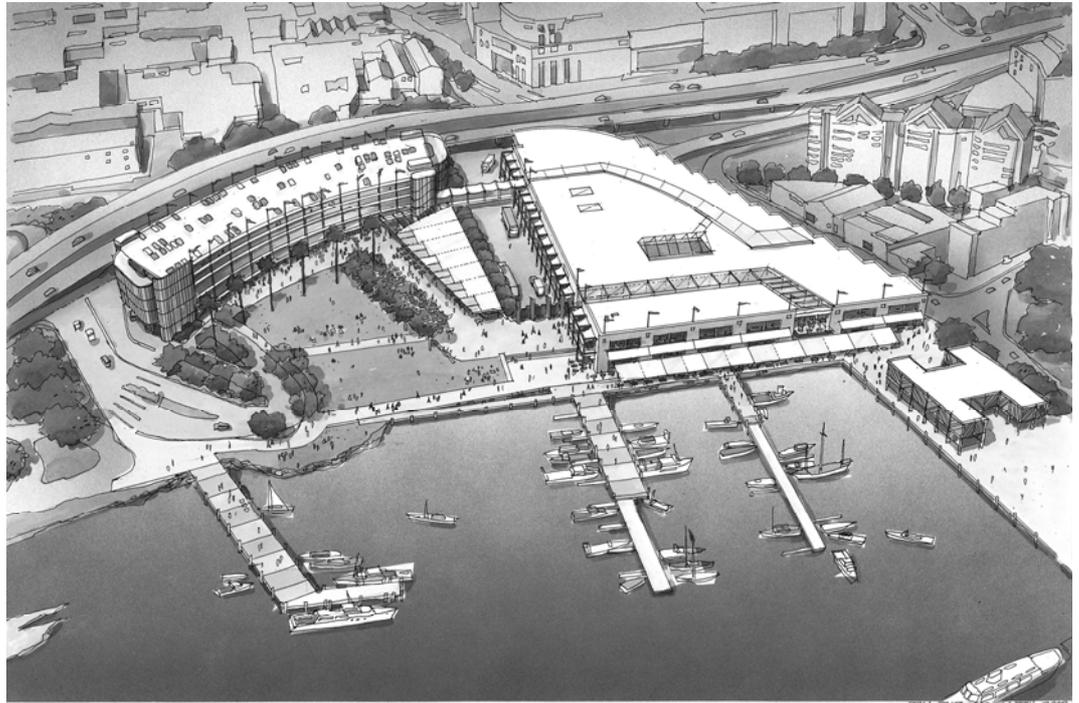




## Fish Market future in the balance

*Will we have a new foreshore fish market and park or is slapping some 'lipstick on the bulldog' the best we can hope for?*



The Fish Market Board has reached a crisis point. The previous plans to develop the Markets failed because they were not commercially viable. They were also aesthetically a disaster. Since then Graham Turk, the managing director of the Fish Market, has had architectural plans drawn up that are aesthetically pleasing. They retain the iconic market nature of the Fish Market and create a substantial area of public open space adjacent to the foreshore and with no obstructions to the harbour. Take a look at the proposed layout (above) and the artist's vision for the foreshore (page 2).

So what is the crisis? The total cost is estimated to be \$80 million, of which the Board is prepared to raise \$50 million. They require a commitment of \$30 million to finance the public open space, and to date have met with a blank response to presentations to State Government ministers.

But the Fish Market is in need of maintenance,

which has been put off in the hope of redevelopment. It has reached the point where something must be done as the site is deteriorating so badly. If there is no hope of any contribution to the project by September then the Board will invest \$2.5 million in 'putting lipstick on a bulldog' – resurfacing the existing car park, improving the drainage and generally trying to tart up the place without any vision of making it a better, more user friendly place. If they do this then there will be no further development of the site in the foreseeable future.

The Blackwattle Bay Coalition (BCC) has met with Graham Turk and he is keen that we get involved in supporting their idea. At the

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### Help the Superb Fairy-wrens

Come to the planting day on Sunday 27 July, 11am -1pm at the Paddy Gray reserve, Hereford Street, Glebe

See the enclosed flyer for details

### *If you enjoy a sip of vino Italiano*

Come to our next fund-raising event - a wine tasting at *Cucina di Lusso* Italian restaurant, Glebe, on Friday, 15 August.

See page 13 and the enclosed flyer for details.

## Two talks on sustainability: global and local perspectives

Two public talks on sustainability, taking place only a week apart, attracted a number of Glebe residents as audience. The first, on 15 July in the Great Hall of Sydney University, was by Professor Jeffrey Sachs, and marked the launch of the University's Institute of Sustainable Solutions. Professor Sachs, director of The Earth Institute based at Columbia University, is best known for his role with the UN as advisor on the Millennium Development Goals, the internationally agreed goals to reduce extreme poverty, disease, and hunger by the year 2015. His most recent book is *Common Wealth*.

His lecture was wide-ranging, beginning with a focus on the ways in which human experience over the past 200 years has changed dramatically from that of all previous history, with a dramatic rise in both population and world gross product, all of it depend-

ant on our ability to harness energy, especially in the form of coal. He spoke of the various physical systems that are under stress: photosynthesis (40 – 50% of which now serves human purposes); deforestation; water use; invasive species; species extinction; marine fisheries and of course, climate change. He sees climate change as part of these interlinked challenges, and believes that we have the technologies needed to address these challenges. What we need is two critical inputs: knowledge, applied in an inter-disciplinary way, and a global understanding and ethic. Interestingly, in the light of Australia's current political debate on carbon trading, he feels that what is needed is a focus on what Australia could look like in 20 years time if we tackled these issues, rather than a focus on the mechanics of getting there.

The second presentation on 22 July,

*Green Transformers*, was part of the City Talks series, and the keynote speaker was Allan Jones, CEO of the London Climate Change Agency. His presentation was the perfect balance to that of Sykes, as its focus was strictly practical, including extensive strategies that have already been implemented.

Allan Jones made his mark in the small UK city of Woking, where he reduced CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by 77% at the same time as reducing the cost of electricity to the consumer. Following that success, Jones was appointed to the London position with the aim of taking London off the coal-fired power grid and supplying London's electricity needs from alternative localised power generation. His presentation covered a broad and sophisticated range of approaches to achieving this goal, including

- decentralised power generation that also provides heating and cooling (co- and tri-generation)
- retro-fitting photovoltaic cells to existing buildings, including heritage buildings such as the London Transport Museum
- conversion of all public buildings (owned and rented) to zero emission
- buses fueled by hydrogen
- use of a congestion zone and low-emission zone to successfully encourage greater use of low emission transport
- conversion of waste biomass to energy and water.

Bruce Taper, a consultant for the City of Sydney, presented the City's own strategies, particularly the Green Transformers idea which is a key theme of Sustainable Sydney 2030. However, it became apparent that Sydney has the disadvantage, compared to London, of not having direct control of the regulatory systems that are needed to make major change possible. In our situation, to undertake the kind of major changes that London is implementing will require cooperation from local, state and federal governments.

- Jan Macindoe



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last BCC meeting it was decided that we try to raise a groundswell of public support for these new plans. Our ideas at this stage are to raise consciousness of the new vision and potential for the site with the public, the Chinese Chamber of Commerce, the Federal Minister of Tourism and the *Sydney Morning Herald*, possibly running a loaves and fishes day, a

celebrity cook off day and so on.

Would you like to get involved? It is a great site and a very popular destination for so many people. It is a shame to see such a popular place being so badly neglected. We could use all the help we can get in furthering this cause and there isn't much time. If you would like to help, contact me on 0409 893 047, or [annefraser01@optusnet.com.au](mailto:annefraser01@optusnet.com.au).

- Anne Fraser, BCC convenor

# Planning Matters

## **Sze Yup Temple, Edward Street**

As reported in the February *Bulletin*, one of the three shrines was damaged by fire. The Temple Trust erected a temporary replacement in time for the Chinese New Year, and the DA for



this is now before Council. The application states repairs to the damaged shrine should be completed at the end of 2008.

## **University Motor Inn, 25 Arundel Street**

Members may recall there was an application in 2007 to replace this unsightly 1950s building with a new building to house 200 students. Following objections, this proposal was withdrawn. A new proposal, to house 54 students in individual rooms, with a further 25 motels rooms with an unspecified total number of beds, has been lodged. There is provision for 31 cars and 28 bikes.

The Society did not, and will not, object to the proposed use, which is appropriate to the site. However, while on the face of it this revised proposal conforms more closely to the requirements of LEP 2000 there are a number of matters, including the total number of occupants and controls over operation that need clarification. The design and character of the replacement building is similar to that in the former proposal, with modern articulated facades to Arundel and Catherine Streets rising to 10 metres.

## **Other Development Applications**

Council will probably deal with other interesting DAs such as Bellevue, Durham Court and 63 Hereford Street shortly. No decision about the future of Harold Park had been announced by the Club at the time of writing. The Abbey DA has been extended to December.

## **Amendments to Environmental Planning and Assessment Act**

The amendments passed the Upper House on Thursday, 19 June when we were in Adelaide. They passed by one vote, Fred Nile and the two Shooters Party members voting in favour. Thank you to those members who did their best to persuade these MLCs to change their minds. A major part of the changes concerns the introduction of housing codes, as out-

lined in the July Bulletin. The Society has written to the Department of Planning pointing out some of the deficiencies of the code system and the codes so far available for comment.

One of the models used for the amendments was recent planning legislation in South Australia. Adelaide is of course a planned city, and like Melbourne, which we visited earlier this year, has some of the advantages of good original planning that Sydney, for all its beautiful setting, lacks. However, whereas Melbourne CBD has seen some striking recent improvements, such as laneways development, I do not think modern planning in Adelaide has been up to scratch. That said, it is still a city worth visiting for the well-preserved areas of North Adelaide especially, and some regions easily accessed from the city.

## **Metropolitan Strategy**

This is being released in sections, and the City section that includes Glebe is now on the Department of Planning's website and should be available at Glebe Town Hall. Currently it has little impact on Glebe, but should Harold Park be taken over by the University it is possible the Education Precinct could be extended.

**- Neil Macindoe  
Planning Convenor**

## **Council to look for funds for park upgrade in 2008/09**

*We recently received this letter from Monica Barone, Chief Executive Officer of the City of Sydney in response to my submission re funding of the Foley Park upgrade.* **Jan Macindoe**

Dear Jan

### **Foley Park and the City of Sydney Draft Corporate Plan 2009 - 2012**

I refer to your email regarding your concern that the upgrade of Foley Park is not included in the Capital Works budget for the 2008/09 financial year.

When adopting the 2008/09 budget, Council resolved to consider funding for the upgrade of Foley Park in the next quarterly review in August this

year, should funds become available.

In the meantime a number of works will be carried out in Foley Park in the near future and some minor improvements have already been made

To address the safety issues, shrubs especially along Bridge Road have been significantly lowered as part of the ongoing park maintenance. This has improved passive surveillance into the park.

The installation of the public artwork around the Wireless House is scheduled to be completed by the end of 2008.

The Baby Health Centre will be relocated to St Helens within the next

couple of months. The building in Foley Park which currently accommodated the Baby Health Centre will be demolished late this year and turf installed in the area, as a temporary measure until the main works are carried out.

Should you wish to speak with a Council officer about the upgrade of Foley Park, please contact Maren Parry, Landscape Architect on 9246 7663 or at [mparry@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au](mailto:mparry@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au).

Yours sincerely

**MONICA BARONE**

Chief Executive Officer  
City of Sydney  
10 July 2008

# Not so secret garden

As I parked in St Johns Road recently I noticed this arch over the gateway to the Glebe Community Gardens, next to the Record Reign Hall.

The Gardens are where the plaque commemorating Ernie Ridding was unveiled last year.

Paul Angell, President of the Glebe Chamber of Commerce, tells me that the arch has been there for about two months, but took three years of planning, including applying successfully for a grant of almost \$1,000 from the City of Sydney. Paul was the person who designed it and had it produced. He says he likes the Art Nouveau period and thinks that the organic nature of the lettering fits in nicely with the idea of a community garden.



- Edwina Doe

The new arch. Photo: Edwina Doe

# GPR temporarily a one-way street

Glebe Point Road will temporarily become one-way between Parramatta Road and Mitchell Street (about 400 metres in length) from 4 August. The temporary change to traffic configuration is a result of necessary once-in-a-century infrastructure improvements to improve drainage and prevent flooding.

Work will involve major road reconstruction and includes the removal of more than 2,000 tonnes of the old road surface. Work is scheduled to be completed in approximately 12 weeks and will be undertaken in 3 stages. Detour signs will be installed to help motorists during these temporary changes.

**Stage 1: For approximately four weeks from 4 August, Glebe Point Road will be one-way from Parramatta Road to Mitchell Street so traffic can run north only.**

During Stage 1, traffic travelling south along Glebe Point Road (toward Parramatta Road) will need to turn right at Mitchell Street and then left at Derwent Street before entering Parramatta Road.

**Stage 2: For approximately four weeks from early September, Glebe Point Road will be one-way from Mitchell Street to Parramatta Road in the opposite direction, so traffic can run south only.**

During Stage 2 motorists on Parramatta Road who wish to enter Glebe Point Road should turn at Derwent Street and then turn right at Mitchell Street.

**Stage 3: For approximately four weeks from early October, Glebe Point Road will revert to one-way heading north from Parramatta Road to St Johns Road.**

During Stage 3, traffic travelling south along Glebe Point Road (toward Parramatta Road) will need to turn right at St Johns Road and then left at Derwent Street before entering Parramatta Road.

See [www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/Development/CityImprovements/RoadsAndStreetscapes/GlebePointRoad.asp](http://www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/Development/CityImprovements/RoadsAndStreetscapes/GlebePointRoad.asp) for further details.



## 39th Annual General Meeting

### Notice of meeting

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of The Glebe Society Incorporated will be held at **11am on Sunday 31 August 2008** at Benledi, 186 Glebe Point Road (next to Glebe Library).

### Nominations for Committee

Office bearers of the Society and other members of the Management Committee will be elected at the AGM. A nomination form is included with this Bulletin. Nomination forms are also available from the Glebe Society Website ([www.glebesociety.org.au](http://www.glebesociety.org.au)). Members are warmly encouraged to consider the benefits of active participation in the Society. Nominations close on Friday 15 August 2008.

### Invitation

All members of the Society are invited to the AGM. Only financial members are entitled to vote.

### Agenda:

- 1 Apologies.
- 2 Confirmation of the minutes of the 38th AGM held on 26 August 2007.

3 President's report

4 Sub-committee reports

Copies of the majority of reports will be published in *Glebe Society Bulletins 6/2008 and 7/2008* and extra copies will be available at the AGM. Members are encouraged to read the reports before the AGM. Convenors of Sub-committees will be present to provide updates and/or answer questions.

5 Treasurer's report

Motion: That the Balance Sheet as at 30 June 2008 and the TGS Income and Expenditure Statement for the year ended 30 June 2008 be received.

6 Election of Office Bearers

7 Close of meeting

### Guest Speaker

We are pleased to welcome Glebe Society member Dorothy Hoddinott AO as our speaker. She will be discussing education and equity, and the experience of refugees in education.

Refreshments will be served at the conclusion of Dorothy's talk.

# Reports to the 2008 AGM



## Planning

### Overview

The past year has been unusual in that it was not dominated by development, but rather by changes to planning legislation. At the time of writing we are no wiser about the intentions of the Trotting Club with regard to Harold Park, so all actions, including our own in seeking consultation about the Paceway with the University of Sydney, remain speculative. There is no further news about the approved application for the Abbey, and the tea-rooms at Bellevue, the extensions to Durham Court and a number of other significant proposals have not yet been determined by Council.

### Harold Park

In the absence of any clear indication of the Club's intentions, the Glebe Society has decided to go ahead with discussions with the University of Sydney, following media reports about their interest in the site.

### Legislative Changes

I have written about these at length in several *Bulletins* since June, 2007, so the following remarks are concise and general.

There was widespread community concern at the level of political donations to the ALP at the 2007 State election from a number of sources, but especially from development and construction companies. It was not surprising when, soon after the election, the Minister for Planning, Frank Sartor, secured changes that greatly increased his power to approve proposals. He also proposed changes to the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act that removed many approvals from local councils and gave them to officials appointed by him, and extended the role of certifiers employed by developers. Appeals against the Minister's decisions have been curtailed.

The extension of the powers of the Minister should be a major concern. Even if Frank Sartor is not in the pockets of developers there is no guarantee the next Minister will not be. New South Wales has seen a

number of corrupt Ministers in the planning portfolio from both the major parties; it is a portfolio where the temptations are considerable. The effect of these changes could well be to institutionalise and entrench corruption so deeply as to make it difficult to eradicate in future. At the least, it undermines democracy by removing decisions from transparent processes and accountable authorities. The balance has been tilted strongly in favour of developers.

Not surprisingly the changes have been vigorously opposed by the Local Government Association, the National Trust, the City Council, most resident groups including the Glebe Society, as well as informed commentators such as John Mant and Elizabeth Farrelly, among many others. Nevertheless, the Government managed to secure the passage of the Bill in the Upper House by one vote, with the support of the Shooters Party.

Not all the changes will be adverse. Some sensible and time-saving long-overdue reforms are included. There is, of course, no reason why these could not have been made, and the Act made more efficient, without the objectionable parts. The same applies to the changes to the Heritage Act, which increase the control of the Minister while reducing Heritage protection.

The Government is inept and unpopular, but the next election is not until 2011. It makes good sense to strengthen our defences and prepare for a less favourable future. One thing that has benefitted us is that economic conditions have not favoured development in Sydney. The number of proposals and approvals has been noticeably low for the last couple of years.

### Housing

Sydney, and therefore Glebe, is subject to the same forces operating in every major western city with a similar history. The first part of last century saw a flight to the suburbs, and the second half saw this tendency gradually reverse as the inner city became once again a desirable place to live. Concomitantly the cost of

housing, whether for purchase or rent, has risen unevenly but quite steeply for the last thirty years. The rising cost of fuel will make the inner city even more attractive.

Glebe is fortunate because its citizens, and especially the Society, have acted in a socially responsible manner and about one fifth of the suburb has been retained for social housing. However, many of us have become aware that we would no longer be able to afford to buy into Glebe, at least not the houses in which we presently live. The presence of both rich and poor in Glebe gives it a particularly diverse character, but our society needs the services of many people on modest middle incomes. The area between Wattle and Cowper Streets has been earmarked by the City and the NSW Government for more affordable housing, along the lines of a previous project in Pymont. Hopefully this redevelopment, when completed in 2013, will help to redress the balance.

### The Next Big Thing

In a previous *Bulletin* (February 2007) I predicted Rozelle Marshalling Yards would be the next major redevelopment in our area, now Pymont/Ultimo is virtually complete. East Darling Harbour, newly named Barangaroo, will provide a distraction, but it seems the State Government has finally realised the potential of an area that already has very good car and public transport access. Unfortunately, current indications are that the Government intends to link develop-

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ment of the Marshalling Yards to development of the Bays precinct, which could cause both delays and problems. The demands of planning Barangaroo will increase the delays.

## Urban Design Study

Despite changes to the Act it is likely the process of completing a new Town Plan for the City will continue. The introduction of housing codes will not affect the City for some time, and a framework to assess any proposal that doesn't fit the codes will still be necessary. Hence the Society will continue to press for errors to be corrected and improvements made, in the hope that the potential of the empirical research done as part of the Urban Design Study is fully realised, and we end up with a Plan superior to the previous ones. Dates for public exhibition have not yet been fixed.

## Strategic Plan

Over the next twelve months the sub-committee will continue to make representations to various levels of government in support of community involvement in making planning decisions. We will continue to seek improvements to the Urban Design Study, and subsequently to the new town plan when it goes on exhibition. We will also lobby for community involvement in any decision about Harold Park, or other major development sites.

- Neil Macindoe

## Forest Lodge and Glebe Coordination Group (FLAG)

This group has worked tirelessly building community capacity and supporting community projects. There are representatives from Glebe Chamber of Commerce, the Glebe Society, Glebe Community Action Group, Glebe Point Residents Group, Glebe Youth Service, Glebe Schools Community Development, Department of Housing, Glebe Faith Community, Glebe Police, Glebe Community Development Project and City of Sydney. Other people are invited to attend on a needs basis.



The major initiative that **FLAG** managed this financial year was the Mitchell Street Fete in December. This event caters for the children of Glebe in a range of activities that are free. In order to finance this event, a Community Grant from City of Sydney was won and it was supplemented by donations from Peppercorn Meats (the principals being Glebe residents), Bakers Delight and Coca Cola Amatil. In addition, Department of Housing staff worked with volunteers from the community to make the day a success. This year Reg Mombassa, a local resident, donated a screen print that was raffled on the Wentworth Park

day to make money for the upcoming Fete, to be held this December. A Grant Application has been submitted to Council in order to run this Fete.

The group meets regularly every six weeks. In July a Networking Luncheon was held to allow sharing of information, work and projects.

City of Sydney has sponsored Glebe Youth Service with a Grant of \$150,000. This Grant will support the establishment of an *After Dark* Program, a Food and Nutrition

Program and a Case Worker. Glebe Youth Service is a not-for-profit organisation that provides a specialised service for young people living in Glebe.

An action that **FLAG** is currently investigating is the feasibility of an Early Childhood Centre being located in the southern end of Glebe.

The community was also involved with a Community Safety Audit to examine ways of improving safety in Glebe. This project was a joint initiative between Department of Housing, City of Sydney, Police and residents. The action will be a Glebe Community Safety Plan that will be completed by the end of the year as a result of recommendations.

A very important adjunct of **FLAG** is the Glebe Community Development Program that is a partnership between the University of Sydney and NSW Department of Housing. The Project is capably managed by Ally de Pree-Raghavan. The initiatives and programs support many of the residents of Glebe, who otherwise would not engage with the community. These include COW (Concerned Older Women), Residents Meetings in Bay/Franklyn Housing Estate and a Computer Program that is taught by TAFE Outreach. The results have been significant, providing a sense of community, empowerment and knowledge skills.

- Jan Wilson  
The Glebe Society Representative,  
FLAG

Good planning: the Blackwattle Bay foreshore walk attracts hundreds of people (and dogs) every day. Photo: Bruce Davis



# Reports to the 2008 AGM



## Blue Wrens

This may reach readers' eyes about the time the Blue Wrens Sub-Committee has its final fling on National Tree Planting Day, Sunday 27 July.

The Sub-Committee is not a perennial plant. It started to bloom last August on the signing of a grant agreement with the City of Sydney Council giving us \$9,695. The purpose of this grant was "... to engage the community, (and public land managers), in the conservation of Superb Fairy-wrens, (and other small birds), in the Glebe/Forest Lodge area".

First to fruit was the appointment of a consultant ecologist, Sue Stevens, to assess by way of community aided surveys the current status of these birds. This was followed by a Report which set out her findings and recommendations of ways to maintain and hopefully increase the population of these small birds. This report was completed last January, printed in February and launched by the Lord Mayor in June. It is now available on the websites of the Glebe Society and the Council, with a hard copy in our local Library.

Subsequent fruiting include distribution of flyers suburb-wide asking for information on sightings of the Superb Fairy-wrens, a community workshop and publicity for a planting demonstration and giveaway of appropriate plants at Paddy Gray Reserve on 27 July.

The grant activity will then finish. Hopefully over time all this activity will result in an increase in habitat for small birds and therefore an increase in their numbers. The Committee members involved have been, Madeleine Bowman, Helen Brown, Fiona Campbell, Judy Christie, Norma Hawkins, Jeanette Knox, Fay Mander Jones and Hilary Wise, with Jan Craney, David Mander Jones and Andrew Wood sharing convenorship of the committee.

- David Mander Jones

## Infrastructure Defect Reporting

The Glebe Society's goals for 2008 to 2013 include encouraging walking and 'to promote pedestrian routes with signage, maps, appropriate seating and drinking fountains'. Implicit in that is well lit footpaths, with good surfaces, including appropriate corner kerb ramp access.

Both the 2006 and 2007 Infrastructure Defect Reporting Annual Reports looked forward to the progressive introduction of better lighting and improved surfaces for all footpaths in conjunction with the revitalisation of Glebe Point Road.

This revitalisation is progressing well, and the recent establishment of the Stakeholder Access Group is providing a forum for the exchange of information between Rob Mueck, the Project Manager of the City of Sydney, Anthony Boyle, the Project Engineer for the contractors GMW Urban, Barbara Radcliffe, a member of the community who uses an electric wheelchair and the Infrastructure Defect Reporting member of the Glebe Society. The impetus for the formation of the group was to provide an avenue of communication for stakeholders to give feedback to the contractor and the City of Sydney, and vice versa, to best manage issues to do with access around the construction zones. Issues such as types of ramps and surfaces used to increase slip resistance and comfort are discussed, particularly in relation to prams, strollers, and wheelchairs. A request for slimline waste bins, particularly where the footpath narrows, is being considered. The provision of adequate seating is also being addressed, and

when the paving is completed, it is expected that there will be seating between bus stops, as well as at bus stops.

It is anticipated that the footpath works will be completed by the end of November 2008 and the road works by March 2009.

As a result of inviting readers to respond with specific cases of areas of inadequate street lighting which present a potential hazard to walking home after dark, several verbal examples and emailed reports have



Infrastructure under repair - Glebe Point Road upgrade work. Photo: Bruce Davis

been received. It is assumed that rectification will follow, particularly as the issue is so widespread, for example in Lombard Street, sections of Victoria Road, Toxteth Road, Wigram Road, and sections of Boyce Street. Some respondents said that they had to walk on the road because it is too

dark to walk on the footpath.

Although the City of Sydney has a program for the repair of all footpaths, progress seems too slow in some areas. In particular, the pit cover at the corner of Wigram Road and Bell Street, and the surrounding footpath surface, has been shown to be a hazard to pedestrians. One local resident sustained serious injuries due to a slip and fall on the pit cover, which was damp at the time. The pit cover is the responsibility of Telstra, and the accident was reported in January this year. Telstra have so far demonstrated an apparently amazing and sad indifference to this problem, and at the time of writing this report (18 July 2008), no obvious action has been taken to rectify the situation, that is, the pit cover is unchanged. The City of Sydney will repair the surrounding surface.

- Margaret Sheppard



# Reports to the 2008 AGM

## Heritage

The aims of the Heritage Committee for 2007 were to continue to promote awareness of our heritage and ensure protection of heritage items. We chose to focus our attention on recording heritage as a means to promote awareness. Through working with the City of Sydney we discovered that much of our heritage is not adequately recorded; for example items are listed but lack necessary detail. This has happened for a variety of reasons including lack of resources, inadequacy of submissions, and overlap of agencies. A review of *Glebe Treasures*, a compendium of heritage sites collated by the Heritage Sub-committee in previous years, showed many items classified by the National Trust, or recorded in the LEP, do not appear on the City of Sydney Register. These omissions highlighted a pressing need for accurate detailed records.

This has been exacerbated by recent changes to NSW planning legislation. The Act and its current omissions highlight the need to register items of heritage value and ensure adequate information is provided to assist interested parties when evaluating significance. Indeed the gap between the old legislation and the promise of new



Glebe courthouse and police station.  
Photo: Bruce Davis

codes and regulation present us not only with an opportunity but more to the point, a duty to act. A presentation by John Poulton, the City's Heritage Advisor (see *Bulletin 5/2008* page 2 and TGS website) highlighted the threats to our heritage through development pressures, inappropriate changes that erode the character of buildings and hence our community, and the threat through neglect and lack of maintenance as evidenced by *Reussdale*.

With commitment and additional resources, the Glebe Society can complete a process of registering Glebe and Forest Lodge's heritage by working with the City of Sydney Council to aggregate data and share it.

## Proposed Heritage Action Plan

(to be confirmed by the Heritage Sub-committee)

Goal	Proposed action
Promote awareness of heritage buildings and the Conservation Areas, and the processes required for its preservation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Use TGS website to provide tools to assist in the recording of heritage information.</li> <li>* Form a pilot group to study an aspect of our village (eg wooden heritage homes)</li> </ul>
Research history and heritage of the built environment to strengthen heritage controls within the town plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Canvass owners of significant buildings to determine what research, if any, has been undertaken previously.</li> <li>* Publish this information on the website and inform City of Sydney.</li> <li>* Provide information via TGS website to assist members with their research.</li> </ul>
Encourage the maintenance and restoration of heritage buildings by individuals, businesses and organisations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Publicise the Heritage Grants Program through periodic Bulletin reminders and the reporting of successful grant applications.</li> <li>* Enlist the aid of successful applicants in the preparation of future applications.</li> <li>* Provide useful maintenance and restoration information and tips via TGS website.</li> </ul>
Commemorate significant buildings, people and events through informative plaques	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Liaise with council staff to determine a suitable plaque design.</li> <li>* Identify sites worthy of commemoration and report to Council.</li> </ul>

This is the context of the Heritage Sub-committee proposed action plan (see box) to address the goals identified by the Society for 2008 – 2013. The table outlines those goals and suggested actions.

We are reminded of a comment made by Peter Strickland, President of the Glebe Society 1987-9:

*The character of Glebe depends not on the preservation of a limited number of houses that might be regarded as good examples of their kind. It is the totality of the built environment, the streetscapes and settings that really matter.*

Our challenge must be to propagate this ideal.

- Dianne Gray

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## The Glebe Society's Events Report

*From Lyndhurst at Christmas to Dogs at Wentworth Park in May*

*Lyndhurst* and *Wentworth Park* represent different ends of the spectrum of Glebe today: a grand restored heritage villa on the one hand, and a parkland site of greyhound racing and local sports on the other. Both have proud histories and both attracted many Glebe Society members, and the wider community, to events over the past year.

One of the features of the Glebe Society is its eclectic range of events and venues for its members and for the wider Glebe community. The last year is no exception; we enjoyed informative presentations, hospitality in heritage houses and gardens, electoral candidate meetings, a gallery setting for our new members night, *Thirsty Thursday* restaurant gatherings, a showing of a documentary on the Green Bans, not to mention the *Wentworth Park Community Games* and the amusing, albeit competitive for some, amateur/mongrel dogs races!

Each year, the events calendar is made up of activities which serve different purposes and attract different participants. Some are social occasions which also raise funds; some focus on community action. Many are of relevance to the broad Glebe community while others are more for specialised interests.

Some events are planned in response to major issues in our community – such as the illustrated talk by John Poulton, City of Sydney Heritage Adviser, on the new planning laws and the protection of Glebe's heritage buildings. Others celebrate particular achievements, places or occasions; the talks on site on the restoration and opening of *Bellevue*, and the *Walter Burley Griffin Incinerator* are examples.

And then there are events which provide opportunities for members to get together in a social setting: the Christmas Party last year at *Lyndhurst*; the High Tea and 'Favourite Collectibles'

at *The Retreat*, the Welcome to New Members at the GIG Gallery in Glebe Point Road, and the Wine Tasting planned for August.

Some events particularly reflect the creativity of our members: *Art and About*, and *The Wentworth Park Community Games* are two that come to mind. Of course the *Wentworth Park* event also served another purpose: to raise the profile of the Park, especially among its bordering communities of Glebe, Ultimo and Pyrmont.

The generosity of the hosts of many of these events must be acknowledged, including the owners of *The Retreat*, *Lyndhurst*, the GIG Gallery and *The Valhalla*, which once completed will provide a small venue for Glebe Society functions. The City of Sydney has also been most helpful in providing access to its properties, *Bellevue* and the *Walter Burley Griffin Incinerator*. The Glebe business community has also supported our events through the donation of raffle and auction items. We thank them all.

Thanks are also due to the many Glebe Society members who help with the organisation and catering of events and to those who attend the events, support the raffles and auctions and enjoy themselves.

- Dorothy Davis

## Glebe Society Web Working Group

The Glebe Society Web Working Group began meeting in October 2007 to assist Bruce Davis and Cynthia Jones in keeping the web site maintained. This has proven to be a daunting task with an enthusiastic team working on maintenance together with plans to re-design the site. The team is Andrew Craig; Stephen Christian; Bruce Davis; Edwina Doe; Vicky Marquis; Peter Thorogood; Steve Tuttle; Jan Wilson and Phil Young.

Steve Tuttle spoke to the Management Committee meeting in November on the group's initial plans. Discussions have focused on the range of

possibilities which could be served by the site with an emphasis on what Glebe Society members might want from a web site and how to investigate this. This includes what people want to achieve from the website, what it is going to do, who it is for etc. Two important aspects of the new website are as follows:

1) the website seeks to serve the larger community of Glebe, rather than merely focusing on the Glebe Society which means that the website seeks to be inclusive.

2) In keeping with the larger aims, a web policy will need to evolve in conjunction with the website proper. A draft policy will be presented to the Glebe Society Management Committee for comment.

One of the main topics for discussion has been how to attract a new generation of Glebe residents and encourage involvement in the Society. Steve Tuttle and Andrew Craig have prepared a conceptual draft of a revised web page which has been the subject of discussions at meetings this year, and a report on this is to be prepared for presentation to the Glebe Society Management Committee in August. At the same time, Peter Thorogood has been constantly updating and re-shaping the current web page using information from the *Bulletin*, from Action Groups and from media releases as well as reports from members. Information which is of historic interest to Glebe Society members is being kept on the web page.

Steve Tuttle has set up a Glebe Society Web Working Group on Google. The URL is:

<http://groups.google.com/group/glebe-society-web-working-group/web/monday-meetings>

Members of the Management Committee are invited to contact Steve Tuttle – [tuttle.steven@gmail.com](mailto:tuttle.steven@gmail.com) to become members of the working group and contribute to the discussions including comments on web policy.

- Vicky Marquis

# Celebrating 40 years in 2009

*This is the second in a series of specially commissioned articles by people who have played a part on the success of the Glebe Society, or who have observed it from the outside.*

*Our guest writer this month is Tom Uren, who the Glebe Society honoured as a Life Member in 2003.*

*Thomas Uren, AO was born in Balmain on 28 May 1921. He was a minister in the Whitlam and Hawke Australian Labor governments. He helped establish the heritage and conservation movement in Australia and, in particular, worked to preserve the heritage of inner Sydney.*

Thank you for inviting me to write a few words on the evolutionary development of Glebe during these last 40 years. I have always admired the principled leadership of your society and I am honoured to be a life member.

My role, as a Minister in the Whitlam Government, in the purchasing of the Glebe Estate in 1974 is generally accepted and recognised. What is not recognised is the role of my Ministry in the redirection of the Western and North Western freeway, particularly the Western freeway, which would have cut a wide 'scar' on Glebe, Anandale, Leichhardt, Haberfield, Five Dock and Burwood similar to the 'scar' created by the Main Roads Department of NSW on North Sydney.

Soon after the 1974 election, we had a small function in Glebe where I gave an off the cuff speech explaining why our government purchased the Glebe Estate. I said we purchased the area from the Church of England in order to protect the residents living there, to protect a townscape which was over 120 years old and to prevent the NSW Askin Government from cutting a swathe through the centre of the estate to build the proposed Western freeway.

After the formal speeches were over, and while we were having a cup of tea, I was approached by Mr Smyth, the head of the NSW Department of

Main Roads.

'Mr Uren', he said to me 'I was interested in what you had to say though my experience is that governments come and governments go but the DMR goes on forever'.

Although I just smiled at his comments I thought '*what an arrogant old bastard you are*'.

Soon after the incident I approached Dick Smyth, the head of the transport area in our Ministry. I asked him, did



Tom Uren (right) chats with former Glebe Society president Bob Armstrong at our 2007 Christmas party. Photo: Bruce Davis

we have any funds to create an alternative route for the Distributor?

Dick replied positively, 'yes'. I sug-

gested to him that we should get the firm that did the original study on the estate. The firm Jackson Teece Chesterman Willis carried out an alternative scheme. I have always called it 'the Chesterman proposal'. The final study was not completed until after we were struck down on 11 November 1975.

In May 1976 the Wran Government was elected in NSW. The public servants who had been working with me in the Department of Urban and Regional Development (DURD) had been relocated to the Department of Environment, Housing and Community Development. These officials convinced their minister, Kevin Newman, to forward the study to the newly elected NSW Government.

I wrote to Premier Neville Wran about the proposal and within three days he replied to inform me that a Committee of Cabinet had been established to investigate all inner city freeways. The Chairman of the Committee was Deputy Premier Jack Ferguson. Paul Landa and Peter Cox were the other members and I had direct contact with all three.

Ultimately, the NSW Government endorsed the Chesterman proposal funded by DURD. The Distributor that now exists at least to White Bay followed the Chesterman plan.

What I am proud of is we beat the system and saved Glebe and other inner city suburbs.

- Tom Uren

**Note:** Tom tells us that more details of these events are set out in pages 280 to 283 of the book *Tom Uren Straight Left*, published by Random House. You can read these pages on the Glebe Society website—check the home page for detail.

## Events planned for our 40<sup>th</sup> birthday

The Glebe Society was formed in 1969 to fight two proposals which threatened to destroy the Victorian character of the suburb by demolition of terrace houses, and to cut the suburb into three to make way for freeways that required the demolition of *Lyndhurst*.

Forty years later we wish to celebrate the contributions of the founders of the Glebe Society as well as the commitment, energy and foresight of so many Glebe Soci-

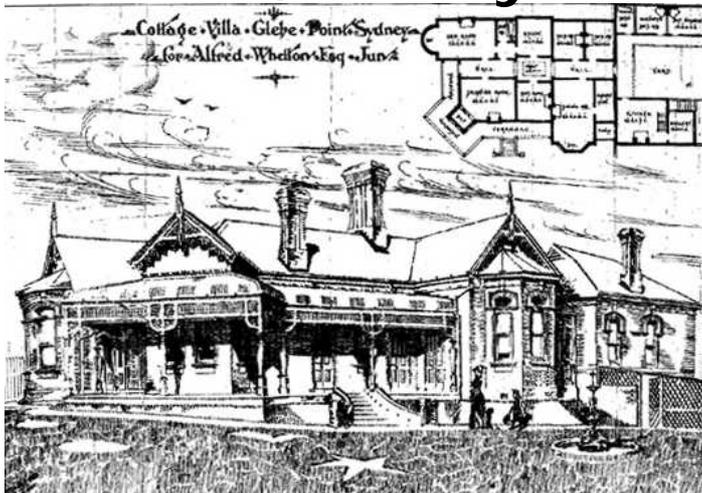
ety members since that time! Planned events in 2009 include a **Birthday Party** on Friday, 19 June for Glebe Society members and community representatives, and **Lunch at Bellevue** on Sunday, 29 June.

A short overview of the Society's 40 years is being written and will be published in the anniversary year. Red and white wines specially selected for the Society's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary will be on sale.

# Who lived in your street?

## Montana, 36 Boyce Street, Glebe

This house sketch is from a 1892 building journal. The legend reads: Cottage Villa Glebe Point Sydney for Alfred Whetton Esq Jun



by Lyn Collingwood

This Queen Anne style villa on the corner of Boyce and Bell Streets was erected in 1892 for Alfred Whetton junior. Alfred, a builder, lived here with his wife Charlotte (Lottie) née Collins and his children Alfred (Alf), William (Bill), John (Jack), Charles (Charlie) and Lottie (Bebe) until 1907 when the family moved to Cremorne where, at *Montana Flats*, Alfred died in 1943 and his widow in 1946.

Alfred junior's forebears were from Hull, Yorkshire. His father, also Alfred, worked as a carpenter on the *Lord Ashley*, making several trans-Tasman trips in 1859 and a round trip to Plymouth in 1861. In August 1860 his wife Mercy and three young children (including Alfred junior) were among several families of men resident in the colony to land in Sydney aboard the *Tudor*. Of their seven children born here, four died in infancy. After Mercy's death in 1898 Alfred senior married Helen King and fathered three more children before his death in 1913 at *Arthurleigh*, 19 Johnston Street Annandale.

*Montana* was occupied by Webster Wedderburn for a short period after the Whetton family moved out. It then housed George Birdsall, a tanner, and his wife Alice; Robert Douglas Finlay, a grocer, and his wife Alice; and Harold James Coffill, a grazier, and his wife Nellie. From 1926 until at least 1933 number 36 was a District Nursing Association Central Home.

*Montana's* architects were AL & G McCredie whose principals were half-brothers Arthur Latimer McCredie (1853-1926) and George McCredie (1859-1903). Many members of the McCredie family worked as builders or architects, including Nellie (1901-68), a niece of Arthur and George, who was a pioneering woman architect in Queensland and a successful individual and commercial potter.

Arthur was born in Glasgow (the baby's father Thomas was 17) and reared by relatives who travelled with him aboard the *Hornet* in 1865 to Sydney, reuniting him with his father, now married to Jessie née Smail. Arthur's new siblings finally numbered 12. They lived in Pymont where Thomas, a joiner turned builder, developed a stone yard in Bowman Street from local quarrying. The McCredie extended family (commemorated by McCredie Street, today built over by Jacksons Landing) worked on a number of major Sydney projects including the Colonial Secretary's building and Pitt Street extensions to the General Post Office.

In 1886 Arthur became honorary architect for Darlington's 'Institution for the Deaf and Dumb and the Blind', a position he held for 40 years. During 1889-90 the carriage way and drains were repaired and a children's 'singing gallery' built. Major projects undertaken by AL & G McCredie, architects and consulting engineers, included docks, warehouses, factories

and reclamations. They built underground telephone cable tunnels in the Sydney CBD (still used) and worked on the Burns Philp and Mark Foys buildings.

After living at *Clifton* in Boyce Street Glebe from ca 1887-1892, Arthur moved to Prospect. At Parramatta he became a local alderman and was active with the Presbyterian Church. In 1901 he was the author of a report recommending the construction of a dam and hydro-electric plant on the Colo River. His son Leith, born in Glebe, also trained as an architect and worked on projects including the Elanora Country Club and the Bondi Surf Pavilion.

George was educated at Fort Street School, and by night study while serving his carpentry apprenticeship with the Adelaide Steam Navigation Company. At age 18 he was appointed foreman of a work gang building Townsville's first large wharf. In 1883 he travelled overseas to gain professional experience. From ca 1887-1891 he lived at *Linnbrae* in Boyce Street Glebe. George and his growing family then moved to *Linnwood*, an Italianate mansion he built at Guildford (Friends of *Linnwood* are currently campaigning to preserve the building and its grounds) and, after serving for a year as mayor of Prospect and Sherwood, was elected MLA for Central Cumberland.

In 1900, after several others had turned down the job, George took on the task of supervising the cleansing of The Rocks, where bubonic plague had taken a number of victims. He went door-to-door and directed that the buildings and their inhabitants be photographed (six volumes of these records are lodged in Mitchell Library). The limewashing, burning and demolition operation took seven months at a cost of almost £64,000 - criticised by some at the time as an extravagance.

At a ceremony at which George's father was present NSW Premier Sir William Lyne presented the 'Victor of

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the Plague' with a watch and chain and diamond crescent, together with an inscribed shield now held by the Powerhouse Museum.



George McCredie

George, just 44, died at *Limwood* of 'gastritis', attributed to his work in slum clearance. He left a widow who survived him by 33 years (Susan Faulds, daughter of James Blackwood whose company sold engineering supplies) and eight surviving children. His eldest son James had died in April 1895 when George was foreman of the jury at the trial of George Dean, accused of poisoning his wife and baby. Directed by Justice Windeyer to speed up the deliberation process, George argued that the jury were taking their time because they were taking the case seriously. Ironically, this resulted in the jury being locked up and the information that his son had died being withheld from George until after the trial. James, aged 13, died at George's city house, *Rewa*, on Glebe Point Road near present-day Eglinton Road.

A note on the Dean case, sensational at the time: Dean, good-looking and with a reputation for bravery, was sentenced to death. Following a public outcry on the grounds that he had not been given a fair trial, he was granted a pardon, re-arrested and gaoled until 1904. Unfortunately for this publication, the 'lemon syrup' crime occurred in North Sydney, not Glebe.

- Lyn Collingwood

### Who else would you like to know about?

*Lyn says that any ideas for future 'Who Lived in Your Street' articles will be gratefully received, particularly suggestions about buildings that are being eyed off by developers. Send your ideas to the Editor (editor@glebe.society.org.au).*

## Volunteers wanted for the Homework Helpers Club

The Glebe Homework Helpers Club was started in Term 2 to help students with their homework and to assist with any difficulties in Literacy and Numeracy. Students are attending



Photo: Rebecca Perrim.

from Glebe Public, Forest Lodge Public and St. James Primary Schools. The volunteers are a mixture of locals, including at least one Glebe Society member.

The club is supported by OzHarvest, Glebe Discounts, Glebe Point Cafe, Scholastic Books, Gleebooks, Wednesday Wheelie Warriors, La

Vera Pizzas and Have a Chat Cafe, who donate books, resources and food and drinks.

Homework support happens on Thursdays between 3.15pm and 5pm at the Old Fire Station, Mitchell Street.

All volunteers are welcome - you don't need to be a qualified Primary-School Teacher. HHC is also seeking a second Special Education Teacher.

To volunteer, to register children or for more information please phone Dee Hallett on 9660 2040 or 0409 817 289, or email [deehallett@hotmail.com](mailto:deehallett@hotmail.com).

### You may be missing out

The Society occasionally notifies members of coming events or important issues by email using the address [members@glebesociety.org.au](mailto:members@glebesociety.org.au). Be sure to add us to your safe senders list or check your junk mail regularly.

### Book launch at Walter Burley Griffin Incinerator

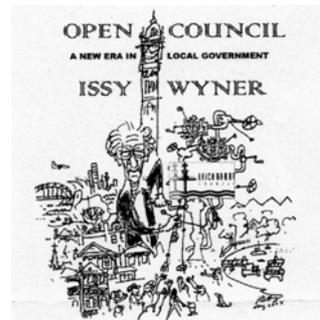
Cambridge University Press and the Walter Burley Griffin Society invite you to the Sydney launch of the new book titled *The Writings of Walter Burley Griffin* by Professor Dustin Hadley Griffin, on Sunday 3 August 2008 at 2.30pm at the Glebe Incinerator, corner Forsyth Street and Griffin Place, Glebe.

Guest speaker Councillor John McInerney of City of Sydney will talk about the Griffin legacy and the continuity of the Griffins' ideas.

Professor James Weirick, President of the Walter Burley Griffin Society, will give a scholarly background to Dustin Griffin's book.

For the event, Cambridge University Press is offering a discount of 25% off the retail price of \$199 - only \$149.25 for the book at the launch.

- Adrienne Kabos, Walter Burley Griffin Society



You are invited to attend the launch by Hall Greenland of

Issy Wyner's book

*Open Council - A New Era in Local Government*

at 6pm on **Friday 1 August 2008**, at the Council Chambers, Leichhardt Town Hall, cnr Norton and Marion Streets Leichhardt. Refreshments and supper will follow the launch of Issy's book.

RSVP by phoning Debbie on 9367 9285 by Monday 28 July.

*Open Council* is published by the Balmain Association, 179 Darling Street, Balmain East 2041, rrp \$20.00.

# Glebe News

## The 19th Annual Glebe Music Festival

Marco Rapetti has been awarded many prizes in national and international competitions. He has performed in important concert halls (Alice Tully Hall, New York; Foro Italico, Rome; Teatro Regio, Turin; Palazzo Labia, Venice...) and prestigious musical festivals (*Festival Chopin*, Paris; *Estate Chigiana*, Siena; *Amici della Musica*, Florence; *Festival Slavia*, Bologna...). He has also appeared with chamber ensembles and orchestras, playing music by Schumann, Liszt, Saint-Saens, Prokofiev, Rachmaninov, Britten, and others.



Pianist Marco Rapetti.

Marco will give a gala solo piano recital at *Margaretta Cottage* on Saturday 15 November at 8pm, followed by solo and piano trio works on Sunday afternoon, 16 November at 3pm, also at *Margaretta Cottage*.

Further details can be found at [www.glebemusicfestival.com](http://www.glebemusicfestival.com) and a flier will appear in the *Bulletin* in due course.

- David McIntosh

### Meet the Candidates

3 September

The forthcoming election for Sydney City Council will be vital for Glebe.

The "Meet the Candidates" evening at Glebe Public School is your opportunity to hear what the candidates have to say and question their policies.

## Glebe Art Show 2008

The walls of *Benledi* and the display boards in the Glebe Library were covered with 207 very varied artworks and photographs.

And it seemed that the same number of people were present when the show was opened, and prizewinners announced, on Friday 4 July. Another 600 people visited the show by Sunday 13 July, when the winner of the People's Choice prize was revealed.

During the Show, 23 art works were sold, a very good result for a community art show.

Congratulations to Gloria Smith, who took over from Christine Newton as Treasurer shortly before the Show. Thankyou to the other members of the Glebe Art Show Committee and helpers Patrick Blake, Barry Canham, Tom Osmond, Jeremy and Doug. And a big thankyou to the donors of the prizes and to all the artists.

- Robin Lawrence

Glebe Art Show Committee

### Art Show prizewinners

The \$3,000 Non-acquisitive Open Art Prize, donated by Sydney City Council and Ross and Libby Hindmarsh, was won by Pierre Cavalan, for his mixed media painting *We Are More Similar Than Different*.

The \$1,000 Works on Paper prize, Donated by the Glebe Chamber of Commerce, was won by Liz Shreeve, for *Deep Blue Sea*.

The \$1,000 Photography Prize, donated by the Toxteth Hotel, was won by Peter Damo for *Flinders Ranges '07*.

The \$1,000 Youth Prize for artists aged under 30, donated by Dr David Nguyen, was shared by Nina McIlwain (*Plain Innocence*) and Uisce Moore (*Free Expression*).

And the winner of the \$300 People's Choice Prize, donated by Ray White Real Estate and the Glebe Art Show Committee, was Denis Meagher's *Near Nimbin*.



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## Wine Tasting and Antipasto Evening

Come along to the Glebe Society's next fund-raising event at **Cucina di Lusso Italian Restaurant and Bar** on the corner of Glebe Point Road and Parramatta Road on **Friday 15 August from 6 to 7.30 pm**. Bring friends and enjoy an interesting and fun night!

You could stay on for a set-price dinner organised especially for us by the restaurant.

Cucina di Lusso is the Sydney restaurant of di Lusso Estate, a wine, olive and fig producer in Mudgee. We'll meet in a private area of the restaurant where owner Rob Fairall will tell us about the wines and their history. We'll taste seven red, white and dessert wines and different Italian antipasti including the green olives grown on the estate.

Reserve places for the Wine-Tasting, at \$20 per head, on the website or on the flyer and booking form enclosed.

RSVP at latest by **Monday 11 August**.

- Dorothy Davis

### Glebe/Sydney Trivia Night

Wednesday 15 October

Glebe Rowing Club, 7.45 - 10.00pm

The Glebe Society's Trivia Night will raise funds to help mark the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Glebe Public School.

There will be team competitions, prizes, Australian fare, and lots of fun.

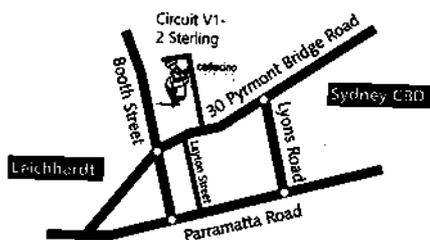
Details and a booking form will be included in future *Bulletins*.

# News and Notes

## Thirsty Thursdays

Members and friends are invited to meet for dinner in Glebe on the first Thursday of each month at 7pm, to eat and talk with other people who live in Glebe. We visit a different restaurant each month, usually alternating between Asian and European cuisines. Put these dates in your diary now.

On **Thursday 7 August** we will go back to *La Cucina* Italian Pizzeria Restaurant, where there is a new chef. It is at 30 Pyrmont Bridge Road, on the old Children's Hospital site.



For **Thursday 4 September** we have chosen a long-established restaurant, The Mixing Pot, 178 St Johns Road. We will share Thai and Malaysian dishes at Thai Thiu, 35d Ross Street, on **Thursday 2 October**.

The numbers coming to these dinners are growing, so please ring me on 9660 7066 by the Tuesday before the dinner to let me know that you are coming. We don't want to take the restaurant management by surprise.

## Welcome to New Members

The following people were accepted as members of the Glebe Society at the June Management Committee meeting:

- \* Chris Blair
- \* Michela Noonan

We look forward to seeing them at future Glebe Society functions.

## Any photographers to help with our history?

A small group of Glebe Society members is working together to produce a short history of the Glebe Society, to be published in time for our 40 year celebration in mid 2009. The history is in small sections, dealing with major changes to Glebe which we have been involved with over the past 40 years. We plan to illustrate the history with photographs both historic and contemporary.

We would love to hear from any members who would be interested in taking photographs for inclusion in this publication. We will be looking for photographs of key locations and buildings around Glebe. The publication will be in black and white. If you enjoy outdoor photography and would like to help, please contact Jeanette Knox on 9660 7781 or jk2037@bigpond.net.au.

## National Family History Week

A voyage of discovery all about you!

Is taking place from 2 to 18 August 2008

See [www.familyhistoryweek.org.au](http://www.familyhistoryweek.org.au) for details.

## Coro Innominata - French Masters

When: 3pm, Sunday 3 August

Where: Saint Scholastica's Chapel, Corner of Avenue Road and Arcadia Road, Glebe

Tickets: \$30/\$25 All seating is unreserved

Enquiries: 0413 440 173, [coro@innominata.org](mailto:coro@innominata.org)

More details: [www.innominata.org](http://www.innominata.org)

## Bulletins by email

If you would like to receive your *Bulletin* by email instead of snail mail, please email [editor@glebesociety.org.au](mailto:editor@glebesociety.org.au)

## Our Local Member of Parliament

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**For enquiries:** Please contact the City of Sydney on 9265 9333.



## Forest Lodge Public School

*Home of The Glebe Society Archives*

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# For your diary ...

- Sunday 27 July**, 11am-1pm – Planting Day for Blue Wrens, Paddy Gray Park, Hereford Street. See Flyer.
- Friday 1 August**, 6pm – launch of Issy Wyners's book *Open Council – A New Era in Local Government*, Leichhardt Town Hall. See p12.
- Sunday 3 August**, 2.30pm – Book Launch, *The Writings of Walter Burley Griffin*, at the Glebe Incinerator. See p12.
- Sunday 3 August**, 3pm – Coro Innominata concert – St Scholastica's. See p14.
- Thursday 7 August**, 7pm – Thirsty Thursday – *La Cucina Italian* Pizzeria Restaurant, 30 Pymont Bridge Road. See p14.
- Wednesday 13 August**, 7.30pm – Glebe Society Management Committee Meeting – The Old Fire Station, Mitchell Street.
- Friday 15 August**, 6 – 7.30pm – Wine Tasting – *Cucina di Lusso*, corner of Glebe Point Road and Parramatta Road. See flyer/ booking form.
- Sunday 31 August, 11am**, Glebe Society's 39<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting, Benledi, 186 Glebe Point Road. Guest speaker – Dorothy Hoddinott AO. Note - nominations for the Management Committee close on 15 August. See p4.
- Wednesday 3 September**, 7– 9pm. - Meet the Mayoral Candidates at Glebe Public School.
- Thursday 4 September**, 7pm – Thirsty Thursday – *The Mixing Pot*, 178 St Johns Road.
- Wednesday 10 September**, 7.30pm – Management Committee Meeting – The Old Fire Station, 115 Mitchell Street.
- Thursday 2 October**, 7pm – Thirsty Thursday – *Thai Thiu*, 35d Ross Street.
- Wednesday 15 October**, Trivia night, Glebe Rowing Club, 7.45 - 10.00pm
- 8 - 30 November** - 19th Annual Glebe Music Festival. See page 13.
- 16 November**, Glebe Street Fair.

## Contacting

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#### Website

The Society has a growing website ([www.glebesociety.org.au](http://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](mailto:webmaster@glebesociety.org.au)

#### The Bulletin

We are glad to publish letters or articles on any matters of interest to Glebe, any topic raised in the *Bulletin*, or any issues relating to the Glebe Society. Write to the address above or email [editor@glebesociety.org.au](mailto:editor@glebesociety.org.au)

#### Disclaimer

Views expressed in this *Bulletin* are not necessarily those of The Glebe Society Inc.

#### Bulletin deadline

The next edition of the *Bulletin* will be published at the end of August

The deadline for contributions is **20 August**.

## The Glebe Society Inc

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<b>Individual</b> member	<b>\$45</b>
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<b>Household</b> (more than 2 adults and/or children, one address)	<b>\$60</b>
<b>Concession</b> (student or pensioner)	<b>\$20</b>
<b>Institution or corporate</b>	<b>\$110</b>

Download a Membership Form from our website ([www.glebesociety.org.au/AboutTGSI/Membership/Membership\\_application.pdf](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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