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THE COUNCIL OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF
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Leichhardt Municipal Library has on microfiche the following items:

Balmain Cemetery Register -Part 1 - Jan. 26
1868 - Jan. 20, 1881
Part 2. Jan 19th, 1881 - May 7, 1912.

Index to Births Deaths and Marriages 1788-
1899

Sand's Directories - a series of directories issued by John Sands almost every year from 1858 to 1932. These are an absolute mine of information for Glebe and other early residential districts that ringed Sydney.

There is one microfiche reader located in the reference section at Leichhardt Central Library.

The local history collection is located at Leichhardt Central Library. It is a reference collection consisting of a variety of materials (e.g. books, pamphlets, reports, files) which are available for use within the library.

Senior Librarians will be available to assist you with your local history enquiries - please ask at the main circulation desk when you enter the library. You are very welcome to come and see the collection.

Christine Ross

TO THE EDITOR:

Having lived in Glebe all my life, I felt extremely pleased that the wonderful mural on the railway wall in The Crescent has remained perfect, - free of graffiti. - I am now disgusted to find this wonderful work has been disfigured, by an Anti MSB sign. - I am depressed, - as it is an issue about which I feel strongly. And totally ashamed that it has been purported by someone with whom I may have felt some affiliation. I do not feel that there is any justification for this act of vandalism.

Lynne Charlesworth



DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING STRATEGY PLAN

The plan for St Phillips and Bishopthorpe is now on display at the Dept. of Housing's office, Fascination House, 115 Glebe Point Road.

Everyone who is interested in the Glebe area should attempt to see the display, open during normal office hours, and fill in a questionnaire which canvasses opinions about and responses to the plans from all Glebe residents. Here is an opportunity to encourage the Department to provide improved community services and also local recreational open space by means of carefully selected road closures.

CITY WEST LINK ROAD

The traffic sub-committee has responded to the Environmental Impact Statement for this D.M.R. project. The Society's covering letter is printed in full in this Bulletin. The sub-committee is also holding meetings with D.M.R. Engineers and consultants at various levels.

JOHNSON'S HORSETROUGH, 128 St Johns Road

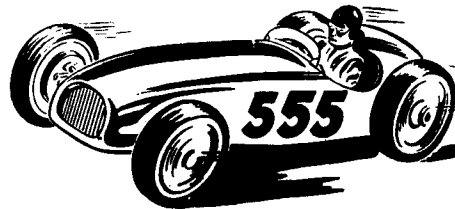
In 1985 Leichhardt Council gave a verbal undertaking to replace this reminder of Glebe's past. Now that the Department of Housing has almost finished rehabilitating 128 St. Johns Road, the Committee has written requesting this undertaking be honoured as soon as possible. The Department of Housing has promised to support this request.

DARLING HARBOUR T-SHIRT

Neil Macindoe has a large Darling Harbour Development Project T-Shirt that he would be happy to pass on to any collector. Unworn. 660 0208

CITY WEST ROAD - ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Dear Sir,



The Society has closely examined the above Impact Statement and wishes to make a submission in respect to it.

Despite some serious deficiencies in the Impact Statement, the Society welcomes the City West Link proposal as presenting the possibility of better traffic management in Glebe. This will only occur, however, if the matters set out in submission are properly addressed.

The main issues are considered to be as follows:

(a) Glebe is a clearly defined, compact, largely residential area and in line with the most enlightened planning ought to be treated as a neighbourhood where all unnecessary through traffic is excluded.

(b) The total area of Glebe is an important heritage area Classified by the National Trust, Listed on the National Estate Register and recognised in the Local Planning Scheme for Leichhardt Municipality. Experience both here and overseas suggests that for any confidence to be given to heritage conservation on a large scale through traffic needs to be excluded.

(c) There are six major entry points to Glebe: from the west via Wigram Road, from the north via the Crescent, from the east via Pyrmont Bridge Road and St. Johns Road and from Parramatta Road via Glebe Point Road, Derwent Street, Ross Street and Pyrmont Bridge Road. One of the major points of concern is the through traffic along the Crescent and the current City West Link Road proposal directly relates to facilitating

north south traffic through Glebe provided by the proposed grade separated interchange at the junction of the City West Link Road and the Crescent. The Society also strongly opposes the proposed truck access proposed from the Rozelle Bay container terminal to the Crescent. The details of the Society's objections and suggested changes are made in the attached submission.

(d) While the City West Link proposal is aimed at providing the capacity for reducing through traffic in residential areas this aim will not be achieved unless the Department of Main Roads takes active steps to dissuade traffic from local streets; it is simply insufficient to say, as the Environmental Impact Statement does, that the City West Link should reduce through traffic in residential streets.

(e) Traffic changes made in recent years by the Department of Main Roads have increased the amount of through traffic occurring in the Glebe area. The most obvious recent example of this is St. Johns Road which has now become an alternative city route because of the installation of traffic lights at the Ross Street intersection. Recent improvements to the Crescent have significantly increased the traffic flow into both Wigram Road and St. Johns Road neither of which are suitable for through traffic use.

(f) Until the completion of the Glebe Island Bridge any potential relief of traffic in Glebe will not occur. The Society absolutely opposes the completion of the City West Link Road unless this is done concurrently with the construction of the Glebe Island Bridge.

(g) The Society believes that the Department in conjunction with Leichhardt Municipal Council is responsible for taking action to stop unnecessary through traffic in Glebe. Such action should be taken now and not be dependent on any other factors. The Society feels very strongly about this matter. The immediate concerns are Wigram Road and St. Johns Road, both of which lead off the Crescent/Ross Street, an arterial Road for which the Department has responsibility. The immediate action proposed is that the Department install no left turn signs (except buses) from the Crescent/Ross Street into these streets in the morning peak and no right turn out in the afternoon peak. Complementary signs would also need to be placed at the eastern end of both these roads to stop evening peak traffic. Within one year it ought to be possible to design and erect low cost structural controls (e.g. landscaped chicanes) at these and related points to dissuade through traffic while allowing local, emergency vehicle and bus usage. If the Department of Main Roads is not prepared to adequately address these issues the current traffic situation in Glebe, which is admitted by the Environmental Impact Statement to be serious, will become horrendous. The positive measures suggested by the Society can be achieved in the short term at no construction cost and without disruption to existing local traffic in the area.

LYNDHURST VISITORS BOOK

Letter received from Peter Watts, Director of Lyndhurst, thanking society members for the gift of the visitors book, it is very much appreciated.

If adequately addressed the residents of Glebe will applaud the Department and the Government for its sensible position on the matter. If not the residents of Glebe will again lose out for the lack of what after all is very little consideration. At this stage the Society is prepared to overlook the serious shortcomings of the E.I.S. in terms of the requirements of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act but only if the Department of Main Roads is prepared to consult and sensibly provide for the adequate protection of the Glebe area. If it does not the Society plans to use all methods at its disposal including legal action before the Land and Environment Court.

Finally I draw your attention to a recent letter to you from the Society pointing out that while the E.I.S. lists the Society in Appendix C as a body with which consultation has taken place this was not the case. In this respect the Society calls on the Department to meet with its representatives with a view to practical measures being discussed and implemented immediately and to provide a smooth path for the introduction of the City West Link. Would you please contact Mr. Neil Macindoe in the first instance on 660 0208

Yours faithfully

Jeanette Knox
Convenor,
Traffic Committee

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH IN GLEBE

There will be a meeting in the Glebe Town Hall on May 6 at 7.30 p.m. An officer from the Police Community Relations Bureau will explain the scheme and what is required from residents. Further information: Maria Callone, - 660 8775

BIRTHDAY PARTY

The first meeting of the Glebe Society took place on the 19 June, 1969. This year on the 19 June, a Thursday night, the Birthday Party will be held at Bassett's, 207 Glebe Point Road, at 7p.m for 7.30p.m. A three course dinner is offered at a cost of \$18 per head, and B.Y.O. Gather your friends and make early reservations with Gwen on 660 4825. Pay Mike at door. See you there.

MEMORIUM VI HICKS

MONDAY GROUP

The last meeting of our Monday Group was held in sad circumstances as it followed the funeral of our long time member, Vi Hicks. The group will miss Vi's company very much and in remembrance of her are sending a donation to the National Heart Foundation.

A memorial service was held at Eastern Suburbs Crematorium, among the many floral tributes was one from the President and members of the Glebe Society.

The next meeting of the Monday Group will be at the home of Irma Frommer, 2 Alexandra Road, 19th May, 12 noon to 3p.m. Bring lunch for one person.

GLEBE FAIR COMMITTEE 1986

The first meeting of this committee will be held at 10.30am, 6 May at the Glebe Neighbourhood Center, Glebe Town Hall, 160 St. Johns Road. We need as many community groups as possible. Further Information: Maree Lelofski - 660 813, 660 8922.

LETTERS

Acknowledge letter from P. Bradshaw re 'PocketParks'. Committee points out the deplorable state of the yard at St. Ita's, Bellevue Street. At last sighting there was a mattress and base dumped at front door. This is the last block of land which was owned by the Benedictines and as such is an important part of Glebe history.

HERITAGE ACT 1977

Notice is hereby given that the Minister for Planning and Environment, in accordance with section 39 of the Heritage Act, 1977, proposes to make permanent conservation orders in respect of the following properties.

Hereford House, 53 hereford Street, Glebe.

Venetia, Leichhardt Street, Glebe Point.

CLUB TABLE

Suggestion by a fellow member:
A table at Anniellos Restaurant once a month. The prices start at \$5. 10 for a small pasta dish and it is B.Y.O. or house wine at \$4. 50 a litre, \$2. 50 half a litre. The member who lives alone, said there are a lot of people on their own who would like to go out to a Restaurant, but to go alone is too threatening. The first night is Monday 19 May, Anniellos, 284 Bridge Road, at 6.30 p.m. Book by ringing Gwen, 660 4825, or just come along. I have spoken to Fulvia and she will make us very welcome, at this point we have three starters.

NEW MEMBER

Welcome to new member:

Micha El Peluso
4/19 Stewart Street
Glebe 2037

ST JOHN'S PARISH COUNCIL

We would like to thank the members of the Glebe Society for their support of the first Restoration Recital at St John's last year. St. John's Parish Council is working towards the restoration of the church for 1988. This will involve more than \$35,000. The architect who has inspected the building feels that the church is basically in good repair for a building of its age but as time goes on work needs to be done to maintain the fabric. You will be pleased to know that some work has been started on the tower and vestry roof with the money raised.

Our next recital will be on Sunday 25th May at 3pm in St Johns church. The programme will include an organ recital, soloist and madrigal group. Afternoon tea will be included in the cost. \$5.50 for adults. \$3.00 Pensioners.

It is planned to hold a further recital on Sunday 10th August. We would like to invite as many people as possible to come and enjoy the church and the music.

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)

FOR YOUR DIARY

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

Monday - 19 May, Monday Group - Noon - 3p.m., 2 Alexandra Road.

Monday - 19 May, Dining at Anniellos, 284 Bridge Road, 6.30 p.m.

Wednesday - 21 May, Committee Meeting, 7.30.p.m. 224 Bridge Road

Thursday - 19 June, Birthday Party, Bassett's, 207 Glebe Point Road, 7p.m. for 7.30p.m.

Friday - 27 June, Singalong and Meet the Members night - Toxteth Hall, Toxteth St., 7.30p.m.

Sunday - 25 May St John's Church 3pm
Recital - afternoon tea \$5.50 adults
\$3.00 pensioners

Sunday - 10 August - St John's Church
Recital.



MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

President: Edwina Doe
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922 3877 (W)

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660 0208 (H)

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692 9416 (H)

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660 4825 (H)

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