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Swish!

Join us on Sunday, 21st January at 12:30 at the Swish Cafe in Glebe Place (next to Macchiato Bar and Cafe) on Glebe Point Road. A great variety of food including delicious seafood dishes. Do please come and make the Sunday lunches a success in '96. I can really recommend Swish!

Ring Betty Wright on 660 1875 in January for reservations.



Ring Betty Wright to book for lunch at Swish! on Sunday 21 January

Planning Report

461-465 Glebe Point Road

A Development Options and Draft Development Control Plan (DCP) for the 461-465 Glebe Point Road site, at the northern (water) end of Glebe Point Road, has been sent to the Society, and I am in the process of evaluating its content. There are four suggested development options, with a Council-preferred option. I would welcome any opinions about the DCP, I have the planning report and the draft DCP, and they can be examined at the Glebe Town Hall until 31st January, 1996.

All residents are invited to view the submission and are able to make a submission about the DCP which should be addressed to:

The General Manager
Leichhardt Council
PO Box 45
Leichhardt NSW 2040

quoting Ref: T.7/36/15. Submissions must arrive by 31st January, 1996.

The Former Grace Bros site

There was a report in a local paper recently about a change of ownership of the company which has submitted the Development Application (D.A.). This was not quite true, as after a phone call to the company, my understanding is that there is now a partnership between the original company and a builder, this to increase the equity in the project. There have been no changes to the original plans. The project is awaiting the submission of a Building Application (B.A.) for the site on the west of Bay Street - the Model and Moxham Buildings. The B.A. process deals with such issues as fire safety, traffic flow and materials. For this reason it seems unlikely that the proposed opening in late 1996 will be reached.

Work has started on the former Homemakers' Store for its conversion into student accommodation. That D.A. was much less complicated than the one in our Council area, which involves a much greater level of restoration and complexity.

I heard a radio report a couple of weeks ago that the Sydney City Council has received a new proposal for the re-development of the Fairfax site in Broadway. I have spoken to the Planning Officer concerned with the proposal, and he explained that the D.A.

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has not yet been received. It will be advertised in *The Sydney Morning Herald*, but as I may miss this, please alert me if any of you see it, as I will have a look at the documents at the Sydney Town Hall. The development is not within our suburb, but it may be of interest to Glebe residents. I believe that the site may eventually contain a hotel, a convention centre, a supermarket, and a shopping area, and so echoes to an extent the development up the road.

57 Hereford Street

The buildings on this major building site bounded by Ross Street, Wigram Lane West and Hereford Street have been demolished, and construction should start soon. I have just received a notification from Leichhardt Council about a proposed change to the original D.A. I find this a little worrying, and I will check the documents at Council and make a submission if I think fit.

The Glebe Society's Past History

The Glebe Society shared a stall for the recent Glebe Street Fair. It occurred to me that some of our gains in "making Glebe a better place to live" have been barely documented photographically. For instance I was not able to find, after ringing a few members, any photos of the Bi-Centennial Park/Jubilee Park site before its conversion to public open-space; perhaps some newer members may not know what an unattractive area it was about 10 years ago. Then the only waterfrontage was from the small Pope Paul VI Reserve right at the bottom of Glebe Point Road. All of the remaining frontage to the west was occupied by derelict factories, a long-unused saw milling site, etc. The area across the canal, towards Annandale, was similarly unavailable for public use.

Perhaps some of our members may have photos which show these areas as they were then. If so please contact me (692 0071) and the Society will organise for copies to be made and the originals returned.

The New Glebe Library

Mavis, Christine Newton and I have been attending the Council's Library Committee, and a couple of weeks ago there was a meeting, at which the architect responded to questions about the building and open space plans. The proposal still has to undergo the D.A. and B.A. process, but we are hopeful still that the library may be a reality before the end of 1996. The idea of having a great deal of public input at the pre-D.A. stage can resolve many of the possible sticking points, as it is my impression that the Glebe Society should not have any significant objections or recommendations at that stage, these having already been aired at the committee stage.

I did suggest that a record of the project be kept, and of course this has been offered back to us. This idea ties in with my request (above) for photos of the former factory sites before the Bi-Centennial park was started. In the case of the new Glebe Library, there is a chance to document visually a significant restoration/development in Glebe.

My problem with this is that I do not have any particular skills in that area, except to be able to use a still camera. It may be best if someone out there could offer to make occasional video recordings of the development over the next year. For instance, the site as it is now, the interior of *Benledi* at the moment, the removal of the awful brick structure on the Glebe Point Road frontage, ditto fence removal, and occasional views of the new building. Is there anyone who could offer to do this, or who would be willing to loan a camcorder on certain occasions for recording purposes?

There is a fairly detailed documentary record via the committee minutes, our minutes, and the records of Christine and Tanny. It would be a nice idea for posterity, and should be backed up by a still photographic record, this for use by the Glebe Society. I will try to arrange a photo session some time early next year.

I have tried to entice someone, anyone, to do the same for the former Grace Bros redevelopment, but so far no takers. What a pity that the QVB and the Strand Arcade have not (to my knowledge) had any such

record made. Perhaps photos, but no video or film, I am pretty sure. If any member knows of a helper in this area of expertise, please let me know.

The Glebe Society has written to Council suggesting a list of research materials concerning Glebe, and which would help enquiries from the public concerning the history of earlier Glebe dwellers and the suburb's architectural content and history. Some of these requests may already be available for use in the new library. They include Max Solling's books, Bernard and Kate Smith's book, various microfiche histories, etc. I will ask the Management Committee whether we may, as a Society, help to fund some of these requests as the opening time gets closer.

A D.A. has just been advertised for the "Construction of Library". Comments must be received by Council by 27th December, 1995, quoting DA. 526/95. The documents can be viewed at Council's offices in Leichhardt.

Clean Up Australia Day

This annual event will be held on Sunday 3rd March, 1996. It was decided by the *Keep Glebe Clean* committee after the August day that we would reconstitute ourselves and organise a reinforced group to assist *Clean Up Australia*. This meeting is scheduled for 13th December. We have just received a notice from the *Clean Up Australia* organisation, with details of the day. Perhaps some of you may like to become Site Organisers on the day, or you may like to select a clean-up site. If you have any ideas, please write to the Society and we will send you a copy of the appropriate form, or request more information from Ms Lisa Oughton, Sydney Co-ordinator, *Clean Up Australia*, by phone on 552 6177 or fax on 552 4468. The address is: PO Box 45, Pyrmont NSW 2009.

If you wish to be a Site Organiser, especially in the Glebe Estate area, please contact Mr Steve Blaydon at Leichhardt Council on 367 9060.

Just as many Glebe Society members helped in our clean-up day in August, I hope that there will be a similar turn-out on 3rd March. I will be one of the Society's

representatives on the Council committee, and we will once again involve the Society in this worthy cause.

Traffic, Public and Private

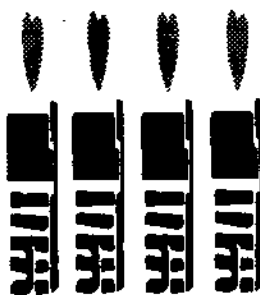
Over the next couple of months the Society will ask questions about the effect of the new Glebe Island Bridge on through traffic in Glebe, and write again about time-tabling details etc for our bus services. In regard to the bridge, we must request that traffic levels not be examined during school holidays, as the comparison should be fair, like with like, and hence should be measured in February or March next year.

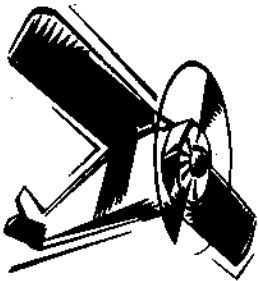
John Hoddinott

Aircraft and Glebe

We have some ideas for your Christmas shopping list. Here they are:

- "Songs from the Labor Heartland - Anything but Labor" CD Vol.1. \$10 Thirteen tracks including "Lullaby for the Children of the Flight Path" and "Aeroplane Jet Fuel". Available from a new group calling themselves Anything but Labor. Ph: 511 3167
- "Christmas near Sydney Airport 1994" numbered and signed prints by Pro Hart. \$150. All funds received will be donated to the Coalition of Council's airport campaign fund. Ph: Jeff McIntyre at Marrickville Council on 335 2180
- The Aircraft Noise and Other Complaints telephone number 667 9050, and fax: 667 9844 - an inexpensive gift for an inner-city friend.





- A donation to the Coalition of Councils' airport legal action. Cheques payable to Councils' Airport Fund. The address is: Coalition of Councils, c/-Marrickville Council, PO Box 14, Petersham 2049. Or donations can be made at any National Australia Bank. The account name is "Councils Airport Fund", Marrickville branch (082 356), account number 63 880 2299.

Councils have taken legal action on KSA's proposed development. You can see on the map, published in this Bulletin, that further development amounting to \$1 billion is planned for KSA. Councils have labelled it "salami development" because these slices of development, separate bits, have not been subjected to an overall environmental impact statement. What you see on the map would enable 20% more aircraft movements per year at KSA than the number "evaluated" in the third runway EIS. KSA would jump from projected 305 000 movements per year to 353 000 movements.

As an example of the amount of expansion sought at KSA, no fewer than 102 gates for aircraft are projected by the year 2010, from 33 gates in 1990. Councils seek full and proper environmental assessment whereas the Minister for the Environment, Senator John Faulkner, had declined to implement this course of action. Councils are keen to ensure that airport privatisation is not used as an opportunity for this development.

There are problems with the noise insulation scheme. Some residents are becoming vocal about the scheme as their homes are now being insulated against the effects of aircraft noise. They describe the feeling of being "boxed in" their homes. They resent the loss of some architectural details as the process of insulation takes place. They are not happy that home kitchens are excluded from insulation. They are examining hidden costs; it has been estimated that a householder's home maintenance and fuel bills may increase by as much as \$8 000 in a ten-year period due to air-ducting system operating costs, optional-extra air conditioning if chosen, and replacement of filters and other parts of the amelioration treatment when necessary. It seems the Fed-

eral Government does not plan to help householders with the bills.

The greatest concern of all is that the Government chose not to insulate according to the final noise management plan recommendations but instead chose a cheaper option based on aircraft noise averages. Therefore, whilst the Government has set \$26 000 for work on each home, it is not enough to meet the real noise exposure levels and comfort levels that people need. But in the final translation, from standards to implementation, the amelioration scheme has been described as "best of luck" for householders. Three tradesmens' quotes are arranged by the householder and the cheapest is accepted by the Government Department that is administering the scheme; the scheme is under pressure to be implemented quickly and residents are worried about standards of work being carried out in their homes.

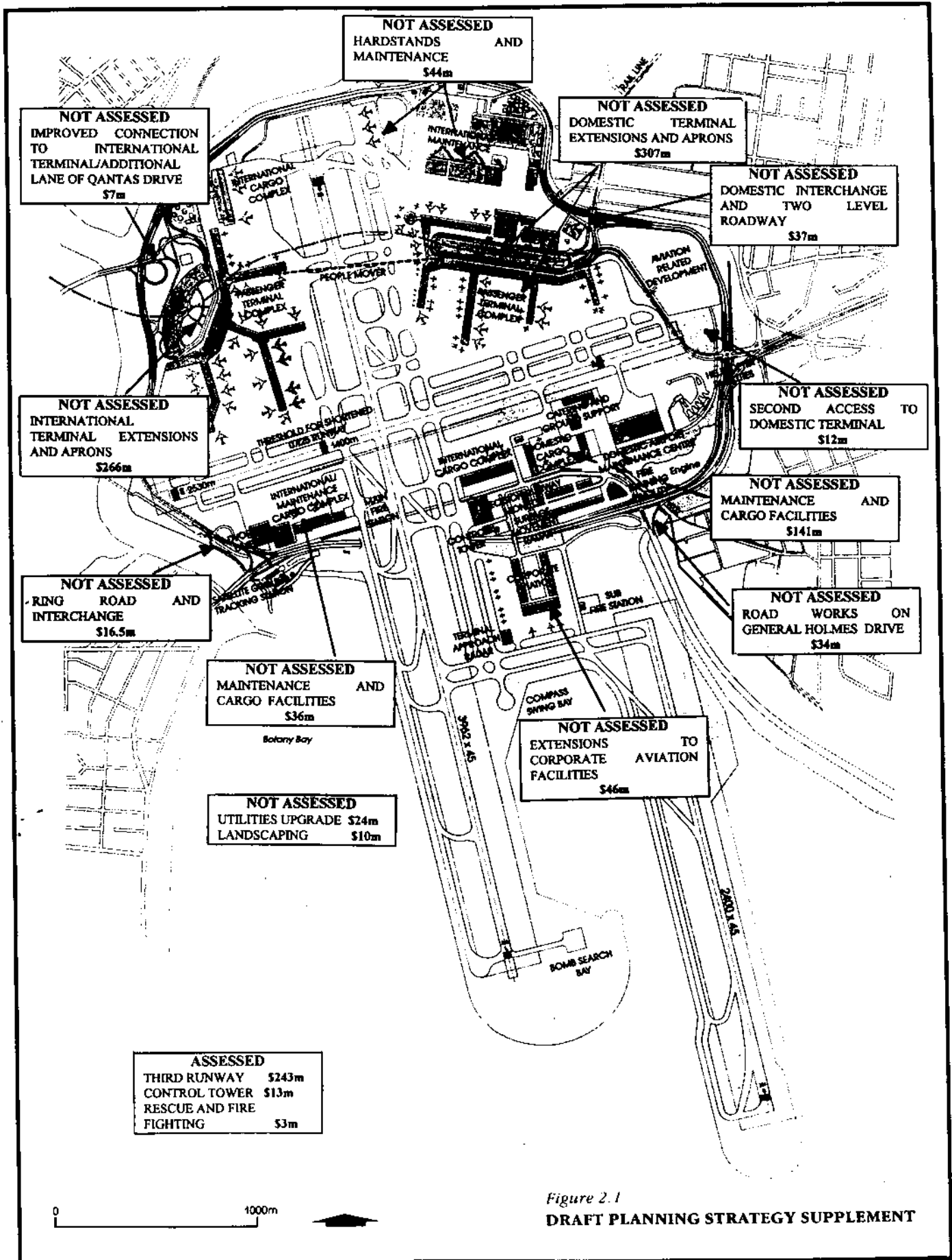
In summary, more money is required to carry out the scheme and it is the polluter who should pay. We mention graffiti that recently appeared on the sign outside Leichhardt Public School: "Aircraft Noise Insulation Project - A Federal Government Insult". When the graffiti is removed we are informed that the Government regards the project as an "Initiative".

The third runway first birthday airport blockade was a success. Demonstrators caused disruptions at the airport.

Ideas for 1996: It is suggested that people attend demonstrations and continue to write to politicians about the issue.

Alison Mc Keown

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT OF DEVELOPMENTS AT SYDNEY AIRPORT



For Your Diary

Sunday, 21 January, 12:30pm - Lunch at Swish!
See article on front page

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Costs:	Ordinary	\$25	additional household members \$5 each
	Student/Pensioner	\$10	
	Institution	\$30	

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