



Bellevue reopens!

It's a time for celebration, with the official opening of the restored *Bellevue* in Blackwattle Bay Park on Saturday 3 March, 10.30am -12.30pm. All Glebe residents are welcome.

Historic *Bellevue* now stands proudly on the Point, a fine example Victorian dwellings of the late 1890s that once characterised the Blackwattle Bay foreshore.

Saving *Bellevue* was a long-fought battle starting in the early 1970s. As a result of sustained community and union action, Blackwattle Bay Park, in two parcels, was landscaped and dedicated to Leichhardt Council as part of a deal struck with Parkes Pty Ltd, developers of the adjoining residential unit buildings. When the Park was handed over in 1984, the Council inherited the forlorn ruins of *Bellevue* and spent some \$35,000 making it structurally sound, secure, and re-roofed in slate. The intent at that time was for the house to be restored for community use. It was listed as an item of State significance in the Local Environment Plan in 1984, granted a Permanent Conservation Order in 1986 and listed on the State Heritage Register in 1999. In 1985 the Glebe Society made the first of a number of submissions for its use as a Heritage Centre, focussed on the social and physical history of Glebe and combined with other uses such as Tea Rooms and a caretaker's flat. Lack of funding and use saw *Bellevue* fall into disrepair and subject to vandalism. It was not until Glebe was transferred to the City of Sydney in 2003 that funding started to match the enthusiasm in this long battle for the restoration of *Bellevue*. The City included *Bellevue's* restoration in the planned Foreshore Walk. The splendid outcome is for all to see, and is an example of what can be achieved with strong collaborative input from community and Council alike.

Now for viable uses!

- Bob Armstrong

**Clean Up Australia Day
Sunday, 4 March
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Bellevue as it was on Monday, 26 February

Meet the Candidates Forest Lodge School 7 March, 7pm to 9pm

The Glebe Society has traditionally run Meet the Candidate meetings for Council and State Government elections. The Greens, Labor and Liberal candidates have already accepted our invitation to attend. All other candidates will be invited to attend, as soon as their names are made public. The leaflet shown on this page has been distributed to 3000 households in Glebe and Forest Lodge.

Everyone attending will have the opportunity to ask a question. On arrival you will be offered a form on which to write your question. You will be asked to fill in who the question is directed to, the general subject matter and, as succinctly as possible, the actual question. These forms will be collected and sorted during the break in the meeting and Jan Macindoe, who is chairing the meeting, will read out the questions. In order that as many questions as possible are dealt with in the time available, similar questions will be combined.

The next Bulletin will be mailed out at the end of March, after we know the results of the election. This means that we will rely on the Glebe Society Website, not the Bulletin, to publish summaries of the candidates' responses to our concerns. Check our website, www.glebesociety.org.au, on your own computer or at the Glebe Library or the Old Fire Station. In the next Bulletin, we will concentrate on reporting what the winning candidate said at our meeting.

But the best way to make the right decision on 24 March is to come to our meeting on 7 March.

- Jan Macindoe

**See enclosed leaflet
for more details**

Planning - Children's Hospital Site

City Quarter (Children's Hospital site) cnr Bridge Road and Booth Street

In the first Bulletin for 2006 I reported that the original developer of the site, Sterling, was in receivership. I was a little puzzled, because if the developer did not make money out of the development, a lot of people who bought off the plan certainly did, reselling units at the height of the boom. The site has an excellent aspect and panoramic views.

Frasers Greencliff bought the site, and on 27 November I attended one of the information meetings about what would happen next.

A brief history (for a fuller account see Bulletin 5/2002 pp 5-6)

Children's Hospital moved from Glebe (cnr Wigram and Glebe Point Roads) to Camperdown from 1905-7. It moved again to Westmead in 1995 and the site, then part of South Sydney LGA, was sold to Sterling. I campaigned unsuccessfully to include the site in Leichhardt by changing the municipal boundary. Although most people wanted the change because it would result in lower density, it was opposed at municipal and state level and the site received a mixed-use zoning and a high-rise density. For obvious reasons, the Orphan School Creek corridor, forming a buffer between the site and Forest Lodge, as well as potentially a very large area of open space, became very important and my major concern (see below).

Sterling built about 600 units and townhouses (60% of the site) before going belly-up. The buildings along Bridge Road, including the oldest and the most recent, were recycled, except for Wade House. I attended about five years of meetings where these proposals were discussed.

Current proposal

This proposal by Fraser Greencliff is for the remaining 40% of the site (403 dwellings to be precise), all located in

three high rise blocks along Booth Street, part of a small section of Camperdown that still remains in Leichhardt. The Hospital site itself, all of Orphan School Creek and the rest of Camperdown are now part of the City. The highest building, sixteen storeys, will be on the corner of Bridge Road and Booth Street, pretty much on the site of the demolished Wade House. The remaining two blocks step down, three storeys at a time, along Booth Street, and a new road through the site will open onto Booth Street.

The fight to restrict the density of the site and the height of the buildings was lost years ago (see above). The impact on Glebe is mainly in terms of traffic flow along Bridge Road, as the new building is almost entirely concealed by existing buildings and mature trees. The impact on Annandale, however, is significant.

For those living on the site the new proposal is welcome and an improvement, because the Frasers plan provides parking for all dwellings. Under South Sydney's parking controls, about 100 of the 600 dwellings built by Sterling did not have parking spaces provided. Hence the newly created roads on site are heavily parked. It also means all the community facilities originally proposed by Sterling, but not completed, will now be provided. These are in or near the heritage-listed Admissions Building and include an enclosed pool and gym and meeting room for the bodies corporate. As these were one of the reasons people bought on the site, the inhabitants have been waiting nervously to see what the new owner would do.

Orphan School Creek

They have also been waiting nervously to see what would happen to this existing and potential open space. In the July 2006 Bulletin (6/2006) both Roberta Johnston and myself reported on the successful outcome of the twenty-two year campaign (for me, anyway) to secure Hospital owned land in Forest Lodge so the open space corridor could be completed.

As a result of the 27 November meeting I am able to report that the landscaping of the western side of Orphan School Creek, adjacent to the new development and including the former helicopter pad, will be completed in March, 2007. The delay is to ensure planting does not take place until after summer, and is therefore more likely to survive. The eastern side of the Creek, a very large area including much level land in Forest Lodge, requires remediation because of its use for dumping hospital waste, including ash from the boilers. It is not especially serious and will be paid for out of a \$ 4 million bond lodged by the developers. Both remediation and landscaping should be complete by March 2008, in accordance with plans developed over a long period of consultation, with further consultation over the more recently acquired segments.

The Orphan School Creek corridor is not as glamorous as the Waterfront Walkway because it is a long-term project and not as publicly visible. However, I believe it is important because it:

1. creates a broad, green buffer zone between medium density Forest Lodge and high density Camperdown.
2. will provide both abundant open space and a playground for the one thousand dwelling Children's Hospital redevelopment and Forest Lodge, which is very deficient in open space.
3. connects areas that lie deep inland to the waterfront via attractive green corridors with walking paths.
4. regenerates native bushland in the heart of our suburb, creating a suitable habitat for many forms of wildlife, especially birds. As well as being attractive in themselves, birds are valuable because they suppress garden and other insect pests, reducing dependence on pesticides.
5. will connect with paths and parks south of Bridge Road to give even deeper access, and will improve connections with other valuable open space areas such as University of Sydney.

- Neil Macindoe

Other Planning Matters

Rooftop Motel, 146-8 Glebe Point Road

As reported in the July 2006 Bulletin (6/2006) the Society objected to the proposal to change this motel to a 156-bed backpackers hostel. Subsequently the City Council refused the application, but the owner has since applied for this decision to be reviewed. The Society has renewed its objection.

Pub? What pub?

In June 2006 (Bulletin 5/2006) I wrote "the longer term future of some pubs is uncertain". Those words were truer than I realized. The pub at 15-19 Glebe Point Road (at its most recent incarnation 'The Dog House Hotel') is now closed.

It appears that in November 2006 a bill was passed making it possible to have low-key live music in cafes and restaurants. Once the details of this change become available I will report on it.

There is also legislation before Parliament that includes a live music liquor licence. I am seeking details of this also. However, pubs and clubs will still have to apply for a Place of Public Entertainment licence.

CUB Brewery Site, Broadway

This development has been approved by the Minister for Planning, who took it over from the City. The development is estimated to hold 2,800 residents, making it more than twice the size of the City Quarter (see page 2). It will not have a direct impact on Glebe, but it will impact profoundly on Chippendale and cause further strains on the infrastructure. The Society will continue to oppose actions by the Minister that remove developments

from Council control, and that impose excessive densities on surrounding areas.

St Johns Village, behind St Johns Church, St Johns Road

These modern retirement units won the Sulman Prize in 1965. Following representations, The Society will ask the Royal Australian Institute of Architects, which awarded the prize, to examine changes made to the Village, especially the replacement of wood by metal, and assess their impact on the building and the residents.

Development Application for 59a Boyce Street

The Society has objected to the size of this proposal. Boyce Street is a key part of the Toxteth Estate, and while there is no issue with the demolition of the current 1950s house, the proposed replacement is much larger and more prominent.

199 St Johns Road, Forest Lodge

There is a proposal to demolish and rebuild this Victorian corner building, used for commercial purposes for many years. The Society strongly supports retention and restoration of the existing building, and opposes its replacement with a pastiche.

The Seeds of Time

So what does the future hold? In the last ten years we have seen high-rise development to the west (Children's Hospital site, discussed above) the south (various developments along Broadway, and now the CUB Brewery site) and to the east (Pymont and Ultimo).

Within Glebe itself there are very few left sites that could be redeveloped, though there are some industrial sites that could be adapted to new uses. I hesitate to specify these, as I don't want to encourage applications. Fortunately, almost all of Glebe is a Conservation Area and the Development Controls, already quite strict, are about to be tightened further. Nevertheless we are right to be concerned about such key sites as the Tramsheds and the wharves at the head of Blackwattle Bay and adjacent Fish Markets. No doubt we are all hoping the Heritage subcommittee will manage to have more buildings listed, as this is a key element in the protection of Glebe.

As I gaze into my crystal ball I see there are further sites on Broadway and in Camperdown that could be developed, though they are not as large as those already proposed. However, the largest by far lies to the north, though its future is still distant and obscure.

I'm referring to the Rozelle Marshalling Yards, owned by the SRA and stretching through several suburbs, all within Leichhardt LGA. It is a very large area, well served by road and rail, and if the State Government should ever get its act together, which seems increasingly unlikely, there could be a lot of action. There are other advantages too, but I've already said enough to precipitate overexcitement in any developer worthy of the name, and I have no desire to encourage hypertension in the white shoe brigade. An intelligent approach (by no means guaranteed) would see the White Bay Power Station included, given the potential of its existing envelope. No, I have said enough. Time to drop the gypsy scarf over the crystal ball.

- Neil Macindoe

Forest Lodge Trees - an update

When State Cabinet came to Leichhardt Town Hall on 20 November 2006 representatives of the *forestlodgetrees* community group and the Owners' Corporation at 77 Hereford Street met with Tony Kelly, Minister for Lands, and Sandra Nori, Member for Port Jackson, to discuss the future of the Crown land at 9 Alfred Road. Our representatives delivered a petition to Minister Kelly requesting that the land be vested in Council with Council undertaking the long-term care and management of

the land as public open space for the benefit of the community. Immediately following the Cabinet meeting, Minister Kelly visited the Crown land and further discussed the issues concerning the land. At Council's meeting on 19 February 2007, Councillor Verity Firth moved an amendment to the 2007 Local Action Plan - North West, to add to the Plan the Community Request: "That Council continue to negotiate with the State Government to preserve public ownership of the Crown

Land at 9 Alfred Road, Forest Lodge." The amendment was passed unanimously.

These developments are very welcome and we are hopeful the matter will now progress.

For further information visit <http://forestlodgetrees.blogspot.com>, which is regularly updated. We can be contacted at forestlodgetrees@yahoo.com.au.

- Mary Pollard

Proposed Dry Boat Storage Facility

The Glebe Society continues its campaign to stop unsuitable development on Rozelle and Blackwattle Bays. We support the State Government's policy of "Working Harbour", but want to see developments which enhance, not detract from, the amenities of the local area.

The Sydney Slipways Facility was quietly approved by Frank Sartor, the Minister for Planning, on Christmas Eve. Slipped in, to coin a phrase! The Glebe Society did not oppose this development. However it raised several concerns about aspects of the development, none of which were addressed, such as noise, chemical emissions, failure to improve the local environment and lack of access to the foreshore.

Of much greater concern is the proposal for a Dry Boat Storage facility on the north side of Rozelle Bay (see the October/November Bulletin - 9/2006). This would store 670 boats up to 12m in length in unsightly buildings. However, the greatest concern is the impracticality of servicing this facility from the water in the most landlocked and polluted bay in Sydney. Boat traffic would rise to an impossibly high level, with the greatest concern being the safety of boats trying to exit and enter through the one narrow channel under the old Glebe Island Bridge. Most importantly the proposal is completely inimical to the passive use of the bay by rowers, dragon boaters, outriggers and kayakers.

Objections to the Dry Boat Storage Facility closed in November and the DA is now before Frank Sartor. It is unlikely that a decision will be announced before the State Election in March. As we move up to that Election it is important to keep this issue in the forefront of the public mind. The "Massing of the Boats" in late November attracted good publicity. Local candidates are well aware of public concern over this issue. Michelle Porteous, the Greens candidate and Leichhardt Councillor, has managed to get Leichhardt Council to totally oppose the development. Verity Firth, the ALP candidate and Deputy Mayor on Sydney City Council has had a meeting with the Glebe Society and knows of our concerns. The Liberal policy is to hold a moratorium on all development until a master plan is developed for the whole harbour area. However, this does not guarantee that the Dry Boat Storage Facility will not go ahead eventually. It will therefore be very important to quiz all candidates on their position on this issue, especially at the



Our stall attracts interest. Photo: Tony Larkum

Glebe Society's "Meet the Candidates" on 7 March.

The Glebe Society is hoping to organise a boat trip to take the Minister for Planning and his aides to the actual site to demonstrate the impracticalities of various aspects of the proposal. In addition to that the rowers and dragon boaters are organising another "Massing of the Boats".

To keep up public attention on this issue the Glebe Society is running a stall on the waterfront in Bicentennial Park on Saturdays and Sundays, up to the Election. On the first weekend, 17/18 February, the stall was in place from 10 am to 4 pm. We displayed material and gathered signatures for a petition to the Minister. For the people managing the stall, this was an uplifting experience as the support for this protest action (and for the Glebe Society as a whole) was overwhelming.

If you want to participate in these activities or feel that you can contribute in any way, please contact me on 9660 7030.

- Tony Larkum, Convener, Bays and Foreshores sub-committee.

Glebe against Global Warming

The first phase of the Glebe against Global Warming committee's work will be completed at the end of February with the distribution to 3000 households in Glebe of our "manifesto", describing what we as individuals can do to lessen the impact of global warming and what we expect our political representatives to do on our behalf. It is hoped that this small flyer will encourage all of us not only to know what needs to be done but to commit ourselves to lowering carbon emissions from our home appliances, from our cars, from our purchases and from our travel.

With the state and federal elections looming, it is important that we make clear to our election candidates what we expect of them in the next three years. We need clear commitments to cut carbon emissions by 20% by 2020 and by 50% by 2050. A carbon trading scheme or a carbon tax is imperative in the immediate future, as is the joining of Australia into the world community efforts through the Kyoto Protocol. It is important not to let our politicians weasel out of this important international effort. While the protocol may not be perfect, it is the best we have to date and we need to show solidarity with most of the rest of the world who are trying to take on the massive problem of climate change. All our readers are encouraged to use the information on the flyer as the basis for discussion with friends, relatives, and their local election candidate.

Everyone is encouraged to attend the "Meet the Candidates", on Wednesday 7 March at the Forest Lodge Primary School to the fully informed on your candidates' environmental policies.

- Bill McCarthy, Convener, Glebe against Global Warming

Sydney turns off its lights. Will you?

In a world first, Sydney will turn off its lights for one hour at 7.30pm on Saturday March 31, 2007 as a major step towards reducing the city's greenhouse gas pollution.

With the support of The City of Sydney and the NSW Government, Earth Hour will be the highlight of a major campaign to encourage businesses, communities and individuals to take the simple steps needed to cut their emissions by 5% in 2007.

Sign up to earth hour and commit to turning off your lights on 31 March from 7.30pm to 8.30pm. It's free! Google Earth Hour to find the form.

Get off standby. Unplug any appliances - mobile phone charger, TV, microwave, MP3 player - that are not being used and are on standby. Appliances left on standby account for up to 10% of the average household's electricity use

Spread the word about Earth Hour by involving your friends and family. Encourage them to sign-up turn off their lights at 7.30pm Saturday 31 March 2007.

The Environment

Ian Jones helps to save the world

Glebe Society member Ian Jones is visiting England this February and March, promoting the BBC documentary *Five Ways To Save The World*. Ian is one of five "world experts" featured in this program, which was broadcast on 19 February 2007 at 2100 GMT on BBC Two.

We hope that the program will be shown soon on TV here. Look out for it. Meanwhile, see the extract below from the BBC News website and Google *Five Ways To Save The World* to find more details.

Tiny solution to a very big problem

By Hannah Edwards in the *Sun-Herald*, 18 February.

Sydney scientists are confident they are in the running for the \$32 million environmental prize being offered by British tycoon [Sir] Richard Branson.

They say their ocean nourishment scheme, which transfers carbon dioxide from the atmosphere and into the ocean with the help of microscopic plankton, can help slow climate change. ...

... The solution proposed by Sydney University's Ocean Technology Group has ongoing benefits for the environ-

ment, team member Professor Ian Jones said.

Under the plan, the carbon dioxide that would otherwise be in the atmosphere would be locked in the ocean thanks to plankton, which needs the gas to grow. Plankton growth would be encouraged by adding urea to the ocean.

Through photosynthesis, up to a billion tones of carbon dioxide would be drawn from the air into the plankton in a year, Professor Jones said. ... He and his work will feature in a BBC documentary *Five Ways To Save The World*.

Multiplying the Ocean's CO₂ Guzzlers

Adding nutrients to areas of the ocean that lack phytoplankton is one way of reversing the effects of global warming explored by a new BBC TV documentary, Five Ways To Save The World.

Our oceans are teeming with phytoplankton: millions of microscopic plants beneath the waves that are vital to the marine ecosystem because they form the base of the marine food chain.

Phytoplankton are not visible to the naked eye but from space, satellite images show that phytoplankton form enormous green swirls hundreds of kilometres long around coastal waters.

They employ photosynthesis, using sunlight and carbon dioxide (CO₂) from sea water, to sustain themselves.

"Just like trees, they can take carbon dioxide and give us back oxygen," says Professor Ian Jones, an ocean engineer from the University of Sydney, Australia.

When the plankton die, they sink deep to the ocean floor, taking the carbon with them.

What Professor Jones wants to do is add one of the components of urine - urea - to the areas of the ocean that lack phytoplankton.

Urea is a nitrogen-rich fertiliser that helps plants grow and therefore by adding it to the parts of the ocean that lack

phytoplankton, Professor Jones thinks it will turn these areas into a lush "forest", eventually reversing the effects of global warming.

'Desolate Zone'

It was a natural disaster - flooding - that was to trigger his idea to introduce nutrients to the ocean. When rivers burst their banks and flood agricultural land, the fertiliser or nutrients on the land are washed away into the sea.

And by studying the effects of rainfall in Sydney harbour, he discovered that when it rained, more nutrients come into the harbour and the phytoplankton numbers increase. When the rain goes, they decrease again. ...

Liquid nitrogen

... The challenge for [Professor Jones] was to find a source of nutrients that would be easily and cheaply available.

Like iron, nitrogen is one of the nutrients that makes plankton grow, but it has to be in a form that the marine organisms can process.

Professor Jones' solution is to use granular urea - bitter-tasting white granules - and convert it into liquid form so that it can go through a pipeline into the ocean.

The plan would be to run the pipe from a nitrogen factory and pump gallons of urea

into the ocean to feed the plankton.

Unknown consequences

Adding large doses of nutrients to the ocean, however, does not always have a beneficial effect.

If there are too many plankton, when they die they drive bacteria production that results in a depletion of oxygen in the water and the death of other marine life. The urea plan would only work in areas where there is not much plankton to begin with, says the professor.

"The important thing about ocean nourishment is that we are not doing it where there is lots of productivity; we are doing it in the desert regions of the ocean," he explains.

"If you do not like the outcome, you can turn off the tap. It's like irrigation. When you turn off the food supply for the plankton, they will just die."

But then there is the issue of meddling with ecosystems that have found a natural balance over millions of years of evolution.

Even Professor Jones admits: "Once you start managing nature you have to continue to manage nature, there is no use hoping that it will restore itself to a new equilibrium set up by humans.

- BBC News website, 19 February

Is Jericho about to be reenacted?

See-through walls instead of gaol-like walls for the Sporting Complex of Wentworth Park?

The feasibility study, about which I wrote in the last edition of the Bulletin, is still in progress. To recap, the Council has offered to contribute half of the cost (up to \$500,000) of replacing the horrible labour camp walls of the Sporting Complex with see-through security fencing. This will hopefully visually unify the park and make that area far less alienating to the community.

Here is some information concerning the issues to be investigated in this independent study, paid for equally by the Trust and Sydney City Council:

1. Clouston Associates Landscape Architects have been appointed to undertake the study.
2. The results will be considered by the Council and the Sporting Trust before being exhibited for public comment.
3. The objectives of the study are to:
 - open up views between the parkland, surrounding streets and the Sporting Complex.
 - remove redundant buildings from the Complex
 - review car parking to remove it from the park
 - identify land within the Complex that can be made publicly accessible
 - and relocate the viaduct uses.

If the study concludes any of the above projects are feasible and if the Trust and the Council agree to act upon them, and if there is money to do these projects ... even then, nothing will start happening for at least 18 months. If ... if ... if ... We can all cross our fingers and the BCC will keep nagging.

- Anne Fraser
Convenor, Blackwattle Cove Coalition

Glebe Trivia Quiz

A highlight of the Society Christmas dinner in December was a Glebe Trivia Quiz. Each table competed for the first prize which included a 4 litre tin of jelly beans. Nine teams entered the competition. Although a few complained after the quiz that it was too hard, the two joint winning teams (the Toscani and the Wombats) each scored 26 out of a total of 35 points. Other scores were 13 (Team 1), 16 (Eagles), 16 (Benledi), 19 (Glebetrotters), 19 (Lucca), 20 (Sparrows), 21 (Hereford Bull Artists). Leaving out some questions which were specific to the night, the quiz was:



Quizmaster Simon Fraser
Photo: Andrew Craig

1. In what year was the Glebe Society established?
2. What was the venue of the 2004 Society Christmas Party?
3. An upgraded memorial plaque to a famous Glebe boxer will be unveiled at the corner of Glebe Point Road and Parramatta Road next week. He used to train in the old Glebe gym where Glebe Books now stands. Who was he?
4. In what year was the first land grant of Glebe given?
5. To whom was it given?
6. From what Latin word do we derive the name "Glebe"?
7. In what year did the DMR establish the footbridge over Parramatta Road which links Glebe with the University of Sydney?
8. According to the Glebe Society Constitution, what are the four boundaries of Glebe?
9. Foley Park was so named in 1964. What was its name prior to then?
10. Name the Glebe restaurant which was in the Good Living section of the *SMH* three weeks ago [in November 2006] named as "the find of the year"?
11. There are two surviving Regency villas in Glebe. For whom was each built?
12. Who was the architect of both residences?
13. What was the name of the restaurant in Pymont Bridge Road which occupied a former church?
14. What was the denomination of the Church?
15. What Australian Prime Minister was married in it?
16. In what year was the Glebe Town Hall built?
17. If you walk east down Mitchell Street to Wentworth Park Road you cross five streets – name them.
18. What is the name of the new women's fashion shop recently opened in St Johns Road by the video store near Ross Street?
19. If you walk from one end of Bell Street to the other, and leaving aside lanes, what are the three streets you cross?
20. In which street in Glebe was Sir Edmund Barton, Australia's first Prime Minister, born?
21. To whom did then President Andrew Craig present two life membership certificates at the Society annual general meeting in 2003 for their work in securing the transfer of the Glebe Estate to the Commonwealth Government?

Members will need to keep their ears and eyes open over the next year, assuming that there is popular demand for another trivia quiz next December.

- Simon Fraser

Answers to these questions appear on page 8 of this *Bulletin*.

Our 2006 Christmas Party

I should have written this report two months ago. The happy memories of the Glebe Society's Christmas party on 15 December are filed already, along with Christmas Day, New Year's Eve and too much cricket and tennis on TV. Now we are back in the real world of committee meetings, protest campaigns and elections.

This party was the first event organised by a great new team, Anne and Simon Fraser plus Cheryl and Bryan Herden, helped by Jeanette Knox, Anne Owen, Margaret Sheppard, Sue Ingram and Leslie Holtham. It was completely different from recent Christmas cocktail parties. This was a sit down dinner in a spacious venue that hardly anyone knew existed.

Almost ninety people, many of them members who had not previously come to a Society social function, walked tentatively through an inconspicuous gate at 11 Jarocin Avenue. We didn't know what to expect, but we found that we were welcomed in a huge room, where we were given name tags, along with canapés and sparkling wine served by Cheryl and Bryan and Ross Ingram.

There was much discussion about the history of the building. People said that it was built in about 1850 and has been stables, a garage for the first cars in Glebe and an art gallery. Max Solling has given us more information, which is in column 3 of this page.

We then went up a short flight of stairs into an even larger room, filled with brightly decorated tables and a real jukebox. After helping ourselves to a traditional baked dinner and a variety of desserts provided by caterers, we listened to a few short speeches and then admired



Separated at birth? Neil Macindoe with the quiz trophy. Photo: Andrew Craig

the skills of Mari-Luise Agius as she conducted the annual auction, raising \$1,600 (see box).

A highlight of the evening was the Glebe Trivia Quiz, where the team at each table tried to answer questions about Glebe, compiled and administered by Simon Fraser. He was a hard taskmaster ("no discussion will be entered into"). Two tables were declared joint winners, so they had to work out how to share the trophy, a garden gnome, and jelly beans in a four litre Dulux paint tin. For those who were not present, or who can't remember the evening's events, the Glebe Quiz is printed on page 6 of this Bulletin.

After the Quiz, people danced to music from the jukebox until the small hours. It was a most successful evening. Thankyou Anne, Cheryl, Simon and Bryan and your helpers.

- **Edwina Doe**

I asked Max Solling about 11 Jarocin Avenue, our Christmas Party venue. Max believes that the mystery building was a part of the 1.5 acre block surrounding a mansion, Jarocin. Here is the house's history. - **Editor**

Jarocin

By 1861 a number of early Glebe residences were located on either side of the private toll road constructed by the Pyrmont Bridge Company, a road that stretched from Darling Harbour to Camperdown. The earliest residences built between Glebe and Ross Street were *Forest Lodge* (1836), *Oak Lodge* (1837-8), *Rose Cottage* (1838) and *Enfield House* (1842). On a 1.5 acre block adjoining the grounds of *Forest Lodge House*, ironmonger Archibald Ashdown erected a residence in 1857. Retired grazier Donald Macintyre paid £3,500 in 1861 for the property which he called *Kayuga* after his pastoral property in the Hunter Valley. Following his death in 1866, *Kayuga* was left to his wife and daughters Sarah, Margaret and Elizabeth Macintyre. They sold the property in 1876 to wholesale grocer David Mitchell (1819-1898), a Forest Lodge alderman from 1884 to 1886. Mitchell called his new home *Jarocin*, presumably after a town in Poland. In 1890 *Jarocin* was bought by architect Archibald McNeill (1839-1902) who, like Mitchell, served as a Forest Lodge ward alderman on Glebe Council from 1895 to 1898. On McNeill's death, the Bank of NSW sold *Jarocin* to builder C W Coulton. The *Sydney Morning Herald* reported on 27 June 1911 that "the old well-known mansion, *Jarocin* on Bridge Road, Glebe Point, is to be demolished to make room for the speculating builder who will erect a number of residences on the grounds". A plan in the Department of Lands shows the position of the residence straddling Jarocin Avenue.

Research on *Jarocin* was carried out by members of the Glebe Urban Research Association, for an article on many early residences in Glebe to be published this year in the *Leichhardt Historical Journal*.

- **Max Solling**



Results of the Auction

- ◆ A double ticket for the New Year's Eve, donated by the City of Sydney, was bought by Rhonda House for \$650.
- ◆ A painting by Christine Stewart, donated by Alison McKeown, was bought by Susie Cleary for \$450.
- ◆ A Gliding experience for two people, donated by Ross and Libby Hindmarsh, was bought by Bill McCarthy for \$350.
- ◆ A Hamper donated by Jeanette Knox was bought by Marion Andrews for \$150.

The Glebe Society thanks the generous donors and buyers.

School fence public art work approved!

The popular public art proposal for the multi coloured school fence has been granted official approval!

A meeting between the artist Nuha Saad, Project Development Officer Glenn Wallace, the School Principal and the Glebe Point Road upgrade streetscape design team resolved to approve the construction of the *Special Place Glebe Public School Fence*. This will be the first public art work to take shape as part of the Glebe Point Road upgrade, as the project will start at the Broadway end of Glebe Point Road.



The multicoloured picket fence was one of the favourites at the public art information display at Glebe Town Hall last year. Feedback from the public was collected and taken to a selection panel where interviews and final selections were made. Artists were required to further refine their

Photo courtesy of Sydney City Council concepts and accommodate many requests from various interest groups and controlling bodies.

It is to Saad's credit that she was able to adopt a flexibility of mind, enabling her to

incorporate the current requirements for a public school fence with her own sculptural vision.

The independent review panel recommended to Council two additional public art works - *The Wireless House - Public Listening Room* - Dr Nigel Helyer, a celebration of our rare sonic heritage, and *Earth versus Sky* - Allan Giddy, where two large fig trees in Bicentennial Park will be lit at twilight with changing shades of colour. It is hoped that these will proceed as the upgrade takes place.

Further information including images of the public art proposals can be found at:

<http://www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/Development/CityImprovements/GlebePointRoad.asp>

- Susan Ingram

Answers - Glebe Trivia Quiz

1. 1969
2. Glebe Rowing Club
3. Dave Sands
4. 1790
5. Rev. Richard Johnson,
6. "Glaeba" meaning clod of earth
7. 1972
8. Wattle Street, Sydney Harbour, Johnston's Creek, Parramatta Road
9. Rest Park
10. Roxanne
11. Mr George Allen and Dr John Bowman
12. John Verge
13. The Abbey
14. Presbyterian
15. Ben Chifley
16. 1880
17. Campbell Street, Glebe Street, Broughton Street, Phillip Street, Wentworth Street
18. Bowerbird
19. Toxteth Road, Boyce Street, Wigram Road
20. Hereford Street *
21. Peru Perumal and Tom Uren.

* Footnote

According to the Glebe Society Website, Edmund Barton was born in Hereford Street, Glebe. However Glebe Historian Max Solling says that the only evidence for this is an article by columnist Mary

Salmon in the Evening News in 1902. Geoffrey Bolton, in his 2000 biography of Edmund Barton, also mentions Hereford Street. However the notes on p349 say "...the Hereford Street address comes from F McDonnell, The Glebe (Sydney 1972) but no authority given.

During their research into Glebe houses, the Glebe Urban Research Association found a reference in the Sydney Morning Herald, November 1848, confirmed by a search of Department of Lands Title Transactions, which led them to prepare this entry:

Hawthorne, near corner of Ferry Road and Glebe Road. Built for T W Bowden about 1844. Hawthorne was occupied by William and Mary Barton in 1848. Their fourth son (the eleventh child), Edmund, Australia's first Prime Minister, was born there on 18 January 1849. George Allen leased Hawthorne to Edmund Blacket in 1853 and it seems the Blacket family lived there until Bidura was completed in 1858.

Max says that Hawthorne was on Glebe Point Road, about where there is now a newsagent's business.

Pétanque

If you stroll along Glebe's fabulous foreshore any Monday evening, you will find a bunch of Glebe Society members using the new gravel *pétanque* courts. Huge amounts of skill are not in evidence, as we are all beginners. The fun is compounded by the odd glass of wine, the passers-by who stop to watch and the occasional opportunistic dog who sees the *couchonet* (jack) as its own particular plaything. Feel free to join us at 6pm Mondays.

For more information ring Bruce Davis (9660 7873), David Mander Jones (9552 4172) or Liz Simpson-Booker (95 186 186).



Glebe News

Adventures with Marianne

From the moment she greeted us at Bonn railway station it was clear visiting Marianne was going to be exciting, perhaps even a little scary!



The first photo shows Neil Macindoe clinging to the top of Cologne Cathedral. It was certainly a dramatic introduction to one of Germany's oldest cities! After a guided tour by the project manager we were chauffeured to a soir e at a private home in South Cologne that bore a remarkable resemblance to a Glebe Society function.

The second photo shows Marianne with our new President, Jan Macindoe, (and Marianne's friend Guntha) much more relaxed after a morning at a Rhineland spa and a traditional luncheon of new wine, onion tart and plum cake in the picturesque medieval village of Linz.

Marianne von Knobelsdorf will arrive in



Sydney on 6 March for a visit of six months or so. Hopefully she will enjoy all the changes to Glebe and the many social events planned for 2007.

- Neil Macindoe

Congratulations to our New President



Photo: Owen Macindoe

We welcome Jan Macindoe to the position of President of the Glebe Society. Jan became a resident of Glebe in 1978 and joined the Glebe Society shortly after. She was the Bulletin Editor during the 1990s.

We thank Bob Armstrong for the energy and enthusiasm he showed during his two year term as President, which ended in December. Over the years, the profile of the Glebe Society, and therefore of the President, has risen considerably. Bob has been instrumental in the success of Glebe's integration with the City of Sydney, and the establishment of CityRags and COGG. He will be a hard act for Jan to follow.

Andrew Craig, who no longer holds the position of Immediate Past President, will take over the Glebe Environment and Open Spaces Sub-committee, leaving Bill McCarthy free to concentrate on Glebe against Global Warming,

Dorothy Davis has taken on a new role, that of Event Coordinator. As the name suggests, Dorothy will coordinate the Society's calendar and management of events, but she will not be working on her own. As before, each event will need a team of people helping to ensure its success.

David Mander Jones has said that he will stand down as the Convenor of the Heritage sub-committee as soon as a replacement is found. Any volunteers?

News from the Friends of the Glebe Library

Everyone is invited to the second Jazz in the Library grounds, featuring the Barry Canham Sextet, from 1pm to 3pm on Saturday 3 March. The event is presented by the Glebe Chamber of Commerce and the Friends of Benledi and Glebe Library to promote the library being open on Saturday afternoons until 4pm.

Local businesses will be offering picnic specials and everyone is welcome to bring their rugs, chairs and picnic umbrellas and feast on music.

The Friends are having a 10th Anniversary Cocktail Party on Friday, 27 April from 7pm to 9pm. The cost is \$25/20(Friends).

The annual Friends book sale in Benledi will be on Saturday 26 May.

- Ros Wheeler and Heather Sykes

Clean Up Australia Day - Sunday 4 March

The Glebe Society Clean Up Team will be meeting in Glebe, at a place which is still to be decided, at 10am on Sunday 4 March. You are invited to participate for what ever time you can spare up until 12.30pm (or later if you are happy to work without me).

All participating are asked to bring protective gloves, sensible protective boots or shoes and a strong synthetic or similar bag for collecting the rubbish. A limited number of rubbish bags will be available at the site. Sunscreen and a hat may also be a good idea.

Please send me an e-mail at acraig@awedwards.com.au or phone me on 0412 249 673 and I will send you a message confirming the meeting place.

- Andrew Craig, Convenor, Environment and Open Spaces sub-committee

News and Notes

Thirsty Thursdays

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

We have something new this year - a different restaurant or hotel each month. Our first choice, Almustafa Lebanese Restaurant, was a great success.

On Thursday 1 March we will meet at Baja Cantina, the Mexican restaurant at 43-45 Glebe Point Road. As at Almustafa, we can share dishes. There is no need to book, so just turn up and BYO wine. Corkage is \$5 per bottle, but the food is very reasonably priced.

On Thursday 5 April, we will go to the Nag's Head, 162 St Johns Road, where we all order and pay for our own dinner and drinks.

Welcome to New Members

Two Membership applications were approved at the February Management Committee meeting. They were from Janice McCulloch and from Hongxia Liu, Representative and Director, Asia Pacific, for the International Development Law Organisation (ILDO).

We look forward to seeing Janice and members of ILDO at future Glebe Society functions.

Hessian Bags

The Glebe Point Road Hessian Bags are now \$6 and a real bargain! Ring 9552 4172 if you would like one.

- Fay Mander Jones

Bulletins by email

If you would like to receive your *Bulletin* by email instead of snail mail, please tell editor@glebesociety.org.au.

Banned Plays

New Theatre, 542 King Street, Newtown, celebrates controversy with a season of staged readings of plays that have been banned, censored or caused a stir. These plays have all offended someone, somewhere, at some time: the Church, the Tsar, the Lord Chamberlain, the Nazis or Ashfield Council.

The next few plays, on Sundays at 1pm, are:

Norm & Ahmed - Alex Buzo (25 March)

The One Day of the Year - Alan Seymour (8 April)

Simon Lee - George Dibdin Pitt (20 May)

Tickets are \$15. Book on 9519 3403.

Glebe Society member Lyn Collingwood is a Director of the New Theatre (www.newtheatre.org.au).

Visit Hunters Hill

Discover Hunters Hill is helping to coordinate Heritage Festival activities in Hunters Hill during March.

Hunters Hill is a fabulous place to visit during the Heritage Festival. Cruises, walks, exhibitions, music, theatre and much more all feature in the program organised for 4-18 March 2007.

For information about the events and other activities in Hunters Hill during the Heritage Festival, including places to eat and visit, go to the Discover Hunters Hill website - www.huntershill.com.au

Hunter Baillie Memorial Church

The Hunter Baillie Memorial Presbyterian Church in Johnston Street, Annandale will be holding an open day on 10 March as part of the Heritage Festival.

This is an opportunity to visit the fine Cyril and Arthur Blackett designed church which was completed in 1889, hear music from the splendid Wm. Hill & Son organ, listen to talks about the history of the church and view displays from the church's archives.

A further opportunity to visit the church is on 1 April when the SBS Youth Orchestra will be giving a concert.

For more details please see the enclosed leaflet.

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For your diary ...

Thursday 1 March, 7pm - Thirsty Thursday - Dinner at Baja Cantina Mexican Restaurant, 43-45 Glebe Point Road. BYO.

Saturday 3 March, 10:30am-3:30pm - Official opening of *Bellevue*, Blackwattle Bay Park

Saturday 3 March, 1pm - 3pm - Jazz in the Library grounds, 186 Glebe Point Road

Sunday 4 March, 10am - 12,30pm - Clean Up Australia Day. See page 9 for details

Wednesday 7 March, 7-9pm - Meet the Candidates - Forest Lodge Primary School. All Welcome.

Wednesday 14 March, 7.30pm - Glebe Society Management Committee Meeting - The Old Fire Station, 115 Mitchell Street. All members are welcome.

Saturday 24 March - Election Day

Saturday 31 March, 7.30pm to 8.30pm - **Earth Hour**. Turn off all your lights. See page 4.

Thursday 5 April, 7pm - Thirsty Thursday - Dinner at the Nag's Head, 162 St Johns Road.

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

Friday 27 April, 7 - 9pm - Friends of Benledi and Glebe Library Cocktail Party.

See the Glebe Society Website for our calendar of events in 2007.

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The Society has a growing website (www.glebesociety.org.au) for the information of members and anyone with an interest in Glebe.

The website will only flourish if members 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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Bulletin Deadline

The next edition of the *Bulletin* will be published at the end of March. The deadline for contributions is **21 March**.

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Download a Membership Form from our website (http://www.glebesociety.org.au/AboutTGSI/Membership/Membership_application.pdf).

Or write to PO Box 100, Glebe, 2037 or phone the Secretary, Liz Simpson-Booker, on 9518 6186.

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

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