



Glebe Society Bulletin

3/2004 April/May

Exciting election results and the future for Glebe

After May 2003, when Glebe was annexed to the City of Sydney Council, some disturbing events took place that impacted on the stability of the council and the fate of Glebe. Firstly, there was a further amalgamation, which was forced and secondly, the subsequent dismissal of the councillors in February 2004.

As a result, there was much political lobbying and speculation about who might nominate for positions on the newly formed larger council. There was a very short time frame for candidates to organise their policies and teams and be prepared for NSW Local Government Elections on 27 March.

The Glebe community invited Mayoral candidates to a public meeting to hear their philosophies and intentions about looking after the interests of Glebe. This meeting gave residents the opportunity to both see and hear each candidate. Irrespective of the result, the important issue was to ensure that Glebe would be recognised as a place of significance and receive relevant attention in the future.

The final results, with Clover Moore as Lord Mayor together with her team (Independent) suggests a very positive future for Glebe. Her policies embrace the issues of community consultation, village identity and strict development policies. Glebe is also fortunate to have a Glebe Society member (Robyn Kemmis) as a councillor on Clover's team. We look forward to working collaboratively with the City of Sydney Council and continuing the process of revitalising Glebe in a constructive way.

As the City of Sydney does not have a ward system, councillors will have input into the areas of concern, where their expertise can be channelled appropriately. The team working with Clover includes John McInerney, Robyn Kemmis, Marcelle Hoff, Phillip

Black, Chris Harris, Shane Mallard, Tony Pooley, Michael Lee and Verity Firth.



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Congratulations to all councillors for their success in the election. The result is also a very positive statement for the democratic voice of the voting population. We look forward to a prosperous and constructive time working with our new council.

- Jan Wilson

Coordinator, Glebe Point Road
Revitalisation Project

Members' Skills

Jan Wilson is looking for members with time and skills to contribute to the community of Glebe.

Please read the article on page two and fill in the enclosed questionnaire.

The establishment and activities of the City Resident Action Groups (CityRAGS)

Some fifteen key community groups from the then new City of Sydney Council area met on 25 August 2003 and agreed to achieve a greater voice for their communities.

Further meetings were held on 17 September 2003, 21 January, 25 February and 22 March 2004. It was at the 21 January meeting that the group really started to take shape – perhaps steered by the “threat” of a further amalgamation. At that meeting there was extensive discussion regarding the inclusion or participation of community groups. Concerns were expressed that the new group should be as inclusive of community groups as possible, an approach that could possibly pave the way for other organisations with a commercial/industrial emphasis that would not be welcome in an essentially residential forum. The meeting decided, by a large majority, to restrict membership to residents groups, and to seek to have one resident group from each suburb to provide a geographic coverage of the whole City of Sydney Local Government Area.

Among the outcomes achieved over subsequent meetings are: a name - City Resident Action Groups (CityRAGS); a Website: (<http://www.gangart.com/city/>), a provisional Charter, and a broad representation of Community Groups – at last count 15 across the amalgamated City of Sydney.

The current list includes:

1. Central Business District, (RESNET).
2. Chippendale Residents Group (CHRIG)
3. Darlinghurst Resident Action Group (DRAG)
4. East Sydney Resident Action Association (ESNA)
5. The Glebe Society
6. 2011 Resident Action Association, Kings Cross
7. Millers Point Resident Action Group

8. Paddington & Darlinghurst Community Working Group
9. Pyrmont Community Group (incorporating Pyrmont Action Group, Ultimo Precinct Committee (UPC), Friends of Pyrmont Point)
10. Nicholson Community Group
11. Waterloo Redfern Eveleigh & Darlington Workers' and Residents' Action Group (WREDWRAG)
12. Zetland Community Action Group (ZCAG)

CityRAGS was pro-active in the recent amalgamation debates, putting a strong opposing view to the Commission. However, in line with the draft Charter, it was agreed “not [to] subvert the position or authority of member resident groups and [to] work to achieve consensus where possible”, CityRAGS did not take a joint, public position on the recent City Council elections.

Forthcoming meetings for 2004, at which each community will be represented by a voting delegate, have been set for:

1. May 4 and September 7 in the Ultimo Community Centre, Ultimo
2. June 1, July 6, and November 2 in the Southern Function Room of the Town Hall

The Lord Mayor, Councillor Clover Moore, has been invited to attend and address the 4 May meeting.

- Bob Armstrong

Members' Skills - Would you like to join our team?

You may have seen a full-page report in the Sydney Morning Herald, April 17-18, “Rich City, Poor Kids”. It is a very good piece of investigative journalism, but presents a picture of Glebe we can do something about if we all work together.

“The inner-city suburb spans the city’s social and economic divide in one postcode. Million-dollar terraces stand just blocks away from considerable poverty. In parts of Glebe, more than 80 percent of homes are rented from the NSW Department of Housing, with most families existing on less than \$400 a week, the 2002 census reveals.”

“Residents and shopkeepers, while acknowledging problems, are aware how damaging, and paradoxically, misleading, the area’s image as a crime-ridden zone can be. ‘It would be unfair and erroneous to write that Glebe is a hotbed of crime’, says Andrew Craig, the President of the Glebe Society. ‘Ninety-nine percent of people on Glebe Estate are fine ... the source of the problem is a very small number of people who are having serious difficulties’.”

Glebe residents are already taking steps to improve many aspects of Glebe. The Glebe Point Road Revitalisation Project is working to improve the appearance and commercial viability of Glebe Point Road and other commerce in Glebe.

The GPRR Project has identified an important strategy whereby individuals can make a positive contribution to the community. The Glebe Society, a partner in the GPRR Project is seeking the support of members and others who may have some time and be willing to volunteer their skills and contribute to the community of Glebe. A questionnaire, included in this Bulletin, has been designed to capture the interests and skills of members. There are several organisations (community, government and educational) that are under-funded and under-staffed, where individuals could provide assistance and support. In turn, we are confident that a real difference can be made to the social fabric of Glebe. We are also confident that these tasks will be fulfilling and fun!

Please fill in and return your questionnaire **NOW**.

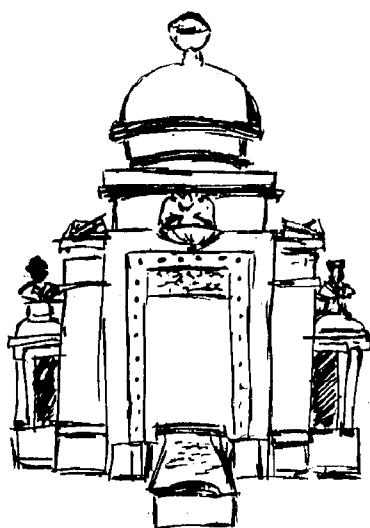
- Jan Wilson & Edwina Doe

Anzac Day 2004

A Local View of World War One

After the 1914-18 war a local committee commissioned architect William Martin to design a memorial for Glebe people who died in the war. The cost of £2,500 was raised by residents. The memorial is in the form of a granite and marble mausoleum, Egyptian in style with classical Greek touches. On top of the monument a bronze cross surmounts a great granite orb, then a small cupola, a split classic pediment and, within the mausoleum, a bronze nurse watching over 174 inscribed names of those who died. On the left hand side is the bust of a Digger, with the Jolly Jack from HMAS Sydney on the right. The sarcophagus, placed outside, served as the foundation stone which Lord Forster laid on 3 June 1921. The Governor General returned on Anzac Day 1922 to open this visible public statement of involvement, of pride and grief.

- Max Solling



A Glebe Soldier's Story

One of the 792 people from Glebe to volunteer for overseas service was Frederick Waugh, born on 5 June 1897. Waugh's parents, George and Frederick, operated a laundry at 50 Glebe Point Road, Glebe. Frederick Waugh attended Glebe School, where he was a member of their Cadet Corps for four years and was also an active Glebe Boy Scout. He completed his primary education at Glebe School in 1911 and then served a four year apprenticeship at Glebe as a watchmaker.

He enlisted in the AIF on 17 July 1916 and brother Arthur "donned the khaki" in 1917. Frederick was posted to the 4th Battalion as a reinforcement at Camiers in France where he was seriously wounded with shrapnel in his left arm. After returning to Australia, Frederick sought to go back to his trade but, restricted by his war injury, found employment with A P Barncastle, a watch and jewellery warehouse in York Street, Sydney where he spent the remainder of his working life. Frederick Waugh died in Hurstville on 30 July 1987.

- Max Solling

"It's right to remember them..."

At 7.30 am on Anzac Day last year, some twenty people attended a service at the War Memorial near Foley Park on Glebe Point Road. A wreath of flowers was laid inside the Memorial., where one of the city's many homeless men usually sleeps rough. (Who got him out early that morning?) White daisies in a coffee jar and pink camellias in a biscuit tin stood on the Memorial Stone.

Most notable among the small group was just one member of the 'Mice of Moresby', the men of the 55/53 Australian Infantry Battalion, whose memorabilia are held in the Glebe Library. His grandson was with him, and would accompany him into the city for the march, and then to meet up with his friends.

The service was performed by a retired minister who lives in St. John's Village, the Rev John Holle, who welcomed us and spoke of why we had all come. Some prayers were said, and the Ode of course, followed by two minutes' silence.

A piper from the University Regiment played the lament. I hadn't been before, but as the Rev Holle said "It's right to remember them".

I'm glad I went.

- Bobbie Burke

Glebe's Anzac Day Service

This year's Anzac Day service will be held at the Diggers Memorial at 7.30 am on Sunday 25 April. The Rev John Holle will officiate.

Planning

(Neil Macindoe is on holiday)



City purchases key harbour front land for Glebe Foreshore Walk

Unbroken public access along Glebe's Harbour Foreshore Walk is now guaranteed, following the City of Sydney's purchase of the 'Anchorage' site on Rozelle Bay.

"Reclaiming this significant site for the people was a key part of our vision for the Glebe Foreshore", said Commissioner Lucy Turnbull. "I am very happy this has happened on my last day in the Town Hall".

"Upon becoming Lord Mayor, this was one of the projects I initiated and drove forward. I made a commitment to give the Glebe community and people of Sydney continuous foreshore access from Blackwattle Bay to Bicentennial Park. Purchasing the final parcel of privately owned land was an essential step in achieving this.

"The Glebe Foreshore Walk will become one of the inner city's great recreational resources. I am proud to announce the Anchorage's purchase as one of my final duties as Commissioner.

"Sydney harbour is our City's greatest asset, and I believe it should be accessible to everyone. The City's purchase of the 'Anchorage' foreshore land is part of our commitment to reclaim harbour foreshore for our community." Ms Turnbull said.

The City of Sydney is working towards a continuous and universally accessible foreshore promenade around the Glebe Peninsula, linking Bicentennial Park in the west with Wentworth Park in the east. The City will be providing new recreational facilities, additional parkland and restore significant heritage items.

Community input and feedback is crucial to the success of this project; the City has released concept plans and

has commenced public consultation, which will take several months. The impetus for this exciting project owes much to the efforts of local community organisations and members, who have worked tirelessly towards the realisation of this vision.

The 2.2km Glebe Foreshore Walk will offer a broad variety of settings and waterfront recreation opportunities, with continuous cycle and wheelchair access and a variety of low-key water-based recreational opportunities.

This project is worth \$13.2 million and will link more than 27 ha of open space from Bicentennial Park to Wentworth Park and include nearly 3 ha of new foreshore park. Work is expected to commence in mid 2004, and is expected to take about 12 to 15 months to complete.

City of Sydney Press Release,

26 March 2004

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FERRY ROAD - THE PRESIDENT

REPORTS

By a unanimous decision, the Leichhardt Council rejected the development application for a block of flats at 59-61 Ferry Road on Tuesday 16th March. It is an important decision both for Glebe and Leichhardt. Council wisely took note of the wide opposition to the proposal. The Deputy Mayor, Alderman J. L. McMahon, moving the motion for rejection, made important points about the way flat developments can rob surrounding areas of their amenity, and the growing citizen resistance. Aldermen Wyner and Origlass, of Balmain, spoke on some of the wider issues involved and despite the division between them and the Labor caucus were listened to with respect. The Mayor, Alderman Rodwell, agreed to meet representatives of the Society and discuss matters of mutual interest. All this was a triumph for good sense. Comic relief was provided by Dr. Foley of Glebe and Alderman Barry of Annandale. In a hellfire and

damnation type of speech, Dr. Foley castigated the Glebe Society and its President as a gang of larrikins and dastardly plant trampers; and stated (quite wrongly) that the Society had already decided to put up opposition candidates at the next municipal elections and - also wrongly - that the Leichhardt council had already rejected the Ferry Road application. It did so about three quarters of an hour later. Dr Foley appears to have an increasing difficulty in remembering what is decided in Caucus and what in Council. Alderman Brady also provided some hilarious moments. Waving a letter about excitedly, he claimed to have proof that the Glebe Society had undertaken to cover the expense of every challenge in the courts to development proposals rejected by the Council. Alderman Brady appears to have some difficulty with the comprehension of written English. Altogether it was a good show. Why, one wonders, does one pay to go to revues like The Legend of King O'Malley, when Leichhardt Council can put on a show like that for free.

See NOTES on next page

Council to Start Work on Foley Park

Preparations will commence soon on the Plan of Management and Master Plan for Foley Park. Environmental Partnerships, who have a team of sub-consultants comprising recreational planners, landscape architects, heritage specialists, and an arborist have been appointed by Council to undertake this work.

A thorough analysis of the site will include local and regional context, landscape/visual assessment, arboricultural and horticultural factors, heritage appraisal, identification of park use and recreation, user amenities, security and safety, circulation, traffic and access, leasing/approved uses, ecologically sustainable development, management and maintenance.

While Council aims to deliver quality urban design initiatives, we are assured that community and stakeholder consultation will be an important aspect of the study to determine community goals, values and expectations for the future use of the Park.

The first of several community workshops will be held in May, the date and details to be announced by Council.

- Bobbie Burke, for the Foley Park Working Group

NOTES ON ARCHIVES

The President was Bernard Smith. The office bearers were not listed in every Bulletin at the time. My reference is Solling and Reynolds 'Leichhardt: on the margins of the City', Allen & Unwin 1997 p. 240. Max and Peter quote an article from the *Glebe Weekly* 10/03/1971 as their source.

- Lyn Milton, Archivist

Two old houses, one very small and one very large, are still at 59-61 Ferry Road.

- Ed the Ed

City's Street Planting to get Underway

Karen Sweeney of the City Council has advised that under the "Trees for a Living City" program the Council will focus on the planting of *Cupaniopsis anacardioides* (Tuckeroo) along Bridge Road and the inter-planting of *Lagerstroemia indica* (Crepe Myrtle) within St Johns Road to strengthen the existing street tree avenue planting.



**Tuckeroo - height at maturity
8-10 metres.**

Karen also advises that additional tree planting will be undertaken throughout many of the streets within the Glebe, Chippendale and Forest Lodge area where requested by the community, using a variety of tree species.

It is envisaged the tree planting works will be undertaken within the upcoming months. Tree planting in autumn will improve the establishment and survival rates of the new trees.

For further information contact Karen Sweeney on 9265 9173.

Beware of Lead An important reminder For members who might be renovating in Glebe

It was only 40 years ago that lead was finally removed from paint. So it is likely that many Glebe houses have high lead levels – in old paint flakes, in the dust, in the roof spaces and even in the ground around the house.

Young children are particularly at risk from exposure to lead because :

- * They are ground dwellers
- * They eat soil

* Their fingers are often in their mouths

* Lead is sweet (a child might lick or suck a painted surface)

Babies and young children are good at absorbing any lead to which they are exposed. While an adult might absorb 10%, a child could absorb as much as 50%.

The relationship between lead in paint and neurological problems in children was first recognised in the 1890s. It can cause lowered IQs, reduced learning abilities and abnormal behaviour. It can be fatal.

In Australia, 10-15% of preschoolers have higher than desirable lead levels. If you think your child might have been exposed to lead, talk to your GP who can organise a blood test.

Ideally children (particularly babies and preschoolers) and pregnant women should move out during the course of renovations at home or in nearby houses.

Further information is available from the Lead Advisory Service on 9716 0132.



Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

It was good to see Jan Wilson's report of the Glebe Point Road revitalisation workshop on page 8 of your February/March Bulletin. Such coverage reflects the Society's genuine strong interest in the well-being of our local commercial strip. However it was painful for us at gleebooks to see on page 10 of the same issue your Book Club members recommended to buy their next book for discussion from K-Mart. We hope that the contradiction here is obvious to many, if not all, of our fellow Society members,

- Roger Mackell, gleebooks

This was entirely my fault and I have apologised to Roger.

- Edwina Doe

KINRARA CROSSWORD No 1.

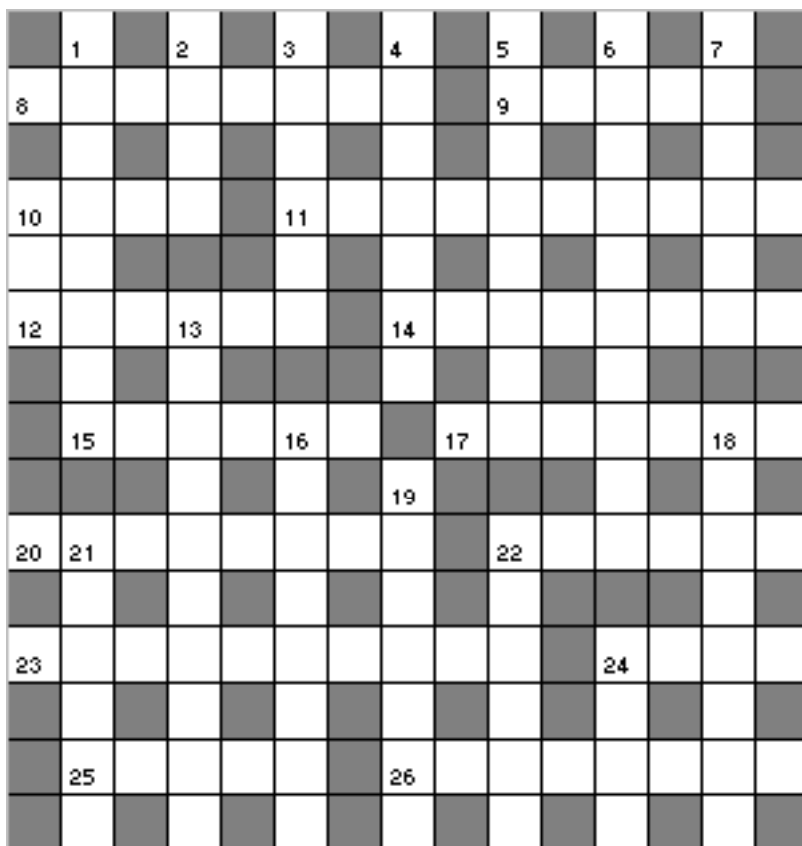
ACROSS

- 8 Was an American President here in this street? (8)
 9 Right makes rots right? I don't thinkso! (5)
 10 What a mess in the ranks! (4)
 11 Do I share the pain with my brother soldier? Not blooming likely! (10)
 12 St Scholastica loses her head and suffocates? No, she is still there. (6)
 14 Chop this issues head off and split ones sides! (8)
 15 Open? If you like the taste. (6)
 17 Sat in at? No, just an achievement (7)
 20 Settle every debt? Let the gin go round (8)
 22 The kidnapped loses 'is head? (6)
 23 Cabanas on the bay? No. (10)
 24 Tessie.O' plays tennis? Maybe. (4)
 25 Runs on 16 down. (5)
 26 Gone from GPR, but still Grand. (8)

DOWN.

- 1 They spurn ? Worth noting. (8)
 2 Darling St? Not quite. (4)
 3 Sounds like a concert wrecker. (6)
 4 Each perfection is a bit muddled! (7)
 5 Grass broken? Yes. (4.4)
 6 Jilted and forsaken? Take tea in the middle and stop the painting! (4.3.3)
 7 Like before. (2.4)
 13 Hysterical? Sounds as if what I owe replaces ye! Our heritage. (10)
 16 Needed for no 25 to run on. Not through Glebe though. (4.4)
 18 This one needs a scolds bridle! Not at this watering hole. (4.4)
 19 This silver circle is all washed up! 7)
 21 Are you thin as well? No, just an addition. (4.2)
 22 Sit on E? Now you are in place! (2.4)
 24 The Bard sits near this creek... in Glebe? (4).

(Answers on Website and in next month's Bulletin)



Welcome to New Members

The following people were accepted at the April Management Committee Meeting. We look forward to seeing them at future Glebe Society functions.

Mari-Luise Agius
 Michael Gray
 Camille Scaysbrook
 Susannah & Derek Stanwell

Community Bank Proposed for Glebe & Forest Lodge

- q The proposed Community Bank for our area will operate as a franchise from the Bendigo Bank.
- q Bank employees and the bank board are drawn from the local community
- q When the bank starts to make a profit, the net amount goes back to the community via dividends to shareholders and support for community projects
- q If successful the bank would help restore local business and local custom.

For further information contact
 Roelof Smilde, 9660 6526,
eeximpty@bigpond.net.au or PO
 Box 161, Glebe 2037.

From the terraces

Rosebank's future

The State Government recently announced that it proposed to close the Glebe Community Health Centre which operates at the Victoria and Alice Lamkin Welfare Centre (2a and 2b Hereford Street, Glebe). Services will be relocated to Royal Prince Alfred Hospital.

The State Government had also previously announced a review of its buildings and the disposal of surplus stock. This process will doubtless be accelerated by current fiscal pressures.

This leaves a question mark over the future of the buildings on this site, one of which is classified by the National Trust and is listed on the Local Environmental Plan (LEP).

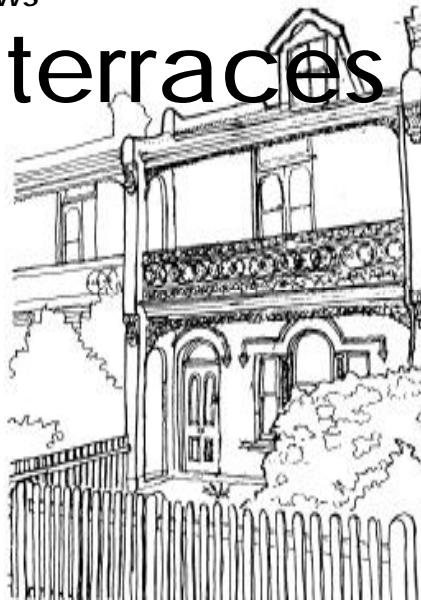
The site is located just behind the Valhalla Cinema and appears to consist of:

- * a latter-day 3-storey utilitarian building which fronts the building alignment;
- * a car park; and
- * *Rosebank* a two-storey asymmetrical mansion. Its late Victorian Italianate characteristics include a tower (with battlemented parapet), round arched windows with mouldings and keystones.

The 1990 Heritage Study notes the architectural significance of *Rosebank* with its interesting mixture of classical and gothic details.¹

It is thought that the original cottage (*Rose Bank*) which stood on this site was built (c1858) for the merchant Walter Scott and his wife Eugenie Thompson Scott. It was enlarged as a Victorian mansion in 1877-81. Bernard and Kate Smith note the similarities between the *Rosebank* tower and that of *Toxteth House*.²

In 1938, Canon Hammond, rector of St Barnabas Church Broadway, bought *Rosebank* for use as one of a



number of hostels where the homeless and unemployed could live with dignity.³

Many of the subsequent alterations owe more to expediency than aesthetics as the site has morphed from hostel, to nursing home, to a community mental health facility. The Society hopes *Rosebank's* next owner/occupant can sympathetically restore it and find a suitable adaptive re-use for this hidden treasure.

1 *Leichhardt Municipality Heritage Study*, (1990), vol 3

2 Smith, Kate and Bernard *The Architectural character of Glebe*, (1989), p66

3 MacDonnell, Freda *The Glebe: Portraits and Places*, (1975), p 120

No Smell and no Character in a Plasticised Fish Market

Elizabeth Farrelly, the Sydney Morning Herald's Architecture writer, criticised the draft fishmarket masterplan in an article published on 13 April. She says, in part:

"...The draft fish market masterplan, now on the minister's desk, focuses first on being 'commercially viable' to the interests of SFHA [Sydney

Harbour Foreshores Authority], and the SFMPL [Sydney Fish Market Pty Ltd]. Drearly familiar, huh. But wait up. The SFMPL is a business, pure and simple; but the SHRA is government. Government as in public sector (remember)?

Public, and then again, not public. Meeting and deciding in secret, with no requirement to publicise its decisions (the fish market plan is available only as a 5.6MbPDF - eat that) the SFHA is planner, consent authority, landowner and developer in one. Now that's creative...."

Elizabeth ends her article with...

"...The new plan recognises the need for an enhanced sense of realness at the fish market, and attempts to sustain the visibility of its working parts while improving efficiency, amenity and smell.

It even seems to understand, in a general sort of way, that tourists themselves like to see life-in-the real, not behind plastic. And the Waterways plan for a marine precinct on the adjoining Blackwattle Bay site could assist in this regard. But realness goes vague when pitted against immediate commercial yield.

There is little chance that a large commercial precinct along the back half of the site will do anything other than detract from both the market and the street.

A couple of years and the fish market will feel just like a bit of King Street Wharf has broken off and floated around into Blackwattle Bay. But the Government is just so-o-o tempted to believe in having and eating that cake. Maybe it's not the fish market but SHFA itself which needs plastination to kill the ooey smell."

We must all watch this development closely - if we can.

- Ed the Ed



Yaks wading near camp

If it Walks Like a Yak and Talks Like a Yak....

...it must be a yak? No it's our President, Andrew Craig.

Andrew's talk about Bhutan, at the Valhalla cinema on 25 March, was accompanied by photographs which were very different from the usual "my holiday" pictures.

We were told that Andrew, his son Tom and seven other people on the Snowman trek were supported by a team of seven local guides and up to

49 yaks. Andrew seems to be particularly fond of the yaks. His imitation of a yak's call almost wrecked his vocal chords and his lumbering yak walk across the stage was most realistic.

The people living in this tiny monarchy, high in the mountains between China and India, also fascinated Andrew. And it seems that the tour group also provided a welcome diversion for the people in the remote villages.

Thankyou Andrew for a most entertaining and informative evening.

- Ed the Ed



Woman of Laya resting during the threshing

GLEBE & THE ARTS

Glebe Art Show 2004

The Glebe Art Show is held every year at Benledi and Glebe Library and local residents are encouraged to contribute their artworks. This series of art shows has grown from the early art competitions staged by the Glebe Point Road Project 15 years ago.

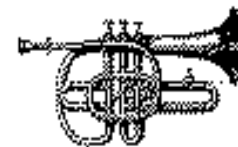
In 2003 over 150 entries were received for this 10-day event, which for the first time included contributions from Pymont and Ultimo artists following our transfer to the City.

For the 2004 competition, artists, including those from areas recently included in the expanded City of Sydney Council area, are encouraged to submit their works at the Glebe Library by Wednesday 30 June.

This year, the prizes will be judged by Christopher Allen from the National Arts School, an art historian noted for his writings on French and Australian paintings and artworks. The official opening will be held on Friday 2 July 2004 and the artworks will be on show until Sunday 11 July.

This important yearly event is sponsored by the Friends of Benledi and Glebe Library. Further information is available from Glebe Library or on 9660 8036.

- Cynthia Jones



Musical Open Day in Annandale

On Saturday 1 May, the Hunter Baillie Memorial Presbyterian Church, in association with the National Trust Heritage Festival, will be holding an Open Day. There will be six 30-minute musical events, on each hour from 10am to 3pm. The church is on the corner of Johnston and Collins Streets, Annandale.

For further details, phone 9660 8907.

Coro Innominata

Coro Innominata is a Sydney based choir which for the past eleven years has promoted performance excellence, particularly in the area of sacred choral music.

The first of their three concerts for 2004 is Ancient & Modern, with music by Allegri and Pert.

Date: Sunday 16 May

Time: 3.30pm

Venue: St Scholastica's Chapel, Cnr Avenue Road & Arcadia Avenue, Glebe.

Tickets: \$25 (\$20 concession), available from 20 Hordern Place, Mosman NSW 2088.

Website: www.innominata.org.



The 15th annual Glebe Music Festival, 7 to 28 November 2004

There will be eight concerts this year, at venues in and close to Glebe.

A highlight is the visit of the Katona Duo (www.katonatwins.com), identical twin guitarists and highly acclaimed international stars. The Hungarian born twins, Peter and Zoltan, have given recitals throughout the world including performances at the Carnegie Hall in New York and the Royal Festival Hall and Wigmore Hall in London so is a **HUGE** coup to get them to Sydney.

They will play at Gleebooks on Friday 12 November, 7.30pm and at Margaretta Cottage on Saturday 13 November, 8pm.

Details and booking forms for all eight concerts will be included in future *Bulletins*. Meanwhile, for further information, see www.glebemusicfestival.com.

- David Macintosh



Glebe Society Book Club

The Book Club is doing well but needs more members. So we are announcing details a few months in advance.

Tuesday 27 April, 7.30pm.

Ian Edwards writes: James Joyce (1882-1941) was one of the most significant writers of English prose in the twentieth century. The Glebe Society Book Club will be discussing his autobiographical novel *Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man* at our meeting on the 27th of April. Unlike Ulysses and the still more obscure Finnegans Wake it is very readable. It tells the story of the development of a child from a very conventional Irish Catholic family into the great unconventional writer which he became.

The book is easily available in paperback. Just bring yourself to my house at 109 St Johns Road, but for catering purposes please ring me on 9660 3240 ASAP.

Tuesday 25 May, 7.30pm.

Jeanette Knox writes: We will be reading "Cloudstreet" by Tim Winton, a Western Australian, who has won the Miles Franklin award twice. This novel was particularly well received, and has also been adapted for the stage. I well remember a very hot February evening down at the wharves where it was performed, with the dramatic ending bringing the Harbour into the play too. The play was first performed in Perth, if I recall, and subsequently had

successful performances overseas in, I think, both London and New York.

So come along and discuss this quite unusual Australian novel on 25 May at 26 Victoria Road. Phone 9660 7781 to let me know numbers for seating and glasses! I will provide drinks and modest nibbles.

On Tuesday 29 June, we will visit Cynthia Jones, 152 Bridge Road, to talk about *Lovely Bones* by Alice Sebold.



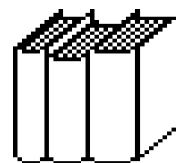
Friends of Benledi and Glebe Library

On Monday 10 May, come along to hear local resident Peter Stanbury speak about his passion for recipe books.

Where: Community Room, Benledi

Time: 7.30pm

Cost: \$7/\$5 (Friends/concession) includes a glass of wine.



Monster Book Fair - Saturday 22 May

Clear out your bookshelves, donate to the Friends and then come along and buy at the sale.

Donation are received at Benledi (186 Glebe Point Road) on Friday 21 May between 9am and 12 noon or contact Ros Wheeler (9660 7430) for collections.

All proceeds go to Glebe Library resources.

News and Notes

Streetscapes and Skyscapes: Heritage in the Emerald City

Chris Johnson, NSW Government Architect

Wednesday 28 April 2004 at 6.30 for 7 pm

gleebooks, 49 Glebe Point Road, Glebe

\$15 (conc \$10) including refreshments

2004 has been declared The Year of the Built Environment and the Glebe Society has invited Chris Johnson to speak to members and friends on one of the YBE umbrella themes, "Our Built Heritage".

Chris Johnson, besides being the Government Architect, is Director of the NSW secretariat for the Year of the Built Environment (YBE) 2004. Chris is also a member of the Central Sydney Planning Committee and a member of the Heritage Council. He is the author of a number of books including *Shaping Sydney*.

For more details, please see last month's *Bulletin*.

Phone bookings are essential. Ring 9660 2333 (gleebooks)

Thirsty Thursdays

All members are invited to meet for dinner in Glebe on the first Thursday of each month, to meet and eat with other people who live in Glebe.

The next "Thirsty Thursday" dinner is at the Toxteth Hotel on 6 May. in the dining room to the right of the counter where we order our meals. No bookings are needed – just turn up at 7pm. We pay for our own meals and there is no BYOG.

On 3 June, we will try a new venue - The Nag's Head, in St Johns Road. All comments on venues are welcome.

Balmain's Watchhouse Celebrates 150 Years

This Balmain icon was designed by architect Edmund Blacket and was in use as an early police station and lock-up until 1925.

In the 1960s the newly formed Balmain Association asked the National Trust of Australia to support an appeal to the Minister of Lands for the preservation of the Watch House. The request met with a sympathetic response and the State Government vested the building to the National Trust and a lease was drawn up that the Balmain Association would undertake the repairs and restoration.

During April, visit the Watch House on Saturday 11.30 am to 4 pm, for a photographic display and receive a commemorative pen. (Source: The Balmain Association)

"The First Fleet - Voyage & People"

The Parramatta and District Historical Society will be holding its 17th Annual James Jervis Memorial Lecture on Saturday 15 May 2004 at 2pm.

The speaker will be Peter Christian who is a descendant of William Tunks, 1st Fleet marine on the *Sirius* and Sarah Lyons, Jewish, convict, 2nd Fleet. He is President of the Fellowship of First Fleeters and Patron of the Tunks Descendants Association and the John Herbert Family Association.

The organisers note that the nub of his talk will be the refutation of political correctness as opposed to historical correctness.

The venue will be the Centenary Uniting Church Hall, cnr Sorrell & Fennell Streets, Parramatta. The lecture will be followed by afternoon tea and is free. However, bookings are essential for catering purposes - 9635 6924.

4th NSW Safe Communities Symposium 28 & 29 July 2004

Powerhouse Museum

This year's symposium will provide another opportunity to 'join the dots' for a safer future.

For further details or to receive a copy of the registration documents contact Chris Lawrenson, on 9858 7686, or at Clawrens@doh.health.nsw.gov.au



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For your diary ...

Sunday 25 April, - 7.30am - **Anzac Day Service - Glebe Diggers' Memorial**

Tuesday 27 April, 7.30pm - **Glebe Society Book Club, 109 St Johns Road**

Wednesday 28 April, 6.30pm - **Streetscapes or Skyscapes - Gleebooks, 49 Glebe Point Road**

Saturday 1 May, 10am - 3pm - **Concerts at the Hunter Baillie Presbyterian Church, Annandale**

Thursday 6 May, 7pm - **"Thirsty Thursday" Dinner at the Toxteth Hotel Restaurant**

Monday 10 May, 7.30pm - **Talk by Peter Stanbury - Benledi, 186 Glebe Point Road**

Wednesday 12 May, 7.30pm - **Glebe Society Management Committee Meeting, upstairs meeting room, Toxteth Hotel.**

Sunday 16 May, 3.30pm - **Coro Innominata Concert - St Scholastica's Chapel**

Saturday 22 May - **Friends of Benledi Book Fair - Benledi, 186 Glebe Point Road**

Tuesday 25 May, 7.30pm - **Glebe Society Book Club, 26 Victoria Road**

Thursday 3 June, 7pm - **"Thirsty Thursday" Dinner at the Nags Head Hotel, St Johns Road**

Wednesday 30 June - **Glebe Art Show - Closing day for Contributions**

We are glad to publish letters or articles on any matters of interest to Glebe, any topic raised in the *Bulletin*, or any issues relating The Glebe Society.

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Bulletin Deadline

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Website

The Society also has a growing website (www.glebesociety.org.au)

for the information of members and anyone with an interest in Glebe. The website will only flourish if members send comments and contributions to editor@glebesociety.org.au

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If you have a matter that you would like to discuss with the Management Committee, please phone the Secretary.

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