

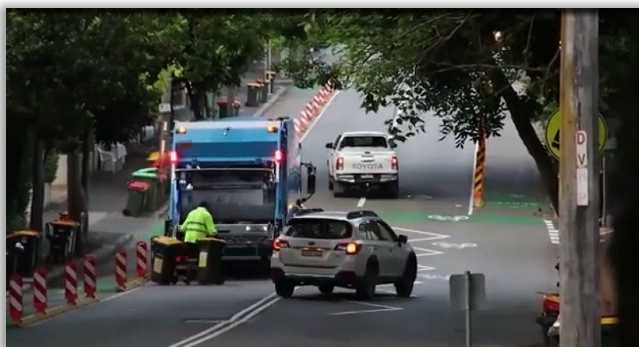


More Cycleway Madness

Lord Mayor Clover Moore said in a Council meeting in July 2020 that anyone who objected to the installation of temporary cycleways in the inner city 'doesn't care about saving lives'. According to the *SMH*, the statement drew an audible 'whoah' from the Council, while Councillor Kerry Phelp labelled it 'outrageous'. Unabashed, the Lord Mayor said the pop-up cycleways (introduced during the COVID outbreak) were an important health measure that would also serve to reduce congestion.

Of particular concern to Glebe residents is the cycleway in Bridge Rd which was the subject of a front-page story in the *Bulletin* in May (no 3 of 2022). The article drew attention to the safety and access issues which made the cycleway dangerous for cyclists, pedestrians, motorists and residents.

An independent safety audit of the cycleway found it contained multiple risks of serious injury or death. The audit by the Road accident experts Traffic Engineering Centre identified 26 safety issues, including several dangers that were so serious that the risk to Road users was 'intolerable'.



Manoeuvring around a garbage truck on Bridge Rd (Photo: 2GB)

Councillor Yvonne Weldon recently posted on Facebook that the cycleway is a 'disaster'. She wrote 'The ad hoc layout, with sporadic and unmarked transitions between separate and shared lanes is dangerous. Many of the cheap dividers have been flattened and are sprawled across the street. Residents no longer have vehicle access to their homes which has particularly impacted those with

limited mobility. There aren't any stopping bays meaning rubbish collections, deliveries and bus pick-ups now cause traffic chaos.'

The Glebe Society wrote to the Transport Minister in April this year asking him to defer the decision to make the cycleway permanent. We asked that he look at all options for delivering a safe cycleway including better alternatives to a narrow arterial Rd where the cycleway merges with traffic. No reply was received.



A cyclist on the Bridge Rd 'temporary' cycleway (Photo: Rhett Wyman)

It now seems debatable whether the cycleway is temporary. A 'prescribed period' for the temporary cycleway was determined by ministerial order, and that period came to an end in March. A Sydney barrister, Mark Fozzard, has written an opinion at the request of a Bridge Rd resident which concludes the cycleway has been in place unlawfully since the start of June.

According to the *SMH*, Transport Minister Rob Stokes said the expired public health order had been replaced by a Review of Environmental Factors finalised on March 28, which 'enables the cycleway to remain in place [legally] before permanent improvements are adopted'. A spokesperson for Transport for NSW added that work on the permanent Bridge Rd cycleway would begin in coming weeks.

It would seem the Minister has no interest in community opinion on the issue.

Now the City Council has another plan for cycleways which will definitely not be temporary. Put simply, it means that cyclists will be allowed to disregard the one-way regulation in some streets in Glebe and Forest Lodge. Some of us will remember the old joke about the motorist who was pulled up by a cop for going the wrong way in a one-way street. 'But officer,' he said, 'I was only going one way.'

The Council has already made these changes to around 40 one-way streets across the city and says they've proven to be safe and effective. 'Our planned changes will make it easier for people riding (bikes) to avoid busy roads and make trips on quiet, low-traffic streets,' says the Council on its website (<https://tinyurl.com/d9y893y7>) which details the proposed new streets. In what seems to be a statement of the obvious the Council says, 'When two-way bike traffic is introduced, people riding and driving must keep to the left-hand side of the Rd. If the Rd is narrow, one party will need to pull over to allow the other to pass safely.' Of course, but why create this problem? It adds to the perception that cyclists don't have to obey the Road rules.

In response to a request for comments on the issue, members wrote to the President with their concerns about the plan. This was one comment about problems specific to a particular street:

In my opinion the Leichhardt St/Oxley Street/Stewart Street loop is entirely unsuitable for cars and trucks going one way and bikes the other. Two reasons; the Rds are narrow; the bikes presumably would have to pull to the side probably between parked cars; and secondly there are several 90 degree turns. It's OK to navigate these if everyone is going in the same direction, but they would turn into blind corners if bikes were going in the opposite direction. I just wonder if the proposer of this idea has actually travelled down these streets and had a bit of a think about how it would work (or not work) before they suggested this idea.

The period for public consultation on the issue closed on 29 September and the Society made a submission pointing out that the Bridge Rd experience highlighted the importance that thorough and proper consideration be given to new cycleways. The President wrote 'We have examined the 15 streets considered in Glebe and Forest Lodge for the two-way cycle paths. We find that 10 of the streets are unsuitable, one we believe to be unnecessary and four have potential and warrant further investigation.'

The detailed list can be seen here:

<https://tinyurl.com/52sxws8e>

The Glebe Society is strongly in favour of safe cycleways, for many obvious reasons, but their design and construction should be driven by practicality not ideology.

Allan Hogan

Bridge Rd resident Di Anstey writes:

I was recently invited to meet with Transport for NSW representatives for an update on the Bridge Rd cycleway. At the meeting I was told 'the decision has been made; it will become permanent'. I asked why St John's Rd had been rejected and was told 'it's not a direct route'. The Transport for NSW representatives claimed the cycleway was well used but were unable to provide any data.



Glebe resident Di Anstey and her neighbours on Bridge Rd. (Image: Renee Nowytarger SMH)

I pointed out the unsafe nature of the cycleway but as there was no safety expert in attendance, the safety issues couldn't be addressed. I spoke about further Community Consultation when the design is finalised and was told that the online survey conducted in March 2021 is the only community consultation which will be undertaken. I made it clear that this not acceptable and that full and proper community consultation must be undertaken and a design exhibited.

Previous information provided by Transport for NSW stated they would be looking at 'parking bays' to enable deliveries to residents on Bridge Rd, most of whom have no rear access. In February 2021 the City Council recommended Transport for NSW provide that some parking spaces in Cross, Foss, Clare and Woolley Sts be converted to 15 minute parking 8am to 10pm, 7 days a week to enable deliveries.

At the meeting I stated strongly that this scheme is not acceptable for a variety of reasons. It does not and cannot provide access to allow for tradies, removalists, deliveries of building materials, furniture, fridges, washing machines etc. The scheme would

also seriously impact the parking availability for residents of those side streets who have already been affected by the removal of all parking on Bridge Rd.

From the President



By Ian Stephenson

After ten years as editor of the *Bulletin* Virginia Simpson-Young is standing down. Virginia has done a great job, always going above and beyond the call of duty. Having worked with many editors in my career I can honestly say Virginia is one of the best. She respects her contributors copy while at the

same time being firm about improving it. She works brilliantly under pressure and always delivered great *Bulletins* on-time. This is the complex tightrope an editor must walk. Ten years, that's one hundred *Bulletins* and a lot of walking the high wire, it's an amazing achievement and it has been informed by her deep love of and rich knowledge of Glebe. From all the members I would like to convey my heartfelt thanks. Well done, Virginia, I induct you into the Glebe Society Hall of Fame.

Allan Hogan, Convenor of the Communications Committee as well as a former President of the Society has generously donned Virginia's mantle as acting Editor while we search for her successor. Allan cut his teeth on the UNSW student newspaper and had a distinguished career as an investigative journalist including with ABC Radio's AM, and as a reporter and producer on programs such as *This Day Tonight* and *Four Corners*. He reported on the Vietnam War at the front line and was the only Australian journalist to interview Idi Amin. Later he worked as a producer with the 9 Network and SBS. Thank you, Allan, for stepping into the breach.

Speaking of talent, I am pleased to announce we have three new convenors – Louis Taborda, Community, Tamira Stevenson, Environment and Duncan Leys, Transport. The next *Bulletin* will feature background stories about them. Welcome to the management committee Louis, Tamira and Duncan.

I have just returned from a week in Geraldton and its hinterland looking at the work of the relatively unknown architect John Hawes (relatively unknown in the East that is). He designed two cathedrals, over 40 churches, convents and a homestead in Western Australia as well as working in England and the Bahamas. His buildings are idiosyncratic, beautifully detailed and range from Spanish Mission to Gothic revival to modernist. If you want to read more about his unusual life enter John Cyril Hawes in the

There has been no community consultation regarding this proposed change to parking. Subsequent to this meeting, I have requested a meeting with a properly qualified safety expert. I am still waiting for confirmation that this will take place.

Australian Dictionary of Biography online. The work of the Monsignor Hawes Heritage Centre to conserve and celebrate his work, much of which is in very small remote towns, is inspiring. Led by Robert Cross and relying mainly on volunteers they are a 'can do' organisation.

I returned in time to visit another inspiring person, Norma Hawkins and present her with a bouquet of flowers from the Society to celebrate her 100th birthday.



Norma receiving a bouquet of flowers on her 100th birthday (Image supplied)

Norma has had a rich and interesting life. It has included a long involvement with the New Theatre, producing films for the Waterside Workers Federation in the 1950s and, in more recent times working with the Blue Wrens, our ecology arm.

As well as having a great love of music, Shubert's string quintet is one of her favourite pieces, she has facilitated new music by commissioning Ian Munro to write *Three Birds* a song cycle for soprano Sara Macliver and the Australia ensemble. The work brings together poetry from three eras, three places and by three very different poets — Judith Wright, Emily Dickinson and Matsuo Basho — the theme of birds, or man's (and woman's) relationship and fascination with birds, is explored across the centuries and continents.

Norma has a generous heart, a lively mind and is a great conversationalist. She has the knack of taking the exchange into interesting places and it is always a dialogue. On my recent visit we talked about theatre, ballet, poetry and our interactions with birds. We finished by reading aloud Judith Wright's poem *Magpies*.

Norma, talking with you brings to mind the title of one of Barry Humphries autobiographies – *More Please*.

Congratulations from the Society on your 100th birthday – more please.



Norma and her father circa 1948 (Image: Norma Disher-Hawkins collection)

Jamie Parker to Quit Parliament at Next Election

By Allan Hogan

There's a faint smell of mould in the small conference room in Jamie Parker's electorate office on Glebe Point Rd. It's not glamorous, and the décor is very much government issue. Jamie says there are leaks in the ceiling and the building's a nightmare for his disabled visitors. But the good news is he'll have a new office before the end of the year, still on Glebe Point Rd. Not that he'll have a lot of time to enjoy it, because he plans to stand down as the Member for Balmain at the election next March.

Parker has represented Balmain for nearly 12 years and sits on a margin of 10 percent. He was the first Greens MP to be elected to the lower house, and his career spans 23 years of service to the inner west, including Mayor of Leichhardt (2008-2011). He's only 51, and it would be a safe bet that he would be re-elected next March. So why quit now?

'Because people that hang on and hang on lose momentum, that's when it's hard to pass the seat on,' he says. 'There's always a window when there's a good candidate as well, and Kobi Shetty will be an amazing candidate'. Shetty, the Greens candidate for the seat, is an Inner West Councillor, a mother of three, and has spent her career working in the banking sector, specialising in fraud prevention and operations.

So, at 51, what's Jamie's plan? 'Well, I don't have any offers,' he says. 'Rio Tinto's not calling, Goldman Sachs isn't on the phone, there's no parliamentary pension, so I'll have to get a job. I just want to test myself to see if there are other things I can do.' Parker says he's attracted to the NGO, not-for-profit area – 'they're the ones that are doing the really interesting innovative things.' And there are personal reasons for leaving politics – his daughter is three and a half and he believes there might be time for some travel before she goes to school.

Ask him what he's proudest of and he says it's advocating successfully for people who 'don't have a

voice.' 'It's not a big story, it doesn't get on the front page of the *Herald*, but for that person it's the biggest thing in their life.' Another big win he claims is defending Callan Park from development, with every MP in the Parliament voting for his proposals. Defending his record against the criticism that as an independent he hasn't had the clout of a government MP, he points to his successful campaigns for shore-to-ship power at White Bay, and the fleet of electric buses at Leichhardt Depot.



Greens MP Jamie Parker (right) and Kobi Shetty, who will run as the Greens candidate in Balmain. (Photo: SMH)

So, what does he leave undone? 'The forces of darkness are strong, and no stronger than in the world of development,' he says. 'Our community is saying that affordable housing is absolutely critical and the market isn't delivering it.' Parker had a difference of opinion with the Glebe Society about the redevelopment of 17-31 Cowper St and 2A-D Wentworth Park Rd. The Society believed the buildings in the Heritage Conservation Area should be preserved but lost the battle when the Council

rezoned it. 'We would have preferred a different outcome,' says Parker, 'but what we did win is 100% social housing.'

Parker's decision to stand down leaves Balmain as a possible Labor win in March. The endorsed Labor Candidate is Philippa Scott, an Inner West Councillor and President of Sydney Secondary College, Leichhardt P&C, with a background in law and governance.

Contacted by the *Bulletin*, Councillor Scott said she thanked Jamie Parker for his service to Balmain. 'We are fortunate to have an incredibly engaged community and I know he has worked hard to listen to people.' But she says Balmain has been overlooked: 'the Bays West development is about to start with not a single unit guaranteed for affordable housing. Bus privatisation has left 437 commuters standing in the rain waiting 30 minutes for the next service from Barangaroo home to Lilyfield. Social housing in Glebe has been sold off left and right to private developers.'



Councillor Philippa Scott: endorsed Labor Candidate for Balmain (LinkedIn)

There's no doubt that Jamie enjoys a big personal following, which he might not bequeath to Kobi Shetty. Asked to predict the outcome of the March election Parker says the Liberals are confident they can win, while Labor is not so sure. 'Labor needs to win ten seats to have a majority, and they're going to find that difficult'. At the moment there are three Greens in the lower house, and if that remained the case after the election, Labor would have a chance of forming a minority government if it couldn't get across the line by its own efforts. 'So that's why Labor are being so nice at the moment,' Parker says, 'it's like a family reunion every time you see them.'

Uncle Ray Minniecon Honoured

On Tuesday 11 October, standing near the Scarred Tree in the grounds of St. John's Church in Glebe, Uncle Ray Minniecon bowed his head to receive a medal from the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby. Uncle Ray received the Hubert Walter Award for Reconciliation and Interfaith Cooperation, named after the 12th century Archbishop of Canterbury.



Uncle Ray Minniecon receives the Hubert Walter Award for Reconciliation and Interfaith Cooperation (Image: Allan Hogan).

Archbishop Welby, the spiritual leader of the Anglican Church, was visiting Australia to meet community leaders including First Nations groups to discuss issues of reconciliation, understanding and healing. Uncle Ray is the pastor of St. John's Indigenous Ministries and has ancestral ties with the Kabikabi and Gurang-Gurang tribes of Queensland. He has dedicated his life to supporting members of the Stolen Generations.

Archbishop Welby said that Uncle Ray had grown up on a reserve and had only narrowly avoided being

taken from his parents by the colonial authorities: 'Through his ministry he has dealt with complex intergenerational trauma and high rates of incarceration, suicide, and addiction in his community'.

Uncle Ray's father was a Christian leader who worked on cane farms throughout Queensland. His family would move with him from farm to farm, and when the cane season finished, they lived back on the designated reserves or missions.

Speaking of his own life Uncle Ray said 'As we came out of these reserves and foster homes we were forced to live in new urban environments where we now had to face the daily onslaught of racism. I joined the rest of the young people who didn't have the wherewithal to counteract this racism and like them found the only way to relieve the pain was to get drunk and take drugs.'

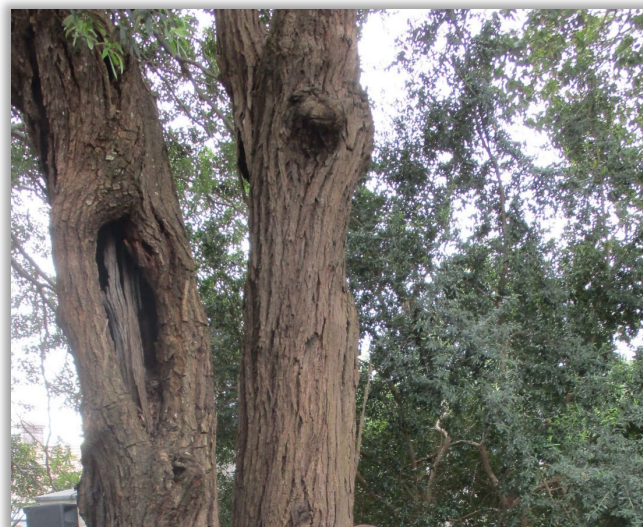


Archbishop Welby and Uncle Ray Minniecon at St John's (Image: Allan Hogan)

'My parents were also struggling with these issues but what kept them together was my father's incredible faith and eventually I felt the call to follow in his footsteps and leave behind the drug induced state I was so enjoying. I knew I had to draw back into his faith to find a different direction for my life. I decided I wanted to work on the streets, at the grass roots where the greatest need lay. The terrible pain you still see on the streets shows how the brutality of our history is continuing into the present.'

Speaking on ABC Radio, Archbishop Welby said that the question of a Voice to Parliament by First Nations people was a matter for the Parliament and the Indigenous People of Australia. 'I'm here to learn, not to lay down laws', he said. But speaking at St. John's, the Archbishop asked rhetorically 'How can you be reconciled if you haven't been conciled in the first place?'

'We can't change history, terrible things were done – we must recognise it, we must admit it, see reality. We can't change where we are at this particular moment, but we can change the future.'



The Scarred Tree in the grounds of St John's. (Image: Allan Hogan)

History, Glebe & Forest Lodge

Glebe's Blue Plaque Nominations, Part 9

By Ian Stephenson

The ninth site nominated for a Blue Plaque is 52 Toxteth Rd, Glebe where Dorothy Drain who was once one of Australia's best-known journalists lived. Dorothy Simpson McGregor Drain (1909–1996) was born on 16 August 1909 at Mount Morgan, Queensland.

In 1932 she began a cadetship with the *Daily Mail*. Following its merger with the *Courier* she moved to the *Telegraph*, where she ran the children's pages and compiled the social news. In 1936 she went to Sydney to take up a position on the women's pages of the *Sun*.

In 1937 Drain was recruited to (Sir) Frank Packer's (Australian) Consolidated Press Ltd and was assigned to the women's section of the *Daily Telegraph*. The following year she moved to the *Australian Women's Weekly*, which was the most popular women's magazine in Australia. By 1939 its editorial team was wholly female. She became 'a resourceful, versatile and sensitive reporter' and secured a rare interview with Frank Sinatra by appealing to his intellect and asking him serious questions.

Drain reported on several overseas conflicts for the *Weekly*. In 1946 she spent three months in Japan covering the Australians serving with the British Commonwealth Occupation Force at Kure, and the start of the war crimes trials in Tokyo. Four years later she reported from Singapore and Malaya on



Dorothy Drain speaking with RAAF Caribou Flight Crew at an air base in Vietnam. (Image Australian War Memorial Photograph Collection)

Australian involvement in the Malayan Emergency and later covered the Korean war. In each location she faced the difficulty of there being no facilities for women, which she tackled by not eating salty food or drinking more than half a cup of tea. By the time she covered the Vietnam War in 1965, the presence of women in military zones was more accepted.

Through her opinion column *It Seems to Me*, and her ironic light verse inspired by current events, Drain became one of Australia's best-known journalists. She was appointed news editor in 1958, assistant editor in 1970 and editor in 1972.



Drain was only 'mildly sympathetic' towards the women's liberation movement and was criticised by feminists for failing to ensure that the *Weekly* kept pace with social change. As an independent working woman, she 'already felt liberated,' and only in retirement did she realise just how 'dull and

constricted' were the lives of many women. In 1974 she was appointed to the board of Australian Consolidated Press.

She never married. In retirement she enjoyed fishing and going on motoring trips with her father, who lived with her at Glebe from the mid-1980s. After his death in 1990, she moved to Melbourne. She died on 31 May 1996 at Doncaster and was cremated.

This article is derived from Jeannine Baker's entry on Dorothy Drain in the Australian Dictionary of Biography. Dorothy Drain's oral history recordings are held by the National Library of Australia and are available online.



52 Toxteth Rd, Glebe, the former home of Dorothy Drain (Image: Allan Hogan)

The 2022 Christmas Appeal

The Glebe Society is again joining with the Chris O'Brien Lifehouse in our annual appeal for gifts for the children of parents who are in supported accommodation in Glebe, and the supported adults themselves.

The types of gifts which are preferred for the children are a mixture of age-appropriate toys, books, games, school stationery and items of clothing. The preferred items for adults are small personal care items such as toiletries, books, small generic clothing items such as socks, scarves, and caps, and some Christmas fare items such as sweets, chocolates, Christmas cakes and bon-bons for their Christmas celebrations.

The items should not be gift wrapped as they must be checked for safety and appropriateness at the facilities before distribution, and there should be no personal information included.

Members are encouraged to bring items to the Glebe Society Christmas event on 11th December or to contact Janice Challinor by email

(jchallinor3@bigpond.com) requesting a household collection prior to that date. Give Janice your phone number so she can contact the Lifehouse administration to organise the collection.



Janice Challinor (second from left) at Chris O'Brien Lifehouse in Christmas 2018 with Gail O'Brien, Prof. Chris Milross and volunteers. (image supplied)

Who lived at 373 Glebe Point Rd?

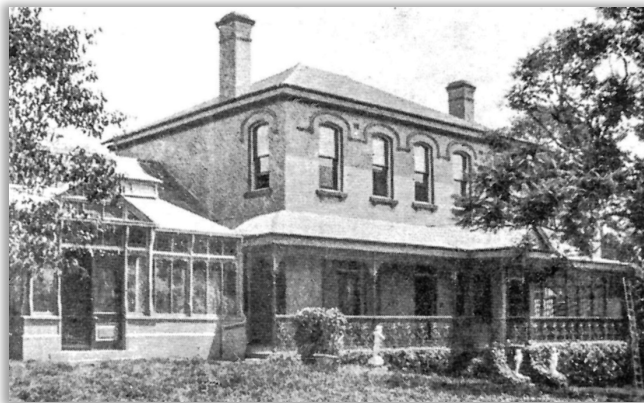
By Lyn Collingwood



John Gardner Fraser (Image: Sydney Mail and NSW Advertiser)

When clergyman J G Fraser (1838-1911) moved c. 1883 from *Innellan* on Point Piper Rd, Woollahra, to the house on the eastern corner of Forsyth St and Glebe Rd he took the name with him, no doubt a reminder of his Scottish heritage. Glebe's *Innellan* had nine rooms, a kitchen and a servant's room, was connected to gas and served as a venue for weddings. At its rear was *Arden*, built in 1837-8 as *Forsyth Cottage* on three acres by banker George Miller. *Arden*

survived until 1971 when it was replaced by a multi-storey apartment complex.



Arden circa 1919 after its purchase by the Anglican Church. (Image: C of E Homes Annual Report 1919)

Born near Edinburgh, Fraser followed his father's vocation as a clergyman. In 1864 Alexander and Janet Fraser landed with their three sons in Melbourne from London as cabin passengers aboard the *Wave of Life*. Alexander took up ministry of the Collins St Congregational Church, Melbourne. John moved to Sydney as pastor of the Balmain Independent Church.

JG Fraser became minister of the Woollahra Congregational Church, warden of Camden College, Newtown, and chairman of the Congregational Union of NSW. He married Ellen Armstrong, a surveyor's daughter, in 1867. She was a member of the British and Foreign Bible Society ladies' committee and Glebe's Hospital for Sick Children. She accompanied her husband to public events such as the 1894 opening of Sydney University's Women's College. Her sister, Lucy, married (Sir) James Reading Fairfax and gave birth to seven offspring. Ellen had no children.

In January 1885, the Frasers auctioned *Innellan's* contents (rosewood piano, walnut and mahogany furniture and household effects) and sailed for London

on RMS *Ballaarat*. Fellow cabin passengers were members of the Fairfax family and James Barnett, Colonial Architect and Glebe resident. Back in Sydney by June 1886, the Frasers settled at *Garnock* in Glebe Rd where John's widowed mother died in 1894.

By the time of Fraser's own death, he was back in the Eastern Suburbs. He was interred in Rookwood's Independent section with his mother and wife, who died in Hobart in 1904. A window in his memory was unveiled at the Woollahra Congregational Church in 1912.

Johanna Henderson Bedwell (1842-1917)

The next known tenant of what was then renamed *Caithness* at 289 Glebe Rd was the discharged bankrupt widow of Crawford Robert Bedwell who had died aged 45 at *Palmerston Terrace* in 1886 when he was recorded as a Mason and an auctioneer. For most of his life he was a Richmond farmer. In 1867, the year of a disastrous flood, he was acquitted on a charge of killing a neighbour's horse when a hay fork he had thrown to drive it off his property was embedded in the animal.

Johanna Martin married Bedwell at Richmond in 1865. Sixteen pregnancies followed, the last a son who died at Glebe in 1885 shortly after birth. In January 1889 an inquest was held at the *Ancient Briton* into the death at *Caithness* of Johanna's two-year-old grandson Frederick whose clothing caught alight when he was playing with matches. Frederick's mother Matilda Margaret, Johanna's oldest child, died in 1893. By then Johanna Bedwell had settled at *Waterview* in Manly where Matilda's other son became part of her extended family. Johanna died at Manly and was buried in the family vault at Richmond.

Robert Ellis Mawson (1854-1912)



Sir Douglas Mawson (Image: South Australian Museum)

During the next tenancy the house changed its numbering from 289 to 351 Glebe Rd and its name to *Baroda*. Robert Mawson, after migrating from Yorkshire with Margaret Ann née Moore and their young sons William and Douglas, set up as a fruit grower at Plumpton in 1884. The orchard was unproductive and in 1892 he was declared bankrupt but allowed to keep

his furniture. By this time he had moved to Glebe as an accountant with a timber firm. The family lived in *Palmerston Terrace* and in Kennedy St, and were at *Baroda* by 1894. Here, Margaret Mawson took in boarders, a practice she continued at 28 Toxteth Rd after her husband sailed to New Guinea to seek his

fortune, assuring his wife that their sons would win university scholarships. They did, but they were *Arts* scholarships which neither wanted to study.

In 1912, a year after returning to Australia, Robert Mawson died aged 58 at Campbelltown where William had set up a medical practice. Five years later Margaret Mawson (born at Douglas on the Isle of Man) died there at the same age. The story of the Antarctic explorer Douglas Mawson and his family is told in *Glebe Society Bulletin* 3/2005 and 10/2011.

Agnes Gertrude Body (1861-1955)

Like Margaret Mawson, the widowed Mrs Body accommodated boarders, her preferred clientele country visitors. During her tenancy, *Baroda's* numbering was fixed at 373 Glebe Rd.

Born at Morpeth the daughter of a Presbyterian minister, Agnes McEwen in 1888 married grazier's son and sheep station manager Theodore Pearson Body at Bathurst. The couple lived at *Caledonia*, the headquarters of the Terramungamine and Caledonia runs near Dubbo. In 1895 Theo died of influenza, leaving his widow with three sons to support.

By 1911 Agnes Body had settled with her family at *Caledonia* Epping. For the next few years *Baroda* operated as a boarding house run by Bertha Russell, its lodgers including wool expert Alfred Bernard Francis and draper Montague Phillip Patterson. The landlady is probably the same Bertha Russell who was awarded £500 damages for a fractured hip when she stumbled alighting from a tram which had stopped on a section of Glebe Rd which was being repaired.

Herbert Walter (1869-1920) And Charlotte Worger (1874-1964)

Charlotte Worger continued the practice of letting out rooms. Her husband, an investor and speculator, had interests in gold mining, slate quarrying, motor vehicle hire, show business as manager of the Cremer-Worger Metropolitan Company of Comedians, and was licensee of the *Dover Castle* at Camperdown and other hotels.

In October 1916 Charlotte Worger auctioned *Baroda's* contents (including a 'practically new' Eureka gas stove) and the family moved to Paddington where Herbert died. His widow subsequently married Robert Mitcheson.

In 1918 *Baroda* was one of a number of houses put up for auction by Richardson and Wrench. Major changes were made to the property when builders Hooker and Smith advertised for tender the erection of five flats, two retail outlets and three garages in 1928. C B Hill established a pharmacy in the corner shop and installed a telephone. Ten decades later, only the prefix of the original number (MW 1170) has changed.

Athol John Jurd (1915-1997)



*Athol and Patricia Jurd
(image supplied)*

Athol Jurd took over Hill's business after passing the NSW Pharmacy Board examinations in 1936. In 1941 he married Patricia McGowen. They had two sons and two daughters and lived at 70 Toxteth Rd before moving to Maroubra in the late 1970s. Athol was a Glebe Council alderman 1946-8.

The elder son of Leslie Giles and Kathleen Jurd, Athol was born in East Melbourne. By 1937 the family were living in Glebe with Kathleen's widowed

father John McElhone at 21 Avenue Rd, a house he had bought in 1921. A prominent member of the Catholic community, John McElhone died in 1944 and, after requiem mass at St James Church, was buried in the Catholic section of Rookwood cemetery. Kathleen Jurd inherited 21 Avenue Rd and after her death in 1964 it passed to her sons Athol and Leslie Joseph, also a pharmacist. The brothers sold the house in 1966.



The pharmacy at 373 Glebe Point Rd (Image Supplied)

Jurd's Pharmacy was still operating in 1978. By 1981 the name had changed to the Glebe Point Pharmacy. It was not the first: Gilbert Edward Vaughan was the proprietor of Glebe Point Pharmacy, established in 1883 at 149 (later numbered 173) Glebe Rd, before he was declared bankrupt during the 1890s Depression.

Sources: ancestry.com; hiddencanberra.webs.com; NSW cemetery records; NSW electoral rolls; NSW Land Registry Services; NSW registry of births, deaths, marriages; NSW State Archives & Records; Sands Directories; Sydney telephone directories; Trove website.

Valé Sister Catherine (1922-2022)

by Rodney Hammett

I had the privilege to spend time with Sr Catherine (who died on October 9) when she took up my 90th birthday present offer to investigate her family history. I explained that this would be a journey of discovery where there would be ancestors found, previous family folklore would likely need to be challenged as more facts were unearthed and some family secrets would likely be exposed. She was up to the task, so in 2013, we started chatting about her life and what she could remember of her parents' families.



Sister Catherine Mary Bell (Image: Sisters of the Good Samaritan)

Born Catherine Mary Bell on 7 February 1922 at Bowral, she was the second child of Thomas Bell and Elizabeth Mabel (née Dodd). She had an older sister Annie Elizabeth, two younger sisters; Mary and Margaret Frances, and a brother Jim. The girls lived long but Jim died when 46. Thomas and Elizabeth married at Mascot in February 1919. Thomas was 20 years older than Elizabeth.

Thomas was of Irish stock, his parents arriving as assisted immigrants to New South Wales on the ship *Sir John Moore* in March 1863. They arrived with some of the McBarron family, his mother's family, and had been sponsored by John McBarron who had arrived in the colony in 1855. The McBarron family were originally from Scotland, moving to Ireland in the 1600s to one of the Plantation Settlements established in Ulster. In New South Wales John Barron first set up a small business in Sussex St then went to Burrawang, near Robertson, which was a private village established in 1865 on land made available to settlers under the Robertson's Land Act (1861).

The McBarrons and Bells established themselves as farmers in the area, so it was no surprise that Thomas Bell was drawn back to Burrawang in the early 1920s. Thomas and Elizabeth ran a modest dairy farm. Catherine remembers helping her father with milking and it being hard work involving all the family members. There was no electricity and their only means of transport was a sulky. Catherine also remembered the three mile walk to school, and then back home again at the end of the day. Church on Sunday was a treat as the family all piled onto the sulky and sometimes the priest would drive the children back in a car while her parents returned in the sulky.

Life for Catherine and her siblings was thrown into turmoil when their mother died in 1935 aged only 44. She had been unwell for some time at home; Catherine remembers a neighbour driving her mother and father to the Bowral Hospital in early April, never to see her again. Elizabeth died on 26 April.

Catherine's 66-year-old father was left with five children whose ages ranged from 6 to 15 and a dairy to keep operating. Thomas realised the only solution was to send the children to orphanages; the girls going to the Mater Dei Orphanage, Narellan, run by the Sisters of the Good Samaritan and Jim was sent to the St Vincent's Boys Home at Westmead. Annie decided to leave home after she found a job in the local hotel. As it turned out, Catherine never saw her father again; he died in 1942.

So the family's misfortune led to Catherine's life with the Sisters of the Good Samaritan, where she recalled being impressed by the way the nuns treated her. They also discussed her future life options. Catherine left the orphanage in 1938 for more study with the Sisters at Queanbeyan. She sought and was granted admission to the Good Samaritan Novitiate at Pennant Hills on 17 November 1940 where she was given the name Sister Mary Conleth. She gave her professional vows on 4 January 1943 and gained her Certificate of Teaching in 1944.

She was a pupil teacher at St Scholastica's in 1943. Catherine then taught children in primary schools for over fifty years at numerous places all over Queensland, New South Wales, South Australia and Western Australia. Most of these schools were in remote locations. Her longest posting was 9 years at Mt Magnet, WA (1986-1994). A noteworthy posting was to South Johnstone in Far North Queensland (1946-1948) where she became a citizen scientist, collecting ants for Fr McAreavey, SJ. Subsequently an aunt, Conlethea, was named after her.

In retirement, Catherine came to Polding Villa, at St Scholastica's, in 2010. Catherine, always smiling, went about her life talking to and helping families where she could. I met her through my wife Lesley being one of the participants in a senior's Tai Chi class at St Helens in the early 2010s. These classes were always followed by coffee at Alice's, a tradition still practiced.

When Polding Villa was demolished in 2016 Catherine moved to a home for retired nuns at Balgowlah. While this provided for her basic needs, I know she missed the lively personal exchanges and the Glebe atmosphere. Later she moved to aged care at St Catherine's Eastwood where she died on 9 October.

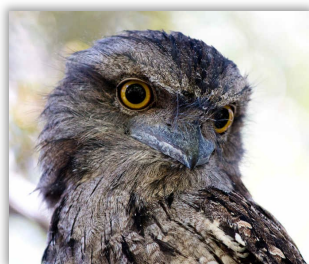
At her funeral at St Scholastica's Chapel on Thursday 20 October, there was a large gathering of her extended family, many from the Order and friends who had known Catherine over the years; one came from the NSW South Coast and another from South Australia. All of us were able to share our memories of a wonderful and caring woman.

Acknowledgement: Some of the story about Sr Catherine is sourced from the Funeral Mass booklet prepared by Sisters of the Good Samaritan of the Order of St Benedict, St Scholastica's Glebe.

Glebe, Naturally

Glebe Forest Lodge 10th Annual Spring Bird Survey 2022

By Judy Christie



A Tawny Frogmouth
(Image Bush Heritage Australia)

The tenth Glebe Forest Lodge spring bird survey was successfully held on 23 October despite overcast conditions with a predicted 95% chance of rain. Eighteen participants set off early on Sunday morning to do a 'snapshot' survey counting birds in ten different locations.

Sightings were made across Glebe's parks, trees and waterways as well as on roofs, TV antennae, chimney pots, footpaths and busy traffic intersections.

A total of 674 birds were seen, less than in 2021, likely due to the ongoing wet weather although the relative numbers were similar. More impressively, 33 different bird species were identified, equally the highest diversity of species recorded over the last ten years.

The two most common birds are again the native Noisy Miner and the Rainbow Lorikeet. The Noisy Miner continues to aggressively dominate all our open spaces and the Rainbow Lorikeet is likely to be announced as the most common urban bird in Australia in the results of Birdlife Australia's recent Aussie Backyard Bird Count. Our Magpies are also breeding up, selecting tall trees for their nests while two other increasing native species are the Grey Butcherbird and Laughing Kookaburra. Both these species, with characteristic calls, can be predatory on nestlings of other birds.

It will be no surprise to most residents of Glebe and Forest Lodge to see that the Brush-Turkey has now made our spring survey as well. A large flock of Sulphur-crested Cockatoos was more of a surprise as usually only one or two are seen on our annual surveys. A Tawny Frogmouth was a great find and although nesting at the Annandale end of the park, they may well frequent our street lights for insects over the summer nights.

The survey took place at high tide so what better place for two White-faced Herons to find a high tide roost than on a boat in the Bay. The habitat values of the Johnstons Creek corridor continue to improve and though not seen on Sunday, the previous day at low tide two Striated Herons were seen feeding near the mouth of the creek. A Willie Wagtail was also calling from a barge in Rozelle Bay but has been recently seen along the canal as well.

The busy intersection around Ross St and St Johns Rd appears to be an unusual birding 'hotspot' with breeding Tree Martins and Red Wattlebirds seen and heard in the vicinity. The absence of Noisy Miners and other 'bossy' birds may be a contributing factor.



The birdwatchers at their post-survey breakfast (Image: Judy Christie)

Our surveyors are becoming more experienced with bird species identification and familiarity with their sites and the likely species to expect, enabling accurate reporting. In terms of future surveys, an earlier start may help to avoid disturbance from people and dogs in some of the more popular parks and grassy areas frequented by Willie Wagtail and sometimes parrots.

Once again, we had a birdwatchers' breakfast celebration at Esca to conclude our morning's activities. Thank you to all volunteers who helped to make a very successful and enjoyable spring morning. A full report of the specific locations and bird numbers is available from the Blue Wren Subcommittee.

Glebe's Newest Builders?

by Helen Randerson

Have you spotted a brush turkey mound in Glebe? Two brush turkeys have recently been seen building their characteristic mounds in Glebe and Forest Lodge.



A brush turkey mound (Image: Andrew Wood)

You may have spotted the male bird carefully tending his mound of vegetation and regularly checking the mound's temperature, to give the eggs inside the mound the best chance of survival.

Brush turkeys are protected species under the Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016 and the population of brush turkeys is now recovering in areas where they have not been seen for many decades. So, it's important not to try and destroy a mound or chase a brush turkey away.

A brush turkey is easily recognisable by its dark blue-black plumage, bright head colours and general turkey-like appearance.

We can plan our gardens with brush turkeys in mind by providing mulch in an area of heavy shade where there are one or more large trees nearby and by avoiding feeding them.

There is abundant advice available on how we can live with and accommodate brush turkeys in our gardens and public spaces as they newly discover the delights of living in Glebe.

Further information: www.environment.nsw.gov.au/topics/animals-and-plants/native-animals/native-animal-facts/australian-brush-turkey; and www.qld.gov.au/environment/plants-animals/animals/living-with/brush-turkeys.

Mystery Photo competition

with Lyn Collingwood

Last Month's Mystery Photo

Photographer John Ward documented 60 years of Sydney's public transport history. October's mystery photo forms part of his collection acquired in 2018 by the City of Sydney Archives. The photo was taken in 1970.



Sybil Jack, Ian Miller, Ann Elias, Peter Robinson, Gary Ferrett and Julia Hornsby recognised the view as Wigram Rd looking towards the Harold Park paceway and Ross St. Mary Jane Hogan remembered the Harold Park Hotel's nickname 'The Holler' (built in a hollow), identified the army buildings in Hereford St, and noted changes including traffic

lights at The Crescent intersection and the construction of the Lew Hoad Reserve below Cliff Terrace. There were guesses at the date by vehicles caught on camera: FB Holden, combi van.

Wayne Carveth knows the area well:

Wigram Rd looking south-west from near 70 Wigram Rd. It is surprising how much greener the suburb is these days.

The large building in the top left is the Army Drill Hall built during WWI but demolished around 2000. The Eternity Apartments are there now.

The smoking chimney is the main boiler chimney for RPA Hospital near Salisbury Rd. It is still there, but since it burnt coal, now mercifully decommissioned.

The last of the five poplars behind Lew Hoad Reserve was cut down in November 2006.

The vacant lot behind the poplars now has three houses on it.

The single terrace style house on the corner of Wigram Rd and Minogue Cres was demolished in the 1990s. It was used as the offices for McCormack Carriers who left around the end of the 1990s. McCormack's yard was between that house and the Harold Park Hotel. There was a derelict house

as the Jazz APRA Awarded *Mandela*, *Afro Bouban*, and *Romantica*. The duo will also offer their own rendition of Chick Corea's *Armando's Rumba* and Spain as well as pieces by Tom Jobim, Harold Harlen, Consuelo Velázquez, and Mark Johns' engaging ukulele rendition of *Somewhere Over the Rainbow*. More info and sounds at: <https://www.guystrazz.com/mark-johns-and-guy-strazz>.

Tickets: \$20 (concessions \$10) available at the door or at: <https://www.trybooking.com/CANTW>. If you have tickets for Mail/Barrett they will be valid for entry (or you can request a refund).

Concert 7: There are a few tickets remaining for the *Margaretta Cottage* piano and lyric soprano concert Friday 25 November at 7 pm, booking: <https://www.trybooking.com/CANWJ>. Otherwise, all the Margaretta Cottage concerts are sold out.



Guy Strazz and Mark Johns who are performing on Friday 4 November at Gleebooks (image <https://www.guystrazz.com/mark-johns-and-guy-strazz>)

Players in the Pub

A Christmas Carol

6.30 pm, Tuesday 6 December
New Theatre, 542 King St
Newtown (near Alice St)
Free Admission: Donations
Bucket.

Please note the change of venue, playing night and start time. (After 13 years of performing in Glebe, we've lost our last local pub.)

New Theatre is halfway between Newtown and St Peters stations. 370 buses from Glebe Point run past every ten minutes. An alternative is route 422. The northbound clearway opposite finishes at 5.30 pm.



Glebe Public School: Call Out for Music Instruments

Glebe Public School has its first band program starting up in 2023 and they are looking for any woodwind and brass instruments that have laid dormant in cupboards that could be donated to the program.

Thank you in advance for any generous donations you can make to get the band started.

Contact Glebe Public School 9660 4549 (attention Kane Wheatley) or Liz Lecoanet 0438 524 842.

'Sydney Streets', 5 November

The Council is organising *Sydney Streets* to celebrate local neighbourhoods, bring communities together and support high street businesses.

Glebe Point Rd will be closed to traffic from Parramatta Rd to St. Johns Rd from 11 am to 10 pm on Saturday 5 Nov.

Various Glebe venues will host live music, face-painting and competitions; Glebe Public School will have a fundraiser food stand; food will be on offer from Glebe's many eateries; and roving entertainment will take place throughout the day. Note that Glebe Markets will also be on.



Summer Streets on Glebe Point Rd February 2022
(Photo: Katherine Griffiths)

Recent Glebe Society submissions to Council

DA 274-276 Glebe Point Rd Glebe	https://tinyurl.com/yz998p3z
St Johns Rd Improvements	https://tinyurl.com/yckw6zrp
DA 321 Glebe Point Rd Glebe	https://tinyurl.com/5ah8vud5
DA 202 Hereford Street Glebe	https://tinyurl.com/yasehdyh
DA 48 Bellevue Street Glebe	https://tinyurl.com/4dfzd5uc
DA 6 Mary Street Glebe	https://tinyurl.com/ykebx9bd
Feedback on two-way bike paths	https://tinyurl.com/52sxws8e

For Your Calendar

Friday 4 November to Sunday 27 November. *Glebe Music Festival*. Various locations.

Friday 4 November, 6.30pm. *Glebe Music Festival: Great Guitars*, Gleebooks, 49 Glebe Point Road.

Saturday 5 November, 11am-10pm, *Sydney Streets*. Glebe Point Rd – between Parramatta and St Johns Rds.

Friday 25 November, 7pm. *Glebe Music Festival: Evgeny Genchev and Tess O'Donohue*, Margaretta Cottage.

Tuesday 6 December, 6.30pm *Players in the Pub* New Theatre, 542 King St Newtown (note venue change).

Sunday 11 December, 5pm-7pm. *Glebe Society Christmas Gathering*, Gardener's Grill, Victoria Park.

Last Friday of the month. *Community Dinners* (by Pyrmont Community Centre), Harold Park Community Hall.



Book Glebe Society events on our Eventbrite page: <http://glebesociety.eventbrite.com>

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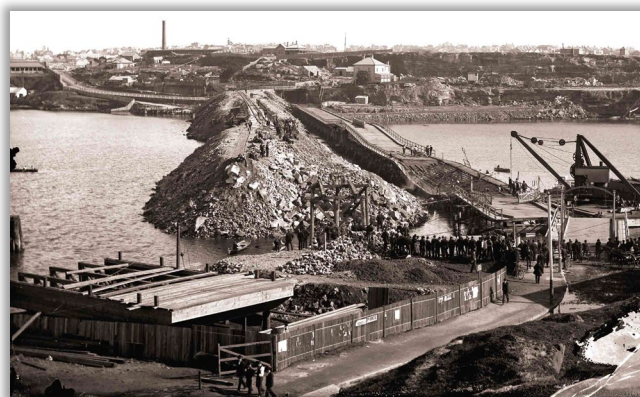
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Membership of the Glebe Society

- Individual member: \$45
- Joint (2 people, one address): \$55
- Household: \$60
- Concession (student or pensioner): \$20
- Institution or corporate: \$110
- Additional donation welcome

How to join

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



*Glebe Island Bridge collapse – Saturday 5 August 1899
(Image: City of Sydney Archives)*