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About 60 people of all ages, plus three dogs, gathered in front of the Diggers' Memorial at 7.30am on Anzac Day. A sprig of rosemary was pinned on each of us as we arrived.

Father Colin Fowler, who has recently moved to St James Church, led the ceremony. The Rev John Holle, the retired Anglican clergyman who has officiated previously, was unwell. Our own historian, Max Solling, told us the story of the Memorial. His speech is printed in full on page 3.

Bob Armstrong, the Glebe Society's President, placed a wreath of Australian native flowers in front of the mausoleum. Several other people also brought floral tributes.

Rob McLean, who has been present at every service held here since Anzac Day 1994, piped the lament on the bagpipes. He had just come from Rockdale, where he had performed the same service.

It was a good way to start the day.

- Edwina Doe

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## Meeting with Deputy Lord Mayor, Cr John McInerney on 17 March - full report

John McInerney is the City of Sydney's Deputy Lord Mayor and Chair of the Planning Committee. He also sits on the Central Sydney Planning Committee, which deals with larger developments and planning instruments. Cr McInerney is a highly qualified planner and architect with considerable depth of experience. It is unusual for elected councillors to be so professionally well qualified. He began his planning career in the City of Heidelberg, an area of north-eastern Melbourne that gave its name to Australia's first school of impressionists. He also worked as a planner for the City of Sydney before setting up in private practice, and became President of the Australian Planning Institute.

When I invited John to speak to The Glebe Society and local precincts he asked for a

list of topics we would like him to address. I canvassed the Committee and sent him the resulting list, focusing as far as possible on his main areas of expertise. He addressed virtually all the topics, and invited questions and discussion after each one, assisted by Crs Robyn Kemmis and Chris Harris. Consequently the meeting lasted a full two hours before we could reach for refreshments, but the audience of forty contributed a great deal and listened intently both to the comments on topics and the debate that followed.

I will do my best to report what was said, dealing with the topics in order, but if I have missed something or make a mistake I apologise in advance.

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## Council Structure

Council has a new CEO, Peter Seamer from Melbourne, and a new structure that for the first time includes Strategic Planning and Community Services. The Councillors were clearly very pleased they had managed to reform the City's structure in such a short time. It bodes well for the Society, which devoted a lot of energy to producing a Strategic Plan for Glebe.

In response to questions about environmental planning, John said Sydney was behind Melbourne. Canada and Europe, especially Sweden, were ahead on sustainability, but BASIX, the new State Government checklist to improve sustainability, will make a difference to water and energy consumption. The City was committed to using grey water for its parks.

## Tramsheds

The Tramsheds had been included as a potential development site in the list of topics, but in the meantime the current application had been lodged. Council has checked the cost of the proposal, and because it is over \$50 million it will definitely go to the Central Sydney Planning Committee, on which there is a majority of State government appointees. John believes the issues raised by the application are legally complex. He was concerned that if the CSPC refused the application on the grounds the site was zoned Open Space, the City could be liable to pay compensation. (Note: Ted McKeown has since questioned this possibility, but it shows the legal nature of the arguments. The City is seeking specialist legal advice. The application may well be determined in court, in 2-4 months time.) Cr Harris reported that the City's Traffic Committee was not concerned about the implications of the proposal for surrounding streets.

Not surprisingly, a lot of questions were asked at this point, all well-

informed. Cr McInerney said the Society's objections and research were very welcome and had been passed on to the CSPC. If the matter goes to the Land and Environment Court, it will be the first time for the CSPC, which would rely on the City's resources in presenting the case for refusal.

## Social Problems

The issues of crime and other social problems were addressed mainly by Cr Robyn Kemmis. She expressed confidence that the interagency group chaired by the Police Commander would be effective in reducing both. The number of instigators of crime is very small.

## Council Planners and Resident Objections

The Society is concerned that the objections of resident groups to development proposals, which are usually well founded, are not being given sufficient weight, a result of City Planners being geared to the CBD and unaccustomed to resident objections. Cr McInerney gave an undertaking that in future, planners' reports to Council will clearly identify and summarise resident groups' comments.

## Adaptive reuse of heritage buildings

To some extent events have overtaken Cr McInerney's answer. *Lyndhurst* has been sold to a Society member for a private residence. *Rosebank* (2a Hereford Street) went at auction for a backpackers' hostel. We await the DA, which will enable conditions of use to be set. Work on the restoration of *Bellevue* should begin in September.

Mack Williams raised the question of the Griffin Incinerator, including its future use. Cr McInerney stated he was a member of the Griffin Society, which believed the incinerator was of world significance and which would monitor the restoration closely. The sheds would be reconstructed, the garden reinstated, and a community, as opposed to a commercial, use was

proposed. This may include displays of important Griffin/Mahony and Glebe memorabilia.

## Planning Controls

John McInerney covered a wide range of issues.

A Development Control Plan for phone towers will be in place before the end of 2005. Strong controls will hopefully be enough to shame telecom authorities into compliance.

He indicated that Glebe would be the first City area to receive a new Town Plan, building on the foundation of LEP 2000 but including updated Heritage controls, covering more issues and with a stronger vision for the future. The Society's Strategic Plan would be a crucial element in this revision, and Glebe would be the model for other parts of the City.

In response to John Buckingham and others, Cr McInerney committed the City to ongoing public consultation in preparing a new plan. Other issues raised by the Society, especially Wentworth Park, would continue to be major concerns. The removal of the grandstand, track and parking were priorities.

**World Heritage Listing** for Sydney Harbour, and the **Extension of Light Rail** to the Quay, would be pursued.

The Gateway concept for Broadway was being reviewed. Council was interested in proposals to improve the design and facilities at **Minogue Reserve**.

John believed that the transfer of land that would enable the remainder of the **Plan for Orphan School Creek** to be implemented was imminent.

Tenders would be called for work on the remainder of the **Foreshore Walkway** in June, and for the Glebe High section by 2006.

The meeting indicated its warm appreciation of Cr McInerney's address. The informal discussion that accompanied refreshments was equally stimulating.

- Neil Macindoe

# Max Solling's Speech - Anzac Day 2005

This morning I would like to share with you my thoughts about war memorials in the landscape, and in particular, this one. Most monuments were erected after World War 1 ended in November 1918, although the occasional one, like the Balmain memorial at Loyalty Square, was unveiled in 1916.

The proliferation of memorials, 516 in NSW and 1,445 throughout Australia, was testimony of the emotive power of Anzac sacrifice. Almost 60,000 Australians were killed in Gallipoli, France and the Middle East between 1914 and 1918, and back home mothers, fathers, wives, brothers and sisters had no tangible effects to bury and had to find their own private way to mourn. It required a public display of mourning and commemoration.

The search for a collective resting place for the 174 residents of Glebe who died in the war began in 1919, with three locations given serious consideration. In March 1921 the decision was made in favour of a site beside St John's, Bishopthorpe, an important spiritual consideration. At the time this land was part of the grounds of *Hereford House*, then a teachers' college which was later demolished with the land becoming a 'rest park'. Memorials required much local and voluntary initiative. A special committee was set up to oversee plans, and Glebe people donated £2,500, greater than the average cost of memorials in the state. Clearly the Glebe community was determined to demonstrate its commitment to residents who did not return. Some 792 Glebe citizen soldiers (they were all volunteers) enlisted in the war.

All local people involved in the project acted in an honorary capacity, including architect William Martin who designed and supervised the building of the monument. Martin, born in Wollongong in 1852, married Louisa Bennett at Paddington in 1878, a union that produced seven children. Martin was vice president of the Institute of Architects from 1885 to 1887, subsequently

established an architectural practice in Glebe, was an active anti-conscriptionist in 1916 and 1917, and a Glebe councillor 1922 - 1925. He died in Glebe on 14 November 1937. His design of the monument was praised in the popular press, and by the organizing committee, but received strong criticism from others. The design failed to win the approval of the architectural magazine, *Building*, which in its 1921 survey of memorials described the design as 'appalling'. *Building* returned to the subject in 1929 when an article on the memorial had praise only for the setting, with every aspect of the design heavily criticised:

'Truly there are worse things than war when such horrible things as this can be perpetrated in times of peace. ... The whole appears as if it has been composed of discarded pieces found on the premises of a monumental mason.'

Inglis and Brazier, in their survey of memorials in Australia, found the Glebe monument to be the only one of its kind. What is especially unusual about the monument is that rarely is a soldier accompanied by a sailor in these monuments because the RAN had only 5,000 men in a few



Rob McLean, who has attended every Anzac Day service at the Diggers' Memorial, since 1994, piped the lament.

Photo: Edwina Doe

notable actions. The Glebe memorial images relate to Australia, and the inscriptions are simple and understated. Neither the Empire nor Britain are represented or mentioned, although it was a different matter in the speeches at the setting of the memorial stone, and the unveiling of the memorial. Both events were performed by Lord Forster, Governor General of Australia from 1920 to 1925, during which time the Forsters travelled around the country dedicating war memorials. At the laying of the foundation stone on 3 June 1921 Lord Foster linked Empire and birthright in a stirring speech, noting 'this monument symbolises the sentiment which made for the civilization of the world', and that 'the Empire was indebted to those who had answered the great call and had given their lives in the Great War'. On 25 April 1922, 83 years ago, Lord Forster unveiled the memorial, while his wife, Lady Rachel Forster, unveiled the busts of the sailor and soldier. It was especially poignant for the Forsters; their two sons were killed in the war. On Anzac Day 1922, in his speech, Lord Forster thought it 'fitting' that the memorial should be opened on the anniversary of the landing at Gallipoli, and spoke of the heroism and daring of 'Australia's sons' who took part in the landing. He went on to link the 'true comradeship and devoted love of our motherland and our country which inspired those great doings which we commemorate today'. The *Sydney Mail* sent their photographer to the unveiling; it shows hundreds of local people, most wearing hats, surrounding the memorial.

The granite and marble mausoleum echoed the shape of an Egyptian temple with classic Greek touches, following the tradition of mixing Christian and classical imagery. Within the mausoleum the individual names of 174 dead are inscribed in marble with a bronze nurse watching over them. Dick Horan and Edgar Fitzgerald were

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killed at the Anzac Cove landing on 25 April 1915, and a further 23 Glebe men died on the Gallipoli peninsula. Glebe casualties continued to mount - 42 died in France in 1916, and 1917 was the worst year when the names of 76 Glebe soldiers were listed among the dead. Anglo-Saxon names predominate on Glebe's marble nameplate, and some families mourned the loss of more than one member. Brothers George and Frank Maltby, Dick and Murray Sharpe, Lance and Harry Dawson of Wigram Road, Gus and Alick Faerber of 160 Hereford Street, Erle and Harry Neaves of 33 Avona Avenue and Albert and John Cotter of 266 Glebe Road were all buried near foreign battlefields.

The Carrara marble Angel, which bears a resemblance to Gilbert Doble's winged Angels on monuments at Pyrmont and Leichhardt, guards those symbolically resting in the mausoleum. Under this is the simple dedication:

*'Erected by Glebe Residents in Memory of The Glorious Dead.'*

The bust of the Digger on the left hand side, and the Jolly Jack of HMAS Sydney on the right were fashioned at Ansell Odling, Surry Hills, by Italian sculptor Casiandro.

The Memorial was vandalised in 1989. The busts of the Digger and Sailor were removed, the Angel decapitated and the interior marble plates covered in graffiti. A Glebe Society sub-committee was formed in 1991 to restore the memorial and two years later the Traditional Stonemasonry Co Pty Ltd was commissioned to carry out the restoration work in two stages. They hold the moulds of the new figures sculpted by Kris Krawcyk. The total restoration work, completed in 1997, cost \$42,680. The local community contributed \$22,880 towards the project, and two Heritage Program grants contributed \$19,800.

**- Max Solling**

## Curiouser and curiouser - the tramsheds saga just gets weirder

It may be remembered that when the race track at Harold Park was extended, a new access road was created from Chapman Road to the Northern end of the site. What actually happened was that the relevant parkland was compulsorily acquired by Leichhardt Council on 3 May 1996 'for the purpose of creating public access to Harold Park Paceway'. But the Council never got around to dedicating it as a public road. Whoops!

So on 4 March 2005 (that's right, 2005!) Leichhardt Council purported to do what it apparently forgot to do in 1996, namely to dedicate the land as a public road.

But wait, I hear you say. How can that be?

The land is now wholly within the City of Sydney! It will be very

interesting to see how the developer and Leichhardt Council try to rationalise that one.

In the meantime, the objections continue to flood in, and the City Council is continuing to investigate the irregularities highlighted in last month's *Bulletin*. These matters (and others) were also comprehensively covered by Jock Cheetham and Ross Duncan in their Insight feature (*A Buck each Way*) in the *Sydney Morning Herald* on 5 April 2005.

Both of these articles are available on the Society's website at [www.glebesociety.org.au](http://www.glebesociety.org.au).

I dashed off a letter to the editor of the *SMH* immediately after the Insight article appeared, but it was not published. For your interest, here it is.

*The NSW Harness Racing Club is at it again with its smoke and mirrors routine ('A Buck each Way', Herald, April 5).*

*Let's get real. The tramsheds land was bought from the RTA for a total of \$2.3 million. That money was granted to the Club out of the*

*Racecourse Development Fund (ie, government revenue derived from the TAB) so it could acquire the tramsheds for 'World class stabling'.*

*The Club persuaded Harness Racing NSW (a government authority) to warehouse the land for it. This devious transaction, entered into with the consent of the Minister for Racing, was designed solely to avoid stamp duty (the government's own revenue!) and council rates.*

*Then, when the land got too hot to handle, HRNSW (again with the consent of the Minister) transferred it back to the Club for \$1.00 so that the Club could lodge a DA for home units.*



*In essence, the Club bought, using money granted for another purpose and avoiding stamp duty and council rates by using*

*someone else's name, a property that is now expected to sell for \$11 million.*

*Why should the Club pocket this obscene windfall profit? The land was bought with government funding for a purpose that no longer exists, and the government should immediately resume the site and rededicate it for appropriate public purposes - such as the suggested community arts centre.*

**- Ted McKeown**

### Where are the Tramsheds?

Some people are surprised to hear about the Tramsheds - one of Glebe's hidden treasures.

From Bridge Road, drive down Ross Street and The Crescent past Harold Park Trots. Turn right at the roundabout in front of Webers' Carpets. Bear right into Chapman Road, which crosses Johnstons Creek. And there are the Tramsheds!

Note: There is another Chapman Road, across from Johnston Street and beside the Timber Yard. That is the wrong part of Chapman Road.

## COGG – The Coalition of Glebe Groups

Just this month, a new group was formed in Glebe to address the need to provide the City of Sydney Council with agreed advice on priorities for the community. Known as COGG (Coalition of Glebe Groups), it is made up of representatives from The Glebe Society Inc., The Glebe Chamber of Commerce Inc., The Glebe Community Action Group and the Glebe Point Residents Group.

An initial indicator of its effectiveness is that COGG was able to meet a sharp deadline in producing the endorsed and concise list, shown below, of funding priorities for Glebe in the 2005/2006 financial year. This was presented to the April Budget Meeting of the City of Sydney Council. Further discussions with the City Council are scheduled.

- Bob Armstrong

# Glebe and Forest Lodge Priorities for 2005 and Beyond

## 1. Glebe Point Road

The top priority for Glebe in 2005-06 is to make the suburb, and especially the community and commercial heart, Glebe Point Road, safer and more attractive to residents and visitors on foot and using bicycles or public transport. We urge Council to fund improvements to Glebe Point Road as a lead program in furthering its 'City of Villages' concept.

Initial actions designed to achieve this goal include:

- a. Reduce crime** through coordination of an interagency group including relevant government departments and service providers. This is a political/administrative action with minor budget implications. An important objective for the interagency group will be the improvement of infrastructure, e.g. installation of CCTV where appropriate, and the installation of vandal-proof street lighting.
- b. Conduct and implement** a Traffic Management Study for Glebe, especially in the light of recent developments such as the Cross City Tunnel. The aim should be to reduce through traffic and improve pedestrian, cycle and public transport access. The study should include a parking strategy and the reclassification of Bridge Road for light traffic only. Funding for traffic-calming measures should be included.
- c. Upgrade of Glebe Point Road** starting at Broadway to increase attractiveness and pedestrianisation of commercial districts and integration with other development projects in Glebe (COGG will present a robust upgrade plan mid year). This strategy should include an integration of St Johns Road and Ross Street as one continuous commercial strip. The upgrade should plan to minimize commercial disruption where possible.

The plan should include but not be limited to the following:

- **The Gateway to Sydney** to be moved from Broadway to the entrance of Glebe Point Road.
  - **Widen footpaths** at appropriate sites to improve pedestrian access and flow, and allow sufficient space for street seating, recycling and public art. **Remove** all unnecessary signs and **remove or relocate** whatever impedes pedestrian movement.
  - **Underground overhead wires** to improve the streetscape and allow appropriate tree plantings to reach maturity and attractive shapes. In conjunction with undergrounding, **install under-awning and footpath lighting** in shopping strips to increase pedestrian and business safety, unify the street and illuminate shopfronts, including art displays.
- d. Marketing/Event Coordination resources** for Glebe should be allocated to help 'City of Villages' concept. (COGG in coordination with the Glebe Point Revitalization Team will release a comprehensive Strategic Marketing plan by June 05)
  - e. Redesign and extend** Minogue Reserve to create a more usable and attractive space for residents and a better pedestrian and cycle link between the Broadway Centre and Glebe Point Road. A **program of incentives**, such as combined cinema/café/restaurant tickets, and attractive signage to encourage pedestrian links should be included.
  - f. Institute a Heritage Loans Scheme** to encourage owners of commercial properties to restore and improve their heritage buildings to the same standard as has occurred in residential parts of Glebe. The aim should be to enhance Glebe's heritage character and make it obvious and distinctive to residents and visitors on foot.

Actions (e) and (f) should be initiated in 2005 but may extend over a longer period.

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## **Glebe And Forest Lodge Priorities for 2005 and Beyond.** ... Continued from previous page

Comprehensive plans relevant to Glebe are being developed other groups representing a wide range of interests and will be available later in the year.

### **2. Foreshore walk**

Complete construction of the foreshore walkway and cycleway from Bicentennial Park to the Sydney Fish Market, and the restoration and, in consultation with the Glebe community, the adaptive reuse of *Bellevue*. Funding for this project was allocated in previous Council budgets.

### **3. Town Plan**

Develop, in consultation with the Glebe community, a new Glebe Town Plan based on the principles of Heritage Conservation and Sustainability in which:

- a. protection for the Conservation Area and Heritage Items is updated and strengthened;
- b. all elements that have special significance for the heritage character of Glebe are listed and described;
- c. there are special provisions to ensure appropriate protection and treatment of the Conservation Area and Heritage Items in the DCP;
- d. all new development is required to be sustainable and compatible with the existing scale and form of the suburb;
- e. all new development is required to contribute to making the suburb's infrastructure sustainable;
- f. development in all zones, including the Business Zone, is required to be sustainable;
- g. any bonuses and special provisions (e.g. adaptive reuse) are required to be sustainable; and
- h. there is provision for requiring masterplans.

### **4. Blackwattle Bay/Wentworth Park**

Develop a concept for the future development of the Blackwattle Bay and Wentworth Park area, and seek support from State Government authorities in the implementation of this concept. Such a plan would address matters including:

- a. the future use and development of the Blackwattle Bay (Bridge Road) wharves, and how they can be linked to the park and the foreshore walkway and cycleway;
- b. developing better physical links between the park and surrounding residential areas with the aim of making it the natural recreation area for the increasing population of surrounding suburbs (Glebe, Pyrmont and Ultimo, the Fish Market and the new developments along Broadway);
- c. how the area can become a link between Glebe and the CBD rather than a no-man's land dividing the two areas; and
- d. the eventual restoration and redevelopment of the park when the greyhound racing clubs agree to relocate to a more relevant part of Sydney.

### **5. Walter Burley Griffin incinerator**

Recognising the pending completion of its refurbishment, implement, in consultation with the Glebe community, a plan for the adaptive re-use of the Walter Burley Griffin incinerator.

### **6. Orphan School Creek**

Secure, plan and implement the creation of attractive open space in the Orphan School Creek area.

### **7. Parks**

Complete the upgrading of Foley Park in accordance with a plan of management agreed with the Glebe community, and proceed with the development and implementation of management plans for other major Glebe and Forest Lodge parks.

### **8. Ferry service**

Conduct a feasibility study on the introduction of a ferry service linking Glebe with the CBD.

### **9. Council-owned heritage buildings**

Commit to a program of restoring Council-owned heritage buildings in Glebe, particularly the Glebe Town Hall.

## On-going Tasks

### 10. Infrastructure and services

Ensure that basic infrastructure and services are properly maintained and where possible improved. Infrastructure and services include people-support services, particularly those directed to the aged and underprivileged, the Glebe library and in particular its ability to provide IT services to the community, and infrastructure such as lighting, drainage and footpaths.

### 11. Cleaning

Maintain a high standard of street and public space cleaning, paying particular attention to litter and graffiti. Implement a 'respect your suburb' community responsibility education program.

### 12. Noise

Strictly enforce noise abatement guidelines against property owners who breach local codes, especially with respect to noise from air conditioning and similar plant and equipment.

- On behalf of the Coalition of Glebe Groups (COGG)

## Planning Matters



A brief report again this month, as most issues are dealt with elsewhere in this *Bulletin* ...

### Tramsheds, behind Harold Park

Council has appointed Lisa Murray, research historian, to gather information on the accuracy of claims in the application. The subcommittee was able to refer her to a number of sources.

The subcommittee has also sought the support of the National Trust. We have also made application to Council to hold an event at which possible uses of the Tramsheds will

be demonstrated to the residents of the area. Planning of this event is in progress.

Two articles have appeared in the *Herald* canvassing Tramsheds issues: one by Liz Farrelly, and the other, more comprehensive article by Jock Cheetham. Members wrote numerous letters in response to these articles, but as far as I know they have not been published.

### Hellenic Herald building, 1-9 Glebe Point Road

The Society has written to Council stressing the history of unauthorized work on this site, and strongly

supporting the removal of the pergola.

### The Abbey, 156-60 Bridge Road

Various parties have expressed interest in this important heritage site, and the subcommittee is assisting where possible. A use that requires minimal onsite parking has obvious advantages.

### Restaurant Atelier, 22 Glebe Point Road

Newtown's most prestigious restaurant has relocated to Glebe Point Road.

- Neil Macindoe

## The threat to Rozelle Bay - an update

On Wednesday 27 April several Glebe Society members will attend another meeting put on by the proponents of the Dry Boat Storage.

Dates for when the DAs will be released are still not known.

There have been only 302 registrations at the [www.saverozellebay.com](http://www.saverozellebay.com) site. We

require a lot more people to register their objections at this site if we are to be successful, so please pass the word around.

Other meetings with different departments are slowly progressing.

Note that in the enclosed flyer, the developer notes changes to aspects, but does not quantify the change as

an increase or decrease - most uninformative.

The Glebe Society is still 100% opposed to this development in any way, shape or form as all the objections in [www.saverozelle.com](http://www.saverozelle.com) are valid no matter what size the development is reduced to, unless its size becomes zero.

- Mark Dent

# An email about the Poisoned Trees

editor@glebesociety.org.au

Ref. Dead trees, Blackwattle Bay Park, Glebe

Dear Edwina,

A report in *The Glebe* (Thursday 10 March 2005) asserts: 'The Glebe Society and City of Sydney are working on strategies that might include placing signs or sails on poisoned trees or flagpoles in the trees' places.'

Our property overlooks Blackwattle Bay although the trees in question are not part of our immediate view, and we are saddened by their destruction. As members of the Society, however, we are ashamed of that sort of talk; the adoption of such redneckery would punish the innocent as well as the guilty, if any.

We say 'if any' for four reasons.

1. Soon after the Council took control of the park, a number of trees in the area were marked for destruction and a number of dead trees were removed.

2. If the poisoning were deliberate by persons with most to gain from an enhanced view, they would surely have poisoned a Casuarina closest to their flats' line of sight.

3. It is not impossible that the trees were poisoned when their roots reached contaminated soil. Max Solling, the historian of Glebe, would be the authority on the history of the site. Drilling core samples would measure potential contaminants, if any. Reference should be made to a University of Sydney study in November 1994 by Julie Marcus titled 'Thesis: A survey of heavy metals in the top soil of Glebe'. The study found 'hot spots in Glebe where the lead level in the soil was 20,000 parts

per million, as against the EPA acceptable level of 300 parts per million. The largest contaminated site was a Jam Factory. Elizabeth O'Brien, manager of the Global Lead Advice and Support Service, an advisory body based in Sydney, says 'This is above the level mining companies would find it feasible to mine lead'. Sands Sydney Directory (1899) includes Sydney Lead Works in Blackwattle Bay, plus numerous industrial sites, including iron, brass and zinc foundries.

4. The Council should have a letter in its files stating that a pest inspector advised owners of this block that he had found termites in trees in the park close to this building.

Suckers from the over-planted Casuarinas have already largely taken over the north end of the park. It is depressing to note that the British seemed to know more about designing parks in Australia in the 19<sup>th</sup>

Photo: Bruce Davis

century than the Leichhardt Council appeared to know in the late 20<sup>th</sup> century.

The City of Sydney plan of the park, dated 02.12.04, seems a great improvement. We only note that in our view the ideal would be some shade trees for summer, deciduous trees for winter, and decorative shrubs. If it is necessary to bring in soil for new planting the soil must come from an uncontaminated site.

If the term 'redneck' sounds harsh, try 'revenge', the fuel that sustains the endless violence in the Middle East and Ireland. It doesn't work there and we certainly don't need to try it in Glebe.

With every good wish,

**Noela and Evan Whitton**



# Two great chances to meet other Society members ...

## Wake, Rattle & Roll

Now that the poison results are back from Council regarding the Blackwattle Bay trees, botanically named theyreinterruptingmyview, it's time to have a wake so that the community can mourn the loss of these trees.

Please join us on Sunday 15 May, 12.30pm until the cows come home. Join us at the BBQ area/theyreinterruptingmyview trees in Blackwattle Bay Park to take part in our BBQ wake. Food is provided but please BYO drinks.

John Gray will read from Tom Kennealy's writings on wakes. It would be most telling if you could all wear something black to make a statement to those responsible for the poisoning.

Cost for the BBQ is \$9/\$6. RSVP by 12 May.

## Cheese and Wine Tasting

A cheese and wine tasting will be held at the Glebe Rowers Club-Boatshed on Friday 17 June, 7.30 - 10pm. A guest expert will talk about the wines on offer and how the unique characteristics have developed in those particular wines. Kevin Treloar, a caterer and cheese lover, will discuss the history, method and characteristics that make up the range of cheeses that will accompany the wines. The Glebe Rowers Club, at the end of Ferry Road, has magnificent views of the fish markets and city. It lends itself perfectly to such an evening. Cost is \$25/\$15. Please feel free to invite non-members to this Glebe Society gathering. RSVP by 10 June.

Bookings for both events are essential for catering purposes. Please use the enclosed booking form.



## New Wings in Glebe

The recent incursion of a large and noisy flock of corellas proved newsworthy for our metropolitan press in March this year. I was interested to read that Alan Morris, of Birding Australia, explained their arrival was a consequence of cage escapes over the years, not only here but in other areas of coastal New South Wales. I had seen some myself in the Jervis Bay area quite a few years ago and attributed their appearance to the drought conditions that New South Wales has been experiencing for so long – not the case apparently! They have certainly made their presence felt, though I have not heard them just recently so perhaps they have moved on.

However, they do highlight the fact that the bird population of Glebe has been changing over time - like its human population. Many years ago we seemed to have what would have been regarded as typical town birds, such as flocks of sparrows, and the appearance of a white ibis was once a noteworthy event. Now ibis, together with the sulphur crested cockatoos and the rainbow lorikeets live here in sizeable flocks and are quite distinctly heard as well as seen.

Generally it seems that the larger species of birds have benefited most from the increase in the amount of parkland and the number of large trees that have resulted from the 'greening' of Glebe over recent decades. Currawongs, that once visited the area only seasonally, now seem to be permanent inhabitants, and together with other members of the corvid family (ravens and magpies) and kookaburras have had a notable effect on the population of small birds who used to be seen. Sparrows are infrequently to be found - replaced perhaps by groups of spotted turtle doves - and it is a long time since I have seen the fairy wrens or silver-eyes which used to visit the back garden or live along Orphan School Creek and behind the Harold Park tramsheds.

## Do Shopping Trolleys breed?

The Managers of the major Supermarkets tell us that they confine shopping trolleys most effectively and rapidly collect any trolleys that escape the confines of their shopping centres. It is therefore difficult to understand why there are so many Shopping Trolleys littering the streets of Glebe. The major hypothesis to be tested is that, "Shopping Trolleys, once liberated from Broadway, breed prolifically".

How can we test this hypothesis? We are talking here about an important social phenomenon so we can apply no less stringent a criterion than Popper's falsifiability test. And whilst old Karl may be dismayed to see his work used in social science he never experienced Shopping Trolleys in his lifetime and there are none in Hell where he shares a cell with Tom Kuhn. Let's play with some ideas. We could do comparative studies on matched fields. For example in Council areas where there is a fine of \$75 for liberated trolleys they don't seem to breed. Is this significant?

We might ask, "Do they breed or decline in captivity?" Evidence is that their numbers strangely lessen, whilst in captivity, so we cannot assume they are prolific breeders in any circumstances. We could conduct a controlled experiment whereby we captured all the liberated trolleys and their progeny and observed them in laboratory conditions. The laboratory would need to replicate conditions of the wild and

we would need to defend against observer bias but with careful management we could do it.

So being careful with Popperian method what might be falsified? If the laboratory conditions are effective and the captured Shopping Trolleys breed at the same or lesser rate than the confined Shopping Trolleys then the major hypothesis has been falsified. Of course one remains confident that the hypothesis will not be falsified, for this would mean that the statement in the first sentence is inaccurate. Surely that is not credible. But if it were we could release the experimental subjects into their care and ask for a donation to cover the costs of our experiment.

- John Gray

Jenny Underwood thanks all Glebe Society members involved in the

proposed strategies to assist with Glebe's shopping trolley problems. Jenny tells us that the City of Sydney's Project Officer Rebecca Raap

is working on a draft policy to get the matter under control.

Meantime the City has sourced an alternative pick up service which seems to be very responsive - Pacific Services - which can be contacted on 0500 847 000 or at [trolleys@pacificservices.com.au](mailto:trolleys@pacificservices.com.au). Please provide Jenny with feedback on this service directly on 9298 3101 or at [junderwood@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au](mailto:junderwood@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au).



Many people who have moved into Glebe have planted Australian natives in their gardens, which have proved attractive to wattle birds and noisy miners. The latter, like the imported Common Mynah, tend to drive away other species. So there is a complex of reasons for changes in

the range of birds in Glebe. The development of wetlands near Harold Park and of mangroves (wherever sited!) are or will be other factors leading to changes in the variety of birds we are likely to see when strolling around our suburb.

- Jeanette Knox

The first entry in this competition for 2005 is from Ian Edwards. Other articles are welcome - you have until October to enter.

# Who Lived in Your Street?

## Sir Douglas Mawson



Photograph of Sir Douglas Mawson, from the Mawson Collection, South Australian Museum.

If you want to view the Glebe Society archives you will need to visit Forest Lodge Public School where you may notice, on a wall near the Principal's office, a photograph of a balaclava-clad head. Provided it's not too long since you saw one of the old Australian \$100 notes it will seem vaguely familiar. On closer inspection you will find that it is a portrait of the school's most famous old boy and one of Glebe's most distinguished residents, scientist and explorer Douglas Mawson.

He was born near Bradford, Yorkshire, on 5 May 1882, the second son of Robert and Margaret Mawson, from a family that had been farmers in the Wharfe Valley for centuries. Robert was more interested in business than farming so when his mother died in 1884 he sold the farm and the family boarded the clipper *Ellora* at London Dock bound for Melbourne. From Melbourne they came to Sydney where, after an unsuccessful attempt at farming, Robert took a secure job as an accountant with a Sydney timber merchant and the family moved to Glebe in 1893.

The Sands Directories reveal that the Mawsons lived at three numbers in Glebe Point Road, 285, 345 and 351. In 1893 they were at 285, one of the *Palmerston* terraces now occupied by Glebe Society members Bill and Gai Bloodworth. In 1896 their address is given as *Baroda* at 345 and from 1897 to 1899 as *Baroda* at 351. The *Toxteth Hotel* now occupies numbers 345 to 351 so I think we may assume that the Mawsons lived in the same building for these four years. From 1902-06 they lived in a large house at 28 Toxteth Road where they were able to supplement their income by taking in boarders.

Although the school has no record of the event I think we may assume that 1893 was the year that Douglas enrolled at Forest Lodge Superior Public School. This would have been considerably more convenient for the two boys as, when they had lived at Plumpton in western Sydney, they had to walk four miles to attend the local primary school. The headmaster of Forest Lodge School, in a collection of reminiscences he published in 1957, quotes an old boy of the school referring to the Mawsons as 'both shy boys ... Doug was in those days a nervous and hesitant boy ... He was suspended from our choir at St John's, Glebe for lighting a match during the sermon'. There is a record of his rather late baptism, aged sixteen, at St John's by the Rev S Tovey on 10 October 1898. He retained a basic religious belief in providence, but took with him on the Australasian Antarctic Expedition (AAE) the *Meditations* of Marcus Aurelius which, in the light of subsequent events, would appear to be more suited to his character than the 39 articles of religion as set out in The Book of Common Prayer.

He began at Fort Street Model Public School, then in Upper Fort Street in The Rocks, in 1895 and went through to 1898 when his headmaster J W (Boss) Turner, with extraordinary prescience said on Speech Night:

'What shall we say of our Douglas as an acknowledged leader and organiser? This I will say - that if there be a corner of this planet of ours still unexplored Douglas Mawson will be the leader of an expedition to unveil its secrets.'

At the beginning of 1899, while still only sixteen years old, Mawson enrolled in the Faculty of Engineering at the University of Sydney, his older brother William also enrolling at the same time in Medicine. Douglas went on to have a distinguished academic career. He had been introduced to the study of geology at Fort Street and in 1900 gained first-class honours in geology and mineralogy and won Professor T W Edgeworth David's Prize for Geological Microscope Slides. David acted as a referee for his application for the position of Junior Demonstrator in Chemistry, to which he was appointed. The relationship between Mawson and David was to develop into a lifelong friendship. David was to become one of the University of Sydney's best loved and most distinguished academics as attested by the new geology building in Eastern Avenue on the main campus being named after him. Mawson graduated B Eng in 1902 and B Sc in 1905. He was then appointed as a lecturer in mineralogy and petrology at the University of Adelaide. This was the beginning of the outstanding contribution he made to the study of the geology of South Australia and his later accession to the chair of geology at Adelaide in 1921. Evidence of glaciation in South Australia aroused his interest in Antarctica

Having learnt that David was to join Shackleton's Antarctic expedition in 1907 Mawson met Shackleton in Adelaide and offered his services. He received a telegram, after Shackleton had seen David in Sydney, offering him the position of the expedition's 'route surveyor, cartographer and magnetician' and gladly accepted the post. It was on

the Shackleton expedition that an event occurred illustrating David's extraordinary courtesy. As recorded by Paquita, Mawson's widow, in her book *Mawson of the Antarctic* "Douglas was inside developing some photographs while the Professor was pottering about inspecting ice or rock formations. Douglas heard him call 'Mawson, are you busy?' He replied, 'Well, yes, Professor, I am at the moment.' In a few minutes David's voice was heard again: 'Mawson, could you spare a few minutes now?' Douglas answered, 'Well, I'm just developing some films.' In a couple of minutes David called again: 'Mawson, I'm very sorry to trouble you but I don't think I can hold on much longer, I've fallen into a crevasse'"

On arriving in Antarctica, Edgeworth David, Mawson and MacKay were given the task of going to the magnetic South Pole. On their return to Sydney in 1909 David and Mawson were greeted as heroes. David was generous in his tribute to his former student at a reception at the university saying 'Just as Shackleton was the general leader, so, ... I say that Mawson was the real leader and was the soul of our expedition to the magnetic pole'.

Mawson returned to Adelaide, where he also had a great reception, and resumed his teaching at the university. His next field work took him to Broken Hill where he met Paquita Delprat, the youngest daughter of G D Delprat, the General Manager of BHP. They became engaged in 1911 just before Mawson's departure on the AAE.

Mawson travelled to England in 1909 to see Shackleton and raise money for another expedition to Antarctica. Shackleton proved elusive but signed a document which promised that if Shackleton were not available to lead the expedition Mawson would assume command. In 1911 Mawson returned to England to resume his fund raising efforts. He bought a ship, the *Aurora*, a Dundee whaler, and secured the services of J K Davis as its captain. Davis had been second in command on *Nimrod* during Shackleton's 1907 expedition.

As Shackleton had withdrawn from the command, the AAE, under

Mawson, set out from Hobart in December 1911, its main aims being scientific and exploratory. Mawson later wrote his account of the expedition in *Home of the Blizzard*, a very well chosen title as it is set in the coldest and windiest continent on earth. Winds of 100 mph were not unusual, with gusts of 150 mph and even occasionally 200 mph. He records one of the most extraordinary feats of endurance in the annals of exploration, being the sole survivor of an expedition of three men to explore the coast of the continent. Throughout this very difficult time he never failed to carry out and record his scientific observations.

On returning in 1914 Mawson was given a hero's welcome at receptions in the Adelaide Town Hall and the Elder hall at the University of Adelaide. He married Paquita Delprat at an elaborate wedding in Melbourne at which Davis was best man. Mawson was a devoted husband and father and the marriage appears to have been a happy one in spite of the frequent separations occasioned by Mawson's field trips and Antarctic expeditions and Paquita's absences in Melbourne to care for her ailing parents. Both their daughters, Patricia and Jessica, with Mawson's encouragement, had successful academic careers.

Unfortunately, in spite of generous donations from private sponsors and the Australian government the expedition was still in debt to the extent of eight thousand pounds. To help pay the debt Mawson, with the help of AAE member Dr Archie McLean, wrote *The Home of the Blizzard* his personal account of the expedition. The return on the book was disappointing. By the time it was published the Great War had started, so that, to save paper, only 3500 sets of the original two-volume edition were printed, earning little more than a thousand pounds up to April 1918. It was hoped that Frank Hurley's film of the expedition would help to pay off the debt but those results were equally disappointing.

After their wedding the Mawsons travelled to London, where they were greeted at Victoria station by the

Shackletons. In May Mawson was received by George V at Buckingham Palace where the king showed great interest in the work of the AAE. He was knighted in St James Palace in June. The Mawsons did the usual tourist things such as visits to the theatre, seeing Mrs Patrick Campbell as Eliza in Bernard Shaw's *Pygmalion*, and to Covent Garden to hear Caruso in *Tosca* and Chaliapin in *Boris Godunov* at Drury Lane. Lady Kathleen Scott, who had helped Mawson organise the AAE and who by then was polar explorer Captain Robert Scott's widow, gave him a thousand pounds.

The Mawsons returned to Adelaide and Douglas embarked on a series of lecture tours in various countries in an effort to pay off the expedition's debt. Although Mawson was largely instrumental in setting up Australian National Antarctic Research Expeditions (ANARE) under the control of the Department of External Affairs, he remained ideologically opposed to bureaucratic control. His own expeditions had been predominantly privately financed and in a 1950 letter to John Abbottsmith, about another expedition to Heard Island, he would write:

'I can see room there for a strong man in charge ... A Government show of that kind lacks much that is a feature of private enterprise. In the latter, the Leader, above all others, is anxious to secure the best results. Hence he is determined that all shall be doing their best for the mutual benefit'.

Mawson always led by example and never asked any of his men to do anything he wasn't prepared to do. If he sensed any reluctance in anyone to carry out a request he would start to do the job himself, which usually resulted in the man in question (there were no women in the AAE) being shamed into at least helping him. This is not to say that he always made the right decisions or that his subordinates always agreed with him. The British, Australian and New Zealand Antarctic Research Expedition (BANZARE), as it came to be known much to Mawson's annoyance, of 1929/30 was a case in

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point. Its preparation was bedevilled by the fact that Mawson was in England and Davis in Australia, and later vice versa, in the days before easy communication by satellite. Also Davis was in command of the ship, *Discovery*, except when Mawson was on board, although he still had the power of veto if he considered that to obey an order of Mawson's would endanger the ship. Next to Edgeworth David, Davis was Mawson's best friend but the situation of divided command put a severe strain on the relationship from which their friendship only just recovered. On returning to Australia Davis resigned.

The main purpose of the first BANZARE was to extend the bonds of empire. It may be difficult for us in what is now a very multicultural Australia to imagine the mind-set of early twentieth century Australians. The population consisted predominantly of people born in the United Kingdom or their descendants. Australian citizens then were automatically British subjects. A photograph of the Midwinter dinner at the AAE base shows the hut decorated with three flags, all of them Union Jacks. To Mawson, as a native-born



BANZARE geopolitics in process. Mawson in his cabin on *Discovery*, McPherson Robertson watching from the wall. Photo in Philip Ayres' book, *Mawson - a Life*

Englishman and, later, a recipient of imperial honours, none of this presented any problems. He campaigned in favour of conscription for military service in Australia and

travelled to England in 1916 where, having written directly to the then minister for Munitions, David Lloyd George, he was given the rank of temporary captain and employed in supervising munitions production, where his knowledge of chemistry was useful.

It is impossible to do justice to such a talented and active man in a short article. Paquita, in her 1964 biography of her late husband, gives a whole page as an appendix just to list the main honours, scientific, imperial and academic that were bestowed upon him. As well as being made Knight Bachelor in 1914 and OBE in 1921, he received honours from Italy and numerous medals from learned societies in England and Australia. Probably his highest academic honour was his election as a Fellow of the Royal Society (of London) in 1923. In 1935 he became President of the Australian Association for the Advancement of Science where he used his presidential address to advocate sustainable whaling in the Antarctic. A man of great integrity, he never exploited his fame – even to book a table in a restaurant.

He continued to lead an active life after his retirement from Adelaide University in 1952, keeping in touch with other scientists and explorers and supporting the work of ANARE, of whose committee he was a member. Scientists from the Russian ice-breakers *Lena* and *Ob* called at Adelaide to visit him in 1956. The International Geographical Year of 1957-8 was of particular interest to him as it stimulated further Antarctic exploration and brought scientists of many countries to Australia.

His health slowly deteriorated over his last few years and he died at his home in Adelaide of a stroke, aged 76, on the evening of 14 October 1958. The next morning the Prime Minister, Robert Menzies, rang offering a state funeral, a rare honour for anyone who had not been a politician. Both the funeral and a memorial service

arranged by the University of Adelaide in St Peter's Cathedral were exceptionally well attended.

This brief article has necessarily omitted a great deal, including his (like his father's) mostly unprofitable, business ventures. If it has aroused your interest I suggest that you buy or borrow a copy of Philip Ayres' *Mawson - A Life*. It is detailed but never boring. It is not a hagiography and spares nobody's reputation. Although Mawson lived here for only a decade we would be justified in claiming him as Glebe's most famous resident.

- Ian Edwards



## Letter from our Place Manager

Dear Bob

I am pleased to tell you that our Park team have advised that the temporary fence at Oxley Street Park will be replaced by a more permanent one when the new handrail and steps go in - estimated time, two months.

A new gate (more robust we hope) has been installed at the Franklyn Street park. The gate is worth a small fortune so we are hoping it stands up to the wear and tear.

Also in case you have any enquiries, it seems the gate near Jubilee Park continues to be left unlocked, allowing cars illegal access to Bicentennial Park and surrounds.

The City's contractors have all been briefed to lock the gate after use and we hope they are doing exactly this on a day to day basis - however some of the sporting clubs housed in the vicinity also have a key so we are briefing them as to the correct locking and unlocking procedures and reinforcing the rule that cars are not allowed past the gate at any time without permission. We hope to see an improvement.

Kind regards

- Jenny Underwood  
Acting Place Manager, Glebe



# Glebe Matters



## Computers wanted

The Glebe Computer Centre is functioning at the Old Fire Station, Glebe. Training for local residents is being conducted by TAFE Outreach and volunteers. More computers (Pentium 3 or Pentium 4) are required. If you are thinking of upgrading your computer and you don't know how to dispose of your old computer, the centre would welcome any donations. Currently the centre is working on computers donated by UTS.

Please contact Shane Blazely

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## 2005 Book Fair, *Benledi*

Every year the popular Book Fair at the Glebe Library, is staged by the Friends of *Benledi* and Glebe Library. This year's Fair is on **Saturday 4 June, from 9am to 4pm**. Donations of books, in good condition, for the Fair are always welcomed - please contact Ros Wheeler at the Library (9660 7430) for details regarding pick-ups and drop-offs of books if you are unable to manage this yourself. This year there will be boxes for birthday gifts (unwrapped please) for the disadvantaged children, aged 5 to 12, who attend the before-and-after-school and holiday care Centipede Centre at Glebe Public School. Please think of these children when you come to the Book Fair as they may never receive birthday gifts. It is up to us to make these children's lives a little happier.

- Cynthia Jones



Don't forget that presents can also be delivered direct to Centipede in the grounds of the Glebe Public School. Please phone me on 9660 4189 if you have any questions.

- Susan Cleary

## Email - A German view ...

Dear Secretary,

I visited Glebe in the beginning of September last year searching for locations of the movie 'Paws' with Nathan Cavaleri. Actually, I was not very successful, I only 'found' Anzac Bridge which I remembered from the film. I would like to ask you, whether you could provide me with further information about areas in your town used as locations for the movie.

Even though I was not successful that day, I cannot say I was disappointed from my visit. Having come from Darling Harbour I visited Gleebooks (one of the most wonderful bookshops I have ever seen), then following Toxteth Road and a number of stairs down to Harold Park Raceway, from there up via Minogue Crescent to Jubilee and Federal Parks. Finally I trotted up Rose Street with its fantastic view on Anzac Bridge.

I can only say that I really admire Glebe. I enjoyed the sort of familiar, calm and peaceful atmosphere in the streets, which are so near to the busy CBD area of Sydney with its high-rise office buildings. From my point of view there is hardly a more perfect place to live. As I still am a student at the age of 18 I am yet sure to visit your town again, if possible even for a longer stay. Is there any place to stay in Glebe with an as-low-as-possible budget, or is it even possible to stay with families in a sort of bed-and-breakfast?

Looking around your homepage I read the memories of Marianne von Knobelsdorff with excitement as I am a German myself (born in Cologne and now living in Muenster) and already thinking about emigrating to Australia one day.

Yours sincerely,

**Volker Lindhauer**

## Carvings in Queen Street

In the *Bulletin*, 10/2004, we asked if anyone knew about the carvings in Queen Street, Glebe. Our question was answered in *The Glebe* on 21 April.

The 17 wooden sculptures are by Hilik Mirankar, who lives in Queen Street. He says 'I want to fill up the whole street and then the next street and the next street and carry on into the main street'.

## Jack Munday Honoured

The Green Bans campaigner Jack Munday has been presented with a National Trust lifetime achievement award for his contribution to conservation and heritage in NSW. The former Builders Labourers Federation secretary had saved more than 100 buildings from destruction, said the Trust's director, Elsa Atkins (*Sydney Morning Herald*, 15 April).

Jack Munday and the BLF imposed a successful Green Ban in Glebe, which saved *Lyndhurst* and our suburb. See the Glebe Society *Bulletin* 2/2005, p4.

## Foley Park Draft Plan of Management

Although not well advertised, the draft Plan of Management was on public exhibition during April at the Glebe Town Hall. The Society's Working Group met to discuss the Plan, and will put a response to Council by the required date, 29 April.

- Bobbie Burke

## 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.

Ray Dennis (Glebe YHA)

Bryan & Cheryl Herden

Tessa and Dorian Jakszewicz (rejoining after a stint in Perth)

# News and Notes

## Thirsty Thursdays - at the Forest Lodge Hotel

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 Forest Lodge Hotel, 117 Arundel Street, Forest Lodge, on 5 May. No bookings are needed – just turn up at 7pm. We pay for our own meals and there is no BYOG.

We will return to the Forest Lodge Hotel on Thursday 2 June, but the venues for later months are still being discussed.

## New Publication - *Sitelines*

*Sitelines* is a book of essays about Sydney Harbour and what makes it so special. The Harbour Trust commissioned the collection from a number of prominent Australians, including Tim Flannery and Geoffrey Blainey. The result is a range of personal, passionate and informed perspectives on the famous waterway.

*Sitelines* is available for \$15 plus \$2 postage from the Harbour Trust. Phone 8969 2131 to order your copy.

## Parramatta and District Historical Society Lecture:

Professor Ian Jack, President of the Royal Australian Historical Society will give a talk on Parramatta and Narrambla: the Matter of Banjo Paterson's Birthplace.

When: 2pm, Saturday 21 May 2005

Where: Centenary Uniting Church Hall, Corner Sorrell and Fennell Streets, Parramatta.

Cost: The lecture is free and will be followed by afternoon tea.

Booking essential for catering purposes - 9635 6924.

## Dinner to aid the Sydney Heritage Fleet

Guest speaker: Dennis Conner

Date: Tuesday 17th May 2005, at 7 pm

Venue: Doltone House, Piers 19-21 Pirrama Road, Jones Bay Wharf, Pyrmont Point

Dress: Black tie and pearls

Tickets: Single \$295, Table of 10, \$2950, VIP table \$5500.

More info: call Caroline Valder on 9699 2722 or email [caroline@celebrityblonde.com.au](mailto:caroline@celebrityblonde.com.au)

## Concert at Uni of Sydney Great Hall

The Sydney University Graduate Choir, Soloists and Orchestra, directed by Christopher Bowen, will perform the Great Mass in C Minor (KV 427) by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart and the premiere of *Tenebrae* by Christopher Bowen.

The mass is very special, often in eight parts for the choir. *Tenebrae* is nine responses based on The Passion which is moving and quite beautiful.

**When:** 8 pm Saturday May 14, 2005

**Tickets:** \$30 (MCA Ticketing 9645 1611) or \$25 (Jenny Pockley 9660 6363)

## RAHS visit to *Wivenhoe* – Sunday 19 June

*Wivenhoe* is a Regency house near Camden village built by the designer of *Lyndhurst*, John Verge (c1837-38), for Charles Cowper. If you would like to join a Glebe Society 'car pool' to this event, please ring Liz Simpson-Booker on 9518 6186.

The tour begins at 10.30am at the *Wivenhoe* car park. The cost is \$18 for RAHS members, \$22 for non members. Bookings are essential; contact the Royal Australian Historical Society on 9247 8001 or [history@rahs.org.au](mailto:history@rahs.org.au).

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## Forest Lodge Public School

Home of The Glebe Society Archives

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# For your diary ...

**Thursday 5 May**, 7pm - 'Thirsty Thursday' - Dinner at the Forest Lodge Hotel, Arundel Street.

**Wednesday 11 May**, 7.30pm - Glebe Society Management Committee Meeting - The Old Fire Station, 115 Mitchell Street. All members welcome.

**Saturday 14 May**, 8pm - Concert in the Great Hall, Sydney University. See p14.

**Sunday 15 May**, 12.30pm - Wake, Rattle and Roll - Blackwattle Bay. See p8 and booking form.

**Thursday 2 June**, 7pm - 'Thirsty Thursday' - Dinner at the Forest Lodge Hotel, Arundel Street.

**Wednesday 8 June**, 7.30pm - Glebe Society Management Committee Meeting - The Old Fire Station, 115 Mitchell Street. All members welcome.

**Friday 3 June**, 9am - 12 noon - Deliver your books to Benledi for the Book Fair.

**Saturday 4 June**, 9am - 4pm - Book Fair at Glebe Library.

**Friday 17 June**, 7.30pm - Cheese and Wine Tasting - Glebe Rowers Club. See p8 and booking form.

**Sunday 19 June**, visit to *Wivenhoe* at Camden. See p14 for details.

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The website will only flourish if members use the site. Send contributions or comments to [webmaster@glebesociety.org.au](mailto:webmaster@glebesociety.org.au)

### The Bulletin

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 to the Glebe Society. Write to the address above or email [editor@glebesociety.org.au](mailto:editor@glebesociety.org.au)

### Disclaimer

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### Bulletin Deadline

The next edition of the *Bulletin* will be published in May. The deadline for contributions is **Saturday 21 May**.

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