie Street, Balmain

WALLMAN, Rod, Principal Landscape Architect,

Environmental Landscaper

## TRAFFIC ON BRIDGE ROAD

A recent report on traffic noise levels on Bridge Road prompted the society to write to the Minister for Transport and to the Department of Main Roads. Here is an extract from the reply from Barrie Unsworth, Minister for Transport, who replied for both of them:

The Department of Main Roads is currently planning development of the City-West Link Road as an alternative arterial connection between the proposed Glebe Island Arterial and the F4 Freeway at Concord. The Link Road is specifically intended to reduce intrusion of through traffic into residential areas and when completed, should attract some traffic away from Bridge Road. However, it must be emphasised that as a classified main road, Bridge Road forms an important arterial link in the metropolitan road system and must continue to serve that purpose.

Insofar as traffic management on local roads is concerned, this is a matter for Leichhardt Municipal Council. However, I understand that Council has introduced a number of measures designed to discourage through traffic from using local residential streets and others are proposed.

## THE FIGHT FOR THE BI-CENTENNIAL PARK CONTINUES.

The Glebe Society is giving moral support to the Annandale Society in its efforts to reverse the decision to limit the Rozell Bay Bi-Centennial Park to the Glebe side of Johnston's Creek. Ring their President, Kym Skinner, on 660 0591 if you can help in any way.

## ANTIQUe ARMS COLLECTORS SOCIETY

Seeking information about Australian marked weapons. Handguns, longarms, swords, bayonets, knives, pistol and longarms trade labels. Also interested in old paintings, photos etc; which may show arms, gun stores, hunting groups, army groups. Material is needed to compile a book on this subject. Contact Mr. Dusty Miller for further details on (02) 817 2307 (W) or (02) 810 6639 (H).

### INFORMATION PLEASE

Don Barker - (049) 68 3786, 12 Myall Road, Warratah, 2298, asks if anyone has knowledge of an old home in which his Grandfather James Croft lived, (1865). It was called Geneva Cottage or possibly Geneverah, on Glebe Point Road.

### THE BULLETIN NEEDS

Last months cry for help has been answered by Gwen Geschmay and Carol Jeffreys. This month is a combined effort of committee members. Next month we are on our own. Please support and help us by sending in articles, information and any items of interest which would interest members. Without your support the Bulletin could become blank pages. Gwen Geschmay - 660 4825, Carol Jeffreys 660 6419 (h) 922 3344 (w).



*I'm wearing  
a Herbal flea  
Collar....*

### MORE SUPPORT NEEDED

The Committee would like help in planning activities for the coming year. Do we have members willing to open their homes on Sunday morning for a Happy Hour. It would be great if this became a monthly or two monthly social meeting. How do we get to know each other if we never meet? Contact any committee member, phone numbers at back of Bulletin. We need each other.

## THE MONDAY GROUP

The Group's first meeting on the 17th February will be an afternoon tea party at the home of Pat Moore, 7/26 Cook Street, 2.30 p.m. Come along and help plan your year's programme.

### CHRISTMAS PARTY

Santa did us proud this year with his visit to our party and he brought along Mother Christmas too, who helped him hand out the gifts. It was described as a 'roaring success'. Planning was late, the committee apologises, and promises better organisation for next Christmas. To all members: A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.

### HAPPY HOUR

The Happy Hour at Sugars on Saturday, our first function for 1986 was well attended. Our thanks to Mike for making us so welcome.

### FOCUS ON GLEBE

We like our new paved footpaths in the shopping centre (it makes us look like Double Bay!!!) We understand there are more to come when funds become available. Thanks Leichhardt Council.

### ANIMAL CORNER

We have recently heard of new herbal flea collars for cats and dogs. They are just as effective as the one containing pesticide but seem to be more comfortable for the animals.

### GARAGE SALE

We are going to try and organise a garage sale before Easter, so this is advance notice to start sorting out those unused goodies so they can be loved by someone else! Please let's have your full support for this one - more details in next Bulletin.

**DON'T FORGET THE PICNIC IN THE PARK - SUNDAY 9th MARCH IN JUBILEE PARK. BRING YOUR FRIENDS. SEE YOU THERE. DON'T FORGET.**

## NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to four new members. We hope you will participate fully in our varied activities.

Jayne Avery  
Jane Hyde  
Tim Jurd  
Sandra McKay

## NOTE

Future policy: All new members and renewal of membership, - receipts will be issued.

## FOR YOUR DIARY

Full details elsewhere in Bulletin

MONDAY 17th February - 2.30p.m.  
7/26 Cook Street. Monday Group

TUESDAY 18th FEBRUARY - 7.30 p.m.  
Committee Meeting - 224 Bridge Road

FRIDAY 28th FEBRUARY - 7.30 p.m.  
Meet the Members; LYNDEHURST  
Guest Speaker Max Solling.

SUNDAY 9th MARCH - 12 noon.  
Picnic in Jubilee Park.

## 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

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 areas of interest. If you are willing to help form a sub-committee on any matter concerning The Glebe, contact Edwina Doe, 660 7066 (H) 922 3877 (W)

## MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

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660 0208 (H)

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692 9416 (H)

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MEMBERSHIP OF THE GLEBE SOCIETY COSTS \$8 PER YEAR (INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP). FOR INFORMATION, RING JOHN STANDER - 692 9927