



Mystery Surrounds Empty Building

by Allan Hogan, Glebe Society President

For more than a year the Glebe Society has been inquiring about the deserted building at 274 Glebe Point Rd. Originally built as a motel in the 1960s, it was purchased by the Wesley Mission in 1974, and adapted for use as an aged care facility housing 70 residents. It was named the R J Williams Lodge.

In February 2010, an 84 year old male resident fell over a balcony and died. A City Council inspection found that the balcony handrails were in poor condition and a potential danger to residents and the public. The Council ordered the removal and replacement of the unsafe handrails. At that time a spokesman for the Wesley Mission, Mr Graeme Cole, said fixing the Lodge would cost 'many hundreds of thousands of dollars which could not be justified on such an old building'.

In April 2010 the Wesley Mission announced that it intended to close the facility. The Mission said 'an in-principle decision has been made to demolish the building and replace it with a modern new centre providing similar services'. The press release added that 'Wesley is committed to providing services for people in need, and we want to continue working in Glebe for many decades to come'.

It was four years later, in December 2014, that the Mission lodged a development application for the Lodge to be used for affordable housing. Contrary to Wesley's statement in 2010, the DA did not propose the demolition of the existing building but rather, extensive modifications including glassed-in balconies, a rooftop terrace, and a café. The existing parking spaces under the building were to be used as storage units.

The Glebe Society held a public meeting in January 2015 attended by members and residents close to the Lodge. Following that meeting the Society's submission to Council expressed its 'disappointment that this building, designated by Council as one of the three most detracting in Glebe Point Rd, is to remain, because its bulk and form is so out of character with the Conservation Area'. There was also concern that the number of on-site parking spaces was inadequate for the proposed residents. The Society supported the

provision of further affordable housing in Glebe, and was in favour of a revised plan for adaptive re-use of the existing building if it had to remain.



R J Williams Lodge at 274 Glebe Point Rd is owned by Wesley Mission (image: Allan Hogan)

Council rejected the DA in March 2015 and since then the Wesley Mission has remained silent about any further plans for the building. It has now been deserted for nearly eight years. The Society wrote to the Wesley Mission in February 2017 asking for any information about its plans for the proposed use of this valuable property. A lengthy exchange of correspondence continuing until May of this year provided no meaningful response to the Society's request, other than demonstrating the Mission's superior skills in obfuscation and buck-passing.

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Go to the Wesley Mission's webpage and you'll find the blog page of the CEO, the Rev. Keith Garner. 'Be inspired and challenged by our CEO as he reflects upon Christian faith, social justice, current issues and his personal journey', it says. It seems that a major concern of Mr Garner is homelessness and the lack of affordable housing. He writes, 'It costs governments and taxpayers less in the long run to immediately provide people with secure long term accommodation than to continue the ad hoc and piecemeal approach which currently characterises much of the funding process. At Wesley Mission we also believe there needs to be a shift towards more flexible and sensitive criteria for housing facilities in both in the public system and community sector so that the needs of all types and sizes of families are met'.

The society has received a letter from Mr Cole, the Mission spokesman, who back in 2010 said 'Wesley is committed to providing services for people in need, and we want to continue working in Glebe for many decades to come'. In his letter of 30 May, Mr Cole wrote without any detail that 'the Mission is currently considering plans for the future of the R J Williams Lodge'. It seems the Mission is facing 'a number of challenges relating to resources and timing'. And, apparently, a challenge in keeping the community informed.

Mr Cole wants to assure the community that when and if the time comes to 'finalise plans', the Glebe Society will not be favoured over any other

'stakeholders'. All of them 'will be informed at the same time', he writes, 'that is only appropriate and fair to all'. The community can take comfort that if the Mission decides to share its plans with residents the communication will be non-discriminatory.

Members might wish to contact the Rev. Keith Garner with their views about this matter. He can be contacted via Mr Cole, whose email address is graeme.cole@wesleymission.org.au

Allan Hogan
President



A side view of R.J. Williams Lodge (image: Allan Hogan)

Planning report, by Neil Macindoe

The level of development activity continues to be low. We received a report of units in Rosebank St being converted to student housing, which we referred to Council, should they need to act.

Tramsheds Growers' Market

On Sunday 3 June, from 8am until 1pm, the Tramsheds held its first Growers' Market. It is entirely indoors and includes most of the providores on site, plus a range of stalls from elsewhere. It is small but diverse. The first day was successful for most participants, so we can expect it to continue.

Harold Park

The newly laid turf was top dressed during the first week of June. The soaking rain means the grass is already appearing through it.

However, here is an extract from an email from Raewyn Broadfoot (Council Officer responsible for events in parks):

Sorry for the delay in responding to your email about Harold Park to be a potential site for National Tree Day 2018.

Unfortunately Harold Park will not be officially opened until October 2018, however we happy to review the site for a potential location for National Tree Day for 2019.

National Tree Day 2018, we are proposing to have two small plantings this year, one at Arthur Paddy Gray [Reserve], Hereford St Glebe and the other at Sydney Park, St Peters as both have interest from the local community to develop a new Bushcare group.

We will register these sites with National Tree Day – Planet Ark and place the details on the City's What's On calendar for Sunday 29 July.

There is no mention of a partial opening at an earlier date, but this is still possible.

Proposed Amendment to DCP 2012: Broadway between Glebe Point Rd and former Grace Bros

On Monday, 18 June, Council resolved to display for 28 days for public comment an Amendment to DCP 2012 for a current group of shops fronting Broadway from the junction of Glebe Point Rd to the Broadway Centre, the former Grace Bros. The Amendment will be displayed online and at the

one-stop shop at Glebe Library (and can currently be viewed here: <https://meetings.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/ieListDocuments.aspx?Cld=137&Mid=727>).

The Amendment includes the listing of an additional Heritage Item (the four storey Edwardian building in the middle of the row), an increase in the height limit to match the Broadway Centre, to enable buildings up to four storeys, and a corresponding increase in floor space.

My immediate reaction is that an increase is justified, provided the commercial character of the strip at ground level is retained, and any residential development, such as student housing, be strictly controlled to achieve a satisfactory level of accommodation, and be affordable. Given the sensitive nature of the site, between Heritage buildings, and opposite a Heritage listed park, a design competition would appear appropriate.

If you get the chance, please examine the proposal and let the Society know your views so they can be incorporated in the formal response.

Neil Macindoe
Planning convenor



The building on Broadway that Council would like listed as a heritage item. (Image: V. Simpson-Young)

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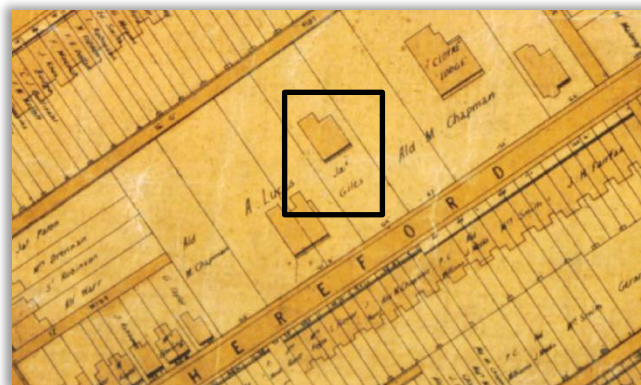
Who lived at 75 Hereford St, Forest Lodge? By Lyn Collingwood

Known locally as 'the old farmhouse', this building has survived for just on 150 years, making it one of the oldest in Forest Lodge/Glebe. The single-storey stone 'handsome villa' was newly built in June 1859 when J R Harrison advertised it for sale together with vacant land and his own weatherboard home ('tastefully papered' with 'massive marble mantelpieces', set in a garden with established shrubs and fruit trees). The hillside properties, each 1/3 of an acre, were 'romantically situated' with panoramic views from Annandale across the Toxteth Estate and Johnson's Bay to the University of Sydney paddocks. The city was within easy walking distance via the new Pyrmont Bridge Rd.

Both houses were sold. Harrison's home was sold to artist Joseph Fowles who occupied it briefly. On the vacant blocks separating the houses, Michael Nason Chapman later built *Cloyne Lodge*. Chapman became the street's biggest landowner. In July 1859 Harrison advertised for sale his building materials, furniture, cows, poultry and horse in preparation, he said, for a move to 'the interior'. The auctioneer arranged for omnibuses to leave Wynyard St in the city every five minutes taking potential purchasers to Hereford St.

James Robert Harrison (1813-70) was an English-born grocer and wine and spirit merchant. His Charlotte Place stores on Church Hill stocked all

manner of sundries including cart wheels, drapery, crockery, sheepskins and office furniture. Many of his customers were hotel keepers. In 1854 he married French-born artist Marguerite Clementine Romansson (1816-87). The couple lived at *Nithsdale Cottage* in Elizabeth St where Madame Romansson ran a Ladies' Seminary and where a son was stillborn in 1851 and Clementine Ada was born and died in 1854. They subsequently had two other daughters: Ellen (1855-76) and Clementine Emily Margaret (1857-1937).



Hereford St in 1888. The stone house adjacent to Michael Chapman's *Cloyne Lodge* was then occupied by retailer James Giles. It was later owned by the Chapman family. Now number 75, it is the precinct's sole surviving original building. (Image: City of Sydney Archives)

After 1845 Harrison speculated in property, especially Crown Land bought cheaply, in areas from Oatley to Lane Cove, Coogee to Port Curtis, Homebush to Sydenham to Vacluse. On 1 July 1855 he bought eight Glebe allotments totalling nearly three acres and a year later, announcing that he was 'retiring to the country', advertised his *Nithsdale Cottage* furniture for sale. Some time after 1859 the Harrisons settled in NZ where their younger surviving daughter Clementine Mellsop MA became Principal of Wanganui Girls College.



Hidden from view, 75 Hereford St is an early stone cottage. Wooden shingles originally covered its roof. (Image: Lyn Collingwood) See Bulletin 1 of 2018 for another photo of the house.

The first buyer of what was later numbered 75 Hereford St was Portsmouth-born William Buchanan (1830-98) who married Mary Morris in May 1858. Buchanan entered the NSW Public Service in 1852. By 1863 he was one of 26 Post Office clerks on an annual salary of £300. He was promoted to Chief Clerk, then Mail Branch Superintendent, and by 1875 was one of the colony's three Postal Inspectors on £400 p.a. with an equipment allowance and per diems.

The Buchanans christened the house *Camber Cottage*. Born there were Norah Wellbank (1860-1951), Frank Walton (1861-1943), Kate Hannah (1863-4), Mary Ellen (1865-1952), Angus McLeod (1867-1956), Kate Winifred (died aged 5 months in 1868), Norman McLeod (1869-1961) and Alec McLeod (1871-2).

Mary's sister Louisa Eagar gave birth to a son at *Camber Cottage* in 1861 and their mother Ann Morris died there in 1866. William was executor of the will of his brother-in-law Nicholas Henry Eagar who died in Gladesville Asylum in 1872.

In 1877 Mary Buchanan petitioned for divorce on the grounds of adultery. The case was highly publicised because it was one of the first heard behind closed doors. The co-respondent was Louisa and Nicholas's daughter Kate Ellen Eagar

who had been educated in London. Mary was given custody of her four surviving dependent children and moved to Victoria. William wed his niece by marriage and moved to Katoomba. Kate Buchanan accompanied William on his horse-and-buggy postal inspections through mud and bad weather, taught piano, and ran a boarding house. She outlived her husband by 30 years. In old age she recalled the scrublands of Sydney University.

Camber Cottage's next occupant was James Giles who renamed it *Midhurst*, probably a family connection with the market town in Sussex; the Woollahra home of his older brother Francis was *Midhurst Villa*. Francis Giles was a retailer in *Denison House* in George St near the GPO, his store's motto: 'Variety, Novelty and Elegance'. Buyers in London and Paris shipped back silk, lace, cashmere and mohair mantels and shawls, yachting jackets, the Lola Montez stay and corsets for maids and children, beribboned hats and bonnets, plus other quality clothing and household goods. A Mourning Department specialised in articles for the bereaved. In 1865 Francis Giles went into partnership with another retailer, John Thompson. Thompson and Giles became Sydney's leading department store with a mail order business for country customers. James Giles joined the firm.

Emma and James Giles (who married by special licence in 1856) had moved into *Midhurst* by the time their youngest child Annie Maude was born on 14 October 1877. Aged 3½ she died there in 1881; Emma Louisa, the eldest, died there aged 29 in 1886. Both were buried in Waverley Cemetery. Their siblings were James William Hill (1859-1914), Constance Helen (1861-1919), Agnes Amelia (1863-1945), Charles Edward Hill (1867-1943), Thomas Arthur Hill (1869-1945), Charlotte Edith (1871-1940) and Caroline Ethel (1874-1925).

After Francis Giles' death in 1888 and that of the senior partner the next year, John Thompson jnr disposed of the business in 1892 and joined David Jones, while the head of the silk department, John McDowell, set up his own drapery.

James Giles retired from retailing and moved from Forest Lodge to Meroo Meadow near Nowra where he bought a 300-acre dairy farm which he renamed *Forest Lodge*. He died on Christmas Eve 1906 and his body was taken to Waverley Cemetery for burial with his two deceased daughters and wife Emma née Hill who had died the year before. James had at least three career changes. He began his working life as a master seafarer.

Houses were known first by name, then by number which changed with building density. It was not until ca 1908 that 75 Hereford St was given its present address. By 1892 it had been re-christened a third time. The extended family of its next

occupants adds an extra element of confusion. Involved are four men called Wykes Norton, two women known as Nellie Norton, two men called Michael Nason Chapman and four houses named *Yelvertoft*.



'Nellie' Chapman Norton, professionally photographed by her husband Wykes, ca 1877. (Image: Mitchell Library, State Library of NSW)

Yelvertoft was the Yorkshire birthplace of Wykes Norton, a spirit merchant turned butcher who had died in Bay St Glebe in 1870. (His widow Elizabeth died at *Lyndhurst* in Brougham St in 1886.) Wykes Norton jnr changed *Midhurst* to *Yelvertoft*. He had already given the name to a house on the other side of Hereford St, built with two others – *Kettering* and *Hazelbrook* – in 1885. *Kettering* and the first *Yelvertoft* were rented out while Wykes jnr and his wife moved into *Hazelbrook* near Cross St. (An early tenant of Forest Lodge's first *Yelvertoft* was Julius Buddee jnr whose father, a music professor, lived at the Glebe Point Rd end of Hereford St. Julius Buddee snr had been farewelled in Melbourne with a concert featuring Nellie Melba. He died at *Cremona* in Boyce St in 1890. There was also a *Yelvertoft* in Randwick owned by Wykes jnr's brother Alfred Benjamin Norton.)

Wykes Norton jnr was born in Maitland. Originally a draper's assistant, he made a living as a professional photographer. He also speculated in mining, including an unsuccessful bid to dig for natural gas in Ultimo. On Christmas Eve 1880 he married Ellen Chapman, the youngest daughter of Michael Nason Chapman, ex-Mayor of Sydney, long-serving Glebe alderman and the owner of a great deal of property including much of Hereford St. The ceremony was held at Michael's home *Cloyne Lodge* (named for his birthplace in Ireland) and the Nortons' first three children were born

there: Nellie Chapman (1881-1954), Wykes Strange Chapman (1883-1947) and Leonard Gordon Chapman (1885-9). Kate Elizabeth Chapman (1887-1966) was born at *Hazelbrook* and Effie Leonard Chapman (1892-1972) at the new *Yelvertoft*, a month before the death of her 52-year-old father who was buried in the Chapman family vault at Waverley.

Wykes' widow was left with the task of selling off his George St studio showcases, developing troughs and other photographic equipment. She moved to the first Forest Lodge *Yelvertoft* with her young children but had returned to the second by 1907 following the death of her father the previous year. 75 Hereford St was the venue for the 1909 wedding breakfast of Ellen's oldest child Nellie and Harold James Coffill after their marriage at St John's, the event catered by Sargents Ltd in a marquee on the lawn. The couple's first daughter was born at *Yelvertoft* the next year.

The Chapman family's Forest Lodge holdings broke up during the First World War. Ellen Norton died at *Yelvertoft* in 1915 and was buried in the Chapman family vault at Waverley. She and her children were left comfortably off by her father's will but the family patriarch bequeathed most of his property and wealth to his namesake grandson, Ellen's nephew. A JP and Glebe councillor, the second Michael Nason Chapman lived in *Cloyne Lodge* before moving to *Phoenix Lodge* (rebuilt on the site of another *Cloyne Lodge*) at Faulconbridge where he entered local politics. The *Cloyne Lodge* site at Forest Lodge was then used as a warehouse for Lackersteen & Co sauce manufacturers before it became an Area Training and Drill Hall, headquarters of the 55th battalion with an officers' mess and storage for military equipment. A dance in 1923 raised money towards the upkeep of the Glebe War Memorial, but not all the locals were happy. According to one alderman the place was a beer garden, a gambling hell, its sanitary conditions a menace to the district. The young soldiers used 'shocking language' and had 'developed the playful habit of heaving stones and bricks through the windows of surrounding houses'.

Ellen Norton's children remained at number 75 for about a year after her death. Wykes Strange Norton, in partnership with his brother-in-law Harold Coffill and encouraged by wartime shortages of manufactured goods, used the house as the contact point for orders of overhead cash-carrying systems for shops before branching out on his own as a maker of wooden cricket bats and stumps and book trucks on wheels. Wykes Strange was a Sydney representative for the British Birth Control Society before moving to Melbourne where he became a company director with Rauch and Norton food and pharmaceutical makers and traders. His son Wykes William Robey Norton, a

pilot in the Second World War, was shot down over Holland in 1942. In civilian life the fourth Wykes Norton was an industrial chemist.

Nellie and Harold Coffill moved to *Carlton Mansions* on Glebe Point Rd. Kate and Effie Norton lived in a new *Yelvertoft* at Double Bay before they married: Effie in England to serviceman Henry Osborne in 1920 and Kate to Stanley Ernest Johnston in Glebe the next year.

After 75 Hereford St was vacated by the Norton family, zoologist Edward Francis 'Frank' Hallmann (1880-1939) was its next occupant. His German-born mother Margherita, a Hinton vigneron, died there in 1921. Born and educated at Singleton, Frank was a probationary pupil teacher at Mulbring before transfers to Camperdown, Albion St, West Wyalong, Junee, Darlinghurst, Fort St, Neutral Bay, Sydney Boys High and North Sydney Boys High. He graduated BA BSc from Sydney University and in 1912 was awarded a Linnean Macleay Fellowship. Following his death his library of scientific and radical books was donated to the institution.

In 1904 he married Lillie Violet Christison (1882-1965). Their son Frank Malcolm was born in Arundel St in 1907 and educated at Glebe Public School, while his sister Merle Canas attended Forest Lodge School. In 1925 he won a

mathematics medal at the Technical High School where fellow award-winners were Morton Herman, later a prominent architect, and William Pidgeon (the cartoonist 'Wep') who won a prize for drawing and who remained a lifelong friend. After leaving school Frank worked in the General Drafting Branch of the Lands Department before transferring to the Dubbo Land Board Office. He studied law while in the Survey Drafting Branch of the Land Titles Office, graduating LLB in 1949. After retiring from the Public Service, Frank lectured in survey and property law at UNSW. A champion chess player and a first-class mathematician, he died in 1975. Frank Hallmann's standard 1973 textbook *Legal Aspects of Boundary Surveying as Apply in New South Wales* was republished in 2008.

Lyn Collingwood
Local Historian

Sources: City of Sydney Archives: aldermen, rate books; Ennever.com; Francis Giles & Co. *The Ladies' Shopping Assistant* 1863; NSW cemetery records; NSW Education Dept teacher's <sic> rolls 1869-1908; NSW electoral rolls; NSW Post Office Directory 1904; NSW Public Service Blue Books; NSW registry of births, deaths and marriages; Sands *Directories*; Trove website; wikitree.com/wiki/Harrison.

Last month's mystery photo



Two close-ups of the billboards in last month's mystery photo. John Lagerlow was among the readers who identified this photo as the intersection of Wigram Rd and The Crescent, where Glebe meets Forest Lodge. Three Billboards advertised Wills Virginia cigarettes, British Airways and a product using the phrase 'Get More Smiles Per Gallon')

This month's mystery photo



Where are we? Please email your suggestions (and/or any memories of the toast rack trams) to: history@glebesociety.org.au

Blasts from the Past

This month we look back to *Bulletins* numbered 5 from 40, 30, 20 and 10 years ago. As our regular contributor, Sarah Fogg, is still gallivanting around the UK, this month's contribution is put together by Virginia Simpson-Young.

'As old as love ... the Glebe'

The Seventies: Bulletin no.5 of 1979

A beautiful poem by Jacqueline Barrett, reflecting a common literary response to Glebe – homecoming.

GLEBE - COMING HOME

It feels like a homecoming,
This new life.
A welcome. A song.
Secure assurance of the old;
Excitement of the new.
.....
Both a venture
and a return,
To start our life together
here
my love,

Moving among
the shifting layers
of this city.
.....
It is complete now,
Repeated pattern of iron lace circles,
Figures and filled
With cast iron messages:
Messages of love,
of an age-old story.
.....
Ancient Moreton Bay figs
in the park
remember the story,
Mumbled now by an old woman
soaking bread for the pigeons.
An ancient story,
and the same old message,
But it feels new
Everytime
Someone here
wears bare legs in winter,
plays guitar in the sun,
gives his dog carnations to eat
('because she loves them')
or just slows down to listen.
It is as old as love,
and as fresh,
the Glebe,
and its message.

We win some, we lose some!

The Eighties: Bulletin no 5 of 1988

Oops.

OLD PUBLICAN'S RESIDENCE DEMOLISHED

The residence adjacent to the Excelsior Hotel, Bridge Road, which was about forty years older than the Hotel itself, has been demolished to make way for a beer garden. The Society's Planning Sub-committee rashly assumed that the attractive front section would be preserved, as a beer garden fronting Bridge Road did not seem very appealing. The Society is writing to express its concern that the building was not adequately evaluated, as required by LEP 20.

A part of the residence in question can be seen below prior to its demolition for the beer garden.



The Excelsior Hotel, Bridge Rd in the 1930s (image: ANU Open Research Library <http://hdl.handle.net/1885/733712848>)

'Another case of a Clayton's public consultation?'

The Nineties: Bulletin no 5 of 1998

It's an overworn phrase, but 'the more things change, the more they stay the same'. This report by Collin Hills of a State Government Bays Precinct consultation was made 20 years ago and reads as though it was written today.

Not only has State Government continued to conduct 'Clayton's consultations', but Collin's optimism that certain State Government promises would be kept was, we now know, misplaced.

These promises, made at the consultation, were: 1. that the plans for a huge marina in Rozelle Bay are 'dead', and 2. there will be no concrete batching plant under the (now) Anzac Bridge.

Perhaps a bit more 'doom and gloom' would have been warranted!

SUSPICIOUS SIGNS

At the public meeting we were urged to give names and addresses to the consultants, so they could mail us a copy of the minutes. Three weeks later there's been no sign of them in my mailbox, nor for anyone else who attended.

Is it going to be another case of a Clayton's public consultation?

The glib patter of a facilitator. Lots of chest thumping on the night. The outcome exactly what the powers-that-be wanted in the first place. The relevant politician able to point to broad public consultation during the decision-making process.

The meeting was bemused when told by the consultants that Glebe Island Bridge was not in its area of consideration. Questioners couldn't understand how sensible landuse decisions could be made without first knowing the fate of the bridge.

NOT ALL DOOM AND GLOOM?

There were some positives.

Most importantly, an assurance from State Government official, Matt Taylor, that plans for the 500-berth marina in Rozelle Bay are dead. Maybe just a little one?

Consultant, Phil Witts, believes Pioneer Concrete's plans for a wharf and mixing plant under the new Glebe Island Bridge won't proceed. Where then, will the new ship run?

The people of this area have a vision for the bays which does not coincide with the plans of others.

Collin Hills, Glebe resident

New members' evening saved by Bob's \$4,000 lucky catch

The Noughties: Bulletin no 5 of 2008

In 2008, the New Members' Night was held at the Gig Gallery. Bob Armstrong provided the highlight of the evening:

As in recent years, Maureen Cahill invited us to hold the event in the Gig Gallery in Glebe Point Road. This year we met in a darkened room, eerily lit by *Light & Chaos*, an exhibition of plasma and light installations created by glass artist Tim Bassett. Bob Armstrong provided the highlight of the evening.

Tim was explaining how he created his delicate glass sculptures, which enclose moving plasma light displays,



Tim Bassett. Photo: Bruce Davis

when he accidentally bumped into one. The top part of the \$4,000 artwork fell off, but was expertly caught by Bob in a reaction time worthy of the slips in the Australian cricket team.

Previous 'Blasts from the Past' can be seen on our website:

<https://www.glebesociety.org.au/category/about-the-glebe-society/blasts-from-the-past/>.

Virginia Simpson-Young

Glebe, Naturally

Wild horses will come to Glebe at the next *Glebe Voices*

Wild horses will come to Glebe at the next Glebe Voices event, when president of the National Parks Association and long-time Glebe resident, Anne Dickson, will talk about the recent extraordinary decision by the NSW Government to protect brumbies in Kosciuszko National Park.

Anne will talk about the impact of this decision, which was made against scientific advice that the current number of brumbies – a feral animal – is damaging the fragile alpine environment, and their numbers should be reduced.

Speaker: Anne Dickson, President of the National Parks Association NSW

When: Tuesday 31 July, 7pm; Where: The Toxteth Hotel upstairs function room.

Bookings via Eventbrite:

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/glebe-voices-wild-horses-will-come-to-glebe-anne-dixon-president-national-parks-association-nsw-tickets-47418325488>. If you are unable to book via Eventbrite, please call Fiona Campbell on 02 9660 0185.

Cost: free.

Thank you to the Toxteth Hotel for providing the upstairs room for this event. Dinner is available before the event at the bistro and drinks will also be available at the upstairs bar.

Some background to the Kosciuszko Wild Horse Heritage Bill or 'brumby bill', collated with contributions from Glebe Voices, Environment and other committee members follows.

What are some of the questions relating to the 'brumby bill'?

The Australian Academy of Science argued the decision: 'prioritises protection of one invasive species over the many native species and the fragile ecosystems in Kosciuszko National Park, and it does so against the considered professional advice of scientists and researchers'.

The Bill's proponent, Deputy Premier John Barilaro, argued the heritage value of the wild horses should be recognised and protected. They view them differently over the border, where a recently released Victorian Government [Feral Horse Strategic Action Plan](#) now poses a rival strategy.

There are also questions about the timing of the Bill, given other government processes: the National Parks and Wildlife Service had placed a draft [Wild Horse Management Plan](#) for the park on public exhibition in 2016, based on feedback from stakeholder engagement, advice from an Independent Technical Reference Group and

heritage reviews; and the NSW Threatened Species Scientific Committee was working on a consultation about the impacts of wild horses.

Five of the eight members of the Independent Technical Reference Group who contributed advice for the draft 2016 management plan for the horses wrote recently to express concern with the Bill.



Anne Dickson is President of National Parks Association NSW, a not-for-profit organisation that connects people with nature through community action. When not advocating for the conservation of our natural world Anne prefers to be outdoors enjoying that world.

Anne has extensive executive experience in strategy, innovation and technology infrastructure in the financial services and information technology sectors. In recent years Anne's focus has shifted to researching and consulting in social and environmental sustainability. Anne has degrees in environmental science, computer science and economics.

The day after the Bill was passed (on June 6) a member of the NSW Threatened Species Scientific Committee and Professor of Ecology at Charles Sturt University, David Watson, sent his resignation from the Committee to the Minister for the Environment Gabrielle Upton saying: 'The wilful disregard that you and your government colleagues have for science diminishes our collective future, relegating our precious national parks and priceless environment to political playthings.'

Culling brumbies always stokes controversy, with many people having a sentimental attachment to the horses, along with concerns about the methods used.

There have been many aspects to consider in the debate about the 'brumby bill'. However, the

disregard for science in the recent decision to protect the wild horses has implications for future decisions on issues such as climate change, the management of the Murray-Darling Basin, Sydney Marine Park, the management and future gazettal of national parks, and the environmental sustainability of our state.

Anne will be in conversation with the Glebe Society's convenor of the environment sub-committee, Asa Wahlquist. The event promises a lively discussion. We suggest booking early.



Would you like your water with or without manure?

In a submission to the Independent Technical Reference Group on Wild Horse Damage around Currango Homestead (<https://tinyurl.com/y84s6gba>), the Friends of Currango, described the increasing damage caused by feral horses over several decades. Around 20 to 30 years ago, the local creek was 'well-defined ... flowing through banks pocked with holes left by platypus and yabbies'. After the dramatic increase in wild horse numbers, in 2015 Friends of Currango wrote that water in Currango Creek was then a 'milky grey colour' and much of the creek bed has been hollowed out. 'At all points in this region, including what used to be the swamp, the creek surrounds were covered in horse manure' and wetlands in Currango Valley 'appear to have been destroyed'. (Image: Friends of Currango Inc)



The critically endangered Southern Corroboree Frog is one of Australia's iconic and rarest creatures only found in some areas of Kosciuszko National Park. (image: <https://australiapostcollectables.com.au/stamp-issues/endangered-wildlife-scm-2016?>)

Glebe Tree Planting for National Tree Day

The Blue Wrens subcommittee, in conjunction with City of Sydney is holding a tree planting on National Tree Day, Sunday 29 July from 10am to 12 noon at the Paddy Gray Reserve.

Volunteers are needed. If you would like to participate please contact Bryan Herden on bryanherden@gmail.com. See p.2 for more details.



Blue Wren subcommittee Planting Day in Paddy Gray Reserve in 2010. (image: Carmelo Aqualina)

Where to 'Redcycle' your soft plastics

If you're not already doing it, you can recycle soft plastics by taking them to Coles at Broadway and putting them in the 'Redcycle' bin.

Here's a list, from the Redcycle website, that shows what sorts of soft plastics can be recycled. You may be surprised by some of them!

- Biscuit packets (outer wrapper only)
- Bread bags (without the tie)
- Bubble wrap (large sheets cut into A3 size pieces)
- Cat and dog food pouches (as clean and dry as possible)
- Cellophane from bunches of flowers (cut into A3 size pieces)
- Cereal box liners
- Chip and cracker packets (silver lined)
- Chocolate and snack bar wrappers
- Cling Wrap – free of food residue
- Confectionery bags
- Dry pet food bags
- Fresh produce bags
- Frozen food bags
- Green bags (Polypropylene Bags)
- Ice cream wrappers

- Large sheets of plastic that furniture comes wrapped in (cut into A3 size pieces)
- Netting produce bags (any metal clips removed)
- Newspaper and magazine wrap
- Pasta bags
- Plastic Australia Post satchels
- Plastic carrier bags from all stores
- Plastic film wrap from grocery items such as nappies and toilet paper
- Plastic sachets
- Potting mix and compost bags - both the plastic and woven polypropylene types (cut into A3 size pieces and free of as much product as possible)
- Rice bags – both plastic and the woven type (if large, cut into A3 size pieces)
- Snap lock bags / zip lock bags
- Squeeze pouches with lid on (e.g. yogurt/baby food)
- Wine bladders – clear plastic ones only

See the Redcycle website for more information:
<http://www.redcycle.net.au/what-to-redcycle/>.



(image: <http://www.redcycle.net.au/>)

The Glebe Fox

A fox has been sighted in Glebe at least twice in the last two weeks.

The first sighting was at St Scholastica's School, another was at the end of Bridge Rd, and another was of the wily fox crossing the Booth St end of Wigram Rd.

If anyone else has seen our furry friend, could they email our Chief Twit on twitter@glebesociety.org.au.



Artist's impression of The Glebe Fox enjoying the Foreshore Walk extension at sunset (image: V. Simpson-Young)

Community Matters



NAIDOC Week Sunday 8 July – Sunday 15 July

NAIDOC Week 2018 will celebrate the invaluable contributions that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women have made – and

continue to make – to our communities, our families, our rich history and to our nation.

Under the theme – Because of her, we can! – NAIDOC Week 2018 will be held nationally from Sunday 8 July to Sunday 15 July.

In Glebe, some NAIDOC events include:

- Friday 6 July, 11.30am-2pm Community Day, Glebe Public School
- Sunday 8 July, 12 noon-3pm. Social Gathering, St John's Glebe

NAIDOC Week at Glebe Library

Koori collection pop-ups at the library

During NAIDOC Week, City of Sydney Library will showcase our Koori collection with a series of pop-up displays. The Koori collection celebrates the rich stories and resources of 40,000 years of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures. The books, films, and music in the collection reflect the unique voices and perspectives of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. Standing at over 2,000 items, the collection covers bush medicine, bush tucker, astronomy, philosophy and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander languages. All items are available for members to borrow. Our friendly library team is always keen to chat about the collection.

Storytime: Celebrating Indigenous children

National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's Day is on Saturday 4 August. In the week leading up to this day, teachers from the Redfern Dance Company will lead storytime sessions.

This is a chance for all pre-schoolers and their families to celebrate the strengths and cultures of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. Culture plays an important part in the life of every Indigenous child.

In this fun session, young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people will lead a dance performance and workshop. These dancers have great pride and a commitment to sharing their cultures. You'll also have the chance to experience ochre face painting. This free event is suitable for 3 to 5 year olds.

When: Tuesday 31 July 2018 from 11am to 11.45am

Where: Glebe Library

Cost: Free.



Caption? (image: University of Sydney)

University of Sydney NAIDOC Week Lecture: 'Because of her, we can!'

Sydney Law School, Faculty of Health Sciences, and the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences at The University of Sydney invite you to the Annual University of Sydney NAIDOC Public Lecture.

Hear from a panel of exceptional Aboriginal women from The University of Sydney, and across NSW, showcasing the different ways in which Indigenous women have played – and continue to play – active and significant roles at the community, local, state and national levels.

Our speakers will include Kamilaroi astronomer, Karlie Noon, the social epidemiologist, Dr Vanessa Lee, award winning poet, Evelyn Araluen, and Nakari Thorpe, political reporter on NITV. The lecture will also feature a performance by the legendary blues singer, Auntie Marlene Cummins, Donna Ingram will give the Welcome to Country, and Rachel Durmush is the MC.

NAIDOC Week is a time to celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history, culture and achievements and is an opportunity to recognise the contributions that Indigenous Australians make to our country and society.

When: Thursday. 12 July, 6.30-8pm

Where: Harold Park Community Hall (Tramsheds)

Bookings: via Eventbrite:

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/o/the-university-of-sydney-17050114151>



The 2018 National NAIDOC Poster was designed by Cheryl Moggs, a Bigambul woman from Goondiwindi. Cheryl drew on the history, courage and resilience of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women to educate others. The artwork (tarnunggie – Woman) has three overlaying images, connecting dreamtime, culture and knowledge. (source: NAIDOC.org.au)

Vale Deb Cameron – ‘One of Glebe’s friendliest faces’

We were greatly saddened by the untimely death of journalist and Glebeite, Deb Cameron in mid June 2018. She is survived by her partner, Greg Earl, and their two children Nat and Eleanor.

Deb was a member of the Glebe Society, and we were fortunate to have her as a speaker at our New Members' Night in 2012. She also was actively involved in the campaign to stop the closure of the Glebe Post Office in 2011. Deb loved ‘knitting the community together’ in her work and also in her personal life.

Media colleagues have paid the highest of tributes to her outstanding skills as a global reporter and a successful broadcaster hosting the ABC radio 702 morning program, where listeners will remember her closing off each day with a cheery ‘hoo-roo’. Her engaging communication skills were also recognised for her work in city and country town community consultation.

On Monday 18 June St James Church Glebe was overflowing with family, friends, work colleagues, neighbours and the Glebe community who gathered to bid Deb a fond farewell. This was a testimony to the high regard in which she was held by the people she touched in all parts of her life. In his eulogy, Greg Earl painted a picture of a woman ‘as colourful as her clothing, who never lost her rural, earthy origins wherever we lived in the world. She embraced the most colourful aspects from those cultures, from jazz to sumo wrestling. Instead of the usual politics from those cities, she covered social issues, such as suicides on the slopes of Mount Fuji to the changing contents of the bento box’.

With a love of Glebe and a genuine interest in everyone she met, she was always there with a cheery smile, a passion for life and a generosity of spirit to help others. Those gathered at the service shared very similar memories of Deb as someone who brought a ‘country town sensibility’ to our local community; she truly was one of the friendliest faces in Glebe.

Her many neighbours from Arcadia Rd and Bellevue St commented on how easily she connected with people and her outgoing and positive views on life. Deb loved Galluzzos and Joe shared that he just knew her as ‘Smiley Deb’ – he didn’t know of her media fame. For Joe, ‘she came to shop with a glowing smile and always made time for an uplifting chat’.

Deb lived a very full life with a love of family, friends and community. A passionate and genuine woman with no pretensions – just an energy for life which sadly was far too short. Our thoughts are with Greg and their children.

Judy Vergison



Glebe Society member and ABC radio presenter, Deborah Cameron, whose untimely death is a great loss to the Glebe community (image: ABC)

AM for Dr Alex Byrne in the Queen’s Birthday Honours

Congratulations to Glebe Society member, Dr John Alexander Byrne for becoming a member (AM) in the General Division of the Order of Australia in the Queen's Birthday Honours List. Alex Byrne is being recognised for his significant service to library and information management through initiatives to develop access to global and Indigenous resources. According to Library and Information Science Research Australia, Dr Byrne has a ‘deep interest in the roles of memory institutions, the complexity of issues relating to Indigenous peoples and transmission of knowledge’.

Alex Byrne was the State Librarian and Chief Executive of the State Library of NSW from 2011 until 2016. While at the State Library, Alex oversaw the development of its landmark Indigenous Collecting Strategy in which ‘Australia’s most valuable library collection will be extended and enriched with the contemporary voices and experiences of Indigenous peoples and communities’. Dr Byrne is quoted as saying: ‘The State Library is passionate about collecting and providing access to the stories, personal histories and events that paved the way to reconciliation and

recognition in this country and tell of Indigenous lives today. ... Through this new strategy, the Library will continue to play a vital role in introducing and reconnecting people with Indigenous Australian languages, art, culture and heritage'.

Prior to his role at the State Library, Alex was University Librarian and Pro Vice-Chancellor and Vice President (Teaching and Learning) at UTS, before which he held positions at Northern Territory University (now Charles Darwin University) and the Australian Defence Force Academy.

Dr Byrne has also held a number of influential representative positions in the library world: Chair of National and State Libraries Australasia, Council of Australian University Librarians (including Chair of the Working Party on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Protocols for Libraries), the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions and the Australian Library and Information Association (including as a member of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Employment Strategy Steering Committee).

Congratulations to Alex on the well-deserved recognition his important contribution to our community.

Allan Hogan
President

Sources: Library and Information Science Research Australia (<http://lisresearch.org.au/bios/>); State Library of NSW (<http://www.sl.nsw.gov.au/todays-indigenous-voices-be-heard-loud-and-clear-future>); Office of Governor-General (<https://www.gg.gov.au/queens-birthday-2018-honours-list>).



Dr John Alexander Byrne who received the AM during the Queen's Birthday honours. (image; SLA)

Other Community News

Vale Noreen Hayes

A long standing member of our Glebe community, Noreen Hayes, died recently aged 88.. She was interviewed for *Rearview* several years ago (*Bulletin* 10/2014) and her memories of early Glebe were delightful. She was a wonderful, earthy countrywoman.

Margaret Cody

Book sale raised over \$5,000 for Glebe Public school readers

From Debs Hannon, Book Sale Coordinator, Glebe Public School:

We ran a very successful book sale back in May and raised over \$5000, which has been used to buy 750 new readers and literary resources for the school.

No doubt many of your members not only donated but also bought books over that weekend. We are extremely thankful for your members' ongoing support of our school.

You may be interested that we are also having a book sale at Glebe Markets on 4 August to sell the left over good quality fiction from the May collection.

You can also follow us on Facebook and Instagram:
Instagram: [books2037](#); Facebook: [Glebe Book Sale](#);
Email: books@glebeschool.org.au.



750 books were sorted into home reader packs and are ready to go. The books were purchased from the proceeds of the Glebe Book Sale (image: Glebe Book Sale Facebook page)

Glebe Carers' Support Group

Do you care for someone with a disability or mental illness? This support group meets on the fourth Wednesday of the month. Join others with similar experiences to access information and support. Glebe Town Hall, 1-2.30pm. Refreshments provided. Phone 9571 6453 for more information.

The Glebe Dirty Reds-now have a website

Australia's first ever Rugby League team, the Glebe Dirty Reds now has a website: <http://dirtyreds.com.au/>.

Creative & Connected

Thirsty Thursdays

Glebe Society members and friends are invited to meet in restaurants in and around Glebe, usually on the first Thursday of each month, to eat and talk with other people who live in Glebe.



We try to pick places where we can share dishes, and have eight or so people at each table. Put these details in your diary now:

- On Thursday 5 July at 7pm we will go to *Butcher and the Farmer*, at the Tramsheds.
- On Thursday 2 August at 7pm we will go to *Na Zdrowie*, the Polish restaurant at 161 Glebe Point Rd.
- And on Thursday 6 September we will go to the.kaf (formerly digi.kaf), 199 Glebe Point Rd.

Please email me at edwinadoe@optusnet.com.au or ring me on 9660 7066 by 6pm on the Wednesday before to let us know if you are coming, or if you are likely to be late.

The Convict's Daughter: 29th Annual Glebe Music Festival concert

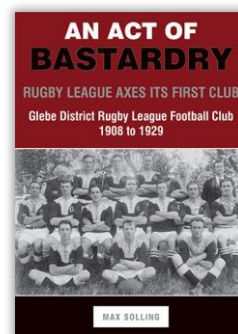
Judith Rough (soprano) and John Martin (piano).

The Ballad of the Convict's Daughter is a song by Horace Keats to a poem by Corporal Sheila Sibley. The convict's daughter represents Australia for whom the singer's lover gave his life in war. It is in a segment of three pieces about war, to mark Armistice Day on Sunday 11 November.

The other two pieces in this segment are: *Anzac Threnody* by Miriam Hyde, and a world premiere performance of *Moons as Big as Mountains* by Brennan Keats – composed to words from letters from his brother Russel, who wrote them from HMAS Canberra and who lost his life when it was sunk. Brennan Keats is hoping to attend the concert.

Here you can find out about fixtures, read the Club's history and buy various merchandise, including club t-shirts.

You can also purchase copies of Max Solling's book, 'An Act of Bastardry' about the unceremonious dumping of the Glebe Dirty Reds from the Rugby League in 1929 (<http://dirtyreds.com.au/store/>).



(image: <http://www.wallawalla.press.com/>)

The remainder of the programme is music by Australian composers to texts by (mostly) Australian poets. The songs are representative of music of Australia – the convict's daughter.

When: Saturday 10 November at 3pm; Where: Glebe Town Hall. Tickets \$20 (concessions \$10) available at the door or in advance at www.glebemusicfestival.com.

Writersports at Harold Park Hotel

Writersports pits two teams of four writers against each other in a series of fast-paced writing and word-based challenges. Writers produce poems, scripts and stories (from across a broad range of genres) and try their hand at reviews, PR blurbs and other writing forms. It was created by Nadine Cameron.

The last of three monthly games is on at the Harold Park Hotel on Thursday 26 July at 8pm. Teams on 26 July include David Hunt, Kate Iselin, John Knowles, and Charles Firth. Other writers and comedians will be joining them.

The audience of Writersports is treated with a diversity of great work, never to be heard again, by accomplished writers, presenters and performers. The pleasure for the writers comes from testing their skills in new forms and producing work in a way that provides little time for paralysing self-critique to take hold.

David Hunt, historian and author of the wildly successful *Girt and True Girt*, explains his excitement about the competition in this way: 'As someone who can agonise over a paragraph for hours, I'm looking forward to being forced to dash something off in five minutes, and bugger the consequences.'

For more details and to buy tickets: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/writersports-harold-park-hotel-tickets-46699244698?aff=efbeventtix>

Politics in the pub: Gillian Triggs



Prof. Gillian Triggs who is speaking at Politics in the Pub (image: Flickr)

Politics in the Pub meets at Harold Park Hotel on the last Friday of the month from 6.30 to 8.15pm.

On 27 July, the speaker will be Prof Gillian Triggs, former Commissioner for Human Rights, whose topic will be: *What will it take to get a human rights commitment in Australia?*

Politics in the Pub programs are available from Glebe Books; speeches are posted on their

Youtube channel:

(<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC2DZnx5JPea3JKNvQSkFRcA>) and on their website (<http://www.originalsydneypoliticalpub.org.au/>)

When: Friday 27 July, 6.30-8.15pm. Where: Harold Park Hotel. More information: Win Childs, 0412 456 696; Peter Murphy 0418 312 301.

Dogs Helping People: In Families, Hospitals, Colleges, and at Work

Some studies show dog owners are happier. Could having a dog indeed help combat depression? Could bringing dogs to work help employees and businesses? Could therapy dogs speed up patients' recovery? Could having a dog help college students during stressful times?

This Sydney Ideas talk is in partnership with the International Society for Anthrozoology (ISAZ) 2018 conference. Dr. Sandra Barker will explore a variety of setting in which pet dogs and therapy dogs could be of emotional and physiological help. The special place dogs have in our families will be discussed along with how bringing dogs to work can help employees and businesses.

When: Monday 2 July 2018, 6-7.30pm; Where: The Footbridge Theatre, University of Sydney.

More information and bookings:

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/o/sydney-ideas-13321888988>

Membership renewal time!

By now you should have received your membership notice in the post. You'll need to be a financial member to attend and vote at our AGM on 19 August where the guest speaker will be Councillor Phillip Thalys.

If you have more than two people in your household, you can all be members of the Society as part of the 'Household Membership'. Ensure you list each household member on the membership form and include their email address if they would like to receive the *Bulletin* and other communications from the Society. There are two

lines on the form for this purpose, but if you need more space you could continue below the lines.

At the bottom of the membership form is a box you can tick of you prefer to receive the *Bulletin* via email. If you are currently receiving the *Bulletin* via email, don't forget to tick this to ensure you continue to receive an email *Bulletin*.

If you have any problem renewing your membership, please contact Jane Gatwood (Treasurer) on 0488 118 355 and she will make arrangements with you'.

Jude Paul, Secretary

Do you experience shortness of breath when walking up stairs or going to the mailbox? Have you been breathless for four weeks or longer?

The Woolcock Breathlessness Clinic can help you. Our heart and lung specialists will work together to investigate your breathlessness and develop a treatment plan. Visit your GP for a referral to our clinic.



Visit our website or call our friendly reception staff for more information about the Woolcock Breathlessness Clinic.

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For your calendar

Monday 2 July, 6-7.30pm. *Dogs Helping People*. The Footbridge Theatre, University of Sydney.
 Thursday 3 July, 7pm. Thirsty Thursday: *Butcher and the Farmer*, at the Tramsheds.
 Wednesday 4 July, 3-5.30 pm. *Kitchen Starter Pack Drop-off* – St Helen's Community Centre.
 Sunday 8 July – Sunday 15 July, *NAIDOC Week*.
 Thursday 12 July, 6:30-8:00pm, *University of Sydney NAIDOC Week Lecture*, Harold Park Community Hall.
 Wednesday 18 July, 3-5.30 pm. *Kitchen Starter Pack Drop-off* – St Helen's Community Centre.
 Thursday 26 July, 8pm. *Writersports*, Harold Park Hotel
 Friday 27 July, 6:30-8:15pm. *Politics in the Pub: Gillian Triggs*, Harold Park Hotel.
 Sunday 29 July, 10am-12noon. *Glebe Tree planting for National Tree Day*, Paddy Gray Reserve.
 Tuesday 31 July, 7pm. *Glebe Voices*, Anne Dickson, Toxteth Hotel.
 Thursday 2 August, 7pm. Thirsty Thursday: *Na Zdrowie*, 161 Glebe Point Rd.
 Saturday 4 August, Book sale at Glebe Markets to benefit Glebe Public School.
 Sunday 19 August. *Annual General Meeting*, Glebe Town Hall
 Friday 12 October. *Centipede Fundraiser*. Details TBA.
 Sunday 4 November, 3.30pm. *Thomas Crome, Glebe Music Festival*. Great Hall.
 Friday 9 November, 7pm. *Thomas Crome, Glebe Music Festival*. Glebe Town Hall.
 Saturday 10 November, 3pm; *The Convict's Daughter – Songs of Australia*. Glebe Town Hall.



Recurring events:

Wednesday mornings from 8.30am. *Glebe Bushcare Group*, near Jubilee Park.
 Thursdays, 7.30pm. *Sahaja Yoga*, Glebe Town Hall.
 4th Wednesdays, 1-2.30pm. *Carers' Support Group*, Glebe Town Hall.

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Membership of the Glebe Society

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- Household: \$60
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- Institution or corporate: \$110

How to join

- Join online: complete the Membership Application on our website under 'Membership'
- Download a membership form from www.glebesociety.org.au; or
- Write to the Secretary at PO Box 100 Glebe 2037; or
- Email secretary@glebesociety.org.au



Sign in the window of the yet-to-opened restaurant at Bellevue House. (image: V. Simpson-Young)