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THE GLEBE SOCIETY'S

21st BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

SUNDAY 22nd JULY 1990

Your invitation to the celebrations is being mailed with this Bulletin.

Please order your tickets for the Cocktail Party by Friday 13th July. The Concert, in St John's Church, is free.

Come along and bring your friends to either or both of these celebration events.



HOMOEOPATHIC HOSPITAL

On 7 April a further public meeting was held and Mr Jim McCall from the Australian Association of Cooperatives outlined the idea of a cooperative hospital. A working example of this is at Yeoval, a town outside Orange, where the Health Department decided to close the hospital. The community now runs it as a cooperative providing a multipurpose centre including hospital beds, nursing home and hostel beds and a meals on wheels service.

The public meeting was extremely supportive of the idea of the Glebe community forming a cooperative hospital. If this was set up as a multipurpose centre serving three functions with, say, 12 hospital beds, a psychiatric day care service, and a lease for community organisations with an interest in health care, then the cooperative would attract Commonwealth money.

The difficulty with this proposal is that the Area Health Board which owns the land wants to sell the site to raise money and does not support the idea of providing low technology care.

Glebe Community Health Planners propose:

1. that the community moves ahead to form the cooperative; and
2. that we again ask the Area Health Board for the use of the building.

We are now negotiating with the Australian Association of Cooperatives to form the Glebe Community Homoeopathic Hospital Cooperative Limited and hope to do so within the next two or three months. If the Board is not prepared to allow this use of the building we shall investigate the possibility of finding a party who might buy the property and allow part of the site to be used for the Cooperative Hospital. The site is zoned 'Special Purpose - Hospital'

29 COOK STREET BOAT REPAIR SHOP & MARINA

The proposed Boat Repair Shop was approved by the Land & Environment Court at its hearing on 4-8 June 1990, apparently with conditions. We hope to be able to report on the details of the decision in the next Bulletin. Meanwhile please contact Marianne von Knobelsdorff for further information.

PLANNING REPORT

The efforts of the Committee to improve co-operation with the National Trust have already borne fruit. On 4 May Assessor Andrews handed down a decision supporting Leichhardt Council's rejection of a two storey development, visible from the street, at 28 Allen Street. A key factor in that judgment was the evidence given by Peter Robinson of the Trust's Urban Conservation Committee in support of a decision by that Committee on the evening of 2 May to renew its opposition to the two storey proposal. The judgment has strengthened the Society's arguments for the retention of the existing streetscapes within the Conservation Area.

In his judgment the Assessor stated that the proposed extension had an 'overbearing and relatively massive appearance'. There was 'considerable doubt about the merit of the design even if it was a normal building application' but especially 'when placed in the context of the Glebe Conservation Area and the Toxteth Estate Precinct... The Court finds it difficult to comprehend how the series of four plans submitted by the applicant has failed to grasp this fundamental issue'. Assessor Andrews noted that the issue had been recognised 'by a vocal community which understands the thrust of the local conservation policy and the quality of its neighbourhood'.

Congratulations and thanks to all those members who supported the Society's stand on this occasion.

Another very sensitive issue came before Council on 8 May: the application by the University of Sydney to build a small college on the corner of Catherine and Arundel Streets. Members of the Society are included both on the trust to build the college and among the principal objectors. At its meeting on 8 May Leichhardt Council resolved unanimously to reject the application on nine separate grounds and expressed its concern at the expansion of the University into the area. The number of properties now owned by the University in Forest Lodge is increasing and at last count was about 27, including the large AMA building which, according to the Bursar, is to house University administration. In the current application the University is deemed to be the Crown and the Minister for Planning is the determining authority.

Currently being advertised is the latest proposal for the Abbey restaurant site. This is the third in recent years but at

least it deals with the entire site rather² than trying to get approval for development on one portion before revealing the whole plan. This application proposes the demolition of Hamilton and its replacement by a reception centre seating 200, with parking for 35 vehicles in a basement and another 40 on the rest of the site. Reussdale would be restored and extended as offices, with appropriate landscaping in front.

While this is an improvement over the previous application, which turned Reussdale into a second reception centre, it is difficult to see why such demolition and large-scale redevelopment is necessary. As the article in the March Bulletin pointed out, recognition of the importance of the whole group of Reuss buildings is increasing and their preservation and return to their original use as dwellings seems most appropriate.

Also being advertised is the redevelopment of the Meloy's site for industrial purposes. The developer was unwilling to accept a density lower than 2 b (3) for residential development of the site and is proposing to increase its industrial capacity by the erection of two new factory buildings and providing parking for 126 cars. It is likely local residents and the Society will oppose the scale of redevelopment and parking.

The sub-committee has been concerned by the continuing level of approved work unsympathetic to the Conservation Area, such as replacement of windows with french doors and apparently unauthorised work, such as that at the Commonwealth Bank and 15-21 Glebe Point Road, and has written to Council about all these matters.

VENTWORTH PARK

Sydney City Council recently arranged a meeting at the Town Hall to introduce the members of the Residents Advisory Committee to the landscape architects and other members of the Steering Committee. The Council outlined the aims and problems and discussion followed. The most emotive issue at the meeting was the issue of parking in the Park. The Council wants to abide by the terms of the 20 year lease (renewable for a further 20 years) from the Trustees to the greyhound racing bodies. New plans will therefore be restricted to the area outside the complex. Residents are free to press a different view but Council does not want to be involved in costly and time consuming legal battles.

The Residents Advisory Committee met on 12 June and elected Max Solling as chairman and Adrian Vickery from the Wentworth Park Kindergarten as secretary. The other members from Glebe are Beau Olsen, Carol Twist and Christine Stewart (representing the Society); there are three members from Pymont/Ultimo and 1 from South Sydney.

The meeting agreed on these aims:

Long term:

- * Removal of the dog track
- * Extension of the Park to the foreshore
- * Removal of all parking

Short term:

- * Removal of illegal parking
- * Removal of old buildings attached to the complex
- * Removal of wall around the complex
- * Total landscape plan for the grassed areas

Although the committee's brief is to discuss plans for the grassed areas only, we felt it was important that we state our objections to the alienation of the Park by the Greyhound complex and do all we could to encourage the Government to remove the dog track to Homebush Bay or elsewhere.

The Council is considering buying a nearby building as a parking station but is bound to provide parking on the Park for the breeders, owners and trainers and racegoers on fixed race nights (500 spaces altogether we understand).

The committee will inspect the complex soon to ascertain which buildings we consider should be removed immediately and to look at the feasibility of removing the high wall around the complex and perhaps replacing it with an attractive wire fence to open up the Park visually.

We also discussed ideas for the use of the Park but the consultants will also be interviewing interested bodies such as schools. At this stage we intend to recommend providing both passive and active areas, with picnic and barbecue area, bicycle, walking and jogging tracks, a skate board rink on the Wattle Street/Fish Markets corner away from the residential area, netball courts, cricket oval. We discussed tennis courts but will recommend that those at the Glebe High School be made more easily available for public use, since they are now underused; if this is not possible, then courts will be included in the plan.

We would very much like to know whether you agree with our proposals or if you have any other suggestions. In particular we would like to know your views on the Greyhound complex since we understand that the Trustees believe that the residents are quite happy about cars being parked on the grass. If you are NOT happy about this - or if you ARE - we would like some feedback. Please write a short note to the Wentworth Park Convenor, Box 100, Glebe.

Max Solling has offered to spend an evening showing slides and talking about the history of the Park and this will also be an opportunity for residents to express their ideas and discuss the issue. The Press and TV will be invited as will the members of the Steering Committee. We hope as many residents as possible will come to offer your ideas and show your support for the project. The tentative date is Wednesday 25 July at 6pm.



KINGSFORD SMITH AIRPORT Alison McKeown

Groups that have recently expressed support for the 'No Third Runway' viewpoint include the Italian Federation of Migrant Workers and their Families (FILEF) and the committee of the Sydney Association of University Teachers (of which Bob Armstrong is president). Another action group is emerging in the Annandale area that questions the proposal and, having studied the available documents at Kinhill's Community Access Centre (117 King Street, Newtown), the group produced their analysis of the increase in air traffic movements and verified these with the Federal Airports Corporation. These show -

* current movements (landings/takeoffs):
approx. 200 000 p.a.

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* with a third runway, by year 2005, approx. 310 000 movements p.a.

With a third runway and the present number of movements (200 000) -

* landings will double from 42 000 to 85 000 p.a. over our suburbs

* take-offs (from existing north-south runway) will quadruple from 3000 to 13 000 p.a. over our suburbs.

This means that by the year 2005 based on 310 000 movements p.a. an aircraft movement will occur on average every 2½ minutes, 17 hours a day, 365 days per year. With these figures in mind we may contemplate what daily living will be like in our homes and streets, at the hospitals, pre-schools, schools and universities, and in our parks.

A recent article in the New Doctor entitled 'The Health Effects of the Third Runway at KSA' raises questions on public health when air traffic and noise increases. The author researched an extensive reference list. 'It is clear that children's concentration suffers but it is not known whether adults will notice [increased air traffic noise]. At the moment it can be said that x percent will be annoyed but it is unclear what the implications are for the health of these people. Chronic sleep deprivation is not likely as long as the night curfew exists (our emphasis). The most important piece of information missing at the moment is what happens when people are chronically annoyed. What biological pathways will occur for noise impinging on health? There is a confounding effect of socio-economic status (SES)... more health problems amongst lower SES people; whilst there is a tendency for property to be less expensive in noise affected areas, there is a higher proportion of people in lower SES living in these areas. The current health effects of the current volume of air traffic are not known but on the basis of overseas studies, the increase of noise and pollutants are likely to lead to increases in a range of health problems.'

Some recent events:

* a near miss between two aircraft on 9 May: an observer noticed two planes approaching each other over Newtown;

* Hon G. Punch MP tabled a document on the choice of Kinhill Engineers for the EIS, which received considerable media coverage (SMH 19 May 1990):

* Sandra Nori, MLA for McKell, spoke in Parliament about the possibility of future disasters like the Boral explosion (The Glebe 23 May 1990); and on the airport and environmental impact statements;

* Leichhardt Council voted \$50 000 on 11 May to finance publicity rejecting the third runway and promoting an early start on Badgery's Creek airport;

* 'No Third Runway' Demonstration at Sydney Town Hall (NSW State ALP Conference attended by the Prime Minister);

* Sub-committee meeting Sunday 17 June at 397 Glebe Point Road;

* SSAC meeting to be held on Tuesday 3 July, 6.15pm, at 752 George Street, Haymarket, 1st Floor (Plumbers & Gasfitters Union).

EVENTS IN BALMAIN

Members may be puzzled by newspaper reports of a 'moratorium' on development in Balmain. For some time large redevelopment sites in Balmain have been occupying much of Leichhardt Council's time and energy. There are now a number of very large waterfront industrial sites, including the Caltex storage terminal at Ballast Point, the Monsanto Chemical site next to Balmain High School and the Lever & Kitchen site, which are proposed for rezoning for residential development.

Balmain residents are very concerned at the probable combined impact of these developments and are asking for that impact to be properly assessed. In the meantime they do not want any of them to go ahead (hence the 'moratorium').

On Tuesday 12 June the factions led by Aldermen Spedding and Brady combined to overturn the 'moratorium' and to allow development to proceed without this assessment. Members should note that a new mayor must be chosen by the aldermen in September and it will be this mayor who leads the Council into the next local government election in twelve months time. It would be unlikely that Spedding or Brady would be chosen without the support of the other.

The fundamental issue is a political one. There are some aldermen who believe that their election gives them a mandate to make decisions without further reference to the electorate and others who believe that consultation with residents is an essential and integral part of decision making at local government level.

Val Street, Peter Strickland and Neil Macindoe have been appointed as a sub-committee to organise the biennial Glebe Open Day.

The date set is Sunday 18 November 1990. Full price tickets will be \$10.00 and concessions \$5.00. We think these are reasonable charges: usually a dozen or more buildings are open as well as some musical entertainment and refreshments. You can make it full day or a half day outing.

Members are asked to consider opening their houses for the day. The Society has arranged insurance cover through the Royal Australian Historical Society. The Glebe Society provides minders. So far two private homes have been offered: Andrew Wood's in Toxteth Road and Jan and Neil Macindoe's in Wigram Road. It is better to have a preponderance of private dwellings, although some of the more spectacular recent restorations of public buildings such as Glebe Town Hall and Bidura will probably be included, so even if your house is quite unspectacular do not hesitate to call Val, Peter or Neil to discuss opening it.

A large team of minders will be needed. Minders work half the day only, on either the 10am to 1pm or the 2 to 5pm shift and receive a free ticket to see as many places as they wish. If you are unable to offer your house, please contact Val, Peter or Neil and nominate a time for the minder roster.

Owners of business are requested to open on the day. A list of those participating can be included on the ticket.

The sub-committee needs a small amount of secretarial assistance, as the event is publicised widely through historical societies and environmental groups. The sub-committee is keen to hear suggestions for further promotion and advertising, or other help.

Phone numbers are:

Val Street	660 4721
Peter Strickland	660 7624
Neil Macindoe	660 0208



The next Happy Hour will be held in the Community Room of the Hansel & Gretel complex at The Glebe, 4 Mount Vernon Street. This interesting building was designed by architects Andre Porebsk and Associates for the Department of Housing and is well worth seeing. The hostess on this occasion is Betty Wright.

DINING OUT

So far this year a core of diners has spent evenings at the Laurece Brasserie (in the Glebe Quarter, St. John's Road), at Rose Blues (23 Glebe Point Road) and at Enzo's Oasis Restaurant (196 Glebe Point Road). The three restaurants each have their own particular style - from the suavity of Laurece, with a sophisticated modern decor, through the relaxed cafe style of Rose Blues to the Oasis, a bar-restaurant, with a view of swimming pool and sauna, in the Haven Inn Motel.

Each has had its own special ambience, while having in common helpful and friendly service and a good menu. Yes - the regular diners enjoy each other's company in a relaxed atmosphere, but the group would love to see some new faces too. Why don't you seize a bottle (nearly all Glebe restaurants are BYO) and come along to our next sampling of Glebe's almost infinite variety of eating places.

On 11 July we dine at BJ's Restaurant - see Diary for details. Please ring Jeanette Knox (660 7781) by Monday 9 July if you are coming so that we can confirm numbers.

MARGARETTA COTTAGE CONCERTS

Members of the Society have been invited to attend two concerts at one of Glebe's most beautiful and historic houses. At 9.30am on 21 July an Organ and Harpsichord Symposium will feature works performed by Dr Graeme Rawson and Dr David McIntosh at Margarettta Cottage and St Scholastica's College, Glebe. Tickets are \$10.00 each and can be obtained by phoning Barry Pfafflin on 452 1274 after 7pm.

At 8pm a 'soiree' of harpsichord and organ music will be held at Margarettta Cottage to raise funds for the Royal Alexandra Hospital for Children. Dress is black tie and tickets are \$40.00 each - please telephone Dr McIntosh on 519 0466 for bookings.

NEW GLEBE ISLAND BRIDGE

The Road & Traffic Authority has suspended the contract for the construction of the foundations of the new high level Glebe Island Bridge. The present contract will cease once the piles for the foundations of the original two piers have been completed and there will be no pouring of concrete to form the necessary slabs for the piers. The substantial cost to the RTA of suspending the contract is not known. It is probable that a redesigned low level bridge will not be able to span the distance between Glebe Island and Pymont without additional supporting pier(s) located in Black Wattle Bay. A further environmental impact statement will need to be prepared should the bridge design be altered.

GLEBE POINT ROAD PROJECT REPRESENTATIVES

Ian Jones - 660 2451
Bobbie Burke
Peter Strickland

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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

Sunday 8 July - 11am - Happy Hour - 4 Mount Vernon Street

Wednesday 11 July - Dining Out - BI's Restaurant, 99 Glebe Point Road - 7pm

Monday 16 July - 12 noon - Monday Group - 280 Glebe Point Road (Marion Harris's home)

Wednesday 18 July - 7.30pm - Committee meeting - Lyndhurst, Darghan Street

Sunday 22 July - 2pm - 21st Birthday Celebrations :- Concert - St John's Church

3.30pm - Cocktail Party, Darling Mills, 134 Glebe Point Road

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL 1990/91

An invoice is enclosed for all members who joined before 1st April 1990. Membership fees are due on 1st July.



THE GLEBE SOCIETY

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MEMBERSHIP OF THE GLEBE SOCIETY COSTS:

Ordinary \$20, Additional Household \$4 each, Pensioner/Student \$7, Institutional \$25. Write to PO Box 100, Glebe 2037 or ring Sue Littleton on 660 5610 for information.