



THE GLEBE SOCIETY BULLETIN

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A REMINDER - GLEBE SOCIETY'S 19th AGM. 10th AUGUST AT 7.30 pm - RECORD REIGN HALL (Corner St Johns Road and Derwent Street)

This is your opportunity to learn what has been happening over the past twelve months and to contribute to the setting of the Society's priorities for its 20th year. We want this to be a year of achievement and celebration and for all members to share in this.

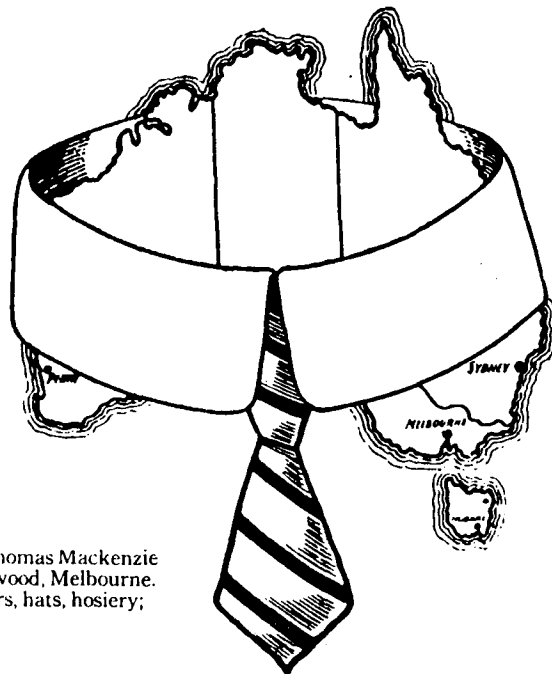
We have nominations for the main positions on our Committee, except for a Treasurer. Peter O'Gorman will be moving to Perth later in the year. There will also be some vacancies for ordinary Committee members to be filled at the meeting. So if you've been meaning to become more involved, but haven't got around to it yet, here is your chance.

Several motions to be discussed at the AGM have been received and are listed later in this Bulletin. Remember that you are not eligible to vote at the AGM if your membership is not current.

After I have presented the President's report, there will be short talks by representatives from several of our Sub-committees.

From a year that started with attacks on the Society from a Town Clerk who no longer occupies that role and a Municipal Council that was ignoring the needs and interests of local residents we now have the benefits of an open Council. Neil Macindoe will bring us up to date with the planning decisions being made by Council. He will highlight potential areas for concern in the coming years. With an increase in development activity, the risks of unsympathetic building are very real.

Some progress is at last being made on the Traffic Study and Plan agreed to by Leichhardt Council as a result of a petition submitted by the Society, although the proposed Study (discussed later in this Bulletin) is somewhat limited in scope and ambition. Jeanette Knox will report on the Study and other traffic matters.



Thomas Mackenzie
Kirkwood, Melbourne.
Collars, hats, hosiery;
1910.

Maureen Colman will lead a discussion on Wentworth Park. Let's make 1988/89 the year when we start getting Wentworth Park back to the people and into a condition we can all enjoy.

John Buckingham will report on progress towards the Bicentennial Park. Now that most of the structures on the site have been removed the potential vista is already apparent although still marred by the Stetley building.

Light refreshments will be served after the formal part of the AGM so there will be an opportunity to meet other members and catch up with old friends. Finally, if the evening is cold dress up warmly, as the hall takes some time to heat up.

Peter Strickland

COME TO THE AGM ...COME TO THE AGM ...COME TO THE

MOTIONS FOR THE AGM

The following Motions have been received for discussion at the AGM. They are listed here to give you an opportunity to think about them before the Meeting.

1. INCORPORATION (J.Ibbotson/P.Strickland)

- a) That the Glebe Society incorporates under the provisions of the Associations Incorporation Act.
- b) That the name of the association be 'The Glebe Society Incorporated' and the Committee is authorized to reserve that name with the Corporate Affairs Commission.
- c) That the Committee be authorized to take all steps as may be necessary to effect such incorporation.
- d) That the President and Secretary be authorized to do all acts and sign all documents that may be necessary to complete the incorporation.
- e) That the Society's objectives as set out in the Constitution be the objectives of the incorporated association.
- f) That the Society adopt the present Constitution as the model rules of the association, subject to any modification as to form only as may be required by the Corporate Affairs Commission.
- g) That the Committee of the Society be the Committee of the association.
- h) That the Public Officer of the Society be the Secretary of the Society, or such other person as shall be nominated by the Committee.

2. PRESERVATION OF REUSSDALE (N. Macindoe/P. Strickland)

This Meeting calls on the Minister for Planning, David Hay, to ensure that the requirements to secure Reussdale, 156 Bridge Road, against damage by weather are immediately enforced, and that the owners be required to produce a plan on a reasonable time scale for its restoration. Any development of the site should be conditional upon prior restoration of Reussdale.

3. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING'S RESPONSIBILITIES (N. Macindoe/P. Strickland)

This Meeting calls on the Minister for Housing, Joe Schipp, to require the Department of Housing to make a fairer and more substantial contribution to open space and other amenities in Glebe, either as land and buildings or by paying for projects.

4. WENTWORTH PARK (N.Macindoe/P.Strickland)

This Meeting calls on the Premier, Nick Greiner, the Minister for Racing and the Minister for Natural Resources, Ian Causly, to require the Wentworth Park Trust to draw up a plan for the immediate and progressive improvement of the park for the use of residents, with adequate rental from the Dog Track to provide for both improvements and maintenance. This Meeting also calls for the facilities of the Dog Track and stand to be made freely available to local residents and local sporting clubs when not actually in use for racing.

5. TRAFFIC (M. Von Knobelsdorff/M.Anderson)

The Glebe Society should promote the following ideas to reduce traffic problems:

- a) The reintroduction of a ferry service from Glebe to the City.
- b) Re-routing the 431 or 433 bus over the expressway into the City.
- c) Increasing the frequency of the 459 bus.
- d) Improving methods of fare collection on buses to speed up the service.
- e) Not allowing approval for new restaurants in Glebe, as they attract too many cars from all over the city.

Legal move to stop Paddys

By CATHARINE LUMBY

Leichhardt Council will take legal action to prevent stallholders from Paddys Markets trading in Harold Park, Glebe.

Last weekend more than 60 stallholders opened for business at Harold Park in defiance of the council's warning that the markets were illegal.

Calling for immediate legal action at Tuesday night's meeting, Alderman Larry Hand (Ind), claimed that the stallholders had thumbed their nose at the council by ignoring earlier warnings.

Alderman Issy Wyner (Ind) said: "Many people, including myself, have sympathy with the Paddys Markets people, but you won't get our support to march straight into a residential area like Glebe."

The Society agrees with this stance.

TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT STUDY FOR GLEBE

Jeanette Knox and Peter Strickland attended a meeting of Leichhardt Council's Statutory Traffic Sub-committee at which the Consultants' inception report setting out the terms of reference for their study was discussed. The report recognises that 'probably the biggest single environmental issue affecting Glebe is the impact of traffic on its streets'. The Council Sub-committee agreed to recommend the Consultants' proposed Study. Whilst the scope is limited it does at least represent a first step.

The following excerpts are taken from the Consultants' statement of their brief:

3.01 The overall objective of a Local Area Traffic Management Study for Glebe would be to control the intrusion of inappropriate traffic into residential streets and to create an improved traffic environment for residents of the area. It is apparent, given the location of the area and the limitation of funds for major roadworks, that it would be an unrealistic expectation of the study to remove all through traffic from the area, at least in the foreseeable future.

3.02 Thus it is likely that the major streets such as Bridge Road, Minogue Crescent / Ross Street and Glebe Point Road (south of Bridge Road) will have to continue to carry substantial traffic flows. Construction of the Western Arterial Link may offer some relief in the future, however timing and benefits are uncertain. Streets such as Wigram Road, St Johns Road and Glebe Point Road (north of Bridge Road) are a more difficult problem. They should reasonably expect some relief from traffic pressures, however this may prove difficult in practice. There is no reason, in principle, why other streets in the suburb should not be protected from unnecessary traffic movements, although this may sometimes be at a cost in terms of reduced resident accessibility that may not always prove acceptable.

3.03 The Study itself would involve the following tasks: (summarised - Ed.)

- (i) Orientation - examination of relevant data and reports, review of residents' submissions, site study and discussions with relevant authorities.
- (ii) Data collection.
- (iii) Analysis of existing conditions
- (iv) Definition of alternative traffic management schemes.
- (v) Review of long term changes.
- (vi) Presentation of alternatives to residents.
- (vii) Evaluation of alternatives.

(viii) Staging of proposed scheme.

(ix) Exhibition.

(x) Final report.

3.04 The Study would be completed over a 15 to 20 week period dependent upon the time the Council wishes to allow for the two public exhibitions.

Full copies of the Inception Report may be borrowed from Peter Strickland or Jeanette Knox.

BICENTENNIAL PARK

John Buckingham

Members will be pleased to see the progress that has taken place on the Bicentennial Park. The demolition is now complete except for the Steetley Industries building and Federal Road.

The Steetley Industries building cannot be demolished until the Court has ordered the eviction of the squatters. The case in the Supreme Court, where the MSB is endeavouring to evict them, was adjourned for the second time on Thursday 4th August and should now be heard in mid-August. Very few squatters are left and they no longer pretend to be a 'cultural' group.

Federal Road, although closed to traffic, is needed for the conveyance of materials to and from the site. The Contractor for the development of the Park has been appointed by Council and his figure is right on budget. Notionally he has been on site for a fortnight, but the first two weeks of his schedule are concentrated on setting up site - ordering materials and establishing a compound and workers' facilities.

The Contractor has agreed to work around the Steetley Industries building at this stage, without extra expense to Council. But we wonder how long it will be before the ratepayers have to meet the cost of the delay in contract caused by the squatters.

At this stage it is appropriate to thank members for their response to our call for letters to Council and Aldermen. It is quite clear that the shift in the attitude of some Aldermen was in no small measure the result of letters they received in condemnation of the squatters.

Once the Glebe side of the Park is secure we will have to rekindle our efforts to regain the Annandale foreshores and have the Bicentennial Park completed.

EMERGENCY NEONATAL RETRIEVAL SERVICE BY DEDICATED HELICOPTER

The excerpts below are from an alternative proposal to developing a Helipad at the RAHC, Camperdown, prepared by Dr Charles Scarf (Paediatrician at the Prince of Wales Hospital) and Ian Bradbery. The Society's Committee endorses this alternative proposal and would welcome comments from members.

Preamble

There are obvious unquestioned advantages to using a helicopter for retrieving newborn babies from country and outer metropolitan hospitals. The prime advantage is the speed in getting to these babies.

Our Alternative Proposal

Our alternative proposal is that a dedicated helicopter should be based at Mascot, not Camperdown, and should fly to and from Mascot. The air transport resuscitation trolley, the two pilots, the Paediatric Registrar and possibly a Paediatric Nurse should all be based at Mascot. Costs and staffing would be shared between the hospitals providing retrieval services (Royal Alexandra Hospital for Children, Prince of Wales Childrens Hospital and Westmead Hospital).

Advantages of the Alternative Proposal

1. The service would be a shared one, available to all hospitals with ventilator beds (Royal Alexandra Hospital for Children, The Royal Hospital for Women at Paddington, Prince of Wales Childrens Hospital, King George the Fifth Hospital, Westmead Hospital, Royal North Shore Hospital and The Mater Hospital at Newcastle).

The present proposed designated development to establish an emergency helicopter service at the Royal Alexandra Hospital for Children is essentially exclusive in nature and discriminates against the other hospitals.

2. The shared use of this costly investment would be more cost efficient.
3. Sharing costs and manning would be advantageous to the hospitals involved.
4. There would be no environmental pollution for the residents living near the RAHC, nor danger to them or motorists.

It is unheard of in NSW for helicopters to operate from a built-up area having houses as near as 60m from the helipad.

5. The control tower at Mascot, on receiving a declaration of medical emergency, would achieve a take-off response time equal to that of a helicopter based at RAHC at Camperdown.
6. The landing pad at Mascot Airport has to be much less hazardous than one in a densely built-up area at Camperdown. As an added safety factor the helicopter would be under the command of the Mascot control tower during take-off and landing.
9. It should be remembered that once the baby has been stabilised, the emergency ceases to exist and strictly speaking, landing at a site scheduled only for emergencies could not be justified. The use of Mascot overcomes this objection.

Summary

In our opinion this Alternative Proposal is in no way less effective than that being proposed for the RAHC. Indeed, it has many overwhelming advantages, the most important being that its coverage is much wider and will be advantageous to more patients, it can be seen to be non-exclusive and fair to all the hospitals concerned, and it totally avoids all the pollution and danger to the local residents.

WHAT WE NEED IS A LATERAL THINKER

This is the problem. The bridge across Johnson's Creek will not be demolished now that Federal Road is closed. It will be very useful for pedestrians.

But if pedestrians can cross the bridge, so can motor cyclists - and we don't want motor bikes roaring around the Park. So we will need barriers that will allow pedestrian access but stop motor bikes.

If we prevent motor bikes crossing the bridge, how can people in wheelchairs get across? Council is sensitive to the needs of people with restricted mobility.

And if people in wheelchairs can get across the bridge

MONDAY GROUP

The next meeting of the Monday Group will be an outing to see the new Aquarium at Darling Harbour, on 15th August.

Meet at the Aquarium at 11.15 am. Lunch can be bought there or you can bring your own if you wish. If you have any queries, ring Sally Nelson on 660 6406.

HAPPY HOUR

Gwen and Jeanette Knox have invited us to their home, 26 Victoria Road, for the next Happy Hour. It is on Sunday 21st August at 11 am.

Wine, soft drinks and 'nibblies' will be provided and there will be a charge of \$1 to cover expenses. Everyone is welcome.

DINING OUT IN GLEBE

The next two restaurants we will visit are:

Aniello's Trattoria - 284 Bridge Road (on the corner of Junction Street) - on Tuesday 6th September at 6.30 pm.

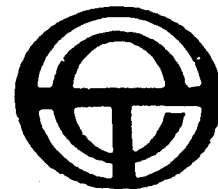
Thai Silk - 28 Glebe Point Road (where Chez Pierre used to be) - Tuesday 11th October at 6.30 pm.

Please ring Col or Jean MacKenzie (660 0492) if you are coming to either of these dinners. New members are especially welcome.

A BIGGER AND BETTER FAIR

The Glebe Street Fair and the Glebe Community Fair will be combined this year and both will be held on Sunday 13th November, so don't go away that weekend.

Foley Park will be reserved for the use of all the usual Glebe Community Fair stallholders, including the Glebe Society.

**TOTAL ENVIRONMENT CENTRE NEEDS HELP**

The environment is all we've got. The Total Environment Centre is working to protect it.

In the next year the Centre will undertake campaigns covering the south-east forests, independent environmental impact statements, a coastal lands protection scheme, toxic chemicals control and protection of urban parks and bushland.

If you would like to send a cash donation or to volunteer your time, please ring 27 4714 for further information.



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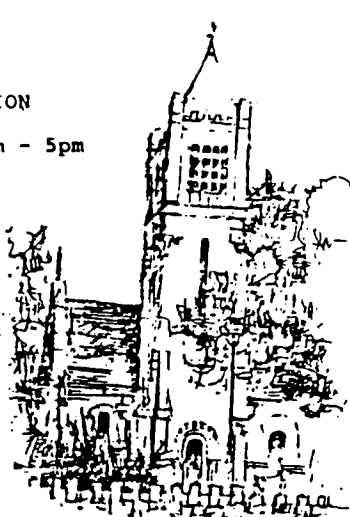
1988 BUILDING INSPECTION
SUNDAY 30 OCTOBER 10am - 5pm

12 buildings, public and private will be open to the public to coincide with the opening of Lyndhurst. St John's Church (Blacket) and Hereford House are included as well as significant private homes.

Lunch and refreshments available from St John's or participating restaurants and coffee shops.

Family \$15, single \$10 pensioners and students \$5

**Further information:
 660 7713 660 7624 660 5610**



This is the 'rough proof' of the press advertisement which will be appearing in the journals of the National Trust and similar groups. It will attract a lot of interest, and already we have had enquiries about bringing large groups of people to our House Inspection. There is still a lot of work to be done, both before the event and on the day itself, when we will have to provide relays of 'minders' at each house and building on our list. Please ring Jeff Ibbotson if you can help in any way.

CAN YOU ADD UP?

If you can, would you like to be Treasurer? Peter O'Gorman won't be going to Perth until October, so you won't be thrown in at the deep end. You can work with him for a couple of months.

DO YOU NEED A METAL CUPBOARD?

The Society has a grey metal office storage cupboard, approx. 3x3x1½ feet, with adjustable shelves. It would be good for storing renovators' bits and pieces. If you would like it, ring Edwina on 660 7066 or 922 3877 and you can have it 'for free'.

FOR YOUR DIARY

- Wednesday 10th August - 7.30 pm - Annual General Meeting - Record Reign Hall - Corner of St Johns Road and Derwent Street.
- Monday 15th August - Monday Group's visit to the Darling Harbour Aquarium. Meet there at 11.15 am.
- Sunday 21st August - 11 am - Happy Hour - 26 Victoria Road.
- Tuesday 6th September - 6.30 pm - Dining Out - Aniello's Trattoria - 284 Bridge Rd.
- Monday 19th September - Monday Group.
- Tuesday 11th October - 6.30 pm - Dining Out - Thai Silk - 28 Glebe Point Road.
- Sunday 30th October - House Inspection.
- Sunday 13th November - combined Glebe Street Fair and Glebe Community Fair.

CONVENORS OF SUB-COMMITTEES

(All Convenors are ex-officio members of the Management Committee)

BICENTENNIAL PARK

John Buckingham - 660 7780

PLANNING

John Tinkler - 692 9032

TRAFFIC

Jeanette Knox - 660 7781

BLACKWATTLE BAY PARK

Bob Armstrong - 660 4189

HAROLD PARK

Gideon Rutherford - 692 0239

WENTWORTH PARK

Maureen Colman - 660 2302

JUBILEE PARK

Tony Larkum - 660 7030

LIGHT RAIL

John Hoddinott - 692 0071

CONTACT THE PEOPLE LISTED ABOVE IF YOU WANT TO OBTAIN OR GIVE INFORMATION.

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 Peter Strickland on 660 7624 (H) or 964 1729 (W).

HAVE YOU RENEWED YOUR SUBSCRIPTION?

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

- PRESIDENT: Peter Strickland 660 7624 (H)
964 1729 (W)
- IMM. PAST PRES: Edwina Doe 660 7066 (H)
922 3877 (W)
- VICE PRESIDENT: Andrew Wood 660 2194 (H)
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- SECRETARY: Jeff Ibbotson 660 7713 (H)
237 7578 (W)
- TREASURER: Peter O'Gorman 660 0302 (H)
925 9759 (W)
- COMMITTEE: Sue Littleton 660 5610
John Tinkler 692 9032 (H)

- Social Secs: Col & Jean MacKenzie 660 0492
- Bulletin Editor: Edwina Doe 660 7066
- Membership List: Andrew Wood 660 2194
- New Members' Rep: Sue Littleton 660 5610
- Monday Group: Sally Nelson 660 6138
- Playreading Group: Ian Edwards 660 6406

MEMBERSHIP OF THE GLEBE SOCIETY COSTS: HOUSEHOLD \$15; INDIVIDUAL \$12; PENSIONER OR STUDENT \$5. Write to P.O. Box 100, Glebe 2037 or ring Sue Littleton on 660 5610 for information.