



## WWI and the men of the Rozelle Tramsheds

*On Thursday 8 November, the Rozelle Tramsheds War Memorial was re-dedicated, after having been moved back to its original location from the Leichhardt Bus Depot. Included in proceedings was a speech by Max Solling which provided a fascinating account of life for the men who worked at the Tramsheds until the Glebe trams finished in 1958.*

### Max Solling's speech at the re-dedication ceremony

The history of Rozelle Tramsheds reveals it was much more than a work space where trams were serviced and repaired. Electrification of the metropolitan tram network resulted in its dramatic expansion as tram lines were extended from 124 km to 323 km between 1900 and 1914. Annual passenger statistics climbed from 190 million to 308 million by 1920. Patronage peaked at 405 million passengers in 1945.

The Tramsheds, built in two stages between 1902 and 1909, was an integral part of Sydney's public transport infrastructure, with a capacity of 200 tram carriages. A surging trade union membership, anxious to defend and advance their interests, with its predisposition towards collective bargaining was designed to protect a tram worker's livelihood. From 1904 many workers rented residences within walking distance of their new workplace which became integrated with surrounding working class communities, characterised by neighbourhood networks and extended kinship. The values and practices of these neighbourhoods, relatively immobile in every sense, also embraced reciprocity and, since services could often not be bought, mutual aid of a monetary and non-monetary kind.

650 government employees who worked at the sheds; drivers, conductors, mechanics, electricians, cleaners and clerks, were part of a socially cohesive community. Working a 48 hour week, their shared recreational practices strengthened a sense of community and belonging. They maintained a 30 strong brass band and a string orchestra. Workers participated in inter-depot competitions in billiards, chess, rugby league and swimming; its boxers and wrestlers competed in Tramway Institute tournaments, and, in between shifts, they could avail themselves of their own billiard table, library and gymnasium. Outside its amenities centre, workers were proud of their

carefully manicured garden that featured prominently in competitions. And workers established, as late as 1927, a social and educational club, playing cricket, organising picnics and conducting smoke concerts and lantern lectures.



*The soldier statue in its original location at the 'carefully manicured' Rozelle Tram Depot Gardens (source: Wikimedia)*

At the time of the war memorial's unveiling in November 1916, 120 staff, Depot Master Bill Phillips said, had enlisted in World War 1. A further 200 volunteered but failed early, more rigorous, physical and medical requirements. Funding and creation of most memorials was the result of local initiative, and this one was no different. What was unusual was that few were completed during the War. Fourteen memorials within 5 km of the Sydney CBD were completed between 1920 and 1924. Dave Ford was remembered at the Tramsheds as an organiser of benefits and testimonials, and for fund raising for those in distress. He collected three-shilling subscriptions from comrades towards a roll of honour for the 'Boys of the Dardanelles'. The response was such that sufficient money was raised for a sculptor to fashion an iconic soldier

monument, and Ford's role in creation of the memorial was acknowledged at the unveiling.



*The War Memorial in its location at Leichhardt Bus Depot*  
(source: <http://www.leichhardt5000.com.au/>)

On Sunday 26 November 1916 about 1,000 gathered in front of the depot's office complex, 'to witness the unveiling of a statue erected to honour the memory of the Rozelle boys who had fallen at Gallipoli and in France in the great fight to free the world of German domination'. A citizen soldier figure by Edwin McGowan, holding a rifle with bayonet and cast in cement, surmounted a white concrete plinth within a garden setting, and contained the names of 34 men who had died. Part of the inscription read 'Glory to God – Honour to the Dead', 'erected by their comrades'.

Energies of this work site galvanised to mobilise around issues of concern. An important recruiting centre for the AIF [Australian Imperial Forces], the sheds were a rallying point for union members in the General Strike of 1917, the biggest industrial shut down in NSW since 1890. Returning comrades in 1919 formed their own RSL branch and conducted Anzac Day services there where, for example, in 1925 the theme of Reverend

Tugwell's address was 'to beat swords into plough shares'. The prolonged timber strike at Glebe in 1929 received strong support from the tram fraternity who took up collections for timber workers at the Tramsheds as well as distributing food for 120 of their families.

The tram service to Glebe shut down on 22 November 1958. At the forefront of the movement to return the soldier from Leichhardt Bus Depot to its original site was Rod Holtham, Vietnam veteran, President of the Combined Services RSL sub-branch and Glebe Society member, who arranged to have the soldier included on the Register of War Memorials in NSW.



*Dignitaries at the re-dedication of the Rozelle Tramsheds War Memorial on 8 November: representing City of Sydney are Lord Mayor Clover Moore, Deputy Lord Mayor Linda Scott and Councillor Jess Scully; from the RSL are Rod Holtham and his colleagues; and representing the Glebe Society are Diane Hutchinson and Ted McKeown* (source: City of Sydney).

## Appointment of a new Glebe Society President: Verity Firth

The Management Committee is delighted to announce that, at a meeting held on 31 October, it appointed Verity Firth to fill the casual vacancy of President, effective till the next AGM. Verity is a longstanding resident of Glebe and member of the Glebe Society. She has previously represented our area as a Councillor and Deputy Lord Mayor of the City of Sydney (2004-2008) and as State Member for Balmain (2007-2011). She was the NSW Minister for Education and Training from 2008 to 2011 and is now the Executive Director of Social Justice at University of Technology Sydney, heading up the newly established UTS Centre for Social Justice and Inclusion. Her children go to Glebe Public School and she is very involved in the school's P&C and fundraising activities.

In this year of our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Verity will make an important contribution as President. The Management Committee thanks Verity for her willingness to take on this position and we look forward to working with her.

Verity has advised us that she will not be able to stand for the position of President at the 2019 AGM, so the Management Committee will shortly begin working on a succession plan. If you are interested in standing for the position of President or Vice-President at the next AGM, please let us know.

*Diane Hutchinson, Vice-President*



*New President of the Glebe Society*  
**Verity Firth**

(image: <http://innovatordiaries.com>)



## Bays & Foreshores

### New Sydney Fish Market: Smart Building, Challenged Site, by Leslie Lynch

The design for the new Sydney Fish Market is now on display and Urban Growth NSW is holding public information sessions to boast about its attractive features.

Along with other members of the Bays Precinct Community Reference Group (CRG), I attended an interesting preview briefing on 30 October on the design and the broader planning context of the new facility organised by Urban Growth. Barry Mann, CEO Urban Growth, gave a brief overview of developments in relation to the Bays Precinct but the main part was the presentation and discussion by the architect Fred Holt from 3XN.

The design appears to be a very smart response to the constraints (and opportunities) of the site and community priorities. We will be able to make a more informed judgment when the Development Applications are available and we have more than artists' impressions to go by.

The design does seem to have addressed the multiple objectives that the publicity blurb highlights:

- an authentic, working fish market
- an exciting new public destination for Sydney
- a cultural anchor and urban connector
- a meeting place for community activities
- an inspiring icon on Sydney's world-renowned harbour.

It is quite a surprise that they claim to have incorporated all the existing Fishmarket activities into the current footprint of the cement works over four levels:

- basement level car parking (under water)
- ground floor auction house, wholesale tenancies, fishing vessel wharves and loading dock
- first floor market hall restaurants, food stalls, fresh seafood sales and retail
- mezzanine level office space, bar and the popular Sydney Seafood School

It is especially pleasing that the height of the building will be just less than that of the magnificent fig trees in Wentworth Park. Several features have been incorporated to ensure the building has a high 5 star sustainability rating.

And – based on the artists' impressions – the structure looks terrific. The whole of the waterfront view will be opened with the removal of the old building and remnant wall currently blocking views

from Wentworth Park into the Bay. This will be a welcome improvement of the current sight lines.

The building will include two sizable public plazas and will be surrounded by a new 300 metre foreshore promenade.



*The Sydney Fish Market's promenade on Blackwattle Bay (image: <https://3xn.com/project/sydney-fish-market>)*

The one very big caveat is, of course, the myriad of apparently insoluble problems associated with the site on Bridge Rd at the head of Blackwattle Bay which will impinge on the operation of the facility with its proposed 6 million visitors each year. And of course, the flow-on implications for the surrounding areas will be considerable.

It is very doubtful that they have been able to provide for adequate car or bus parking for patrons or tourists – or the multiple pressures on Bridge Rd and the congested junctions into the city, Pyrmont and Anzac Bridge. The increased pressures will begin with the construction phase from mid-2019 to end of 2023.

To be fair to the architects, they have clearly given considerable thought to the problems and have made such provision as they could without knowledge as to how any of the area's traffic or transport problems will be addressed by the Government when the combined impact of WestConnex, City Metro, the new harbour tunnel – and the redevelopment of the old Fishmarket site – is finally sorted.

They have provided for some options. The wharf at the Pyrmont end of the facility *could* be used as a ferry stop – but they admit its main purpose is more likely to be for private boats – including smaller super yachts!

There will be improved links to the nearby light rail stations – including an underground passage from the current Fishmarket station to allow pedestrians to avoid the busy and very ugly road maze.

They have considered separate bicycle and pedestrian paths and separating meandering and commuter cyclists – but it seems doubtful that they have the space to do the latter without pushing commuter cyclists onto the very dangerous Bridge Rd.

They were not permitted to proceed with their initial idea of access by a walkway over Bridge Rd from Wentworth Park.

It is of note that they abandoned an initial plan of dredging to remove the large quantity of sludge from the Bay floor – instead they will drill through the sludge to the rock floor and build on ‘stilts’. This has changed their original design for underwater construction quite a bit and I suspect has limited the parking space.

### Next steps

There will be a public consultation process in relation to the Development Application. This was scheduled to begin in November so it should be

soon. Given we are running into the Christmas holidays we can only hope that the timeframe will run at least until the end of January.

There is a danger that the volatile political considerations currently in play and the proximity of the State elections could tempt the Government to insist on a short consultation period. We should be ready to resist a very short timeframe.

The Glebe Society will of course put in a submission. This is an important issue for our community – and for the wider Sydney community. We will need to consult with our Glebe and Forest Lodge community and to work in close consultation with other resident groups around the Bays.

As soon as the DA is made public and we know the timeframe we will activate an appropriate local consultation process.

*Lesley Lynch*  
Convenor Bays and Foreshores

### Urban Growth NSW is holding two information sessions where the project team will be available to answer questions:

- Tuesday 4 December, 5.30-8.30pm, St Barnabas Church, 57-61 Mountain St, Ultimo
- Saturday 8 December, 9am-12pm, St Barnabas Church, 57-61 Mountain St, Ultimo
- They will also have stalls at Glebe Markets on Saturday 1 December and Broadway Shopping Centre Saturday 15 December.

### Wentworth Park – a ‘growth centre’?

Concern has been expressed on the Glebe Society’s Facebook page about the inclusion of Wentworth Park in Urban Growth’s ‘The Bays Growth Area’ (see map).

In response, one of our members contacted Urban Growth for clarification and received the following reply from David Naidoo, Senior Manager Media for UrbanGrowth NSW Development Corporation:

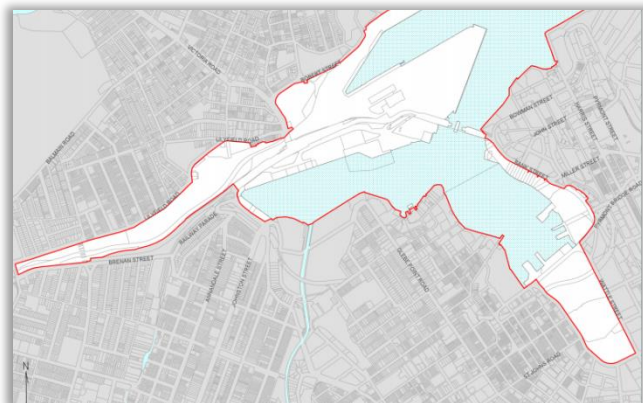
*There will be no development in Wentworth Park or impact on the existing fig trees. This section of Wentworth Park is included in the map due to its geographical location, not because it will be developed. It will remain a public park.*

This is consistent with advice given repeatedly by Urban Growth NSW to the Community representatives. This is reassuring, but one wonders why Wentworth Park remains in the zone – particularly as other areas are also ‘geographically located’ nearby and are not included.

Lesley Lynch, the Society’s Bays & Foreshores Convenor, thinks Wentworth Park may be included in the Growth Area in order to boost the amount of

green space, permitting greater development of the foreshores. Another possible reason advanced by Lesley is that the NSW government is keeping its options open for the space once major infrastructure issues (e.g., new sport stadiums) are decided.

*Virginia Simpson-Young*



*The Bays Growth Centre – note the inclusion of Wentworth Park, leading to fears that the park is slated for development (image: <https://www.ugdc.nsw.gov.au/growth-centres/the-bays-precinct/>)*

# Planning, Transport & Infrastructure

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## Planning Report, by Neil Macindoe

### Sydney Fish Market

Both Lesley and I will be attending the presentations on the Sydney Fish Markets DA at St Barnabas on 4 or 8 December, and there will be a report to members.

### Public Participation

The NSW Department of Planning has asked for feedback on their Public Participation Policy by 6 December, and I have asked members of the Committee to send me their views. More information can be found here: <https://tinyurl.com/yd84f9xa>.

### Metropolitan Remand Centre

The Glebe Society has been notified by City of Sydney that the Land and Environment Court has approved the demolition of the Remand Centre building behind *Bidura*, subject to certain documents being provided to the Court.

### Yelvertoft, 75 Hereford St

The developer has appealed against Council's refusal, and has put an amended plan to the Court, reducing the number of townhouses from three to two. Both Diane Hutchinson and John Gray have discussed it with me and have sent me lists of concerns, a number of which have been included in the Society's objection.

### Durham Court, 417 Glebe Point Rd

After consultation with a number of adjacent and nearby members, the Society lodged an objection calling for the redesign of the six townhouses proposed for the rear of this large site based on exceeding Council controls and the impact on the amenity of neighbours in a number of important respects.

### Community Consultation

A good representation of Glebe Society members, including five members of the Committee, attended Council's Community Consultation at Glebe Town Hall on 20 November, 6-7.30pm. This is the first step in Council's approach to updating its current long-term plan, 'Sydney 2030', to extend the vision to 2050. More than 100 people, mostly from Glebe

and Forest Lodge, though including residents from other suburbs, took part. Views were gathered through a series of activities, inducing participants' ideas about what they valued in their suburb now and wanted to be maintained, and what changes they wanted to see. Ideas were invited about Council's performance in relation to specific services, such as waste and recycling, venue management, parks and open space, and about improvements that could be made. The final activity elicited reactions to possible future scenarios, such as multi-storey schools, more live music venues and electric car charging in public spaces.

Responses were, of course, recorded and will no doubt form the basis for future plans and reporting.

*Neil Macindoe, Planning Convenor*

## 'Gracious Cycling'

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The City of Sydney has produced a video promoting the art of 'Gracious Cycling': <http://www.sydneycycleways.net/art-gracious-cycling/>.

The idea of the video is to encourage cyclists to ride in a considerate way, to obey the road rules and to consider the position of other road users and those using shared paths.

The City believes that educating cyclists and other road users is the key to ensuring the safety of cyclists, and the safe use of shared pedestrian and cycle paths, such as the Glebe Foreshore path.

*Murray Jewell, Transport & Traffic Convenor*



*A screen shot from the 'Gracious Cycling' video. (source: <http://www.sydneycycleways.net/art-gracious-cycling/>)*

## History & Heritage

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### Why Forest Lodge matters to the Glebe Society, by Diane Hutchison

This article addresses the question of why Forest Lodge is included in the Glebe Society's area of operation. The residents of Glebe and Forest Lodge now share the use of many commercial and public facilities. The current suburb boundary

between them could be considered an administrative abstraction. This article takes a more historical approach, concluding that the history of the two suburbs is also at odds with the current suburban boundary between them.



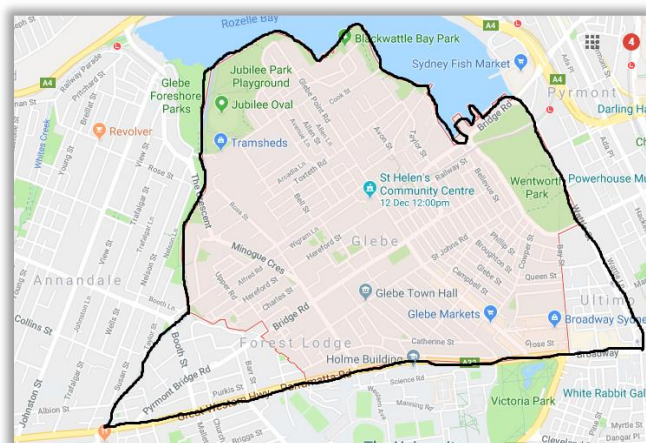
## The Glebe Society's constitution (and a puzzle it poses)

Since geography is important here, it is appropriate to start with the Glebe Society's boundaries, as set out in its Constitution. The oldest dated copy, from 1978, states that the Society's area, 'Glebe', 'shall be taken to embrace the areas bounded by Wattle Streer (sic), the Harbour, Johnston's Creek and Parramatta Rd.<sup>1</sup> The current Constitution uses more formal language but the same boundaries, which clearly do include the modern suburb of Forest Lodge.

But as an aside, some of you will have noticed the puzzle: these boundaries also include:

- a slice of the modern suburb of Ultimo, and
- a triangular section of Camperdown

There is no obvious historical explanation for including either parcel of land. For instance, both were outside the boundaries of the Municipality of Glebe, proclaimed in 1859. Perhaps some early Glebe Society members may remember the original discussions on the boundaries?



The boundaries of Glebe as set out in our Constitution (image: base is Google maps)

## The Forest Lodge Estate and links to Glebe

This and the next section explore the historical case for Forest Lodge's inclusion in the Glebe Society's domain. For those more interested in the history of Forest Lodge, I'd urge you to read Max Solling and Helen Randerson's excellent new article on 'Forest Lodge', published in the *Dictionary of Sydney*.<sup>2</sup>

Forest Lodge takes its name from the villa Ambrose Foss built in the Glebe (c1836), on a parcel of land near the corner of the current Bridge Rd and Ross St that he acquired from J. Williams. After building his villa, Foss set about building an estate to complement it. He likely acquired small parcels to the west and north of his villa, but his main acquisition is thought to have been an 1840 grant of 31 acres, stretching from his villa grounds to Orphan School Creek and the Parramatta Rd. The result was a vast woodland estate of about 40

acres, with Foss' villa near the north eastern corner of his estate.

Foss' villa was physically connected to the more settled parts of Glebe by a reserved access track through the pleasure gardens, bisecting Williams' holding and labelled by 1845 as 'the Road leading to the Main Glebe Rd'.<sup>3</sup> Access was greatly improved after the Pyrmont Bridge Company, under the Chairmanship of George Allen, turned this track into a substantial road, about 60 feet wide, and 'metalled throughout'.<sup>4</sup> The new road, opened at the end of 1859, was primarily designed to funnel traffic from the Parramatta Rd at Camperdown, over the company's bridge at Orphan School Creek and its Blackwattle Swamp causeway, thence onto its Pyrmont Bridge. For those able to pay the toll, this new road improved access to the city. It also improved Forest Lodge Estate's connection to Glebe – in the words of one advertisement, it put the Estate 'to within about 15 minutes' walk of the Post Office'.<sup>5</sup> And these connections, as the *Sydney Morning Herald* predicted, would turn land 'hitherto lying useless', into a valuable asset.<sup>6</sup>

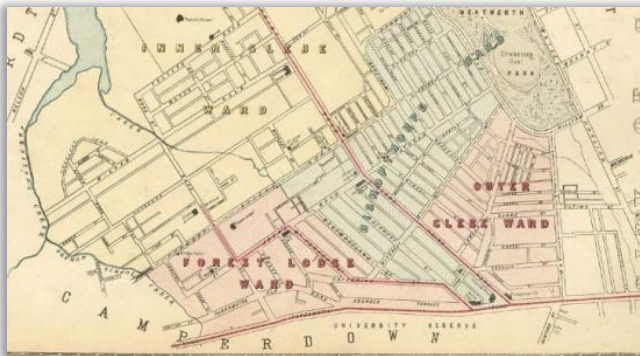
However, in the face of deteriorating economic conditions and recurring insolvency from 1857, successive new owners of the Forest Lodge Estate struggled to capitalise on the benefits of the new road.<sup>7</sup> Finally, at the end of 1862, the bulk of the Estate (excluding the *Forest Lodge* villa and its immediate surrounds) was placed on the market in villa-sized lots, targeting a relatively narrow set of potential buyers – gentleman looking for a semi-rural location close to the city.<sup>8</sup> Some lots in prime locations sold, but much of the Estate did not. Glebe's emerging property developer *par excellence*, G. W. Allen, along with three fellow politicians, stepped in, buying the residual land along with some adjoining land. They undoubtedly cleared at least some of this land, laid out access roads, and devised their subdivision plan, which included many smaller lots. When they started selling lots in 1865, the Forest Lodge Estate developed rapidly, with many land buyers further subdividing as the Estate gained in popularity.

The Forest Lodge Estate's proximity to Glebe had initially been a selling point but, as Solling and Randerson explain, the Estate quickly became a relatively self-sufficient community with its own shops, pubs, churches, schools, workshops such as blacksmiths and, more gradually, larger employers. Ross St became its main transit corridor to the city with an omnibus service and, from the early 1880s, a tram service. The Forest Lodge Estate was a very socio-economically diverse area, as indicated by the mix of housing ranging from very small to very large. In this it was not alone – for instance, after the Lyndhurst estate was subdivided, it also became a relatively diverse

precinct. The key difference was the size of the Forest Lodge Estate development which gave it the critical mass to also become relatively self-contained.

### Boundaries and Shared Terrains

The Forest Lodge Estate remained linked to Glebe through its inclusion in the Municipality of Glebe, proclaimed in 1859. The Council initially comprised three wards: Inner Ward (the area north of the Pymont Bridge Company's new road), Outer Ward (Bishopsgate, and part of the St Phillip's estate), and Bishopsthorpe which was an area bounded by the Pymont Bridge Company's Road and Mitchell St, plus the yet to be developed Bishopsthorpe and Forest Lodge Estates. When those estates were developed from the mid-1860s, the complaints abounded, with some new Forest Lodge land owners complaining they could not even build their homes because of impassable roads. The outcome, in 1871, was a new Forest Lodge Ward. Curiously, this ward contained a segment of the Bishopsthorpe estate, but otherwise it was relatively true to name – it contained most of the Forest Lodge Estate. However, the use of the term *Forest Lodge* as a locality descriptor soon began to spread north and north-west, well beyond the Pymont Bridge Rd ward boundary.



Map of Glebe 1880s (source: <https://dictionaryofsydney.org>)

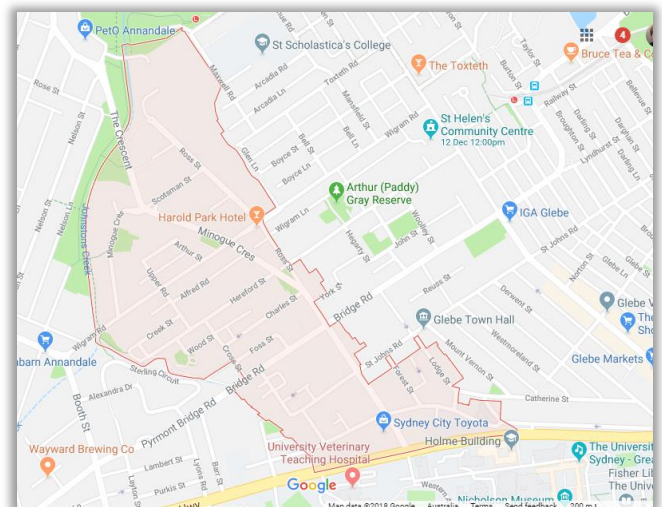
To the north, a key indicator of the spread of *Forest Lodge* as a locality was M. Hegarty's 1876 sale of seven allotments adjoining York's 'newly erected mansions' on Pymont Bridge Rd. Hegarty simply gave the address of these properties as *Forest Lodge*.<sup>9</sup> Soon after, the Catholic Church created the Parish of Forest Lodge, with a new church and school in Woolley St, entrenching the northern spread of *Forest Lodge* as a locality. By then, the north-west spread of *Forest Lodge* had also begun along Hereford St and Ross St. For instance, in 1874, when a dwelling in Hereford St was offered for sale, near the home of Michael Chapman (Councillor and, *per force*, member for Inner Ward), the location was simply given as *Forest Lodge*.<sup>10</sup> The executors of estates were more cautious though. When the executors of John Wood's estate subdivided an 8 acre parcel and offered villa and

building lots for sale in 1876, the location was described as *Forest Lodge, Glebe Heights*.<sup>11</sup> Similarly, after G. W. Allen died in 1885, his executors subdivided the south-western portion of the Toxteth Park Estate (the area from Harold Park to Orphan School Creek), identifying the locality as *Glebe Point*. But private vendors and residents in the area adopted the name *Forest Lodge* more rapidly.<sup>12</sup> Within 20 years, the *Forest Lodge* locality had become much larger than the Forest Lodge Estate or the Forest Lodge ward.

The boundary currently separating the modern suburbs of Forest Lodge and Glebe lies for the most part along Ross St, with detours to encompass, within Forest Lodge, the Harold Park site at one end, and Forest St and Lodge St plus adjoining sections of Arundel St and Catherine St at the other end. These suburb boundaries clearly truncate the ward of Forest Lodge, and the locality of *Forest Lodge*. Streets, homes and public buildings that were in the *Forest Lodge* locality or ward in the nineteenth century are now on the Glebe side of the boundary – the Glebe Town Hall, the York houses, and the site of the Forest Lodge villa are prominent examples but there are also a host of smaller dwellings. The modern suburbs of Glebe and Forest Lodge literally share much terrain. They also have a shared history. Forest Lodge originated in the subdivision of a large Glebe estate, through the agency of Glebe's prime property developer, G. W. Allen. And the south-western section of the Allen family's own estate also became part of Forest Lodge. This shared land and shared history, to my mind, are important to any explanation of why Forest Lodge is an integral part of the Glebe Society's domain.

Diane Hutchinson

(Sources listed on page 8)



The boundaries of current-day Forest Lodge (image: Google maps)



## Remembrance Day 2018 at the Diggers Memorial

Sunday 11 November marked 100 years since the official end of World War I. A ceremony was held at the Diggers Memorial in Foley Park to mark this special Remembrance Day. The fence surrounding the War Memorial was beautifully decked out in handmade poppies, which added a particularly special feel for the 100<sup>th</sup>. Max Solling and Lyn Collingwood have provided the *Bulletin* with copies of their Remembrance Day speeches which are now available on our website:

<https://www.glebesociety.org.au/speech-by-max-solling-at-remembrance-day-ceremony-2018/>

<https://www.glebesociety.org.au/speech-by-lyn-collingwood-on-remembrance-day-2018/>



(image: Phil Vergison)



(image: Phil Young)

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### Historical graffiti in Lew Hoad Reserve

A member of the Glebe Society, Wayne Carveth, has sent us some photos of Glebe. Two are particularly interesting. Both show lettering engraved in the rock face at Lew Hoad Reserve.

One says '1918 FIGA' and the other is election graffiti from 1958: 'Put Liberals Last'.

See photos of the carvings here:

<https://www.glebesociety.org.au/mysterious-old-graffiti-in-lew-hoad-reserve/>.

If you know anything at all about these engravings, please email [heritage@glebesociety.org.au](mailto:heritage@glebesociety.org.au).

### Mystery Photo, with Lyn Collingwood



#### Last month's mystery photo

It is the recently closed supermarket on the corner of Mitchell St and Glebe Point Rd, photographed ca 1980. The building was originally the *Currency Lass Hotel* dating from the 1860s. By the 1930s (pictured) the structure was hidden behind a facade, although the balcony remained.



### Who are we?

Kellie Clifford's mother and uncle standing next to the family home, ca 1949-50.

### Where are we?

Please send your suggestions to

[history@glebesociety.org.au](mailto:history@glebesociety.org.au).

Kellie would love to hear from anyone who knows anything about her ancestor James George Brown's Chamberlain Garage on Campbell St.



## Glebe & Forest Lodge, Naturally

### News from Blue Wren Subcommittee

#### Sixth annual spring bird survey

Thirty different bird species were recorded in this year's survey, led by Judy Christie, commencing at 7am on Sunday 28 October, which equals the highest number of species recorded. The overall number of 459 birds seen was also a great achievement. Having more surveyors enabled us to cover more areas and see more birds. The newly opened up parkland in Harold Park was included for the first time, and although it is not rich in bird life, the survey provides a baseline for future surveys.

The dominant species were the same as in previous years – Rainbow Lorikeets followed by Noisy Miners. The increase in numbers of Noisy Miners and the prevalence of the species across all areas is concerning as this species actively excludes other birds, especially small native birds, from its territory. Nevertheless, there was a diversity of species seen, often in pairs, for example Willy Wagtails, Magpie-Larks and Red Wattlebirds, suggesting breeding opportunities. Species seen in 2018 for the first time included the Tawny Frogmouth in Orphan School Creek. Red-rumped Parrots and Galahs were also first-timers, possibly an indication of birds more commonly seen inland coming to the coastal areas due to drought conditions.

Once again our target species, the Superb Fairy-Wren, was not sighted in Glebe or Forest Lodge. However, as these birds have now lost their previous habitat in the Rozelle rail yards site and have been seen or heard in nearby Annandale since that site was cleared, there is every possibility that they could turn up in our suburbs, if there is suitable habitat. Keep looking out for them!

Thank you to the 18 volunteers who helped to make a very successful and enjoyable morning.



*Some of the 18 volunteers who worked on the Spring Bird Survey as they assembled at 6.45am in Paddy Gray Reserve: Helen Randerson, Tony Tan, Andrew Wood, Judy Christie, Bob Richards, Julie Richards, Sue Copeland, Robert Hannan, David Watson, Jeanette Knox and Madeleine Jennings (image: Anne Britt).*

#### Updates from our bushcare volunteers

The Friends of Orphan School Creek Bushcare Group found that the planned watering in the park was unnecessary due to the recent rain. The rain has disrupted the weekly work of the Glebe Bushcare Group over the last few months but when possible they have been weeding and removing low-level littering (paper, plastics, food waste etc). Regarding John Street Reserve and St James Park, Sophie Golding, Urban Ecology Coordinator for the City of Sydney, has reported that the City will be appointing new bush regeneration contractors to undertake the care and maintenance of the sites, commencing in May 2019. From the start, it is important that the new contractors liaise with the local community and the City's arborist

about the special needs for the sites. In Paddy Gray Reserve the native flora planted in July are doing well and the sinkhole in the north eastern corner of the lower section of the Reserve has been filled-in. Local residents will be watering in the Reserve over December and January. The Ferry Rd Bushcare Group continue to collect rubbish and do spot weeding; watering of recently planted *Lomandra* will be necessary if there is no further rain.

One hundred native seedlings were planted in October by the Glebe Palmerston and Surrounds Landcare Group, and watering, weeding and removal of rubbish (including syringes and condoms) continue. The Group was successful in obtaining a grant of \$4,000 from the City to

purchase tools and a storage shed. They have, however, been unable to accept the grant as the City has still not provided a satisfactory personal accident insurance policy to cover the work of their volunteer members (the present unsatisfactory insurance policy requires the Group to pay the first \$500 of any accident claim). The saga over the past three years of attempts by the Group to have a water tap installed in the lower part of the park continues. Sydney Water say that the site for the tap is owned by Transdev, the operators of the light rail, who will not give permission to access the land to install the tap, despite the Group working there regularly to plant native flora!

*Judy Christie and Andrew Wood*  
Blue Wrens Subcommittee

### **Update on the Glebe fox(es), by Asa Wahlquist**

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In response to the Society's letter to City of Sydney about the problem of foxes in Glebe, we received a response dated 18 October, from David Riordan, Director of City Services.

The City of Sydney will raise the problem of foxes in Glebe with the Pest Animal Action Committee, which covers the southern region of Sydney. The Director of City Services with City of Sydney, David Riordan, said they would 'see if there are any future activities that we can be involved in to control the fox population'.

Mr Riordan was replying to a request from the Glebe Society to control the fox population in Glebe. The matter was initially raised by John and Jenny Sergeant, whose two pet hens, Lottie and Duchess, were killed in a manner consistent with fox predation. The Glebe Society also provided a photo of a fox walking down Leichhardt St, Glebe, along with records of other sightings.

Mr Riordan said the City of Sydney joined with 14 other councils in 2016 to develop 'a regional and coordinated approach to fox management in south Sydney. Staff studied the behaviour of urban foxes and mapped where they had been found, which allowed some councils to run control programs at strategic locations.'

More than 150 foxes were removed from southern Sydney as a result of the program.

Mr Riordan asked people to record any fox sightings in Glebe and surrounding suburbs on FoxScan at

<https://www.feralscan.org.au/foxscan/default.aspx>.

He said this would help the City understand the movement and number of foxes in Glebe.

*Asa Wahlquist*

Convenor, Environment Subcommittee

### **Concern from Councillor Kerry Phelps**

I received this email from Jacqui Munro on 2 November. – Editor

*On behalf of Councillor Phelps, thank you for the ongoing updates about the Glebe area through the monthly Bulletin – it is always an interesting read and very informative!*

*From a previous edition which raised concerns about a fox killing local pets and wildlife in the area, Councillor Phelps followed up with the Director of City Services to ask what could be done to address this problem.*

*Councillor Phelps received the following response:*

*The European red fox poses a threat to native animals, however controlling their numbers is very difficult in a densely populated areas such as the City of Sydney.*

*Options such as baiting are not considered feasible due to the large number of domestic pets in the local government area.*

*Foxes are more likely to be scavenging on rubbish or prey on rodents, given these are more abundant than indigenous species on which they could potentially feed.*

[The letter goes on to recommend that any sightings be reported to FoxScan.]

*Jacqui Munro*  
Office of Councillor Dr Kerry Phelps AM



Image:  
<https://www.feralscan.org.au/foxscan/default.aspx>



# Community Matters

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## What are you going to do with all those surplus-to-requirement items you find in your Christmas stocking this year? Perhaps this is the answer to your dilemma!

by Janice Challinor

Known affectionately as 'the Oppy', the Glebe Community Op Shop, this beloved community facility standing proudly on the corner of Glebe St and Norton St goes by the slogan 'Glebe's Hidden Gem'. It stocks a vast array of clothing, kitchenware, art works, plants, shoes, knick-knacks, linen, hats, books, jewellery and toys. In fact, you name it, and if you go searching, you may very well find it in one of the nooks and crannies that house their treasures.

The Oppy has an on line identity, found at <https://www.facebook.com/pages/category/Community-Center/The-Glebe-Community-Op-Shop-1893267940904491/> and there you'll see the amazing collection they stock, but be quick, anything donated will be immediately assessed and displayed and may even walk out the door before you do! You'll also be able note that the street address is 133 Glebe St, Glebe. Unlike other second-hand goods outlets of the 'recycled-retro-for-profit' type or those run by various religious organisations, this one (despite being not-for-profit) does accumulate funds. The difference lies in where these funds go; all are put back into our local community. But more about that later.

This site hasn't always been utilised for an Op shop. Some locals have recalled that for many years it was a butcher's shop, run by the Lawlers, who at one time owned and ran four butchers shops in Glebe. Perhaps the site which is now the Robyn Kemmis memorial at the Franklyn Park Community Space at the intersection of Glebe, Cowper St and Franklyn St, known until recently as the 'old butcher's shop', was also one of theirs. Sadie King reminisced that it was her habit to go to Lawler's to purchase fresh meat for her pet cat, whichever one she owned at the time. However it ceased trading, perhaps some time before the purchase of the Glebe Estate by the Federal Government from the Church of England in 1974. It is noted in 'Glebe by [Max Solling](#) 2011' (found in <https://dictionaryofsydney.org/entry/glebe>) that along with 723 properties used as family dwellings there were also 27 commercial buildings. It is certainly one of these, and sits adjacent to an iconic row of single storey terraces with their distinctive green and cream striped verandahs. Those terraces were some of the first to be upgraded during the Glebe Project years, 1974 to 1980, and were often shown to visiting school and university students as exemplars of the type of improvements that were being undertaken. This scribe actually attended one such viewing.

Sadie King was of the belief that the Community Op Shop began with the support of Pat Hills, after the Glebe Project commenced. It may be that he lobbied on behalf of the community for the use of a premises for such a purpose. However, whether that was before or after the Glebe Estate ownership was handed over to the NSW State Government in 1984 is unknown. If it did commence as a community initiative it would have been in need of coordinated management, which may have originally been provided by the Uniting Church.

A film made on the estate in the late 1970s or early 1980s about the Glebe Project shows a brief glimpse of an Op Shop on the Estate, but it is not at the same location as today's. It appears to have been located in Glebe Point Rd, possibly on the site that subsequently became the Cornstalk Bookshop and is now the Shop Gallery. However if you recognise its exact location from the still photo attached, please feel free to email the address of the correct site to me. Perhaps it had to be moved as the property renovations proceeded.

The present site has been the Glebe Community Op Shop (GCOS) since it was handed over to locals for that purpose in 1983. Housing NSW still has an interest in the Op Shop building, as the first floor apartment is one that they manage. It is rented separately from the Op Shop which utilises the ground floor space, but also shares the use of the rear yard with the downstairs tenant. The weekly rent paid by the Op Shop to the Land and Housing Corporation is very modest, a figure that hasn't altered in the memory of the two most recent managers whom I interviewed for this story. Nor does Heather wish it to be changed. She did note that there is an understanding, but one she has seen no documentation to quote, that in return for a 'peppercorn rental' the Op Shop will put any profits it makes back into the Glebe Community, and that is exactly what is happening.

Julie Breckenreg, former Hope Street and subsequently Heart of Glebe pastor, confirmed that Hope Street took over the management of the formerly Uniting Church-run Glebe Community Op Shop in Glebe St in 2007. It remained thus until Hope Street discontinued its Glebe ministry in 2012. Management was under Julie's care until 2014, and was subsequently taken over by Heather Murphy of The Glebe Christian Life Community when 'Heart of Glebe' ceased to exist. Julie actively recruited Heather, whom she'd known since the early 1990's when Heather's daughters had joined

the Girls Brigade run by Julie. It was that Hope Street project which brought Julie Breckenreg to Glebe, even before she joined the Ministry.

Heather verified the butcher's shop usage by telling me the shop was visited by an elderly gentleman quite recently. It was an emotional moment for him as he told Heather how he remembered standing in the shop when a small child, holding his mother's hand as she purchased meat. The memory brought a distinct mistiness to his eyes, Heather said, particularly when he remembered the sawdust which covered the shop floor.



*'The Oppy' at 133 Glebe St (image: Janice Challinor)*

Although managed by Heather it is not run to fund church projects. Instead Heather practices a policy of supporting local people in need, as well as supporting other Glebe Service providers who have clients in need. An example of this is the practice of GAPP<sup>1</sup> of providing clothing vouchers to men resident at Rainbow Lodge, the support service for men on parole who are trying to rebuild their lives after serving a sentence in a Corrections Services facility. These men can then redeem clothing at the Glebe Community Op Shop using these vouchers.

As the Oppy is so well known amongst the Glebe Estate residents in particular, Heather has a privileged insight into which families may be 'doing it tough' and assists them in every way she can. An example of this occurred just before Christmas 2017 when, in seeking information about local families who might be glad of some support from the very successful Christmas Appeal the Glebe Society made, Heather was able to provide the Glebe Society Community Development Subcommittee with details of several local families who then became recipients of some of that seasonal largesse. As one of these was a large and extended refugee family of three generations, with only some of the children being male, it was very rewarding to be able to bring them these seasonal gifts from the Glebe community.

In mid-2018 the Glebe Society Community Committee made an approach to Heather for support with the Kitchen Starter Pack Project (KSP). As Heather had already heard of the project through her contacts at GAPP and Rainbow Lodge

she was very willing to contribute some funds to the purchase of new electrical goods for the Rainbow Lodge part of the project. At the time of writing the Rainbow Lodge aspect of the KSP project is increasing, requiring further purchases of new electrical goods, so Heather is again forwarding funds to the Glebe Society to support this initiative. In this way the project also increased the partnership outreach of the Glebe Society Community Committee into the wider community.

Another initiative the Op Shop practises is the 'White Bag System'. This is a state-wide organisation which collects soft goods, clothing, toys and shoes to send to overseas destinations where poverty and destitution are commonplace. The GCOS frequently needs to reduce its stock as the storage space is relatively limited, so they pack up the less saleable but still serviceable soft items to go the White Bag collections. The GCOS receives 15 cents per kilo of goods thus contributed, and itself distributes White Bags to people who want to contribute used but serviceable clothing items when they are clearing out their closets. Even if the items are a little stained or perhaps have a small tear they are still acceptable for this purpose. Should you be motivated to do this when next doing the seasonal change-of-wardrobe chore, feel free to see Heather and ask for a White Bag to help the cause.

GCOS has also sent used items overseas. In 2017 it sent 100 kg of clothing to Sri Lanka in the wake of the massive flooding there. It also contributed three boxes of clothing to a Filipino orphanage, and sent donations to an orphanage in Nepal that supports victims of the child-sex trade, especially with formal garments suitable for bridal wear and for situations such as placement interviews, where a more formal standard of dress is required.

Asked about the source of such a significant oversupply of stock, in particular clothing, Heather confided that a lot comes from some community organisations on the North Shore. While some of the donations are too valuable to be sold at the Op Shop; one recent lot consisting of WWI memorabilia which she is passing on to the Australian War Memorial, Heather considers most very useful. She noted that Glebe is a great location for an Op Shop to trade in as Glebe, being an inner suburb, attracts people searching for vintage clothing and retro garments. She'd really like the City of Sydney Council to place a permanent sign on the corner of Glebe Point Rd and Norton St, indicating the direction of the Oppy. This might possibly divert some of those Saturday Glebe markets bargain hunters to its door. Perhaps the Glebe Society may be able to encourage the City to fulfil this wish; after all it's coming up to Christmas.



There is another important contact between some North Shore communities and GCOS. A shed in its rear outdoor space is utilis

ed by one group of volunteers, including some high-flying CEO types, for the storage of gardening equipment such as mowers, brush cutters, spades and hand-tools etc, which they use to tend gardens of some Glebe residents who are too infirm or physically incapacitated to do so themselves. They do this on a regular basis, and after each working bee they share a barbeque on site at GCOS on the last Saturday of each month. Julie Breckenreg and her husband host this gathering and provide the comestibles, thus maintaining some connections with her former parishioners in the Glebe Estate. Julie also volunteers at the Have-a-Chat Café at the Old Fire Station every Friday for the same reason, even though she no longer lives or works in Glebe.

The management and labour for the GCOS is all supplied voluntarily too, mainly by people living on the Estate. It is open three days a week on Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 10am until 3pm; 4pm on Saturdays. Heather as oversight manager is there Thursday while Turkish John is in charge on Fridays and Marla Priest is at the helm on Saturdays. Altogether there are another 18 volunteers who help man/woman the premises, sort and categorise donations, pack materials being sent elsewhere and generally make anyone who walks in the door feel very welcome. That is the way Heather wants it; a place of welcome in an integrated community. They accept donations of all kinds except very large furniture items such as beds, wardrobes, tables and lounges. This is mainly due to lack of storage space but if they know of anyone needing these larger household goods they will facilitate the exchange between the other parties where they can.

The preferred donations are therefore smaller reusable items of reasonable quality including clothing, shoes, toys, games, small household goods such as kitchenware, single chairs, lights, bedside tables etc. They will accept some books but generally receive more than they can on-sell. Consequently every year they donate many boxes to the Annual Glebe Book Fair. Heather also has the intention of starting a pavement library box at a place to be decided, but in the interim hopes to persuade her husband, who runs the Have-a-Chat Café at the Old Fire Station one day a week, to install a bookshelf there for that same purpose. So the 'too many books' they collect may end up being shared among the readers of Glebe in a more equitable manner.

The GCOS is obviously a very important and treasured part of the rich tapestry that is the Glebe community. Its intention, to 'reduce land-fill with style' is certainly a laudable objective which we, as

fellow Glebe citizens can support. The benefit to donors is pretty obvious: decluttering of those useful yet no longer needed items that we all tend to accumulate but don't quite know how to dispose of in an environmentally friendly fashion. Well, here it is, and right on our doorstep; no, in our midst, but far too much an unknown to many of us, and just waiting for our visit in the post-Christmas clear up. Shall I see you there?

*Janice Challinor*

Convenor, Community Development Subcommittee



A still from a film about the Glebe Project' (source: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vj5TozxG2RI&t=51s>)

### **Please support Christmas Gifts for Glebe Residents**

Due to the wonderful response last year to our Christmas appeal for children and their parents living in supported accommodation in Glebe we would again like to support Elsie Women's Refuge, Rainbow Lodge, Detour House and Kathleen York House with the addition of people in the Youth Programs run by Glebe Police and headed by Snr Cst Renee Fortuna in 2018. We hope to do this by co-ordinating Christmas gifts for resident families living at and being cared for by these facilities and services.

To be aware of the people whom we aim to provide gifts for, please see the list below. Do not be frightened by the size of it though. We are also partnering with Chris O'Brien Lifehouse Hospital staff as we did last year, and Jamie Parker's office is assisting with this appeal too.

We don't want just toys, but hopefully some of the other items too, including clothing. Many people who've left home don't have a lot, as you may know.

If you would like to provide a gift or two for some of these family members please contact Janice Challinor, the Glebe Society Community committee convenor, at [community@glebesociety.org.au](mailto:community@glebesociety.org.au) or phone 0401 505 657 to indicate what you have in mind or receive a suggestion.

As we'd like to ensure all people on the list are provided equally with gifts it may be preferable that you phone or email before purchasing anything, to check if there are as yet unmet areas of need.

I will collect gifts between 3 December and 17 December and deliver them to the recipient accommodation premises on Wednesday 19 and Thursday 20 December. Please do not wrap gifts as they must be checked for appropriate content, but please do label with tags showing age and gender of the intended recipient, then contact me to arrange collection before the closing date.

Contact me to arrange for me to collect from your place or for you to drop off at mine. There is also going to be a Giving Tree at the Glebe Society Christmas celebration on 16 December at Glebe Town Hall. Gifts may be provided through that avenue as well.

Thank you all in anticipation; I'm sure many in Glebe will appreciate our efforts on their behalf.

### **The Glebe Society Christmas list**

- Total number of women – 26
- Total number of men – 8
- Total Number of children – 77

The above are the combined numbers of people resident at Elsie's Refuge, Kathleen York House, Detour House and children of men at Rainbow Lodge.

Also included are the age/gender details of local Glebe children whose families are experiencing some hardship. Many of these are from Aboriginal families, all are engaged with the Glebe Police Youth Liaison programs which aim to support children living in hardship and encourage them to find a different future for themselves.

*Janice Challinor*

Convenor, Community Development Subcommittee

**Note:** 1. Glebe Assistance & Partnership Program run by St John's Church of England out of Record Reign Hall in St Johns Road.

## **Upcoming Events**

### **Twilight Christmas Gathering: Sunday 16 Dec 2018 (5.30 to 8pm)**

Join us in the elegant main hall of Glebe Town Hall for our annual 2018 Twilight Christmas Gathering. All are welcome – members, their families, friends and neighbours.

At 6 pm we will enjoy a short performance from the talented Glebe Public School Choir, directed by Liz Lecoanet and supported by Glebe Community Singers. Liz is a Glebe local and international artist who was the original conductor for 'With One Voice Sydney', and was awarded 'Hidden Hero of Sydney' by Mayor Clover Moore, City of Sydney.

## **Wellbeing Survey**

If you have not received your City of Sydney 'Wellbeing Survey 2018' in the post, you can complete it online here: <https://tinyurl.com/yavlkky>. Postal responses are due by 10 December and the online survey can be completed up to 20 December.

## **Kitchen Pack Project Update**

We've now delivered 21 Kitchen Packs to Elsie families and Rainbow Lodge men moving into their new homes but, after a recent surge in deliveries, we are running short of stock. We really need the surplus kitchen items you have in your own cupboards, or those you can source from neighbours or friends, or maybe on your op-shop excursions.

The things we most need are the perennials – saucepans, frypans and bakeware – but we're also very short of food prep knives, strainers, bowls, cooking implements and cutlery. And since Kitchen Pack deliveries will continue through the summer holidays, we will soon need everything else on our core list, as well as more items to stock the optional shelves (See [Kitchen Pack](#) for more information). If you haven't recycled through our Kitchen Pack project yet, please see if you can help. Both Elsie and Rainbow Lodge management have told us repeatedly that their clients really appreciate both our practical and symbolic support.

Our normal drop-off venue at St Helens Community Centre will continue in December (3-5.30pm, 5 December and 19 December). But I'm also more than happy to collect items from your home any time, including over the summer break. Just email me at [vicepresident@glebesociety.org.com](mailto:vicepresident@glebesociety.org.com) with a couple of days and times that suit you.

*Diane Hutchinson*  
Community Development

Tickets are \$59 and bookings are essential. Book online using Eventbrite:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2018-christmas-gathering-tickets-52451341374>

Your generosity would again be appreciated in bringing unwrapped personal care items for women and/or men to be used in local community Christmas gift packs.



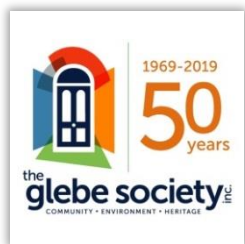
Contact Judy Vergison 0417 446 425 if you need more details or to make alternative payment arrangements if you are not able to book online.

*Judy Vergison*, Events Coordinator



## 2019 is party time ... Celebrate 50 years of the Glebe Society!

### 'Celebrate our history ... Contribute to our future'



Glebe has a fascinating history and a strong sense of community. There have been many changes in Glebe since 1969 and the Glebe Society has been a key player in supporting, advocating and leading many of these – and working with other community groups.

Next year on 19 June, the Glebe Society will be 50 years 'young'. Plans are being developed to celebrate this important milestone and the contributions the Society has made to protecting our local heritage and environment and building our community.

#### What is planned?

The full program of events will take place throughout the year (March to November). Below is a snapshot of events currently being planned.

The main celebrations will be held in 'Festival Week', 23 – 30 June 2019, at the Tramsheds. There will be four major exhibitions including '50 Memorable Moments of the Glebe Society', a beautiful photographic display of Glebe's grand houses, special interest displays, talks, panel discussions, school photo competition, book launches, community celebration events and performances. Some displays will be digitised to have a 'life after the festival'.

#### The Festival Opening Party will be on Sunday 23 June.

Outside of the Festival Week events will be held across Glebe, including guided walks (two new ones), 'Our House' visits, Glebe Voices, a new Heritage workshop, a new Archives workshop and a foreshore community picnic.

#### Support received so far

We appreciate the generous support from the City of Sydney Council with the recent approval of the Society's 'Festival and Grants Application' grant to develop displays and to use the new community venue at Harold Park Tramsheds free of charge for the whole Festival Week.

We are also looking for sponsors for extra displays and initiatives – let us know if you have some ideas or contacts.

#### How is the Celebration Program being run?

The Management Committee appointed a Steering Committee: Virginia Simpson-Young (convenor), Dorothy Davis and Judy Vergison, to bring together

a team of volunteers, the 'Anniversary Working Group' (AWG) to lead and manage approved projects.

A draft program was developed by the AWG and agreed at the Management Committee meeting in November 2018. Now we are firming up project plans and putting in place teams to deliver the 12-month celebration program.

**Got any ideas?** ... Please let us know so it can be considered to be part of the program. After all, this is a celebration for all our members. Email us any time, and come along to the 50th Anniversary Launch Drinks, a free members evening to enjoy wine and cheese and hear about plans and make suggestions – if the mood takes you. More details in the orange box on this page.

#### How can you be involved?

This is a great opportunity to be actively involved at the level you choose and to meet others in the Glebe community. You don't need to have lived here for years, or know a lot about the Society, there will be many others there to help you, or you may know someone who can assist, or have contacts with other community groups to be included.

Save the Date!

#### We are looking for new volunteers to lead or be part of a team to:

- Source materials, design and develop displays:
  - Glebe Society 50 Years Highlights
  - Heritage
  - Community
  - Environment
- Set up and dismantle exhibitions
- Host visitors at the Tramsheds exhibitions and events
- Design new digital 'Environment Walk' and display
- Design a new 'Radical Glebe Walk'
- Help develop a Publicity and Promotions plan
- Identify sponsorship opportunities
- Suggest contacts for music and entertainment
- Help develop a Schools Strategy (photo competition, talks, walks and visits)
- Manage the 'Festival Week' Venue (set up and running of events)
- Help develop a New Members' strategy
- Monitor and evaluate the Festival program outcomes

If you are interested in being involved, have ideas or resources, please contact Judy Vergison, [events@glebesociety.org.au](mailto:events@glebesociety.org.au) or 0417 446 425.

Virginia Simpson Young (Convenor)  
50 years Celebration Steering Committee

### 50th Anniversary Program Launch Drinks - a free members evening

When: Wednesday 6 March 2019, 6.30 - 7.45pm  
Venue: Glebe Town Hall (downstairs)

RSVP by 4 March 2019 for catering purposes:  
<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/50th-anniversary-program-launch-drinks-free-members-event-tickets-53081905408> or phone Virginia, 0402 153 074 or email [communications@glebesociety.org.au](mailto:communications@glebesociety.org.au)

More details in the next *Bulletin* (March 2019)

### 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 6 December at 7pm Mari-Luise will welcome us at *Despaña*, 101 Glebe Point Rd.
- On Thursday 3 January at 7pm we will go to the newly renovated *Australian Youth Hotel*, 63 Bay St (near the Broadway Shopping Centre).
- On Thursday 7 February at 7pm we will try *Bhoomi*, the new Indian restaurant at 134 Glebe Point Rd.
- And on Thursday 7 March at 7pm we will go to *Tommy's Beer Café*, 123 Glebe Point Rd.

Please email me at [thirstythursday@glebesociety.org.au](mailto:thirstythursday@glebesociety.org.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.

Edwina Doe

### Players in the Pub

#### A Christmas Carol ...

... the return of our faithful adaptation of Dickens' classic tale.

When: Wednesday 19 December, 7pm.

Where: upstairs Harold Park Hotel 70A Ross St.

Cost: Free admission (donations bucket). All day kitchen. Please order early – we always aim to start on time!

Lyn Collingwood



### Sydney Inner West Rotary: supporting local young projects

Sydney Inner West Rotary is holding a Christmas fundraiser, 'Rock 'n Roll Christmas'.

Featuring: BackBeat (six piece band)

Supper: Hot & Cold finger food provided. Drink, beer, wine or soft drink on arrival. Full meals available at very reasonable club prices between 7pm and 9pm.

Lucky Door Prizes; prizes for best male and female rocker outfits. Hampers.

When: Saturday, 15 December, 7.30pm.

Where: Leichhardt Bowling Club – 88 Piper St, Leichhardt.

Cost: Tickets \$35.

Bookings: <https://www.trybooking.com/ZGWY>.

Further information: 0418 602 014 or [rotary.siw@gmail.com](mailto:rotary.siw@gmail.com);



### Exhibition at the Shop Gallery

Angela Knight & Cath Sim 8 – 11 December 2018.  
Opening event 5.30pm, 7 December.

Open 10am–6pm Saturday 8 to Tuesday 11 December.

The Shop Gallery, 112 Glebe Point Rd.



Right: 'Kempsey Storm', by Cath Sim; one of the works on display at the Shop Gallery in December (image: Cath Sim)



## Glebe Artisans Christmas Market

Saturday 15 December from 10am to 3pm, for unique handmade Christmas gifts, locally designed and produced.

Where: Foley Park, Bridge Rd cnr Glebe Point Rd.

For more information: [www.glebeartisansmarket.org.au](http://www.glebeartisansmarket.org.au)

Thank you Glebe! In appreciation of the community support the Glebe Artisans Market has received, we are happy to be able to donate \$3,000 to a number of local organisations this year. As a non-profit-making association, we are proud to be part of a vibrant and dynamic neighbourhood.

Fiona Verge



Some of the items available at the Christmas Glebe Artisans Market (image: Mike Ody)

## Life drawing at the Harold Park Hotel

Tuesday mornings, 10am-1pm. The Brandling Art Society, an artists' cooperative that has met over more than 30 years at various premises in Alexandria, Newtown, and for the last three years in Glebe at the Toxteth Hotel, has now moved to the Harold Park Hotel. Normal attendance is between 15 and 20 people.

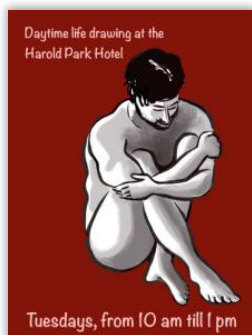
There is no teacher, but most attendees are happy to look at each other's work and to make suggestions if requested. Models are female and male, and of varied ages, shapes and sizes. The normal cost to pay for the model is \$10.

New members are welcome, and you may just come along.

The group will finish for 2018 on Tuesday 28 December and restart on 15 January.

For more information contact Michael Hogan on 0412 487 738.

Michael Hogan



## Looking for past *Bulletin* editors

The communications subcommittee is doing a project for the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary that involves interviewing past *Bulletin* editors. There are still a few we haven't been able to track down.

If you know anything about the following Glebe Society *Bulletin* editors, please get in touch: Joey Rowden, David Reeve, Belinda Weaver and Gwen Geschmay.

Any information at all would be much appreciated. Email [editor@glebesociety.org.au](mailto:editor@glebesociety.org.au)

### Dates for the next *Bulletin* Issue 1 of 2019 (March 2019)

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## Editor's final word for 2018

As this is the last edition of the Glebe Society *Bulletin* for 2018, I'd like to thank all our regular – and occasional – contributors; as well as the mailout team for their contribution to the *Bulletin* in 2018.

I'd also like to make a special mention of a couple of unsung heroes – proofreaders Edwina Doe and Martin Lawrence. Both do a brilliant job, and errors remaining after they've been through the *Bulletin* with their fine-toothed combs are generally mine!

And finally, thank you to Unik Printing in Camperdown, for doing our printing year after year at incredibly good prices. A special thanks to our contact there, Hugh Drewitz.

We always welcome contributions by members, whether in the form of an article, letter to the editor or photograph – or something else I may not have thought of! If you have an idea you'd like to discuss, please feel free to email me on [editor@glebesociety.org.au](mailto:editor@glebesociety.org.au).

Wishing you all a very happy Christmas.

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## For Your Calendar

Tuesday 4 December, 5.30-8.30pm. Sydney Fish Market Info Sessions. St Barnabas Church, 57-61 Mountain St, Ultimo.  
 Thursday 6 December, 7pm. Thirsty Thursday. *Despara*, 101 Glebe Point Rd.  
 Saturday 8 December, 9am-12pm Sydney Fish Market Info Sessions. St Barnabas Church, 57-61 Mountain St, Ultimo.  
 Saturday, 15 December, 7.30pm. Sydney Inner West Rotary 'Rock 'n Roll Christmas'. Leichhardt Bowling Club, 88 Piper St.  
 Sunday 16 December, 5.30-8pm. *Glebe Society Twilight Christmas Gathering*, Glebe Town Hall.  
 Wednesday 19 December, 7pm. Players in the Pub, A Christmas Carol. upstairs Harold Park Hotel 70A Ross St.

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Thursday 3 January, 7pm. Thirsty Thursday. *Australian Youth Hotel*, 63 Bay St.  
 Thursday 7 February, 7pm. Thirsty Thursday, *Bhoomi*, 134 Glebe Point Rd.  
 Wednesday 6 March 2019, 6.30-7.30pm, 50th Anniversary Members Info Evening, Glebe Town Hall, lower hall.  
 Thursday 7 March, 7pm. Thirsty Thursday, *Tommy's Beer Café*, 123 Glebe Point Rd.  
 Sunday 23 June. *Glebe Society 50th Anniversary Festival Opening Party*. Tramsheds.  
 Wednesday mornings, from 8.30am. *Glebe Bushcare Group* meets near Jubilee Park.

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# Join us at our Twilight Christmas Gathering

Glebe Town Hall: Sunday 16 Dec 2018 (5.30-8pm)



## Celebrate being part of our Glebe community!

Join us in the elegant main hall of Glebe Town Hall for our annual 2018 Twilight Christmas Gathering. With a wide selection of drinks and gourmet canapés – prepared & served by a renowned local caterer. **All are welcome – member, their families, friends & neighbours.**

## At 6pm...

Enjoy a short performance from the talented Glebe Public School Choir, directed by Liz Lecoanet & supported by Glebe Community Singers. Liz is a Glebe local and international artist who was the original conductor for 'With One Voice Sydney', and was awarded 'Hidden Hero of Sydney' by Lord Mayor Clover Moore.

## Contribute to our Giving Tree

Your generosity would again be appreciated in bringing unwrapped personal care items for women and/or men to be used in local community Christmas gift packs.

## Bookings are essential

Tickets: \$59 – Bookings are essential and close Friday 14 Dec 2018.

**Please book online using Eventbrite (which can be reached via Glebe Society website / Upcoming Events)**

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2018-christmas-gathering-tickets-52451341374>

**Contact** Judy Vergison (0417 446 425) if you need more details or to make alternative payment arrangements if you are not able to book online

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- Household: \$60
- Concession (student or pensioner): \$20
- 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](http://www.glebesociety.org.au); or
- Write to the Secretary at PO Box 100 Glebe 2037; or  
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*The horse racing industry went through a hard time in 2007 with Equine Influenza so the Trotting Club had a few camel races to help Harold Park tick over. (image Wayne Carveth)*

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