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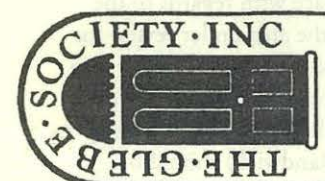
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Let's talk about it!

**SHOULD GLEBE REMAIN WITH LEICHHARDT COUNCIL -
OR MOVE TO THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SYDNEY?**

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In *Bulletin* 1/2000 [p1] I invited members to comment on the proposal by the Lord Mayor of Sydney, Councillor Frank Sartor, to expand the City Council's boundaries, resulting in Glebe being transferred back to the administration of the City Council, along with other areas bordering the City of Sydney. Only a few comments were received from members, and they were fairly evenly split between opposition and support for the proposal.

After the initial bout of publicity in mid-February, the issue seems to have died. This may be in part due to the statement by the Minister for Local Government that such a proposition would not be examined until after the current round of voluntary council amalgamations is completed later this year. We cannot assume the proposal is dead.

We invited the Glebe Ward Councillors to attend the April meeting of the Management Committee, and the Mayor, Councillor Máire Sheehan, accepted our invitation. In relation to this issue she stressed the Council's efforts to be more efficient, particularly

by joining with other councils to create economies in the delivery of services. She predicted that the matter would go to the Boundaries Commission and said that, in her opinion, Leichhardt Council as presently constituted is an appropriate size to enable proper interaction with constituents.

The Society considers that the local community should have every opportunity to consider the proposition and is writing to both Councils detailing members concerns, stating that at this stage we have an open mind, and that we would require far more information before we could take a position.

In association with the Glebe Chamber of Commerce, the Society is offering to host a community forum at which all details of the proposal are laid on the table and debated. The forum would also give proponents and opponents of amalgamation the opportunity to explain how they would deal with the many pressing issues confronting Glebe.

Bruce Davis

NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS

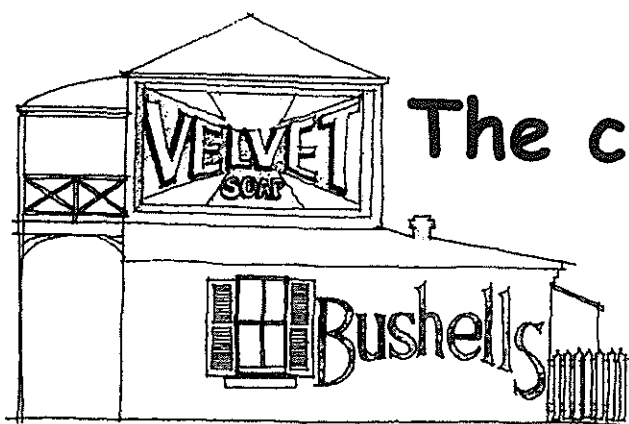
The cost of ordinary membership of the Glebe Society will rise to \$40 next financial year; pensioner/student membership will rise to \$20, and institutional membership will now be \$100. This is not a decision that the Management Committee wanted to make, but given that expenditure exceeds revenue under the present fee structure, we decided that we could no longer put off the evil day.

The only area where we can make significant savings is the *Bulletin*. The editor has frequently volunteered to reduce the number of pages in order to reduce costs, but the Management Committee has always taken the view that this should be a last resort. Our main source of revenue is membership subscriptions, supplemented by sales of

the *Historic Glebe* walking guide and occasional activities, such as the Progressive Dinner and Christmas function at Lyndhurst, which make a small profit.

We are investigating ways of making membership relevant to a wider number of Glebe residents, and new initiatives which would boost our revenue [see *Bulletin* 1/2000 p5]. The best way to make ends meet is to attract new members, and to ensure that existing members renew. If you know anyone in Glebe who is interested in the heritage and quality of life of their suburb, encourage them to join The Glebe Society - and please renew your own membership promptly in July this year.

WE MUST REMAIN FINANCIAL!



The changing face of Glebe

FLETCHERS' CONTAINER TERMINAL SITE FORSYTH STREET

On Saturday, 8 April, I attended an on-site public meeting to discuss the Masterplan for Fletchers, the last major development site in Glebe [see *Bulletin* 9/99 p3]. There were over fifty people, quite a good attendance, though not as many as at the first Fletchers' public meeting which I chaired in 1996. The points raised were similar, although on this latest occasion the discussion was rather disorganised and lasted three and a half hours.

It is not surprising that there is a high level of concern about such a large waterfront site. Some progress has been made in limiting the height and density of the proposal, and also in securing the maximum public access to the waterfront, but clearly there is further to go. I hope The Society continues to press for reduction in traffic through Glebe; we would all benefit, but the residents in Forsyth Street and Ferry Road would benefit most.

A member has suggested that the Society should press for a design competition to be run in conjunction with the DA for this site. Such a competition would enable those interested to have an input and address at least some of their concerns; it would probably not add substantially to costs, and the site owners may react favourably to the idea.

I will be writing to Council again about the assessment of the Masterplan and am eager to hear (ph 9660. 0208 <macindoe@bigpond.net.au>) further comments from members so that these can be incorporated; I will certainly include the proposal for a design competition.

[We understand the Masterplan is to be discussed at Council's May meeting. Ed.]

OTHER MATTERS

The Society has written to Dr Stanley Quek, new owner of 461-5 Glebe Point Road, expressing concern about the approval given by Council to the DA for this site, and seeking a meeting to discuss changes.

It has also written to the Independent Commission against Corruption concerning the misuse of Wentworth Park by the greyhound racers.

Neil Macindoe

FLETCHERS' AND GENERAL REDEVELOPMENT ISSUES

Rapid development of various sites in the Glebe area has placed great strain on the already overloaded system of generally narrow streets. The redevelopment of the Fletchers' site cannot be viewed in isolation. This site, the Blackwattle Studios site at the end of Glebe Point Road and the former Childrens' Hospital site in Forest Lodge will all greatly increase the volume of traffic travelling through our small pocket of Glebe, which amounts to just four thoroughfares: Taylor Street, Forsyth Street, Avon Street and Ferry Road – all of which (as is stated in the traffic study) already carry heavier volumes of traffic than is generally acceptable for suburban streets.

We have recently seen the disastrous traffic impact from a large development in this suburb – traffic flow at The Broadway Shopping Centre (which was approved by all traffic studies against the advice of local residents) has become increasingly unworkable, and is still being tinkered with, e.g. the proposal to reopen Francis Street.

SIZE AND DENSITY

The size/density of the Fletchers' site needs to be reduced for a number of reasons. In regards to traffic flow, a reduction in size will, of course, reduce the number of residents and therefore vehicles. It appears that no proper urban design analysis has taken place with regards to the development of the this' site. As the area under review for development is large, ways to sensitively subdivide the area with a system of streets and lanes which will replicate the form and character of the rest of the suburb (as is being done on the defence land site in Randwick) should be undertaken. Residents do not want to see any enclave-type of developments, complete with locked gates, created in this suburb.

PARKING

There are nowhere near enough car spaces proposed on site for residents and only ten visitors' spots are proposed. The developers are having pipe dreams if they think residents of studio and bed-sit apartments won't own cars. Council should be aware that most existing houses in this area do not have off-street parking and residents have no choice but to park their vehicles on the street. This development, as well as the move to install parking meters on Glebe Point Road, will mean that residents will have to fight even more desperately for on-street parking spaces.

Philip Reed

When Council should say 'No'

Unless and until the Land and Environment Court is reformed in a manner that is more favourable to residents and less so to developers, there will always be a risk in letting a development application proceed to court. We should think carefully about what Council's options are, and for what we, as a residents' group, should press.

Council cannot refuse to deal with an application. This is a pity, because applications are sometimes made simply to increase the value of a property a developer intends to sell. The Hardy's Timber Yard site at 431-5 Glebe Point Road, recently sold by Leon Fink's company for \$18 million, is a good illustration. Despite the opposition of residents, just before Christmas Council approved a proposal for forty-five town houses on this site.

As pointed out in the *SMH* (Domain p3, Thursday 23 March) this means the new owner/developer (Singapore-based Stanley Quek) is paying \$400,000 for the land for each unit. It is not difficult to imagine what the price tag will be on these dwellings once the cost of construction and a profit margin are added.

Council can, however, require more information, as is the case with the most recent Harold

Park application; or it can require a rezoning and, in a few instances, a management plan, if appropriate, as is the case with the Fletchers' site (see this *Bulletin*, p2).

In most cases, however, Council is faced with four options:

- outright approval
- approval, but with changes
- deferral, usually for further information or redesign
- refusal

Modified approval, deferral and refusal are all subject to appeal. In addition, if an application is not determined within forty days, the applicant may appeal on the grounds of deemed refusal. On Thursday, 23 March, Council voted to defer for

redesign the application for the site containing the beautiful Federation house, 'Montana', on the corner of Boyce and Bell Streets. The proposal to convert the nurses' home at the rear to three dwellings currently includes balconies and a roof terrace that increase both the wall height and the overlooking of the heavily used rear gardens of Wigram Road terraces.

Hopefully, the applicant will save some money and avoid a costly court case by modifying the plan. However, if money is no object, the applicant could lodge an appeal.

Refusal should never be for political reasons. In the past applications have sometimes been refused because a large and vociferous group of residents objected, rather than because there was any defensible reason for refusal. In other words, the majority of councillors were too

to confuse residents. The councillor appears to be acting at their behest, but is in fact acting on behalf of the developer. It is easy to pick these refusals: the grounds for refusal are always weak and poorly argued. It is particularly damaging politics, because Council is involved in a long and costly court case it is bound to lose.

I hope it has become clear that a decision to refuse needs to be strongly supported. Councillors need to know what the best grounds for refusal would be. They must have read and understood Council's planning controls. They also need to understand the context and the rules of the court. When you add to this the need for courage and the power to persuade colleagues, it helps to explain why Council is not more successful, even in the present unfavourable circumstances.

When an appeal is made to the Court, the Court, for all practical purposes, becomes the Council. It is supposed to apply the same rules and standards. The fact that so many Council decisions are overturned shows the degree of latitude that

Councils actually enjoy. This is why it is tempting to introduce stricter, less flexible controls into a town plan: it makes it more difficult for the Court to overturn a Council decision. Unfortunately, while the Court is more restricted, so is the originating Council – the powers are the same.

In one important respect, the Court's powers exceed those of Council. If an applicant substantially modifies a proposal made to Council, it has to be readvertised. However, this does

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cowardly to incur the opprobrium of an unpopular decision. A councillor should have a high enough reputation in the community to make some unpopular decisions. If a councillor does not, he or she is at the mercy of any demagogue, and democracy is threatened.

It is also not unknown for a councillor who privately approves of an application to move its refusal, because they know the developer will win an appeal. This political trick is used by pro-development councillors

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Traffic Matters



MANAGEMENT OF CAR PARKING

The Division of Works and Services of Leichhardt Council has prepared a report on the management of parking in the Municipality which has been available for public consultation over recent weeks.

Council officers undertook a survey of parking in the Municipality during November, 1999, which in effect documented what residents have been aware of, namely that there is a heavy demand for parking, that the degree of illegal parking is high, and that at certain times demand for parking spaces exceeds their availability. In Glebe specifically the report concluded that parking demand was near or in excess of capacity for significant parts of weekdays and on Saturday, both day and evening. The level of illegal parking in Glebe, at 14%, was the highest in the whole Municipality (average 5%).

The report considered several management options, including pay parking, resident parking and off-street commercial parking and recommended that pay parking be instituted in a number of commercial areas. For Glebe it was proposed to install meters along Glebe Point Road from Broadway to Hereford Street. Other areas to be considered were St Johns Road (Forest Lodge local shopping area), Ross Street, Forest Lodge (local shopping area adjacent to the University), and Arundel Street. A preliminary estimate suggests that Glebe might have about 220 metered spaces.

Parking use surveys and the extent of overstay parking suggested that there was an excess number of 1-hour parking spaces and a shortage of 2-hour spaces. It is recommended that a number of spaces be changed from 1 to 2 hour periods.

The basic thrust of the recommendations of the report aims to improve parking turnover in commercial areas by the installation of (multi-bay) meters, at a rate of \$2 per hour. Revenue from meters would enable Council to employ nine or ten additional parking control staff and would also yield surplus revenue for general improvements to the Municipality.

The report notes that Glebe, unlike the other areas of the Municipality, has a very high level of 'extraneous' parking, i.e. by users from outside the area. However, no specific recommendations are made about how to deal with this.

In its response to the report, the Society has emphasised the extent of this particular problem.

SEVERAL AREAS OF GLEBE ARE AFFECTED:

- the Glebe Estate, which is heavily used by people commuting to the University of Sydney;
- the northern end of Glebe Point Road, which has no time limitations, and hence is attractive to commuters – with significant consequences for residents who find it difficult to park near their homes (and who do not have rear lane access, e.g. on the eastern side of Glebe Point Road);
- the St Phillips and Lyndhurst precincts where, as a consequence of the introduction of metered parking in Pyrmont and Ultimo, outside users have been attracted by the free parking in these areas.

Jeanette Knox

Leichhardt Council has invited residents to a meeting to discuss the parking management plan on:

Wednesday 10 May
Dining Room - St. Helen's Community Centre
184 Glebe Point Road, at 8 pm.

THE SOCIETY HAS SUGGESTED

- Council consider the use of 4-hour meters on Parramatta Road and Arundel Street, near the University, which would be in line with practices in similar areas in other municipalities;
- Council consider the purchase of 4 Talfourd Street as a possible commercial parking area for Glebe;
- that if Council plans to encourage those people who come into Glebe to eat at restaurants to use the Broadway Shopping Centre car park, then it should reconsider the proposal for parking meters on Glebe Point Road. If commercial turnover can be achieved in other ways it would be a preferable option for a street of high heritage value.

Consultants who are assisting Council in the parking management review attended the Society's Management Committee meeting on 12 April to provide an overview of their possible recommendations and to receive input from the Society. (They had spoken also to precinct groups, the Chambers of Commerce, etc.)

Members reiterated their concerns about commuter parking, had some mixed views about the desirability of meters, and a plea was made for any residential parking permits additional to a basic (free) one to be charged for at a substantial rate as a discouragement to multiple car ownership in the Municipality.



The Society has written to the Department of Transport asking for the opportunity to mark the historical opening of the Light Rail extension to Leichhardt with some form of celebration before the opening to the general public. Suggestions include a preliminary trip on the new rail and/or a walk through the Glebe tunnel, followed by light refreshments.

This would allow members, friends and others in the local community a sneak preview of the service and would also allow inspection of the tunnel, which is considered by many to have some heritage values.

LIGHT RAIL UPDATE

The sixth meeting of the Inner West Light Rail Consultative Committee was held on 13 April.

STATUS OF WORK:

The Light Rail Company is busy working on developing its operating procedures with regard to station monitoring, signalling etc. The physical construction is on target for completion mid July.

Physical works are progressing on the pedestrian approaches adjacent to the Glebe and Rozelle stations. Work at the Wentworth Park and Jubilee stations is essentially complete and is in abeyance waiting furnishings etc. At the Glebe station the piling is completed and work has started on the stair access. Work on the lighting of Palmerston Avenue will be started early in May. At the Rozelle station, foundations are complete and block work will start soon. At Lilyfield, most of the station is complete and work has started on the lift well and stairs.

Some additional trees have been tagged for removal at the Jubilee stop. These are mostly *celtus*, which are unfriendly to the natural environment and will be replaced with more appropriate native species.

RECURRING ISSUES:

By far the most dominant issue is parking. The community is nervous about the ability of the local streets to accommodate any additional parking created by rail patrons. This issue is wider than the rail but it has flushed

out broader concerns that should be addressed by Council. It is still intended to carry out before and after studies to determine the impact of the light rail on parking. However, the results of this work need to be interpreted in the context of broader parking issues that are also being separately addressed by Council. The committee will monitor developments.

Lighting at the stations is also a significant community concern. Light spill measures are being designed and will be reported on at future meetings. These measures will address the proposed advertising signs as well as general platform and approach lighting. Noise attenuation is being similarly addressed. Specific complaints about construction problems should be directed to Frank de Vitis (mobile 0419 432 310).

Bio Design presented the detailed landscaping design for each of the stations. Their commitment to sensitive urban design appeared to be in evidence and these attracted considerable interest but little criticism.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meetings are scheduled for 6:30 pm, 4 May, 1 June and 6 July 2000 at Benledi. Members of the community are welcome.

Steve Stewart

[Steve's full report on the meeting is available from the Society – phone Liz Simpson-Booker on 9518.6186.]

When Council Should say 'No'
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not apply to an appeal. An unscrupulous applicant can present a different set of plans to the Court and have them approved as though they were the original application. Hence the risks of Council refusing an application are not just financial: the residents may end up with a much worse development, and one which they have never seen, and to which they had no opportunity to object.

A poorly supported, badly argued refusal is not just a pyrrhic victory: it can lead to a profoundly damaging defeat, which, given the shortage of courage among councillors, weakens their resolve to take on and defeat unsympathetic development.

A sure sign councillors have courage and know what they are doing is when they are prepared to refuse a poor development even when there are no objectors, and when there is no political advantage to be gained.

THE VALUE OF THE GLEBE SOCIETY

This is where the value of The Glebe Society is inestimable. In my terms on Council there were many cases where objectionable developments were proposed, particularly to commercial buildings of major heritage value along Glebe Point Road. Often there were no neighbours to object. Often there were owners of businesses who would be only too happy to see Council's heritage and planning controls undermined. Time and again I was able to call on The Society as the sole objector.

With The Society's support, I was able to have all commercial buildings of heritage value included in Council's heritage schedule. Our debt to The Society is greater than many members realise, as most of these decisions of Council received no publicity. Often the best and most important decisions are the ones that are not acknowledged, and again I am grateful to The Society that allows this fact to be known.

Neil Macindoe.

The news from Broadway

Glenn Smith, Community and Youth Officer at The Broadway Shopping Centre attended the Society's April Management Committee meeting when various matters were discussed including traffic, noise, juvenile crime, shopping trolleys and litter.

Regarding traffic management, street closures and related issues, Mr Smith emphasised that the traffic

management of local streets and main roads which surround the Centre fall under the control of the Leichhardt and South Sydney Councils, and the RTA. When asked to clarify the Centre's position regarding Francis Street, he stressed that the present management of the Centre has absolutely no interest in whether Francis Street is a one-way or a two-way street.

All criminal activity in connection with the Centre is monitored by the management and, according to their findings, crime committed by juveniles accounts for no more than 3-4%, with only 10% of this coming from the immediate locality.

On the subject of litter, Mr Smith said that customers will not visit shops which do not have good presentation, and therefore the Centre has arrangements with Council regarding rubbish in and around its locality, including removal of graffiti on the external walls of the Forsyth Auditorium. He asked that he be advised if any of the Centre's promotional material was not properly delivered to local streets, offering to discuss the matter with the relevant Broadway tenant.

Shopping trolleys were dealt with in the last *Bulletin* [p3]; Mr Smith added that a taxi telephone service (booking fee waived for Seniors) was now available from the Centre's Information Desk – with a pick up at the corner of Bay and Francis Street where the trolleys could be left.

The President was pleased to note the Centre's support for community projects [see this page] and thanked Mr Smith for coming, adding that while the Society regarded the attempted barrier removal in Francis Street as most unfortunate, he hoped that this meeting would be the start of an ongoing process of co-operative consultation on any matters which involved the Centre and the community.

Mr Smith undertook to follow up on the problem of plant noise levels, and the provision of anti-litter signs near exits. He said the Centre welcomes "positive feedback, community suggestions and constructive criticism" and invited anyone to contact him personally on (ph) 9213. 3333.

Community activities in which the Centre is involved include:

Financial sponsorships:

- Young Achievement Australia 1999 Business Skills Programme - \$3,500 (and the formation of an advisory committee within the Centre)
- 1999 Ultimo Pyrmont Festival - \$1,000
- Glebe Art Show – \$3,000 prize
- Poets' Union - \$1,000
- Leichhardt Council Youth Projects - \$10,000 annually
- Tranby College student - \$400
- Glebe Primary School Choir - \$1,000 in 1998 and 1999
- Financial support to LifeLine and their fund-raising Book Fair (to be held in May).
- Organisation of the Forest Lodge Primary School fund-raising auction to cover lost Department of Education funding – target \$10,000.

Community Representation includes:

- Steering Committee of the Rozelle Jpet Programme, assisting young people at risk.
- Management Committee of the Glebe Youth Service.
- Member the of Youth Action and Policy Association (YAPA).
- Support of Seniors' Week 2000: two free concerts, other entertainment, and morning and afternoon tea during the week.

Projects Involving Young people:

- A five months project (until June 2000) will support young unemployed people by sponsoring their 'looking for work' advertisements in *The Village Voice*.
- Two young people from the Glebe Youth Service were sponsored to undertake the Alex Beaumont Bar course; a resumé writing workshop was conducted and help given in finding employment.
- Organisation of two Retail Tours for young people from Job Pathways to assist in their career choices.
- Sponsorship and co-ordination of a well-attended Youth Suicide Awareness Seminar held in conjunction with LifeLine Leichhardt, the Glebe PCYC and the Wentworth Park Tenants' Group.
- Choirs from the local primary schools are invited to sing at the Centre each Christmas, with refreshments provided.

National Youth Week Activities:

- Financial support of 'Silent Cells 2000' – a short film festival conducted by the Glebe Youth Service.
- Broadway Youth Art Award competition, first prize of \$300 in each of three categories.

We congratulate the Centre on its support of local community projects, and will report in a future *Bulletin* on the various Centre programmes which address youth issues.

Our Sporting Heritage:

RACISM IN SPORT

In association with the National Trust's Heritage Festival 2000 with the theme of OUR SPORTING HERITAGE, Tranby Aboriginal Co-operative College and The Glebe Society co-sponsored the celebration of *One-Eyed, a View of Australian Sport* by Douglas Booth and Colin Tatz, published by Allen & Unwin. The well attended event, held 4 April at Gleebooks, was followed by a panel discussion, 'Racism in Sport'.

John Iremonger, (Allen & Unwin), presented an entertaining introduction to the launch by Peter Fitzsimons and comments by Colin Tatz – with apologies from Douglas Booth, who is currently in Canada.

The panel discussion 'Racism in Sport' focused on Indigenous Australians, and the panel members, with the exception of Colin Tatz, were all members of the Indigenous Community and all are, or have been, successful sports persons. They were: George Bracken (boxing), Sharon Finnane (netball), Lloyd McDermott (rugby union) and Michael O'Loughlin (AFL). The MC was Yvonne Jackson, Program Co-ordinator at Tranby, who arranged for George (currently the Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer at Glebe Police Station), Sharon, Lloyd and Michael to attend this event.

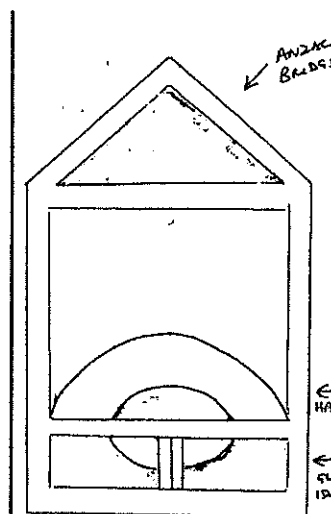
An associated Heritage Festival event in Glebe, with the theme 'Racism in Sport: Indigenous Australians', was held the following afternoon at Tranby. In addition to organiser Yvonne Jackson, the speakers were George Bracken and Colin Tatz. The stories of all panel members, at both functions, are abundantly worthy of comment but because of the important role George plays in the Glebe community, in a future *Bulletin* I will give some details of his story, his struggles and achievements.

Both events provided a very different perspective on OUR SPORTING HERITAGE. Many thanks to all participants and, in particular, to Gleebooks, Cynthia Jones of the Society and Yvonne Jackson of Tranby.

Margaret Sheppard

"Three Bridges" Walk

A FORESHORE UPDATE



The ALMOST FORESHORE WALK was first held as part of Glebe Week last year to raise the awareness of Glebe residents in the potential for an interesting walk from the Fish Markets to Bicentennial Park. The walk could eventually link up with Pyrmont, the city and Balmain as part of the State Government's vision for a planned MILLENNIUM WALK which covers the inner western area of Sydney Harbour including Blackwattle Bay and Rozelle Bay.

A brochure was produced by The Glebe Society for the ALMOST FORESHORE WALK to guide people on a suggested route, and to highlight areas of interest. Jeanette Knox recently updated this brochure which now includes public transport links. She has also suggested that the Glebe section of the Walk be named the "Three Bridges" Walk to recognize the vantage points offering different aspects of Sydney Harbour Bridge, the Glebe Island Bridge and the Anzac Bridge.

Signage options are being considered to guide walkers through some streets as there are still a few barriers to direct foreshore access. A key goal of the Glebe Society is to hasten the removal of these barriers and to provide interpretative signage. One signage option is the use of footpath stencils to mark the route.

We are fortunate to have Society member and former Secretary Christine Stewart (who created the unique design of the Society's logo which captures the essence of Glebe) offer her artistic skills to develop a number of creative designs, which the Management Committee viewed at the April meeting. Her designs represent the "Three Bridges" theme – see above – and the Committee recommended that they be presented to Leichhardt Council for consideration.

Judy Vergison – Convenor, Foreshore Walk Project Team



**COME AND MEET
YOUR LOCAL COUNCILLORS
3 MAY AT THE TOXTETH HOTEL
MEETING ROOM – 7PM**

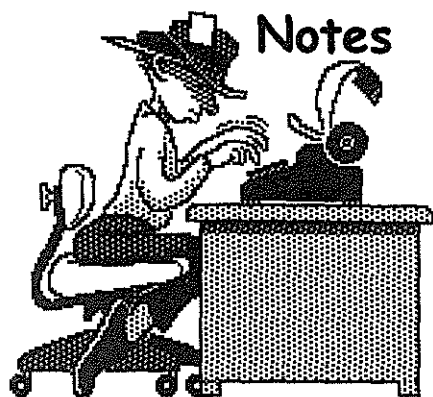
The Glebe Point Precinct invite you to a
GLEBE WARD COUNCILLOR FORUM

Come and question the Glebe Ward Councillors – Mayor Máire Sheehan, Alice Murphy, Nick Dyer and Chris Windsor – and meet your neighbours.

The precinct system is a Council initiative run voluntarily by residents, which provides a two-way information stream: providing information from Council to the community, and allowing the community to address Council on all issues; precinct members represent the community's view on a number of Council committees.

There is a Precinct meeting on the first Wednesday of each month at 7pm at the Toxteth Hotel – we always need more input. At the May meeting there will be a quick AGM prior to the Councillor Forum.

Join us afterwards for dinner/coffee/drinks at the Toxteth Bistro. For further information contact Chris Newton on 9660. 8349.



Notes

from the Editor's Desk

LEICHHARDT HISTORICAL WALK

Enjoy a couple of hours looking at some of Leichhardt's historic buildings, including All Souls Church, Leichhardt Town Hall, the Fire Station and the Primary School.

Thursday 4 May
10 am – 12 noon

Meet at Leichhardt Town Hall steps on Norton Street.

Ring Margaret or Ellen at Leichhardt Library on 9367. 9266. Bookings essential.

ROAD SAFETY FOR 60+

Only 15% of the population is aged 60+, but this group accounts for about 40% of pedestrian deaths. A 40 minute information session, conducted by Leichhardt Council's Road Safety Officer, will discuss why this is so, and what can be done to reduce the numbers.

If you are in this age group, you might like to come to the

Supper Room

Leichhardt Town Hall

Thursday 4 May at 12 noon

right after the Historical Walk (see above). A light lunch is provided. Phone Vera Zaccari on 9367. 9000 by 2 May. Bookings essential.

NEW BOOKSHOP FOR GLEBE

A new speciality bookshop dedicated to gardening has opened at 145 St. John's Road.

Contact the Florilegium Bookshop (ph) 9571. 8222 (fax) 9571. 8333.

St Helen's Community Centre

OPENING

On Wednesday, 29 March I attended the opening of this handsome renovated centre at 184 Glebe Point Road [see *Bulletin* 1/2000 p10]. I should point out, however, that despite all the nice things said about me at the opening, the main credit belongs to Leichhardt Council staff, especially Judy Wingfield and Paul Carson.

My role, as with the Glebe Library, was to provide the political will to get the project through Council. In the case of the Library, this would not have been possible without the support of the Glebe community; with St Helen's, it could not have been achieved without the energy and commitment of Council staff.

I believe the site that now includes Glebe Library and St Helen's has great potential as the future Community Centre for Glebe, and I would be happy to see The Society play a prominent role in the realisation of this goal.

Neil Macindoe

ACTIVITIES

A program of activities for seniors will be commencing soon at the new St Helen's (184 Glebe Point Road). The activities will include a weekly Tai Chi group, Gentle Exercise, monthly visits from a podiatrist, and a new group called OMNI: Older Men New Ideas, which is a group for men who wish to meet with other men to explore and share common interests. We are also hoping to arrange for older people to receive a massage at the centre. A weekly bingo group is already meeting on Thursdays, and monthly bus trips to a variety of places throughout the Sydney region have also been organised.

Lunches are available at the Centre on Mondays and Thursday. For lunch enquiries please phone. In June regular guest speakers and entertainment will also be featured with the lunches.

For enquiries regarding senior's activities, please phone Bernice or Irene on 9810 2536.

FRANCIS STREET SAGA CONTINUES

Dear Editor,

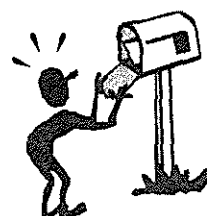
We've had some strange but apparently true news about Francis Street. It appears that the Olympic Roads and Traffic Authority has requested that the status quo [one-way in only] be maintained until after the Olympics as the Forsyth Auditorium is being used as a training venue for the fencers. No one has yet said why ORTA have requested this. Presumably because they want to use Glebe Point Road for quick and easy access to the Auditorium?

The Society is writing to Tourism and Small Business Minister Sandra Nori and Transport Minister Scully asking that all other improvements in Bay and Mountain streets be trialled in the meantime, and that the public consultation process as to what, if anything, is going to happen to Francis Street be delayed until after the Olympics.

We are now in a stronger position to plead our case; for instance, we have two possible arguments:

1. We don't want it all looking ugly and unfinished for the international visitors, so why not resolve the matter now and do the necessary landscaping work as a matter of priority.
2. If it's good enough for the Olympics to maintain the status quo, why isn't it good enough for the community?

Roger Mackell



The Glebe Youth Service

GLEBE YOUTH ART PROJECT

The Glebe Youth Service is commencing the Glebe Youth Art Project (funded by a Federation Grant through the Department of Communications, Information Technology and the Arts). The Project entails the design, fabrication and installation of artwork on the façade of 84 Glebe Point Road, where the Youth Service currently operates.

We have engaged Stuart Slough and Graham Chalcraft, from 'Placebo Culture' to manage the Project, and have allocated funds to employ a Project Assistant and a Trainee, which will provide a great opportunity for two young people to work as artworkers and in project administration.

The first phase of the project involves workshops with young people focusing on development of skills in various media; the designs created through the workshops will be used in zoetropes (an early form of animation) to feature on the façade. Combined with 'peepholes' for viewing, this artwork will evoke the history of the building as a moviehouse, and as a site of popular culture and recreation, continuous with its present use as a youth centre. As well as zoetropes, designs will be created for signage and other façade artwork.

Thanks to the Department of Housing, internal renovation of No. 84 will soon commence; the resulting improved facilities and future landmark façade will make our Youth Service a great resource for Glebe. Through presentations to various groups in the community, and opportunities for public feedback on designs, we will keep locals informed about the project as it unfolds.

We look forward to your sharing in these exciting developments.

Dorothy Bottrell.
Co-ordinator
Glebe Youth Service.

'SILENT CELLS' MOVIE COMPETITION

The GYS has just completed its annual youth movie competition called SILENT CELLS. The competition was held in the Broadway Hoyts on 6 April. *The Redfern Boy* won first prize; an entry by the girls from Yasmar won second; and the children of Glebe After School Care won third prize. The winning Glebe entry, *Vegi-Terror*, was about children's distaste for vegetables.

The GYS was very pleased that the Minister Assisting the Premier on Youth Affairs, Carmel Tebbutt was present at the judging and opened Youth Week for us.

EARTH WORKS COURSE AT LEICHHARDT

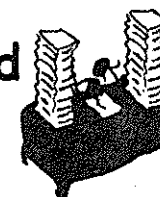
An Earth Works Course is being run by Sydney Community College at Leichhardt High School.

Information will be given on how to effectively compost, worm farm, build a no-dig garden, and set up an urban permaculture system and reduce waste. The course is run by the Waste Project Officer for Concord Council, and consists of five weeknight classes plus two Saturday mornings, one field trip and one practical garden workshop. Beginning Tuesday 30 May, the total cost is \$25.00, and refreshments, workbook and transport to field trips are provided.

Earth Works Course number is HH2004, enrolments are accepted by phone with credit card payment – call 9555.7411; you can also enrol on-line at <www.scc.nsw.edu.au>

[This information comes from the current Sydney Community College booklet – copies are available at Glebe Library.]

Notes from the Management Committee meeting held 11 April



NEW CONVENORS

The Management Committee is pleased to welcome Jan Wilson and Winsome Byrne who will be looking after Heritage and Environment respectively. Christine Whitemore, who had convened these two groups previously, has moved to the UK to complete her Master's degree. Our grateful thanks and good wishes go with her.

GLEBE WARD COUNCILLORS

President Bruce Davis has issued a standing invitation to Glebe Ward Councillors to attend the Society's Management Committee meetings. We were pleased to have Leichhardt Mayor Máire Sheehan in attendance at our April meeting. The issue of council amalgamations was discussed, see p1.

[Note: A community meeting with Glebe Ward Councillors has been scheduled - see p7. Ed.]

PARKING SURVEY

Liz McLachlan and David Sung from Leichhardt Council also attended the April meeting to present information on the parking survey which is currently being undertaken. Jeanette Knox has coordinated the TGSI response to Council, see p4.

LIAISON PROGRAM

The Society has developed a liaison program to create an interface between stakeholders and Glebe residents, to achieve greater understanding and to foster a greater sense of community. As part of this program, the Management Committee had discussions in March with the Co-ordinator, Glebe School Child Care, and the Aboriginal Education Assistant at Glebe Primary School. At its April meeting, the Committee met with the Community and Youth Officer of The Broadway Shopping Centre. Details of this meeting are reported on p6.

Notice Board

Libraries – here for the long run!

AUSTRALIAN LIBRARY WEEK 13 - 20 May

Various activities are being planned for this week, including: **the annual secondhand book sale in the Library grounds.** Start cleaning out your bookshelves now – donations will be received from 1 May at the Library, or contact Ros Wheeler 9660. 7430.

Library Week will commence at Glebe with a talk by **Duncan Ball, author and local resident at 10.30 am.** Duncan writes for primary school aged children, and his many books include *The Ghost* series, the *Selby* series, and *Comedies for Kids*, a collection of plays and skits for performing or reading aloud. Book now 9367. 9262.

The Glebe Library's third birthday occurs in April, but celebrations are being held over until May because of the four day Easter holiday followed by Anzac Day.

Activities are again being planned beginning with a talk by **author Clare Colvin on Monday 1 May** at Benledi at 6 for 6.30 pm. Clare has a background in journalism and for a time was literary editor for the Express on Sunday. She has had a number of short stories published and her first novel *A Fatal Season* was completed in 1996. She is in Australia to promote her second book *Masque of the Gonzagas* which has already received wide applause in her native Britain. Refreshments will be served, gold coin donation. Book now 9367. 9262.

CHECK LIBRARY NOTICE BOARDS FOR FURTHER DETAILS.

Note: Computer access at Glebe Library:

FREE Internet access for searching and browsing

– but, sorry! no email access

FREE word processing facilities and use of CD ROMS.

Further information phone 9367. 9338



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The Coro Innominata Concert date had to be changed!

A wedding was scheduled at St. Scholastica's on Sunday 16 April, and so the Innominata Concert programmed for that date had to be rescheduled. It will now take place on Sunday 14 May. The Choir Director apologises for any inconvenience.

The programme entitled 'Music of Charity and Sacrifice' features the work of J S Bach, Palestrina and Ferrabosco. Ticket sales at the Chapel door \$15/\$10. Information 9550. 2787. now on Sunday 14 May

The National Trust's GLEBE DAY

The National Trust (NSW) has planned a Glebe Day for Tuesday May 9. There will be two 2-hour walking sessions, commencing 10.30am and 1.00pm, visiting properties in Boyce Street, Arcadia Road and Glebe Point Road.

Tickets are \$14 (members only) and enquiries should be directed to the Ticket Secretary on 9363. 2401 between 9.30 – 1.00 Mon-Fri. Bookings are essential.

Any Glebe Society member who might like to assist by acting as a volunteer 'Cherry Bow' (guardian) would be most welcome to participate and join the inspections. Please phone Annette Bennett 9997. 6740.

Tuesday 9 May

For Your Diary ...

Monday	1 May
Wednesday	3 May
Thursday	4 May
Thursday	4 May
Tuesday	9 May
Wednesday	10 May
Wednesday	10 May
Saturday	13 May
Sunday	14 May
May	13 - 20
Saturday	20 May

ADVANCE NOTICE

Saturday	3 June
Saturday	10 June
8 - 16	July

Clare Colvin at the Glebe Library - 6 for 6.30 pm - see Notice Board
Glebe Ward Councillor Forum
7 pm Toxteth Hotel - see p7
Leichhardt Historical Walk
10am - 12 - see p8
Safety Information Session - Leichhardt Town Hall
12 noon - p8
National Trust 'Glebe Day' Walking tour - see Notice Board
Council Parking Management Plan - Community Discussion
8 pm Dining Room, St. Helen's, 184 Glebe Point Road - see p4
Glebe Society Management Committee Meeting
7.30 pm Toxteth Hotel Meeting Room - all welcome.
Duncan Ball at the Glebe Library - 10.30 am - see Notice Board
Innominata Choir at St. Scholastica's Chapel
3.00 pm - see Notice Board
Australian Library Week - various activities at Glebe Library
Annual Secondhand Book Sale in the Library grounds - see Notice Board.

At Glebe Town Hall – Mendelssohn's Elijah and (details next issue
Recital by tenor William Amer (bookings: 9632. 4591
The Glebe Art Exhibition at Glebe Library- – see Notice Board

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- on any matters of
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- on any topic raised
- ❖ in the *Bulletin*, or
- on any issues
- ❖ relating to The
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The Glebe Art Show

The aim of the Glebe Art Show is to focus attention on the artists living and working in the Leichhardt Municipality. It is supported by The Broadway Shopping Centre, Leichhardt Council, the Glebe Chamber of Commerce and the Friends of Benledi and the Glebe Library.

The Art Show will be opened by the Mayor and the works will be on exhibition at the Glebe Library from 8 – 16 July. More details in the next *Bulletin*.

Entry forms will be available at the Library by 8 May.