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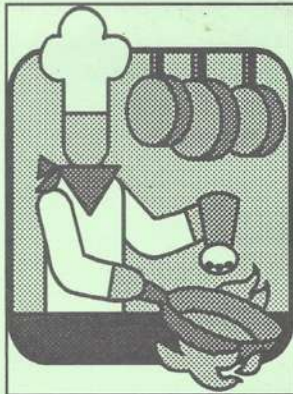
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Social Activities

Sunday Lunch

Jeanette suggested that our next Sunday lunch should be at Colors Cafe at the entrance to Glebe Point Road; you may remember that the cafe prepared the food when the Governor opened the drinking fountain in August last year, and the public seemed to find the food on that occasion very good indeed. I was thinking along the same lines as Jeanette, so let us try for Sunday 23rd February, for 12.30 pm. Please ring me at 9692 0071 by Thursday 20th, so I can book a suitable sized table. It may have to be outside, but that should be OK on a Sunday. It is licensed and BYO.



*Make your booking for
Sunday lunch now*

The New Glebe Library

Most of the roof is in place, and although rain has delayed the date for the end of construction by about three weeks, it is hoped that the library will be in use by the end of March. The official opening will be in April, probably on Sunday 20th. The date will be confirmed in the next Bulletin. The community will need to undertake some gardening once a month, say. I will have more information following the next Leichhardt Council Library Committee meeting.

The old house, *Benledi*, has been painted, and I had a chance to see the restoration, which has transformed the decaying rooms to a plain white, with replastered walls, windows that work, a simple cornice, and a central light cord in each room, etc. I am sure that Glebe residents will be excited by the interior. The new library space is very pleasing, being airy and friendly. Can't wait for it to open.

Clean Up Australia Day

This will be held as usual on the first Sunday in March, 2nd. I have offered to be a site organiser, and I welcome all the help that can be arranged. Leichhardt Council is pleased to be involved, as usual, and will provide workers and Council vehicles to collect accumulated garbage.

Helpers should come to Foley Park, cnr Bridge Road & Glebe Point Road, at or after 9 am. Please bring along, if possible, heavy gloves, strong boots, perhaps a trowel, and for your own protection, a hat. CUA and/or Council will provide garbage receptacles, such as heavy duty garbage bags. I believe that the area on which we should concentrate will once again be the Glebe Estate, roughly between St Johns Road and Broadway.

If any reader would like to be a site organiser apart from the above area, please call Clean Up Australia on 9552 6177, Freecall 1800 024 890. The headquarters will know about other sites in Glebe - typically there is one near the canal area. I hope that we will have a good representation from Glebe Society members.

John Hoddinott

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Planning Report

461/463/465 Glebe Point Road

It is my impression that the Council-organised Working Party to help decide the future of the sites will only have a couple more meetings, as the six parties have not moved very much from their original positions. I think that the Chairwoman, Cr Máire Sheehan, may decide to stop the meetings soon, and then the matter will revert to Council and the owner, with input allowed from the general public.

The major point of discussion was to try to achieve a uniform zoning over the three sites, which are currently a patch-work of different zonings, from residential to mixed use/commercial. In my opinion, the core issue is the future of 465. The owner has said that he wants to keep it as it is, but its residential potential is obvious. It is a very complicated matter, and I am still struggling to understand it all.

One gain has been that the tenants, one of the six parties in the group, have realised that the Glebe Society and the Precinct representatives are not opposed to them. The concern of the Society is the general wellbeing of the suburb. I think that the tenants are now aware that their future lies in the hands of the owner, as is his right under the law, and that other parties, Council apart, have very little power in the matter.

The owner's town planner has lodged a Section 102 amendment to an existing DA (DA 6/96), concerning 463 Glebe Point Road (the commercial property), requesting "an extension [of the] expiration date of consent from 2 yrs to 5 yrs". I have not made a submission about this as I believe that it will be considered at the next Working Party meeting, which will be held before you receive this Bulletin. I am unsure of what the ramifications of this S.102 may be, although I feel that it may not be a worrisome issue. You will be kept in touch.

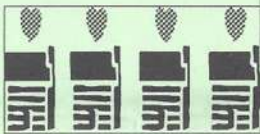
Historic Photographs

Some members may know that the Toxteth Hotel has a considerable number of photos of historic Glebe and some of its famous denizens. These are copies from Glebe's historian, (and Glebe Society Life Member), Max Solling's enormous collection of Glebe historical documents, photographs and memorabilia.

The hotel's publican, Shaughn Murphy, suggested that Society members may like to be given the chance to inspect the photos, and I am glad to say that Max has agreed to give us a tour. I haven't organised a date yet, but I think that a Sunday in March, about 11 am, when the hotel has not opened for the day, would be suitable. The constraints would relate to licensing laws, and I would guess that people under 18 would not be allowed, but I will check this, and supply a date for the next Bulletin.

As I have mentioned the hotel, please remember that one of Council's Precinct meetings is held at the hotel every month, the first Wednesday, at 7 pm. The Precinct is bounded by Wigram Road, Ferry Road and The Crescent, and all points north, up to the water. All are welcome, and the meeting is a very good way to raise issues which may concern you, or simply to hear about matters of local interest. Enter from Ferry Road. Details of the other two Glebe Precincts and their meeting times can be obtained from the Precinct Organiser, Ms Jasmine Payget, at Council on 9367 9046 or leave a message on 9367 9123.

John Hoddinott



Parking Meters in Glebe

As part of its Integrated Transport Strategy (and also as a potential revenue raiser) Leichhardt Council is considering the introduction of parking meters in the Municipality's main business centres. Glebe Point Road is one of the areas that could be included.

Previous proposals for meters were abandoned because of opposition by local residents and the local Chamber of Commerce.

The current proposal would allow residents to use parking meters in their own business centre free of charge, through the issue of car stickers similar to resident parking ones. Other users would be charged at a rate of \$2 per hour. The aim is to discourage long-term parking (e.g. by people driving to Glebe and taking a bus into the city), and to have a speedier turnaround of parking spaces for shoppers. Glebe's rate of "overstay" parking is quite significant.

Some of the questions raised by the proposal are: impact on nearby non-metered streets, mechanism for operating the resident parking system, appearance (especially in the streetscape of Glebe Point Road), current impact on Glebe of parking generated by the installation of meters in the Pyrmont/Ultimo area, feasibility of having current parking restrictions policed more effectively, need for some long-term parking (e.g. for people working in local businesses).

Council is currently consulting with the community and with the Chambers of Commerce. I would be pleased to receive comments from members on their reaction to Council's proposal so that I can forward our views on to Council.

Please phone me on 9660 7781 or drop me a note at PO Box 100, Glebe. Thank you

Jeanette Knox

Glebe Diggers Memorial

Stage one of the restoration of the Glebe Diggers' War Memorial was completed some time ago. Last year the memorial committee was advised of a dollar for dollar grant of up to \$6,000 under the NSW Heritage Assistance Program towards Stage two of the project which involves:

- casting the new Angel in artificial marble;
- restoration of the memorial's interior and the marble name plates;
- memorial stone with fountain cleaning and repointing;
- cleaning and repointing the two lamp stands.

To avail ourselves of the Heritage grant we must match it within certain strict time constraints in the first six months of this year. So the committee is looking to the local community to raise \$6,000 and complete the job. Every dollar contributed is worth two dollars towards completion of the work. All donations over \$2 are tax deductible.

A little background to the memorial. The search for a suitable site in Glebe began in 1919. The intersection of Glebe Point Road and Broadway was initially favoured, and then the corner of St Johns Road and Derwent Street. The Glebe Memorial Committee of Tom Glasscock (Town Clerk), William Brown (Headmaster of Glebe Public School), and designer of the monument, architect and local councillor William Martin, agreed in March 1921 to the Department of Education's offer of a portion of land adjoining St Johns Bishopthorpe, a conspicuous site fronting Glebe Point Road.

Graves near foreign battlefields were too far away for most wives, brothers and sisters, mothers and fathers to visit. Throughout the country public mourning was to be expressed in memorials. In NSW alone 516 such monuments were erected. The 1914-1918 war left a deep impression on Glebe residents and there was much local and voluntary initiative to honour those who enlisted and those who died.

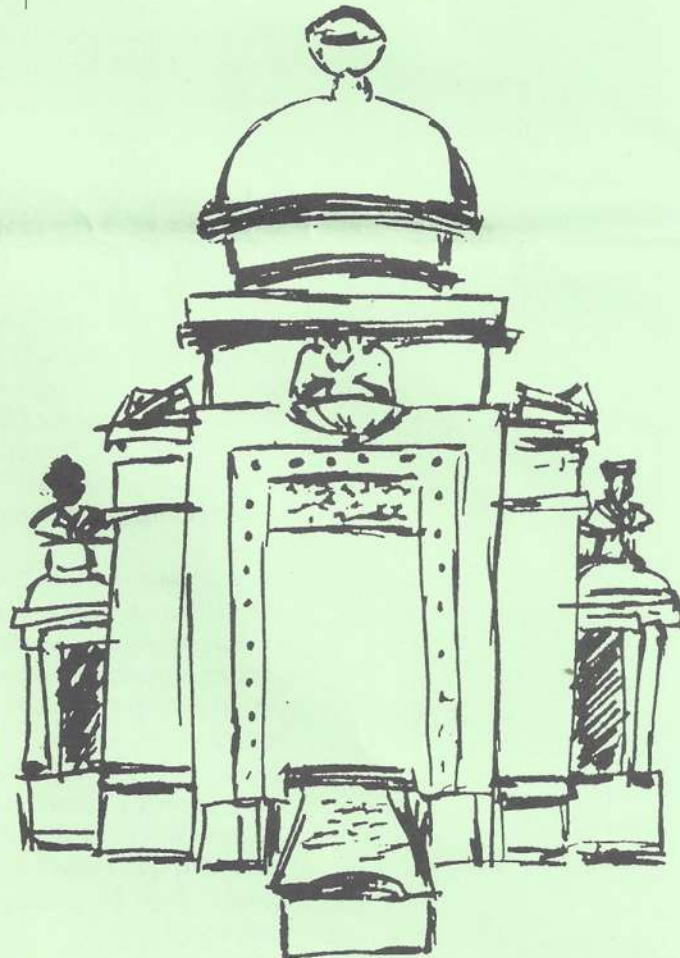
The committee erected an honour roll in the foyer of Glebe Town Hall and the names of

792 locals who "answered the call of King and Country" are etched in columns of bronze. The foundation stone to the memorial was laid by Lord Forster on 3 June 1921 and 2,500 pounds was raised for a memorial. William Martin supervised construction of a granite and marble mausoleum he designed, Egyptian in style with classical Greek touches. Ken Inglis' survey of memorials found the Glebe one to be the only one of its kind. On the top of the monument a bronze cross surmounted a granite orb, then a small cupola, a split classic pediment and within the mausoleum a bronze nurse watches over 174 names inscribed with gold lettering. The bust of the Digger was originally on a pedestal on the left hand side and the Jolly Jack of the HMB Sydney was on the right. A sarcophagus placed outside served as the foundation stone. The Governor General Lord Forster returned on Anzac Day 1922 to unveil the memorial.

The memorial appeal was launched by the Mayor of Leichhardt in October 1992 and the successful tenderers were The Traditional Stonemasonry Co Pty Ltd of Rozelle. The NSW Heritage Assistance Program provided \$13,800 on a dollar for dollar basis towards the completion of Stage one, which included replacement of the missing busts of the Digger and sailor, originally sculpted in marble at Odling & Sons, Surry Hills. Photographs of the original busts were used by the sculptor Kris Krawczyk of Traditional Stonemasonry Co to create the new busts and he is also sculpting the new Angel. Leichhardt Council has been very supportive, floodlighting the site and being a significant donor. The total cost of Stage one was \$30,180.00.

It is hoped the project can be completed in 1997 and a ceremony will be held to celebrate the occasion. The project has reached a critical stage and the support of the local community is sought to ensure completion of the work. Cheques should be made payable to Glebe Diggers' Memorial Restoration Appeal and sent c/- 17 Avona Avenue Glebe 2037. A receipt will be forwarded for all donations.

Max Solling



Report from Council

The views expressed by councillors are not necessarily those of The Glebe Society Inc.

On 16 December last, Council voted without dissent to appoint Graham Foster, Chief Executive Officer of the City of Elizabeth, South Australia, as General Manager of Leichhardt to replace Tony Woodward, who had been in ill health for some time. This completes the senior management team. Graham is keen to meet with residents groups such as The Glebe Society early in the New Year.

The Glebe Society has set a very high standard of forward planning in many areas, often with implications beyond Glebe and Leichhardt Municipality. As more of these ideas are furthered or implemented, we need to use the same kind of open and imaginative approach that characterised the thinking of The Society in the past and gave it its radical edge, especially in the provision of public facilities, which creates benefits for the whole community.

Examples of this innovative thinking can be seen in a number of areas where members are playing a prominent role, such as the development of sporting facilities. These include the all-weather hockey field within Harold Park (the first time this large open space area will become usable by the public), a proposal to provide basketball courts under the protection of the Rozelle Tram Sheds (adjacent to Harold Park), and the building of new premises for the Glebe Rowing Club adjacent to the old club at the bottom of Ferry Rd, now used by Sydney University Women Rowers.

Broadway Australia (redeveloping Grace Bros) has agreed to provide an indoor basket and netball court next to Minogue Reserve, which will also be greatly expanded as a park on Glebe Pt Rd. Glebe Public School has also agreed to my proposal to allow public access to an outdoor court to be constructed in the closed section of Derby Place. Out of school hours care has also been upgraded at the school on my initiative. Nearby in Ultimo on the corner of William Henry and

Harris Streets, the City Council has built a new multipurpose centre (also run by a Glebe Society member, Carol Yuen).

Residents are also very active in the embellishment of Bicentennial Park Stage II, which includes an elaborate adventure playground, and the National Trust Study for the Orphan School Creek, which with the proposed additions, will become the largest new area of open space in and adjacent to the Municipality, as well as pioneering bush regeneration and fauna conservation.

Society members play a key role, together with the Chamber of Commerce, in the revitalised Glebe Point Road Project and the Hardys Timber Yard Committee, and many of the ideas being thrown up are highly innovative. The Glebe Library Committee is carrying through my proposal for the old Homoeopathic Hospital site, and The Society is actively exploring the implications of an underground light rail stop at Glebe Pt Rd. The Glebe Estate is pursuing a community garden project.

This increased level of resident input is very encouraging: in terms of the number and quality of the projects it is the most exciting time that I can recall. Resident involvement is also increasing in other parts of the Municipality, especially Balmain and Rozelle. Council's new staff will develop strategies to involve residents even further, and in all areas.

Councillor Neil Macindoe.



For Your Diary

Sunday, 23 February, 12:30pm - Sunday lunch at Colors Cafe.
To book, ring John Hoddinott, 9692 0071, by Thursday 20 Feb.

Saturday, 1 March, 7pm - Progressive Diner Party, to help raise funds for the Glebe Diggers Memorial. \$ 35 - booking by 26 Feb, 9660 7781 or 9660 5119

Sunday, 2 March - Clean Up Australia Day

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Membership of The Glebe Society Inc

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

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Sydney Light Rail UPDATE



Sydney Light Rail Company Limited

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January 1997

Light Rail on track for mid 1997

Sydney's newest, most efficient and environmentally friendly public transport system will be running between Central Railway Station and the Pyrmont peninsula with the launch of light rail in the middle of 1997.

The long-awaited introduction of state-of-the-art light rail to Sydney is on schedule with the Ultimo/Pyrmont Light Rail route linking Central Railway Station with Sydney Casino, Chinatown, Darling Harbour and Pyrmont now more than three-quarters complete.

The major construction work for the Ultimo/Pyrmont Light Rail project has been completed, with the last section of track being laid in the streets around the Colonnade at Central Station. All the in-street track is fully welded and embedded in a rubberised grouting.

While there is still some tidying up work to be done in Hay Street such as finishing the kerb and pavement, the project has reached the next phase of construction with the installation of overhead wiring.

Poles have already been erected past the Capitol Theatre and along Hay Street and Darling Drive with work beginning on stringing and tensioning the overhead wiring in the quiet holiday period of January.

The wires and poles have been specially designed to blend into the existing streetscape. The poles are being shared with traffic lights and street lighting wherever possible.

The underground control system — necessary to accommodate the light rail system's advanced signalling and communications system — is also being installed but this is not expected to cause any disruption to the area.

Activities will now focus on finishing the stops which will be simple and uncluttered. This will include tiling, installing control systems and automatic ticketing machines which will be ready early 1997.

The Ultimo/Pyrmont system will have 10 stops located at Central Colonnade; Capitol Square, George Street; Haymarket; Exhibition Centre; Convention Centre; Gateway site; Sydney Casino; John Street Square; Fishmarkets; Wentworth Park.

Committed to community consultation

The Sydney Light Rail Company (SLRC) has met with key representatives of the Chinatown and Darling Harbour area to ensure they are briefed on the progress of the Ultimo/Pyrmont Light Rail.

An extensive public consultation process is also underway with city property and business owners over SLRC's proposal to extend the route through the Central Business District to Circular Quay via Pitt and Castlereagh Streets. This was identified as the preferred route in extensive feasibility studies which evaluated six options.

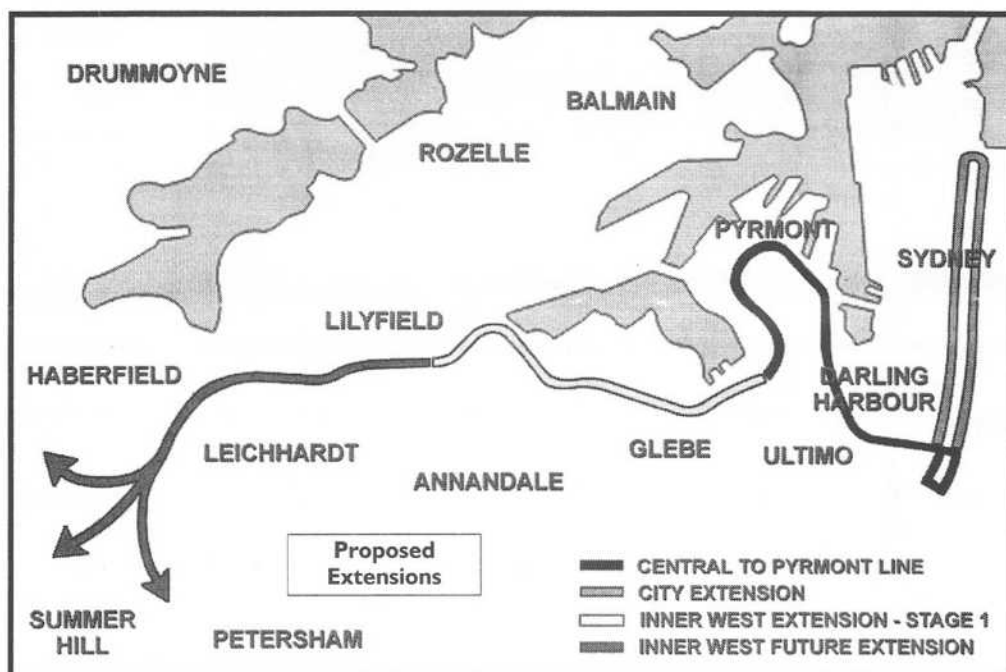
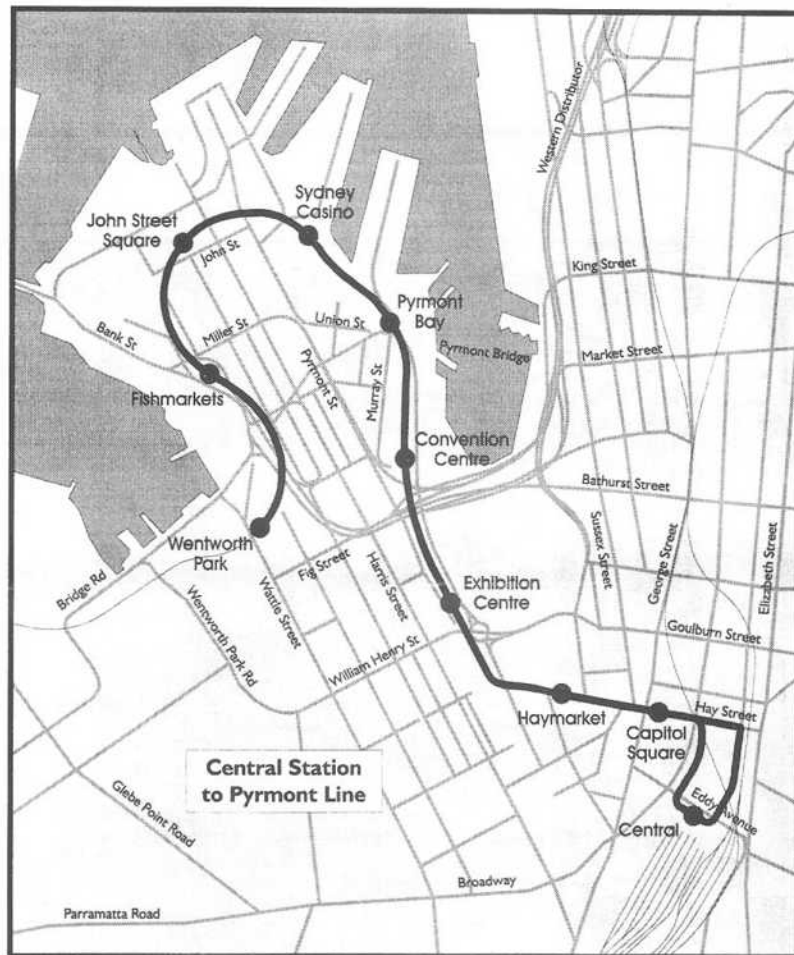
The proposed extensions will eventually take the system west to Catherine Street, Lilyfield, using the existing but unused rail corridor from Pyrmont to Glebe.

All feasibility studies have been undertaken jointly with the NSW Department of Transport.

If the extensions are given in principle approval by the State Government, all issues related to light rail will be addressed in an Environmental Impact Statement and community consultation.

WHAT'S NEW!

- ▲ Ultimo/Pyrmont Light Rail Project three-quarters complete with major construction work now finished.
- ▲ Poles erected past Capitol Theatre and in Hay Street and Darling Drive. Overhead wiring being installed in January.
- ▲ In-street track slab construction almost complete. Some rail still to be laid on the Central Colonnade.
- ▲ State-of-the-art underground control system being installed.
- ▲ Extensive public consultation process underway for the proposed extensions.





THE GLEBE SOCIETY INC.

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THE GLEBE SOCIETY INC
has pleasure in inviting you to
A PROGRESSIVE DINNER PARTY
on
Saturday, 1 March 1997

The Dinner is being held to raise funds for the completion of the Restoration of the Glebe Diggers' Memorial, in Glebe Point Road. The first stage of the work has already been completed, and stage two will see the restoration of the roll of honour within the memorial and the replacement of the angel on the roof.

Details: Guests are invited to assemble at 7 pm for champagne and hors d'oeuvre at Alison and Ted McKeown's, 397 Glebe Point Road.

Dinner will be served at

Mavis and Bill McCarthy's, 4 Boyce Street, and
Penny Haskins and Max Irvine's, 6 Boyce Street.

The houses are all within comfortable walking distance of each other.

Cost: \$35, including drinks

RSVP: By Wednesday, 26 February, 1997
(Enquiries to Jeanette Knox 9660 7781 or Mavis McCarthy 9660 5119)

Numbers must be limited to 40, so book early!

To: The Glebe Society Inc
PO Box 100
GLEBE NSW 2037

I enclose herewith \$ for people for the Progressive Dinner Party.

Name(s):

Phone: