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WORK TO START SOON ON LIGHT RAIL EXTENSION

Construction of the western extension of the Light Rail network through Glebe will begin in the next few months, and will be complete by mid-2000.

The Minister for Urban Affairs and Planning has given planning approval for the project, and the Department of Transport is fine tuning details - largely the funding of changes resulting from the public consultation process - with Metro Light Rail. The Government is contributing about \$16 million to the cost of the extension to Lilyfield.

In the case of Glebe, a significant change is the incorporation of pedestrian access from the eastern (Wentworth Park) side of Bridge Road to the Lower Avon Street stop (see August/September 1998 Newsletter). This will comprise steps up to the level of the existing railway bridge from the vicinity of Railway Street, and a walkway along the side of the bridge to the stop. The Minister's approval requires construction of a lift for disabled access at a later date.

The total planned construction period is 10 months. This is quicker than Stage 1, and is possible because the extension will be built on the old Darling Harbour

railway line. New construction will comprise mainly the tram stops and overhead wires.

Progress is also being made towards a decision on Stage 3 - the extension of the system beyond Lilyfield. The Department of

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Transport has completed a feasibility study on extension to destinations ranging from Leichhardt to as far west as Ashfield. The study will not be made public until after it has been considered by the Minister for Transport, but it is understood that it is confirmed that there are no technical difficulties. Presumably this means trams can share the existing goods line with trains serving the Rozelle goods yard. The fate of Stage 3 will depend on whether the extension is likely to make a profit.

Further good news is that the city extension is not dead. However, it still seems unlikely that it will be built until after the east-west city traffic tunnel under Market Street is completed. I understand the Government wants the proposal to be reconsidered in the light of other changes which have occurred in the city since the original proposal was drawn up.

The main new factor will be the effect which the tunnel will have on city traffic, and consequential changes to bus services. It seems likely that the route proposed in the current design will be scrapped. One new idea which could be considered is to replace Castlereagh Street bus services with a two-way light rail service connecting Central Railway and Circular Quay.

Bruce Davis

HEAR THE LATEST ON LIGHT RAIL

The managing director of Metro Light Rail, Mr Kevin Worrall, and Mr Trevor Townson of Department of Transport, will brief the Society on latest developments on 8 September at 8 pm in the Toxteth Hotel meeting room. All welcome. A reminder will appear in the next *Bulletin*.

HIGHLIGHTS from the MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING



9 June 1999

Membership

The Society is looking at ways to increase membership. Ideas of putting membership forms into the offices of local estate agents so that all new people moving into Glebe would receive one, of putting forms in the Library, and of having a Saturday morning stall on Glebe Point Road have been accepted as useful ways of increasing awareness of the Society and what it does. In a coming *Bulletin* a membership form will be included which can be passed on to a friend. Please think about anyone you know who may be interested in joining.

Decals

A reprint of the sticker of the Society's logo has been arranged. Current members would receive one as a thirtieth birthday gift from the Society. Non-members will be able to buy them for \$2 each.

Fund-Raising

The idea has been put forward of having a person or group on the Management Committee responsible for fund-raising. It would be an interesting project to be involved in, and anyone who would like to be involved is asked to put their name forward for election at the AGM which will be held on Sunday 29 August.

Litter Committee

Our Rubbish and Litter Project Team has informally approached Council employees about bins in parks for dog poo, about having banks put larger bins outside for the collection of bank slips, and has also identified rubbish engendered by The Broadway Shopping Centre, following a joint meeting. The Commonwealth Bank has already promised larger bins in place in a few weeks.

Minogue Reserve

Neil Macindoe reported that planting of the Reserve and building of basketball courts should commence soon.

Progressive Dinner

This year's Progressive Dinner will be held on Saturday 31 July; details and a booking form are enclosed with this *Bulletin*. The cost is \$45 per head for a three course dinner and all pre-dinner drinks and wine. The theme is a Celebration of the 30th Birthday of The Glebe Society.

Fieldwork in Glebe

Jeanne Ellard attended the June Management Committee meeting. She is the doctoral student mentioned in the last *Bulletin* who is doing fieldwork in Glebe as a requirement of her degree in Anthropology at Sydney University. Ms Ellard is focusing on community, family, relationships and everyday life in an urban environment, and her research is one in a series of projects on urban life in Sydney which has been conducted over a number of years.

Because of its long involvement in Glebe (since 1969!) the Society is happy to be included in the research.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

As we approach August, so we start to prepare for the Annual General Meeting of the Glebe Society. Whether it is the prospect of sharing a pleasant glass of wine in the back garden, on a Sunday morning when signs of spring are starting to appear, these annual meetings have been well attended in the past few years.

As well as a friendly gathering, it is the time when the members make decisions about who will be running the affairs of the Society for the ensuing year or two. This year we will be looking for a new treasurer, as well as a new secretary. I don't know if it is just my imagination, but everyone I know always seems to have a lot on their plate. Those are the kinds of jobs which have people wondering how they would find the time.

Having said that, being involved with the Glebe Society has been one of the most rewarding things I have done for a long time. I find meetings of the Management Committee are stimulating, covering a great variety of issues. You have people with diverse backgrounds, many of whom have not only a great commitment to this special part of Sydney we share, but also know a lot about the history of the Society and of Glebe. Being on the Management Committee has certainly made me far more aware of what is happening in this area.

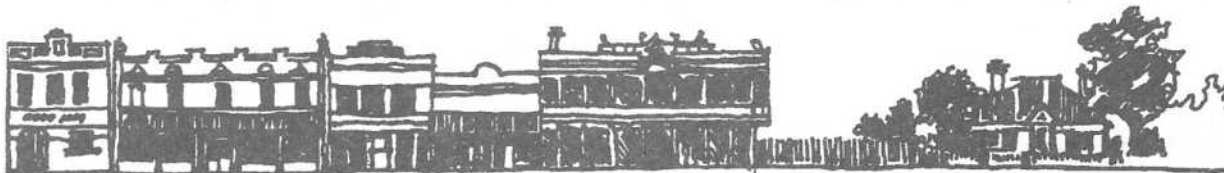
I have also become aware that the Glebe Society is listened to - it has considerable potential for influencing future development.

They say that if you want something done, it is best to ask a busy person to do it. It would be good to have some more new people involved on the Management Committee - I hope a few might read this and think - if I am busy, maybe this is a good reason to take on one of these roles.



Russell Stewart

THE GLEBE POINT ROAD STREETSCAPE COMMITTEE wobbles ON ...



BACKDROP

In the last *Bulletin* [4/99, p3] Neil Macindoe described the nonsense of Council's return of a \$10,000 artwork grant for the street and then re-creating the committee into something it already was: to make it a 'sunset committee' and to 'open it to the community' ...

Council members did not seem aware that the Committee already was a 'sunset committee' (i.e. a committee set up for a special purpose which would come to an end when that purpose was achieved) and that it was already open to – and well represented by – the community. It already had reps from the Chamber of Commerce, the Glebe Tenants' Association, the precincts and the Glebe Society (whose member, Ian Jones, kicked things off in 1989 with the original successful funding application) – and anyone else who wanted to attend.

However, this re-creation did have the effect of ensuring that the representation of these community groups is now *not* recognised, as well as removing the chair, Cr Macindoe, when it was being well chaired ... well done.

As we are just short of seeing some of the outcomes of the last ten years of the Committee's sometimes longstanding debates and recommendations, the Glebe Society reps (Ted McKeown and myself) have decided to stay on for the time being but with a jaundiced view of some councillors' support for Glebe.

WHAT NOW ?

One of the reasons people move to or live in Glebe may be that they think it has some individuality and creativity ... To demonstrate this, if you've walked by the post office, you may have seen the very individual and creative new tiles, made by

local people at tile-making workshops run by local artist Bronwyn Kemp. Further down the road, the boxing gloves in the pavement outside Gleebooks are soon to be backlit.

... Following this, we are getting unique cast-bronze seats made by a foundry in the Eveleigh Locomotive Workshop... watch out for them in the next few months: we are assured by the foundry they will be "outstanding works and worth the wait".

And there's more ... landscaping in Minogue Reserve is on the way. One unresolved issue is the continuing saga of the closure of Francis Street. Unless we are very vigilant, Minogue Reserve will be reduced to a nature strip next to an exhaust-belching, noisy two-way traffic conduit for cars leaving as well as going to The Broadway Shopping Centre – with a predicted 431 car movements an hour. This will be the subject of a future column.

Meanwhile, stage three of the tree planting program is starting, with removal of 16 and planting of 21 replacement trees (selected after numerous community meetings). This is in addition to the footpath upgrade, lighting upgrade, upgrade of the Bridge Road intersection and, possibly, a noticeboard or two so people will know what's happening.

The appearance of the artworks has been through support of Council's Cultural Planner, Ann Martin; Vince Cusumano and Vince Caccavo have been administering the engineering works, with ongoing input from Matthew Taylor, DM Taylor Landscape Architects, who prepared the streetscape plan.

Come to a meeting – the next one is at 7 pm on Thursday 15 July at Benledi – call Vince Caccavo in the Engineering Department on 9367. 9222 for more details.

Fiona Campbell

MEMBERSHIP REMINDER

Membership of The Glebe Society Inc. runs from July to June each year.

A renewal form was included in the last issue, and we would be very glad if you would complete the form and return it to:

PO Box 100, Glebe 2037

Both the Glebe Society and the Glebe Chamber of Commerce protested to Council about the process by which Kathryn Sherer's GLAEBIA artwork, which was to be installed in Derby Place, was rejected.

The Chamber, which had spent considerable time and energy initiating the various Glebe Point Road artworks, was "dismayed that a project of such significance for Glebe was rejected" and asked for the decision to be rescinded; the Society was concerned that Councillors were acting as "arbiters of good taste". [Ed.]

SAVE THE TREES!



Leichhardt Council has updated its Tree Preservation Order (TPO) under the provisions of the *Environment Planning & Assessment Act, 1979*; it was adopted at the Council Meeting of 23 February 1999, and applies to the whole of the Municipality.

The aim of the TPO is to conserve and enhance the tree cover, understorey, ground covers and general landscaping of our municipality for its ecological, climatic, amenity, economic and aesthetic/ cultural values.

RATIONALE FOR THE TPO

Vegetation, particularly a mature tree canopy, is essential to the character of the Leichhardt suburbs, shaping its skylines, former natural creek lines and foreshores.

Existing trees should be conserved as far as possible. If their removal is unavoidable, they should be replaced. Wherever opportunities arise, new trees should be planted so that all properties in both the public and private domain contribute to a shared landscape.

Landscaping to frontages should provide a decorative setting to buildings as part of the streetscape. In this context, formality, decorative

EXEMPTIONS

Formal notification to Council is not required for the removal of dead timber or torn limbs or minor trimming of the canopy including branches up to 100mm in girth – this should be done by making the final cut against the collar at the junction of two branches to avoid damage to the collar.

Pruning may also be carried out without application when it complies with the Australian Pruning Standard (explanatory notes are available on application) and when there is dead timber or torn limbs. *Minor trimming of tree canopies and root systems is permitted in order to reduce interference with structures (not more than 10% of the canopy or branches with a diameter of not more than 100mm) and for remedial measures such as the insertion of root barriers.*

COMPLIANCE

Work may be carried out after seven days written notice to Council when the pruning complies with the above mentioned Pruning Standard and the work *must* be carried out by a qualified arborist (or tree surgeon). Removal of dead or dying trees must also be certified by an arborist. Notice to Council is required when a 25% canopy reduction is sought and the tree lies wholly within the property – if it partly overhangs another property, written consent of that property owner is required.

All other work, including ring-barking, cutting down or removal of trees, requires the consent of

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qualities and cultural plantings may be more appropriate. Conversely, landscaping to rear gardens should be less formal with scope for more substantial plantings to screen and protect, as well as provide, a shared landscape and habitat in a more natural, softer environment with greater scope for wildlife and indigenous planting, including large trees.

Landscaping, in terms of design, plant material and size, should retain and complement the natural features of a site such as ridgelines, valleys, exposed rock and watercourses.

PROTECTION OF TREES

These controls apply to the removal or killing of trees over six metres high, with a minimum diameter of 300mm measured one metre above the ground, apart from the excluded species below:

Bamboo (all species); Genus *Eriobotrya* (loquat); *Ficus Elastica* (rubber plant); Genus *Liqustrum* (including large and small leaved privet); Genus *Musa* (banana); *Nerium Oleander* (oleander); Genus *Rhus* (rhus).

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To increase awareness of these practices lopping or pollarding is defined as the cutting of branches or stems between branch junctions on young trees. This is prohibited because:

- it increases the rate of shoot production and elongation;
- the resulting regrowth is weakly attached and becomes prone to failure or collapse;
- the stubs may decay;
- the natural habit of the tree is destroyed;
- it may reduce the lifespan of the tree; and
- it predisposes trees to fungal infections and insect attack.

Pollarding, specifically, is cutting back trees to just above the same point every one to three years resulting in the production of multiple shoots.

Further information and application forms for removal or pruning of trees can be supplied by Council's Customer Service Centre on 9367. 9052.

Cynthia Jones

THE LATEST ON HAROLD PARK ...

Almost five years ago, on 13 September 1994, Council approved extensions to Harold Park racetrack. For many years Harold Park, like Wentworth Park, had been in decline and this was reflected in its appearance and facilities. On a number of occasions the Harness Racing Club had sought to move to a site closer to its patrons, but these efforts had failed because of costs.

No doubt a number of residents living nearby would have been happy to see them go, but even if they had been able to afford the move, the residential redevelopment of the site would have had a considerable impact.



WOULD YOU LIKE TO STAND FOR ELECTION TO LEICHHARDT COUNCIL? Nominations close on 11 August 1999

Local Council elections in NSW are scheduled to take place on Saturday 11 September, and the Local Government and Shires Associations of NSW will hold a pre-Election Seminar for Local Government at:

Leichhardt Town Hall
Cnr. Marion and Norton Streets,
Wednesday 21 July from 6.30 – 9.30 pm.

This free 3-hour seminar will inform those who may be considering standing for election about the system of local government in NSW, the role of the councillor, how to nominate for election, and some aspects of life as an elected representative, and comprehensive booklets are available.

For more information, or to book your place at the Seminar, please contact Warwick Russell at Leichhardt Council, ph: 9367. 9122.

Council's Web page is at -
www.mycommunity.com.au/leichhardt/
email address is - leichhardt@lmc.nsw.gov.au

COUNCILLOR MACINDOE REPORTS

Council was keen to secure benefits to the community from the extensions. It insisted on the removal of the unsightly concrete block perimeter wall and, for the first time in the history of the site, required a proper landscape plan. Parking in the centre was increased and made accessible at all times. In order to secure the use of the site for the benefit of the community, it also imposed a condition that the historic Glebe

Hockey Club be allowed to construct an all-weather field in the area surrounded by the track.

After five years the track is extended but the hockey field is still not built, and the limited benefits of the landscaping are overwhelmed by the visual bulk of the extensions and huge advertisements. Relations with the community have never been worse.

On 29 April, Harold Park management again approached Council with conceptual plans for further expansion. These plans, which at this stage just indicate proposed areas of development, include the provision of a sports leisure centre in front of and within the tramsheds (over which the club has a lease) and the building of new stables and members' rooms, which sound to me very much like a hotel. They do not include extensions to the track.

The Councillors present were concerned about the so-called members' rooms, which appear to be contrary to the zoning of the site, the need for community consultation, resident access to the leisure centre, and protection of the heritage-listed tramsheds; most of all they made it clear that no proposal would be considered by Council until the hockey field is built.

The Harness Racing Club and the Glebe Hockey Club are at opposite poles: the former is dedicated to gambling, and has large resources and access to large sums from the Racecourse Development Fund, while the latter is an amateur sporting club whose resource is the outstanding skill and dedication of its resident members. The General Manager of Council has had discussions with both groups, and has explored other possible locations. With good will, a solution may still be found.

In the meantime, I suggest the Society keeps a close watch on Harold Park. I will certainly keep members informed of any further developments.

Neil Macindoe

OUR BAYS AND FORESHORES:

A JOINT EXHIBITION OF PLANS

Within a few weeks residents should see the overall planning ideas for the White Bay, Glebe Island, Rozelle and Blackwattle Bay areas. The three government bodies responsible for planning hope to combine the display of their plans to give a complete picture of the changes they want to see.

One casualty in Rozelle Bay may be the Maritime Museum which the planners, apparently, want to move to a location at one of the Commonwealth sites soon to be handed back to the State Government.

The exhibition will give residents their first view of temporary marina proposals to accommodate visiting luxury vessels expected to be in Sydney for the New Year celebrations and the Olympic Games in September of next year.

Work on the first stage of this development is expected to be completed in November of this year to provide facilities for about eight visiting craft. They will be moored stern-to the northern shore of Rozelle bay in the vicinity of the existing Waterways Authority building off James Craig Drive. According to Waterways Authority spokesman Paul Robinson, speaking on 2BL on 16 June the facilities will be expanded to take about 25 of the 'super yachts' at games time. They'll each pay about \$50,000 for the two month Olympics period for which shore support facilities will be constructed. Some of this infrastructure will be retained for future use when the visiting vessels have departed.

Establishment of these new facilities will be the source of pressure for the shifting of the Maritime Museum, which presently occupies much of the proposed site. There's no doubt Monte Carlo style craft will not want to back-up to the stow of maritime memorabilia the Museum has collected for restoration.

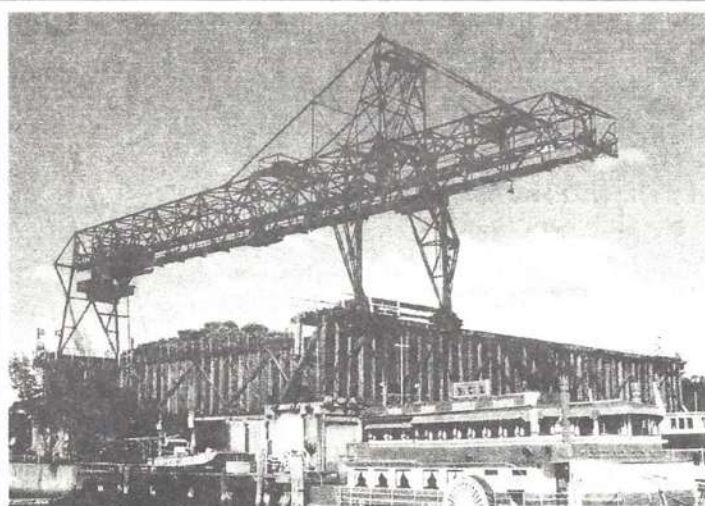
BLACKWATTLE BAY MASTER PLAN MEETING

The first inkling of these plans came at the the second public meeting in Annandale Town Hall 3 June, to consider the *draft* Master Plan for the Blackwattle and Rozelle Bays marine precinct. It was another over-flow gathering despite the heavy showers of the evening. About 200 people packed the building to hear the outcome of the consultant's '*annus possibilis*'.

The first gathering, in the Glebe Town Hall one year and one day previously, had called for:

- the old Glebe Island Bridge to be retained;
- the rowers to stay;
- the Maritime Museum to remain along with other contractors; and
- the bays and their foreshores to be used for passive activities, not residential development.

Matthew Taylor, Deputy Director General, Strategic Development, of the NSW Department of Transport, gave a broad outline of the Plan. Because the Minister had not been presented with the new document we were only allowed a distant look at the glossy covered tome awaiting his pleasure. There was the promise of



Commonly referred to as the 'Coal Loader' this structure is strictly a 'coal unloader' or coal discharging plant.

[Photograph Chris Korgemetz]

exhibition of the document at many locations, including local libraries, once it was in the Minister's hands.

If the Master Plan, as outlined, is accepted by the Minister, the key requests from our 1998 Glebe meeting will be achieved with the possible exception of a permanent home for the Maritime Museum. Mr Taylor forewarned the meeting of the the temporary marina development under control of the Waterways Authority. His explanation of this was accepted by the meeting.

There was, however, concern from many people over the fact that the Master Plan would become part of a legally binding document which, it was suggested, may have a dramatic divide between *nuance* at a public meeting and *actuality* when drafted. The only possible route to its amendment would then be an expensive legal course. Several speakers argued that if the final Plan was to have this status it was important certain specific points should be defined. Permitted building heights in the area adjoining the old Glebe Island Bridge approaches, for example, should be related to a specified datum; the suggested rowing course should be delineated; public access zones along the foreshore should be nominated accurately; permissible land-uses and environmental protection requirement should be specified.

Other speakers questioned the term 'Master Plan' - when the proposal covered only certain sectors of the foreshore. The meeting was told by Robert Black from the Department of Urban Affairs and Planning that DUAP had the overseer's role in co-ordinating development strategies for the entire area and its Minister was the consent authority. Local Government could have its say - but the final decision lay with the Minister.

There is no doubt the consulting firm, Devine Erby Mazlin, takes careful note of resident requests and is attempting to work virtually every one of them into its detailed proposal. Requests as diverse as the establishment of bird habitats; people access to the shoreline, if possible sharing space with commercial

"You don't know what you've got till it's gone"

usage; avoidance of significant loss of water surface area; provision for ferry services; retention of the former coal discharging plant near the Fish Market. Speaking on behalf of the consultants, Phil Witts told the meeting it was a case of fitting the jigsaw together. For example, cycleways and walkways will be proposed on alignments to link with overall routes drawn into the planning proposals for adjoining areas.

Serious concerns were also expressed over the quality of water in the twin bays, which are served only by a restricted entrance channel allowing very minimal tidal flushing. Several speakers raised the issue and while representatives from the Waterways Authority and the DUAP suggested the Environmental Protection Authority would impose relevant restrictions, no EPA spokesman was available.

A FORMAL MOTION

The meeting retained its concern over the legally binding status of the final Plan and speakers raising the issue included Hall Greenland, who proposed a motion to the meeting to establish the desired position. The motion required:

"A Co-ordinated Master Plan for land and water uses in the bays which absolutely guarantees: existing passive water uses, the extent of water in the bays, and the protection and improvement of water quality."

It was quickly seconded and passed by the meeting without dissent.

Spokesman for the variety of contractors with waterside facilities in the bays, Mal Hiley, who had also attended the 1998 meeting, again put the case for retention of these operating sites. There appeared to be general consensus in the room that these businesses should remain.

These construction companies, together with charter boat operators, have formed the Sydney Harbour Maritime

Forum to put the case for waterside industries to Government. Their efforts have had obvious success in the past year.

THE MARITIME MUSEUM

Both the 1998 and the 1999 residents' meetings have been happy that Rozelle Bay remains a home to the workshops of the Sydney Maritime Museum. A note of caution about the Museum's future was sounded by one of the final speakers who told us that the organisation has had eight homes in its history. As Virginia Woolfe put it, what is needed is "a room of one's own" and the Sydney Maritime Museum is no exception.

For some years the museum's turn of phrase has been, "A permanent home is fundamental to the survival of the Sydney Maritime Museum". Continual relocation squanders thousands of volunteer hours which could otherwise be productively used in restoration of the fleet. It's greatest period of achievement has been during the tenure of the Rozelle Bay site.

The meeting was told of the example of Goat Island: just when eight years of Sydney Maritime Museum Executive effort seeking a permanent site appeared to be bearing fruit, the island was transferred to control of another department; a new bureaucratic face was asking the question "What is it you want? We have no correspondence...". At Annandale it was the Waterways representative who told the meeting that at this stage the Authority did not know exactly what the Sydney Maritime Museum required.

While politicians say the Museum will not be forgotten, there is an inevitability about the consequences of the pressures on the remaining space at Rozelle Bay's northern shore. We will need to look closely at the Master Plan when it goes on exhibition.

Collin Hills

A TIDE IN THE AFFAIRS OF MEN ?

About 200 people attended the community forum in Annandale Town Hall on 3 June for the presentation of a draft Master Plan for Rozelle and Blackwattle Bays as part of the State Government's SREP 26. The meeting was opened and chaired by Brian Elton, followed by Sandra Nori who has obviously given a lot of time and thought to reconciling the responsibilities of her portfolio of Small Business and Tourism, with her role as the representative of her Port Jackson constituents.

At first sight there seems to be a fairly satisfactory compromise between commercial and recreational users of the bays. Commercial development will be restricted to the northern side of Rozelle Bay and the southern and eastern sides of Blackwattle Bay, leaving the foreshore undisturbed from Bicentennial Park to Glebe High School. We need to be vigilant to ensure that we not only don't lose any more of the foreshore to residential development (we have been promised that there won't be any), but also that we don't miss any opportunity to reclaim for pedestrian access sections of the foreshore - such as sites occupied by Pioneer Concrete and John Fletchers - when the opportunities arise.

The Glebe Society will be making a submission when the Plan is displayed, and the more residents who express their points of view, the more influence we will have on the result. In a case like this prevention is very much easier than cure.

Ian Edwards



Hazel Henry, aged 80 years, died on 27 May 1999, in Concord Hospital, only five days after I had visited her, knowing that I might not see her alive again. Her death is not only a personal loss for me, who lived in the same block of units in Leichhardt Street Glebe, for 23 years, it is also a loss for the community.

Hazel took an active interest in everything that happened in Glebe and was one of the earliest members of The Glebe Society. She was also an active member of the Leichhardt Bowling Club. When Neighbourhood Watch was founded she took on the role of Co-ordinator for our area. I made friends with her when she took on the honorary job of Secretary of the Body Corporate for our building. We worked closely together, and later I stepped into her shoes.

She had a long career in the health sciences; she was a founding member of the NSW College of Nursing in Glebe, and later President of the College; she was also appointed as Senior Lecturer at the Cumberland College of Health Sciences at Lidcombe. She married for the first time in her late 50s. She developed osteoporosis and suffered from one breakage after the other, but she continued her voluntary work and, as long as she was able, she regularly went to the Uniting Church service in Glebe, demonstrating her independence by taking a taxi there. "Mrs. Henry" (as she used to call herself on the telephone) attended community events, like the Glebe Library celebrations, and was absolutely determined to go to the Ferry Ride which the Glebe Society organised in September last year. (And did she enjoy it! and the champagne!)

She was highly respected in our block of units as a person who was fair and just. She tried to keep up the old-fashioned values of good neighbourliness and hospitality; she thought it was important for us to get to know each other, to help each other, to talk about things that might be troubling, to share happiness and joy. She was a generous person, young at heart, and with a positive approach to life. She loved people, and she loved a good laugh... and so it was always nice to visit her.

She surprised me many times with the solutions she came up with to problems in our building. "It can't go on like this", she used to say, drawing from her experience and skills in administration. She was surprisingly realistic about things, even when I saw her for the last time. Her humane side made her tolerant, and she saw the good qualities in people, rather than the bad ones.

Hazel was fiercely independent, and did not want to hear about nursing homes. For many years she was hardly able to get down the three flights of stairs in our building, so she organised her life to take account of this - she had home care, and all her needs delivered, including the wine! She had organised a network of helpers in the units, and she had it down to a fine art. Amazingly we did it all, knowing what she had done for other people, and because she was so nice about it. She used to say to me "When you see me being carried down the stairs, it will be in a coffin."

It happened in a different way - she had a blackout and fell, breaking several more bones. She was found by neighbours who called an ambulance. At the time she weighed only 35 kg.

"Mrs Henry" was not happy lying in a helpless condition in her hospital bed, with multiple breakages and a collapsed lung. It was she who wanted to 'call the shots'. Luckily, she did not suffer long. I believe that she had a rich satisfying life, and took joy in helping others. This is why I admired and loved her, and that is how I will remember her.

Marianne von Knobelsdorff

*Aboriginal Heroes of the Resistance:
From Pemulwuy to Mabo,
Paul Newbury (ed)*

Charles Davison, President of the Aboriginal Education Consultative Group launched this book at Tranby Aboriginal College in Glebe this month. Some 80 people attended the launch.

Aboriginal Heroes of the Resistance is an attempt to recover the hidden stories of Australian history and to belatedly acknowledge and pay tribute to the Aboriginal heroes of Australia - Pemulwuy, Windradyne, Yagan, Jandamurra, the Kalkadoons and others.

The book's contributors recognise the work of Aboriginal writers in telling their own stories, and bear witness to the extraordinary campaigns of Aboriginal people: William Barak and the Coranderrk Community, the Pindan Mob, the Gurindji, the Yirrkala, the Noonkanbah Community and the setting up of the Tent Embassy, recognition of the Aboriginal Flag, the 1988 March and more.

The book is available from Black Books, 11 Mansfield Street, Glebe, ph: 9660. 2396..



BLACK BOOKS

Letters to the Editor



Dear Madam,

Glebe Library

With reference to Councillor Neil Macindoe's letter in the last *Bulletin*, I'm afraid his memory has misled him in at least one respect. The error is understandable since he and I have encountered each other frequently over the years on numerous committees, but I must disclaim membership of the Library Committee. (I think Mavis McCarthy was in fact the Glebe Society representative.)

We were, however, both attenders at the (numerous) Town Planning Committee meetings which followed a Council seminar which proposed the development of a new Town Plan. In early 1994, in response to a discussion paper on public land, I commented on the zoning of the then Homoeopathic Hospital site, expressing concerns if it were to be rezoned residential.

That was before the NSW Department of Corrective Services proposal for use of 'Benledi' as a transitional centre, but when we were aware that the Department of Health was looking to sell the property and there was a lot of discussion about other uses for the building, particularly for health-related services. My support, accordingly, was for a public purposes zoning and I said:

"There are a number of medical and medical support services which could make use of the buildings, and the CSAHS [Central Sydney Area Health Service] is currently looking at these. However, I believe the site has enormous potential for development for community uses generally. It is central to the suburb, within the shopping area, on a public transport route. Current thinking in municipal planning is, I understand, supportive of multi-purpose community use buildings. I believe the hospital buildings could be used for a mixture of both health-related and other services.

"For example, the Glebe Branch of the Leichhardt Municipal Library is poorly sited on Bridge Road (no public transport, isolated from shops and other centres of activity, with no parking facilities). It could be one of a number of community services on this site."

[Leichhardt Council Town Planning Committee papers, February 1994.]

Mine was, therefore, very much the germ of an idea, as Marie Mackie said [see *Bulletin* 3/99 p4]. Other people had similar ideas about a library on the site (a good example of the *Zeitgeist*?) and I know Neil was one of the councillors who pushed for it. The eventual support of Council as a whole, together with the enormous efforts of the community itself - in both 'marketing' the concept of a library and in fund-raising - resulted in Glebe getting its greatly improved and well-used new Branch Library. Sandra Nori's efforts in obtaining the sale of the building to Council at an affordable cost were also vital.

I find the history of this site really interesting. The Hospital was always very well regarded by the community and, way back, before most of us came to Glebe, was supported to the extent of the purchase of additional land to allow for its extension. The feeling aroused by the Corrective Services proposal was intense, and many people were hurt by the accusations of NIMBYism made at that time. Glebe was hardly a NIMBY suburb, but outsiders failed to realise what the hospital site meant to the community.

I think it is truly a 'sacred site' for Glebe.

Yours etc.

Jeanette Knox



Dear Editor,

I noticed the article written by Cynthia Jones [*Bulletin* 4/99, p1] regarding the garbage problem in Glebe, and thought it would be appropriate to record my experience with the Leichhardt Council.

Several years ago the Department of Housing (DoH) formed a Glebe Advisory Board, with invited members from the police, health services and several other government departments; the intention being to communicate and co-operate to solve the varied and many problems in the area.

Initially (for about six months) the attendances were good; unfortunately a lot of the problems raised were outside the influence of the DoH, but they hoped at least to improve the garbage and litter problem within the area. A sub-Committee was set up consisting of Mrs. Camilla Baker a Senior Client Service Officer from DoH, myself and another lady tenant, and a meeting was arranged with the Council engineer responsible for garbage, and we four sat down at the initial meeting.

Mrs. Baker had gone to a lot of trouble, as the DoH recognised the problem, and their responsibility to reduce the notorious situation within their area; but despite her efforts to arrange a further meeting, we have had complete silence from the Council engineer.

If your sub-Committee arrives at the stage of negotiating with Leichhardt Council, make sure further proposed meetings meet with a better fate than ours.

Yours,

George Edwards



[Mr. Edwards has sent a copy of his letter to Mr. Cusumano at LMC.]

Notice Board

**TO CELEBRATE
THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE
OLDER PERSON
AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT WEEK**

There will be a Trivia Quiz and lunch for the senior citizens of Glebe at the Glebe Library on 27 July.

We will start at 12.00 noon with a warming winter time light lunch, and then test your brain power with light-hearted quiz questions.

Gold coin donation - RSVP essential

Phone Margaret at the Library: 9367. 9293

**SCHOOL HOLIDAY TIME
AT GLEBE LIBRARY!**



7 July - Wednesday at 2.00 pm

Craft session
for school-aged children

13 July - Tuesday at 11 am

Pirate story time
for pre-schoolers

15 July - Thursday at 11 am

Pirate story time
for school-aged children

22 July - Thursday at 4.00 pm

Monthly HAPPY HOUR
Theme: **Who dunnit ??**
and popcorn for all kids

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Our next epicurean indulgence will be
at 12.30
on Sunday July 11
at Tapas, 28 Glebe Point Rd.

**SUNDAY
LUNCH**



Please ring Ian Edwards
on 9660. 3240.
All welcome.

**THE DRAFT PLAN OF
MANAGEMENT FOR
BLACKWATTLE BAY PARK**

accompanied by a detailed A4 Report, prepared by EDAW for Leichhardt Municipal Council is on public exhibition at the Glebe Library.

Written submissions are invited for further consideration by Council - they must be received no later than 4 pm Friday 30 July, 1999.

Any further enquiries should be directed to Vince Caccavo,

LMC Landscape Co-ordinator
phone: 9367. 9007

**The Book Fair
was a Great Success!**



The weather let us down, but certainly not the Glebe community. Thanks for the amazing response we raised \$3000 for the Library.

The amount of books we received was just overwhelming, and we salvaged some excellent titles for Library use. The following Saturday we sold the residue and made a few more \$\$\$.

Thanks again for the support.
Chris Newton

**AIRPORT COMPLAINTS LINE
9582. 1850 - 24 hours**

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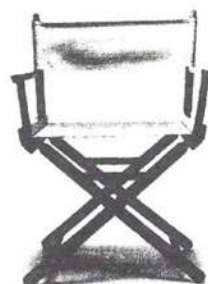
For Your Diary ...

Sunday	11 July	Sunday Lunch at Tapas, 28 Glebe Point Road 12.30pm - all welcome, see Notice Board.
Monday	12 July	Sydney Airport Preliminary Draft Environment Strategy Closing date for submissions, see Bulletin 4/99, p6
Wednesday	14 July	Glebe Society Management Committee Meeting 7.30 pm - Toxteth Hotel Meeting Room
Thursday	15 July	Glebe Point Road Streetscape Committee meeting 7pm, Community Room, Benledi, see p3.
Tuesday	20 July	... copy deadline ...
Wednesday	21 July	Seminar on Local Government Elections 6.30 - 9.30 pm Leichhardt Town Hall, see p5
Tuesday	27 July	International Year of the Older Person and Local Government Week Senior Citizens Celebrate at the Glebe Library, see Notice Board
Saturday	31 July	Glebe Society 30th Anniversary 'Progressive' Dinner Booking form enclosed

ADVANCE NOTICE

Sunday morning	29 August	Glebe Society Annual General Meeting details in next <i>Bulletin</i>
Wednesday	8 September	Hear the Latest on Light Rail, see p1 8.00 Toxteth Hotel Meeting Room - further details to come.

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If you have a matter that you would like to discuss with the Management Committee, please ring the Secretary, Christine Stewart on 9660. 8324, and arrange to come to a meeting.

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