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For many years now we have had colour pictures of events organised by the Society taken by members with an interest in photography, but who have had limited opportunity to share their work with other members.

Digital technology has given us the opportunity to produce an online edition of the *Bulletin* which will contain some of these colour pictures on a regular basis. We will also include in our online editions additional pages of colour pictures of events or other matters of special interest.

In this first online colour edition we include two pages of the Love Your Park project stage two taken by Phil Young and Katharine Vernon. We hope you enjoy them.

All members with an email address will receive an email with a link to the online *Bulletin*, and you also can access it by clicking on the "Publications" link on our website.

This online presentation of the *Bulletin* is a work in progress, and we will welcome your comments which should be emailed to the editor at editor@glebesociety.org.au.

Edwina Doe
Editor

How to view the online Bulletin

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The economics of truss tomatoes

If you read the *Sydney Morning Herald* of February 1, 2012 you will have seen Joe Galluzzo sitting outside the famous Glebe Fruit Market above a selection of prices from Coles or Galluzzo's. These accompanied a story, 'Fears for independents as store giants go tomato to tomato over prices'. The gist of the story was as the headline proclaimed and only prices were compared. For example Joe and Damian Galluzzo sell truss tomatoes for \$9.99 per kilo; Coles for \$2.98 per kilo. Joe was quoted selectively to support the reporter's fears for independents.

However, Joe did not say that he 'fears the supermarket price cuts will drive independent grocers like him out of business' (*SMH* 1/2/12 p.5). He said, 'We've been here for the last 76 years



Author John Gray inspects Joe Galluzzo's restaurant quality truss tomatoes. Photo: Bruce Davis

and we intend to be here for the next 100 years, love'. Joe pointed out that customers pay for quality, advice and locality. As he said to me, 'our supplier sells those truss tomatoes to the *Aria* restaurant, of course they are expensive. They are the best.' To shop at Galluzzo's is an experience, a Glebe experience. Joe and Damian do their part for Glebe in many ways and their family is an institution of Glebe.

Now, a small dark secret; my first degree is in economics. The real purpose of economics is to maximize welfare. The market is a means to this end and when carefully regulated provides reasonable individual choice. Those two sentences are enough for a semester's study. When I shop I make a choice based on a number of factors: quality, range, advice, locality, urgency and finally price. Price is a proxy for the factors we consider.

The retail industry is very uneven and concentrated. Big retailers dominate supply chains and pay less than economic rent for public resources like highways.

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Harold Park meeting

The Harold Park site is now almost completely cleared, and the building phase draws nearer. A meeting at St Scholastica's School, on Saturday 4 February, convened by *FLAG: Residents Impacted by Harold Park* (no relationship to the FLAG group affiliated with the Glebe Society), attracted over 100 residents to discuss community concerns about the Harold Park (HP) development. The meeting was ably chaired by our local state government member, Jamie Parker, who provided a brief history of the HP development including the roles of Council and the Central Sydney Planning Committee (CSPC) in the process. There were two main speakers - Andrew Rolfe on behalf of FLAG and myself as President speaking on behalf of the Society.

Jamie Parker outlined his perspective in some detail and focused on arguments that further traffic studies were needed. His view was that traffic studies to date looked at 'traffic at the boundaries' of the develop-

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What's coming soon

Sunday 25 March, 4.30-6.30pm – Twilight wine-tasting, Glebe Rowing Club, Ferry Road.

Wednesday 19 April - Glebe Voices (time and venue to be advised).

Sunday 29 April, 5.30-7pm, Benledi – Illustrated talk on Douglas Mawson. See page 11 for details.

Review of planning laws

The Glebe Society made an initial response to the NSW Government's review of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979 on 2 November, 2011. This second submission is in response to the Issues Paper due to be finalised on March 2, 2012. The Society has not attempted to answer all 284 questions posed in the Issues Paper, but has confined itself to those within its ambit as an Inner Sydney residents' group.

The Glebe Society believes Glebe, though imperfect, is an excellent model of development, especially for inner urban areas. Led by the Glebe Society, Glebe was

saved from the appalling planning decisions of the past, including radial expressways and high rise slum clearance.

The residents live harmoniously in a human scale environment, with mature trees, gardens, large waterfront parks and good facilities, all achieved by active locally-based community organisations such as the Glebe Society.

Summary

1. The Terms of Reference of the Review should be widened. For an Act to be effective it must include all matters related to planning, including Environment and Climate

parameters within which developers are expected to work.

Questions from the audience covered areas such as:

- Clarification of the maximum and desirable heights of buildings
- Who can or should carry out the micro-simulation of traffic
- Concerns about water flow and potential for flooding on the site
- Demographic impacts on, for example, child care and schools
- Traffic impacts of Tramsheds and general inadequacy of existing road network
- Social impacts of development including impact on the PCYC and Hockey Club activities

In summary, this was a successful meeting that allowed members of the community with continuing concerns about the Harold Park development to express their views on the development as a whole. It also confirmed the Society's main concerns about building heights and traffic impact reflect the concerns of the community more generally

- Mairéad Browne

Mairéad's speaking notes, which reflect the Glebe Society's position, are on our Website.

Change and Heritage.

2. The Local Authority is the body best equipped with the necessary knowledge and experience to make decisions and plans.

3. The role of the Department is to assist local authorities to do their job more effectively.

4. Public involvement, participation and consultation should occur at all stages. It is the key to public acceptance of the Act.

5. A 'one size fits all' approach is completely inappropriate for a complex and varied State such as NSW. Simplify, eliminate duplication and double handling, but do not impose templates.

6. The Act should be reviewed every ten years, with the aim of reflecting contemporary issues and embracing modern technology.

7. Extending and improving public transport should be a priority for all major population centres.

8. Maximum advantage should be taken of modern technologies such as the National Broadband Network and High Speed Rail to achieve decentralisation.

9. The combination of these last two points would go a long way toward improving housing provision and affordability.

The full text of the Society's submission is on our Website.

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Economics of truss tomatoes

Their size permits them to price some items at near loss. There are many small retailers but they do not have any of these advantages. We make choices. If it is quality and Glebe I will pay more, with a small margin for Joe's banter.

- John Gray

Do you have any ideas about Glebe shopping? Write to vice-president@glebesociety.org.au

Planning matters

Things have got off to a sizzling start in 2012 with two public meetings, one about Glebe Affordable Housing Project and the other about Harold Park. Neither meeting was associated with any new issue or report. Do I detect the faint scent of Local Government Elections in the air, possibly in September? There will, however, be reports coming soon: the CityPlan, probably on 5 March, and the Harold Park DAs not long after. Then your interest and support will be really important. As these reports are likely to appear between *Bulletins*, you will receive advice by email.

Wisely, the City no longer accepts new applications over Christmas and New Year, so the holidays are no longer always the busiest time of year for your hard-pressed Convenor. However, there has still been a steady flow of controversial proposals.

Commonwealth Bank, 205 Glebe Point Road

The CBA has been swept away by the fashion for corporate branding. We have asked for advertising to be no greater than that of surrounding businesses, and for the bulk of the awning to be reduced.

Toxteth Hotel, 345 Glebe Point Road

Members are probably aware this pub has recently changed hands and been extensively renovated. Despite a substantial increase in seating the new management slipped in an application for footpath seating for 36 persons around nine tables. After considerable debate the Committee decided to oppose the application, largely on the grounds of noise and disruption. Proposed expansion of the Toxteth has aroused much resident opposition in the past.

However the Committee is keen to see the hotel succeed, especially in its cultural activities. The Toxteth has proved very popular as a venue for play readings by the New Theatre, organised by Glebe Society member and historian Lyn Collingwood, and for a variety of groups organised by City University of the Third Age, also largely begun and run by Society members.

Montrose, 20 Glebe Point Road

This lovely Georgian building, used since the 1860s for medical purposes, was restored in 2008-9, again as a medical practice, and its interior, which includes an interpretative display, is a feature of Glebe Walk No 1: Publicans and Sinners.

The application was to extend the stables at the rear (a protected part of this Heritage Item) to three storeys, including two levels of consulting rooms with a dwelling on top. The Committee felt this was excessive, and has asked for the extension not to exceed two storeys and the height of *Montrose* itself.

The Society has recently received notice that a similar laneway proposal for **9 Mansfield Street** has been reduced in height and bulk, following objections from neighbours and the Society. The restoration of the house itself was supported and approved.

Other sites in Glebe Point Road

The prominence of Glebe's premier street means even minor works attract a lot of attention. As a result of community pressure, and especially the carefully reasoned comments of the Society, it looks as though No 79, *Café Otto*, rebuilt as it was before the fire, will have a similar front courtyard to No 77, **Fountain**, next door, and have umbrellas rather than unsightly pergolas. The splayed

shopfront of No 96 has been restored. What used to be Bogart's, at 199 (201), will appear to the street much as it did before. The awnings from 321-27 will be repaired to protect pedestrians and commuters from rain. Grass verges, currently being laid, will improve the appearance of the northern section.

Old University Gatehouse, corner of City Road and Broadway

This handsome stone building has been unused for many years. This was the University of Sydney's original entrance, and the old gates were moved from the City Road entrance recently. Victoria Park was part of the original grant to the University, but was later swapped for land on which the colleges now stand. Apparently the Gatehouse is to become a kiosk, and work has commenced. At least there is no chance it will disturb residents!

Mobile Food Van, Franklyn Street (Minogue) Reserve, Glebe Point Road

The City has lodged an application to allow a gourmet food van to operate midday to midnight, Monday to Friday and 7am to midnight at weekends in this park near Broadway. The Committee has discussed the issue and while it supports the concept for other parts of the City area, especially those without food outlets that stay open, there was overwhelming agreement with the Chamber of Commerce that Glebe was not in this category and therefore not an appropriate site.

Review of Planning Legislation

A summary of the Society's submission can be found elsewhere in the *Bulletin*, and the full text is on our website.

- Neil Macindoe
Planning convenor

STOP PRESS: A new DA has been lodged for the controversial development proposed for *Durham Court*. Check the Society's website for more information

2012 Heritage Subcommittee

For the last few years the society has not had a heritage subcommittee *per se* and has used projects and working parties to get things done. However, the Management Committee at the February meeting delegated authority and endorsed a Heritage subcommittee. The subcommittee is comprised of Lydia Bushell, Di Gray, John Gray (convenor), Liz Simpson-Booker and Bill Simpson-Young. It has met and has adopted the following plan.

Heritage Plan 2012

The Glebe Society's constitution (Section 3) recognises that heritage is a major objective for which the Society is established:

(a) to improve the amenity of Glebe by ... opposing (by lawful means) development detrimental to heritage values or contrary to community interests;

(b) to preserve and enhance the natural and architectural character of Glebe, and to encourage sound town planning, architectural and conservation practices; and

(c) to stimulate interest in the history and character of Glebe, and to foster study of and research into the history of Glebe and its environs.

These objectives empower the Heritage subcommittee (upon delegation by the Management Committee) to act within the rules of the society in order to achieve these objectives. This is done by:

- liaising with developers and local government regarding proposed developments which could impact on Glebe's unique character, preparing written objections and attending Land and Environment Court proceedings as witnesses;
- arranging seminars and visits to heritage buildings and places in Glebe;

- liaising with State heritage listed item owners and occupiers to promote and preserve the unique character of those places;
- informing Glebe residents of items of heritage interest and importance through The Glebe Society *Bulletin* and website;
- establishing projects within this delegation and
- reporting regularly to the Management Committee and members of the Society.

Our emphases are to:

- continue research that will lead to the addition of items to the heritage register;
- liaise with agencies so that data can be found and used effectively;
- conduct heritage themed events;
- liaise with the Planning Subcommittee, City, developers, Royal Australian Historical Society; Dictionary of Sydney heritage property owners, members and residents to promote heritage, and
- effectively manage projects within this delegation.

Action plan

This leads to the following Action Plan for the Heritage subcommittee.

- Continue research that will lead to addition of items to the heritage register. (Ongoing)
- Conduct at least two heritage themed events. (By December 2012)
- Develop consistent records relating to history and heritage for gradual incorporation onto the website. (By December 2012)
- Ensure that current projects including the Plaques, History of the Glebe Society, Glebe Walks and Eglinton Road projects are adequately supported to progress the work together with the Man-

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- Edwina Doe
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agement Committee and Project Leaders. (By December 2012)

- Liaise with bodies such as RAHS and Dictionary of Sydney. (Ongoing)
- Anticipate forthcoming events of special significance to Glebe such as the Anzac Centenary. (2012)

If you wish to comment on the plan please email me. I will let you know how things are progressing by articles in the *Bulletin* or emails. Please contact me on any matter related to heritage (9518 7253 or vice-president@glebesociety.org.au). Ask your neighbours and friends what interests them about heritage, and tell me.

- John Gray

Around the bays

Plenty of activity but where will it lead?

There is plenty going on in the Bays Precinct at the moment, but I doubt that anyone has much of an idea where it will lead. However it's a pretty safe bet that several decisions to be made in 2012 will have lasting consequences.

This article is a quick roundup of some of the issues confronting us.

Fish Market

On one subject the outcome is fairly clear – the upgrade of the Sydney Fish Market. Unfortunately we can expect only minimal improvements due to the collapse of previous schemes. The managing director, Grahame Turk, has developed a list of priorities which includes upgrades to the boardwalk and improvements to the handling of garbage.

Wentworth Park

Work on the latest stage of the Wentworth Park fence improvements has begun and by April the visual link between the northern end of the park and the Sporting Complex should be reinstated. Planning has begun for replacement of the southern fence.

Foreshore walk

The Lord Mayor, Cr Clover Moore, has confirmed that, as reported in *Bulletin* 3/2011, design work on the extension of the foreshore walk in front of the Sydney Secondary College will start this year. The project will also include improvements to footpath on Bridge Road between the college and the Fish Market.

Cr Moore said recently: 'Discussions will soon begin with the local community as part of the design process, and City staff are currently negotiating with the Department of Education about the new section of pathway. I look forward to hearing your thoughts on the design when it is publically exhibited and reported to Council later this year.' We've heard the line about 'negotiations with the Department of Education'

before – let's hope they bear fruit soon!

Bays Precinct Taskforce

This is an area where outcomes are definitely unclear.

The task force is made up of government representatives plus one community representative – Jean Marceau. Its role is to prepare a plan for the future of the Bays Precinct. The task force met at the end of January for an information session, and Jean reports that the Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority will set up a website to enable members of the public to keep track of what the task force is doing. We will also have an insight into its proceedings as Lesley Lynch has been appointed as Jean's alternate, and will attend all meetings.

Rather uncharacteristically it appears that the task force will have its running shoes on as it is required to report to the government by the end of July. Rumour has it that this haste is in part due to Sydney Ports Corporation being anxious to move on its suspended plan to lease Glebe Island.

Blackwattle Bay wharves

BCC gained some insight into the plans for the sites known as B1 and B2 (the wharves between the Fish Market and the Hanson's concrete batch plant) before Christmas when Kym Lennox, a representative of the developer, briefed us. It is clear that a building with potential to obscure views of the water from Wentworth Park is planned, and Mr Lennox undertook to produce graphics which will better illustrate the developer's intentions. We look forward to meeting him again shortly.

The future of the batch plant is no clearer as Hansons has apparently knocked back an offer to move to Glebe Island because it was not offered a sufficiently long lease. An interesting suggestion is that the

current plant could be replaced by a plant located on a barge moored at Glebe Island and towed to city development sites as required. A similar system was used to build the Canary Wharf development in London.

Heritage Fleet

Contrary to my earlier prediction (*Bulletin* 6/2011), the proposed move of the Sydney Heritage Fleet from Rozelle Bay to Pyrmont Point is likely to go ahead. The Fleet has submitted a development application to the Department of Planning, and the move is not popular with Pyrmont community groups which have sought meetings with the City Council and the State Government to protest the plan. If the DA attracts 25 or more objections it will go to the Planning Assessment Commission for determination.

Cruise Passenger Terminal

This project continues to stir local emotions in Balmain. A recent workshop arranged by Ports spent much time discussing public access to the foreshore which at present is to be restricted to daylight hours. The workshop endorsed a three access point strategy which could produce an interesting walk from Robert Street to the Baileys site then up into the narrow streets of Balmain on the return journey.

Glebe Island Bridge

Judging by remarks by a representative of NSW Maritime at a BCC meeting before Christmas, the future may be bleak for the old Glebe Island Bridge due to the cost of maintaining the present structure. There is no common view in BCC as to whether the mechanism of the bridge should be retained, but there is agreement that the bridge abutments should remain with the operator's hut being installed on the southern abutment if the bridge is removed.

- Bruce Davis

The Wireless House debate

I read the article in the November/December edition of the Glebe Society *Bulletin* about the Wireless House receiving the Mander-Jones Award from the Australian Society of Archivists and I was struck by the irony of it.

We are lucky to have the Wireless House to give an award to. Jan Macindoe is forward looking and working successfully on the next stage of the renovation of Foley Park but the Wireless House came close to being destroyed in the first stage. After the plans for the revamping of Foley Park were displayed in July 2006, I wrote to David Mander-Jones in his capacity as Convenor of the Heritage Committee of the Glebe Society expressing my alarm that the tyro planners in the council wanted to demolish the Wireless House.

I expected the Glebe Society's position would be for the preservation of the Wireless House building and that it would work to persuade the council to alter the plans to accommodate it. Image my shock when David replied that not only does the Glebe Society support removal of the Wireless House but 'we wholeheartedly approve and support the preferred option'.

This is part of an email that he sent me:

'Your concerns about the proposal to demolish the actual building were also shared by numerous Members, at least initially so. However our final comments given to Council are as per the attached draft of a letter sent earlier this week.'

This brick shed stood up 'right bang' in the middle of the Park. It did not seem to have any purpose, except to record by plaque that it was the Wireless House of the depression years.

So it was felt that the significant thing to preserve (here to recreate) was what it did, not so much the structure that housed it.

As the design developed, the existing structure seemed to get in the way, an

incongruous brick shed that did not seem to belong.

Part of the overall design involved recreating the raised verandah of Hereford House in the original location. So why not mark the original position of the Wireless House by a plinth about the same height and similar materials as the close by verandah?'

I contacted local councillor Robyn Kemmis and expressed my alarm and concern that a unique and interesting building was proposed to be demolished and asked her if there was a way that the demolition could be circumvented. She said I should write to Clover Moore, the Lord Mayor, and say what I just said to her.

On 16 November 2006, David Mander-Jones organised a meeting in Foley Park so that people could express their concerns. A small group, including Jan McCulloch, Susan Ingram, Bobby Burke, Jan Simpson, John Harrington, David Mander-Jones and me in the presence of Michael Goldberg, the Council appointed art curator, made our positions known. The meeting was moderated and recorded by Ian Jones who would report to the council.

I got an encouraging letter from the Lord Mayor on 21 November 2006.

Over November, December and January, Jan McCulloch arranged a petition and others including the Macindoes worked on submissions to the council. The result determined 26 March 2007 at Sydney Town Hall is summarised by one paragraph in the amended DA:

'The DA originally proposed the demolition of the Wireless House. However, on further assessment, and in consideration of the issues raised in the public submissions opposing its demolition, the Wireless House is now recommended for retention.'

I'm sure that David came to appreciate the merits of the Wireless House building because he always

had the best interests of Glebe at heart. This latest award from the Australian Society of Archivists is a very pleasant additional reward for those who worked to save it.

- Wayne Carveth

Fay's comment

David never thought his position was ill advised. He always maintained that a sensitive interpretation of the Wireless House was a much preferred option to keeping the original. That it has now received the Archivist Award, named after a much loved Aunt, would have caused them both a great deal of mirth.

- Fay Mander-Jones

Jan's Macindoe's comment

The issue of the Wireless House, as outlined in Wayne Carveth's letter, was the first contretemps that confronted me when I took on the position of President of the Glebe Society in January 2007. A group within the Society, the Foley Park Working Group, had worked with Council's parks staff and supported the removal of the Wireless House, while the Society's Arts and Media group supported its retention and adaptation as an art work. It wasn't possible to reach a consensus on the matter, so the Society did not make a formal submission to Council. Instead individuals were encouraged to put their own views to Council. The National Trust was also alerted to the issue and put its own position. As we are all aware, the strength of public opinion in favour of retention of the Wireless House convinced Council to amend its original plan.

This issue illustrates that the Glebe Society is not always able to reach consensus on matters of concern to the community, and in that situation does not take a formal position.

- Jan Macindoe

Glebe apartments selected for green project

Government assistance for energy saving initiatives applies basically only to individual residential dwellings, bypassing strata schemes. Yet right now strata schemes house 75% of the residents of the City of Sydney, consume close to 40% of the City's water and 10% of its energy and create about 50% of its residential waste. It's predicted that by 2030 50% of NSW residents will live in strata schemes.

The Sydney Smart Green Apartments pilot project, jointly run by the City of Sydney with the Office of Environment and Heritage of the NSW State government, was initiated to address the difficulties faced by strata schemes in taking initiatives.

At the crowded launch of Smart Green Apartments at the Customs House Library last year broadcaster Indira Naidoo, author of *The Edible Balcony: How To Grow Fresh Food In A Small Space Plus 60 Inspiring Recipes*, inspired us with her experience growing food on her Woolloomooloo balcony. The Lord Mayor, Clover Moore, welcomed the new program: 'This program will help apartment owners save thousands of dollars in electricity and water bills, buffer them from rising energy and water prices and help us in reducing the city's carbon footprint'.

Glebe Gardens, a large 103 dwelling U-shaped strata scheme, is located along 57 Hereford Street, 75a Ross Street and 11 Wigram Lane. It was selected as one of the five strata schemes for the City of Sydney's pilot.

Glebe Gardens was built in 1997. That year it won two prestigious Housing Industry Association (HIA) awards, for the top medium/high density project and lifestyle estate. In 1998 it was a finalist in the prestigious Australian National Housing Industry Awards. In 2008 its newly designed drought resistant garden won a National Landscape Design



Glebe Gardens.

Photo: Bruce Davis

Award. Despite these accolades, Glebe Gardens has a large environmental footprint. On top of the individual consumption of electricity and gas within its 103 residences, paid for by individual residents, the Glebe Gardens Owners Corporation is faced with an annual bill of over \$100,000 for utilities (electricity, water and gas) used basically in the common or shared area – the large underground carpark (required to be lit to Australian Standards 24/7), gardens, walkways and swimming pool.

Glebe Gardens' inclusion in the pilot project was on the basis of its demonstrated concern and activity in energy saving. A preliminary audit of energy usage and costs had already been undertaken, costs and usage of utilities were being closely monitored and some clearly beneficial initiatives had been undertaken, such as strategic de-lamping of the carpark and replacing halogen globes with LED globes in its seven foyers.

Glebe Gardens' participation in the Smart Green Apartments Pilot Project will bring all these benefits, free:

- A comprehensive energy audit carried out by environmental consultancy Practical Sustainability (usual cost about \$10,000).
- Business cases and costed options for several of the most

highly relevant initiatives (probably carpark lighting and swimming pool heating).

- An action plan to make this scheme greener and more energy efficient.
- A waste and recycling assessment undertaken by specialists at the CoS.
- A subsidised water monitoring and water efficiency plan undertaken by environmental consultancy BMT WBM.
- Access to low interest finance for energy saving initiatives.

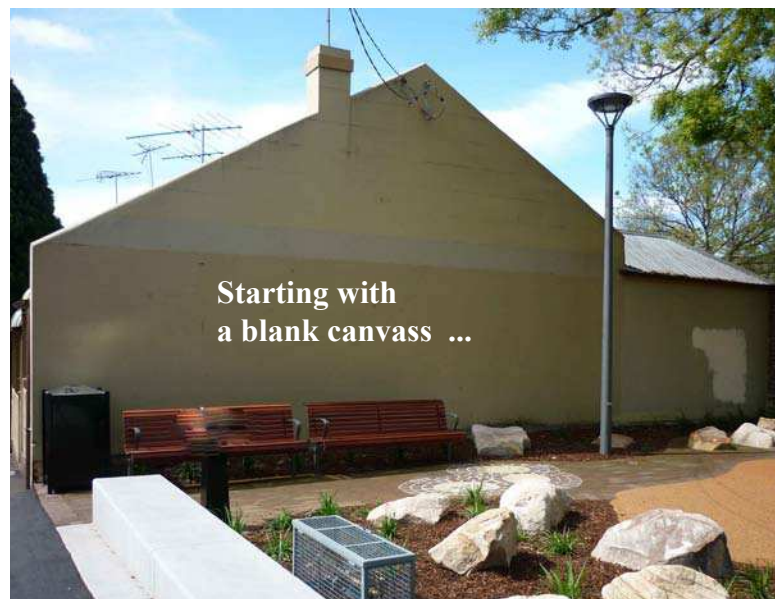
The Smart Green Apartments Pilot is soon to be rolled out to cover 70 more schemes with more strata schemes in Glebe expected to be included.

- Jan Craney

For further information about Smart Green Apartments, to see the video or join the project contact: <http://www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/Environment/GreenVillages/GreenApartments.asp>

For information about energy saving initiatives taken by other NSW strata schemes, see: www.greenstrata.com.au.

For ideas about how to start the ball rolling by monitoring consumption of electricity, gas and water in your scheme, contact Jan Craney, Utilities co-ordinator, Glebe Gardens, on 0405 821 463 or jancraney@bigpond.com



Starting with
a blank canvass ...



The artists begin work



Everyone loved
the lizard

Ben C, a talented graffiti artist with a background in youthwork, inspired the kids' creativity and guided them in the painting of the mural. Ben had a special way with the kids and they took to the project with gusto and a great deal of enthusiasm. As one of the neighbours commented, "Great to see the kids doing it – makes them feel proud".

Local kids create a wonderful wall

The Glebe Community Action Group provided the initial concept for an artwork to be painted on a bare wall that borders the small park on the corner of Mitchell and Glebe Streets.

The City of Sydney financed the project, which included funding a community artist to work with and guide the local youth, who were the artists.

The Glebe Youth Service hosted a workshop for the young artists and provided catering and other practical assistance; the Police Citizens' Youth Centre also supported the project.

The Glebe's Society's Community Development Committee provided ongoing administration and co-ordination.

All in all, a very co-operative enterprise, and a wonderful achievement.

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Have
I got
it right?



Working co-operatively

A special on-line *Bulletin* feature



"creative and inspiring"

This colourful mural has improved the streetscape and there has been an overwhelmingly positive response from the residents. The park is now more inviting and neighbours have noticed that it is now being used more often by the local kids.



... there is now a new addition to the Mitchell Street Wall Gallery!

Graffito, graffiti, graffitit, graffitamus, graffititis, graffitent

My Latin teacher would vince. As he had a lisp he said 'w's like 'v's and the reverse; 'r's became 'w's also. So we learned to conjugate the verb to prepare and shout it out pwouldly as: ... pawo, pawas, pawa. You get the picture. So eventually did our new teacher in gales of laughter.

I digress, which is what graffiti encourages. The joy of them is in their angst, bathos and twist in meaning. My brief article in the last *Bulletin* encouraged correspondence. I have limited it to Glebe and Forest Lodge graffiti.

Grahame Budd remembers that he saw the election graffiti for the Students' Representative Council at University of Sydney on the steps of the overpass. One line per riser:

Never forgive
The Left or the Right
Vote out of spite
Vote Otto
(You know it makes sense).

The romantic in Grahame permits him to name graffiti:

Tender Reminiscence - One Summer Night (Under the Railway Arches, Jubilee Park)

Broken date - Where is she? (Base of a seat in Victoria Park)

Ted McKeown writes, 'The ones I remember with particular affection, all on or around the old Stalag wall of Harold Park on the Crescent, were:

1. AUSTRALIA SUX (Different hand): NEW ZEALAND NIL
2. GOD HATES HOMOS (Different hand): BUT HE LOVES TABOULEH

3. PIG-IRON BOB (I think still visible if you look hard on the cliff face)

4. AUSTRALIAN VOTERS ARE BLOODY-MINDED SHEEP (the day after the 1975 Federal election)'.
These graffiti are all part of the warp and the woof of old Glebe. If you have any more send them to me at vice-president@glebesociety.org.au

- John Gray

Free Green Village workshops 2012

A series of free workshops on practical approaches to sustainability is being offered by the City of Sydney in Glebe – at the Glebe Community Garden, 132 St Johns Road. The first two workshops, for February and March, are sold out, so if you are interested in any of the remaining workshops, book now!

Saturday 14 April, 1.30 - 4pm:
Get started: worm farming & composting

Saturday 28 April, 1 - 4pm:
Upcycle: from old to new

Saturday 12 May, 1 - 3pm: Green thumb - what's eating my basil?

The workshops are advertised on the City of Sydney website, under 'Environment/Green Village Workshops'. Bookings are essential, and can be made by contacting Megan on 02 9246 7301 or email mecraig@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au

Lost Dutchman

Lyn Collingwood is interested in locating a missing resident of Glebe.

Ben de Graaf in The Netherlands has been in touch with the Glebe Society, anxious for any news, (current or past, of a brother he hasn't seen for 40 years.

Dirk Hendrik de Graaf, born in 1943 in Amsterdam, migrated to Sydney in 1962 aboard the *Alm-dijk*. The last known address for 'Dick' was in 1980 at Edith Villa 226 Glebe Point Road Glebe, probably then functioning as a boarding house.

Ben writes: Maybe there are people who moved to the address on Glebe Point Road around 1982 and remember what happened to the previous owner, or know who owned the house and rented it out? Any information, even a little, is helpful. It would mean a great deal to me to find my brother again after so many years.

Ben's contact is awvijvers@gmail.com. Please cc lyncoll@optusnet.com.au (note numeral one).

Christmas party raffle

The Glebe Society thanks all the generous donors who supported our Christmas raffle, and congratulates the winner (see below).

Prize	Donor	Winner
Lord Mayor's New Year's Eve Party - 2 tickets	Lord Mayor, Cr Clover Moore MP	Di Gray
James Craig cruise	Sydney Heritage Fleet	Jan Peterson and Joe Hilger
Sydney Seafood School Courses	Sydney Fish Market	Sherrin Craig
Russell Hotel, The Rocks – accommodation	Anne Owens (Glebe Society member), Russell Hotel lessee	Alison and Ted McKeown
Dinner	Glebe Point Diner	Jenny and Peter Pockley
Drinks and food	Tim and Louise Smith, <i>Timbah</i>	Dorothy Hoddinot
Ham or turkey	Glenmore Meat Co.	Cheryl and Bryan Herden

One winner, Jan Peterson, emailed: *I was the very lucky winner of the day of sailing on the James Craig in the Christmas raffle. Last Saturday my daughter (Joe Hilger; my husband not being fit to sail) and I sailed down the Harbour and out of the heads on this wonderful ship. I cannot tell you how much we enjoyed the experience of sailing on a tall ship. It was a truly memorable and incredible day. Thankyou very much for the opportunity to have such a rare experience.*

Local kids create a wonderful wall mural in Mitchell Street



Young artist at work. Photo: Katharine Vernon wall mural

It seemed that for just a brief half-day during the first week of the school holidays the sun shone in Glebe. There was a sigh of relief, for the local kids had been looking forward to painting a wall mural in Mitchell Street that afternoon.

The kids had a great time and

took on the project with loads of enthusiasm. And the result is a fabulous bright new mural depicting Australian animals and flora on what was once a bare wall of a house bordering a small park. The neighbours have all given it the 'thumbs-up'. One resident in a nearby street exclaimed it was 'one of the most inspiring and creative' murals in Glebe. It's well worth a look and can be found in the park on the corner of Glebe and Mitchell Streets. The park looks brighter and is now being used more often by kids in the area.

Members of the Glebe Society's Community Development Committee got behind this project to support the local residents of the Glebe Community Action Group who first suggested the idea for the mural. The Glebe Society and The Glebe Youth Service worked together to bring this project to fruition with financial sponsorship by the Council of the City of Sydney.

Colour photos of this mural can be viewed in the email version of this month's *Glebe Society Bulletin*.

- Katharine Vernon



Clover Moore, the Lord Mayor of Sydney, visited the Blue Wren Group's display during the 21st birthday celebrations of Sydney Park at St Peters. From left to right: Jan Craney, Norma Hawkins, Jeanette Knox, the Lord Mayor, Mairéad Browne and Andrew Wood. Photo courtesy of Jamie Williams/City of Sydney.

Celebrations at Sydney Park

On Saturday 11 February 2012 the City of Sydney organised celebrations at Sydney Park to mark the Park's 21st birthday. The Society's Blue Wrens Group was one of two resident groups invited to take part, and Jan Craney cleverly organised collections of wren-friendly native plants which were given away as prizes in a guessing competition.

Unfortunately a sudden and severe rain storm arrived from the south, and soon after the photograph was taken the celebrations were abandoned and we quickly carried everything back to our cars.

- Andrew Wood



**David
Mander-
Jones**

David's grandchildren at the memorial service. Photo: Dom Beckett

The Record Reign Hall in St Johns Road was barely big enough for the 200 or so people who gathered on Thursday 16 February to remember David Mander-Jones, who died suddenly last year.

David's son Richard welcomed members of the family, former colleagues and friends, including many members of the Glebe Society.

The theme of the memorial was *Architecture, Community and Family*, but it was the love of David for his family, and theirs for him, that dominated the afternoon. A high point was when David and Fay's eldest grandchild Ella spoke, with the seven other grandchildren sitting

on the edge of the stage in support.

As well as family members Peter Mayoh, a long-time colleague, spoke, telling us about David's career in architecture, and his legacy in buildings and in enthusing others with his passion for detail. Bobbie Burke spoke warmly about David's effect on Glebe and the Glebe Society.

The Harold Park Hotel was an ideal place for the wake, with its sweeping view of the now cleared Trots site. What a challenge for a Glebe architect!

Farewell David. We all miss you.

- Edwina Doe

Memories of Helene Kirsova

I read with great interest the article in the November/December *Bulletin* on ballerina Helene Kirsova. When I was a very small child she was my teacher in a Chatswood class. She was assisted by the dancers Helen Black and Strelsa Heckelman and we were known as the 'Chatswood Babies'. The Babies were included in four items in a concert at the Conservatorium on 14 December 1943. There were also several illustrious items by her more senior dancers including Helen and Strelsa, as well as Helene Ffrance and Peggy Sager.

Madame used to sit on stage while Helen and Strelsa did the hard work in her classes, but often gave extra directions and demonstrations as required.

Alas, with petrol rationing during the war, the Chatswood classes were not ongoing, and my Mum didn't think I did enough practice to warrant taking me into the city each week. However later as a University student I took myself off to classes with Valrene Tweedie and really enjoyed ballet as a hobby for many years.

- Prue Page

Honour for Professor Kathryn North

Glebe resident Kathryn North, who is based at the Children's Hospital Westmead, was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) for 'service to medicine in the field of neuromuscular and neurogenetics research, paediatrics and child health'. Kathryn and her husband are the custodians of Margaretta Cottage in Leichhardt Street where each year musical events including Glebe Musical Festival performances are held, and where the Glebe Society held a special 40th anniversary concert in 2009. Many will know Kathryn from those occasions. Each time, their lounge furniture in the front room has to be packed up and replaced by chairs for the event! Kathryn says it is a small price to pay for the privilege of living in a wonderful, heritage house. Congratulations to Kathryn on the award.

- Dorothy Davis

Memorial for Bernard and Kate Smith

The Glebe Society has instituted a memorial for Bernard and Kate.

If you go to www.glebewalks.com.au/Late-Victorian-Streetscapes.html you will see that the Society's walk introducing highlights of the late Victorian streetscapes has been named for Bernard and Kate Smith.

This is a fitting and long-lasting tribute to two very significant contributors to ensuring the survival of the many fine buildings in our suburb.

- Mairéad Browne

Hearsay:

TGSI member 1: 'If we omitted mad people from the Society we would have no members'.
TGSI member 2: 'You are living proof of that statement'.

Glebe Society events

Last year's Christmas Party

A great deal of finger crossing and checking of weather forecasts, and possibly help from the nuns at St Scholastica's Convent preceded the Glebe Society annual Christmas Party which was held in the beautiful grounds of St Scholastica's on Friday 2 December.

Thankfully all incantations were successful. The rain held off, and though the evening was chilly a crowd of Glebe Society members and guests mingled to the gentle strains provided by our musicians, nibbled finger food and kept their throats lubricated to keep chatting. This was a really buzzy evening, with breaks only for the drawing by Jamie Parker, our local MP, of the successful raffle tickets, and for the announcement of the winner of the silent auction for the beautiful pearls. Cr Robert Kok deputised for the Lord Mayor, and we were delighted that he could spend time with us.

Help on the night was given by many people in setting up and putting away, and members of the Glebe Society Management Committee were especially busy. Our thanks to them all, especially Lydia Bushell, Alison McKeown, Phil Young, Dorothy Davis and Andrew Wood.

- Carole Herriman



Snapped at the party (left to right): Erica Robinson, Gai Mather and Margaret Sheppard.

Photo: Phil Young

From Glebe to the Antarctic- the Story of Mawson



Sunday 29 April, 5.30 – 7pm at Benledi: An illustrated talk by Grahame Budd, former Antarctic Medical Officer, about the explorer Sir Douglas Mawson. There will be a short introduction about Mawson's life in Glebe from a Glebe historian. This event coincides with the 100th anniversary of Sir Douglas Mawson's Australasian Antarctic Expedition and the establishment of the base at Commonwealth Bay.

Cost: \$10. Bookings by 23 April. There will be a flyer in the next *Bulletin* – or book on the website)

A Turkish Experience, Kapadokya Turkish Café

May (date to be confirmed), 7pm: an evening in the local Turkish restaurant 71 Glebe Point Road which specialises in home-cooking. Intimate surroundings, entertainment and other things Turkish!

Cost – \$40. Numbers limited to 35 – 40. Look out for details in a later *Bulletin*.

Preview of restored Glebe Town Hall

The Society is working with the City of Sydney to arrange a preview of the restored Glebe Town Hall. The event is likely to be some time in June.

Twilight wine- tasting at Glebe Rowing Club

On **Sunday 25 March, 4.30 – 6.30pm**, the last Sunday before the end of day-light saving, enjoy the twilight from the Glebe Rowing Club deck, with a glass or two (or three) of wine and delicious bar food from *Timbah*, the wine bar in Forsyth Street. There will be several wines from the Mediterranean to taste, with a brief explanation about each. Soft drinks also will be served. This is an occasion to meet members and friends in an informal setting with one of the most stunning views of our Bay and city.

Cost: \$38 per head. Bookings by 16 March. See the enclosed flyer.

Speaker named for April Glebe voices

Richard Spencer will be the speaker at Glebe Voices in April. His topic will be *Do we really care? Investing in our communities*.

Richard has 20 years' experience in working with communities at local and international level. In his most recent position as CEO of The Benevolent Society, Richard re-defined the purpose of the Society in creating caring and inclusive communities.

Richard will lead the Glebe Voices session by outlining his experience of supporting communities to become 'great' communities. The topic will then be open for discussion with a focus on what this might mean for Glebe as a whole and strategies for action towards creating a 'great' community.

The venue and timing of this talk will be announced in the next *Bulletin*.

News and Notes

Thirsty Thursdays

Members and friends are invited to meet in restaurants in and around Glebe, usually 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.

On **Thursday 1 March** we will go to *Tommy's Beer Café*, 123 Glebe Point Road.

On **Thursday 12 April** we will share an Indian meal at *Darbar*, 134 Glebe Point Road. Note that this is the second Thursday in April, because of Easter.

And on **Thursday 3 May** we will go to *Roxanne*, 39 Glebe Point Road.

Please email me or ring me on 9660 7066 by the Wednesday before the dinner to let me know if you are coming, or if you are likely to be late.

- Edwina Doe

Welcome to new members

The following people were accepted as members of the Glebe Society at recent Management Committee meetings:

Julie Bennett
Roslyn Jehne
Renate Watkinson

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

Players in the Pub

Just to keep our loyal audience in the loop - building work has now moved to the Toxteth Hotel's upper storey. I hope we can retain that pub as our permanent venue but have had to put the project on hold for now. As soon as we're up and running again I'll let everyone know.

- Lyn Collingwood

Adieu by not goodbye

After 15 years at the helm, Margaret Whittaker is retiring as the Team Leader of Glebe Library.

You are invited to a celebration on Friday 16 March from 6pm at the Toxteth Hotel, 345 Glebe Point Road, Glebe, in the Fireplace room, located on the ground floor on the right hand side of the pub, at the back.

Our Mobile Website

It seems that Glebians – or at least their phones – are smarter than you might think. We recently launched a version of our website designed for smartphones and found that, almost immediately, around 30% of visitors to the website were using the mobile version. Similar sites usually get about 15 to 20% of their visits from mobiles.



You can get the website on your smartphone either by typing glebesociety.org.au into your browser, or by using this QR code (left). The QR code is a 2D-barcode containing the address of our mobile site. If your mobile has a barcode reader, simply snap this barcode with the camera and launch the website.

New gallery in Glebe

GINKGO, a new art gallery at 166 St Johns Road Glebe, invites you to its opening show:

Models, Dolls and Mannikins: Photographs by Sally McInerney, 1 March to 31 March 2012.

Please join the artist for drinks on Friday 2 March 6pm – 8pm. We hope you to see you there!

- Tom and Gia Osment

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Wednesday 14 March, 7pm – Management Committee meeting, The Walter Burley Griffin Incinerator, Forsyth Street.

Sunday 25 March, 4.30-6.30pm – Twilight wine-tasting, Glebe Rowing Club, Ferry Road. See page 11.

Wednesday 11 April, 7pm – Management Committee meeting, The Walter Burley Griffin Incinerator, Forsyth Street.

Wednesday 19 April - Glebe Voices (time and venue to be advised). See page 11.

Thursday 12 April, 7pm – Thirsty Thursday – *Darbar*, 134 Glebe Point Road. See page 12.

Sunday 29 April, 5.30-7pm, Benledi – Illustrated talk on Douglas Mawson. See page 11.

Thursday 3 May, 7pm – Thirsty Thursday – *Roxanne*, 39 Glebe Point Road. See page 12.

Wednesday 9 May, 7pm – Management Committee meeting, The Walter Burley Griffin Incinerator, Forsyth Street.

Late May, 7pm – A Turkish Experience, *Kapadokya* Turkish Café, 71 Glebe Point Road. Date to be confirmed. See page 11.

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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, within the Guidelines published on our website. Write to the address above or email editor@glebesociety.org.au

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Bulletin deadline

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