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Election Issues Take Over the Bulletin

The Management Committee decided that, as the coming State election will feature several issues especially relevant to Glebe residents, we should give members the opportunity to compare the policies of the candidates on these issues of local importance. The following letter was sent to all candidates, and responses are published on the inside pages.

"The Glebe Society is a non party-political association. However, it is, of course, interested in the outcomes of the political process. Consequently, the Management Committee has decided to run a special election issue of its Bulletin in March, and is inviting all candidates for the seat of Port Jackson to contribute approximately half an A4 page for publication.

We are specifically seeking candidates' views on airports, heliports and Port Jackson's shipping facilities: their role in the NSW economy and transport arrangements. We would also be interested in comment on any of the following: public transport, including light rail, health, planning/central planning, education, lead.

We should be glad if you could send a statement to the editor of the Bulletin, Ms Jan Macindoe, 56 Wigram Road, Glebe, 2037, by Friday 10 March. We would expect to be mailing the Bulletin approximately a week after this.

Statements will be published as contributed, together with an indication of party affiliation, with the proviso that a lengthy statement may be shortened by the editor."

Three candidates responded, and their policies relating to Glebe issues are printed inside.



*Special election
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Denis Doherty Social Justice Independent

About the candidate
Denis Doherty has lived in Glebe for eight years. He has been involved in local issues including the campaign against the third runway and opposing over-development in Blackwattle, Rozelle and White Bays. Born and educated in Sydney, he has been a school teacher for 25 years.

Some policy points

- Provide a system of reliable, accessible and affordable public transport
- Cut the number of cars choking Victoria and Parramatta Roads by providing light rail, car parks at White Bay and Broadway, and commuter shuttle buses
- No heliport
- Retain the old Glebe Island Bridge for bicycle and pedestrian access to the city
- Expand the public health system. No privatisation and no closures of public hospitals. Increase funding for community and preventative medicine, research and hospital staff salaries
- Programs to reduce lead levels from traffic and other urban pollution
- Full government funding for Glebe High, Leichhardt High and Balmain High and local public primary schools so they can compete on an equal footing and be recognised as schools of excellence
- Stop corporate sponsorship in the education system
- Regulate business practices to eliminate unfair trading and discrimination against small traders
- Oppose discrimination on the grounds of race, gender and sexual orientation
- Protect and upgrade Iron Cove, Rozelle Bay and Wentworth Parks and Leichhardt Oval.

Sydney Airport

- Re-open the E/W runway temporarily to share the noise and re-impose the 10pm to 7am curfew with no exceptions
- No flights at all over the Caltex refinery at Kurnell
- Fast track a major new airport for Sydney with a proper EIS
- No privatisation of Sydney Airport, Qantas

Hall Greenland No Aircraft Noise Party

Some common questions answered
Aren't you just a single issue party?

Just! Kingsford Smith (and its continued expansion) is Sydney's biggest urban planning disaster. And it will get worse if we don't do something dramatic about it now.

Behind our stand against aircraft noise in urban areas, is a belief in the following principles:

- respect for rational planning
- listening to people
- honesty in government
- concern for health and environment issues,
- the importance of quality of life.

What have you to say about Glebe issues?

On local matters, I'd follow those principles I've just listed.

Along with many other residents, I was involved in getting the bicentennial park on Glebe Point. Open space is so important in our crowded inner-city suburbs - doing something to improve Wentworth Park is a priority for Glebe .

The rejuvenation of the Grace Bros site also offers opportunities to improve facilities. Similarly, Glebe is overdue for some relief from through traffic - the western distributor should bring that dividend.

Shouldn't we vote for the official Labor candidate who has opposed the Third Runway?

Sadly, a vote for any Labor candidate will only encourage Mr Keating and Mr Brereton in their arrogant belief that they can get away with the airport disaster. If Labor is not losing votes, what pressure is there on them to change?

If you were part of the balance of power, what would you insist on before Bob Carr or John Fahey formed government?

Commitment to the urgent selection and planning of a replacement airport, transfer of the \$480m from the city-Mascot airport rail link to the building of the new airport, opposition to privatisation of KSA, and support for noise reduction and sharing.

Sandra Nori

Australian Labor Party

A bout the candidate

I have been an inner city MP now for seven years. I ran for parliament for two basic reasons: my interest in wider political issues, particularly social justice, and my concern that the inner city receive a fair go in areas such as the type of development taking place, traffic, public transport and health services

My philosophy

As an MP, I have tried to bring together residents interested in the same issues, to harness their talents and enthusiasm to fight together on issues involving our environment - such as the proposed heliport and the third runway, our local facilities - such as Balmain Hospital, and the safety of our children - such as the dangers of lead in the atmosphere. I have found it to be a successful and rewarding method of fighting for the best outcome for the inner city.

Achievements for the local area

I am proud of what I have achieved for my electorate, despite seven years in Opposition. In Glebe, among other things, I have been involved in keeping the Homeopathic Hospital available as a community facility for Glebe and fundraising for a community Library on the site; organising a local lead group; holding a traffic issues meeting to resolve local problems and extending the 468 bus service to Leichhardt MarketPlace.

Third runway

I know that many residents are tempted to send a message to Canberra over the runway by voting for the No Aircraft Noise or other minor parties or Independents. The irony is that State Labor - who have opposed the runway from day one - are the only ones committed to a genuine medium to long term solution. That solution is the fast-tracking of a full airport at Badgerys Creek. This can be a reality by 1999 - but only if there is a State Labor Government.

I am appalled that the No Aircraft Noise Party have come out against the Badgerys Ck Airport. The Liberal Govt also refuse to commit themselves to providing infrastructure for Badgerys Ck. I am asking voters not to elect a Liberal Govt by mistake - through a protest vote.

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