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"IN GLEBE, WE HAVE A HERITAGE SUBURB ..."

Friends arrived back last week after three weeks in France. They stayed in a tiny village near Montpellier. The house they rented was built in the 1700s just opposite the church. They loved the feeling and character of a place with so much history. In France, they call it *le patrimoine national* - the national heritage.

Much of the charm of Europe lies in buildings and places preserved from earlier times. Heritage is essentially what has been handed down to us and what we hope to hand on. In Glebe, we have a heritage suburb. The people who built the early buildings here originally drew on European heritage as their source of ideas about houses, churches, universities and pubs.

You only have to look through *Historic Glebe* (the booklet recently updated by The Glebe Society) to see the many streets, places and buildings which have been kept; they give this area its character. Publication of this booklet with its wealth of stories is one way the Society helps the community find meaning in our heritage; it adds to our enjoyment of it.

The question is "What else can we do?"

The Glebe Society is vigilant in opposing destruction of heritage buildings. The NSW Heritage Council and Leichhardt Council have the teeth - nevertheless it is just as well to have a watchful community body.

Heritage is also about promoting appropriate uses of buildings and other heritage sites. That is perhaps an area where we can encourage activities which will give special sites new vitality - Bellevue in Blackwattle Bay Park, for example [see p7].

Heritage is not just individual buildings - the heritage feeling of an area can be destroyed by unsympathetic development nearby. For instance, the effect of the proposed new development at 461-465 Glebe Point Road [see pp4-5] on the houses over the road could be something like waking up to find an aircraft carrier permanently moored across the street. A massive monumental 'landmark' structure looming over the row of cottages opposite, which are built on a human scale.

Modern developments don't have to imitate the past, but they can find a relationship with the past which does not destroy the heritage feeling - as in Woolloomooloo, for example.

The community has to become more knowledgeable about the past so that we know the significance of what is there. Expert advice is important, but it is up to the community through groups such as The Glebe Society, to encourage sensible enjoyment and use of our heritage, to influence the 'powers that be' and, ultimately, to hand it on in better shape than we received it.

To do that, we need to develop a coherent philosophy, a plan and set of actions to ensure that everyone whose actions affect our heritage - the politicians, the bureaucrats, the developers, and all of *us* individually - cares properly for what has been entrusted to us.



Russell Stewart

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HIGHLIGHTS from the MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING



10 March 1999

New Constitution

Ted McKeown has prepared the second draft of the revised Constitution for consideration by all members of the Society, and a meeting to vote on the new Constitution is to be held on Thursday 22 April at 7.00 pm in the upstairs meeting room at the Toxteth Hotel.

All members are invited to attend (and perhaps stay on afterwards for dinner at the Toxteth Bistro - we will book a large table).

Environment

Chris Whittemore has spent much time inspecting local parks, and continues to compile environmental information.

The Society has written to the local police protesting about graffiti in the area. It is sad to see that a street painting in Toxteth Road was immediately defaced by graffiti vandals.

Heritage Project Team

We discussed what could be done in relation to preserving and enhancing the heritage of Glebe, and agreed that 'heritage' applies not only to buildings, but to open space, trees, signage, etc. We want to encourage developers and architects to consider the character of Glebe in any new development, and will work with Council to discuss guidelines. It's not about being caught in a time warp, but about keeping the integrity and philosophy of the area. (One member made the point that from the water, Glebe looks like a modern suburb.) We will also encourage ways of bringing vitality into Glebe. The first task of the Team will be to gather information.

Membership

It was agreed that our *Bulletin* is a valuable resource for the Society and for Glebe, and the size should not be reduced for reasons of economy. Rather, we will encourage more people to become members. It is a wonderful way in which to learn about, and get involved in, what is going on in this very special place. The more who contribute - rather than leaving it to the few - the better a suburb we will have. We will include new membership forms in a future issue of the *Bulletin* so that members can encourage friends and neighbours to join.

WHAT IS A CONSERVATION AREA?

Leichhardt Local Environment Plan 20 is a long document with many amendments and repetitions, but LEP 20's map clearly defines all of Glebe as a Conservation Area. I shall attempt to summarise what this implies:

A person shall not, except with consent of Council, demolish, renovate or erect a *building* within a Conservation Area...(where it) would be visible from a public road or public place. Council requires an assessment of the extent to which any development would affect the historic, scientific, cultural, social, architectural or aesthetic significance of the site or of the Conservation Area.

Similarly, a person shall not renovate or erect a *dwelling house* on land within a Conservation Area...in such a manner that...the external appearance of the dwelling-house will, in the opinion of Council... be incompatible with the external appearance of other buildings in its vicinity, or detract from the stylistic, horticultural or archaeological features of the site.

In both cases, this includes: the pitch and form of the roof; the styles, size, proportion and position of the openings for windows and doors; and the colour, texture, style, size or type of finish of the materials to be used on the exterior of the building or dwelling-house so that they are compatible with the materials used in any existing buildings on site and in the vicinity, and the external appearance of other buildings in the Conservation Area, in general.

Cynthia Jones

GLEBE IS A CONSERVATION AREA

LOMBARD STREET "MEET THE NEIGHBOURS" PARTY

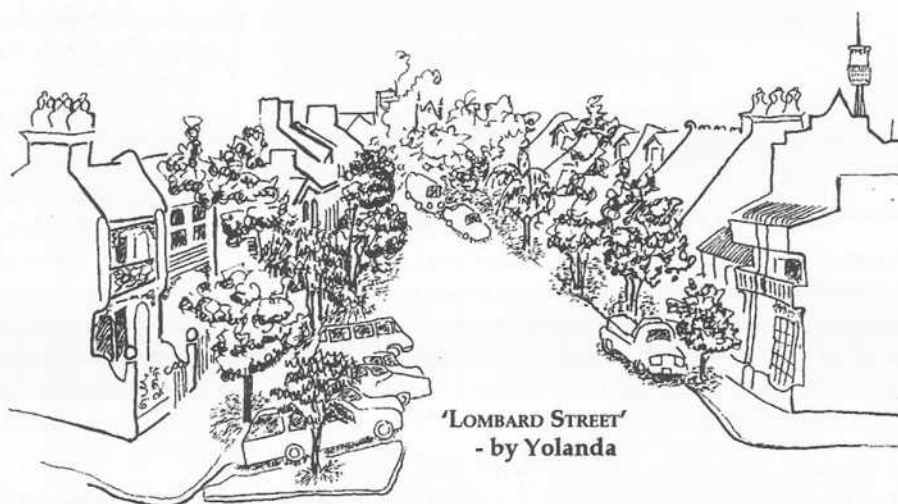
It was the simplest of street parties. A couple of picnic tables on the footpath, a dozen or so chairs, a little music and an invitation to 'bring your own drink and a plate of nibbles and meet the neighbours'.

From six o'clock people began wandering up, down or across the street to the 'meeting point', and introduced themselves to each other by name and/or house number. Some had lived in the street for more than thirty years, others for only a matter of months. All came expecting the gathering to be a success. Neighbours who had never spoken to each other before, although

they lived perhaps only a few doors apart, chatted and shared food and drink. By seven-thirty sixty people or so were crowded onto the footpath. Everyone seemed to be beaming and there was a wonderful feeling of goodwill, perhaps a reflection of the origins of the idea.

All who took part seemed pleased with the opportunity to find out more about some of their neighbours, satisfying their curiosity about newcomers and catching up by gossiping with longer-established residents. Car pooling arrangements were made and some work-related networks may emerge. One interesting aspect of

the picture that emerged from talking to such a cross section of the residents was how many people work from home on a part- or full-time basis.



The idea for the 'meet the neighbours' party grew out of a smaller Christmas drinks gathering and this was followed up a few weeks later by a 'planning breakfast'. Yolanda, one of the organisers, sketched the streetscape for the invitation card. The organisers set up the tables and provided plastic cups, plates and forks. The first party (we are sure there will be more!) involved only the old part of Lombard Street and Palmerston Avenue, but invitations for the next party (spring perhaps?) will include the units of the newish Lombard Estate.

One of the street's residents, Eva Cox, has suggested to Council in an informal way that every street in Leichhardt should have an area where its residents can meet, in order to encourage a sense of community. Lombard Street's wide footpath means it is lucky in this respect and it also has a park (where Palmerston Avenue was once a public road) and this has been used in the past for meetings to discuss issues of importance to the street, such as major development plans.

One of the best aspects of the gathering was the range of foods on offer - from sushi and steaming plates of home-made Italian pasta with mouthwatering pesto sauce, to Greek savoury pastries, dolmades, slices of quiche, crisps, cakes and fairy bread for the children. A portable BBQ was trundled up the street, so there were also sausages on the go. There was enough beer, wine and soft drink for everyone to become talkative but without a hint of discord or complaint.

In many ways it was a model street party, an interesting affirmation of the value of caring about your neighbours and wanting to express an often under-valued sense of community.

Derek Barton

HAPPY BIRTHDAY DARLING MILLS !

Last month, Glebe's Darling Mills Restaurant and the Adey Family (who are Society members) celebrated their tenth anniversary in grand style. About 200 people gathered to recall the ambitious and unique project which took so many years of planning, building and dreaming.

In part of her speech, Sara Adey commented on the co-operative ventures undertaken by the Restaurant and our Society, which have included music festivals, book launches, fund-raisers and celebratory parties. To the Adeys and staff, many congratulations and continued success!

Cynthia Jones

WHAT IS PROPOSED FOR 461-465 GLEBE POINT ROAD ?

The public meeting at the Glebe Town Hall on 4 March, convened by Leichhardt Council to discuss the DA for 461-465 Glebe Point Road, was very well attended. Of the 120 copies printed of the proposed motions, only about six were left undistributed, (and often one copy went to a couple). I estimate that more than 130 people attended the meeting, which was chaired by Cr Neil Macindoe.

The proposed, and slightly amended, motions put to the meeting were as follows:

That this meeting:

- 1) Welcomes warmly that aspect of the DA which dedicates public foreshore open space to Council, but asks Council to insist that the amount of foreshore public open space be not less than 3,500 m² as required under the new Leichhardt Town Plan.
- 2) Asks Council to pursue, possibly with the help of the NSW Ministry for the Arts, the matter of alternative accommodation within the municipality, for the artists and artisans using the site.
- 3) Finds the bulk and height of the proposed development unacceptable.
- 4) Asks that the following criteria, as a minimum, be adopted for the site:
 - the maximum floor space ratio be 0.7:1, as under the Local Environment Plan
 - the maximum height of buildings be 21.4m Australian Height Datum
 - the minimum setback from Glebe Point Rd be 4m
 - view corridors be distinct large gaps between buildings
 - that the on-site parking be capable of handling the inevitable high and large 4WD vehicles
 - the landmark tower block not be built.
- 5) Rejects any proposal for a marina associated with the site, while recognising that this matter is outside the control of Council.

All of these motions were passed without any serious dissent, by which I mean there were no voices raised against, though there may have been abstentions. However, the wording of the sixth motion could not be agreed upon before the meeting:

- 6) Requests that the on-site parking be increased to two vehicle spaces per unit, and that the visitor parking be increased from four to nine.

The contentious matter of parking was the only disputed issue of the evening. I spoke in favour of the Council's requirements of two spaces per apartment be adhered to.

IN SUMMARY:

The style of the apartments is such that they will attract a very well-to-do clientele, 33 of the 44 apartments are planned as three-bedroom units, and these buyers are often likely to have at least two, perhaps three, vehicles, and maybe a boat.

Under the rules of Council's resident parking scheme (although this is not in operation in that area at the moment), a household has the chance to receive two spaces; for every off-street parking space available to the household, the entitlement is reduced by one. Hence if every unit in the development, whatever its final shape may be, has two spaces on-site, none of the new residents would be entitled to any on-street parking, if and when a resident parking scheme is introduced.

While I would love to think that we could easily reduce our dependence on cars, as long as company cars are allocated within fringe benefits deals, we have to face up to the fact that many well-paid people would no more be seen on public transport than running naked down Glebe Point Road.

When the motion was put to the vote, my recollection is that 37 voted for increased parking on-site, and 32 against. It was tightly contested, and there were several abstentions. This is one issue that Council must consider very carefully. They are willing to receive submissions on the DA for some time, but I suggest that residents write in as quickly as possible. Address your letters or faxes to:

The General Manager
Mr Graham Foster
Leichhardt Council
PO Box 45, Leichhardt 2040

or fax 9367. 9111, marked 'DA for 461-465 Glebe Point Road'.

The DA documentation can be viewed at the Glebe Library or the Council offices in Leichhardt. Do please consider giving your view on what is still, in my opinion, a fairly unsympathetic proposal as it stands now.

John Hoddinott

A LANDMARK BUILDING AT GLEBE POINT

At the Public Meeting at Glebe Town Hall to discuss the DA for the site at 461-5 Glebe Point Road, the architect responded to the DCP22 which proposed a landmark building comprising a series of residential apartments, set back from the waterfront. The proposal contained a tower seven stories above the street line, as well as approx. 3200 sq.m. of public space to allow access around Blackwattle Bay. The tower was the same height as the buildings proposed for the upper portions of this large sloping site.

At the meeting many people disapproved of the building style, with the architect feeling it was most attractive and individual residents finding it unacceptable. Little progress can be made on aesthetic issues at public meetings, as they mostly involve assertions of taste that may or may not be shared by others. Not until the end of the meeting did one resident bring up that Glebe was a 'Conservation Area' and this DA did not conform with the spirit or requirements of such an area.

The fact that the architect either was unaware or unconcerned with providing a building in sympathy with the surrounding streetscape shows that The Glebe Society has not been successful in one of its goals of maintaining the heritage integrity of Glebe. The Conservation Area designation is the main weapon in defending the streetscape in Glebe, but it is barely known by residents outside the Society or by potential developers. Much work is needed to raise awareness of the goals and requirements of a Conservation Area.

One proposal long on the table is to ask Council for signs on the main arteries to Glebe, pointing out that one is entering a Conservation Area (we've had 'Solar' and 'Nuclear Free Zone' signs for ages!). Would this have a dramatic impact? Maybe not, but it would be a positive step and surely not too much to ask in order to preserve our heritage!

Ian S.F. Jones

"... THE CREATION OF PARKING SPACES LEADS TO AN INCREASE IN TRAFFIC."

At the public meeting on 4 March 1999 I asked the question "How many people here think that, for yourself, it is *necessary* to have two off-street parking places?" The number of hands raised were less than ten, in a meeting of approximately 70 people. Yet, when the motion to increase the number of parking spaces was put to the meeting, slightly more than half the people for it.

It seems that many people want increased parking spaces in new developments, not because they think it is necessary, but because they think that such a move will free-up on-street parking and give them and their friends more choice in where they park.

The response to the question also suggests that most people do not understand the link between parking spaces and traffic generation.

It is my general proposition that the creation of parking spaces leads to an increase in traffic. How do people think that cars get into parking spaces? Do the cars arrive by some Dr-Who-like transmat process? No, of course not - they are driven to and from the spaces.

A suitable mantra is that 'every parking space represents two trips'.

In the case of the 461-465 development, we can expect a significant reduction in the number of traffic movements generated by the development, compared with the present commercial use.

The estimates in the DA document show that the traffic reduction will be approximately 80%.

It would be folly for us, with the best but misguided intentions, to argue for a situation which will lead to a lesser reduction in traffic.

Anton Crouch

The following details are taken from the documentation describing and illustrating the proposal which is available for perusal at the Glebe Library.

Since late 1991, the owners of the site at 461-465 Glebe Point Rd (Southglen Investments Pty. Ltd. and Fetini Pty. Ltd.), have held discussions with Leichhardt Council, local community groups and the tenants of Blackwattle Studios regarding future development options.

For their current proposal they have engaged Don Fox Planning as Town Planners, Tonkin Zulaikha as Architects, Brian McDonald and Associates as Heritage Consultants, and Spackman Mossop as Landscape Designers.

This development application is for 44 dwellings and one artist studio; The 44 units are comprised of two 4-bedroom, thirty-three 3-bedroom, five 2-bedroom and four 1-bedroom dwellings. It includes a 'landmark' or 'identity' building of 7/8 stories. On-site car parking provides for 64 residential spaces, and four for visitors. A total of 3157 m² is dedicated foreshore public open space.

TRAFFIC MATTERS

Francis Street, near Minogue Reserve.

Leichhardt Council sought input on the partial closure of Francis Street, and the Society has advised in writing that we do not support change as we believe the present situation is working satisfactorily.

Access to The Broadway Shopping Centre is provided for Glebe residents, but traffic coming into Glebe from Broadway is minimised. Congestion is also minimised at the Broadway end of Glebe Point Road, since there is no traffic emerging from Francis Street to add to the queue of vehicles waiting, at busy times, to turn into Broadway. Nor are there hold-ups caused by vehicles wanting to turn right into Francis Street from Glebe Point Road.

The former Children's Hospital Site

A follow-up letter was sent to Council following the public meeting which supported a focus group meeting to discuss traffic problems in the area bounded by Wigram Road, Minogue Crescent and Bridge Road. There are existing difficulties in the streets within this area which will be exacerbated if the underground carpark for the development is accessed from Foss Street.

We have also supported a proposal to relocate the traffic lights now operating between Booth Street and the Lyons Road intersection to the proposed access road for the Foss Street carpark, i.e. Cross Street.

The new road through the development will have an intersection at Booth Street, and we have suggested consideration of a roundabout both at this intersection, and at the intersection of Wigram Road and Booth Street, in view of the amount of traffic along Booth Street.

A Glebe Shopping Bus

Last year we wrote to Sydney Buses about the possibility of a shopping/feeder bus in Glebe. This letter was acknowledged, but no further response has been received. Our follow-up letter prompted a reply, unfortunately in the negative.

There is, though, the possibility of a shopping bus from Pyrmont to The Broadway Shopping Centre, to replace the poorly patronised Route 468 (Pyrmont to Leichhardt Market Town). The State Transit Authority is awaiting approval from the Department of Transport for this new service. The mills of God - and the Department of Transport - grind slowly!

Jeanette Knox

Leichhardt LATM Study

At a special meeting of the Leichhardt Council Traffic Committee (LCTC) in early March, we discussed the six LATM (Local Area Traffic Management) documents, one per suburb, with the help of two representatives of the consultants, Geoplan. It was an opportunity for the various Precincts to air their views, but the turn-out was not good. Glebe was represented by Precinct 12/13 and with a written submission from Precinct 14. No-one from Annandale or Leichhardt attended, and unfortunately no police representative was present.

It goes without saying that, because of the peninsular effect and the proximity to Victoria Road respectively, the most contentious suburbs were Balmain and Rozelle; Lilyfield showed no serious problems, and much of their traffic difficulties will be alleviated to some extent by the opening of the second stage of the City West Link later this year; the proposals for Leichhardt did not seem to be too onerous.

In regard to Glebe some of the original suggestions have been dismissed. The roundabout at the corner of Wigram and Glebe Point Roads has been dropped, as has the one-way system suggested for Ferry Road and Forsyth Street. I voted to remove the no-left-turn restriction 6.30am to 9.30pm weekdays, from Mansfield and Bell Streets, but not from the three lanes - Bell, Mansfield and Church. This is to be a trial only. The matter of a shared (10kph) zone around Saint Scholastica's School is to be worked out by the local residents and the school, and is to include the matter of staff parking. No other suggestions raised hackles, and I would guess that much of the latest amended study will be accepted.

In regard to Annandale, there were questions about the three roundabouts suggested for Booth Street - at Trafalgar, Taylor and Annandale Streets. The idea of a partial closure of Piper Street has both very vocal support and opposition from residents, but the RTA is not in favour. It may be put in as a trial. It was announced that 50 kph streets would be introduced in the Municipality later this year, on streets such as Glebe Point Road, Wigram Road, The Crescent, Booth Street, Bridge Road, Johnston Street, etc.

Derby Place

At the LCTC in February there was an agenda item regarding an artwork project at Derby Place, near Glebe Primary School. There are currently four flower beds there, and the plan is to replace them with four truncated ceramic cones. The artist, Kathryn Sherer and Council's Cultural Planner, Anne Martin, were present to put their points of view.

Three of the four voting members (Cr Kate Butler, the police representative and me) had no trouble with the idea, but the RTA had some reservations. At the next meeting (the LATM, below), the chief Traffic Manager wanted to organise an on-site meeting, but the RTA representative refused point-blank to attend until the artwork conformed to RTA sight-line guidelines. This may mean a total redesign of the projected work, as unfortunately the RTA has the final word on matters such as this. I said that in my view the major safety problem was the selfish drivers who come out of Derby Place against the traffic - it is a one-way in street only.

John Hoddinott

Following a site meeting with residents and a representative of EDAW Pty. Ltd. on 14 December last, Leichhardt Council held a public meeting at Glebe Town Hall on 25 February to allow for an expression of views on preparation of the Plan of Management for Blackwattle Bay Park, which includes the derelict villa Bellevue.

[see *Bulletin* 1/99 p8]

THE LATEST ON BLACKWATTLE BAY PARK



Photograph by Chris Korgemets

BELLEVUE, in Blackwattle Bay Park

The public meeting was chaired by Councillor Neil Macindoe, and was attended by 50 people, including local MLA, Sandra Nori, and Councillor Mairé Sheehan. The acoustics were as appalling as ever.

The findings of a Community Research Paper prepared by EDAW, and based on their random survey of Glebe residents (including many children), were presented. There was some criticism of this research - principally that none of the residents who lived near the park, and who use it often, had been surveyed.

EDAW presented a landscaping plan that Council's Manager of Parks and Streetscapes, Vince Cusumano, estimated would cost \$80,000, and would require a grant. Residents of the units facing the park were in favour of planting native trees to attract birds; they also requested that some trees be thinned out to allow better views of the harbour. One person suggested that rather than redesigning the park (using money which the Council doesn't have), it would be preferable to improve its maintenance.

Several people at the meeting had helped to create the park, and the plaque unveiled at the official opening on 7 August 1983 names the community groups who fought for it, including The Glebe Society and the Building Industry Group of the NSW Labor Council. I had invited Jack Munday to attend the meeting; unfortunately he had a previous engagement, and asked to be kept informed.

Once again, the overwhelming feeling of the meeting was that residents held this small park in high regard and wanted it to remain intimate and tranquil. It was felt that as no other park in the area had these specific qualities, it should be protected.

With regards to Bellevue there were various suggestions, including a call for its demolition, and for keeping it as a 'ruin'. Bellevue is heritage-listed, which means it is of architectural significance, and subject to a permanent conservation order under the NSW *Heritage Act*.

I presented to the meeting a proposal made to The Glebe Society approximately six years ago to restore Bellevue as a private residence; the proposer has already restored two historic houses owned by Randwick Council, and he has recently confirmed his interest in Bellevue. The majority of those attending approved of this idea, as it would be free of cost to the Council and to the ratepayers, and would have the least impact on the park and the surrounding residents.

After more than two hours of presentations and discussion many people left (partly due to frustration with the acoustics). There was no time to present or vote on the Council's eight-point plan for Blackwattle Bay Park.

I will keep you posted - you are welcome to contact me on 9692. 0916.

Marianne von Knobelsdorff

25TH APRIL - ANZAC DAY 1999 - THE MICE OF MORESBY DISPLAY

The memorabilia of the men of the 55/33 Australian Infantry Battalion Association, the 'Mice of Moresby' is held in the Glebe Library, and will be on display from 19 - 30 April. The President, Alex Bell, will be in the Library to answer questions and guide visitors.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

The Rozelle Bay Community Nursery [Bulletin 1/99, p9] was worth looking for. Further along from Harold Park, it is tucked in beside Bicentennial Park. There is ample parking.

I was warmly greeted by Beth Buchanan, and introduced to the gathering, and was offered a very welcome cup of tea. Beth specifically focuses on plants indigenous to the local area as there is no remnant forest. By choosing truly indigenous species, rather than the West Australian native species, she hopes to lure back the wildlife of the area, particularly the native birds.

I arrived at the meeting on Friday 5 March to hear Tim Collins, Manager of the Randwick Community Nursery. He was very informative, giving sound advice. Tim inspected the watering system, storage, equipment, materials, seed bank (seed collections have all been under license) database and the plants; and offered many helpful suggestions. His recommendation was to purchase a digital Ph gauge to test the sites where plantings were proposed in order to ascertain the suitability of proposed plants. Elizabeth Dark manages the database which Tim indicated will give a great deal of information for future projects. At his next class on 12 March Tim spoke on propagation - it was a 'don't miss' event for all gardeners.

Peter Jensen led the Bushcare Group at Callan Park on Sunday 7 March and a Conservation Working Bee will be held there again on Sunday 28 March. No experience is necessary and all are welcome. You should bring gloves, hat, closed shoes, trowel, water bottle for drinking, and lunch. Children are welcome.

This hard working group is in urgent need of volunteers to undertake and maintain its worthy projects, which include the Federal Park Wetlands project to begin in a few weeks. Any offer of assistance would be welcome - phone Beth Buchanan 9660. 1304 or Elizabeth Dark 9660. 6227 for details and phone Peter Jensen for information regarding Callan Park volunteers.

Sincerely
Yolanda Birkenbeil

Dear Madam,

In the last issue of the local *Village Voice* Leichhardt Council's Director of Operations, Peter Head, is reported assaying that the Council 'had not received any complaints about the footpaths in Glebe' and that if they had, they 'would certainly look into using concrete'.

If that's all it takes to have the Council consider replacing the asphalt paving with longer lasting, safer and certainly more attractive concrete pavers, I'm sending a letter to Mr. Head today.

Can I encourage others to do the same?

Your sincerely,
Susan Wetherby



We are glad to publish letters or articles on any matters of interest to Glebe, on any topic raised in the Bulletin, or on any issues relating to The Glebe Society. Write to:
PO Box 100, Glebe 2037

Dear Madam,

Congratulations on your excellent article in the last *Bulletin* on the official opening of the extensions to Tranby Aboriginal College, and the article on the Reconciliation Day organised by the students of St. Scholastica's. The address by the architect Julie Cracknell was one of the most inspiring I have ever read. ...

Fortunately we residents of Glebe have the opportunity to make reparation for the misdeeds of our ancestors by becoming a Friend of Tranby. It's the least we can do.

Yours sincerely,
Ian Edwards

Dear Editor,

I am writing to say how much I enjoyed reading about the Tranby Aboriginal College in your report "The Building out the Back".

Julie Cracknell's words in celebrating the opening of the building, outlining the fascinating story of Tranby and the committed people who began it all, were truly inspiring. Its history, and continuity of activity, gives a status to the Glebe community especially significant at this time of reconciliation with the Aboriginal people, and I am glad that The Glebe Society *Bulletin* is aware of its importance.

Please continue to keep us up to date with more stories like "The Building out the Back" and "In the Spirit of Reconciliation". They make compulsive reading.

With best wishes,
Norma Hawkins

IN MEMORIAM

Older members of the Society will be sorry to hear that Hazel Williams died early in February this year. In the early days of the Society, Hazel was a member of the Social Activities Group, when it was under the leadership of Kate Smith. She was a regular member of the Monday Group before she left Glebe some years ago.



Our sympathies to Hazel's family and friends.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT KINGSFORD SMITH?

Two things are of concern at the moment: the Commonwealth Government's intention to exempt the airport from the scrutiny of the Public Works Department; and the request from Airservices Australia that the airport itself, the Sydney Airport Corporation, should take over control of decisions regarding airport noise in Sydney. We regard both of these developments as unhealthy and totally unacceptable.

While preparing letters of protest, the Society learned that the Federal Finance Minister, John Fahey, has acquired an additional title, that of 'Shareholder Minister for Sydney Airport Development', leaving the Transport Minister, John Anderson, to look after Airservices Australia and safety matters. So it seems Sydney (Kingsford Smith) Airport development resides with the Finance Minister and we must insist the Public Works scrutiny continue.

The new Federal Member for Sydney, Tania Plibersek, informed us that a fourth runway has been costed by Treasury. There is a little bit of *deja vu* operating here, though as we recall, the now defunct Federal Airports Corporation was rumoured to have had a fourth runway plan some years ago, when the previous (Labor) Government held office.

Alison McKeown

STRATEGIC CULTURAL PLANNING FOR OUR MUNICIPALITY

Two days after the March Management Committee meeting Ann Martin, the Cultural Officer at Leichhardt Council, called a small meeting to discuss Strategic Cultural Planning in the Municipality; two members of the Society attended.

Her focus was on ideas, and ideas flowed regarding better use of the Town Halls, music in parks, studios for artists, cafés near the harbour, guidelines for developers, an information centre for those coming in to Glebe, a Glebe art gallery, better transport, and so on.

Even if only a fraction of these ideas come to fruition, the suburb's vitality will be enhanced, and it is exciting to know that the Council is being proactive in this area, and that they, too, want it to be a lively and stimulating place in which to live.

Our new Heritage Project Team will work with Ann to discuss and develop ideas.

Chris Stewart

NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

To celebrate International Year of Older People, Leichhardt Council has a range of activities planned throughout the year, including:



Internet for Seniors on 25 and 31 March
at 9.30 am at Leichhardt Town Hall
Morning tea provided
Bookings essential - phone the Library

Activities for children during school holidays include:

A Magician Workshop at
Balmain meeting room
370 Darling Street
Tuesday 13 April at 11 am
tickets available at the Library, cost \$5

An hour of Madeline films
Thursday 8 April at 4 pm

An hour of surprise films!
Thursday 15 April at 4 pm -

For further information visit or
phone the Library on 9367. 9262.

ERRATA - Bulletin 1/99

- On our front page, we say that the development planned for 461-5 Glebe Point Road has 33 four-bedroom units; this should read 33 three-bedroom units (there is also an inexplicable grammatical error by the editor in this article).
- Please note: Glebe High's Multicultural Night is to be held at the School Hall on Tuesday 30 March, commencing at 6pm. Confusing information about the date was given in the article on page 3, on the Notice Board and in the Diary dates.
- The Reconciliation Day organised by St. Scholastica's College in November 1998 was held at their College, and not at Tranby (p5).
- We neglected to say that the photograph of members of the Sydney University Women's Rowing Club reproduced on p11 was taken by Society member Chris Korgemets, and also that the Club is a member of the Society.

Notice Board

LEICHHARDT - A TOUR OF DISCOVERY

Sunday 18 April
10.30am - 3.30pm

Join historian Dr. Peter Reynolds for a day of surprises and variety. A delicious picnic lunch in Pioneer Memorial Park is included in the cost. Plenty of walking, so wear comfortable shoes, a hat, and BYO drinks.

Cost \$24 adults/ \$20 concession

Booking essential, ring Angela Raymond or Betty Mason at the Total Environment Centre - 9299. 5599. Maximum 25 people.

An excursion to stimulate the imagination!



Historic Glebe

Our updated walking guide is now available from the Society or from Gleebooks at a cost of \$5.

FREE ENGLISH CLASSES

commenced 23 March at Glebe
Neighbourhood Centre, Town Hall.

More info - contact Outreach on 9335. 2548

GLEBE ESTATE COMMUNITY CHURCH

OP SHOP

is located at 133 Glebe Street
(on the corner of Norton St).

It welcomes donations of clothing, books and household goods, which can be left at 135 Glebe St. if the Shop is not open when you call.

Usual opening hours are:

Monday	10.00 - 2
Tuesday	9.30 - 2.30
Wednesday	9.00 - 1
Thursday	9.30 - 2.30
Friday	10.00- 2

It is staffed by volunteers and any profit goes back to the community.

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MAPPING OUR HISTORY

The Federation Community Project Program, under which the Society applied for a grant to produce a celebration of Glebe's social history (see *Bulletin* 9/98) extended the deadline for receiving applications. Consequently the successful applicants will not be advised until May of this year (not Feb/March, as reported).

LEICHHARDT HOME MAINTENANCE AND MODIFICATION SERVICE

\$15/hour for aged pensioners

Leichhardt Council has employed a handyperson who will undertake work for aged pensioners who live in their own homes. Small maintenance work, painting and all types of gardening services are available. For more information, or to make a booking please call:

Leichhardt Home Maintenance
and Modification Service
9818. 7956

For Your Diary ...

Sunday	28 March	Rozelle Bay Community Native Nursery Conservation Working Bee at Callan Park, see Letters, p8
Tuesday	30 March	Glebe High Multicultural Night 6 pm School Hall [erroneously given in last <i>Bulletin</i> as Monday 30 March]
Wednesday	14 April	Glebe Society Management Committee Meeting 7.30 pm - Toxteth Hotel Meeting Room
Sunday	18 April	Leichhardt - A Tour of Discovery 10.30 am - 3.30 pm - see Notice Board
Monday	19 April	Mice of Moorsby - Anzac Day Display at the Glebe Library - running to 30 April
Thursday	22 April	Glebe Society SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING - members only 7.00 pm -Toxteth Hotel Meeting Room (and stay on for dinner in the Toxteth Bistro)

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