

Glebe Society Bulletin

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Glebe

Let's Go Downtown!

The announcement by the Premier on 8 September that the Government has approved the cross-City tunnel linking the Western Distributor to Kings Cross, opens up the prospect of a second chance for the extension of the light rail system to Circular Quay.

The Circular Quay extension was killed off, at least temporarily, at the time the extension to Catherine Street was approved because of opposition from city shopkeepers already besieged by footpath widening and the construction of new office blocks and hotels in the pre-Olympics boom.

The prospect of diverting thousands of cars travelling east-west underground, and the end of the present building boom, means that construction of a new north-south public transport link is once again a serious prospect. The Society will push for this extension at every opportunity as it will make light rail a really useful means of transport to the CBD for Glebe residents.

Townson, of the Department of Transport, briefed the Society on recent developments in the light rail system on 8 September.

While the company and the Government are still negotiating the finer points of the Inner West extension, it appears that an announcement is only weeks away. Mr Warrell indicated that the company is anxious to start work as soon as possible in order to complete construction of the Lilyfield link and get any bugs out of the system before the Olympics.

Details of traffic arrangements and street improvements around the stops in Glebe remain to be finalised between Leichhardt Council, the Government and the company. It is planned that there will be community consultations on these issues and that the Society will be represented. (This will be a task for my successor as light rail co-ordinator*.)

"The announcement by the Premier ... opens up the prospect of a second chance for the extension of the light rail system to Circular Quay."

A further western extension beyond Catherine Street also seems to be a possibility. While a link to the heavy rail system at Ashfield now seems unlikely, an extension to Leichhardt's café strip might be economically viable.

The managing director of Metro Light Rail, Kevin Warrell and Trevor

Questioned about fares, Mr Warrell said the company must set fares at a commercially viable level as it has to cover costs and eventually make a profit. Market research indicates that lower fares would not attract sufficient additional patronage to cover reduced revenue.

Bruce Davis

* If you would be willing to look after the Light Rail area, please contact the Secretary, Liz Simpson-Booker on 9518. 6186.

'RENEWAL DUE' - if these words appear on your Bulletin address label, we are waiting on your 1999/2000 subscription - please forward to PO Box 100 Glebe, or let us know if our records are incorrect.

The Master Plan for Blackwattle and Rozelle Bays

The Glebe Society has made a submission in response to the Master Plan for Blackwattle and Rozelle Bays.

An overall impression of the consultant's document was that it faithfully recorded the wishes every residents' group put forward.

However, among the listings of industry representatives consulted were the charter vessels, waterfront contractors and yachting associations. Shown under the subheading 'Accompanying Documents' was 'Maritime Industries' Demand for Foreshore Land and Water Space - J. T. Rolls Pty Limited'. The subsection ends with the note that: "These studies do not form part of the adopted Master Plan, but are available in a Background Report and should be referred to, where relevant." It is these groups and our knowledge of the powerful lobby they maintain, that causes great concern to community organisations.

The Society was able to influence the preamble of the submission prepared by Sandra Nori to express residents' concerns raised at a public meeting she called. It reads "... there is a strong view that Blackwattle/Rozelle Bay should not be a home of last resort for industries that are already housed in other bays and which face opposition from their local community. The residents of Blackwattle/Rozelle Bay believe they already carry more than their fair share of the burden of noise and traffic associated with harbour industries."

Potential for the bay area was shown on 19 September, when the Glebe Island Bridge - which is actually out of the Master Plan's area - was closed (to shipping) to allow passage of the five or six thousand cyclists who took part in



The Glebe Island Bridge closed to shipping during CYCLE SYDNEY 19 September
Photograph by Chris Korgemets.

the RTA sponsored CYCLE SYDNEY. The above photograph, taken by Society member Chris Korgemets, captured a group of the pedallers framed against the backdrop of the Anzac Bridge and Blackwattle Bay. It takes very little vision to imagine the heritage-listed bridge being used more frequently for cycle and pedestrian access in accordance with Society policy.

Neil Macindoe has suggested that money once earmarked for demolition of the Glebe Island Bridge should be used to put it back into proper operating order, and then ownership of the structure be vested in a body which would be responsible for its operation. Later in the month a meeting brokered through Sandra Nori's office will ask Transport

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Super Yachts on Rozelle Bay

A pamphlet prepared by the Waterways Authority indicates what is proposed for Rozelle Bay from October, 1999; it deals with the water, and is distinct from the Bays Master Plan, which deals with the land.

The pamphlet shows construction in two stages to accommodate a total of 25 vessels between 30 and 70 metres long. (The Sultan of Brunei, one of the world's richest men, owns at least two vessels of this size.) Nine of the berths are to be completed by November, for the Millennium New Year celebrations, and the remainder by April, well in advance of the Olympics. The pamphlet (which includes a scale of charges) can be obtained by contacting the Authority on phone: 9563. 8690, fax: 9563. 8699, email: <bruce_p@waterways.nsw.gov.au> The information is also available at the Authority's web site: <www.waterways.nsw.gov.au>

Last June I successfully moved that Council approach the Minister for Ports, Carl Scully, to ensure that the works are in sympathy with the Master Plan, and do not adversely impact on the Bays or disturb their current use.

Neil Macindoe

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Minister Scully's staff for information about remaining funds to pursue this possibility. Very preliminary investigations suggest the Heritage Fleet may be interested in such a deal, in conjunction with the Sydney Tramway Museum. Glebe Island Bridge was one of the first in the world to use electricity for its operation and tram motors were used to power the rotation.

Protection of the workshop area for the Heritage Fleet will remain a top priority for the Society as pressure from other groups mounts for waterside accommodation. The Fleet's largest vessel, the *James Craig*, has found a new home in the vicinity of the National Maritime Museum. But its spectacular restoration could not have been achieved at this public site. Refitting ships is a messy business which must be carried out in a suitable area and the Heritage Fleet's most rewarding restoration period has been in its Rozelle Bay location. The Fleet's workshops are being pushed to the western end of Rozelle Bay, to make way for the 'Super Yachts' which will visit throughout the new millennium and Olympic Games. The Society will be working hard to ensure this site is not lost.

Collin Hills

FROM THE PRESIDENT

As I said at the Annual General Meeting, I reluctantly agreed to be nominated as President.

Unlike most previous Presidents, I am a newcomer to Glebe and don't have the background in heritage and community affairs of many other members of the Society. I am honoured by the faith you have shown in me, and I will do my best to justify it. I am reassured that I will have the help of my colleagues on the Management Committee, and other long-standing members of the Society, and I will rely heavily on their guidance.

The death of John Hoddinott highlighted our need for experienced people on the Management Committee. Monitoring development in Glebe is a core activity of the Society and John was always on top of the issues. We are fortunate that Neil Macindoe, with his experience in local government and knowledge of Glebe, has agreed to become our planning 'watchdog'.

The publication of the Master Plan for Government-owned land on Rozelle and Blackwattle Bays, the sale of the Fletchers' site, the expected development of the Fink

site, and our project to establish a Foreshore Walk and Cycleway to the city, indicate that we will be vitally concerned with planning and development issues over the next year or so.

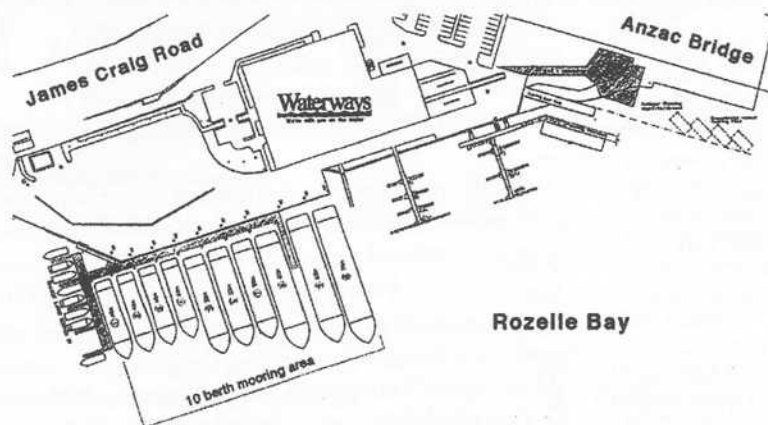
The Society's strategic planning process has shown that we need to work on two levels:

- we must continue to address the Society's traditional concerns, such as protecting the built environment and the amenity of the suburb, and fostering interest in our history, and
- we must also take on new interests and embark on imaginative new projects, such as the Foreshore Walk and Cycleway.

The challenge is to keep the Society relevant. While we must keep one eye on the past, we must also have an eye to the future. We need to attract new members, particularly younger members, as well as maintain the interest and enthusiasm of present members. And if we are to attract younger members, we need to become aware of the issues that interest them and be prepared to address their interests.

An important focus for the future will be communications. Bobbie Burke has done a great job with the Bulletin, and we should now think about adding to our reach by exploiting additional channels. Maybe we should seek more attention in the local media, and set up our own Web site? Now the Leichhardt Council election is decided we must also establish a relationship with the new ward councillors, and perhaps there would be something to learn from getting together with other like-minded groups in surrounding areas.

Bruce Davis



Waterways Authority sketch showing the proposed redevelopment of part of their site at James Craig Road, in particular the construction of ten 'Millennium Berths' for temporary use of visiting vessels from November 1999 until March 2001. See report opposite page.

Eradicate Asthma Weed

STICKY WEED or PELLITORY

Parietaria judaica

HISTORY

The plant is native to Europe and "was probably introduced into Australia in about 1900 on ship's ballast or cargo"¹.

IDENTIFICATION.

Asthma weed can easily be identified as the stems and leaves are covered with tiny hairs which are sticky to touch. The plant is a soft sprawling herb which grows to about half a metre high with leaves 1-4 cm long. The flowers are borne in clusters at the base of the leaves. The plants should be eradicated before they flower and produce pollen. Residents are encouraged to eradicate this weed from gardens, walls, footpaths and other places, as although harmless to most people, it produces wind-borne pollen which has been implicated in a number of respiratory diseases.² The weed is very prevalent in Glebe at the moment.



ASTHMA WEED IS A CLASSIFIED PLANT UNDER THE *Noxious Weeds Act* IT SHOULD BE PREVENTED FROM SPREADING

Traffic Matters

GLEBE LOCAL AREA TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT

The final recommendations of the LATM Scheme for all areas of the Municipality were on display at Council's Administrative Building until early in September. The recommendations for Glebe were broadly:

- introduction of a 40k residential speed limit;
- a 50k speed limit on more trafficked routes;
- increase the pedestrian safety of Glebe Point Road by slower speeds, design features;
- reclassification of Bridge Road to sub-arterial on completion of the City-West Link, and making it a 50kph road, with more pedestrian crossing opportunities;
- rearrangement of on-street parking to slow vehicles down;
- high priority to cycling facilities in the light of resident student population, and the proximity of Sydney University and UTS campuses;
- increasing safety at school crossing points and frontages.

With regard to the Light Rail stops, one-way access is planned to the Glebe stop via Gottenham and

Bayview Streets, with one-way exits via Allum Place and Palmerston Road to Bridge Road. One-hour parking limits are planned for Maxwell, Victoria, Avenue and Alexandra Roads in the morning to address the problem of potential all day commuter parking.

The left turn bans off Wigram Road are to be lifted at Bell and Mansfield Streets. This is something that will need to be monitored.

Traffic slowing is to be achieved by a combination of angle-parking in some of the southern streets of Glebe, speed humps and cushions, kerb blisters, a centre median in Glebe Point Road, marking of parking lanes, etc. Some streets will be designated one-way (Mitchell, Cowper, Ferry and Forsythe).

The implementation of the Management Plan will be spread over time, as Council's budget allows.

The plan seems to have taken feedback from residents into account, with one or two exceptions. We certainly applaud the overall aims of reducing traffic speeds and improving pedestrian safety.

Jeanette Knox

CONTROL

Asthma weed is controlled by pulling it out of the soil, waiting a few days for the plant to re-emerge then pulling out by hand again. The roots of the plant are shallow and will lift easily if pulled in the early stages before they become woody.

Rubber gloves could be worn to prevent any allergic reaction in people predisposed to allergies and it is recommended that weeding be done before flowering to avoid contact with the pollen. Do not use chemicals as they are not necessary. After the plant has been controlled the ground should be mulched and planted with a desirable plant to compete with Asthma Weed and prevent regrowth. Cracks in paving and walls should be repaired with a suitable material.

Asthma weed is a W3 classified plant under the *Noxious Weeds Act*. This means that it should be prevented from spreading³.

Christine Whittemore

¹ NSW Agriculture & Fisheries, agnote, ISSN 1034-6848

² McLoughlin I. and Rawling J., *Making Your Garden Bush Friendly*, McLoughlin-Rawling Publications 2nd Ed. 1991. ISBN.0-646-06456-8.

³ David Eckstein, Senior Environment Officer, Leichhardt Municipal Council.

**SISTER
PHILOMENA QUINN**

**2 March 1909
25 August 1999**



OBITUARY

Sister Philomena Quinn began her religious life in Glebe in 1943 working in the infirmary at Saint Scholastica's, before beginning her nursing training at Mater Misericordiae Hospital. For many of the years from 1952 until she died in 1999 she was part of the Glebe Catholic community.

From 1982 she visited the sick and the lonely in the Forest Lodge parish, and for the next ten years her small, erect figure was seen walking in the streets of Glebe as she made her rounds. Disregarding her own ill-health she continued her parish work after retiring in 1990 to Polding Villa Hostel in Glebe.

She will long be remembered by her sisters and by staff at Polding Villa for the warmth of her love and her concern for Forest Lodge community.

A Vigil Celebration was held for Sister Philomena at St. James' Church in Glebe on 29 August, continuing on at St. Scholastica's Centre.

**ANDREW WOOD
HONORARY LIFE MEMBER**

As reported in the last *Bulletin* Andrew Wood was accepted as an Honorary Life Member of The Glebe Society at the AGM held in August. The following remarks are taken from the address given at the meeting by Marianne von Knobelsdorff in support of his nomination:

After moving to Glebe in 1976, Andrew Wood soon joined The Glebe Society and was elected to the Management Committee in 1986. In 1987 he was elected Vice-President and became President in 1989/90 and 1990/91.

He brought a number of goals to his presidency, one of which was to foster a harmonious relationship between The Society and LMC, through personal contact with the Mayor, the Town Clerk and the Town Planner of the day. He helped achieve this by introducing "Meet The Glebe Society" receptions at his home for Council representatives, Management Committee members and sub-Committee Convenors.

Having the Society incorporated was another of his priorities. The previous President, Peter Strickland, had made tentative steps in this direction, but Andrew strongly felt the need to protect Committee members from external legal liabilities and after much Committee work, the Society was duly incorporated with legal guidance from Ted McKeown. During his Presidency, Andrew extended the number of sub-Committees by five (Archives, Diggers' Memorial, Environment, Kingsford Smith Airport and Glebe, and Wentworth Park). He also encouraged the Bays and Foreshores sub-Committee to produce and publish the first policy of The Glebe Society Inc., a practice now in place.

Recruiting new people for positions in the Society was another of Andrew's skills – Marianne recalled the occasion he had to be in Melbourne when the next Management Committee meeting fell due; as there was no

elected Vice-President at the time, he asked Marianne to take on that role in order to chair the meeting in his absence. She saw the need to help but did not fancy becoming permanent Vice-President. He said to her "you can resign any time you want". She thought there was no danger in this and took on the position. It lasted four years!

House Inspections were regular fund-raisers in those days and Andrew twice opened his house to the public and convened one Inspection. He also lent support to the Glebe Music Festivals which David McIntosh had begun to establish in Glebe and convened the 1994 Festival. Who could forget the magnificent performances of *The Café at the Gate of Salvation* at Darling Mills Restaurant and the *Glebe High School Rock Band* at St John's Church!

Andrew became Convenor of the Light Rail sub-Committee in 1992 when John Hoddinott was feeling unwell, and continued until August 1997; in 1998 he became Treasurer at a time when the Society needed sound fiscal management.

Over the years Andrew has had many roles in our Society. To each of these, he has brought commitment, integrity, diligence and dedication, no matter how large or small the task at hand. His organisational skills, combined with a kind and generous nature, have made him a pleasure to work with and a valued friend to many. His recent distinguished academic appointment and move to the USA afford us this timely opportunity to elect him an Honorary Life Member of The Glebe Society.





The Women by Max Solling

During the nineteenth century one half of Glebe's population, the women, were largely invisible in a society that was male dominated and hostile to women's participation in civil and social existence.

Their legal position was made consonant with their subordinate economic position; at a municipal

level, for example, the property-based franchise meant only a handful of women were enrolled as electors. Still less became local elected representatives. Glebe was a separate municipality from 1859 to 1948 but it was not until 1932 that the first woman was elected to Glebe Council, and there were only two during the ninety years of its existence: Mary Ann Dunn (1932-1937) and May Pitt (1941-1945).

Women's lives were ordered around marriage, motherhood and work. The wife of an unskilled labourer performed basic domestic chores such as cooking and laundering under extreme difficulties in her tiny home. Unskilled workers on the wharves, at Glebe Island abattoirs and in the building trades, employed on a casual or seasonal basis, only just made a living wage. For their wives, poverty was a constant companion. Apart from their unpaid labour in the home, they often took in laundry, did mending, sewed clothes, cleaned lodgings and minded children to supplement the inadequate wage of their husbands. Their lives were also profoundly affected by infant and child mortality rates in Sydney in the 1880s, which were higher than in London.

Membership of trade unions strengthened the bargaining position of skilled workers. Better paid than his unskilled counterpart, the skilled tradesman saw himself as respectable. Nonetheless the opportunities for the wife of a stonemason to relax, for instance, were very restricted and the notion of leisure was inapplicable to her.

Young single women who successfully avoided domestic work (domestic service remained the single largest area of paid employment for women until 1940) found themselves working very long hours in shops and factories. Their work was considered to be less skilled and of less value than men's, resulting in consistently lower wages for women workers.

Many women found employment in the clothing trades on piece rates which forced them to work long hours at home for small reward. At Glebe Point, married middle class women had more opportunities to engage in improving activities. Domestic servants gave them increased leisure time to pursue charitable activities (in 1871, for example, 100 of Glebe Point's 700 residents were domestic servants). Wives of the well-to-do were numerically prominent in organisations associated with the churches (they kept them solvent) but in the improvement and temperance societies they took a self-effacing role. The Allen family of Toxteth Park were known for their Protestant philanthropy, yet part of the vast wealth

that enabled them to acquire a philanthropic reputation was gained from being extensive slum landlords.

Middle class ladies also took active roles in dramatic and choral societies, hospital Saturday committees and on the Ragged School Union, but there were virtually no equivalents for women of the associations, lodges and sporting clubs which catered for men. In Glebe directories reveal local women operated a variety of businesses and they frequently took over the running of their husband's business when he died. Need frequently found an outlet in Glebe through private money lenders. From 1910 Fanny Lewis operated a pawnbroker's shop at 153 Glebe Road and became something of a local identity. Small boys stood in wonderment as they read the prominently displayed sign: - 1d lent for 6d - What an Eldorado! Just down the road at 115 Glebe Road, the suburb supported another pawnbroker, Rachael Cowen.

For the youth of Glebe, a night at the Glebe Moving Picture Theatre (84 Glebe Road) preceded by a delicious pie in an enamel dish at Mrs. Fortescue's shop (109) was all one could wish for. Glebe's dancing schools offered ballroom and stage dancing. Perhaps the best known one was Trixy Ireland's Dancing Academy at 78 Glebe Road (with a predominantly Protestant clientele); at 6 Westmoreland Street, Catholic children were taught to dance by Mrs. Annie Eager. At local concerts they showed off their pupils - with tap dancing the main feature - in the hope that the proficiency of their proteges would attract custom.

Many women ran corner stores in Glebe, were licencees of local pubs - especially well-known were Annie Brennan, Margaret and Kathleen Toohey and Mary Gee - and operated businesses as tea merchants, milliners, confectioners, laundresses, hairdressers and fancy goods shops. In the city there were hundreds of boarding houses, frequently run by widows. There were never a great number of Glebe boarding houses listed in directories, but doubtless many people took in a lodger or two to supplement their income.

Young and not so young women ran many private schools in Glebe up to 1914. At about 225 Glebe Road in 1880 there were three private girls' schools - Denmark Lodge, Hereford College (Mrs. Sarah Gray), and Mary Saclier's Young Ladies' College. The curriculum of these schools, with their 'accomplishments', were more designed to make ladies than scholars.

In an era beyond living memory, the Sands' directories are a valuable source of identifying some of the anonymous mass of women who lived and worked in Glebe, as for example, the entries on The Pub and The Corner Shop will show [to be republished in later issues].

Clean Up Glebe

The Society's Clean Up Glebe Project Team met with two of Council's staff – Jeff Swilks, Manager Works & Waste Services and Vince Cusumano, Manager Parks and Streetscapes – on 5 August. The following is an abbreviated report of the meeting.



There are two major problems in terms of dumped rubbish in the Leichhardt Municipality (a total of 1758 cases last year). One is the dumping of skiploads of rubbish, including building materials and asbestos, in our back streets by unscrupulous operators of rubbish removal companies. Council has to foot the bill for removal and disposal (\$60 a tonne; more if it's asbestos). The worst areas have been identified by the EPA and approval is being sought through the Attorney-General's Department for the installation of video surveillance in these areas.

The second is the volume of rubbish dumped by Glebe residents (as reported before, the amount of rubbish dumped in Glebe is four times higher than that of any other suburb in the Municipality). A waste inspector is continuing to inspect dumped rubbish, seeking evidence so that it is possible to fine offenders. Only three fines have been issued to date (at \$200 each), but more than 1300 warning notices have been issued. In order to successfully fine offenders, evidence has to be found among the rubbish which proves beyond doubt that the rubbish came from a particular household. Only the actual person who commits the offence can be fined, so Council unfortunately can't fine landlords when tenants dump rubbish.

It was agreed that a public education campaign is required to change residents' attitudes. Council accepted the Project Team's suggestion to erect signs around Glebe similar to those seen in Ultimo, with the wording:

Glebe is a Conservation Area Please Keep it Clean

New recycling and litter bins holding 65-70L (20 litres more than the older bins) are soon to be progressively installed throughout Glebe's main streets. They have small circular holes so that rubbish can't be blown into the streets and residents won't be able to use the bins for extra household rubbish, as well as an extra box which slides out from the side for cigarette butts. Bins along Glebe Point Road will soon be emptied twice on Fridays and Saturdays.

It is illegal for shopowners to use street bins as receptacles for their rubbish, although they do so repeatedly. Shopowners on Glebe Point Road and Darling Street, Balmain/Rozelle are the worst offenders. Council is hoping that the new bins will deter such activity, and would like to remind shopowners that it operates a Trade Waste Service, of which they can avail themselves at low cost.

There is currently no recycling program for commercial premises. The Waste Board want to get such a programme started, but this has yet to happen. This is something the Clean Up Glebe Project Team will discuss with the local Chamber of Commerce. Council is currently considering a proposal to employ a Centre Manager for Darling Street, Balmain (salary paid by the shops/businesses/Chamber of Commerce) who would operate much like a Centre Manager in a

shopping mall. Our local Chamber may want to consider a similar position for Glebe Point Road.

Enclosures are being built in the Municipality's parks to house two 240L Otto bins: one for rubbish, the other for recycled materials. Neither bin will be fully openable to prevent the disposal of household waste. There is currently a report before Council regarding increased areas for dog exercise and the concurrent need to provide more dog poo bins. There are two types of bin being trialed at present. Generally such bins are emptied only twice a week; bins in high-use areas will soon be emptied three to four times a week.

GRAFFITI

The feeling was that anti-graffiti paints were a waste of time. The generally accepted best method is one of fast response (i.e. clean off or paint over quickly). We hope to attend the next monthly meeting of the graffiti taskforce which includes members of the Precinct Committees, police and various community groups. Council is also talking to The Lions' Club about developing anti-graffiti trailers to raise community awareness.

Finally, a reminder to all residents: if you have excess household rubbish, tags costing \$2.50 each are available from the Council and local libraries which can be attached to any sort of 55L or smaller rubbish bin (but not bags). Leave the tagged bin out with your other rubbish bin on the day of collection and it will be emptied.

Jenna Reed Burns



from the Editor's Desk

THE HODDINOTT POETRY PRIZE

In appreciation of the great work he did in Glebe, and acknowledging his love of poetry, the Society has planned an enduring tribute to John Hoddinott in the form of an annual Hoddinott Poetry Prize, which we offered to Glebe High School.

The Principal, Heather Martin, accepted with pleasure; the Head English Teacher will choose a poetry prize winner to receive the award at the Annual Prizegiving Ceremony held each December. Ms Martin thanked the Society "for providing yet another opportunity for Glebe High students to know that they are a vital part of the Glebe community".

THANKING ALISON MCKEOWN



Alison McKeown has stood down from the Aircraft sub-Committee after ten years of hard work and effort. In thanking Alison the Society acknowledged its indebtedness to her for the level of expertise she gained in the area and her commitment to the issue. We hope that she will return to the Management Committee in another capacity at some time in the future.

'INTELLIGENT' TOURISM

Tourism NSW has identified a need to encourage increased opportunities for visitors to spend more time enjoying what locals enjoy in the Greater Sydney area and have developed a strategy called the 'Sydney Tourism Experience Development' Project (STED).

In August Council advised the Society that, in partnership with Tourism NSW and the local Chambers of Commerce, they are running three workshops to identify issues and opportunities for the development of 'tourism visitation' to three of the precincts within the municipality – Glebe, Balmain/Rozelle, and Norton Street Leichhardt. The aim is to achieve an "intelligent, varied and authentic tourism strategy" in the Leichhardt Municipality.

The workshops will help to identify a 'shoot list' for a photographic project funded by Tourism NSW, and will advise on appropriate tourism development and its future management within these precincts.

Anne Martin, Council's Cultural Planner, has invited the Society to take part in these workshops.

A VIDEO HISTORY OF GLEBE

I am currently in the process of researching Glebe's history for a video documentary. If there is anyone who might have some interesting anecdotes, photos or memories to share of Glebe's past please do not hesitate to contact me.

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'PEDESTRIANS BEWARE'

The body outlines painted on some intersections and stretches of road along Glebe Point Road are part of the first phase of a pilot pedestrian safety campaign 'Pedestrians Beware' to warn pedestrians to take extra care in some areas that are known to be particularly dangerous.

The campaign is funded by a grant provided by the Roads and Traffic Authority of NSW. Further information can be obtained from Vera Zaccari, Council's Road Safety Officer, ph: 9367. 9000.

CONGRATULATIONS! GLEBE YOUTH SERVICE

The Society's application for a grant under the Federation Community Projects Program to undertake a project "Celebrating Glebe – Mapping Our History" [see *Bulletin* 9/98, p1] was unsuccessful.

However, one application from Glebe was successful, and we would like to congratulate the Glebe Youth Service, which was granted \$40,000 to create a site specific permanent artwork on the Glebe Youth Service building at 84 Glebe Point Road (which is scheduled for renovation). It is proposed to include high tech. transparencies, mosaic, terrazzo, laser cut images and painted finishes.



Work on this project will begin with the establishment of an advisory committee which will include prospective participants and representatives of local bodies; following this the appointment of an artist, co-ordinator and trainee assistant drawn from the Youth Service target group. A workshop program will cover indigenous and contemporary local history; these workshops will involve young people working with others in the community such as the Glebe Society, the residents, business-people and the Chamber of Commerce.

Stage 2 will cover the development of the detailed design by the artist, co-ordinator, trainee and advisory committee; Stage 3 is the fabrication and installation of the artwork, finishing with a launch and dedication ceremony. The work will begin this year and be completed by December 2000. The launch is planned for February 2001.

DEAR EDITOR,

I received a note the other day from our foundation President, Bernard Smith, and I am sure he would not mind my passing on to you his comment as to how much he enjoys receiving the *Bulletin*.

"... The last issue was a tremendous job, but I'm sad to read of the death of John Hoddinott. He must have been a wonderful man, and he gave so much to the Society. I wish I had had a chance to know him better. But then the Society has been able to attract so many able people over the years. I think it must be quite unique in Australia in that sense. Who would have thought that when it began it would be able to continue over the years with such vitality. It's certainly one of the most important things I've been involved in, and I look back to my days in Glebe with nostalgia. When people talk about the importance of a civil society for a democracy, I always think of the Glebe Society. It's an honour to have been associated with it. ..."

Jeanette Knox



THE 10TH ANNUAL GLEBE MUSIC FESTIVAL

The Festival (see enclosed flyer) grew out of the musical soirees conducted at Margaretta Cottage by the late Dr Vincent Sheppard in the 1970s and 1980s. The collection of musical instruments now owned by Dr David

McIntosh includes an 18th century Dutch organ, a reproduction of a 17th century Ruckers double Flemish harpsichord, an original 1809 Clementi early piano, a

Sperhake modern harpsichord, a clavichord, a Kapps grand piano and a pedal piano.

Many local and international musicians have appeared at Margaretta Cottage including the late and celebrated Geoffrey Parsons, the Australian accompanist who made his home in London. It is to his memory that this year's Glebe Music Festival is dedicated.

The Festival has always received the enthusiastic support of The Glebe Society, of which the late Vincent Sheppard was a founding member. The concerts are centred around Margaretta Cottage, an historic early 19th century villa at Glebe Point, and the St Scholastica's Chapel adjacent to Toxteth House.

[Dr McIntosh advises that, after checking his records, the Festival held last year although advertised as the 8th, was in fact the 9th. This year, therefore, is the 10th Annual Glebe Music Festival.]

A NEW COUNCIL FOR LEICHHARDT

The political composition of Leichhardt Council after the election held on 11 September is: Labor 4 (including Chris Windsor, the Station Commander at Glebe Fire Station), Liberal 3, Greens 1, and four non-aligned Councillors, including Paddy McGuinness and Hall Greenland. The first meeting of the new Council took place on 28 September.

Representing the Glebe/Annandale Ward are:

ALICE MURPHY - Labor
192 Annandale St, Annandale
CHRIS WINDSOR - Labor
12 Colbourne Avenue Glebe
NICHOLAS DYER - Liberal
105 St John's Road Glebe
MAIRE SHEEHAN
26a/45 Trafalgar Street
Annandale

We have written to each of these Councillors advising them of the Society's standing invitation to publish any articles, news items, comments or information notices relating to Council's responsibilities in Glebe that they may like to contribute. As noted elsewhere, the Society will hope to meet with them in the near future.

Notes from the Management Committee Meeting 8 September 1999

NEW COUNCIL

The Committee will be moving quickly to meet with newly-elected Councillors following the recent local government election to ensure a continuation of our good working relationship with Leichhardt Council.

NEW OFFICE HOLDERS AND CONVENORS

Having resigned from being Convenor of the Bays and Foreshores sub-Committee, Ian Edwards has accepted an invitation to fill a vacancy on the Management Committee; Collin Hills has agreed to convene Bays and Foreshores.

Alison McKeown has resigned as Convenor of the Aircraft sub-Committee, and Andrew Craig will look after noise pollution issues, with particular reference to aircraft noise.

Neil Macindoe has agreed to convene the Planning sub-Committee.

NEW MEMBERS

Seven new members were admitted at the meeting. Greater membership = greater leverage!

MEDIA MONITOR

The Society would like to thank Maureen O'Connor who has been monitoring local and state print media for mentions of The Glebe Society, and maintaining a press cuttings book. We need a new volunteer - if you would be willing to take on this task, please call the Secretary, Liz Simpson-Booker on 9518. 6186.

A VIDEO HISTORY OF GLEBE

see notice p8.

Notice Board

A Tour of Rookwood Cemetery

Visit the largest surviving 19th century garden cemetery in the world with Max Solling as guide. See grand sandstone and granite family vaults, statues and carved headstones and the on-going restoration of the famous Serpentine Canal.

Meet at 10 am at the entrance to Necropolis Drive in East Street Lidcombe. Street parking available - by train it's a five minute walk from Lidcombe Station.

Cost, including delicious picnic lunch - \$25/\$20 BYO drinks - Bookings essential

Phone Total Environment Centre on 9299. 5599

Sunday 10 October 10am - 3 pm

Leichhardt Historical Journal

This Journal was first published in 1971. Issue No. 22 will appear next year and will contain an article on "The Labor Party in Inner Sydney" by Max Solling, as well as articles on the Waterview Estate in Balmain and Flood's Estate in Leichhardt by Peter Reynolds.

Some back issues are available as well as historical monographs and an annotated index. The Journal is held at the Glebe Library. Membership and other inquiries to the Editor: Dr Peter Reynolds phone 9810. 8560

PROTEST!

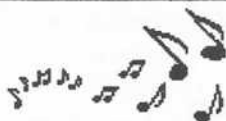
Environmental Activism in NSW 1968 - 1998

An exhibition sponsored by the Historic Houses Trust of NSW

Dust off your dungarees, raise the banner high and take to the barricades with this powerful exhibition of environmental protest in New South Wales. From the Green Bans to the Green Olympics, PROTEST captures the many faces of environmental activism - its spirit, fervour and creativity in striving for lasting change.

At the Justice and Police Museum 4 Phillip Street, Sydney For more information ph: 9252. 1144

Showing until 31 October



The Glebe singers meet every Thursday night at 7 pm at the Glebe Town Hall 2nd floor, Mt. Vernon Street entrance.

Staying Healthy and Happy

Come and listen to a variety of speakers on issues relating to happiness and health - another event to celebrate the International Year of the Older Person.

Benledi Meeting Room
Glebe Library

Gold Coin Donation
Bookings to the Library: 9367. 9262

Thursday 14 October 10 am

BOOK TALK

Piero Ferrucci, author of *The Gifts of Parenting* will discuss his book which considers how one of life's most challenging and selfless tasks can ultimately be the most joyous and rewarding.

Benledi Meeting Room
Cost \$2, including wine and cheese
Enquiries: phone the Library 9367. 9262

Monday 25 October 7 pm

Kid's Activities:

A range of stories, craft and film for pre-schoolers every Tuesday at 11 am

Fun and popcorn on Thursday 7 October film starts at 4pm

GET READY TO BE SPOOKED !



Halloween storytime

Tuesday
26 October at 11 am
for preschoolers

Thursday
28 October at 4 pm
for school aged kids

For Your Diary ...

Sunday	10 October	A Tour of Rookwood Cemetery 10am - 3 pm, see Notice Board
Wednesday	13 October	Management Committee Meeting - all welcome 7.30 pm Toxteth Hotel Meeting Room
Thursday	14 October	Staying Healthy and Happy 10 am Benledi Meeting Room, see Notice Board
Tuesday	19 October	... deadline Bulletin copy ...
Monday	25 October	Book Talk: The Gifts of Parenting 7pm at Benledi, see Notice Board
Thursday	28 October	Leichhardt Council Meeting 7 pm Leichhardt Town Hall
<div>ADVANCE NOTICE</div>		
	14 - 21 November	Glebe Music Festival - see enclosed flyer
Sunday	21 November	Glebe Street Fair
Sunday	21 November	Pagliacci - performed by The Oratorio Opera Company in the Glebe Town Hall - further details in next <i>Bulletin</i>
Wednesday	24 November	Glebe Golf Day - contact Chamber Secretary 9552. 1546

The Glebe Society Inc

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.

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If you have a matter that you would like to discuss with the Management Committee, please ring the Secretary, Liz Simpson-Booker, on 9518. 6186 and arrange to come to a meeting.

DEADLINE

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