



Glebe Society Welcomes New Members



President Bob Armstrong with some of the new members. From left to right, Vicky Marquis, Anne Fraser, Shelagh Bott, Bob Armstrong, Rod Holtham, Leslie Holtham and Peter Kolbe (who is actually a recycled member). Photo: Bruce Davis

Every year or so, the Management Committee holds a party to welcome recent new members to the Glebe Society. Last year, the new members included Cheryl and Bryan Herden.

This year's gathering was organized by Cheryl and Bryan, who are now convenors of the Membership sub-committee. That is the way our Society works.

On Friday 26 May, 20 or so "old" members (committee members and their partners) met at the GIG Gallery, 70a Glebe Point Road, to welcome another group of new members. Anne Fraser, who joined since last year's party, is already our expert on Wentworth Park and Blackwattle Bay. Who will be the next to join a sub-committee?

As well as getting to know each other, we enjoyed exotic delicacies from Ian and Salwa of Almustafa, the famous Lebanese restaurant across the road at No 23. We also met promising young artist Mark Hanham, whose exhibition of paintings, *Petits Pois*, was on display in the Gallery. Mark gave us a very interesting talk about his life as an artist and the ideas behind his paintings.

We give very special thanks to Maureen Cahill who welcomed us into the magical spaces of both the Glass Artists Gallery and the GIG Gallery.

- Edwina Doe

Afternoon Tea at Tricketts

270 Glebe Point Road (opposite Leichhardt Street)

The Glebe Society and Tricketts invite Society members and their guests to spend an afternoon exploring this fully restored Victorian mansion. There will be talks on the building's history, as well as afternoon tea or coffee and scones with jam and cream.

Sunday 30 July, 3pm. Cost: \$10

For more information contact Liz Trickett on 9552 1141

RSVP. Numbers are limited, so for catering purposes please reserve your place and pay by Thursday 27 July.

See the enclosed booking form.

Climate Change and the Glebe Society

Help Extend Light Rail to Circular Quay

The President called a meeting of Committee members interested in public transport at *Benledi* on Thursday 8 June. As a result of that discussion the Management Committee has resolved to support improvements to public transport, especially in the CBD, and in particular to actively campaign for the extension of Light Rail to Circular Quay.

The Society's support for Light Rail dates from before its publication of John Gerofi's monograph on Light Rail in 1980, and has been steadily maintained ever since under a number of very capable convenors. It is most unlikely that Light Rail would ever have been established in NSW without the Society's efforts.

The Society supports the City's proposal to extend Light Rail from Central to the Quay up and down Castlereagh Street. This route is very direct and requires the least rerouting of other traffic.

Extending Light Rail will help to:

- ease congestion in the CBD
- reduce travel times
- provide comfortable, safe travel to and from work
- reduce our dependence on cars
- save on the cost of fuel
- reduce greenhouse gases that contribute to global warming
- make our city vibrant and attractive to investors and
- make our city a pleasant place for visitors.

It can be implemented quickly, easily and cheaply, and is also accessible by wheelchairs, strollers and bikes. Extending this

fast, modern mass transit system is rapidly achievable and economical, and is an effective way to reduce congestion and travel times in the CBD.

The Glebe Society has prepared a press release and distribution list to launch the campaign, and also a position statement to be published in the *Bulletin*. If you would like to assist please contact the Convenor, Chris Hallam, or any Committee member. The extension of Light Rail to the Quay, although a necessary and essential element, is only the next stage in what could be a system extending to other parts of Sydney not served by heavy rail.

- Neil Macindoe

Contact these people

The Committee asks all members to support the extension of Light Rail to the Quay by contacting the following:

Morris Iemma, Premier of NSW
Governor Macquarie Tower
Level 40, 1 Farrer Place SYDNEY 2000
Email: premier@www.nsw.gov.au
Fax: 9228 3935.

John Watkins, Deputy Premier and Minister for Transport
Governor Macquarie Tower
Level 30, 1 Farrer Place SYDNEY 2000
Email: d.p.office@watkins.minister.nsw.gov.au
Fax: 9228 4855.

Sandra Nori, Minister for Tourism and MLA for Port Jackson
Governor Macquarie Tower
Level 34, 1 Farrer Place SYDNEY 2000
Email: min@nori.minister.nsw.gov.au
Fax: 9228 4544
And also at her Electoral Office at 255 Broadway.

Climate change is already affecting all of us. Global warming is the basic cause of the climatic instability now apparent worldwide. There is no longer any significant disagreement that the rising CO₂ level in the atmosphere is the cause of global warming and that the majority of the rise is due to man-made CO₂ emissions. 47% of CO₂ emissions are caused by coal-fired energy sources and a further 30% by motor vehicles and other machinery. The high energy demands of a modern society are clearly the problem.

Those of us fortunate to see the Al Gore documentary "*An Inconvenient Truth*" were astounded and horrified by the worldwide consequences of global warming with the disappearance of glaciers, mountain lakes and rivers, hurricanes and floodings, extinction of species, increase in parasitic diseases and rising ocean levels promising destruction of whole countries within 50 years.

It is now incumbent upon individuals and communities to take up this challenge seriously before it is too late. The future for our children and grandchildren depends on action now. The Glebe Society has set up a climate change group to promote and facilitate individual, community, and government action to address this problem and I have been appointed as the group's convenor.. Many other local communities have also formed similar groups and we will certainly work with those groups to maximize interest and involvement by everyone.

Global warming is now a problem for everyone and is an opportunity to follow the old adage "think globally and act locally". The society welcomes anyone with an interest in this area to join our climate change group. Please email me atbillmcca@bigpond.net.com.

- Bill McCarthy



Public Transport in Istanbul

On holiday recently in Turkey I was pleased to see that the ancient city of Istanbul does not seem to share the concerns of some people in Sydney about trams in the older part of the city, where we were staying. These modern vehicles shared the road quite happily with pedestrians and other traffic.

- Jeanette Knox

A plaque anyone?

The Coalition of Glebe Groups (COGG) has asked the Lord Mayor, Cr Clover Moore, to institute a program of interpretive signage in Glebe and Forest Lodge.

Our suburbs contain many sites of historical significance or of public interest. These range from historic streetscapes and buildings, reminders of Sydney's more recent past and homes of well-known Australians, to the birthplace of tiramisu in Australia (according to David Dale).

The impending completion of the foreshore walk in Glebe provides an opportune moment to begin a program of interpretive signage. The Burley Griffin incinerator at the bottom of Forsyth Street is a mystery to many of the visitors that the new park attracts. Likewise the story of *Bellevue* will be of interest, and the rather dilapidated crane and marine winch further round the foreshore provide an opportunity to explain a little of the area's industrial past.

COGG proposes a program that could be implemented over a number of years and is neither "expensive nor extensive".

"The program could be developed as a collaborative venture between Council and the community, and it is possible that some signs could be funded by local residents or organisations", it says in its letter to Cr Moore.

COGG has undertaken to identify a range of sites for consideration and would welcome suggestions from members of the Glebe Society.

- Bruce Davis, Chair, COGG



A "see through" interpretive sign in Harris Street, Pymont, that refers to the former CSR factory on the site.
Photo: Jan Wilson

Movement on Wentworth Park - report from the Blackwattle Cove Coalition (BCC)

This month two very significant events have occurred.

A meeting of all significant Authorities involved in the area

The long awaited meeting of all the authorities who have jurisdiction over the Blackwattle Cove area occurred on 13 June, hosted by Sandra Nori. It was attended by two representatives from Sydney City Council, two from NSW Maritime Authority, one from SHFA (Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority), one from the Fish Markets, Susie Cleary from Wentworth Park Sporting Complex Trust, and six members of the BCC.

Each authority described where they were with their planning and approach to the Blackwattle Cove area. It was a really worthwhile meeting in which all representatives were there to further the future of the area. It was positive and cooperative and we have agreed to meet on a regular basis. The aim is to achieve a way forward with the whole area, Wentworth Park, The Blackwattle Bay foreshore and Banks Street, and an approach that is integrated and holistic instead of each authority working away in isolation and creating piecemeal planning.

The only disappointment was that the RTA, who had accepted the invitation, did not turn up. We would also like to get a representative from the Education Department involved as well - perhaps next time?

Council moves on Wentworth Park

On Monday night Sydney City Council voted 'yes' to two important proposals. The Council is to be commended and congratulated on both of these initiatives.

1 - To contribute half of the cost of removing the horrible gaol-like fence that surrounds the Greyhound area and replacing it with a see-through fence. This will hopefully open up the park visually and serve to better unify the divided nature of what presently exists. The Trust is quite amenable to the idea but lacks the funds to do it on its own. At their meeting next Wednesday the Trust

will digest this offer from Council. (Please note also that the Trust is currently in the throes of renovating the Western entrance to the Park). The Council is prepared to contribute on condition that the Trust make room for car parking (5,000 sq metres) within the complex boundaries and stop parking on the Park surface (which is to be maintained by Council).

2 - To spend \$400,000 on a maintenance upgrade of the Park, which has started already with the turf work on the northern end. This includes:

1. repairs and improvements to the low brick boundary walls
2. new asphalt path from the footbridge to Bay Street
3. removal of remnant hard-scape elements
4. construction of a new playground at the Bay Street end of the park
5. installations of fitness stations around the perimeter of the park
6. enhancement of step entrances at sports fields
7. demolition of existing water meter enclosure and replacement with a more aesthetically pleasing meter
8. additional planting of trees along boundary walls of the sporting complex
9. upgrading park lighting
10. upgrade of sports field surface (currently underway)
11. enhanced program of heritage tree maintenance to increase rain water infiltration, improve soil and tree health
12. creation of a pedestrian barrier near the lights at Bay Street.

Hopefully this is the beginning of a productive and cooperative working partnership between the community, the authorities and the Sydney City Council that will gradually see an improvement of the whole area for those who live and work in the vicinity. It won't happen overnight but perhaps we have started on the way. The time seems ripe.

- Anne Fraser



Glebe's Pubs

Of the eleven pubs currently operating in Glebe there are DAs for intensification of use at two (the Excelsior and the Toxteth) and another is being rebuilt (the Harold Park), although on a reduced scale. Three others have been renovated fairly recently (the Australian Youth, the Ancient Briton and the Roxbury, formerly the British Lion). Two others have had applications greatly modified (the Nag's Head and the Dog House).

Clearly there has been, and there still is, a wave of change. For various reasons not all these changes are welcome, and some at least appear not to have increased patronage, certainly not in proportion to the money spent.

The overall picture is a mixed one, and I suspect the longer term future of some pubs is uncertain. This is not a new phenomenon. In the past, a number of corner pubs have lost their licences and have adapted to other uses. Among those that remain there is sometimes a tension between the function they serve for the Glebe community and their attempt to attract wider custom. Generally, because of their limited capacity, their proximity to residents and a shortage of parking the Society supports the former and opposes the latter.

Urban Design and Conservation Area Drafts

Members of the Planning and Heritage subcommittees got together in Benledi on Sunday 11 June to consider responses to these two studies that together form the basis for the new City Town Plan to replace LEP 2000.

As reported in the May Bulletin, the Urban Design Study is an impressive document that breaks new ground by collecting extensive, detailed, accurate data. The Society agrees with its goal, which is to ensure that the character of Glebe is maintained while devising guidelines for reasonable and necessary changes.

The main issue is how to use the data to reach the goal. Essentially the draft proposes a number of layers of controls, and there was considerable debate about what the cumulative effect would be, and whether each layer was sufficiently finely tuned. There was also concern that errors which had crept in should be eliminated, that some recommendations were not appropriate, and that greater attention was needed for border areas where there was a need to mesh effectively with other neighbourhoods. Apart from these issues, approval was high.

There was considerable uncertainty among the Heritage subcommittee about the status of parts of the Conservation Area Study Draft, and how the draft related to existing controls, including the current list of Heritage Items. Hopefully these uncertainties will be clarified in time for a considered response. Given the primacy of Heritage issues in Glebe (acknowledged by the Urban Design Draft) the quality of the Conservation Draft should have been higher.

The time available for comment on the Urban Design Draft has been extended so both sets of comments are now due at the end of June. Please send your comments to the appropriate Convenor. The next

Bulletin will include a summary of the major points.

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The NSW Government was supposed to increase energy efficiency targets to 40% for all dwellings from 1 July 2006. This increase now applies to detached dwellings only. High rise buildings, which are the least energy and water efficient, stay at 20%. The Society feels strongly that, given the increasing concern about global warming, failure to increase energy savings is an abnegation of responsibility, and is sending an objection to the Hon Frank Sartor, Minister for Planning.

We invite all members to do the same. His mail address is Governor Macquarie Tower, Level 34, 1 Farrer Place, Sydney 2000, and his email address is office@sartor.minister.nsw.gov.au.

Bellevue

The City of Sydney had an advertisement on page 54 of the *Sydney Morning Herald*, June 17-18, requesting expressions of interest for Bellevue Cottage.

It says, in part "The Bellevue is an important element in making Glebe Foreshore area a significant passive recreational area for local residents and visitors. The successful operator will be required to fit-out the premises and café including the kitchen and provide an interesting and varied offering and maintain a high standard of presentation in the cottage which will assist to enliven and strengthen the amenity of the foreshore area".

- Neil Macindoe

Update on Crown Land in Forest Lodge

On 7 June three representatives of the forestlodgetrees group met with the Minister for Lands at Parliament House. The meeting was arranged by Sandra Nori MP who attended the meeting, together with three members of the parliamentarians' staffs. We did not know what to expect but it turned out that it was another information sharing occasion, and we appreciated the opportunity. We under-

stand that the Department of Lands and Sydney City Council are continuing to negotiate with a view to Council acquiring this land, formerly referred to as 77 Hereford Street and now known as 9 Alfred Road. The crucial issue is what financial arrangements can be made with which both parties agree. Our community group awaits the result with optimism.

On 14 June the Management Committee of the Glebe Society voted to write a second letter confirming their support of this triangular piece of land being acquired by the Council as public open space in perpetuity. Our blogspot is <http://forestlodgetrees.blogspot.com> which is regularly updated. We can be contacted at forestlodgetrees@yahoo.com.au.

- Mary Pollard

Warning for the uninitiated – spot the enemy tree!

Celtis australis, commonly known as the Nettle Tree, Hackberry or the Glebe Tree is native to Southern Europe and Mediterranean countries to the western slopes of the Himalayas. It is in the Family Ulmaceae - Elm Family.

Like many exotic plants introduced to Australia, *Celtis* has become an invasive weed in Sydney and along creeks on the east coast of NSW. Though not defined as a noxious weed, small self-seeding plants have become pests in Glebe. The seeds are readily dispersed by birds, fruit bats and water.

Small seedlings should be removed as soon as they are sighted in the garden. If not, they will quickly grow into trees in unwanted locations. Identification of the seedling is as follows: simple leaf has a serrate margin, with strong venation and is dark green in colour. The arrangement of the leaf is alternate on the stem. There is often the presence of fruit, described as a drupe, starting as green ripening to dark purple/black. These plants are extremely opportunistic and thrive without care or attention.

Mature trees grow to a height of 15 metres and are deciduous. They can be identified by a broad spreading canopy and a single trunk, grey in colour. The mature trees in Glebe offer an excellent canopy, provide summer shade and allow in winter sun. In addition, they also provide an excellent food source for birds and fruit bats.

Hence, there is the tension for the community, as to the management of such trees, total removal all *Celtis* species or strong educational strategy for the removal of rogue seedlings. My preferred position is removal of rogue seedlings and removal of large trees when they reach senescence.

For further enquiries contact the City of Sydney Tree Preservation Officer.

- Jan Wilson

The demise of a historic tree

View from the balcony of St. Scholastica's. The tree just missed the historic sundial and fell in the opposite direction to the statue of St. Scholastica.



The historic Port Jackson Fig in front of St. Scholastica's has given joy and delight to the Good Samaritans and the residents of Glebe Point for one hundred and twenty five years. At mid-day on 11 June 2006 it fell – dramatically but gracefully. Here is an eye-witness account:

“At midday on the Feast of the Holy Trinity, Songs of Praise had just concluded and I was in my room on the top floor of Toxteth House watching TV for the evening program on ABC. There was a tremendous sound which I thought was wind above the house and I turned to look out of the window and saw the beautiful Port Jackson Figtree falling to the ground. Planted in 1881 by the Prince of Wales, later King George V, it has certainly been a wonderful piece of history.

State Emergency Services were notified and a gentleman was here within the hour saying a team would be called together as soon as possible to make decisions as to procedure. At 2.30 four SES men in their very bright orange outfits commenced lopping.

How blest we have been that no one was injured and no damage done.”

- Sister Justin Simonds

The following information is compiled from the private journals, letters and note books of Prince George, later King George V and his brother, Albert, the Duke of Clarence, from *The Cruise of H.M.S. Bacchante 1879 - 1881*, with additions by John N. Dalton, and published by Macmillan & Co. 1886.

“On July 17th 1881 they wrote: ‘This evening we dined with Sir George Wigram Allen the Speaker of the NSW Legislative Assembly; he gave dinner to The Governor, the Admiral and had also invited the Commodore and the Captains of the ships of the squadron, Sir Henry Parkes, Sir John Robertson, Dr Kirkpatrick, (Leader of the Opposition) and two members from either side of the house ... The grounds were illuminated by chinese lanterns and inside the house is very pretty’.

As a memento of their visit the Princes planted the Port Jackson fig tree in the front garden of the house.”

From the brochure “The History of Toxteth House” - St Scholastica's Convent, Glebe Point.

We thank Sister Marion Firth, Director, Good Samaritan Congregational Centre, Glebe Point, for sending us this information.

Glossary - Celtis story

Australis: Latin for southern

Drupe: small round fruit containing fertile seed

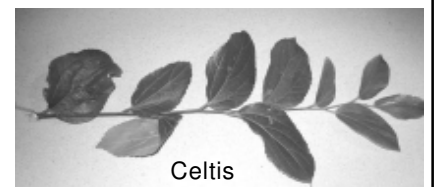
Serrate: sharp tooth edge (saw-like) on leaf margin

Venation: prominent leaf veins

Reference:

Ornamental Flowering trees in Australia, Raymond J Rowell

www.horticopia.com/hortpix/html/pc1356.htm



David Lawrence tells us the story behind ... The Pavilion in Bicentennial Park

There have been frequent comments to me regarding the design of the pavilion at the Annandale end of Bicentennial Park, so I thought your readers may be interested in the comments of the architect, designer, photographer and long term member of the Save Rozelle Bay Association, Paul Melchert.

Paul passed away in April 2005, after a long illness, but just prior to his death, with the help of a journalist friend, he prepared a record of his life and his achievements, and when it came to the pavilion this is what he said.

“Another highlight was the pavilion in harbourside Bicentennial Park in Annandale. It attempts to be a study in character, survival against human assaults and able to support various uses, formal and informal. It had a good budget and Leichhardt Council, though they visited, left me alone, nobody wanting to get involved in design. The pavilion is still there, knocked about a bit (* see my comment below), but it hasn't burnt down. It is now the property of the City of Sydney.

“About the design - I was trying to put it down in the ground. It was intended to be backed by a string of Port Jackson figs, so similar but difficult in character”.

Did you use Federation style architectural reference in the pavilion design?
(Journalist's question)

“Not in an obvious way.. The heavy recycled hardwood portal frame with butch steel connectors is there to invoke the past and the present maritime industrial character of the area and to link to the heritage listed trussed road bridge that was supposed to be conserved nearby. It hasn't been.

“The pavilion base of brick and - sadly, poorly executed - precast concrete was

maritime industrial but also ‘of the earth’, I hoped. The sloping base was intended to allow kids to climb around or to lie on it in the winter sun. The seating is to allow possession of space by more than one party but is far better done in the Rose Pavilion in the Botanical Gardens.

“Above the hardwood timber is Oregon imported from North America, light, cheap and easy to work. There is a history of most places used by white settlers. This was the landing place for timber imports, firstly mostly hardwoods from up and down the coast, and then softwoods from North America. The roofing is an indulgence perhaps. It is from the Federation period but I liked its similarity to the fig tree leaf. From a distance you read its overall form. Move closer, and it is of small and eventually variegated bits.

“The north side has two central posts coming down to the ground and a wider opening in the brick base. Nearby, in a hard to pick place, is a power source. The idea is that the columns can be used as a portal for theatrical and musical events with power.

“It's named after the first female entrepreneur and Jewish notable Ester Abraham. She was the wife of George Johnston (first fleet marine and aide de camp to Governors Philip and Hunter - he led the troops that deposed Governor Bligh) whose estate was Annandale House. I do not know how much the name is used, but there is a bronze plaque that says so on the floor at the centre of the building”.

Since Paul's death and following comments made by various people I have asked the City to assess the possibility of a small plaque being attached to the pavilion, explaining his ideas behind the design. At this stage though, I am waiting for the finalisation of the Council's new policy re plaques in parks, streets etc.

- David Lawrence,
Annandale

* Paul's reference to “knocked about a bit” related to the damage to some of the seating and floor lights. Luckily he kept great records and we were able to trace the companies required to restore these and the City had the work carried out.



The Pavilion, surrounded by park restoration work.
Photo: Edwina Doe

Update on The Valhalla

In May I spoke with *Valhalla* owner/ developers Prue and Mike Williams. They agreed to take three or four Glebe Society members for a site tour to explain concepts and answer questions when plans were sufficiently advanced. In early June Neil, Bob and Bruce went with me for the tour. We met Prue and Mike as well as their architect from Tanners, Megan Jones, Art Deco cinema expert Roy Lumby and project officer Roger Hoovermann.

They have completed a number of other similar projects around Sydney, delivering impressive results including “*The Cooperage*” in Pyrmont and “*Fovos*” in Surry Hills.

They impressed upon us their awareness of their responsibility to preserve the heritage values of the Valhalla. The plan is to keep the foyer area intact, including all cinema memorabilia and to float three stories of creative office space with mezzanine light wells in what is currently the cinema area. Work on the building will be reversible should the building be required as a cinema again. A row of windows will be set into the façade along Glebe Point Road and the shops will be restored.

All development will be contained within the current building footprint. Preference will be to sell the spaces to owner/ occupiers.

We discussed the desire of the Glebe Society to have access to an area of the building for community events. The foyer and an upstairs landing were discussed as possibilities. Prue, Mike and their project officer promised to give the matter further thought.

A presentation night is mooted for September, where plans and artists' impressions will on display and available for all Glebe Society members to discuss with Prue, Mike and their team. This will be in a shop area and could be combined with a Glebe Society social event.

- Sue Ingram



The Valhalla.
Photo:
Sherrill Glasser

Dr Francis Campbell (1806 - 1877)

I found the April/May edition of the *Bulletin* (3/2006) a most enjoyable read, particularly the items by Max Solling on the history of War Memorials and Glebe's Industrial History.

The latter was of particular interest to me as Max made mention of Dr Francis Campbell (11 March 1806 - 19 October 1877). In 1848 he was a member of a select committee which reported on the problem of disease, particularly typhoid fever, within the Glebe area as a result of the slaughter houses and neglected cow houses and piggeries.

My great great grandfather on my mother's side was a Dr Francis Campbell and I believe he is the same person. Your readers might be interested in his life before migrating to Australia and then as a doctor in the area and from 1848 to 1869, as Superintendent of the Gladesville Hospital for the Insane as it was known then.

Francis Campbell was the son of Archibald Campbell of Montgarswood, a descendant of the Loudoun branch of the Campbells of Argyle, who had a small patrimony near Belfast in Ireland, where he was born. Owing to the trouble associated with the celebrated Irish rebellion of 1798 the family crossed to Scotland, where he was educated.

Because of the treatment he received from the Dominies (school teachers) he ran away from school at a very young age and went to sea on board a transport ship, which was employed in conveying troops to and from Spain during the Peninsular

War, where he witnessed many awful scenes of suffering among the wounded soldiers and French prisoners. It is said that he distinctly heard the cannonading at the Battle of Corunna, where Sir John Moore lost his life.

Soon afterwards he gave up the sea and commenced studying for the medical profession. He graduated at Glasgow and Aberdeen Universities and subsequently continued his studies in the hospitals of Paris. He received a Master of Arts in 1829, then achieved the degree of Doctor of Medicine and in the same year the Diploma of Surgery from the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh.

While practising his profession in London for ten years he continued his studies in many subjects, availing himself of the library of the British Museum to peruse Greek and Hebrew manuscripts and the lore of the ancient philosophers.

He married in 1829, but in the interest of his increasing family he resolved to try his fortune, in 1839, in the then young and rising colony of NSW, setting up a practice in East Maitland and later in Sydney, where he soon established his fame as a physician and author. He became a constant contributor to the Sydney press and was soon well known to the colonial public under the signature of "Robin Goodfellow" and "Vox Deserto". As an author he was held in high esteem and soon became a distinguished contributor to the *Medical Journal* and other Colonial publications.

A contemporary in the *SMH* spoke of his articles as "remarkable for the varied and vast extent of erudition, knowledge and ability displayed there-in, superior indeed in all respects to any publication that has appeared in the colonial press".

Dr Campbell was chosen by the Government to fill the office of Superintendent of the Tarban Creek (later known as the Gladesville) Hospital for the Insane, where he commenced his duties on 1 January 1848. In spite of much opposition he succeeded in substituting for the old system of coercion and restraint, the more humane and rational plan by which modern science seeks to recall reason to the diseased mind. He retired from his position at the end of 1869 and lived in private up to the time of his death in October 1877, at his residence in Hunters Hill. He is buried in the cemetery in Top Ryde.

The wife he married in 1829 was Selina, the daughter of the Rev George Porter, rector of Great Burstead in England. Selina died in September 1896 at the ripe old age of 90.

According to the family records they had nine children and I must admit that when I attend meetings in the rooms of the Leichhardt Town Hall and peruse the old photos of past Councillors, there before me is a Councillor Campbell, who has remarkably familiar family features. I wonder if one of my past relatives is keeping an eye on me, or it is simply history repeating itself?

- David Lawrence, Annandale

Membership Renewals and Survey of Glebe Society Members' Interests

If you are a member of the Glebe Society and joined before 1 January 2006, your membership is now due for renewal.

Please complete the first page of the white form which is enclosed with this *Bulletin* and return it PO Box 100, Glebe before 31 July 2006.

Also, if you are a Glebe Society Member or Life Member, we urge you to take part in the Survey of Glebe Society Members' Interests. There is a lot of pressure on our resources at the present time, and it is hard to keep abreast of all the issues which confront us. We hope that the results of this survey will help us direct our energies to the issues and activities that our membership considers most important. There are two copies of the questionnaire, on page 3 and 4 of the white form.

If yours is a Joint or Household membership, could each adult please complete the survey separately, so we get each person's own opinion. Questionnaires for two people are provided, but please make more copies as required, so we can get as many replies as possible.

Completed questionnaires can be returned to PO Box 100, Glebe with your membership renewal. However if you prefer to remain anonymous, you can return the questionnaires in a separate envelope.



GLEBE PEOPLE



Two awards for Dorothy Hoddinott

The Glebe Society congratulates Dorothy Hoddinott on the receipt of two recent honours. Many members will remember Dorothy's late husband, John, who was active in the Glebe Society for many years.

University of Sydney

The title of Honorary Fellow of the University of Sydney was conferred upon Dorothy Hoddinott, a long-time member of the Glebe Society, at a ceremony held on 28 April 2006.

Her University citation reads, in part:

.... Dorothy Hoddinott has long been a strong public advocate for the human rights of refugees. She is the NSW Secondary Principals' Council representative on the NSW Director-General's Advisory Group for Multicultural Education and Training, and the NSW Department of Education and Training Gender Equity Group. In 2004, her work in this area was given recognition in her nomination for the Australian Human Rights Medal. In 2005, Dorothy Hoddinott was commended in the New South Wales Meritorious Service to Public Education and Training Awards.

In addition to her assistance to individual students and their families, Dorothy Hoddinott has, throughout her professional career, played a leadership role in the development of curricula which address the needs of students for whom English is a Second Language. As an officer, and then as a Member of the NSW Board of Studies, she played a critical role in the development and implementation of appropriate English language syllabuses for students from non English speaking backgrounds ...

The full text of her citation is on <http://www.usyd.edu.au/senate/committees/hoddinott.shtml>.

Women's Electoral Lobby

Dorothy also received an EDNA award on 12 May for her work in the field of education.

Women's Electoral Lobby NSW EDNA awards, now in their ninth year, are a celebration of the life and work of Edna Ryan (who lived in Cook Street, Glebe for several years) and are made to those women who have made a feminist difference, ie whose activity advances the status of women; the troublemakers, the stirrers, the battlers, who show extraordinary commitment and determination.

Here is Dorothy's EDNA citation:

"Dorothy Hoddinott has a deep commitment to equity issues and human rights. As Principal of Holroyd High School in Greystanes, she provides highly effective educational and support programs for students of refugee and asylum seeker background, giving these very vulnerable young people a firm start to their new lives in Australia. In 2003 she established a donor fund through the National Foundation of Australian Women for young female refugees. The first beneficiary of this fund will soon complete her Bachelor of Medical Sciences degree

and will apply for Medicine; another will be supported in her nursing studies this year at the University of Western Sydney. Her school has become a major centre for refugees from Iraq and Afghanistan as word has spread of its supportive environment."

- Information supplied by
Bob Armstrong and Jan Wilson



Photo of Dorothy Hoddinott from WEL Newsletter, May 2006



Maureen Cahill of the GIG Gallery with her elegant Pharaoh Hound, Zena, at our New Members Night. Photo: Bruce Davis

Gossip

Monica Trappaga has opened a shop on the corner of St Johns Road and Ross Street called *Reclaim*. It sells decorative items that have been "reclaimed". In Paddo it would be called *les objets trouvés*. They also offer an interior decorating service, using their various vintage treasures and wallpapers, with fabrics from Harris Nugent, further up St Johns Road.

This is newsworthy because Monica has opened next door to Mikalina's Coffee Shop, which is owned by one of the Wiggles. Monica had some time as Playschool Host. I spoke to Monica and her partner Simon recently and suggested they join the Glebe Society, as they have lived in Glebe for yonks.

- John Gray

Marianne's Mother

We pass on the sad news that Marianne von Knobelsdorff's mother has died after a short illness in Bonn on June 15 at the age of 91.

Our thoughts are with Marianne, a good friend of the Glebe Society.



Glebe Matters



Past events ...

Centenary of the Fire Station in St Johns Road

Glebe Society member Councillor Robyn Kemmis and our local state member, Sandra Nori MP, were among the guests of honour at a colourful ceremony on Saturday 17 June to mark the Glebe Fire Station's centenary.

A parade of fire brigade vehicles was held, accompanied by music from a very impressive brass band, before the ceremony inside. The celebration was featured on that evening's ABC Television news.

The Glebe Fire Brigade was formed in 1877 as a voluntary association with horse-drawn engines. From 1892 to 1906 it was housed in an Italianate building at 113 Mitchell Street Glebe, which is now used as a Community Hall (and where we hold our Management Committee meetings).

In 1906 a new station was built in St Johns Road from designs of the Government Architect Walter Vernon. It is a handsome, well designed structure - perhaps the finest Edwardian building in Glebe. The ground floor is of red brick and the upper floor of rough cast. The contour is given a moulded and flowing quality, another indication of art nouveau.

The Glebe Fire Service was still a volunteer organization in 1906 but changed to a permanent, full-time brigade under the board of fire commissioners soon after that.

Rowing Club Open Day

Robyn Mackney, Life Member and Coach of the Glebe Rowing Club, tells us that around 40 people visited the club during its open day on Saturday 17 June. Past member and Moscow Olympian Bruce Keynes was among them. He is thinking about re-joining. There were many other enquiries from people living in our area who have rowed in the past or who are thinking of taking it up for the first time. Rowing provides a great opportunity for people to enjoy our tranquil bays before we lose them.

Robyn says that the Club has much more energy about it now and is growing again after moving to its new home. It also hosts the school rowing activities of the Blackwattle and Leichhardt campuses of the Sydney Secondary College.

At the end of the afternoon Max Solling, author of *The Boatshed on Blackwattle Bay*, gave another of his entertaining talks, complete with a slide show.

Benledi Book Sale

Fortunately the fears of being washed out that had gathered during the showery week preceding the Friends of Benledi and Glebe Library's annual book sale on Saturday 3 June were unfounded. A most generous quantity of donations was received, which took all of Friday to sort. The fiction section spread out on to the veranda, and the Library hosted the children's and young adult books inside - a good move, as it introduced some newcomers to their friendly Glebe Library. Stalls were busy all day, and the day's takings of over \$4000 yielded a net profit of \$3800. Congratulations to all the hard workers at the sale, and thanks to all those who brought and bought books.

- Jeanette Knox

And future events ...

Glebe Art Show 2006

This year's Art Show and awarding of prizes is on Friday 30 June at 6pm at Benledi. The exhibition continues every day until 9 July from 11am to 6pm at Benledi during this period and in regular library hours. The library will be open from 12 midday to 4pm on Saturday 1 and Saturday 8 July, as well as Sunday 2 July from 11am to 4pm.

Afternoon Tea at Tricketts

Sunday 30 July

See the enclosed booking form

As a part of the 2006 History Week, the Glebe Society has arranged...

Ashes to Ashes -The Glebe Walter Burley Griffin Incinerator revisited.

What: Come on this sunny Sunday for a picnic on the grass, beginning at 11.30am with speakers (11.45am to 12.15pm) describing its past history and recent restoration. Then to inspect inside the Incinerator and story-boards of its workings.

The picnic is self catered, but hot coffee and muffins may be purchased.

When: 24 September 2006, 11.30am to 2.00pm.

Where: The Glebe Incinerator, corner Forsyth and Taylor Streets, Glebe.

Cost: Free.

For further information:

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Glebe Gardens - 1820-2010

How does your garden grow? ...

Maybe not with silver bells and cockle shells, but perhaps with a collection of favourites from frangipanis to freesias. Incidentally, why are there so many frangipanis in Glebe? And was watering a problem back in the nineteenth century? And were native plants cultivated in the back yard alongside the veggies and the chook pen?

These questions and many more will be the subject of our Glebe Gardens Forum from 7-9pm on Wednesday 15 November at the Glebe Rowing Club, at the end of Ferry Road.. This event is being organised for the Glebe Society by Dorothy Davis.

- Fay Mander Jones

News and Notes

Thirsty Thursdays

Sixteen happy people gathered at La Tavolaccia for the June Thirsty Thursday. It was great to see new members Rod, Leslie and Peter as well as many familiar faces. We ate well, enjoyed many bottles of good wine and the conversation was wide ranging and witty. By the end of the evening, we were well on the way to sorting out the problems of the world and a few hardy souls continued with this task in the pub long after the sensible ones had called it a night.

Thirsty Thursday is representative of Glebe village life. It is an informal gathering of friends meeting purely for the pleasure of it. We look forward to catching up with many Glebe friends on 6 July, the first Thursday in the month.

- Bryan Herden

Welcome to New Members

The following people were accepted as members at the June Management Committee meeting. We look forward to seeing them at future Glebe Society functions.

- Janet Howse
- Vicky Marquis

Keeping the local in the global city: LEPs

Date: 6 July 2006, 4pm - 7pm

Location: UTS City Campus, Science Building CB04 (entrance Harris St), Level 2, Room 38 (CB04.02.38)

Panel: Chair: Glen Searle, DAB, UTS

Speakers: Genia McCaffrey, LGSA President Stephen McMahon, Urban Planner,

Michael Neustein, Urban Planner.

Will the state government use its new powers to remove the local from the city? What will ensure communities are viable and supportive environments? Will new directions mean more "cookie-cutter" suburbs? To register, please download a registration form from the website at:

http://www.dab.uts.edu.au/symposia/sydney_futures_twilight_symposia.html

Wanted! Privately-held historical items

Do you hold letters, photos, documents and other material related to the people, history and heritage of the Leichhardt Municipality? The heritage Group of Leichhardt District has received a grant to compile a database of this material for Local Studies at Leichhardt Library. Nothing will be removed from your possession. Contact Sue on 9519 3268 (stonsers@bigpond.net.au), June on 9810 6885 (speal@zip.com.au) or John on 9810 1109 (bhopal@sydney.net).

Glebe Village - 2006 Visitors' Guide and Map

The City of Sydney Council and the Glebe Chamber of Commerce have combined to produce this excellent glossy coloured brochure. If you live in Glebe, look out for it in your mail box soon. If you don't live in Glebe, come here and look for it.

A play about a night at the pub performed at the pub

Go Theatre presents the acutely observed and wonderfully ironic Australian black comedy, AFTER DINNER by multi award winning playwright and screenwriter Andrew Bovell.

Determined to forget their nine-to-five routine, five lonely singles head out to their local pub on a Friday night seeking an entertaining night out. Bovell's bittersweet comedy kicks off at The Roxbury Hotel theatre in Glebe on June 13 and runs until July 8.

AFTER DINNER is "an Australian comedy of sharp and black social comment, full of wry insights" (Sun Herald). The scene is a suburban pub. Three office workers - Dympie, who needs to control everything, Paula who lets her, and the recently widowed Monika are desperately seeking a good night out. At an adjoining table sit Gordon, recently abandoned by his wife, and Stephen, looking for something more than the usual one night stand. As the night progresses, inhibitions and social restraint are abandoned, exposing the foibles, pain and humour of the characters' inner lives.

AFTER DINNER is playing at 8pm, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights at The Roxbury Hotel theatre, 182 St John's Road, Glebe until 8 July.

\$22/\$18, cheap Tuesday \$18, meal & show \$27 Special discount for Glebe Society Members - \$15 for all shows.

Bookings: Call 0401 388 163 or email gotheatre@bigpond.com

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For your diary ...

Friday 30 June - Sunday 9 July - Annual Glebe Art Competition.

Thursday 6 July, 7pm - Thirsty Thursday - Dinner at *La Tavolaccia*, 355 Glebe Point Road.

Wednesday 12 July, 7.30pm - Glebe Society Management Committee Meeting - The Old Fire Station, 115 Mitchell Street.

All members welcome.

Sunday 30 July, 3pm - Afternoon Tea at Tricketts, 270 Glebe Point Road. See booking for.

Thursday 3 August, 7pm - Thirsty Thursday - Dinner at *La Tavolaccia*, 355 Glebe Point Road.

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Sunday 24 September, 11.30am - 2pm - Ashes to Ashes - the Glebe Walter Burley Griffin Incinerator, corner Forsyth and Taylor Streets.

Wednesday 15 November, 7 - 9pm - Glebe Gardens, 1820-2010, Glebe Rowing Club, at the end of Ferry Road.

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The website will only flourish if members use the site. Send contributions or comments to 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

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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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