

Glebe and Forest Lodge responds to COVID-19

COVID-19 and our neighbours

In these times of self-isolation and social distancing there may be people in our community, and especially those who live alone, who could do with some friendly neighbourhood assistance. I have heard of two instances where Glebe Society members are checking with elderly and single-dwelling neighbours, offering help with shopping or other chores where it is safe to do so. I'm sure there are many more. Even a regular phone call to someone you know in this situation could give needed support.

Yesterday I had a much longer than usual phone conversation with a friend who is obviously feeling the need of a good talk to ease that sense of isolation, and this set me thinking. If you know of anyone you can offer the hand – no not the hand – but the voice of friendship to, or perform a small service for, please do. If you yourself can't help, perhaps you could contact community@glebesociety.org.au with your concerns, or offers to assist, and we'll see what can

be done to connect people. Thank you for your neighbourliness.

Janice Challinor
 Community Development Convenor



(photo: Sean Gallup, Getty Images via www.eurekastreet.com.au)

Challenges for Glebe Youth Service

A 20 March *Sydney Morning Herald* article by Jacqueline Maley included an interview with Keiran Kevans who runs the Glebe Youth Service. He is deeply concerned that school closures will have a multiplier effect on the disadvantaged. Below is an extract from the article.

But what about the respite that working outside the home brings from working in it? For parents, work is the place where we can dawdle in our own thoughts, free from the interruptions of small people with preternatural powers of insistence.

And the daily commute, once a sanctified space for reading, podcasts, or staring peaceably into space, has vanished in a cloud of hand-sanitiser and fear.

But for many families these concerns are laughably middle-class.

Keiran Kevans runs the Glebe Youth Service, which has provided social support and programs to disadvantaged kids in Glebe for 30 years. Most of

his kids (75 per cent of whom are from Indigenous backgrounds) do not have internet at home, or access to a device.

'It's going to hit a lot harder for them', Kevans says of school closures. 'It'll be like a multiplier effect on that disadvantage. There will be more child protection matters and a likelihood of more unfavourable contact with the police.'

Kevans believes a lot of the kids who visit his service will be bored at home and will go roaming. Mostly he worries for their education. 'Their engagement with learning is often precarious and this could be the event that means total disengagement from school and they never return', he says. 'We need to be thinking a lot harder about how we can help those kids.'

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Glebe Youth Service's letter to supporters

The Society received this email on 26 March from Kieran Kevans via Janice, our Community Development Subcommittee Convenor:

Dear Friends,

We are writing to provide a quick update about GYS and our COVID-19 response. These are tough times, many of you will be feeling the impacts socially, economically and psychologically – we are in uncharted waters as an organisation, a community, and as a nation. It is so crucial we support each other through this crisis.

Glebe Youth Service has a vision for a thriving Glebe community and our purpose is to support all young people in our community to reach their full potential. Our programs and services focus on; health, safety, skills, and connection. We value positivity, perseverance, partnership and community, and we are drawing strength from these values to help us navigate this perilous time and continue to support our community.

GYS has been reviewing the COVID-19 situation daily and we are modifying our service model to minimise risk and ensure best practice. We are strictly adhering to federal and state health guidelines and we have implemented COVID-19 protocols. These include:

- *Strict hygiene measures – hand-washing, sanitiser and additional cleaning.*
- *Symptom screening staff/clients (phone).*
- *Physical distancing.*
- *Limiting staff numbers in the building.*
- *Closing the building to clients and community.*

Safety and public health is our highest concern at this time, so regrettably, the following programs are on hold:

- *All after school group activities including Teen-Time (Drop-in), 'Girlzone', 'Boyzone', Middle Ground and Homework Tutoring.*
- *After Dark 'drop in' (moving to an outreach model).*
- *Client walk-ins.*
- *In-person casework, intake and advocacy.*
- *Events and sports activities.*

In order to continue to serve our community we have shifted our service model. We are focusing on:

- *Phone & video call support.*
- *Food relief – we are using no-contact methods to continue food distribution.*
- *Outreach support (under strict distancing and hygiene protocols).*

We are working collaboratively with local services, government, health and other agencies to explore collaborative approaches to best support our local community through this global pandemic.

In Glebe, we are experiencing high levels of demand for essential household items such as cleaning products, sanitary products and non-perishable food items. We are also seeking donations of unwanted computers, laptops and smartphones to distribute to school students who do not have a device to work on at home.

If you are able to consider a donation, either of physical items or financially, it would be greatly appreciated.

Please use this link for financial donations: <https://www.givenow.com.au/gysfoodrelief>. Or contact us if you have physical items you are able to donate: <https://glebeyouth.org.au/home/contact-us/>.

We understand that this might not be possible at this time – we are thankful for your support to date. Please stay safe!

*Your sincerely,
Keiran Kevans
GYS Coordinator*

Centipede and COVID-19

As most people will be aware there is a great deal of uncertainty about the increasing impact of COVID-19 on our schools and preschools. At the time of writing (22 March) Centipede is still functioning and will do so as long as it is able to. This is especially the case if Glebe Public School remains open, and where it is trying to maintain service for children whose parents are employed in the health industry. There are several such families at Centipede.



Consequently, as some families are already withdrawing their children, often at short notice, the management of

Centipede is faced with the situation where income is falling, but staff must be paid. If they are casuals they must be given 24 hours' notice if their shift is cancelled. Parents are also being asked to give 24 hours' notice if their child is not going to attend, but uncertainty is still the order of the day. Centipede also provides meals for children, and shortages of supplies has been another problem for management.

As this important Glebe community service is one that Glebe Society members have been engaged with through our annual Sunset Soirée fundraiser for Centipede, I'd like to inform you of the following possibilities. Firstly, the Soirée is unlikely to take place this year, but if a fundraiser does eventuate it is likely to be in another format and location that can accommodate Glebe Society supporters who will be invited as usual, as well as more Centipede parents. Secondly, rather than wait until October or whenever an improvement in the health situation may allow social events to occur, Glebe Society supporters of

Centipede may like to assist at this time of need. The two substantial ways in which that can happen are explained below. Please consider offering what assistance you can.

1. Donations of goods needed. A specific list of items would include, but not be limited to:

- Pasta, rice and cereal
- Tinned tomatoes and pasta sauce
- Tinned and package soups
- Tinned fruit, beans and vegetables
- Toilet paper and tissues
- Hand soaps

Please email community@glebesociety.org.au or phone or text 0401 505 657 to arrange a pick up.

2. A Monetary donation

All donations are tax deductible.

Direct Credit. BSB 062-172. Account No. 10239391

Paypal. treasurer@centipede.org.au

Use your name plus 'FOC' as the reference.

To request your tax deductible receipt email your name and details of your donation to treasurer@centipede.org.au

Thank you in anticipation of your help for this important Glebe community service and please 'stay safe' yourselves.

Janice Challinor

Community Development Subcommittee

Changed arrangements for the monthly *Bulletin*

Every month, 6 to -8 members meet over a dining table to prepare the Glebe Society *Bulletin* for posting or hand delivery. It will come as no surprise that this is no longer possible.

The *Bulletin* will be emailed only, by default, to every member until further notice. A very small number of *Bulletins* will be printed, for our Archives and several libraries, and for the five or six people who do not have a computer or access to email, and for those who might request a printed copy due to their special needs.

If there's more than one member in a household, you are entitled to have a *Bulletin* emailed to each member in the household. Contact our Secretary by emailing secretary@glebesociety.org.au to provide any additional email addresses.

I trust that you will understand this change of arrangements, given the extraordinary times that we are now living in.

Phil Young

Communications Subcommittee

Dining-in, with a difference ...

Some of our favourite eating places are hoping to survive by providing a takeaway service. The places included here are not generally known for this service – we mostly think of them as eat-in, but they are very willing to adapt. It's mostly ring and order, self-collect and pay over the phone or when you collect. A number of these places have an online menu. In no particular order:

Despana	101 Glebe Point Rd Ph: 9660 2299 or 0418 414 432	Dinner 5-8pm every night except Tuesday; lunch Saturday and Sunday 5-8pm. The usual menu, as well as the special Sangria. Home delivery or collect. Planning an on-line menu soon.
Timbah	the rear of 375 Glebe Point Rd Ph: 9571 7005	Lunch 12-3pm Tuesday to Saturday; dinner 5-8pm Tuesday to Saturday. Tim's son Callan (think Masterchef finalist) has devised a special yum cha menu for takeaways.
Glebe Café	339 Glebe Point Rd Ph: 9566 4219	6.30am – 3pm, Monday to Sunday; takeaway coffee, all deli, sandwiches, salads, desserts etc. Dinner 3-7pm, Thursday to Friday which is a selection of middle-eastern dinner choices.
Glebe Point Diner	407 Glebe Point Rd Ph: 9660 2646	Dinner 5.30-7.30pm, Monday to Saturday; Lunch 12-2pm Saturday. Pretty much the usual menu (entrées \$16, mains \$26-28, dessert \$10).
Saint John Espresso	1/73 St Johns Rd (opposite the Post Office) Ph: 9566 4499	6.30am – 4pm Monday to Friday; 8am – 3pm Saturday and Sunday. Menu available at saintjohnsespresso.com and it changes every day – soups, curries etc, as well as Kate's usual offerings.

Oh My Days (Vegan Café)	99 Glebe Point Rd Ph: 9552 2390	8am – 4pm Monday to Sunday. Bakery, brunch – everything that is usually available. Phone or email, collect or they will deliver.
Forest Lodge Hotel	117 Arundel St Ph: 9660 1872	12-2.30pm; 5-8pm, seven days a week. Hoping for usual menu, and takeaway alcohol.
Bellevue Cottage	55 Leichhardt St Ph: 9552 6493	Dinner 5-8pm, seven days a week; lunch 11am – 3pm Friday to Sunday. Menu on the web at bellevuecottage.com.au
Meditela Café (formerly Yuga Café)	172 St Johns Rd Ph: 0403 654 658	Breakfast, brunch, lunch 8.30am – 2pm; dinner 5.30-9pm, seven days a week. Dinner is specialising in Greek favourites and wine and beer can also be ordered.

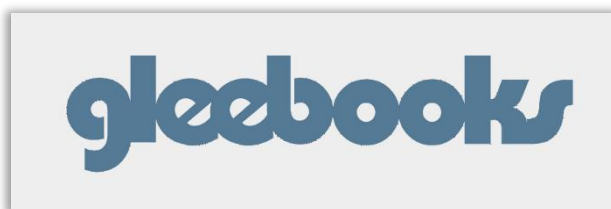
And our beloved **Galluzzo's** (ph: 9660 2114) is open from 6am to 6pm Monday to Saturday. They are also providing a next day free home delivery service.

Gleebooks

David Gaunt, owner of Gleebooks, would like to remind readers that they remain open, and are providing free home delivery of your purchases.

If you can't attend the shop in person, you can order online or phone up. For more details go to <http://www.gleebooks.com.au/> or phone 9660 2333.

Let's support our local businesses at this time – we want to see them alive and well when we come out the other side. *Can you imagine Glebe without Gleebooks??*



Planning & Infrastructure

Are you interested in joining the Planning Subcommittee?

Regrettably the Society's long serving Planning Convenor, Neil MacIndoe, has decided to retire from the role and pass on the baton.

Recognition of Neil's stellar service to the Society will be a feature of next month's Bulletin.

The Management Committee now has the difficult task of seeking a replacement. If any member has an interest in joining the Planning Subcommittee now is the time to raise your hand.

People with some knowledge in either town planning, architectural or commercial property and the construction sectors or similar, may identify with the work of a Planning Subcommittee. Or maybe you are just passionate about the future planning for Glebe and Forest Lodge, and are able to interpret current Planning regulations.

If you feel have something to offer, President Janet Wahlquist would love to hear from you. Email Janet on president@glebesociety.org.au.

Brian Fuller

Glebe Society success in having the Allan Truss Pedestrian Bridge reopened

The Allan Truss Bridge connects Jubilee Park, Glebe, with Bicentennial Park on the Annandale side. It spans Johnstons Creek. It is a popular bridge for both pedestrians and cyclists. In February this year it was closed with a sign saying it had been closed due concerns about its structural safety.



Sign indicating that the Allan Truss Bridge is closed 'for safety reasons'. (photo: Janet Wahlquist)

A number of residents were suspicious of this explanation because the bridge had been extensively repaired about two years ago; no indication was given as to when repairs were to be completed and its closure coincided with Sydney Water's naturalisation works on Johnstons Creek. It didn't escape notice that Sydney Water had built two driveways into the creek, one on each side of the bridge.

I contacted City of Sydney about the 'structural problems' and when the bridge was to be repaired. I was told it had been closed by Sydney Water as part of their works. The structural problems related to Sydney Water's works. Closure of the bridge was not included in their plan.

Yelvertoft, 75 Hereford St, Forest Lodge

Some members will be aware the owner/developer of *Yelvertoft* recently lodged another DA in relation to this property. *Yelvertoft* is Locally Listed Heritage Item No 1637 and is located at 75 Hereford St, Forest Lodge.

The previous 2017 DA was refused by City of Sydney, and the developer subsequently appealed to the Land and Environment Court (LEC) and lost, principally on the grounds of Design Excellence. That DA was for the construction of three rear townhouses facing Alfred Rd laneway, and was very obtrusive to say the least.

This new DA is for one two-storey contemporary dwelling facing Alfred Rd laneway.

The original allotment was subdivided across the Hereford St frontage in 1998 to facilitate the construction of three townhouses. A small laneway between the new townhouses provides a very limited view to the cottage at the rear. The proposed

I spoke to a representative of Sydney Water who said it had been closed by the Council and that the timing was a coincidence.

The Glebe Society then placed a short piece on our Facebook page. WalkSydney had also been campaigning for its reopening. Very shortly after our Facebook page article and enquiries to SydneyWater the bridge was reopened. The sign, when it reopened, said although structural issues with the bridge had been identified it was safe for pedestrian traffic. A victory for the Community!

Janet Wahlquist
Transport & Traffic Convenor

development would necessitate a further subdivision to the rear of the property facing Alfred Rd, effectively land-locking the cottage forever.

Local residents will appreciate that Alfred Rd is a road in name only, and that otherwise it has all the characteristics of a rear laneway.

Notwithstanding that the developer has modified the proposed development in an attempt to appease the LEC requirements in relation to design excellence, the Society asserts that the Heritage Item must be the beneficiary of complete heritage protection, and that no further development should occur on the site.

The Society's full submission objecting to this latest DA can be found by accessing the following link:

<https://www.glebesociety.org.au/yelvertoft/>

Brian Fuller
Heritage Convenor



South elevation of the proposed development. (source: Development Application for 75 Hereford St, Forest Lodge.

<https://cdn.online.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/dasearch/0nexhibition/1464131-12038663.PDF>)



View of Yelvertoft's southern façade (original front façade) with contemporary verandah. (source: Heritage Impact Statement

<https://cdn.online.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/dasearch/0nexhibition/1464131-12038668.PDF>)

Glebe & Forest Lodge, Naturally

News from Blue Wren Subcommittee

Margaret Sheppard

Margaret Sheppard, a retired librarian and long-time member of the Society and our Subcommittee, died on 10 March surrounded by her family. A wake to celebrate Margaret's life and to say thankyou to the community for being so kind to her over the years was held at Rothwell Lodge in Ferry Rd, the home of Robert Hannan and Peter Crawshaw, on Saturday 14 March 2020. In an extraordinary coincidence, on the day of Margaret's death the Subcommittee received an email from Amelia Theodorakis, Communications and Marketing Manager at Red Room Poetry, trying to contact Margaret as they had received a request to publish her poem about blue wrens. As a tribute to Margaret we thought it appropriate to let members of the Society read her poem again:

Superb Fairy Wrens

*A little bird,
Collar of brilliant blue
Head too,
Announcing!
I'm looking for a mate,
Chocolate, coffee and cream coloured
After I find her, one, two or several,
After mating with one, two or more,
Eggs hatched, little ones flying,
I will moult,
I will shed my breeding plumage, all the brilliant blue,
I will assume her colours
No longer seen as a Blue Wren
I am properly a Superb Fairy Wren,
A splendid little bird.*

© Margaret Sheppard

Norma Hawkins

Norma Hawkins, a founding member of the Subcommittee and at 97 probably the oldest member of the Society, has made a generous donation to the Subcommittee to support its work. Norma particularly wishes to fund the continuation of the Craney Small Grants program for biodiversity projects in our local preschools and schools. The President has sent Norma a note of thanks on behalf of the Society.

Orphan School Creek Bushcare Group

Two short working bees were held on Wednesday afternoons in March with the focus on weeding and

pruning. The rain has helped some of last year's shrub plantings, as well as encouraging plenty of weed growth. A total of seven volunteers participated in the working bees. Jenny Kent, the City's new Community Garden and Volunteer Coordinator, came along to the working bee on 11 March and toured the site and met volunteers. A date in April was discussed for a community planting around the playground area and Jenny has been investigating sources of native tube stock, as the Cornucopia Nursery in Gladesville has now closed. Due to COVID-19, however, the planting day has been postponed.

The part of the Orphan School Creek Reserve where the volunteers work has had a lot of disturbance in the last six months. Council rangers have been investigating encroachment and dumping by neighbours, including drainage onto the site by new building works. Several large trees have also fallen across the site, including across a key planted area. And there appears to be no immediate likelihood of the fenced areas of unremediated soil being restored. The National Trust bush regeneration team has now done some weed control in these fenced areas.

COVID-19

With all the current changes taking place to prevent us from contracting COVID-19, the Subcommittee has cancelled all face-to-face meetings but members will keep in contact via telephone, e-mail and Zoom. The work of our bushcare/landcare volunteers is curtailed as the Federal Government has stated that gathering in small groups in our parks should not occur. Jenny Kent, the City's Community Garden and Volunteer Coordinator, has provided an extensive set of safety guidelines should Glebe's volunteers wish to consider undertaking any projects in the parks. Our annual biodiversity lecture has been postponed. We will need to make a decision as to whether to go ahead with the award of the Craney Small Grants to support biodiversity projects in our local preschools and schools. Usually these applications are posted at the beginning of May with a closing date of 30 June. Presently, Federal Government policy is that schools remain open – at this stage we can delay a final decision about the grants for 2020 for a couple of months.

Andrew Wood
Blue Wren Subcommittee Convenor

Community Matters

City of Sydney Council to consider uses of Glebe Town Hall

Following our submission to the Council of the City of Sydney concerning the concept of transforming Glebe Town Hall into a fully funded and fully staffed community centre some developments have taken place.

Cr Jess Scully, following approaches from the Glebe Society President and the Community Subcommittee Convenor, as well as other interested community groups, tabled the following motion to Council:

Community service provision in Glebe – amended March 7

by Councillor Scully

It is resolved that:

A. Council note:

- i. The Glebe Society have asked Council to establish ‘a fully staffed Community Centre’ at Glebe Town Hall, in line with Council’s review of its community facilities*
- ii. The Glebe Society’s concerns that ‘gaining a booking to use [Glebe] community venues involves a complex application process, which is especially difficult for unincorporated groups without insurance’, and that ‘access to an unstaffed venue on booking days can be cumbersome and time-consuming’.*
- iii. The valuable services provided to the Glebe community by the Glebe Community Development Project, which continues to be a tenant of Glebe Town Hall. The Glebe Community Development Project has an accommodation grant from the City until mid-2021.*
- iv. The Aboriginal Cultural Space at Glebe Town Hall is an important place for the local community, and is currently being managed by the Glebe Community Development Project, who are supporting local elders and community groups in gaining access to the space.*
- v. The City provides a range of existing services in Glebe, including the Glebe Neighbourhood Service Centre, the Harold Park Community Hall and St Helen’s Community Centre.*
- vi. The City has invested in making Glebe safer, more accessible and more people-friendly, including through the completion of the Glebe foreshore walk and improving the Cardigan Street Reserve.*

B. The Chief Executive Officer:

- i. Investigate how services in Glebe might be consolidated and made more accessible to a wider*

range of constituents, particularly focusing on the needs of older residents.

- ii. Investigate options for service provision in Glebe, and report back via CEO update.*

iii. Solicit input from Glebe community organisations like the Glebe Society, the Coalition of Glebe Groups, Glebe Connected, Glebe Community Development Project, local Aboriginal elders and others to discover where the City’s service provision in Glebe could be enhanced, and incorporate feedback into delivering the Social Sustainability Policy & Action Plan’s commitment to ‘ensuring our community facilities continue to respond to changing community needs and preferences by analysing user trends, emerging unmet demands and opportunities to improve delivery.

This motion was passed unanimously.

Now we await the investigation by the City of Sydney to which we will contribute in full.

The Glebe Society Management Committee has asked the Community Subcommittee to begin preparing a document suggesting how we might respond in terms of a model for the use of the Glebe Town Hall as part of this process. We would like your input so you are invited to assist the Subcommittee by emailing your ideas and hopes for Glebe Town Hall as a community centre to community@glebesociety.org.au.

Correction

The following excerpt from our submission was reported in the March *Bulletin*:

Recent interviews undertaken by GlebeConnected members found that approximately 90% of older people interviewed for their ‘Ageing in Place’ research expressed the desire for a comprehensive Community Centre to be established at Glebe Town Hall.

As the report from GlebeConnected, including their feedback to City of Sydney, had not been completed at the time of our submission and after discussion with GlebeConnected, we amended it prior to Council’s consideration of the Motion to:

Recent interviews undertaken by GlebeConnected members found that approximately 90% of older people interviewed for their ‘Ageing in Place’ research expressed the desire for a comprehensive Community Centre to be established.

Janice Challinor
Community Development Subcommittee Convenor

Farewell to Kate Brennan



Kate Brennan is planning to move on from her role as Coordinator Glebe TreeHouse, based at Glebe Public School.

Those of you who know Kate or have worked with her will be only too well aware of how much she contributed to the Glebe community over many years. The Society sent Kate a letter of appreciation and best wishes for her move to Tasmania – here is an extract.

For Glebe, your move will be a significant loss as you have given so much and made real a difference in our community. We appreciate all that you put in place and the deep networks you have built to develop the special services provided by Glebe TreeHouse.

Without your support for and guided restructuring of the management at 'Centipede at Glebe Public School' this important community building service may have foundered. You have appreciated the role Centipede plays in facilitating early educational objectives and contributed to improving the future educational opportunities of many a Glebe child.

You leave TreeHouse in strong position through with strong community connections in place and the wonderful team you have developed around you. The support provided by this service to young local children and their families is nothing short of amazing. It has continued to evolve and develop over the years to meet changing needs.

Your passion, energy and commitment has been an inspiration. Most importantly TreeHouse has had a positive impact on the lives of many. You have touched people across the Glebe community and made them feel valued, supported and recognised their potential. Importantly you have helped them to feel empowered.

The Glebe Society appreciates your involvement within the broader community. You have always been there to generously partner with other Glebe

community organisations – such as Glebe Youth Service and local NAIDOC organisers, where you were a key contributor to the outstanding local NAIDOC celebrations. Your acknowledgement of Robyn Kemmis's contribution to the Glebe community at the Council of Sydney's 2016 memorial service for her was very memorable.

We appreciated you sharing your views on 'Future Glebe' for a panel discussion at the Society's Community Festival last year to celebrate our 50th anniversary. You say it the way it is, are always respectful and look forward to how things need to be in the future.

We also remember you being our guest speaker at the Society's AGM in 2016. So many people were inspired by the theme of your speech on 'community spirit'. You referred to a quote from Professor Andrew Markus – 'Social cohesion is not a destination: we do not get to the destination and say 'we've done it! It's something we need to work at'. This quote seems to reflect the focus of your work within the Glebe community over many years.

You have touched the lives of many people in Glebe and have always given so much – we are extremely grateful. Thank you!

You may like to read Kate's inspiring 2016 AGM speech here:

<https://www.glebesociety.org.au/kate-brennans-address-to-the-glebe-society-agm/>

Kate responded to our letter on 16 March:

Thanks so much Janet for that very generous and thoughtful letter.

I'm afraid under the circumstances evolving at the moment – a sense of duty may have me hanging around a little longer than I thought, to support the transition into the next few weeks as the community comes to terms with CV19.

Thank you again.

Kate Brennan

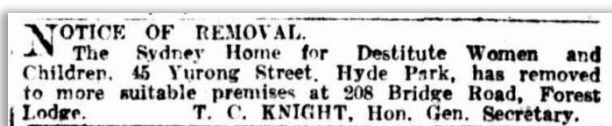
Article by Judy Vergison

History & Heritage

100 Years ago in Glebe & Forest Lodge – this month: April 1920

Prepared by Rodney Hammett

The Sydney Home for Destitute Women and Children moved from the City to 208 Bridge Rd, Forest Lodge (now Glebe) in April 1920.



[*Daily Telegraph*; Mon 26 Apr 1920, p.8]

Researcher's Note:

This was to be only a temporary stay as the Home relocated again to Westwood, Albert St, Strathfield in 1922. [*Daily Telegraph*; Thu 2 Mar 1922, p.1]

No 208 became the site of Berkley Knitting Mills in the 1930s and early 1940s, then used by Holeproof

from the late 1940s until 1954, both providing employment to local girls and women. (Dunlop bought out Holeproof in 1968, then becoming Pacific Dunlop).

A series of owners and tenants used the site as a warehouse for 50 years from 1954 until 2005 when No 208 was approved for conversion into nine two-storey residential units, behind the original industrial-looking facade. [Certificates of Title; CoS DA 2018/804]



208 Bridge Rd today (image: Belle Property)

Disappearing Glebe



The Glenmore Meats building reduced to rubble (Photo: Phil Vergison)



Glenmore Meats the same time last year (photo: V. Simpson-Young)

This month's mystery photo



Where are we?

Please send your suggestions to history@glebesociety.org.au

Creative Glebe

Players in the Pub – hibernating for the duration

The uncertainty of the virus has led us to decide, in the interest of the safety of our audience, to cancel Players in the Pub performances for now. This is very disappointing for our actors, some of whom have been bringing the words off the page since the

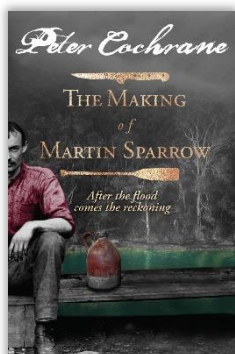
project started in 2009. We'll let you know when Players is up and running again via the *Bulletin*. And please keep an eye on our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/PlayersInThePub/>.



Left: Players in the Pub playing, as usual, to a full house.

This performance: Sherlock Holmes and the Christmas Goose, Players' end of year show in 2019 (photo: Mike Dengler)

Glebe historian turns to fiction



In our previous *Bulletin* we reported on Glebe resident Peter Cochrane's latest work in non-fiction (*Best We Forget. The War for White Australia*), but Peter's most recent work in fiction is the frontier novel *The Making of Martin Sparrow* (Penguin/Viking 2018). The book is currently Short-Listed for the Voss Literary Prize and Long-Listed for

the International Dublin Literary Award.

The tale is centered in the mountain country west of the Hawkesbury River. Lazy, lovelorn and luckless, Sparrow is already deep in debt when a devastating flood strikes the Hawkesbury in 1806. His little farm, his 30 acre patch, is all but washed away, confronting the former convict with a choice: he can buckle down, set about his agricultural renewal and work off his debts, or he can heed the whispers of an earthly paradise on the far side of the mountains – a place where men are truly free – and strike out for a new life. Ever uncertain, Sparrow decides to go. Along the way his resolve is fortified by unexpected company, a wolfhound pup and a Romany girl called Bea Faa, who is fleeing her own brutalised past. For Martin, the care of these two is a challenge as big as the mountains and as daunting as the indigenous people ('the warring savages') who inhabit them. To meet that challenge he must transcend himself, make himself anew. And thereby hangs a tale. David Whish-Wilson, reviewing *Martin Sparrow* for the *Australian Book Review* in November 2018 wrote:

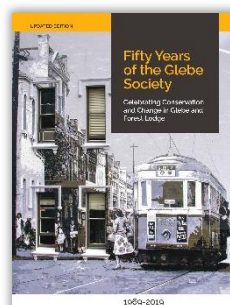
'Brilliant debut. Sparrow is a terrific fictional creation. There is wit and wisdom to be had in the book. Following the frontier, and beyond, is precisely the direction the novel takes ... It is here, too, that Cochrane employs some of his finest writing, embarking upon perfectly modulated descriptive riffs that betray an

appropriate sense of awe and developing understanding for what is a vast, ancient, storied landscape – a terrific accompaniment to the pitch-perfect dialogue and deep characterisation found in this fine novel.'

Peter lives in beautiful Allen St Glebe. He is an Hon. Associate at the University of Sydney's History Department. His book *Colonial Ambition: Foundations of Australian Democracy* won the inaugural Prime Minister's Prize for History and *The Age Book of the Year* in 2007. His first venture into fiction was the novella *Governor Bligh and the Short Man* (Penguin 2012) and his latest work of non-fiction is *Best We Forget. The War for White Australia, 1914-18* (Text Publishing, Melbourne 2018). He is a Fellow of the Australian Academy of the Humanities.

50th Anniversary booklet

Our publication *Fifty Years of the Glebe Society* has been updated and is being delivered to all members. This 68-page booklet documents the major heritage and conservation battles of the past 50 years, as well as the major successes and positive changes that have occurred in Glebe and Forest Lodge. Most copies will be hand-delivered by our volunteers in the coming days or weeks.



The Management Committee has decided that all members will be given the book free of charge. Additional books are available for purchase for \$10 plus \$3.30 postage, if postage is required. To purchase additional copies, please contact Jane Gatwood at treasurer@glebesociety.org.au. If the booklet prompts any recollections you would like to share, please email the Society via 50th@glebesociety.org.au.

For Your Calendar

As you can imagine, many events have been cancelled because of the COVID-19 pandemic. ☹️

Wednesday 8 April, 7 pm. Glebe Society Management Committee Meeting (via Zoom).

Sunday 20 September, 10.30 am–2.30 pm Glebe Society AGM, Glebe Town Hall.

1st to 22nd November, 31st Annual Glebe Music Festival. www.glebemusicfestival.com

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- Join online: complete the Membership Application on our website under 'Membership'
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Radicalism in Glebe is not dead. Seen in a Glebe lane on 24 March (photo: u/2Fonky)
https://www.reddit.com/r/sydney/comments/fnrqot/24032020_glebe_lane_glebe/

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