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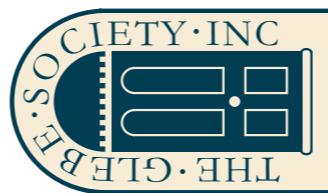
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Bays Precinct Task Force

Last ditch negotiations

The three rounds of community consultation on the Bays Precinct are over, the penultimate Task Force meeting was on 26 June and the second version of the draft Task Force Report has emerged¹. The Task Force is now focussed on the production of a report that all members are prepared to sign off on.

Jane Marceau and I face very intensive work over the next two weeks to ensure that the community perspective is fairly and strongly articulated in the final report which will go to the Minister on 30 July.

It has been a pretty robust and lively experience to date. The early meetings of the Task Force were very difficult. Agency positions were presented as immutable and unchallengeable. Jane Marceau issued a



A view corridor from Wentworth Park to Blackwattle Bay. Good planning in the Bays Precinct will help protect valuable features of the urban environment. Photo: Bruce Davis

public challenge to the agencies (and the Task Force process) at the first round of the consultations and received a great deal of community support for her insistence that the agencies try swapping monologue for some dialogue with the community.

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OAM for Neil Macindoe

Neil Macindoe has been awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia in the Queen's Birthday Honours. His citation reads:

For service to the community through the preservation of local heritage in the Glebe region, and to local government.

Neil has been a member of the Glebe Society since 1978 and has served as Planning

Convenor for over a decade. He served as President of the Glebe Society in the mid-1980s and was appointed an Honorary Life Member in 1991.

In 1990 (to 1999), Neil became a Councillor on Leichhardt Municipal Council and was involved in the acquisition of *Benledi* to become Glebe Library, the Heritage Listing of many properties in Glebe Point Road, the creation of Jubilee Place and restoration of University Hall, the restoration of the Walter Burley Griffin Incinerator

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Neil Macindoe on holiday in northern Europe. Photo: Jan Macindoe

What's coming soon

Friday 13 July, 6-8pm – Welcome to new members, Harold Park Hotel, Ross Street. See page 11.

Wednesday 25 July, 2.15pm – Glebe Voices, the Woolcock Building. See page 11.

Sunday 26 August, 11am – Glebe Society Annual General Meeting, *Benledi*.

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There was a great deal of community scepticism and anger following the first two community consultation processes - largely because they were experienced as too controlled. Thankfully, rather than walking away, this generated an increased level of community activity: drawing together arguments and information on community needs; researching current land and water uses and

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and the development of the Orphan School Creek Park.

Neil's work as the Glebe Society's Planning Convenor has pivoted upon his professionalism and a deep understanding of Glebe's social and architectural history which complements his pragmatic view of change. He acknowledges that change is inevitable but argues that such change in Glebe should coexist with its unique built environment; that its impact should be contributory or at least neutral but never detrimental. This approach has challenged and aided developers and architects to find acceptable solutions to working in a heritage environment.

Neil's role as Planning Convenor has demonstrated integrity, vigilance, timeliness and sustained application, attention to detail and clear-sighted application of good planning principles to a heritage environment.

Glebe has been largely untouched by the red-brick facades, aluminium windows, balustrades, arches and all the other accretions of 'low-level modernisation' which afflict surrounding suburbs. Neil's approach to the maintenance of Glebe's heritage and conservation values has ensured that our unique environment will continue as an exemplar of Sydney's early development.

In his spare time, Neil also served as Inaugural President of City U3A (University of the Third Age), 2009-2010.

Congratulations, Neil!

leasing arrangements; identifying new uses and, most importantly, revisiting the CRG planning principles needed to protect the Bays Precinct from further *ad hoc* and short sighted developments and to ensure that the public good is a key factor in deciding future uses.

As a result the process did improve.

The third round of community consultations adopted a more open approach and those 60 or so residents who attended asked questions directly and responded to the feedback from the first two rounds. The ongoing community input via Jane Marceau and direct letters, submissions and over 7000 visits to the Bays Precinct website, made it pretty clear that there is an informed and determined community network



Will the Hansons concrete batch plant move from Blackwattle Bay to Glebe Island? Photo: Bruce Davis

who will not go away any time soon.

The discussions in the Task Force now allow more serious consideration of the community perspective alongside that of the agencies. It has been important that the two councils and the community representative have compatible views and are collectively supportive of each other on the Taskforce. Outside the Task Force, both councils have been active in meeting with resident groups to canvass approaches. Clover Moore has met twice with representatives of active groups - including the Glebe Society - and attended

two of the consultation rounds.

Jane and I have also met on a number of occasions with representatives of residents groups to consolidate views and check our understandings of what various parts of the community are arguing. Most recently we met to test our proposed recommendations and this led to some robust discussion and useful refinements of recommendations.² We are now confident that we have a good grasp of community perspectives and a fair assessment of what principles and uses are most strongly - and reasonably - supported within the community.

The challenge of course is to get as many of our recommendations as possible endorsed by the Task

Force. This will involve acceptance of reasonable, competing needs and views of all stakeholders - and the very great constraints that apply because of pre-existing long term legal agreements made by the agencies which effectively lock up much of the Bays until the mid-21st century.

We have some hope that all players on the Task Force will accept some give and take, and that there can be agreement on a good proportion of our principles and recommended uses. But we expect the Task Force to disagree with many of the com-

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Planning Matters

It has been a busy month for consultations and workshops, so perhaps it is just as well it has been a quiet one for development applications. Nevertheless, there are big ones coming shortly. The Parklands Workshop, which will be reported in the next *Bulletin*, is a good preparation for focussing members and residents generally on Harold Park. Apparently there has been an additional traffic study that will be available with the report, which now will not be with us until July at the earliest. The Affordable Housing Project at the other end of Glebe is also delayed, at least partly because legal problems need to be sorted.

You have probably read about State Government schemes to stimulate the building industry, as well as developer schemes for Parramatta Road. The industry is certainly in the doldrums. This is not because of regulation or red tape, but because of the continuing effects of the financial crisis. You may also have noticed the results of the 2011 Census starting to emerge, including the move to townhouses and apartments. This is no surprise to us.

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community recommendations - and with what we consider constitutes reasonable and consultation and community participation in planning decisions about public resources.

We are currently considering how we will respond to this. We are reasonably confident that the Premiers and Cabinet/SHFA officers - who manage/support the Task Force - are genuine in their effort to incorporate into the report a fair and accurate account of the community views. Whether we will agree on the content of this is to be tested.

It is our expectation that the report will include alternative views and recommendations for those areas on

Townhouses, which are the modern equivalent of terraces, have been our most significant form since the 1880s, and together with apartments have formed almost all the additional housing in and around Glebe for the last century.

I have recently been writing the history of the Glebe Estate for our website, and it is worth noting that while infill terraces and townhouses formed a significant part of its rehabilitation in the 1970s and 1980s, the main population increase, the largest ever since the 1880s, resulted from extensions to existing dwellings.

We are also waiting for the Review of State Planning Legislation that we were promised we would have in May. In the meantime the Department of Planning has come up with this:

Draft Policy Statement - More Local and Accountable Plan Making

It will probably not surprise anyone used to dealing with this department that it is in fact a proposal to give developers the right to seek a review

which there is not agreement. These are likely to include: exclusive ports or shared community uses for Glebe Island; the demolition or re-use of Glebe Island Bridge; community access to the foreshore in White Bay; length of future leases and transparency of existing and future lease arrangements for publicly owned lands; processes by which any outcomes from the report can be incorporated in binding planning instruments (so something actually happens!!) and, of course, adequate transport infrastructure.

Then we will be in the hands of the Minister and the Government. To date it seems reasonable to assume that Minister Hazzard is serious in his commitment to hear and respond

of Plans generated by Councils. Nor did the fact that such a change should form part of the Review of Legislation give them a moment's pause. Nor that the proposal did not come to our attention until after the closing date for comment. Needless to say, the Society has objected to making changes while the review is under way, and also objected to giving yet another free kick to developers.

Warehouse, 137-141 Bridge Road, corner Talfourd Street

There has been a succession of small applications for this site as the use changes. However, the latest has been quite major, involving an extra storey including a residence. There is clearly an impact on neighbours and on the Conservation Area, and the Society has objected on the grounds of height, overlooking, bulk and density.

Development Control Plan 2012

The City has notified the approval of this DCP in the local press, making it clear it does not apply to Harold Park or the Affordable Housing Project.

- Neil Macindoe

to community views on the future of the Bays Precinct and that he may be willing to accept a view of the future beyond that urged by the operational agencies. We can only hope ...

- Lesley Lynch Alternate Community Representative, Bays Precinct Task Force

1. As is usual in such contexts, the draft Task Force Report is designated confidential so the community will not see the report until it is released by the Minister.

2. The community representative recommendations are still being amended. The current version is on the Glebe Society website, but it may not be the final versions that go into the report.

Foreshore Walk or a mad scramble along Pyrmont Bridge Road?

The Sydney Morning Herald on 7 June 2012 published an article by Elizabeth Farrelly (page 15) about Sydney's developers and the State Government's planning system.

An extract from the article and the text of the letter to the editor that it elicited from the Society's Bays and Foreshores convenor, Bruce Davis, are reproduced below.

... The sale of the Tigers' site to Rozelle Village ... was packaged by Benny Elias, board member of both the Tigers and Rozelle Village (from which he resigned before the sale).

The project manager is Kym Lennox, a former RTA bureaucrat who has worked for the Obeid family.



Pyrmont Bridge Road footpath on a quiet Saturday morning. Will it be the foreshore walk in this section of the Bays Precinct? Photo: Bruce Davis

Lennox is also project managing the function centre application for the concrete batching sites at Blackwattle Bay in Ultimo. Ben Elias's brother Joe - sole director of All Occasion Cruises (known for their raunchy strip shows) - is the named proponent, but Ben was reportedly involved in the early stages, along with Eddie Obeid's son Eddie Jr.

The lease was controversially won in 2009, when Joe Tripodi was the Minister for Waterways and Sydney Maritime had an acting chairman

for a month. The Elias bid, for an 18-berth marina, was higher than its competitors, but partly because it included a non-conforming function centre.

For three years the site has been used for commercial boating as the 2002 masterplan intended. Now, the function centre has reared again, contradicting the plan by blocking views from Wentworth Park and inhibiting public access to the waterfront ...

Letter to the Editor, Sydney Morning Herald, 9 June 2012

It is ironic that the current Government has, perhaps inadvertently, contributed to the development proposed for Blackwattle Bay that

could compromise a significant section of the Sydney Harbour Foreshore Walk.

It has always been understood that the Foreshore Walk would be part of any future development of the Blackwattle Bay wharves and this was

included in the master plan for the area ('Developers show their stripes all over town' (SMH 7 June).

Unfortunately, in September last year, the current Government introduced a State Environmental Planning Policy that exempted the 'Bays Precinct', of which Blackwattle Bay is a part, from previous Development Control Plans.

In April this year the Director-General of Planning issued 'requirements' for the development of the site which presumably override the previous master plan. While they

Quieter cables?

It is fifteen years since the Anzac Bridge opened to traffic and the bridge is now undergoing its first major program of maintenance ...

... Ever since it opened, the giant cables that support the deck of the Anzac Bridge have vibrated in heavy weather despite repeated attempts to stop them. Now, in what is said to be a world first, a small German-made robot has been adapted to make the cables more aerodynamic in storms, especially when the cables can sway upwards of 300 mm and potentially cause fatigue at their anchor points. Each morning the robot climbs one of the cables, lights a little gas burner and while descending welds a high density polyethylene rib around the cable casing to make them like new wind-cheating cables used on the latest cable-stayed bridges. If it works, the cables should be good for another 35 years and the bridge should easily last into the next century.

From Sydney Morning Herald June 23-23, page 11

To see an animation of the natty process they will be using on the cables, go to http://www.rta.nsw.gov.au/roadprojects/projects/sydney_region/southern_sydney/anzac_bridge/index.html

may rein in some of the developer's more ambitious plans, the new rules call into question the continued development of the Foreshore Walk, as the developer is merely required to 'Provide an ... opportunity to connect [the site] to the Harbour Foreshore walk'.

Thus it seems that our hoped-for pleasant stroll across the head of Blackwattle Bay is likely to be reduced to a mad scramble along the footpath that clings to the edge of the heavily trafficked Pyrmont Bridge Road.

Bruce Davis, Glebe

Setting Glebe alight

Imagine Glebe in the year 1860, with a population of about 3000 people, no town water (still two years away), its school only recently established and the building of *Bidura* (357 Glebe Point Road) just completed ...

At this point, gas lighting came to Glebe. Within seven years, virtually all street lighting was gas. Imagine also, as Max Solling tells it 'The familiar figure of Glebe's Jamaican lamplighter, Mr Lewis, using a long pole to switch on the gas in the evening and extinguish the flame at dawn...' ¹

In the domestic setting, gas lighting supplanted candles and kerosene lamps. Many Glebe houses may have gas light brackets (or remnant bases or mounting blocks) still *in situ* in entrance halls, dining rooms and/or drawing rooms. With only a little flight of fancy, these could conjure up an era when, as Ian Evans says, 'the gentle hiss of burning gas provided a soft background accompaniment to family life...' ²

Gas, however, offered some of the same disadvantages as the candles and kerosene lamps it replaced. Heat and the risk of fire were obvious; one shudders at the thought of the air quality. Gas also discoloured ceilings and increased the rate of decay of fabrics, paint and wallpaper.

But gas lighting (provided by the Australian Gaslight Co) had a relatively brief supremacy before it was

From the terraces

itself slowly replaced by electricity provided by Sydney Council. ³ Street lamps using electricity were installed in Glebe in 1911. Evans states that many Australian houses continued to be lit by gas until well into the 1920s and 1930s, as electric light was 'prohibitively expensive'

Embodied energy: old buildings are green

The Historic Houses Trust (HHT) reports that the Scottish Government

agency Historic Scotland set out to test the widespread perception that old buildings are 'carbon villains'.

The agency 'took a modest terrace house in poor condition and looked at the amount of carbon emitted under three different scenarios: doing nothing, retrofitting the building with more energy-

efficient features such as insulation, and demolishing it and replacing it with a new energy-efficient house. As expected, the worst option was to do nothing; heating a leaky old building was inefficient. Refitting the building would result in 8 Mega-Joules (MJ) of carbon emissions, but this would be saved over 20 to 30 years by its improved efficiency. Demolishing the old building and replacing it would result in 80 MJ of carbon emissions, and it would take nearly a century to catch up with the advantage of retrofitting. Investing in energy-efficient new homes was shown to be a very inefficient (and expensive) way of saving carbon.' ⁴

HHT Director Kate Clark writes

that 'many a new building replaces an existing building, the discarded materials of which contribute to the solid construction waste that represents 30-40% of the one tonne of waste per person per year that Australia produces. The older building may not have been air conditioned, may have had smaller windows, perhaps deep verandahs and almost certainly a larger ratio of garden to building footprint. Taking this into account alongside the energy used to build and air condition the new building, it is hard to see how even the most energy-efficient new house or appliance will go anywhere towards offsetting the carbon used to create it.'

- Liz Simpson-Booker

Endnotes:

1. Max Solling, *Grandeur and Grit: a history of Glebe*, Halstead Press, 2007, p 90.
2. Ian Evans, *The Federation House: a restoration guide*, Flannel Flower Press, 1999, p 97.
3. Sydney Council's Electricity Department eventually became Sydney County Council and finally the NSW Electricity Commission.
4. Insites, Historic Houses Trust, Winter 2012, p 8.

Are you hi-tech?

A Communications working group is being set up to deal with future overall strategy including the *Bulletin*, website and communication more generally.

Members so far include Edwina Doe, Bill Simpson-Young, Jan Macindoe, Phil Young, Bruce Davis and Carole Herriman, but we would welcome a younger member with some appropriate technological expertise.

I am convening the group to get business under way, so please contact me at editor@glebesociety.org.au if you would like to join it.

- Edwina Doe

Support for St Helen's community garden

There has been a very enthusiastic response to the proposal to establish a community garden in the space between St Helen's Community Centre and *Benledi*. A leaflet introducing the proposal was distributed to about 1000 households in a radius of just over 300m around the site, and over 20 people contacted us with interest, with most able to attend the initial meeting on Sunday 27 May.

Several meetings of the group have been held since then, and the enthusiasm of the members has been amazing to those of us who tentatively suggested the idea. We are aiming to submit an application to Council for funding through a Matching Grant, with the deadline for submission on 4 July. Small groups of members are working on a Plan of Management, costing the construction and establishment of the garden, and garden design. We are aiming to build and plant the garden in Spring.

Our vision for the St Helen's Community Garden has been developed as a collaborative effort, and envisages a shared garden where participants work together, and share both the gardening and the harvest. Together we grow vegetables and herbs, using organic gardening methods. We aim to minimise our impact on the environment by using tank water, reusing and recycling organic material by composting and worm farming, and using mulch and recycled materials.

It is central to our vision for the garden that this is a welcoming place, open to any community members who share our ideals. We learn together how to grow food, and see ourselves as part of an expanding network of community gardeners contributing to the local production of food and promoting interaction between local residents.

For more information, contact me at macindoe@bigpond.net.au

- Jan Macindoe

The Glebe Society is on Facebook

The Glebe Society now has a Facebook page. This page will be used to promote Glebe Society events and calls-to-action to the wide community of Facebook users. This is not an alternative to the Glebe Society web site; information on the Facebook page will refer back to more detailed information on the main website.

If you use Facebook, visit <http://facebook.com/TheGlebeSociety>. Please feel free to 'like' Glebe Society postings on the site or 'join' events – doing this will promote the postings and events to your Facebook 'friends'. You can also 'invite friends' to events which will allow you to choose to notify selected Facebook friends of the event.

We hope that by promoting events and calls-to-action through Facebook, we will broaden the involvement of Glebe residents and others in the activities of the society.

If you want to discuss the Glebe Society's Facebook page, email me at bsimyo@gmail.com. Feedback is welcome.

- Bill Simpson-Young

Do you live in a flood prone area?

The City of Sydney Floodplain Risk Management Committee met on June 6. It heard the draft reports from WMAwater consulting engineers on Johnston's creek catchment area and Blackwattle bay catchment area. There have been various surveys of house levels in known flood-prone areas that are included in the drafts. It is still possible for committee members to make suggestions for changes. The detail is not yet publicly available but the reports will be on display for public

comment in the near future. However, if people who know they live in flood prone areas are not aware of a survey of their area and want to draw the Council's attention to the area and houses in it they should either approach Myl Senthilvasan, the city's engineer, direct or one of the Glebe community representatives on the committee – Sybil Jack Ungar, Anton Crouch, Peter Geelan-Small or Megan Petrass. A useful work now on the web that gives some idea of where flooding might occur and what changes have taken place since European settlement is *Statement of Heritage Impact: Johnston's Stormwater Canal: Shared Pathway Project* by Tony Stening February 2011.

- Sybil Jack Ungar

Old shoes and dead cats

If you are renovating one of Glebe's older houses, look out for evidence of 'folk magic', hidden under the floorboards or up the chimney.

Dr Ian Evans, a former Glebe resident and Glebe Society member, gave a talk at the Museum of Sydney on Sunday 24 June about the little known practice of hiding old shoes, clothing and even dead cats (recently deceased, Ian assured us) in secret places to ward off evil spiritual beings. The practice is known to have existed in the UK since the 15th century. It came to Australia as part of the cultural baggage of convicts and settlers and survived until about 1935.

Relics have now been found in about 200 houses and other buildings in Australia, including a house in Glebe. Judging by some of the comments in the Q&A session after Ian's talk, people have already thrown away possible folk magic objects found during renovations without realising their significance.

- Edwina Doe

Who lived in your street?

Lyn Collingwood spent hours deciphering some scrawled, badly spelt letters sent from Australia to England in the 1850s-70s. The light they shed on one of Glebe's most eccentric families was worth the effort.

Jane Ann Suggate (1847-1910)

Jane Suggate lived her adult life in a street but her childhood was spent, like David Copperfield's Peggottys, aboard a house built on top of a boat. Saving the cost of construction materials and possibly in an effort to avoid paying land rates, her ferryman father had converted an iron steamer into his own 'Noah's Ark' on the water's edge at Glebe Point. The *Rapid*, Sydney's first double-ender ferry, was brought out in parts from England in 1837 and used on the Sydney to Parramatta run until it ran aground in Johnston's Bay. In the early days of the colony river transport was safer than risking ambush by bushrangers on the roads.

The third child of Jane and William Suggate, Jane, was born on 5 November 1847 at Glebe. By 1877 she was living in Campbell Street near its intersection with Norton Street. Here she conducted the Ebenezer night school for fee-paying 'working boys and girls'. Although she tried to sell the school in 1878, she took her pupils to the Sydney International Exhibition at the Garden Palace two years later and appears to have persevered with the enterprise into the 1890s. By 1895 she had left 68 Campbell Street and was trying a new way to make some money.

In Glebe Police Court in 1898 Jane Suggate was convicted of the neglect of four children she had taken into care: Frank and Harry Woods who had lived with her for five years, seven-year-old Mary Kelly and Sydney Roy Cramp, a baby. Also in the household at 110 Mitchell Street was another child, Arthur Croft. The premises were



The Suggate family's 'Noah's Ark', sketched in the 1860s.

judged filthy and the children ill-clothed and undernourished, relying on neighbours for food. At the time of Jane's death at 97 Mitchell Street, her given occupation was 'seamstress'. No death notice was published.

Politically, Jane supported John Meeks, MLA for Glebe 1885-7 and a Glebe and City alderman. Meeks was a Methodist, a freetrader and a Freemason. One of her nephews, William Thomas Suggate, became Grand Secretary of the National Independent Order of Oddfellows and on retirement was presented with a cheque and gold watch, and a set of cutlery for his wife.

Jane's parents William Jackman Suggate (ca 1818-82) and Jane née Goodchild (1819-77) sailed cabin class from London aboard the *Clara* which docked in Sydney in November 1843. Fellow cabin passengers were William's sister Jane Smith and her husband. In steerage was William's brother-in-law James Goodchild who was admitted in 1845 to the Parramatta Lunatic Asylum where he died 28 years later. The Goodchilds were from West Smithfield, London; the Suggates from Beccles, Suffolk. William's younger brother Edward Pellew

Suggate (assistant superintendent Military Store Department) in 1853 lent their sister Sarah and her husband Robert Balls their £10 passage money to Australia. After Sarah's death in 1859 her widower soon remarried and set up a tailor's shop in Park Street in the city.

Jane's paternal grandfather was Henry Ezra Suggate (ca 1780-1858), a surgeon who had joined the Royal Navy in 1800 and who died at Greenwich, the burial place also of his widow Matilda (ca 1793-1860). The Australian Suggates made much of their English naval heritage.

Jane's oldest sibling, William George (1844-1923), was baptised in the Pitt Street Congregational Chapel but the family had moved to Glebe by the time Henry Ezra was baptised in February 1847. The *Rapid* by now may have been in use as a dwelling: 18-month-old Henry died in January 1848 after falling onto rocks from its deck (the inquest was held at the *White Hart Inn* on Parramatta Road). At Glebe Point the Suggates raised goats and their surviving children: William, Jane, Edward Pellew (ca 1850-83), Matilda Eliza (died 1929), Elizabeth Sarah (died 1938), Randle/Randall Charles (1856-1924) and Mary Mille (1860-95). Their 'ark' was eventually removed by Council so that the sea wall could be completed. In August 1883 Edward, who had set up a separate household at the end of Glebe Road, was pulled unconscious from the Johnston's Bay shallows by St Johns Road Wesleyan lay preacher George

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Wells, leaving a widow (Mary née Holmes) and a four-year-old son, Edward Charles. In the 1880s a waterman Richard Suggate, his closest neighbour being George Wells in Bayview, was living between the steam ferry jetty and Whatley's Wharf, and at the time of the 1901 census there was still a Suggate (W J) whose home was a boatshed at the end of Glebe Point Road. (This was probably the William Suggate who in 1902 fell 12 feet off a Balmain roof he was repairing.)

William Jackman, who gave his occupation as 'waterman' or 'boatman', participated regularly in Anniversary harbour regattas on the round trip race from Sydney Cove to Lavender Bay around Pinchgut and Shark Island. In 1854 his under-13-footer *Ariel* was unplaced, as was his gig *Daisy* ('a long unwieldy boat quite unfit for the contest') in 1865. William rowed passengers from Glebe Point across the shark-infested bay to Balmain and brought back offal from the Glebe Island abattoirs to sell to Glebe residents. In 1859, after admitting his son sometimes used his boat, he was cautioned for allowing 15-year-old William junior to ply for hire on Johnston's Bay without a licence. In another brush with the law 13-year-old Randle was sentenced in 1869 to three days' gaol or a fine of 1/6d, the value of a bullock's tongue stolen from Balmain butcher Peter Hancock.

Methodists, the Suggates attached themselves to the owners of Toxteth Park. The Toxteth Park Chapel was the venue for the baptisms of Henry and Jane (by William Binnington Boyce after whom Boyce Street is named) and of Randle in 1856, and the marriage of Matilda in 1885. When William Jackman inherited his father's gold watch he sought the advice of George Allen on how it should be safely transported from England (in a small box and via P&O, Allen advised).

William occasionally corresponded with relatives back in England,

usually when a death had occurred and there was the likelihood of an inheritance. According to him, his wife on her 52nd birthday was 'short, stout, in good health' and life at Glebe Point was good: 'my dear girl and myself are very happy, with our dear ones'. However, William's sister Jane Smith, who lived in Maitland, painted a different picture in her letters home. She pitied her sister-in-law who 'flies to the drink when in trouble and whose inheritance was 'squandered' away by her husband, a drunkard 'so violent a terror to his family'. In 1874 Jane Smith stayed at Glebe Point and penned her observations. Willie, a 'nice genteel young man', had married and moved to Camperdown; Jane was 'a very nice godly girl' and Matilda 'in service'. But both Edward (he 'dare not show his face') and Randle ('a good scholar') had been 'driven from home' by their father. Whether the pious teetotal George Allen knew of the drinking habits of the local boatman is a matter for conjecture.

- Lyn Collingwood

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Member alert!

Nominations for the Management Committee 2012/2013 opening now!

Each year in the lead up to the AGM, there is a call to members to nominate for membership of the Management Committee. The positions open for election are: President; Vice-President; Treasurer; and Secretary as well five other member positions.

Nominations will close seven days before the AGM to be held on Sunday 26 August. Please get in touch to discuss your interest in joining the Management Committee and to learn more about what is involved.

Contact me President@Glebesociety.org.au or Vicky Marquis Secretary@Glebesociety.org.au. We will be happy to provide information on the Management Committee and on our very active subcommittees that are open to any member to join.

- Mairéad Browne
President

Australian heritage strategy

The Glebe Society has responded to the Federal Government's call for proposals about an Australian Heritage Strategy with a submission that argues for an expanded role for community. It used the Glebe Society as a case of what could be done and shows how this might be arranged.

The fundamental basis of our case was that, 'The Australian Heritage Strategy must ... recognise community and heritage as intertwined; declining heritage diminishes community; engaging community enhances heritage.' Thus we pointed to Glebe Walks as an example of a community working at grassroots level 'to infect the residents and visitors' with heritage.

You can read the full text of our submission on the Society's website.

- John Gray

Elsie Walk named

A tiny, nameless laneway in Glebe has been officially christened Elsie Walk in a tribute to Australia's first women's refuge for victims of domestic violence.

On Monday 28 May Lord Mayor Clover Moore, watched by a mixed crowd of Glebe residents, unveiled new signs in the laneway as a lasting reminder of the refuge, its place in history and its ongoing legacy.

The laneway, beside Glebe Public School, is near Westmoreland Street where a group of feminist activists squatted at a housing commission property.

Writer, journalist and author Anne Summers was one of the women instrumental in setting up the refuge in 1974.

'We were highly motivated to do something about domestic violence so we moved into two cottages in Glebe and claimed squatters' rights', she said.

The Elsie Refuge for Women and Children has since moved to another location in Glebe. Assistant manager Hazell Cowen said since Elsie



Clover Moore (left) and Anne Summers. Photo: Phil Young

opened it had helped thousands of women and children escape domestic violence.

The Glebe Community Action Group came up with the laneway's name. Long-term residents of a nearby housing estate wanted to acknowledge important events in the area's history.

See 'The story behind Elsie Walk' on page 9 of Bulletin 3/2012.

Remembering David Mander-Jones

Some thirty-five people gathered in Paddy Gray Reserve on Saturday morning, 23 June to celebrate the planting of an angophora in memory of David Mander-Jones, one time convenor of the Blue Wrens group of the Glebe Society and the major mover behind the production of



David's daughter Zoe reads from Michael Leunig; the newly planted angophora stands behind. Photo: Bruce Davis

Superb Fairy-Wren Habitat in Glebe & Forest Lodge by consultant Sue Stevens, presented to the City of Sydney Council in 2008.

President Mairéad Browne spoke about David, his work for improving habitat for small birds in the area and his broader contribution to our community. Following this, Pat Houlcroft, from Sydney Council, spoke about his own work, recalling some of his early visits to Glebe as an apprentice, which included the collecting of manure from stables that were still active at the time. He also talked about the features of the tree that was being planted

Finally David and Fay's daughter Zoe shared memories of her father, of his love for the natural world and read an extract from the family's favourite writer, Michael Leunig,

regarding the nature of a tree, from root to top branch. Family and friends then completed filling in the hole in which David's tree was sitting before adjourning to Jan Craney's home for tea, coffee and refreshments. Chat continued there for a long time with everyone enjoying the bright winter sunshine in her courtyard.

All in all it was a lovely relaxed occasion, which we feel David would have appreciated very much.

- Jeanette Knox

Help needed

I am on the Glebe Youth Service Management Committee and we'd really like to have some new people to help us move the service along as we've been going through a strategic planning process.

It would be fantastic to have some local community people and it is a good opportunity for Glebe Society members to be more involved with the community.

Please contact me at rosalindh@alpha.net.au, 9660 7056 or 0400 112 610 if you would like more information.

- Rosalind Hecker

Glebe youth environmental action

In *Bulletin* 3/2012 there was a report on an event at Sappho Books, Café and Wine Bar in Glebe organised by local members of the Australian Youth Climate Coalition (AYCC). The event raised funds for helping the café reduce their carbon emissions with a small portion going to AYCC for continuing their campaign. There is now a video showing highlights of the evening and interviews explaining the AYCC Repower campaign. See it at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jSb-6gYKF1A>

- Alice Simpson-Young

NAIDOC Week in Glebe

NAIDOC Week, 1-8 July, celebrates the National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee, which grew from the first Aboriginal political groups of the 1920s.

The theme for NAIDOC 2012 was selected by the National NAIDOC Committee to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Aboriginal Tent Embassy and to acknowledge the key contributors to its long history. A Glebe NAIDOC Committee, made up of many Glebe groups and individuals (including the Glebe Society) is inviting the community to honour Aboriginal culture.

NAIDOC Trivia Night

The Glebe NAIDOC Trivia Night fundraiser was held this year on Friday 1 June at the Harold Park Hotel. Feedback from the night indicates that fun was had by all. In terms of fundraising it was the most successful NAIDOC Trivia night yet, raising a little over \$3 000! This money will be used to put on events, which all of the community are invited to, that celebrate and show support for the Indigenous community in Glebe during NAIDOC week, 1-8 July.

We would like to congratulate this year's winner, the Glebe Youth Centre. Team Captain Keiran Kevans looked particularly proud on the night and said he 'was delighted to take part in what is becoming an iconic Glebe event and is for such a good cause'. *

The Centipede 'Tent Embassy' installation artwork which will travel to all NAIDOC Week events in Glebe and then down to the real Tent Embassy in Canberra, kicked off its tour that night too. Well done to all the kids involved, everyone was very impressed!

Also a big thank you to renowned local artist Aunty Kathy Farrowell for the donation of two of her paintings *Lost* and *Remember* which were auctioned on the night.

The NAIDOC committee would like to extend an invitation to the whole of the community to the various events happening in Glebe during NAIDOC week.

- Kate Brennan

* The Glebe Society table with 12 people did quite well. We didn't come last.

NAIDOC Week Events in Glebe

Sunday 1 July, 11am-5pm - Family Day at Tranby Tranby Aboriginal College at 13 Mansfield Street, will have didge, arts, face painting, hip hop workshop and much more, including a live performance by the wonderful Stiff Gins.

Sunday 1 July - Glebe Aboriginal History Ride visiting sites in Glebe of significance to Indigenous people - bus departing from Tranby at 12 and 2pm - book a place!

Tuesday 3 July, starting at 6.30pm - screening of the film *Ningla A-NA* (Hungry for our Land) and conversation with Paul Coe and Aunty Norma Ingram at the Koori Centre, Sydney University. Bookings are necessary for this free event - email (naidocinglebe@yahoo.com).

Wednesday 4 July - Open Day at Tranby College - for details phone the College on 9660 3444.

Thursday 5 July - Tranby is hosting an informal lunch honouring local Elders from both the Aboriginal and white Glebe communities.

Saturday 7 July, 6.30-10.30pm - to finish off the week the Glebe Youth Service, 84 Glebe Point Road, is organising a Corroboree Night featuring traditional dance to disco, bush tucker to biscuits, and dreamtime stories to contemporary politics. Come and join in!

Throughout the week - A Tent Embassy Art Installation, made by the



kids at Centipede after school group, will move from place to place in Glebe.

For questions and bookings, contact the Glebe Committee Convener Kate Brennan (kate-brennan11@det.nsw.

edu.au, phone: 9566 1285) or for more details check the full brochure on the Glebe Society website [www.glebesociety.org.au/NAIDOC Week](http://www.glebesociety.org.au/NAIDOC%20Week) events in Glebe 1st to 7th July.

Black Screen - Our Generation

Told through the eyes of the Yolngu, *Our Generation* is an unforgettable journey deep into the heart of remote Aboriginal Australia, where the pride of an ancient culture is entrapped by third world conditions and ongoing violation of human rights. Carrying the flame of resistance and justice for Australia's First Peoples, *Our Generation* is a fresh and contemporary look at issues that remain unresolved. It is a rallying call for understanding and action, so that Australia can finally proceed with dignity and respect for its Indigenous people.

A NAIDOC Week event, supported by City of Sydney.

Wednesday 4 July, 5.30-7pm, Glebe Library. Free, but book online <http://www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/library> or call 9298 3060.

Glebe Society events

A fun night to welcome new members

Enjoy drinks and light food and some fun entertainment in a pub atmosphere on Black Friday! Glebe Society member and 'soap opera' stalwart Lyn Collingwood, *Home and Away* cast member for the past 25 years, will put on a short 'party piece' based on her character as the local gossip!

Meet our new members and catch up with old friends!

Book now!

Friday 13 July, 6-8 pm.

Harold Park Hotel, cnr Wigram and Ross Streets, Glebe.

Cost: \$20. (Free for new members joining since mid-July 2011).

Bookings by 6 July (see flyer).

Note: Unfortunately Deborah Cameron is not able to be the speaker at this event, as previously advised.

- Dorothy Davis

23rd annual Glebe Music Festival

This year's Annual Glebe Music Festival will take place from 9 to 25 November.

Highlights will be the astonishingly talented young Bulgarian pianist Evgeny Genchev (<http://evgeny-genchev.com/>) now completing his studies at the Royal Academy of Music in London and the return of Josie and the Emerald City Viols under the directorship of Brooke Green. Evgeny will perform with the cellist Sam Lucas at Margaretta Cottage on Saturday afternoon 10 November at 3pm followed by a

Belly dancing at Kapadokya



Ted McKeown was the only male diner brave enough to accept Duygu's invitation to take to the dance floor. Photo: Sybil Jack Ungar

Everyone who was there can recommend an evening at Kapadokya, the small Turkish restaurant at 71 Glebe Point Road. The walls were covered with brightly coloured fabrics and plates, the service was good and the food delicious. Three of our group, Prue Page, Margaret Sheppard and Ted McKeown, showed off their belly-dancing skills but failed to match Duygu, the multi-talented waitress.

- Edwina Doe

solo recital at the same venue that evening at 8pm. The Emerald City Viols concert can be heard at St Scholastica's on Sunday afternoon 18 November at 3pm.

See www.glebemusicfestival.com for more details.

- David McIntosh
Musical director

Glebe Voices

Breathing - it's not optional

For our next Glebe Voices, we have been invited to the Woolcock Institute for Medical Research where current researchers will talk about the work they and their teams are undertaking in diseases of the lungs and airways.

After an introduction to the work of the Institute by the new Director Professor Carol Armour we will hear from Professor Judy Black AO and Associate Professor Euan Tovey. The discussions will range from biology underlying chronic diseases to the role played by allergens and viruses. Questions will be welcome.

This presentation will be on Wednesday July 25. Meet in the lobby of the Woolcock Building,

341 Glebe Point Road (cnr. Leichhardt Street) at 2.15pm for a 2.30pm start.

Following the discussion, coffee, tea and biscuits will be provided by the Institute.

- Carole Herriman

More events to look forward to

Frank Hurley talk

Sunday 16 September 5.30-7.30pm, venue to be advised.

As a part of History Week, Robert Dixon, Professor of Australian Literature at the University of Sydney, who has recently published a book about Hurley's shows, will provide his own 'synchronised lecture entertainment' in Glebe, the suburb where Hurley was born in 1885.

Mawson and the Antarctic

Sunday 21 October, 5.30 - 7.30 pm, at Benledi - a second audio/visual presentation by Dr Grahame Budd

Cockatoo Island tour

for a Glebe Society group - provisional dates: **Sunday 28 October or Sunday 4 November**. Details to be advised.

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 5 July** we will go to *Fountain 77* at 77 Glebe Point Road.

On **Thursday 2 August** we will go to *Lien* Vietnamese Malaysian Restaurant, 331 Glebe Point Road.

And on **Thursday 6 September** we will go to the re-opened *Mixing Pot*, 178 St Johns 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 the June Management Committee meeting:

- Alister Barrett
- Rhondda McMurray
- Frank Navin
- Jamie Parker MP

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

Membership renewals now due

Members will have received a membership renewal form in the mail recently. Payments can be made in a variety of ways and should be made by the end of July.

An increasing number of members are now paying electronically, either by direct credit to our bank account or by using PayPal. You can find out about the different options by browsing to the Society's website and clicking on Membership > Membership renewal.

Glebe Art Show 2012

This year's Glebe Art Show will be held between Friday 7 and Sunday 16 September at *Benledi*, next door to the Glebe Library. Entries should be delivered to reception at *Benledi* on Monday 3 September. Unsold works should be collected on Monday 17 September. Prize winners will be announced on opening night, Friday 7 September, 6-8pm.

Players in the Pub

As the Sydney Comedy Festival is now booked for Tuesday nights at the Harold Park, for the foreseeable future our moved readings will be staged on a Wednesday or Thursday evening. Next up is a double bill of one-act domestic comedies by two forgotten masters of English theatre: *The Dumb and the Blind* (1911) by Harold Chapin and *The Dear Departed* (1908) by Stanley Houghton. Directed by Lyn Collingwood.

7pm Thursday, 19 July upstairs at the Harold Park Hotel 70A Ross Street Glebe. Free admission.

Mine host Will Ryan is opening the kitchen for orders from 5.30 pm. The menu includes snacks and light meals (\$12-\$15) and chargrilled beef, lamb or chicken (\$17-\$20). There is a bus stop on Wigram Road for routes 433 and 370, and up the hill at the Ross Street shops for route 470.

A theatrical tribute to Peter Finch is planned for **Wednesday, 22 August**.

Gleebooks, 49 Glebe Point Road

If the Glebe Society doesn't keep you sufficiently busy, there are nine varied events at Gleebooks in July. That's far too many to list here, so Google 'Gleebooks' for details.

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For your diary ...

Sunday 1 - Saturday 7 July – NAIDOC Week. See page 8 for Glebe events.

Thursday 5 July, 7pm – Thirsty Thursday, *Fountain 77*, 77 Glebe Point Road. See page 12.

Wednesday 11 July, 7pm – Management Committee meeting, The Old Fire Station, 115 Mitchell Street.

Friday 13 July, 6-8pm – Welcome to New Members evening, Harold Park Hotel, Ross Street. See page 11.

Wednesday 25 July, 2.15pm – Glebe Voices, the Woolcock Building, 341 Glebe Point Road. See page 11.

Thursday 2 August, 7pm – Thirsty Thursday, *Lien*, 331 Glebe Point Road. See page 12.

Sunday 26 August, 11am – Glebe Society Annual General Meeting, *Benledi*.

Thursday 6 September, 7pm – Thirsty Thursday, *The Mixing Pot*, 178 St Johns Road. See page 12.

Friday 7 September, 6-8pm – Glebe Art Show opening, *Benledi*. Show open 7-16 September.

Wednesday 12 September, 7pm – Management Committee meeting, The Old Fire Station, 115 Mitchell Street.

Sunday 16 September, 5.30pm – Frank Hurley talk. Venue to be advised.

9 – 25 November – the 23rd Annual Glebe Music Festival

Sunday 18 November, Glebe Street Fair

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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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