

Tree Planting Day - a great success

As a part of National Tree Day celebrations, the Glebe Society held a very successful Planting Day on the last weekend in July at the Paddy Gray Reserve between Hereford Street and Wigram Lane. The aim of the day was to enhance the habitat for Superb Fairywrens, commonly known as Blue Wrens, those appealing little birds that are fast disappearing from Glebe. The day was clear and sunny and blue balloons were flying. The members of the Blue Wren Sub-committee set up tables with information and the 550 native plants that were to be planted in the Reserve and given free of charge to local residents. The City of Sydney donated an additional 150 plants and had prepared the soil at planting sites in the Reserve, as well as providing trowels for digging and mulch to go around the plants. Pastries and coffee for morning tea were available for the participants.

A total of 166 people registered for the Planting Day, but possibly 250 people attended. Most came from Glebe but, demonstrating the power of the internet where the event was advertised, others came from Abbotsford, Annandale, Balmain, Balgowlah, Beecroft, Blacktown, Cabramatta, Canterbury, Castle Hill, Chippendale, the City, Coogee, Haberfield, Holsworthy, Leichhardt, Lidcombe, Mount Pritchard, Penrith, Putney, Pyrmont, Redfern, Roseville, Queens Park, Roselands, Rozelle, Summer Hill, Strathfield, Surry



Lord Mayor Clover Moore plants a Christmas bush watched by Glebe Society President Jan Macindoe and Councillor Robyn Kemmis. Photo: Carmelo Aquilina

Hills, Ultimo, Vacluse, Wolli Creek, and Nesbru in Norway. Many families came with their children, who were amongst the most enthusiastic planters and mulchers. On the day, we planted 400 native shrubs and vines in the Reserve. The remaining 300 plants were given to Glebe residents and interested participants from other suburbs, to take home to boost the Blue Wren friendliness of their own gardens.

The Lord Mayor, Clover Moore, marked the occasion by planting a native Christmas bush, and congratulated the Blue Wren Sub-committee of the Society on all its work. She also said that Council was proud that its environmental grant to the Society had been so successfully applied to assisting the survival

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Come and meet the Mayoral Candidates

There are five candidates for the popular election of the Mayor of the Council of City of Sydney on Saturday 13 September. They are:

- Meredith **Burgman** (Labor)
- Chris **Harris** (The Greens)
- Shayne **Mallard** (Liberal)
- Ormond **McDermott** (Independent)
- Clover **Moore** (Clover Moore Independent Team)

Hear what they have to say, and put your questions, at a 'Meet the Candidates' meeting

at Glebe Primary School on Wednesday 3 September

AGM Reminder

Members are reminded that the Glebe Society Annual General Meeting will take place on Sunday 31 August 2008 at 11am. The venue is *Benledi*. Our guest speaker will be Glebian Dorothy Hoddinott AO who will be discussing education and equity, and the experience of refugees in education. Refreshments will be served at the conclusion of Dorothy's talk.

... continued from previous page of such an iconic bird in Glebe. In thanking the Council and its Officers for all its support, the President of the Society, Jan Macindoe, presented the Mayor with a Blue Wren tea towel, and Councillor Robyn Kemmis with a Blue Wren mug. The Blue Wren Sub-committee then gave Jan a bottle of Blue Wren wine from a vineyard in Mudgee (produced from grapes, not the bird!). All in all it was a most worthwhile day and we look forward to the continued sightings of Blue Wrens in our suburb and an eventual increase in their numbers.

If you would like further information about the community surveys for the wrens and what to plant in your garden, please read Sue Stevens' full report and recommendations about saving the Blue Wrens in Glebe at the Society's Website, www.glebesociety.org.au. And look at a slideshow of the photos taken on the day. Click the link near the top of the Blue Wrens page.

- Andrew Wood
for the Blue Wren Sub-committee

A winning wren



Photo: Edwina Doe

The winner of the Collectors' Teapot prize in the 2008 Sydney Teapot Show at the Inner City Clayworkers Gallery, St Johns Road Glebe, was Mary Lou Pittard.

Her delightful teapot was very topical. It featured a Blue Wren.



Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor

Most of us have access to cars or public transport but we are all pedestrians and with the rising cost of petrol are likely to spend less time in cars and more time walking. We should also be aware that walking is a healthier and more environmentally friendly means of transport.

Having disposed of my car I consider myself well qualified to comment on the trials of the pedestrian in a city whose transport arrangements are still largely dominated by the interests of motor transport. I also live within an area bounded by St Johns Road, Glebe Point Road, Bridge Road and Ross Street and have come to the conclusion that pedestrians are treated as second class citizens at the four sets of traffic lights at the intersections of these streets. I have often observed pedestrians crossing these intersections illegally because they have become tired of waiting for the walk signal.

This is a particularly serious problem at the corner of St Johns Road and Glebe Point Road as it is close to St Johns Retirement Village, the residents of which are necessarily not as agile as they were and some of whom have difficulty crossing the road in the short time allowed.

If you feel that you have been similarly inconvenienced you could ring Harold Scruby of the Pedestrian Council of Australia on 9968 4544 or send him an email at walking@walk.com.au. The time must come when pedestrians are treated with more respect. Perhaps the management committee of the Glebe Society could consider the problem and make representations to the appropriate authorities.

Ian Edwards

How fast can you walk?

I thought of Ian's letter when I read an article in the *Sydney Morning Herald* recently.*

It said that pedestrians should be given greater priority and more time to cross at the lights of a city intersection notorious for bus collisions, according to a report by the Office of Transport Safety Investigations.

Two accidents in June last year, one of them fatal, were cited in the report, which recommended a trial of countdown-style traffic signals for pedestrians at the intersection of Kent and Druitt streets. In the five years to June 2006, there were 48 collisions between vehicles and pedestrians in the precinct which resulted in serious injuries.

In both incidents, the report blames the pedestrians for the collisions, saying the accidents could not, in any way, be attributed to the actions of the bus drivers. But it found that the long wait for pedestrians wishing to cross the road in this corridor was a factor in both accidents.

The report raises questions over how priority in the city is divided between cars and pedestrians. It notes: 'Inspectors recorded pedestrian waiting times of up to 110 seconds at the intersection of Druitt and Kent streets before a 15-second crossing window opened. Within this 15-second crossing window, the green indication lasted only five seconds, after which a flashing red indication followed'.

This is partly why the Office has backed a plan by the City of Sydney council to trial countdown-style timers at traffic lights, which would give pedestrians a clear idea of the time they had to cross the road. The report advises that the Roads and Traffic Authority conduct the trial with the Council at various locations 'to determine whether such equipment should be used more widely within the city'.

- Edwina Doe

* *Countdown to safety at fatal crossing, by Transport Reporter Linton Besser, Sydney Morning Herald, 16-17 August, 2008*

Have you thought about joining the Committee?

We have received very few nominations for the Management Committee and other Glebe Society positions this year.

Nominations can be received from the floor at the Annual General Meeting on Sunday 31 August. We urge you to think about what you can do to help the hardy band of volunteers who keep the Society going. In return, you will feel even more involved with this unique suburb.

Planning Matters

The Abbey, 156-60 Bridge Road

The owners have lodged a Section 96 modification to the proposal approved three years ago. Most of the changes are minor and required by the existing approval or the exigencies of construction. The largest variation is to raise the level of the rebuilt *Hamilton* (the cottage to the east of the church) by about one metre to compensate for the rise in ground level around the building, a common phenomenon in older areas such as Glebe, and for it to be a single dwelling as at present, rather than dividing it in two.

Skylights are proposed for the length of the church roof. Given the roof is not original an increase in natural light seems desirable. Two further mature trees are proposed for removal, but they are *celtis* trees, a weed species in Glebe, and there is a comprehensive landscape plan.

The full list of changes can be found on Council's website, www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au and at Glebe Town Hall. There are two issues that need to be resolved: any impact on privacy as a result of raising the level of *Hamilton*, and the question of direct access from the town houses to Reuss Street. Once this is done I cannot see anything further in this modification that would justify holding it up.

Bellevue, 55 Leichhardt Street

The application for this villa in Blackwattle Bay Park, renovated by Council in 2006, has been withdrawn, apparently because of an adverse report by the independent assessor appointed by Council. We will report further developments as they come to hand.

Harold Park

As prefigured in my Annual Report, on 24 July the President, Ted McKeown, Bob Armstrong and myself held discussions with Richmond Jeremy, Pro Vice Chancellor in charge of properties. We decided to seek these discussions even though no decision to sell has been announced by the Trotting Club, and we were able to confirm the University of Sydney is interested in the site for student accommodation, playing fields and

some faculties with low impact.

These uses are acceptable to the Society and probably compatible with the existing zoning. They would generate less traffic than normal residential or commercial development, and include a type of affordable housing. In many respects the site presents fewer problems for the University than two others it is considering, Callan Park and North Eveleigh.

North Eveleigh and Barangaroo

Unlike Harold Park both these sites are owned by the State Government. There has been considerable concern expressed in the media about the extent of development proposed for both sites. In the case of Barangaroo (east Darling Harbour) this is exacerbated by poor public transport access.

The proposed metro line to the northwest, which could provide some access to Barangaroo, has also attracted much criticism because of its high cost and low return. While the idea of a complete metro network for Sydney, such as exists in many cities overseas, is a very attractive one a single, very long, line does not a metro make. The proposal seems to have more to do with the State Government's inability to reform the SRA or deal with the unions. As far as Barangaroo is concerned, a light rail spur along Hickson Road to the Quay could be provided at very modest cost. It would also make the existing light rail more useful.

Old Kent Brewery (CUB site), Broadway/Chippendale

This proposal can be viewed on www.frasersbroadway.com.au. The owner, Dr Stanley Quek, is keen to make the development as sustainable as possible, and there are a number of unprecedented initiatives listed for the site. As with Children's Hospital, some distinguished architects have been retained, so the result should at least be interesting to look at.

The number of residents is estimated at 2,200, about 400 more than at Children's Hospital. However, there will also be employment for 6,100. The major concerns are the height and scale of some buildings and the ade-

quacy of public transport, especially as the car parking has been reduced from 2400 to 2000 spaces. There are probably some benefits to Glebe, especially for shops and schools, and some negatives, mainly connected with transport. Comment is open until 1 September.

New Applications

The first half of the year was very quiet. Recently there has been a modest influx of unrelated applications to extend houses, scattered widely over Glebe. This seems to have followed an increase in the number of house sales. At this stage the applications do not appear to be controversial.

Small Bar Liquor Licence

As a result of an initiative of Sydney's Lord Mayor, the Act has been amended to include a small bar licence at a greatly reduced rate (\$500). So far I'm not aware of any Glebe applications, but there have been some for the City and nearby suburbs. Visit the Department website www.olgr.nsw.gov.au to find out more about applications and the Community Impact Statement that must accompany them.

New Planning Laws

These come into effect on 1 September. This is a reminder that all too soon we will need to shore up the protection for our suburb and our irreplaceable heritage.

- Neil Macindoe

Report to the AGM Glebe Society's History

The history is still being worked on, but with some delays as the result of travels followed by a couple of months of computer problems.

A smaller publication is also being organised for next year as a celebration of some of the changes that have happened in the Society's forty year history. This is a combined effort by Jan and Neil Macindoe, Ted McKeown and myself.

- Jeanette Knox

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The Glebe Point Road upgrade - complex and NOT just cosmetic!



Work in progress, Glebe Point Road, August 2008.

Photo: Jan Wilson

If you observed the condition of the underground pipes that were excavated along Glebe Point Road, you could see that they were corroded and broken. This is a direct result of no major work being carried out since the road was first constructed. The difficult stages of the Glebe Point Road upgrade are in full swing. Excavation did not expose any tram tracks or items of archaeological significance. Traffic management has been advertised broadly and works are proceeding on time. Extra time will be added to the work to allow for the curing of the cobbles that inform the entrance to Glebe Point Road.

Unforeseen problems occur once footpaths are exposed. In one section there were large masses of sandstone that had to be removed in order to achieve the correct levels. GMW has taken extreme care in the laying of the children's terracotta tiles outside the Post Office. The tiles were firmly

attached to concrete when lifted from their old site, which meant a possibility of breakage if separated. Construction workers dug to a deeper level in order to accommodate the extra volume. This care and concern is greatly appreciated.

There is ongoing consultation between the businesses, City of Sydney, GMW and the community. Regular update meetings are on the first and third Friday of the month at Glebe Youth Service at 9am. These meetings are open to everyone.

It is important that we support our local businesses during this difficult time and we will all reap the benefits of our new streetscape on its completion. For further information contact Community Liaison Officer Grant Donohue on 0414 687 101. He is always somewhere on Glebe Point Road.

- Jan Wilson

Montana - a correction

Dear Edwina

In your story last month 'Who Lived in your Street?' the writer described Montana as 'this Queen Anne style villa' which it was until 1969, when our first President, Bernard Smith, identified – and named it – the first so-christened Federation Style house in Australia. I know because I was standing next to him when he said it.

I believe you published this in an earlier issue of your admirable *Bulletin*.

Robert Darroch

First Vice-president and co-founder of the Glebe Society

Editor's note

Robert did indeed tell us about this event in the article published in *Bulletin* 10/2005. This is what he said:

... And not only did we preserve the Cape Cod houses in Toxteth Road, and the more-significant Italianate villas in Allen Street and elsewhere, but we were present at the creation of the Federation style in Australia's architectural history. Bernard and I were walking along Bell Street one Sunday when we came to the house – *Montana* – on the corner of Boyce Street. Bernard stopped and said: 'You know, that style of house is now called *Queen Anne*'. That's not very appropriate. It should have a better, more Australian name'. And he thought for a moment, then said: 'It was probably built around 1900. I think that style should be called *Federation*'. And so it has been, ever since.

Have you seen our new Website?

The annual report published in last month's *Bulletin* is already out of date as we now have a 'new look' website well under construction.

Log on to www.glebesociety.org.au. The first thing you will notice is the slide show of Glebe scenes at the top of the front page. The next thing is the News section, also on the front page, which is now being updated more frequently. Check the News section regularly between *Bulletins*, to see 'stop press' announcements.

Look out specially for a report of the Meet the Candidates evening on 3 September. We will have voted and found out who won before the next *Bulletin* is printed, so the Website is our only means of communication.

Also, convenors and members are encouraged to view the site and to provide updates and suggestions about where improvements can be made.

- Vicky Marquis
Glebe Web Working Group



Burley Griffin Incinerator.
Photo: Davis Mander Jones

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Blackwattle Cove Coalition (BCC)

The Blackwattle Bay and immediate hinterland area is evolving, albeit somewhat slowly.

Wentworth Park

Last year saw the exciting changes at the western entrance to the Sporting Complex. The ugly walls and shutters that used to dominate as you descended St Johns Road are now gone, replaced by see-through security fencing. The entrance is now open, with a vista across the attractive oval area within the track and the very attractive heritage building of the kennels. The Wentworth Park Sporting Trust is to be congratulated on this mighty achievement.

The Feasibility Study, a joint Council and Trust initiative that was looking into the further replacement of the Complex walls, has recommended the removal of the eastern section of the walls and their replacement to match the western end, pushing them back eight metres on the Wattle Street side, the removal of the infills in the six viaduct arches, and the provision of demountable public toilets and change rooms with disabled access in the complex, accessible to and facing into Wentworth Park.

To celebrate and encourage the progress of the Feasibility Study outcomes as well as raising the profile of the Park generally, the BCC organised the Wentworth Park Community Games Day. This activity has tended to dominate this financial year for the BCC. It was a great success for dogs and people alike. Our thanks go to the Trust and the many volunteers who made the day such a success, and to the many residents who entered numerous events, the Sydney Historic Society and to the many Glebe, Pyrmont and Ultimo mutts who entered fully into the spirit of the day, one of them taking home the Wentworth Park Mongrel Cup Trophy 2008. The day was attended by about 2,500 people and who knows how many dogs. The police had a community information stall and brought along their mounted police so people could get 'up close and personal' to the well trained

horses. A plaque celebrating the first match held at the Wentworth Park was unveiled. The day was one huge competition between the ridges of Ultimo/Pyrmont and Glebe. Councillors Robyn Kemmis (from Glebe) and Marcell Hoff (from Pyrmont) opened the day and Verity Firth, our local Member, came along to close it. Hopefully the interest and appreciation of our wonderfully iconic Park has been rekindled for many.

The Foreshore Walk

BCC and FLAG (Forest Lodge and Glebe) have been following the proposed extension of the Foreshore Walk from Ferry Street to the Fish Markets with interest and we all keep nagging about it. The latest information is very positive. Monica Barone has indicated that Council has negotiated an easement for this section of the Walkway and is in the throes of designing it. Later this year it is to go through the DA process so hopefully there will be some action on this front in the foreseeable future

The Fish Markets

The BCC has recently been meeting with Graham Turk, CEO of the Fish Markets, re maintenance and aesthetics of this wonderfully popular and iconic Sydney site. Graham has had some very interesting and community orientated plans drawn up for the site and it seems the State Government is interested in supporting the plans. However it is only early days yet and negotiations are at a rather delicate stage. Suffice it to say just at present the outlook is positive and just maybe, some time in the not too distant future, changes might happen there too.

Bank Street

BCC have been active in promoting community interests in this area too, but there is nothing much to report at present.

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The Blackwattle Bay and its cove shaped hinterland is a vital linking space between the three communities, the foreshore, open space and residential areas, commercial activities and traffic arteries. It is a challenging area with so much potential. Our focus for the coming year will probably be to

start nagging about development of the foreshore area - the B1, B2, B3 sites.

Many thanks to all those who have worked so hard on the committee and with the Games.

- Anne Fraser, Convenor, BCC

Glebe Society 40th Anniversary Celebrations

Our Sub-committee has been meeting regularly over the past year and has decided to hold two main functions.

The first is a cocktail party on the evening of Friday 19 June, 2009 which is the exact anniversary of the date of the first Glebe Society meeting. We decided that this should be in the form of a true birthday party, with a minimum of speeches, perhaps a birthday cake and with an invitation list that would include the other groups in Glebe and the municipality who have contributed to Glebe over the years, as well as our own members.

The second event is to be on Sunday 28 June in the form of a lunch to which we will invite people who have been important contributors to the Society over the years.

The first event will have a minimal charge, subsidised by the Society, and the second is at cost to members.

Organising these events has not been without difficulties because of the dearth of suitable venues but this should resolve itself in the next couple of weeks as we have had two suggestions that are yet to be confirmed but sound promising. More of that at a later date!

So far, we have managed with our small group, but as soon as we have venues confirmed we will be looking for some more help. We thank those who have already volunteered. You have not been forgotten!

- Mavis McCarthy

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Bays and Foreshores

The situation on the water has been held in limbo while we wait to see what will develop over the Dry Boat Storage site, which has remained quiescent all year. In the previous year, the Dry Boat Storage facility was given the go-ahead by the Department of Planning. This was a disappointment to the Glebe Society, and the passive boat users of Rozelle and Blackwattle Bays. It was argued that the increased traffic on the Bays generated by the 650-boat facility would impact negatively on passive boat users in the Bays and at the same time make these Bays and surrounds noisier and less pleasant places for passive leisure use. It will be remembered that the Objectors did gain some few concessions in terms of the height of the boat sheds, in terms of working hours for boat storage and in terms of restrictions on speed and times of motorboat use on the Bays. The Glebe Society Incorporated was advised that if the matter was taken to the Land and Environment Court, there was the possibility that these gains could be lost, and so, despite some dissention amongst members, this route was not followed. Very little has occurred since then in terms of developing the site, but just recently notice was received from the developers, Rozelle Bay Pty Ltd, of the commencement of Phase 1 of Stage 1 of the Sydney Boathouse project, formerly known as the Rozelle Bay Marine Centre (and even more generally referred to as the Dry Boat Storage facility). In all this confusion we are assured that there are no major changes to the scheme and that the original developers are still involved. These works are expected to be completed by November 2008, and will generally involve demolition, identification and relocation of services, some site remediation, regrading drainage and piling, at which point the balance of Stage 1 works will commence. Stage 1 is scheduled to reach practical completion sometime between November 2009 and

March 2010. The exact timing of the commencement of Stage 2 work is still undecided, however, it is unlikely to commence until after Stage 1 is complete. We can now only wait and observe and comment.*

By contrast the Sydney Slipways development has gone ahead over the past year, both in terms of the buildings on land and dredging of the water adjacent to the site, which is under the Anzac Bridge at the Northern end. The Glebe Society did not oppose this development, seeing it as a legitimate part of government policy for a 'working harbour'. Nevertheless, the Glebe society did oppose certain aspects of the development such as the lack of attention to upgrading the local marine environment and the lack of stringent precautions over the release of DCMU (the herbicide Diuron), and other harmful organic chemicals into the local environment. These objections were overruled.

In the early part of the year (March 2008) the Sydney Slipways sought a variation to the Development Application, seeking an extension of 6m anchorage in a southerly direction. The total width of the access to both bridge channels is 37m, and thus a reduction to only 31m is a significant change in the plan. The Glebe Society believes that this would negatively impact on the safety of craft in the area. Therefore, the Glebe Society joined with the rowing clubs in objecting to this variation on the grounds that the current waterway through the Glebe Island Bridge was hazardous enough and having less room to ma-

* The developers have invited any person or group seeking information or wishing to make a complaint concerning the construction works to do so by communicating as follows:

By toll free telephone: 1300 362 744

By letter to: Rozelle Bay Pty Ltd

Suite 703, Level 7

100 Christie Street

St Leonards NSW 2075

By facsimile to: Rozelle Bay Pty Ltd ,
9906 1896

By email to:

info@sydneyboathouse.com.au

noeuvre in the area, would compromise safety. A decision on this variation has still to be made. It is likely an assessment will be submitted to the Minister for Planning for determination some time in September 2008.

A further expansion of boating activity is foreshadowed in the NSW Maritime application to Sydney Harbour Foreshores Authority (SHFA) for the upgrade to the Rozelle Bay Superyacht Marina. Under the DA proposal, facilities will be offered to a maximum of nine superyachts ranging in length from 60 to 70m with no more than three of the latter and a further 15 vessels of length ranging between 20 and 40m. These will be moored at the Rozelle Bay wharf, stern to, in an area to be stepped back 17m. The proposed reduction in the number of superyachts from 54 to 24 has its advantage in the likelihood of fewer boats movements, but the focus on larger vessels moored stern to can be seen as a further challenge to the amenity and safety of the various rowing/paddling groups and passive users of the Bay. The claim by NSW Maritime that the 17m setback will provide more rowing space needs further confirmation. Our submission to SHFA supporting the opposition of the Sydney University Women's Rowing Club (SUWRC) to the proposal emphasises this concern. It is worthy of note that our recent exchanges with the NSW Maritime have been somewhat encouraging. An extract from one response – *'Please share this information, as the aim is to provide a bay where people in a variety of craft can share the water and share it in a controlled and safe way, whilst providing capacity to accommodate a restricted number of visiting vessels'* – indicates the basis for resolution of a range of problems associated with activity on the Bays.

Such coordinated development within the Bays is to be encouraged. An effective forum for resolution of competing needs would seem to lie in the proposed Bays Precinct Taskforce to advise on the range of development scenarios for the Bays Precinct

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(including Glebe Island, White Bay and the power station, Rozelle Bay and Blackwattle Bay). Constituted of relevant Government representatives consulting with a community and stakeholder reference group it would be well placed to facilitate better communication. We look forward to an early announcement of its final makeup.

The upgrading of the waterfront in the Blackwattle Bay Park and Bicentennial Park areas was finished in the previous year and little has occurred in the past year - except for the evident pleasure of the park users. However, it has emerged that the City of Sydney Council has only recently negotiated the right of way easement and the concept designs of the walkway from Ferry Road to the Fish Markets. The next stage is the lodgement of the Development Application around September 2008 after public consultation. The intention is that there will be a public walkway all the way from Annandale at one end to Circular Quay at the other. This dream of the Glebe Society, held since the early 1970s, appears to be drawing closer to realisation.

The *Pontoons in the Bays* are also becoming a reality. There are two, one at the landing at *Bellevue* and one at the western end of Rozelle Bay adjacent to the beach. They have been approved by NSW Maritime and are likely to be in place by year's end. The Development Application for use of *Bellevue* as a café/restaurant/function centre (much modified following extensive community consultation with the proponent) has been under consideration by the City of Sydney for some time, with further traffic studies completed only recently. On 13 August it was announced that the DA had been withdrawn by the proponent following an unfavourable report from the external consultants acting for the City of Sydney. The search goes on for a viable community use of this languishing beauty.

**- Tony Larkum and Bob Armstrong
For the Bays and Foreshores
Sub-committee**

Arts, Culture and Media

Art and About

The Arts Culture and Media Committee worked throughout 2007 on the Glebe contribution to Art and About – The Wallpaper Project. Photographs were collected from the Glebe Primary School, the Glebe Youth Service, community groups and individual photographers then assembled to form picture montages presented as large wallpaper drops. These were displayed in shop front windows, the Glebe Youth Service and in the Art Almanac Gallery Window.

The 2007 project was run without a Council grant so completion relied on good will from a number of sources. The Glebe Society generously granted \$1,000, which enabled the large printed sheets of 'Wallpaper' to be produced and displayed. The curator, Nick Vickers, generously agreed to manage the project with minimal financial reward for himself. He organised significant sponsorship from the College of Fine Arts (COFA) who printed the wallpapers and Epson who donated the inks and paper.

Jan McCulloch of Art Almanac hosted a splendid launch party to celebrate with participants representing all sections of the community. At the launch party, Mari-Luis Agius of Raine and Horne Glebe, did a fine job of auctioning the wallpaper rolls. This raised funds sufficient for us to give at least some money to Nick Vickers for his efforts!

It was the dedication of the committee and the enthusiasm of the participating community groups who contributed images which made it happen in 2007.

These large events require massive input financially and draw heavily on the time and energy of community members, so in the future they will probably be staged once in every two or three years. Glebe is in the throes of the upgrade in 2008 so hopefully we will all emerge in 2009 ready for a show.

Plans are underway now for the sesquicentenary celebration for Glebe in 2009. Council has made \$10,000

available for the community celebrations and discussions are now being held among the key players.

I want to thank the vital core people on the Art and About committee – Jan McCulloch, Neil Macindoe and Roelof Smilde. All are generous, community minded heroes.

Public Art

The Glebe Point Road upgrade began in the section around the Primary School, so we caught first glimpses of the gorgeous art-work fence while the surrounding area was still in chaos. As I write this, the fence is almost completed and a Council launch ceremony is planned to coincide with the sesquicentenary celebrations of the school in November. Very nice timing!

The fence has been met with delight. Typically people feel it is even better than they had expected.

Artist/Designer Nuha Saad said that her ideas were based on the wooden picket fences found throughout the Glebe area. 'It will act as a link to both Glebe's vibrant contemporary culture and its architectural and social history and will combine aspects of Glebe's Victorian architectural past with a contemporary art aesthetic'.

The two public art projects yet to be completed are the Wireless House sound sculpture by Dr Nigel Helyer in Foley Park and *Earth versus Sky* in Bicentennial Park by Alan Geddes.

The Wireless House will become a sound sculpture featuring oral history, historic recordings, and current media technologies. The windows and door will be replaced with new surfaces etched with designs and text.

Earth versus Sky celebrates the two giant fig trees at the end of Glebe Point Road at sunset. Lighting reflecting the reversed spectrum of the sunset sky will be projected onto the trees and so will change as the night deepens.

It will be powered by a noiseless wind turbine in the park.

**- Susan Ingram
Arts, Culture and Media
Sub-committee**

Who taught at Glebe School?

On Monday 3 November 2008 Glebe Public School celebrate its 150th birthday, making it one of the State's oldest public schools. Lyn Collingwood has been researching its history. This article deals with some of the early headmasters.

Glebe Public School's first headmasters



James Buckland, first headmaster of Glebe Public School. Photos courtesy Glebe Public School archives

Glebe Primary dates its beginnings from 3 November 1858 when James Buckland (1824-85) enrolled two pupils in a public school conducted in a Wesleyan chapel in Francis Street. A Wesleyan himself, James had begun his teaching career in 1848, in Bathurst. By 1851 he was a school-teacher on the Upper Allyn River and by 1851 he was at Chippendale. He married Isabella Gray at Bathurst in 1849; they had 13 children. Of the eight born in the ten years the family lived in Glebe, mostly in Bay Street, five died in infancy.

In May 1862 the 250-pupil capacity Glebe National School was opened fronting Derwent Street. Five classes from infants to primary level, supervised by Buckland and four assistants, were housed in one long and two

small rooms within the Gothic building. Lessons were conducted in reading, writing, arithmetic, grammar and geography. At the first inspection, attended by the governor and his wife, 111 boys and 92 girls were present. By the time the head teacher left in April 1868 average enrolment had reached 320.

After Glebe, James Buckland taught at Wallsend, Freemans Reach, Upper Picton, Sydney Public, Surry Hills, Queanbeyan and Pennant Hills. He died at home, 709 Bourke Street, on 2 November 1885 'after a long and painful illness'.

John Wright took charge of Glebe until April 1870 before his promotion to Master of the Training School at Fort Street, a position he held until at least 1886. His successor at Glebe until 1876 was William Matthews, subsequently transferred to William Street. This became a Superior Public School¹ in 1881, but four years later it was removed from the list, a departmental officer recommending that Matthews, classified 1B and 'an inefficient teacher', be removed to a second class school. After working for three months at Macquarie Street, he retired. During Matthews' period at Glebe, 14-year-old Peter Board (he later became Director of Education and introduced sweeping reforms) was a Pupil Teacher² for three months in 1873 on an annual salary of £30.

Charles Oldrey Flashman (ca 1845-1920) was Glebe headmaster from 1876-84. A Methodist, he became a

National School teacher in 1857 and lived in Glebe Street and Bay Street before moving with his wife Emily Adelaide née Tarring to Armidale where he taught and where three of his four surviving sons were born.

Transferred from East Maitland Public School, Flashman and his family lived in Derwent Street and Adelaide House on Pyrmont Bridge Road. Also living in Pyrmont Bridge Road was William Bardsley. An assistant teacher at Glebe in 1879, 'Boss' Bardsley became Forest Lodge's long-serving headmaster, from 1883 until 1922.

Flashman had a number of problems to deal with at Glebe. Enrolment skyrocketed. In 1877 when infants and primary pupils totalled 493 he was looking about for land for a new school building. By 1880 children were being turned away because there was no room for them. Classes took place in the weather shed, and the local Wesleyan Sunday School was rented to accommodate the girls' department. In the last quarter of 1884 Flashman reported that enrolments had reached 2346.

His staff were mostly young and untrained, and few stayed long. The Council of Education³ allowed him one assistant and three Pupil Teachers. In 1877 his assistant was Miss Plunkett. The Pupil Teachers were Elizabeth Richardson, Hannah Tilley and Alice Banks; the first two 'girls about 14 years of age', the third 'of a nervous and timid disposition and quite unsuited to a mixed school'.

Notes:

1 Superior Public Schools: public schools with at least 20 students who had completed all primary grades could apply to offer some secondary education.

2 Pupil Teachers were employed at a minimum age of 13 to spend four years teaching while being taught themselves by a qualified teacher after school hours.

3 The Council of Education was set up by the Public Schools Act 1866 which took control of the denominational and national schools. The Department of Education was set up by the Public Instruction Act 1880 which made school attendance compulsory.

Flashman's request for a male assistant – on the grounds that most of the pupils were boys, and parents and the School Board were in favour – was turned down. Richardson, who was transferred after three months, and Banks, who resigned after a year (after failing exams in reading, writing, arithmetic, music, French and 'skill'), were replaced with yet more female 'novices'. Emily Crispin, despite having 'no high aptitude', was made permanent.

As in any school there were discipline and truancy problems. Attendance was often sporadic, children being kept at home to do chores or run errands.

Flashman wanted Peter Brown, 'a poor disciplinarian', in charge of third class, to be moved on but there were no vacancies at other schools. Alice Banks' father wrote to the Council asserting that Flashman kept order only by always carrying a cane. One boy who hated school was handcuffed to his desk every morning by his father and released in the afternoon. 'I don't suppose they would allow that sort of thing today', reflected 87-year-old Alfred Shearsby who attended the 1958 celebrations. And there were personality clashes. Herr Hugo Alpen (later Superintendent of Music in the Dept of Public Instruction) vied with Flashman for control of the school's singing program. Alpen was a Glebe resident at 17 Derwent Street, and Arundel Terrace.

Teachers succumbed to stress ('affection of the nerves ... nervous debility ... nervous exhaustion of a severe character'), minor afflictions such as quinsy and measles, and more



Herr Hugo Alpen, Singing Master

serious ones such as smallpox. In 1882 Lilian Ireland who lived in Westmoreland Street was diagnosed with typhoid, an illness which also afflicted students and which might have been caused by the school's sanitary shortcomings. The cesspits periodically overflowed; to gain access to the water closets nightmen pulled nails out of the fence, then nailed them back in.

Flashman had to collect school fees of threepence a week per child from all parents. Engine fitter L H Krinks of 8 Lorne Terrace in Mitchell Street was unable to pay for his four children. He'd had two weeks' work in eight months and survived by selling household goods. Others returned the invoice with a scribbled note: 'I really cannot pay for I have not got the means'. Thieves broke into the school and stole the money.

By 1880 Flashman was ready to leave. He asked to be made a school Inspector, then headmaster at Cleveland Street. Both applications were turned down, District Inspector John McCredie noting that 'Mr Flashman does not possess the necessary disciplinary power for a first class school like Cleveland Street'. The Glebe Evening School operated briefly from 1882 -3. Its first students, boys aged 14-17, included some with daytime occupations – draper, labourer, butcher, clerk, mason – and others not in employment such as Henry and George Peninton (brothers of Reuben, whose story was told in *Glebe Society Bulletin* 4/2008).

In 1884 Flashman achieved a number of successes. A new girls' school was built. Glebe was promoted to the status of Superior School and Flashman was promoted from grade 1B to 1A, securing his appointment as an Assistant Inspector from January 1885. Two years later he became an Inspector. He worked in Newcastle and finished his career as Senior Inspector, Mosman District. Flashman died at Mosman on 28 February 1920 in a home he shared with his brother John and his unmarried sisters Nellie (who had taught at Araluen and Goulburn in the 1870s) and Mary (employed at Paddington Infants for 34 years).

Pupil absence persisted during the headship of Patrick Sheehy, who

rented a house in Mitchell Street 'within sight of the school buildings'. Jessie (7) and Eleanor (9) Gordon of 24 Talford Street had an average attendance of 47 days (140 days each year was compulsory) in the first half of 1889. Their father Alexander's excuse - 'kept at home to assist in the house and go on errands' - was not accepted. Mrs Buckley of 72 Forsythe Street was given departmental approval to remove 13-year-old Kate to help look after her seven siblings.

Collecting fees, often from deserted wives, was an ongoing chore. Corporation labourer Charles Denning of 28 Bay Street, supporting a wife and four children on a weekly wage of 30 shillings, asked for his fees to be waived. Parents complained that their children were harassed for not bringing the money. In some cases legal proceedings were instituted to recover arrears.

There were outbreaks of scarlatina. Sewing mistress Patience Henerie had time off when her servant developed typhoid, as did infants assistant Theresa Adrain whose father and brother contracted the illness, the latter fatally.

A compliment from a parent was a rare event. John Evans of 26 Old Paramatta Road, Forest Lodge took the trouble to write to Sheehy thanking him and his staff for their kindness to his son who had passed the Junior Examination and gained employment as a lithographer.

Sheehy, whose wife Sarah née Sheehan was a headmistress at Wisemans Ferry and Green Valley among other schools, was appointed an Inspector in 1890 and retired from teaching in 1907. His successor at Glebe was William Cornish (1856 – 1935), born in Balmain and educated at Birchgrove Public and Fort Street School and Training School. He rented in Wigram Road South and later in Toxteth Road. 'Too close to the open sewer from Annandale', he asked the Department in 1894 if he could move to a home with an attached bathing house in Cove Street Balmain so that his wife could sea bathe. Permission was given as the Balmain tram stopped at the school

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gate and the school's caretaker/cleaner, living nearby, could keep an eye on the premises.

During the economic depression of the 1890s more parents fell into arrears with school fees. Overcrowding persisted despite the addition of a second storey to the boys' school in 1897. There were skirmishes in Victoria Park involving boys from Glebe, Darlington, Blackfriars and St Benedicts armed with catapults, stones and sawn-off broom handles. Sport was encouraged by teacher Walter Laws, Secretary of the Public Schools Amateur Athletic Association, who also drilled the school cadets, 'one of the largest corps in the colony'. (Laws was prone to bouts of laryngitis.) Boys went swimming at Elkington Baths, Balmain. A superannuation fund for teachers was in existence, and bank pass books savings accounts were opened for pupils.

Cornish was promoted to Inspector in 1900, succeeding Peter Board at Lismore. He resigned in 1923 after 50 years of teaching and died at Hurstville on 28 July 1935. He was a Mason and a founder of the Balmain Electorate Cricket Club.

During the headship of William Thomas Bax (1855-1920) Glebe pupils participated in a number of public events, usually at the Sydney Cricket Ground: the Patriotic Fund display in 1900 in support of the Boer War; Federation celebrations; and a ceremony in 1905 marking the first Empire Day. The evening school was re-established as the result of a petition headed by Thomas Russell of 16 Wigram Road. Bax lived at *Claremont* 16 Allen Street. In 1906 he was transferred to Woollahra and died at Waverley on 7 March 1920 survived by his wife Emma, née Pike, and six children, two of whom had brief careers as teachers,

Thomas Herlihy (1858 – 1928) succeeded Bax. After teaching at Kent Street, St Leonards, Hill End, Burrowa, Balmain, Fort Street, Sussex Street, Ashfield, Crown Street, Bulli, New Lambton, Plattsburg, Kegworth and Annandale Herlihy was sent to Glebe where he settled in as headmaster for 17 years, retiring in 1924.

- Lyn Collingwood



Derwent Street entrance, Glebe Public School

Join in the Glebe Public School 150th Birthday Celebrations

On Monday 3 November 2008 Glebe Public School celebrates its 150th birthday, making it one of the State's oldest public schools.

Glebe Society members are invited to join in the sesquicentenary celebrations. An evening event is being hosted by the Society to which members are invited along with ex-students, ex-teachers, current teachers and parents of current students.

During the evening former students and teachers, together with Glebe Society member Lyn Collingwood and other actors, will relive incidents from the school's rich past. There will be a display of old photos and documents which will provide interesting viewing during the evening event at which wine and finger food will be served.

The schoolchildren's art show will be available for viewing and tours of the classrooms will be conducted for ex-students and interested others.

This evening function is part of a wide-ranging program of activities planned for 3 November. There will be a number of special daytime events to which ex-students are invited. In addition the school has chosen this date for the official opening of the new school fence by the Lord Mayor. Birthday cakes, special historic games and other fun times are planned during the day for the students to celebrate their school's birthday.

The evening event promises to be informative and fun. Details and a booking form will be included in future bulletins.

Glebe Public School Year 6 Camp 2008

Suzy Velkou of the Glebe Schools Community Centre tells us that the 15 Year 6 students and their teacher Ms Eves are currently planning their end of year camp excursion and are hoping to travel to Sovereign Hill in Ballarat, Victoria for 5 days and 4 nights from 13-17 October. They will be travelling there and back by train. The children have been busy fundraising and to date have raised \$1,000 towards the excursion. However they still need to find another \$350 per child and would like to appeal to the Glebe community for support for the camp.

If you would like more information on the specifics of the camp, please do not hesitate to call Ms Eves at the school at lunchtimes (1.15-2pm) on 9660 4549.



Jan Wilson adds that last year, as a result of generous donations from members of The Glebe Society, children from Glebe Public School benefited both educationally and socially from the experience of being away at a camp for a week. For these children it was a once in a lifetime opportunity. The children found it a very enriching experience and staff and parents were very appreciative of the support from members of the Glebe community.

Tranby Aboriginal College Celebrates 50 Years

Tranby Aboriginal College, situated in Mansfield Street, Glebe, is celebrating its 50th Anniversary and has many events planned to commemorate this important achievement. Tranby, founded by Rev Alf Clint in 1957, is Australia's oldest independent Indigenous education provider, continuing to provide culturally appropriate education of the highest standards to Aboriginal people from all over the country.

Tranby was first established with eight students, and a focus on skills based training. Courses in bookkeeping, plumbing, motor repairs, agriculture, carpentry, bricklaying, and the principles of co-operatives formed the core curriculum. Since then, the College's emphasis on education delivery has swung from trade skills to foundation and numeracy skills and tertiary preparation, reflecting changes in the broader social position of Indigenous people. There are over 130 students currently studying at the College, which offers courses that range from office skills to legal studies.

Lindon Coombes was appointed Executive Director of Tranby this year, in the College's fifth decade of operation. With him, he brings experience from 10 years working in Aboriginal affairs in NSW, including positions as an Executive Director with the Department of Aboriginal Affairs, and as Executive Officer at ATSIC's State Office. 'It is an honour to be part of an organisation with such a rich and proud history, and it has also been a pleasure to be part of a team that is committed to delivering high quality Aboriginal education' he says. 'The 50 year anniversary is an important occasion for Tranby and represents a significant opportunity to promote the College, develop key relationships and undertake fund raising activities'.

These relationships and fundraising activities are especially important because Tranby, which is run by the Co-operative for Aborigines Ltd, is not-for-profit, and depends on fundraising and donations to flourish. Tranby has recently forged a relation-

ship with quality cleanskin wine merchants The Wine Point to produce their very own Tranby wine, which is available now online at www.tranby.edu.au and directly through the college. For \$180 a case, you can order Barossa Valley Shiraz 2006, or Pemberton (WA) Semillon Sauvignon Blanc 2007 to be delivered to your door! Local delivery is \$6 and interstate freight costs as little as \$12 per case, and profits from the sale of Tranby wine go directly to the college, helping Tranby to stay independent and strong.

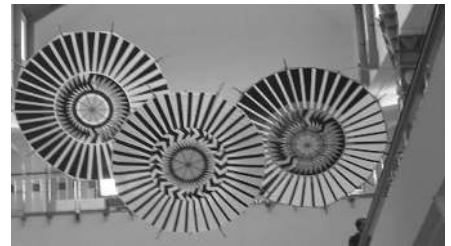
The College has various events planned over the course of the next five months, including a retrospective photographic exhibition and an art exhibition to be staged on campus. On 21 of November, The Grand Ballroom in Sydney's Hilton Hotel will host Tranby's 50th Anniversary Dinner, and all community members are invited to attend. Tickets are \$55 per person, which will include a three-course meal and drinks, as well as entertainment from Buddy Knox and his Blues Band, Freshwater and comedian Sean Choolburra, who will MC on the evening. Tranby is subsidising the cost of the tickets to ensure the dinner is accessible to as many Indigenous people as possible, and corporate sponsorship of tickets is welcomed.

For all ticket and general enquiries, please contact Annaliese Monaro on a.monaro@tranby.edu.au, or call on 1800 601 988. There are registration forms on the Tranby website, at www.tranby.edu.au, for those interested in receiving regular updates on 50th anniversary events. Order forms for Tranby wine can also be found online at this address.

Sewing Help wanted

Peter Travis AM, esteemed artist and resident of Glebe is asking for assistance with a kite installation to celebrate Brisbane's Sesquicentenary in two cathedrals. The Archbishop of Canterbury is coming out for the celebration. Peter is also putting up an installation in Glebe Public School to celebrate the school's Sesquicentenary.

In 2005, Peter contributed greatly to Glebe's Art & About display with his kites in St John's Church and Broadway Shopping Centre. All his time and commitment has been given free.



Kites in Broadway, 2005.
Photo: Bruce Davis

This is the way we can support Peter in his time of need.

Peter needs people with a sewing machine who would be willing to help to stitch cotton fabric in strips to complete his installation. The sewing is simple, with one colour cotton thread stitching together strips of good quality cotton. The work is required to be done over a period of four weeks and can be done in your own time and at in your own place.

Peter will happily accept as many people as offer. If you are able to assist please let me know as soon as possible on 9660 2698, 0408 207 784 or janwil@bigpond.com.

- Jan Wilson

Get ready for the Australian Trivia Night on 15 October – try these questions!

1. What are the numbers of the bus routes that go through Glebe? (a good question for public transport users!)
2. What is the botanical name for the 'Glebe weed'?
3. Which current NSW politician spent part of his childhood in a house in Derwent Street?
4. Where were the two Glebe ferry wharves located in the 1880s to early 1900s?

Answers in the next *Bulletin*.

See page 13 for more about the Trivia Night

A book review and a farewell

Issy Wyner's book *'Open Council: a new era in local government'*, published by the Balmain Association Inc, was launched on 1 August at Leichhardt Town Hall by former Councillor and friend, Hall Greenland.

Issy himself was not able to attend the launch in view of his ill-health, but his grandson made a video record of the evening's proceedings, which included a number of personal tributes in addition to the 'formal' program. It is good to know that Issy was able to share in the event before his death on 13 August. His obituary appeared in the *Sydney Morning Herald* on 18 August.

The book is both a history of the idea of and implementation of the policy of opening up council decision making to the community and to community input, and a record of the philosophy behind it. Issy Wyner, as trade unionist, alderman, councillor, and mayor held decided views about the democratic process and these are set out firmly in this work. His book reviews the history of Leichhardt Council over the period from 1971 to the present day, covering both his own and others' periods of office. Older members



of the Society will remember Leichhardt Council meetings in the early days of open council, when they frequently went on past midnight. Meetings became less of a test of stamina in later years when agendas were ad-

justed to bring forward items about which people in the public gallery wished to speak and limits were set on the length of speeches.

The book is critical of 'big business', 'big government' and 'big bureaucracy' and sees open councils as one way of redressing the balance in favour of people. Issy was devoted to the concept of participatory democracy, and would have liked to have seen the elimination of the State level of government. He pulled no punches when castigating the actions of his political opponents, at all levels of government. The book is a strong reflection of his personality.

The location of the launch, in the Council Chamber, could not have been more appropriate. Many of those present well remembered the disappearance, reappearance and final departure of the bar that separated Councillors from the public gallery.

- Jeanette Knox

Enjoy a concert and support a good cause

The communities of St James Glebe and St Bede Pyrmont are supporting a fund-raising concert to support an internship for two students from East Timor, Celina and Veronica.

The concert, a celebration of instrumental and vocal music, is at St James Church, Woolley Street, Glebe, on Sunday 21 September at 2pm. Tickets are \$20 (\$10 Concession). The concert will be followed by refreshments.



The Fair Trade Café, 33 Glebe Point Road, will provide hospitality experience for Celina and Veronica. This is an opportunity for our local community to make a contribution that has a sustainable impact on the development of these young women and their community.

Tickets are available on the day. For more information contact colin.fowler@op.org.

- Anne Owens

The Actors' Forum at Balmain

The Actors' Forum is administered on a voluntary basis by established professional actors and directors and gives local audiences an opportunity to see live theatre at an affordable price.

The Forum presents a performed reading of Roger Hall's bittersweet comedy *Taking Off* with Rosemary Butcher, Valerie Newstead, Cecily Polson and Vola Vandere, directed by Linden Wilkinson. The play is sure to touch a chord with everyone familiar with somebody's first tentative pilgrimage to Europe - maybe their own.

It's at 2pm on Sunday 14 September at St. Andrew's Congregational Church Hall (Mayflower Hall), Cnr Darling Street & Curtis Road, Balmain. Tickets are on sale at the door from 1pm - \$20/\$15 seniors/conc.

A Public Music Library for Sydney – expand your world with music

I am deeply honoured to be the recipient of the Associate of the Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA) 2008 Study Grant Award for 2008 and am very excited at the imminent prospect of going overseas and doing my research project.

Study grants are offered to provide an opportunity for professional members of the Australian Library and Information Association, to undertake projects that they would otherwise be unable to do because of the time and costs involved. It is open to practising librarians or library technician members and is awarded biennially in the ALIA Biennial Conference year. The purpose of the award is to enable the

recipient to undertake a study program on a selected library or information issue of present and future relevance to the development and improvement of library and information services in Australia.

My aim will be to investigate the feasibility of a free public music library for the City of Sydney, by researching and then observing best practice first hand and interacting with professional colleagues, mainly those who I met when attending the International Association of Music Librarians Conference in Sydney in 2007.

- Margaret Whittaker
Librarian, Glebe Library

Glebe News



The 19th Annual Glebe Music Festival

Sophie Cameron (violin 1), Christina Knox (violin 2), Alice Billen (viola) and Kirsty Alexander (cello) are the Albion Quartet. They are undergraduates at the Royal Northern College of Music (RNCM), Manchester, United Kingdom. They formed the quartet at the start of their second year and have been playing together regularly since. They opened the RNCM's Chamber Festival in January 2008 performing Mozart's *'The Hunt'* in the Haden Freeman Concert Hall. Within college they have also performed at events such as the annual Viola Day and the Matthews Festival. The Albion Quartet has recorded works of RNCM student composers which were played live at the Northern Ballet School. In 2008 they received the 'highly commended' award for the playing of Beethoven's *Razumovsky* quartet op 59 no 1.

On Saturday 8 November at 7.30pm at Gleebooks, 49 Glebe Point Road, the Albion Quartet will play Mozart's String Quartet in D minor, Beethoven's String Quartet in E flat Major (op. 127) and Ravel's String Quartet.

Further details can be found at www.glebemusicfestival.com and a flier will be sent out with next month's *Bulletin*.

- David McIntosh



The Albion Quartet.

What's on at the Glebe Library

Come to two more talks by food enthusiast Heather Bentley.

Banquets and Feasts - hear Heather talk about menus, sugar, dinner services and dinner settings fit for Royalty and well-to-do Elizabethans. Saturday 13 September, 2008, 1.30 - 2.45pm.

Food at Sea - Heather looks at pirates, buccaneers and scurvy in the later 17th century. Adventure, rum, starvation and the role of food in shaping the new colonies and world powers.

Saturday 11 October, 1.30 - 2.45pm.

Here are two School holiday activities:

Teddy Bears Picnic for 3-6 year olds - Wednesday 1 October, 11 am - 1 pm. Limited to 40 children only

Teddy Bear drawing workshop for 7-12 year olds - Wednesday 1 October, 11 am - 1 pm. Limited to 15 children only.

Bookings for these events are essential as numbers are limited. Ring the Library on 9298 3060 to reserve your place.

And check www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/library for other events. Look under What's New as well as under Kids and Teens.

- Margaret Whittaker



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A Wine to remember ...

We had good company, interesting wines and an informative presentation by our host at di Lusso Restaurant.



Host Rob Fairall. Photo: Bruce Davis

The Glebe Society's Wine-tasting on Friday 15 August was a most enjoyable evening. Sixty people attended, with 40 staying on for dinner afterwards. The Society generated \$600 from this fund-raising event. Our thanks to Rob Fairall, owner of di Lusso Restaurant in Glebe and Winery in Mudgee for working with us in organising the night and introducing us to his wines and antipasti with such gusto!

- Dorothy Davis

AUSTRALIAN TRIVIA NIGHT

Wednesday 15 October, 7.45 - 10pm

Glebe Rowing Club, Ferry Road

A special Glebe Society fund-raising event in support of Glebe Public School's 150th Anniversary

Bring along a team (4 or more people), or come as individuals or pairs - and pit your knowledge of Glebe - and Australia - against other teams! Or just have fun! Or help on the night with the organisation behind the scenes. The evening will be most entertaining, with a quizmaster, local trivia and prizes! \$18 per person, \$15 concession including supper. BYO drinks, but wine will be available for purchase by the bottle.

See the Booking Form in the September *Bulletin* - or book earlier by completing the form on the website, www.glebesociety.org.au.

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, varying cuisines. Put these dates in your diary now.

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**.

On **Thursday 6 November** we will go to Flavour of India, on the corner of Glebe Point Road and Bridge Road.

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

- Edwina Doe

Welcome to New Members

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

- * Stephen Jeric
- * Kaye Maresso
- * Lauris and Ray McLachlan
- * Kristin Thompson

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

Lost gardens of Sydney

This exhibition traces the rise and fall of a number of Sydney gardens and garden styles, from the native bush and significant early colonial gardens, to modest inter-war suburban gardens, corporate rooftop gardens and threatened gardens of today.

Venue: Museum of Sydney, corner of Bridge and Phillip Streets, Sydney

Dates: 9 August to 30 November 2008

Times: Open daily 9.30am to 5pm.

An accompanying publication, *Lost gardens of Sydney* by Colleen Morris, includes over 170 images and can be purchased at all good book stores. RRP \$49.95.

This might be your last *Bulletin*

The Glebe Society's membership year begins on 1 July. If you have not yet renewed your membership for 2008/9, we have sent you a letter and another renewal form with this *Bulletin*.

- Bruce Davis, Treasurer

History Week, 6 - 14 September

The Water's Edge, Customs House Library, Saturday 6 September. See www.historyweek.com.au for details.

Free dog obedience classes - September

City of Sydney is taking bookings for its very popular September **free** dog obedience classes for residents living in Sydney's CBD and inner city suburbs.

The dog obedience classes have been run for the past 18 months and have helped train more than 700 puppies and dogs.

The first dog obedience training class will start on Saturday 20 September and run each Saturday for six weeks through to 25 October. The classes will be held in Sydney Park, St Peters; Harmony Park, Surry Hills; and Federal Park, Glebe.

To book a place please phone City of Sydney on 9265-9333 or email council@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au.

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For your diary ...

Sunday 31 August, 11am, Glebe Society's 39th Annual General Meeting, Benledi, 186 Glebe Point Road. Guest speaker – Dorothy Hoddinott AO.

Wednesday 3 September, 7 - 9pm. - Meet the Mayoral Candidates at Glebe Public School. All welcome.

Thursday 4 September, 7pm – Thirsty Thursday – *The Mixing Pot*, 178 St Johns Road.

6 - 14 September - History Week 2008. See www.historyweek.com.au for details.

Wednesday 10 September, 7.30pm – Management Committee Meeting – The Old Fire Station, 115 Mitchell Street.

Saturday 13 September, Local Government Elections. Don't forget to vote.

Sunday 14 September, 2pm – The Actors Forum presents *Taking Off* - St. Andrew's Congregational Church Hall, Balmain.
See page 12.

Sunday 21 September, 2pm – Concert at St James Church, Woolley Street, Glebe. See page 12.

Thursday 2 October, 7pm – Thirsty Thursday – *Thai Thiu*, 35d Ross Street.

Wednesday 8 October, 7.30pm – Management Committee Meeting – The Old Fire Station, 115 Mitchell Street.

Wednesday 15 October, Australian Trivia Night, Glebe Rowing Club, 7.45 - 10pm. See page 13.

8 - 30 November - 19th Annual Glebe Music Festival. See page 13.

Wednesday 12 November, 7.30pm – Management Committee Meeting – The Old Fire Station, 115 Mitchell Street.

Sunday 16 November, Glebe Street Fair.

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Website

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 September.

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