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New Members Social Function

The Society held a function for new members (and old members as well) at *The Clubhouse*, formerly the Glebe Rowing Club on Thursday 8th June. The purpose of the function was a presentation from Pacific Property Holding Pty Ltd (PPH) who are proposing a redevelopment of the former Grace Bros site on Broadway.

The evening was very well attended and I believe well received. PPH was represented by five speakers who gave us information on various aspects of the proposed scheme - the overall plan, traffic management and the heritage plans, including the history of the site and surrounds. This latter talk was of particular interest as it was new to most, if not all, of us. The company is very lucky to have access to the plans of the original building which are housed in the Mitchell Library. I have written to the company thanking them for their excellent presentation.

I think it is fair to say that there is a strong community feeling in favour of the redevelopment of the former Grace Bros site. This may not be 100% of the opinions that have come my way so far and I have heard some qualifications, which may be reflected in submissions to Leichhardt Council. Members' views will be included in our formal submission to Council. I do foresee some suggestions and comments, but I am still formalising them. Two areas which I believe the Society's submission will take a view on are traffic management, especially from Glebe Point Road and the proposal to keep the over-road bridge across Bay Street - this latter was to be removed in an earlier stage of the proposal. Of concern also may be not so

much the cinemas (now reduced to 6 from 10 with seating for 1 600, down from 2 500) but the possible developments these may encourage. These would most likely be in the adjoining South Sydney Municipal area and we have no control over their decisions.

The Glebe Society, and the local community, will watch the project with interest. I asked PPH to keep us informed of the development's progress (once it is approved by Council) which we will pass on in the Bulletin. The proposed development will have a large and lasting effect on our suburb, and is one of the biggest plans in the last couple of decades. Our opinions really can help make it as good as it can be. If any of you wish to make suggestions for the Society's submission, please ring me at 692 0071 or write to me at PO Box 100. I do welcome your help in this matter. You are also encouraged to make your own submission. The D.A. was advertised on 28 June and we have 28 days, that is until 26 July, to provide complaints, suggestions, etc to Council. Correspondence on that matter should be directed to The General Manager, Leichhardt Council, PO Box 45, Leichhardt.

John Hoddinott
Planning Convenor

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Wigram Road Traffic

One of our members recently expressed concern about the amount of traffic that was making illegal left-hand turns off Wigram Road in the morning peak hours. The Society wrote to Council and has been advised that the Traffic Committee has discussed the problem, and has made the following recommendations:

- That the possible permanent partial closures of Bell Street, Bell Lane, Mansfield Street, Mansfield Lane and Church Lane at Wigram Road be brought to the attention of Precincts 13 and 14 with a view to seeking their advice, on the basis that they independently canvas the views of their respective residents, and if such advice is positive, the proposed partial closures be advertised in accordance with Council's statutory requirements.
- That the possibility of banning the left turn during the morning peak period from Minogue Crescent into Wigram Road be considered by the Traffic Engineer as part of his investigation into traffic calming proposals for Minogue Crescent/ The Crescent and Wigram Road.

Jeanette Knox

Cork Recycling

Don't forget to save those corks. They can be left, properly packed, in the bottle shop of the Toxteth Hotel, or on my front verandah at 30 Wigram Road. Another considerable load (perhaps 10 to 15 kilos in weight) will be sent away soon, this time for the Girl Guides Association's benefit.

John Hoddinott

Aircraft and Glebe

The Society made a submission to the Senate Inquiry into aircraft noise and other matters. Our submission commented that a decision was made to build the runway and the facts and arguments assembled accordingly. Quality of life is now diminishing because of aircraft over the inner-city. Serious aircraft noise has been rejected by the people. Legislation on KSA must be enacted. Other points were made. Detailed comments were appended to the submission.

7:30 Report, ABC TV, 9th June

The Society has written to politicians regarding "Terminal 21", as reported in an item on The 7:30 Report. The FAC has plans for much more work at KSA.

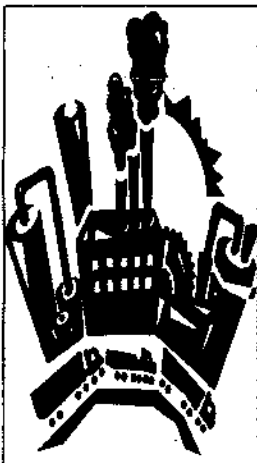
According to FAC: "Terminal 21 in 2000 is cutting new ground and it's quite clever and will give us quite a jump as far as Sydney airport goes on other airports in the country..." The message comes through clearly that the FAC believes it will still be there after privatisation. Will it be commissioned to run KSA for a private owner?

7:30 Report: "It's in the Federal Government's own interests to let noise-affected residents believe what they want to believe: that Badgerys Creek will help shoulder a doubling of traffic through the Olympics and into the 21st century."

Marrickville Council Study

Marrickville Council's commissioned study on risk is not good news; Professor J Cross, NSW University: "in any ten year period one would expect 1 - 2 crashes in the Marrickville area. This figure cannot be considered acceptable given the huge costs and risk of life if such a crash does occur."

Leichhardt Council Airport Working Party was recently established. It is a group of residents committed to the campaign to "stop the noise" and the charter adopted by the Coalition of Councils in December 1994. Their stalls at public events generated more than 400 submissions to the Senate Inquiry on Aircraft Noise. The mayor has acted on a suggestion to call upon other councils to set up similar groups. Contact Warwick Russell, Leichhardt Council: 367



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Public Meeting

Apia Club, Tuesday 18 July 1994, 7:30pm. Update on the third runway and what we need to fight for. The real future of KSA and what privatisation really means for you. Speakers are experts, having done six years work on the issue of Sydney's airports. They are Jane Weder and John Bushell.

NSW Government Standing Committee on Public Works: Call for Submissions by 14 July, 1995

This inquiry will be examining what infrastructure requirements will be required for the development of Sydney West Airport as a major international and freight airport. State Government responsibilities, coordination, infrastructure, environmental factors and public/private sector involvement will also be addressed.

Helicopters

IC&FCAG Inc, reported the heliport proposal at Pyrmont is scrapped.

They now seek monitoring, height restrictions and clarification of liability regarding helicopter movements. Transport Minister Brereton has raised points regarding monitoring noise and liability. We will be watching these developments.

The Society has written to thank IC&FCAG. They worked for ten years to stop heliport development on beautiful Port Jackson!

Alison McKeown

Forest Lodge Child and Family Health Centre

The Society received a reply from the NSW Health Minister's office regarding our concerns about the Centre's future. A more detailed reply came from the Chief Executive Officer of the bureaucracy concerned with this issue - Central Sydney Area Health Service - Dr Horvath.

She advised the Society that Forest Lodge and Redfern Child, Adolescent and Family services will be amalgamated. Some extra staff would be employed because of Children's Hospital closure. The home for all these workers, about 25 in number, could be in Newtown or Camperdown, although nothing has been settled as yet. Some services could be provided away from the main base, eg in Glebe and Redfern.

The Society plans to respond to Dr Horvath's letter with the comment that it would be preferable that the service be relocated in the Leichhardt Municipality.

Glebe Interagency's petition calling for Forest Lodge Child, Adolescent and Family Health Centre to be relocated in the Glebe area gathered more than 350 signatures. Many general medical practitioners in the Leichhardt Municipal area supported the petition. It will be forwarded to Sandra Nori, MLA for Port Jackson.

Glebe Interagency is a group of Glebe residents and workers who meet to discuss and, when necessary, act upon social issues in Glebe. It is under the auspices of Glebe Neighbourhood Centre, 160 St Johns Road, Glebe, 2037. Ph: 660 8134.

Alison McKeown

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The Street Trees Raise Their Foliage Again

Glebe residents have been consulted many times about the Glebe Point Road street trees. The most recent consultation was a public meeting in the Glebe Town Hall last August to consider the outcome of a Street Tree Management Strategy by Garry Clubley and John Douglas and to finalise recommendations for new or replacement planting. In a nutshell their strategy:

- determined the condition, age and expectancy of existing trees along Glebe Point Road
- identified those needing removal because of poor health and developed an interplanting and/or replanting and/or replacement program, and
- developed tree management techniques including tree planting i.e. ways of better looking after the trees.



This meeting did not establish an agreed direction although general acceptance was given to use of deciduous trees, options for footpath and road shoulder planting - and action as soon as possible. A landscape study covering options for planting locations and options for deciduous tree species was then recommended.

Previous plans had been put forward in 1990 by students at Ryde TAFE as part of the Mainstreet Project in an attempt to save Council the cost involved in the maintenance of the ageing tree stock. Advice from Council is that the cost of repairs to the pavement amounts to around \$100 000 a year, and the Chief Engineer, Peter Head, has advised that Council has incurred upwards of \$150 000 public liability and public/private damages costs over the last five years because of the roots - well ahead of the municipal average.

Recommendations for replanting and landscaping were also covered as part of both the first and second Mainstreet Projects.

To take advantage of the work already covered in the two Mainstreet Projects for Glebe, Cr Macindoe then proposed that Council undertake a Streetscape Management Plan. Such a plan would not only propose planting proposals but implementation

of road and footpath pavements, street furniture, vehicular and pedestrian traffic and parking and would therefore put the replanting in the context of the whole street.

Submissions were invited on this and it was resolved that the Mainstreet Committee interview each of the applicants and recommend to Council the most favoured firm to develop their proposal.

As the previous Mainstreet Committee was based on representation from residents, the Chamber of Commerce and a Councillor, a new Committee was formed on this basis (and one resident was also a member of Council's Trees and Open Space Committee). Precinct Committees along Glebe Point Road and Councillors were also invited to the interviews.

After interviewing all candidates there was agreement to short list two candidates for further interview on the basis of the quality of their proposals.

Council then unexpectedly usurped the role of the Committee and proposed various changes in the selection process at this late stage. First word filtered through that Council intended to interview the short-listed candidates (and members of the previous interviewing committee could attend) and then this proposal appeared to be changed to a selection process by Council staff involving an analysis of the written proposals.

A meeting of Council has now proposed that a new interview committee of eleven plus people be formed, including members of the Trees and Open Space Committee, the Environment Committee and the Community Development Committee as well as Councillors, and there is to be a new interview process. No reasons have been put forward to the members of the interviewing committee for these changes.

In the view of the Glebe Society this contradicts the wish of the public meeting last August for action to occur as soon as possible. Formation of a new interview panel also represents a waste of time for the candidates who provided detailed proposals as well as the representatives on the existing panel.

We look forward to some action as soon as possible and finalisation of the interviewing process already, we consider, competently undertaken by the interviewing committee.

Fiona Campbell

“Keep Glebe Clean” Day



Various groups have come together to form a committee to organise a clean-up day in our suburb on Sunday 13th August. The idea originated at a Glebe Chamber of Commerce meeting in early June, and the participants include the Chamber, Leichhardt Council, the Glebe Society, the three Glebe Precinct committees, the Glebe Youth Centre and residents.

The committee is chaired by Brian Hayes, Council's Public Health Manager. The other representative is Birgit Seidlich, the Environment Officer. The date was chosen to try to minimise seed germination for the soon-to-follow spring.

The aim of the day is to undertake a major clean-up of rubbish and weeds, to set an example to the residents and to attempt to make all of us more aware of our social obligations in keeping our neighbourhood as tidy as possible. The committee hopes to make residents aware of such issues as the recyclability of various items, especially plastics. One major problem of rubbish in Glebe is that many residents leave their recycling material and garbage bags, instead of the recommended garbage bin, some days before collection, instead of the evening of the collection. This often allows the plastic bags to be broken open by stray animals or even people, with a subsequent spread of refuse.

It appears to me that Glebe's back lanes (and remember that there is hardly a street in our suburb that does not have one) are being used as *de facto* garbage dumps. There are two simple ways available to residents to remove rubbish (as opposed to household garbage). The best is to take it to

the tip, open at weekends, in Leichhardt, in Booth Street near Catherine Street. This incurs the small cost of \$5 per car boot load or \$7 for a trailer load. Council will also collect garden refuse at a specific address and this can be arranged by calling Council's Health and Building on 367 9222. Council will ask that you do not put out the rubbish until the evening before. This is a free service and should be used instead of putting out rubbish at random in the hope that it may be removed. This service does not include the collection of building materials - bricks, concrete, etc.

Remember that Council is prepared to replace a lost recycling bin with a new black bin. These have a space for a name and address and this aids in their retention.

The clean-up day will be well publicised over the next few weeks. It has *The Glebe and Inner City News* as a major sponsor and the paper will be giving us publicity. There will be a pamphlet drop soon, and a poster for use in shop fronts is being designed. Other sponsors are being sought. Any ideas from members?

The day starts at 10am and will finish at 1pm; the assembly point is Foley Park on the corner of Bridge Road and Glebe Point Road. After the morning's work there will be a sausage sizzle and, we hope, entertainment in the Park.

There are two dates to bear in mind - Saturday 22 July, from 2pm to 3:30pm at Glebe Town Hall to inform the community about the clean-up day, and to make a list of volunteers. Questions will be answered by Council officers and committee members. So if you wish to help please come along. We do want to have some idea before the day about the number of helpers, so that we can organise a spread of people over the whole suburb.

The other date is Sunday 13 August as detailed above. It is recommended that on the day you wear heavy shoes or boots and use gardening gloves, preferably of leather. I quote from the minutes of the clean-up committee's previous meeting: "Mr Hayes stated that Council needs to register all participants for the event to cover public liability in case somebody is injured during the clean-up." Council will provide sacks, etc in

which manageable rubbish can be placed. It may also be a good time to try to identify and report cars which may have been dumped, or are out of registration, in our streets. I will try to provide more details about this in the next Bulletin.

If you have any questions, or wish to help, please write to PO Box 100 or ring me at 692 0071. Please tell your friends and neighbours about the two dates, and encourage them to give the day their support.

In the meantime one thing that everyone can do (even though I may be preaching to the already converted) is to keep our own "patch" clean. It takes very little time every week to pick up papers, bottles, plastic, etc. Much of this can go straight into the recycling bin.

Please give this initiative your strong support - Glebe is too pleasant a suburb to remain as littered as it appears to be now, we can do much better with very little effort and a little thoughtfulness.

John Hoddinott

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The Glebe Show

The Glebe Show was a very social and successful day, enjoyed by about 15 000 people, many of them our neighbours and friends. Over 400 residents and 100 local businesses contributed their efforts to the day. We raised \$12 000 and of course were delighted with Sandra Nori's announcement that she had negotiated a reduction in the price of the Homoeopathic site by \$600 000. The government does know that we are serious, and the people of Glebe are a community that does care!

We thank the Glebe Society, and especially Alison McKeown for great support leading up to and on the Show day. Of course, none of us had ever put an event like this together, so especially for a bunch of amateurs, we were very happy with the success of this day. It could only happen because of the spirit of community in Glebe. On behalf of The Glebe Library Fund and The Glebe Show Committee, congratulations and thank you for a job well done!

**Tanny Iverach
Convenor
The Glebe Show**

Membership Renewals Due Now!

You will find a Membership Renewal Form enclosed in this Bulletin. Please return with your subscription as soon as possible.

If our records show that you have joined the Society in the last three months (that is, since 1st April), your membership will be automatically renewed until the end of June 1996.



For Your Diary

Tuesday 18 July, 7:30pm- Third runway update, at Apia Club **Sunday 13 August, 10am - 1pm -** Glebe Clean-up Day

Saturday 22 July, 2 - 3:30pm - Clean-up Day information, Glebe Town Hall

26 July - closing date for submissions for old Grace Bros site redevelopment

Sunday 27 July- concert at St Peters Anglican Church, Cooks River. Michael Deasey - organ works.

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