

## THE GLEBE SOCIETY BULLETIN

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#### CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW MAYOR

At a meeting on Thursday 28th September, at the Annandale Council Chambers, Alderman Issy Wyner was elected by the Alderman present as Mayor for the next 12 months. Alderman Bob Heffernan was elected as his Deputy. The new Mayor has said that Council meetings will continue to be open to members of the public.

Andrew Wood and Edwina Doe were present at the election and took the opportunity to extend congratulations on behalf of the Society.



Issy Wyner

### New mayor dumps Glebe marina plan

By JOHN BILIC

In a controversial debut as Mayor of Leichhardt, Alderman Issy Wyner has used his first mayoral minute to rescind a development application for the Rozelle Bay marina.

The decision giving the go-ahead for the State Government-backed marina was originally carried on April 26 by a vote of six aldermen to five.

Alderman Wyner's mayoral minute, which had the support of a vocal public gallery, sparked a furious debate among aldermen. It was passed six to five in a vote which split the five Labor Party aldermen.

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Reading from his mayoral minute on Tuesday night, Alderman Wyner said the original council decision ran against sentiment in the municipality, and because "no positive move had been made towards constructing the marina and its associated industry and commerce, I propose to give council the opportunity of rethinking that decision".

He submitted that the decision be rescinded and that the Deputy Premier, Mr Murray, be advised that the council has given further consideration to the proposal.

The development would consist of a 247-berth marina and onshore facilities including a workshop, showrooms, commercial premises, restaurant, car parking and associated activities.

"It's a case of the people declaring and the people saying they don't want a marina there and for the Government to heed what they are saying," Alderman Wyner said.

He was immediately opposed by his mayoral predecessor, Alderman Doug Spedding, who called the minute a "political stunt" and claimed 90 per cent of people who saw a model of the proposed marina were in favour of it.

Alderman Spedding said the area at the bottom of Glebe Point Road was an industrial wasteland before being acquired as part of the Bicentenary and turned into open space.

"We have in fact knocked back three marinas; they have to go somewhere," he said. "You can't start a municipality of stagnation where decisions are reversed."

Alderman Spedding said the claim that toxic sediment was being dug up by dredging of the bay was a serious disclosure, but he accepted the word of an expert who said it was safer covered by a car park than lying at the bottom of the harbour.

The Eastern Herald, 5th Oct 1989

On Tuesday 19 September Council disallowed both reception centre developments for the Abbey Restaurant site, 156-160 Bridge Road. At the same meeting Council also rejected the proposal for a new residential college for the University of Sydney at the corner of Catherine and Arundel Streets. In both cases the Council invited alternative proposals.

The same developer has lodged a new application for a boat building/repair shop and 14-berth marina at the old Sydney Mechanical Services site, 29 Cook Street. However, the builder who is to run the yard is new: a specialist in repair and construction of wooden boats. developer proposes a five metre strip permitting public access across the site. fenced on both sides.

It seems that the developer is unwilling to build units at the present time (the site would hold about (15) because of the proximity of Fletchers container yard. Fletchers has made moving noises on several occasions. The latest rumour is that they will move when the new Glebe Island Bridge is opened in 1992 and that the MSB will use this site and others in Blackwattle Bay as berths for charter vessels plying Sydney Harbour (Captain Cook Cruises, the Taipan floating restaurant, et al )

The intersection of Bridge Road and Glabe Point Road is a pretty dismal one at present. Applications have been lodged for improvements to both the Westpan Bank and the Silver Star Cafe on opposite corners. Peter Strickland is to contact the developers to seek their co-operation with the Glebe Point Road Project.

Barry Anstee, developer of the Sugars Timber Yard site, has invited the Project team to inspect his plans . There is a persistent rumour that Westfield is to redevelop Grace Bros as a regional shopping centre

GLEBE POINT ROAD PROJECT

Ian Jones

The Project is evenewhing a competition for gaintings of Stell Point Rist. with a grize of seven days in Tabiti (\*Daty, in control for the winner (see notice in this Epiletian. The Project is planning a private viewing and cale in early December This may be for Glabe Society members your apportunity to obtain a worthwhile Christmas gift for those interested in Glebe.

In order to focus attention on creating a cleaner Glebe Point Road, we are holding a street sweeping on Saturday 25 November. The plan now is for two groups to start cleaning the street with brooms and the building fronts with sponges and buckets. One group will assemble at Derby Place while the other will set out from Toxteth Road. We hope that the fire engine will be available to help, as well as Council trucks.

Members will notice that the date has been changed to allow more time to make all the arrangements. We will need as many people as possible to show their support for a cleaner Glebe Point Road.

A Year 11 student, Murat Dizdar, from Fort Street High School is conducting a survey in Glebe for a geography project. He is asking the users of Glebe Point Road whether the mix of business and services is adequate for their needs. The Project is pleased to help in school projects of this type and we hope Glebe Society members who may be approached by Murat will help him with his survey.

GLEBE POINT ROAD

## ART PRIZ

The Glebe Point Road Project proudly presents the 1989 Art Prize (acquisitive)

The Prize is 7 days of painting/in. Gaugin Country including accommodation & return airfare to

THE MEDIUM: Painting SIZE: APPLICATIONS LODGED BY:

THE SUBJECT: Glebe Point Road 1 metre x 1 metre Wednesday, 15th November 1989

FINISHED WORKS BY: Wednesday, 29th November 1989 ENTRY FEE: None

Application forms can be obtained from the following Glebe businesses: Darling Mills, Cuffe Troppo, Sugar Reef Cafe, Alush Dodo, Commonwealth Bank; and from the following Art Colleges: Sydney College of the Arts and City Art Institute.

Sponsors for the Globe Point Road Art Prize are Traveland, Darling Mills, Aliah Dodo, Commonwealth Bank and MCF.

Aldson McKeown

A number of interested members of the Society met recently and road the draft Guidelines for the Environmental Impact Study on the third runway proposal.

The following points were addressed in our submission to Camberra:

- 1. The area to be studied as affected by the third renway needs definition. suggested a radius of 20km around Kingsford Emith Airport, addressed in bands of 0.6km. 6-12km, and 12-20km radiating from the airport, with specific flight paths toted where applicable.
- The complative effect of the third runway and other flight operations needs to be detailed.
- Costs need to be specified

Some basic points on the third runway iss: include expenditure of big sums of public monies, linked with effective long-term planning for the Sydney region, the effects of increased air and associated ground traffic in the inner city region, and safety, health and education issues that arise from cumulative increases in airport activity at Kingsford Smith.

Public meetings continue to bring information to everyone's attention. motorcade, organised by the Second Sydney Airport Coalition (SSAC), is planned for 14 October, departing Poronia Park at 10am and moving along the flight path to the airport, then to Memorial Park, our Botany Road and Coward Street, Mascot, for lunch (food available for purchase). See may and notice in this Bulletin Leichhardt Council is contributing 10 vehicles and pay for employees to drive them in the motorcade.

# JOIN THE **MOTORCADE**



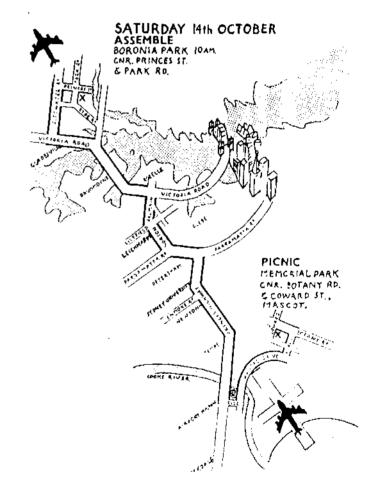
SHOW YOUR OPPOSITION TO THE RUNWAY DEVELOPMENT AT SYDNEY (KSA) AIRPORT.

Expansion means more noise more suburbs affected. This means disruption in your home, schools, work, parks and garders. There's no guarantee that all takenffs will be over Botany Day or that East-West runway use will diminish.

COME TO BORONIA PARK (Princes St.) SATURDAY 14TH OCTOBER, MOTORCADE DEPARTS 10.00 AM SHARP, FOLLOW TO MEMORIAL PARK, MASCOT FOR PICNIC AND FORUM, BRING PLACARÓS AND LUNCIL

SSAC The meeting is organised by SSAC, a broad coalition of community groups, trade unions, local councils, and mambers of tists & federal parliament, committed to fighting the proposed third rouway and promoting the early development of Budgerys Creek

For further information, phone 888 0665 (A II )



#### 'THE ARCHITECTURAL CHARACTER OF GLEBE'

The second edition of Bernard and Kate Smith's book will be available at Gleebooks from mid October. Buy it for yourself and for Christmas gifts.

#### HONOEOPATHIC HOSPITAL

At the public meeting held on 9 September motions were passed condemning the closure of the Sydney Homoeopathic Hospital and the loss of the primary health care that it, delivered, especially to the poorer people of Glebe and the inner west, and calling on the State Government to reopen this community hospital. The meeting expressed concern about plans for the future of the building and land left vacant by the closure and the future use of the money from the Moore Bequest, which was given to help fund the Homoeopathic Hospital.

The meeting also resolved to form a group, Glebe Community Health Planners, to plan and work for primary health care for all in Glebe. The GCH Planners are now meeting regularly to prepare submissions and draw attention to health care needs. For more information write to the group (PO Box 100, Glebe).

A correspondent, Jim Bird, writes with some recollections of family links with the Homoeopathic Hospital:

...the abbreviation, 'The Homeo', was a household name in my family, as I recall from my very early years. That would have been some time prior to 1920, when I lived with my parents out in the bush, at the foot of Fiddens Wharf Road, Killara.

My mother, whose maiden name was Katie Isabella Hopcraft, was the second matron of the Sydney Homeopathic Hospital, from 1903 to 1906. Following extended leave for the purpose of taking a tour to the UK and Europe, as nurse and travelling companion



to a doctor and his wife ... she returned as matron until 1908, when she retired to marry my father. It had been a shipboard romance, my father, an Englishman, having travelled on the same ship on return to his job in South Africa... The foregoing will explain why the old hospital and its environs have always ranked in my mind as part of my family background, though I have never lived in the area...

I do recall names of a few of mother's associates, one being a Doctor Deck. From recent enquiries, I believe this was probably Doctor George Deck and since he ranked with some importance in Matron Hopcraft's mind, he may well have been Chief Medical Officer or the equivalent in those distant days.

Mother had trained as a nurse at the old Coast Hospital (now Prince Henry), with no less than two of her sisters...

It was only in 1982 that, on the spur of the moment, when driving in the vicinity of Glebe, I called at the 'Homeo' just to see if there were any traces or internal records of mother's association as matron. The then matron was kind enough to show me the Matrons Honour Board, which I was on the wall of the matron's office. There, sure enough, was mother's name, conficming the two terms of her appointment...

Quite recently, learning of the imminent closure of the Sydney Homoeopathic Hospital...a further call was made and photographs obtained of the Honour Board and the building itself, for our family records...



# Premier wants readers' ideas

PREMIER Nick Greiner is asking Glebe readers for suggestions for rejuvenating Wentworth Park.

Wentworth Park — once almost as grand as the Botanic Gardens — is now known to many as a vast wasteland.

Mr Greiner believes the Glebe site should have more to offer than playing fields, the greyhound track and grounds for emergency car parking.

He stresses the State Government does not have secret plans in mind for the park's future.

"The Wentworth Park Trust has a draft plan of management for the park, but I am interested to find out what the people who use the park would like to see happen on the site," he said.

"It may be that most people want the park to stay exactly

## Revamp Wentworth Park

as it is. Perhaps there is a way this patch of open space only minutes from the Central Business District could be better used by people outside the immediate residential area.

"I can think of no better, informal, way of gauging public opinion on this matter than through the pages of the newspaper which has served the area over the past 20 years."

Mr Greiner said he was unaware of any threat to the continued operation of the kindergarten at the park.

Interested individuals and groups are asked to make their submissions to the Glebe and Western Weekly.

These will in turn be passed on to Mr Greiner's office.

Glebe and
Western Weekly,
27th Sept 1989

#### VEITWORTH PARK

Readers of The Glebe, 27 September 1989, will have noted the Premier's invitation to the people who use Wentworth Park to submit to him their ideas for its improvement. If you have ideas for the future development and use of Wentworth Park, to get in touch with a Committee member of with the Wentworth Park sub-committee (convenor: Christine Stewart 660 9324).

To stimulate your thinking about the feture of the Park we list here the recommendations for short term and long term action previously compiled by the Glebe Society:

- I Provide permanent, well-drained paths for people prossing the Park. (It is often used by people watking to and from with add by parents and children going to Ultimo Primary and Westworth Park bindargartan.)
- 2 Rehabilihate (construct (maintain public lavatories both north and south ... Without these families especially are limited in the amount of time they can spend to the Park, and larger groups for pithic (casual spents are technology dissipants,)).
- Improve plan aquipment ont leating, both north or bounth of priment observed to painted, repaired or brought up to standard, or, if dangerous, replaced, and preferably etaled according to again separated areas
- 4 Landstape and plant the largest possible area adjacent to playground equipment and established trees.

- 5. Provide a safe crossing over Wentworth Park Road (pedestrian bridge/traffic lights and pedestrian refuge/road closure).
- 6. Limit area used for parking: the smallest possible space should be provided in the most suitable spot(s) and as a temporary measure only.

#### LONG TERM

- 1. Investigate alternative schemes for transport to Wentworth Park, including light rail and buses, using viaduct and other routes. Also investigate alternative parking arrangements.
- 2 Commission long term plan for staged redevelopment of the Park as a regional open space recreation area. Investigate use of centre of dog-track for athletics and fitness tracks and its suitability for regional school athletics training and carnivals or for other operts using small fields. Redesign the Fark, knocking down unused stands on eastern side of the dog-track to create a link between both sections of the Park, and institute operading program that includes improved, reclosated sports areas missis area assembled by track areas missis areas assembled by track and connected by track liked areas on
- Buphasics regional link between the Park and aliesent green spaces via Clate High and proposed waterfront walk to Plachwattle Pay and Julilas/Picentennial parks. Establish recreational and commuter bicycle routes in conjunction with new design. Connect with fish markets.

#### WENTWORTH PARK

#### Max Solling

From 1830 slaughter houses at Blackwattle Swamp supplied Sydney with one half of its beef and mutton requirements. The parliamentary committee which examined witnesses in 1848 about the condition of the Blackwattle Swamp slaughter houses, piggeries and boiling down works recommended their removal from the neighbourhood. They had gone by 1860 when an abattoir was opened at Glebe Island. However odours emanating from the swamp did not improve and secret overflows from cesspits produced smells which the euphemistic language of contemporary accounts: "noxious effluvia" did nothing to sweeten.

Glebe Council sought to impress upon Colonial governments the urgent need to reclaim the swamp. "The effluvia which arose from the swamp", Councillor Pinhey declared in 1865, "was at times intolerable, giving rise to miasmatic and other fevers". £10,000 was placed on government estimates in 1869 to carry out the reclamation and four years later the Blackwattle Bay Land Reclamation Act was passed. Between 1876 and 1880 the swamp was filled in with deposits of silt dredged from the harbour bed and on completion of the thirty one acre reclamation in 1880, invitations were called for the design of a park which the Herald had earlier described as being destined to be "the most attractive and beautiful of our recreation grounds, second only to the Botanic Gardens".

A Glebe Council deputation urged Henry Parkes in 1879 to acquire land at Glebe for a recreation ground and at the same time Council wrote to the trustees of the new reclamation asking that portion of the reserve be set aside as a "cricket and quoit ground". Lack of playing fields had inhibited the expansion of organised sport within Glebe and at a ceremony in 1882 marking the beginning of Wentworth Park as a recreation area a correspondent observed: "The cricket ground is situated in the centre of Wentworth Park. This park, looking at the surroundings, bids fair to become one of the finest in the colony and the trustees are doing all in their power to make it so. The oval set apart for cricket is very large and contains 64 acres, having a white painted rail all round".

Matthew Harris, George Wigram Allen, Michael Chapman and other pillars of the community occupied executive positions on the Wentworth Park Cricket Association and were pleased to lend their patronage to activities that helped the masses fill their leisure time with recreation that was healthy and harmless

and satisfying to local patriotism. Wentworth Park, named after patriot W.C. Wentworth, was formally "set apart and dedicated in perpetuity as a park or place of recreation at the Glebe" by gazettal dated 10 November 1885. Subsidies totalling £5,000 were spent on its maintenance and improvement between 1880 and 1887 but thereafter expenditure was much more modest. Plans and photographs of Wentworth park in 1900 show it as a classic example of 19th century landscaping, with a network of paths circling the oval, a rotunda where the district brass bands played, a lake with two islands, gardens and a bowling green (opened in 1884) at the northern end.

Sports flourished at Wentworth Park. Innumerable local elevens competed in the Evan Jones and Furness Cup competitions in the 1880's and when the Sydney district cricket competition, based on residential qualifications, began in 1893, Wentworth Park was established as the stronghold of district cricket. Crowds of 10,000 were reported at matches in 1896.

Rugby was played on an unenclosed ground, with larrikins occasionally joining in the games from the sidelines, sometimes tackling the man with the ball or heading off down Bridge Road with the ball. It was not until 1900 that the cricket oval was "graced by a Rugby match". In the 90's local baseball and lacrosse teams were playing on the cricket oval.

After the Glebe Rugby Union club (the strongest club in the district competition) was expelled from Wentworth Park in 1908, the oval became one of the main grounds of the new Rugby League. By 1911 Rugby League in Glebe had a tremendous following and there emerged a League sub-culture as all embracing as any religious sub-culture. It helped further a kind of local consciousness. "Mentworth Park's crowds are always demonstrative" noted the Bulletin in 1911. "They never hesitate to show on which side their sympathies lie. So when the play was at its fiercest on Saturday the crowd yelled 'Red, red, red' to encourage the local champions. Eastern Suburbs had a good following but it was on Glebe's native heath and it was Glebe's day out". Glebe reached its last first grade final in 1922 and the club was eliminated from the competition in 1929.

The Glebe District Cricket Club, which boasted international representatives Coningham, McKibbin, Cotter, Bardsley, Kelleway and Oldfield, abandoned Wentworth Park as their home ground in the 1922/3 season, due to the poor condition of the oval, and moved to

Jubilee Oval where a turf wicket was first laid in 1908/9.

The first free kindergarten was established in Sydney in 1896 and in 1914 the Park trustees gave half an acre of Wentworth Park to the Wentworth Free Kindergarten. Locals voiced their concern to the Public Works Standing Committee on the proposed railway line between Pyrmont and Rozelle Bay in 1914. Despite their protests the line was completed by 1919.

From the late 1920's local sporting teams increasingly focussed on Jubilee Oval.

Although the Glebe District Rugby League and Union clubs were defunct, cricket and hockey flourished at Jubilee Oval. Motor cycle racing began at Wentworth Park in 1928 and in the 30's bicycle racing attracted large crowds there. Greyhound racing began at Wentworth Park in 1939 and during the war U.S. troops established a port detachment there. Increasingly alienated from local people, since the war the government has granted long term leases to the N.C.A. and other vested interests who show little concern for the local community.



#### COMPETITION FOR A GLEBE SOCIETY BADGE

Edna Gregory, a Society member, has suggested that each member should have a Glebe Society badge. Following this suggestion, the Committee proposes to issue a suitable badge to celebrate the Society's 21st birthday in 1990. Members and their friends are invited to submit a design for the badge. A prize of a copy of 'The Architectural History of Glebe' by Bernard and Kate Smith and a bottle of champagne will be awarded for the winning entry.

The conditions of the competition are:

- 1. The words 'Glebe Society' will appear in the design.
- 2. The design will be suitable for the production of a badge no larger than a 20c piece. (The design does not necessarily have to be circular but this gives an idea of the size needed.)
- 3. All entries must reach the Secretary of the Society, PO Box 100, Glebe 2037, by not later than 30th November 1989.
- 4. The decisions of the Committee as to the acceptance of entries and the selection of the winning design will be final and no correspondence will be entered into.

The October meeting of the Monday Group will be held at the Glebe Quarter shops, at the corner of Ross Street and St John's Road, on Monday 16 October. We will meet in the coffee shop at the St John's Road entrance at 11.30am

The last meeting of the Group for 1989 will be held on 20 November and this will be our Christmas Party. The meeting place has not yet been chosen. Please have your suggestions ready for discussion at the 16 October meeting.

Any members of the Glebe Society who would like to come along to these meetings are most welcome. For more information ring Sally Welson (660.6138).

#### DINING OUT IN GLEBE

The restaurants for our last two 'Dining Out' evenings this year are:

Sugar Reef Cafe, 41 Glebe Point Road (Caribbean Cuisine - BYO). Tuesday 24th October, 6.30pm.

Glebe Eats, Ross Street, near Harold Park Trots - BYO. Wednesday 29th November, 6,30pm.

Ring Edwina on 660 7066 or 955 9848 if you are coming to either of these restaurants as we will have to book a table.

THE GLEBE SOCIETY'S PARTY IN THE PARK

Sunday 10th December, 12 noon

Bicentennial Park, Glebe

This year's Christmas Party will take the form of a Barbecue in our lovely new Bicentennial Park. All Members and friends are welcome.

We are planning to provide meat roasted on a spit, with salads, bread, Christmas Cake etc - please bring your own drinks, china and cutlery.

We will make sure that toilets are available and an alternative venue will be arranged in case of bad weather.

Further details will be announced in the next Bulletin.

#### WILL THIS BE YOUR LAST BULLETIN?

If we have not yet received your subscription for this year, a final reminder to pay is included with this Bulletin. No more Bulletins will be sent to people who have not paid by 31st October.

Please ring Andrew Wood on 660 2194 if you think there has been a mistake.

#### NEW CONSTITUTION FOR THE GLEBE SOCIETY

As a preliminary to the proposed incorporation of the Glebe Society, we need to amend the Society's Constitution. A draft of the proposed new Constitution will be circulated to all members in the next week or so, together with a notice of a combined Happy Hour and Special Meeting, to take place on a Sunday at the end of November.

All members are urged to read the draft carefully and to attend this important meeting.

#### CONVENORS OF SUB-COMMITTEES

All Convenors are ex-officio members' of the Management Committee

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PUBLIC TRANSPORT
Contact a Committee Member

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

#### FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 16 October - 11.30am - Monday Group - Slattery's Coffee Shop, Cnr Ross Street and St Johns Road

Wednesday 18 October - 7.30pm - Committee Meeting - Lyndhurst, Darghan Street

Tuesday 24 October - 6.30pm - Dining Out - Sugar Reef Cafe, 41 Glebe Point Road

Sunday 12 November - Glebe Street Fair

Wednesday 15 November - Glebe Point Road Art Prize applications closing date

Wednesday 15 November - Committee Meeting

Monday 20 November - Monday Group Christmas Party - details later

Saturday 25 November - 2pm - Glebe Point Road Streetsweep (Please note changed date)

Thursday 30 November - Glebe Society Badge Competition entry deadline

Wednesday 29 November - 6.30pm - Dining Out - Glebe Eats - Ross Street

Sunday 10 December - 12 noon - Society's Christmas Party in Bicentennial Park

#### MATAGEMENT CONNITTEE

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MEMBERSHIP OF THE GLERE SOCIETY COSTS: Household \$15, Individual \$12, Student or Pensioner \$5. Write to P.O Box 100, Glebe 2037 or ring Sve Littleton on 660 5610 for information.

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