

# THE GLEBE SOCIETY BULLETIN

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## BICENTENNIAL PROJECTS

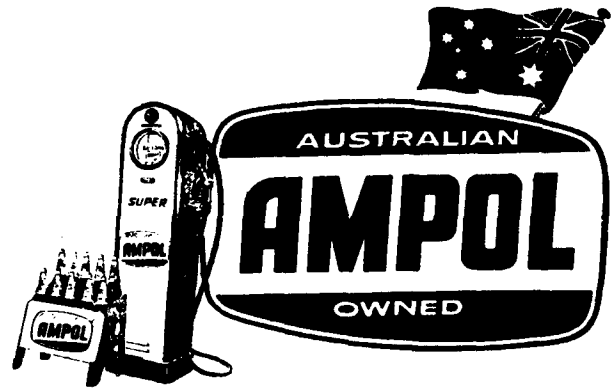
John Buckingham and Neil Macindoe are representing the Society at the renewed Leichhardt Municipal Council Community Bicentennial Society meetings. See Neil's report elsewhere in Bulletin.

## BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

Council has reviewed this Committee at short notice, having ignored it for one and a half years. Both State and Federal Governments will match Council spending, so there is potentially a lot of money for local projects. The Society is joining with the Annandale and Balmain Associations in a proposal for a historical photo-montage of the principal streets of the Municipality. Various other projects, including the community centre at Bellevue-Venetia, have been dusted down and re-presented. Most other residents groups also have proposals, as have some firms. The NSW Bicentennial Committee has rejected the Society's Walks proposal.

## REUSSDALE

The owners of the Abbey Restaurant have obtained the agreement of the Heritage Council to demolish the small cottage on their site and replace it with a reception hall, including underground parking. Plans for the restoration of the exterior of Reussdale are included in the proposal, though it is not clear how the restored building will be used. The planning sub-committee agrees that this proposal is probably the best we can hope for. The sub-committee has suggested a range of improvements to the proposal, mainly concerned with landscaping.



## AROUND BALMAIN

The book "Around Balmain" has been produced by the Balmain Association. The 56-page book contains over 100 pictures of the area, together with brief descriptions. It is useful for anyone wishing to visit the historic peninsula. A frontispiece map provides a directory to the buildings and can act as a guide to those walking or driving around the area. It is available from the Balmain Association, P.O. Box 57, Balmain, 2041. Price \$9.95 plus \$1 postage.

## PICNIC IN JUBILEE PARK

Our picnic in Jubilee Park on Sunday 9th March now combines pleasure with action. By coincidence the Annandale Association chose the same date and place for a major rally from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. to lobby for their part of the Rozelle Bay Park. The Glebe Society is giving full support to the rally. We will provide the public address system and will have an information stall. Many other societies and action groups will also be present and several interesting speakers have been invited. Our picnic will still start at 12 noon - come along and help swell the numbers.

GLEBE TOWN HALL

Our Town Hall is under-utilised, largely because it was built for a very specific administrative purpose, and the various spaces are difficult to adapt, especially when stripped of their original furnishings.

Glebe Neighbourhood Centre puts some parts of the Town Hall to good use. Much more of it could be used if the roof were repaired. It is certainly much more attractive from the outside now it has been painted in the original colours, but the interior cannot be redecorated until the building is waterproof.

Once this is done, I suggest the Society presses strongly for reducing the amount charged for the hiring of the halls for classes and performances. Better to accept a reduced income than drive people away.

Members should also consider the benefits of closing that portion of Mt. Vernon Street adjacent to the Town Hall. The 470 Bus route can be diverted to Westmoreland Street without difficulty. Adjacent open space would increase the possible uses for the Hall, as well as providing parkland in an area with very little. In particular, if an attractive childproof fence were added, the Hall and park could become another centre for occasional child care at a time when hundreds of young children will be moving to the area, and when existing occasional care cannot be expanded. The Hall and park would also be far more attractive for markets and fetes, and perhaps in time something of the former glory, or at least comfort of the main hall can be restored, thus attracting audiences. Road closures cause protest when they deny access or restrict movement. In this part of Glebe the roads are very wide and carry almost no traffic. It would be a pity if the closure of Mt. Vernon Street were disputed. The onus should be on those who oppose closure to show why the convenience of a few should prevail over the needs of many, and the proper utilisation of Glebe Town Hall.

Yours faithfully

Neil Macindoe.

CONGRATULATIONS

Are Extended to Frank Galluzo who recently celebrated 51 years of business on Glebe Point Road. Your friendly greengrocer man.

Mr & Mrs P.C. Williams arrived in Sydney, 3rd July, 1853 on the Barque Meteor. The family went by Town Dray to a brick cottage in Mitchell Street, (one of four). Later this Mr. Williams owned all four, and leased land for Brickyards. The Glebe then was mostly Wattle and Daub, and weatherboard. The Great Grandfather of the present writer Mr G.W. F. Williams was a builder and established a number of ironmongery and builders hardware shops. Mr. G. Williams is asking the Glebe Society if any member can help him gather further information about his ancestors, mainly in the area of defining locations. His phone number is 759 8401, if there is any member with information.

EDITOR'S RESEARCH

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The honour of initiating the first work on The Glebe belongs to Mrs P.C. Williams. There was no municipality at the time. One day, Dr. Fowles called at Mrs Williams residence in Mitchell Street to attend one of her children. He drew attention to the necessity of a drain across the road and when Mrs Williams said her husband would contribute a guinea towards the cost the Doctor proffered a similar sum. Altogether Mrs Williams collected seven pounds and for this sum Mr Gallagher laid down a stone drain. The first act of the Municipal Council was to replace that drain with a smaller one and the result of the change was that Mr and Mrs Williams were flooded out of their house. FROM - "The Star" 24/7/1909 (Kate Smith)

CIRCULAR TO THE RESIDENTS.

From Alderman Brian Thompson  
Re: volume and speed of through traffic in Forsyth, Ferry, Avon, Avona, Sheehy, and Charlton. Traffic restrictions have been introduced during peak hours. Permanent closure of Canal Road, improvements to traffic flow on Bridge Road and road humps in Forsyth and Ferry. Do you have any ideas or suggestions that could be considered. If so, please write to me at Administration Centre, Wetherill Street, Leichhardt, NSW, 2040.

THANK YOU

A thank you to Maurice Ireland who took time to jot down suggestions for the Bulletin. Like your idea of a 'Rogues Gallery'.

## SENIOR CITIZENS' WEEK

Will be celebrated in Leichhardt between March 2-16. Local events are programmed for the second week, allowing residents to attend city attractions during first week. Further details Paul Carson, at Council 560 4100 ext 311.

## RAILWAY CENTENARY

Stanmore Railway Station celebrates its Centenary this year. As a bicentennial project, the Stanmore Society is considering repainting the station building in traditional Victorian colours. Fanny Johnson paid for the original buildings which marked the opening of the Johnson Estate for residential development.

## STANMORE SOCIETY NEWS

The Stanmore Society will hold its annual house inspections on Sunday 13th April. The inspections will commence at 10 a.m., with tickets available from 9.30 a.m. at Gallery Number 1 in Percival Road, Stanmore. Tickets will only be sold on the day.

## BOOKS FOR HOMEBOUND

Homebound residents of Leichhardt Municipality can have a free library service to their home every three weeks. A doctor's certificate is necessary to qualify for the service. Phone the librarian, Glen Urquart, on 560-9346.

## HISTORICAL FILMS

Free Films dealing with Australia's past will run at the Government Information Centre's theatrette, 55 Hunter Street, City, from February 25 - 27 at 12.30pm - Australians at the Olympics- 1.18pm - mining and growth of trade unions in Broken Hill - 1.44pm - a film using a former Cob & coach house as an example of how to undertake historical research.

## GLEBE POST OFFICE 100 YEARS

The Glebe Post Office celebrated its centenary on January 8, 1986. Staff dressed for the occasion in period costume.

## THE MONDAY GROUP

Sixteen ladies including two overseas visitors attended the first Monday Group meeting of 1986. It was agreed to continue our regular meetings on the third Monday of each month, but to change our format slightly. We will meet for lunch instead of afternoon tea in members houses. If weather permits, picnic in nearby local parks. New members very welcome to join this group and share the good fellowship. Our aim is to promote friendliness and neighbourliness. Contact Sally Nelson- 660 6138. Next meeting 17 March at the home of Jean McKenzie, 16 Avon Towers, 2A Forsyth Street, at 12 noon. Bring a small plate.



## HAPPY HOUR

Willemina Adams has invited us to her Wilena Gallery, 89 Glebe Point Road, for Happy Hour on Sunday 4 May, at 11 a.m. The exhibition is titled, 'The Glebe Scene.'

Sunday 23 March, at 120 Bridge Road at 11 a.m. Thanks to Betty Wright.

## COMING SOCIAL EVENTS

Friday 2 May, Meet the members at Toxteth Hall, 7.30 p.m. Guest speaker to be confirmed.

Friday 27 June at Toxteth Hall a Singalong Soup and rolls will be served.

Come Spring the committee are looking into the possibilities of a short cruise and picnic on Shark Island. Maureen Fry is collecting information. Tickets will have to be paid for 2 weeks in advance - that much we know.

The next house inspection will be held sometime in November. We are always grateful to those people who are prepared to volunteer their houses. People to guard the houses are organised by the Society. Contact Edwina Doe 660 7066(H) 922 3877 (W)

## CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE BULLETIN

Articles, announcements and other items of interest to those who live in Glebe are always welcome. Phone GwenGeschmay, 660 4825.

## NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to two new members. We invite you to participate fully in our varied activities.

Anthony & Julie Richardson  
47 Gottenham Street  
Glebe. 2037

Nita Marusich  
16/70A Wigram Road  
Glebe. 2037

## 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)

## REVIEW OF MISCELLANY NO 2 OF 1971 WHICH APPLYS TODAY

Are you a want-to-do-something-active-but-too-busy-to-commit-yourself-type member? Choose a time you can spare from the list below.

ONE HOUR PER YEAR - Write a small article. Sketch a house or street. Find a new member.

TWO HOURS PER YEAR - Attend a council meeting. Become a watchdog for your suburb.

## FOR YOUR DIARY

Full details elsewhere in Bulletin

FRIDAY 28 February - 7.30p.m. Meet the Members: Lyndhurst, Dhargan Street. Guest speaker Max Solling.

TUESDAY 18 March - 7.30 p.m. Committee Meeting - 2A Forsyth Street.

MONDAY 17 March - 12 noon - 16 Avon Towers, 2A Forsyth Street.

SUNDAY 23 March - 11 a.m - Happy Hour 120 Bridge Road.

FRIDAY 2 May - Meet the Members - 7.30p.m Toxteth Hall

SUNDAY 4 May - 11 a.m. - Happy Hour Wilena Art Gallery, 89 Glebe Point Road.

FRIDAY 27 June - Singalong 7.30 p.m Toxteth Hall.

JUNE ? Birthday Party - the 17th Birthday.

## MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

President; Edwina Doe  
660 7066 (H)  
922 3877 (W)

Immediate Past Pres: Neil Macindoe  
660 0208 (H)

Vice President: Eileen Lacey  
692 0173 (H)  
569 4933 (W)

Treasurer Mike Curtis  
692 9416 (H)

## Secretary

## Committee

Bob Armstrong 660 4189 (H)  
Chris Barry 660 6115 (H)  
Maureen Fry 660 7157 (H)  
Ted McKeon 660 3917 (H)

Bulletin Editor Gwen Geschmay  
660 4825 (H)

New Members Rep John Stander  
692 9927 (H)

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