

We acknowledge the Gadigal people of the Eora nation as the traditional owners of Glebe and Forest Lodge and pay our respects to elders past and present.

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New housing policy overrides heritage protection rules

By the Editor, Allan Hogan

In June 2015, Chris Minns, then the new MP for Kogarah, said 'there are too few people living in Balmain, and it is ridiculous that vast tracts of Newtown and Glebe have maximum height limits of two storeys'. He was attacking the Greens for 'frustrating development proposals in their own backyard while demanding the rest of Sydney take the overflow'. So, when the NSW Labor leader announced his government's new housing policy recently, it can't be said we didn't see it coming.

If developers plan for 15% affordable housing and the project costs more than \$75 million, they will get access to a 30% floor space bonus, and a height bonus of 30% above the height permitted under the controls set by local council environment plans.

With 60,000 people on the NSW Government's housing waiting list, and people often waiting five to ten years for social housing to become available, it's clear there's a problem. But not everyone agrees that higher density housing is the solution. Others accept the need for higher density housing but maintain there needs to be corresponding plans for the infrastructure and social amenities that will be needed to support denser living. And so far, we haven't heard those plans.

There's no doubt that the heritage and historical landscape of Glebe and Forest Lodge is threatened by the new policy. Organisations like the Glebe Society are often criticised for having what is said to be a NIMBY view of the need for denser living near the inner city. But the Glebe Society is in favour of making more social and affordable housing available in our community, and keeping what we already have.



Caroyln Ienna speaking at the protest at the proposed demolition of 82 Wentworth Park Road. (Image: Robbie Mason, City Hub)

Developers don't have a great track record in building creatively-designed places for people to live in. To quote a *Sydney Morning Herald* editorial from 20 June, 'developers have undermined the case for higher densities with unattractive and sometimes poorly constructed residential buildings. Too often new housing developments have not been accompanied by effective urban planning to ensure high public amenity'.

Lord Mayor Clover Moore welcomed the government's plan but pointed out that the incentives would allow developers to increase their height and floor space by an alarming 30% of those permitted under local planning controls. 'This means a 100-metre building would become 130 metres high, while the density of each development would increase significantly, without extra Affordable and Social Housing' she said.

Contacted by the *Bulletin*, Kobi Shetty, the member for Balmain said, 'finding affordable and secure housing in Sydney is harder than ever, and yet the government continues to foster a system which is geared towards developer profits rather than community needs'.

'The Greens welcome the Minns Labor Government's intention to boost affordable housing supply – but a 15% affordable housing target is far too low, a 15- year limit on affordability is far too short, and we need such targets to apply to all development, not just the big players who are keen to build out our suburbs at a rate that our services and facilities are unable to keep up with'.

'Where affordability is concerned, we are pushing for public land to be set aside for 100% public housing and a legislated 30% affordable housing mandate for all new developments, without the need for density bonuses or other incentives'.

The Glebe Society is joining other community groups in opposing the demolition of 82 Wentworth Park Road, suggesting instead renovating the present building for continuing use for social housing. Kobi Shetty says, 'regarding the property at 82 Wentworth Park Road in Glebe, I am urging the minister to consider the alternative option put forward by the Glebe Society to increase the number of dwellings while avoiding demolition'.

Save 82 Wentworth Park Road

By Ian Stephenson, President of the Glebe Society

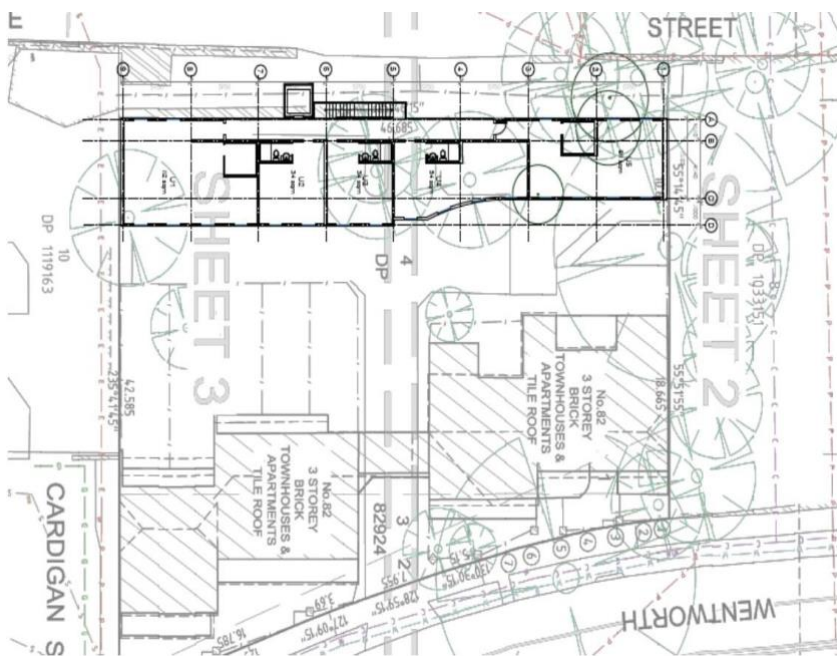


Figure 1. The Abraham's scheme retains and refurbishes the existing building on Wentworth Park Road and proposes a new building at the rear of the site (plan courtesy Hector Abrahams Architects)

On 17 June Rose Jackson, the Minister for Housing, announced that the Franklyn Street flats were to be retained. That's great news. However, she also said that 82 Wentworth Park Road would be demolished and replaced by a new building. Her justification is that this will increase the supply of public housing.

Minister, this is not a good way to do this. The cost of demolition and rebuilding is nearly \$22 million. Refurbishing and extending would be cheaper. In addition, demolition and rebuilding actually reduces the supply of public housing for a number of years while site clearance and construction occurs. The Land and Housing Corporation says tenants will have the 'right of return' to try and make it look as though the redevelopment is not

driving people out of their homes. However, the new building will be mostly one-bedroom apartments with some studios and two bedders. The existing property includes five three-bedroom terraces. A family of four have lived

there for 18 years – there's clearly no right of return for them. Saying people have a 'right of return' is just weasel words.

More housing at lower cost can be provided by refurbishing the existing building and adding additional density at the rear of the site.

Hector Abrahams of Hector Abrahams Architects has generously prepared an indicative scheme for the Society showing how the existing building can be retained and additional density added sympathetically and in a way which respects the character of the precinct, the Lyndhurst Heritage Conservation Area.

Architect and urbanist Philip Thalís is also critical of the demolition approach noting that a *'better solution on this site is to build 15-25 compact apartments on car parking at the rear of the site, which has a frontage to Bellevue Street. Could also convert 5 terrace houses to duplex flats. This could be done for likely \$5-\$6mill = same number for 1/3 cost, less demo/displacement'* (courtesy Twitter)



Figure 2. The Abrahams scheme (left) echoes the terrace houses in Bellevue Street, unlike the block-like form (right) proposed by the Land and Housing Corporation.

On 15 June 2023 I wrote to the Minister enclosing Hector Abraham's scheme, advised her that we were in the process of obtaining detailed costings and requesting that, as a matter of urgency, she advise the City of Sydney that she wishes them to defer consideration of the Land and Housing Corporation's development application for 82 Wentworth Park Road until the alternative option has been fully considered.

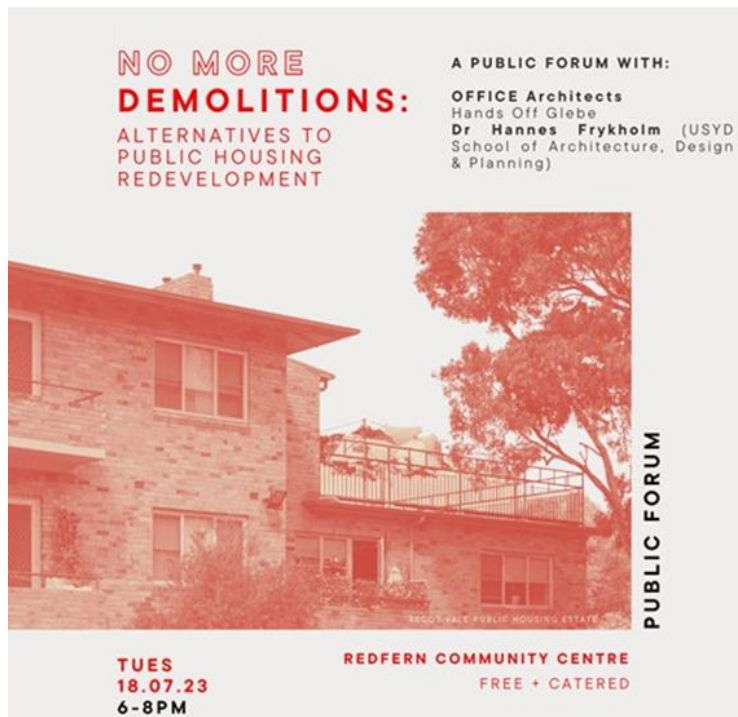
I wrote that the Glebe Society sees *'this as an opportunity for the new government to show it is using its initiative and intellect to provide the best possible approaches to increasing the supply of public housing, including cost effective use of money, respecting tenants and the community, urban character as well as reducing greenhouse emissions by refurbishing and extending rather than demolishing'*.

No reply has been received to our letter or a request for a meeting.

Our compatriot organisation Hands off Glebe is working hard to get a more rational solution at 82 Wentworth Park Road. Hands off Glebe describes itself as *'a group of Glebe residents including private home owners and public housing tenants who work to maintain the ambience of Glebe as a place where people of all socio-economic status are appreciated'*. You may have seen the Glebe Grapevine which Hands off Glebe distributes to every household in Glebe. They are ramping up their campaign for 82 Wentworth Park Road by distributing a flyer to all residents and producing a booklet based on the highly successful Franklyn Report. They would welcome donations to assist with the cost of printing. Donations can be sent to Hands off Glebe, BSB 659000, Account no 755116. For more information email Denis Doherty at denisdoherty@denisdoherty.org.

A Public Forum

Forty years ago the NSW Housing Commission employed in-house public servant architects. We can see the quality of their work in the beautifully designed infill public housing built in Glebe in the 1980s. They also employed maintenance people to look after the buildings they owned. Over many years the government's public housing agency (the Land and Housing Corporation) has deskilled itself. They can no longer design new houses and seem unable to maintain their properties – even basic things like keeping the gutters clean. They opt for the expensive option of demolition and building anew instead of repairing, refitting and extending. Their motto seems to be 'if there is mould, knock the place down'.



A public forum exploring alternatives to demolition is being held at the Redfern Community Centre, 29-53 Hugo Street, Redfern, on Tuesday 18 July from 6 pm to 8 pm. Speakers include the Swedish architect Dr Hannes Frykholm and OFFICE Architects, a not-for-profit multidisciplinary design and research practice based in Melbourne.

An Exciting Project

For over 50 years the Society has been researching all aspects of Glebe, including land titles and subdivisions, people, architects, builders, occupations, events and historical images. As well, we have been proactive about planning and development and created wonderful events focussed on Glebe and Forest Lodge. I am pleased to announce that the Australian Government Department of Social Services, under their 2022-2023 Volunteer Grants Program, have provided us with a grant of \$2,500 to develop a research database and digital archive. Our goal is

to ensure we preserve our precious research and make it easy to retrieve knowledge about Glebe using search terms such as street address, family name and occupation.

I would particularly like to thank our local member The Hon. Tanya Plibersek and her staff for their assistance with this exciting project.

Amphibious vehicles no longer required



Artist's impression, Bridge Road in front of the new Sydney Fish Market (image: Infrastructure NSW)

by Asa Wahlquist

Representative of the Glebe Society on the new Sydney Fish Market Community Consultative Committee

Multiplex, the builder of the new Sydney Fish Market, and INSW, the government body overseeing, have responded to community concerns and decided against raising Bridge Road in front of the market.

Under the original plan, Bridge Road would be raised by one metre, tapering off to its current level at the junctions with Wentworth Park Road and Wattle Street.

When the Fish Market Community Consultative Committee (CCC) was informed about the plans, many, including The Glebe Society's representative, objected. Members objected to the

proposed months of disruption while Bridge Road was reduced to two lanes, the increased risk of flooding at the junction of Wentworth Park Road and Bridge Road, the trimming of heritage fig trees in Wentworth Park, and the lack of a reasonable explanation for the work.

Project Manager with Multiplex, Paul Couani, says that the revised plans were a response to the CCC's objections. The City of Sydney had also objected, citing concerns about increased flooding. It is understood that Transport for NSW had concerns about disrupting traffic on Bridge Road which is a major arterial route.

Under both plans Bridge Road will be widened on the Fish Market side to create a bay for buses and taxis to drop off passengers.

The rationale for raising Bridge Road was to enable passengers to step off onto a footpath at the same level as the Fish Market. Mr Couani said there were in fact benefits in having the road at the current level and the footpath raised to the level of the Fish Market.

The footpath will be shared by bikes and pedestrians, so it eliminates the risk of a passenger stepping out of a bus or taxi into the path of a bike. The steps and ramps that will be constructed will lead people to the entrance of the long building.

There will be some disruption as services are relocated and while the footpath is raised, but most services are located under the footpath region, rather than under the road.

Cost savings were not mentioned, but they are no doubt a factor. The cost of raising Bridge Road was included in the overall estimate for building the Fish Market, most recently estimated to be \$750 million in 2019. It is now undoubtedly higher after four years of inflation, the pandemic, increased materials cost and the usual increase in the cost of constructing public infrastructure.

NAIDOC Week

By the Editor, Allan Hogan

NAIDOC Week in Sydney runs from 2 to 9 July. It's a celebration of the histories, cultures and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. The City of Sydney's annual event celebrating Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures will take place from 10 am to 3 pm on Saturday 8 July in Hyde Park north.

In 1956 major Aboriginal organisations, state and federal governments, all supported the formation of the National Aborigines Day Observance Committee (NADOC). At the same time, the second Sunday in July became a day of remembrance for Aboriginal people and their heritage.

In 1991 with a growing awareness of the distinct cultural histories of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, NADOC was expanded to recognise Torres Strait Islander people and culture. The committee then became known as the National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee (NAIDOC). This new name has become the title for the whole week, not just the day.

Visit the National Indigenous Art Fair

The showcase of contemporary First Nations artists, designers and makers returns. This year there's also a two day festival program running alongside the event. Enjoy bush tucker cooking demonstrations, weaving and cultural workshops, live music, children's activities and Aboriginal dance performances.

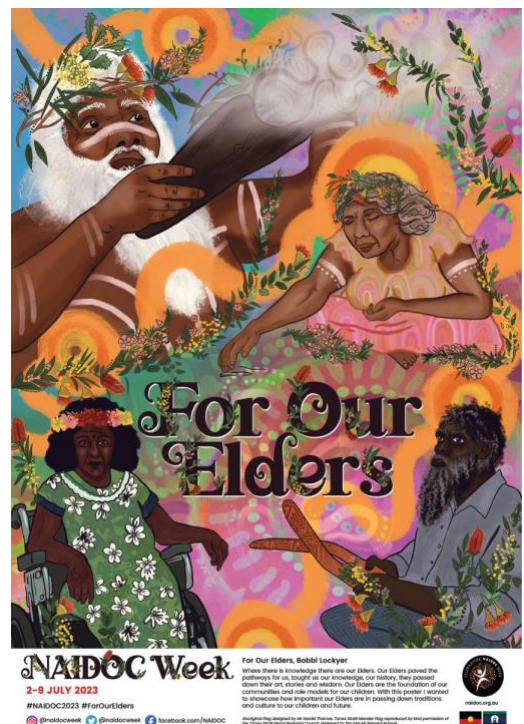
Overseas Passenger Terminal, Circular Quay, Saturday 2 July and Sunday 3 July, 10 am to 5 pm.

Scale the Harbour Bridge with Burrawa Climb

Celebrate Sydney's rich Indigenous history with an unrivalled view. Climb the Harbour Bridge with a First Nations Storyteller as your guide. See Sydney from the oldest perspective with plenty of facts and stories about the Aboriginal culture, languages and history of Sydney. Bridge Climb Sydney, The Rocks, Saturday 2 July – Sunday 9 July, 9 am to 4 pm.

More detail can be found on the City of Sydney's NAIDOC website:

whatson.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/events/naidoc-in-the-city



Bobbi Lockyer, a proud Ngarluma, Kariyarra, Nyulnyul and Yawuru artist, born and based on Kariyarra Country in Port Hedland, is the winner of the prestigious National NAIDOC Week Poster Competition for 2023 with her entry, For Our Elders. (courtesy, <https://www.naidoc.org.au/>)

Who lived in your street?

By Lyn Collingwood

After their marriage in January 1900 Henry Herron and Emily Ethel née Downie rented newly-built *Divo*, and their first child was born there the following November. The house is in the middle of a row today numbered 433-445 Glebe Point Road and identified by plaques bearing the original names *Gaza*, *Favo*, *Edna*, *Divo*, *Cama* and *Boro*. (An early transcription error is probably responsible for *Alma* being replaced by *Abna*.) The present street numbering was fixed by 1906.

The terrace was completed in 1899 by wealthy builder William Jarrett on land he had owned for over a decade. Jarrett's numerous houses in Glebe included his own home *Venetia*, a mansion on the nearby headland known locally as Jarrett's Point. After his death in 1901 Jarrett's widow and step-daughter moved from *Venetia* to *Alma* and much of his substantial real estate, including the slate-roofed brick 'alphabet' houses, was put up for auction. Within *Gaza* on the corner of Leichhardt St were five bedrooms and four reception rooms, and at its rear, a coach house and stables and a room for the stablehand. (The stables today accommodate people.) Each of the other houses contained four bedrooms and two reception areas.



Henry Herron (Image: Daily Telegraph 29 April 1914)



The 'alphabet' houses, 1970. (Image: Albert Renshaw, City of Sydney Archives)

The Herron family

The oldest of six sons, Henry Herron was born in 1866 to James Herron, a coastal steamer captain, and Janet née Young. The family was Presbyterian. At the time he was renting *Divo*, Henry was working as an insurance clerk and had just been appointed Grand Secretary of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows. He held the position for 14 years before resigning to concentrate on business interests. A Lodge at Gundagai was named in his honour, and at his farewell banquet he was presented with an illuminated address, items of furniture and silver fruit dishes. In 1914

Henry went into partnership with Ernest Walter Bell as Herron & Bell fire assessors. His occupation at his death (on 12 July 1958 at *Hydebrae*, Strathfield) was retired fire assessor. His widow, born in 1878, died in 1971.

Born at *Divo*, eldest son Henry Cecil tried his hand at various business enterprises. His mother was one of his partners in the Halliday Engineering Company, registered in 1919 to repair and sell motor cars. Two years later, with his father, he established a carrying firm, the Denby Transportation Company. This enterprise failed, and Henry Cecil was declared bankrupt in 1923. He died in 1980.

Second son Leslie James, born in 1902 after the family moved to Mosman, and educated at Sydney Grammar, graduated LLB from Sydney University where he played rugby, rowed and swam. In 1939 he took silk and in 1962 succeeded H V Evatt as NSW Chief Justice. Among the trials over which he presided were those of bank robber Darcy Dugan and Arthur Calwell's unsuccessful attempted assassin, Peter Kocan. A life sentence delivered to Charles Ivan le Gallien for patricide resulted in a death threat and Herron's bodyguard became his golf partner. His involvement in sports administration included presidency of the Australian Golf Club, NSW Amateur Swimming Association and NSW Rugby Union. Knighted in 1966, Sir Leslie Herron died in 1973, a year after his mandatory retirement. Like his father, he was a Freemason.

Also born at Mosman were Andrew John, Jeanette Emily and Mary Isobel. Albert Allan, born at Burwood in 1916, was educated at Sydney Grammar where he joined the cadets. He enlisted in 1940 and was amongst those captured defending Crete against the German invasion. Lieutenant Herron died as a prisoner-of-war in May 1941 and was buried in the Phaleron War Cemetery near Athens.

The Ayre family

After the Herrons moved to Mosman *Divo* was rented by Emma Ayre, a widow. Aged 20, she had landed in Sydney in 1864 on the *Wanata* with her 23-year-old husband Jonas. They were assisted immigrants.

Jonas set up his home and cabinetmaking business on George St West (now Broadway) opposite the Colonial Sugar Refinery. He prospered as a skilled carpenter, displaying pieces of furniture in variously coloured inlaid woods at the 1877 Intercolonial Exhibition in Prince Alfred Park.

In 1895 and 1896 Jonas was an unsuccessful Outer Ward candidate for Glebe Council.

Having survived being trampled by his runaway horse some years earlier, he died in his sleep in November 1898. A land speculator, his holdings included land at Penrith and lots on Glebe's Bay Street and Queen Street (Holmes Estate) and Charles Street (Briarbank Estate).

Emma Ayre died at Mosman in 1927 and was buried with her husband in the C of E cemetery at Rookwood. She was survived by her married children: Pethaina Henry, Isabella Walsh and Henry Midgley Ayre (who lived for a time at *Har-Nat*, 50 Toxteth Road). Ada Ayre had died as a baby in 1870 and 14-month-old Joseph Robert Ayre died in 1884.

Note: 1. Jarrett's story was a 'Who Lived' article in *Bulletin* 1/2017.

Sources: Alumni Sidneienses; *Australian Dictionary of Biography*; NSW electoral rolls; NSW State Records; Sands Directories; Trove website.



Next Players in the Pub

Tartuffe, or The Hypocrite

Molière's classic comedy directed by
Tricia Youlden

***The Harold*, 7 pm Tuesday 20 June**

Upstairs at The Harold – Wigram Rd/Ross St
Forest Lodge. Entry by donation.

Players is now in its 14th year!



Glebe's Blue Plaque Nominations, Part 15

By Ian Stephenson, President of the Glebe Society

The fifteenth site nominated in 2021 for a Blue Plaque is 21 Ross St Forest Lodge. From 1943 until at least 1981 the Communist Party of Australia [CPA] printed their newspaper *Tribune* here. Other radical publications including *Women's Liberation* posters and anti-Vietnam War materials were also produced here.

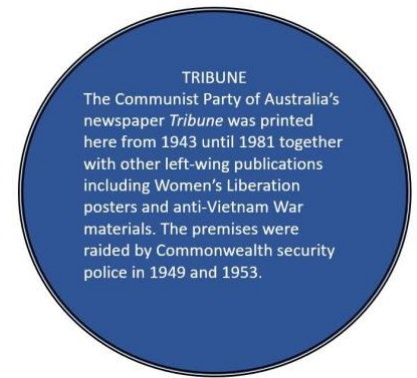
The CPA was founded in 1920 and reached its peak membership in the 1940s when it had 20,000 members. *Tribune* provided well-researched and well-written journalism on social reform.

On 24 May 1940 *Tribune* was banned on the grounds of weakening the war effort. On 15 June 1941 the CPA itself was banned and hundreds of properties were searched for printing presses and evidence of illegal membership. On 29 July 1941 *Tribune* returned as a pamphlet, initially printed on rough paper using a manual press. Searches by the Commonwealth police failed to discover its location. On 3 June 1943, restrictions on the CPA were lifted and the paper was relaunched. The premises were raided by Commonwealth security police in 1949 and 1953.

The printery survives but is now an apartment building. It is a physical testament to: the time when there were a great many independent newspapers in NSW; press control during World War II; cold war persecution of the CPA; the popular radicalism of the 1930s and 1940s and feminist and anti-Vietnam war activism of the 1960s and 70s.



Above left: The Tribune Printery, Newsletter Press, 21 Ross Street Forest Lodge, 1962 (courtesy, City of Sydney Archives)
Above right: The printing press in 1979 (courtesy State Library of NSW)



COMMONWEALTH SECURITY POLICE walking away with bundles of documents after their raid on the Newsletter newspaper office in Sydney yesterday. The Communist newspaper Tribune is printed on the premises.

The Commonwealth Police Raid Tribune, on 13 July, 1949, Melbourne Argus (courtesy Trove)

The Blue Wrens Report – July 2023

by Andrew Wood, Convenor Blue Wrens subcommittee

Donation to Subcommittee

We very much appreciated receiving a donation of \$250 from a local resident which will be used to support the Society's annual biodiversity lecture and the Craney grants to our preschools and schools.

Innovation and Ideas Grant

In November last year, the Society was awarded an Innovation and Ideas Grant by the City entitled 'Glebe's Hill - unravelling its biodiversity secrets and potential'. Grant contracts have been signed between the City and the Society, and between the University of Sydney (who will be performing the research studies funded by the Grant) and the Society. We are still, however, waiting for the City to issue a Licensing Agreement so that work can commence on the Grant.

The President, members of the Blue Wren Subcommittee and Professor Hochuli from the University of Sydney met with the City in the Green Room at Town Hall House at 11 am on Wednesday 14 June. The City was represented by James Macnamara (Grant Liaison Officer), Howard Chapman (Properties), Michael Szczebanski (Properties) and Cailin Martin (Property Strategy Planner). We were seeking an answer to the following question: *Can the University of Sydney access the proposed five sites in the local government area [LGA] for the placement of wildlife monitors and to perform walk-throughs to study urban fauna and flora?*

The City agreed that the University could access the following four sites: Federal Park 1 (which contains the salt marsh), Orphan School Creek Park and two sites in Sydney Park.

There are difficulties, however, with Glebe's Hill. The City reported that The Hill is contaminated with asbestos and lead, and is not accessible to the public. Those entering the site must have received training to ensure safety in working in an asbestos contaminated environment and must wear full protective clothing (HAZMAT) clothing. The required training would be at the expense of the University and would not be conducted by the City. The City will investigate whether it is safe to enter that part of The Hill which was the former carpark for Harold Park dogs and trots. This area makes up the eastern part of The Hill and is covered with bitumen; it can be directly accessed by the gate near the Jubilee Park light rail stop. The walkway, which is a designated road, between the Hill and the Tramsheds, has no restrictions on access. It may be possible for the City's park maintenance contractors, who have access to The Hill, to install the wildlife monitors on behalf of the University. This would be at the contractor's discretion.

It was decided that the University will 'pinpoint' the proposed location of its monitors on maps of each of the five LGA sites. Note: The locations for observations of Glebe's Hill will be related to access from the walkway between The Hill and the Tramsheds, as well as from the bitumen covered areas of The Hill.



(Image: Google Maps)

Other things:

- A Year 11 pupil at St Andrew's Cathedral School contacted Andrew Wood with questions about Glebe's Hill for his senior geography project. The questions were answered and he was also sent a copy of the Glebe Society *Bulletin* article about the Grant's public information session on 7 May.
- Yuqing Peng and Wei Zhiquan, journalism students from the Department of Media and Communications at the University of Sydney, contacted Andrew Wood about their project on Glebe's Hill. They attended the Grant information session on 7 May, and interviewed Professor Hochuli and Andrew Wood about the Grant.
- The email chains related to the paperwork and contracts for the Grant now number over 170, corresponding to well over 1,000 emails!

Updates from Glebe's bushcare volunteers

The Orphan School Creek Bushcare Group held a weeding day on Saturday 17 June which was attended by eight volunteers. David Lawrence has reported that, in Rozelle Bay, the fence around the site of last year's National Tree Day plantings has partly fallen and some newly planted trees have been vandalised. He also commented on the increasing popularity of Glebe's parks and the great number of people and their dogs who use them.

An onsite meeting at John Street Reserve was organised by a resident of St James Avenue, Anne Sherriff, with the Deputy Lord Mayor, Cr Sylvie Ellsmore. The issues discussed included the need to continue the planting of native flora as specified in the original plans for the Reserve, the need to improve the Reserve's signage so that dog owners are reminded to keep their dogs on a leash and a request for the City to change the park maintenance contractors from Skyline Landscape Services to the National Trust's Bushland Management Services.

Anna Szanto, leader of the Glebe Palmerston and Surrounds Landcare Group, reported that a working bee was held from 8-9:30 am on Sunday 25 June. They are expecting to hear from the City about four concerns:

- growth of moss, fungi and mould on gutters on the sides of the area needs regular removal when it has been wet – it's a safety risk for our volunteers.
- a light for upper Palmerston Ave, which was promised for completion this financial year.
- new plants to replace those recently removed by Sydney Water.
- the removal of an octopus plant (*Schefflera actinophylla*), an invasive weed in Australia.

In Harold Park, the City has approved the removal of two *Casuarinas* spp on the eastern side of Johnstons Canal close to an *Angophora*, but an additional 10 *Casuarina* suckers also need to be removed. Nick Sangster will draft a letter to the City, to be signed by the President, regarding multiple issues related to the unsatisfactory maintenance of the Johnstons Creek parks.

Glebe Society Guided Walks Program 2023

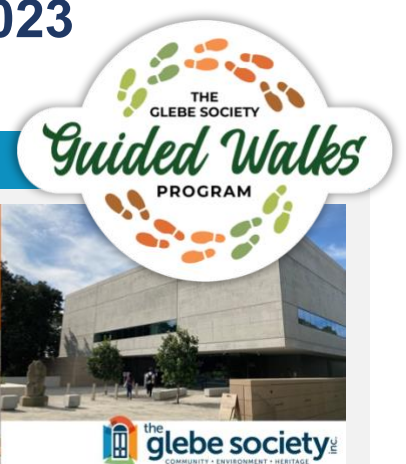
By Dorothy Davis, Guided Walks Coordinator

NEXT WALK: Highlights of the Chau Chak Wing Museum

Monday
24 July
10.30-
11.30 am

Leaders: Museum guides
Meeting place: Chau Chak Wing Museum entrance (opposite Great Hall, across the grass)
Cost: \$15; \$10 (concession and Seniors cardholders). (this is the Museum's private tour charge).
Bookings:
chau-chak-wing-museum-tour.eventbrite.com.au

Chau Chak Wing Museum is on our doorstep, but have you ever been? Join a special one-hour tour for Glebe Society members and their friends. A guide from the Museum will take us through the exhibitions, from visual arts to natural history, Mediterranean antiquities to Indigenous culture and from scientific instruments to historic photography. Come and find the unexpected in one of Australia's most diverse museum collections. Follow with coffee (participant's expense) at the Sounds Café in the Museum.



Walks and tours July – November 2023

Further details will be provided in later *Bulletins* and on the website.

Sunday 30 July 3-4.30 pm	House visit: Award-winning contemporary private home in Glebe Meeting place: To be advised by email before the visit Cost: This is a members only event – \$25 Bookings: house-visit-contemporary-glebe-home.eventbrite.com.au	 <p>House visit: Award-winning contemporary private home in Glebe</p> 
Sunday 10 Sept 2-4 pm	Pymont's industrial waterfront Leader: Mark Dunn, a public historian with a background in heritage and archaeology Meeting place: Forecourt of the National Maritime Museum, opposite Pymont Bay light rail station Cost: \$20 (members); \$25 (non-members) Bookings: pymont-industrial-waterfront.eventbrite.com.au	 <p>Guided Walk: Pymont's Industrial Waterfront</p>  <p>with Mark Dunn</p> 
Sunday 24 Sept 10.30- 12.30 pm	Exploring Forest Lodge pre-1870 Leader: Max Solling, Glebe historian Meeting place: To be advised Cost: \$20 (members); \$25 (non-members) Bookings: via Eventbrite, date tickets go on sale to be advised	
Sunday 15 Oct 2-4 pm	The Villas of Glebe and Forest Lodge Leader: Robert Hannan Meeting place: To be advised Cost: \$20 (members); \$25 (non-members) Bookings: via Eventbrite, date tickets go on sale to be advised	<p>Similar to the large villas with their pleasure grounds that once graced Potts Point and Darlinghurst, a handsome line of marine villas took shape from the late 1820s on the escarpments of Glebe – a position ensuring good drainage, ample grounds for recreation, access to fresh water, cool breezes and pleasant views. Robert and Peter, who own – and have lovingly restored – the c.1847 Rothwell Lodge, will lead us on a tour of the magnificent remaining pre-1870 marine villas. The Walk will begin near Lyndhurst in Darghan Street, from where we'll wander up St Johns Road into the grounds of St John's Church and next door to Foley Park. From there, we'll head down Glebe Point Road through the Toxteth Estate – Glebe's first and largest estate, then on to the grounds of Margaretta Cottage in Leichhardt Street. Our last stop will be Rothwell Lodge in Ferry Road, where we'll learn more about this beautiful and historic home during a guided tour led by Robert and Peter. We'll also have an opportunity to enjoy a drink while viewing an extensive exhibition featuring pre-1870s Glebe and Forest Lodge villas, including some now demolished. This Glebe Society Guided Walk is a not-to-be-missed opportunity to spend time with Robert and Peter, whose extensive knowledge of Glebe's 19th-century villas is unsurpassed.</p>

2023 Glebe Music Festival

27 October to 26 November 2023

Concert 1: Friday 27 October at 7 pm, Margaretta Cottage, 6 Leichhardt Street, Glebe

(access for people with mobility impairment at 18A Cook Street, Glebe)

Performers: Hamish Strathdee ([Hamish Strathdee - Contra Guitar Duo](#)) and Emma-Shay ([emmashay.com](#)) in *Contra Guitar Duo*.

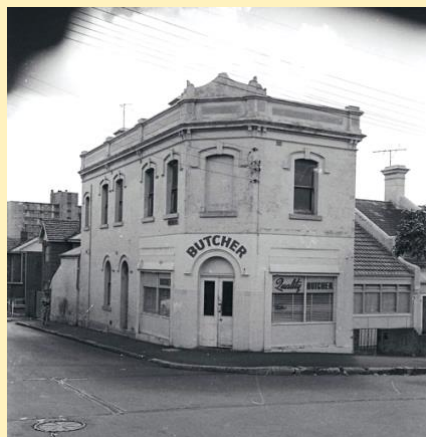


(Image: Hamish Strathdee Creative Commons)

Programme: The programme is a reflection of who they are as musicians and what inspires them. The concert opens with a set of Schubert inspired works by Johann Kaspar Mertz and continues with a beautiful minimalist work by the late Australian composer Phillip Houghton, before bringing the first half to a close with a new arrangement for two guitars of Australian composer Maria Grenfell's *Di Primavera*.

The second half of the concert opens with the juxtaposition of two pieces by Ross Edwards, a lullaby *Emily's Song* and the lively and joyous *Djanaba*. We then play an interesting arrangement of a solo guitar work, *Tansman's Variations on a theme of Scriabin*; here the audience gets to enjoy Tansman's work in greater depth and colour, providing a new listening experience of a much-loved work in the guitar repertoire. Finally, the concert closes with a celebration of Brazilian music by Clarice Assad, with her three movement *Brasileirinhas*. The work explores many elements of traditional Brazilian music and is an exciting virtuosic conclusion.

Tickets: \$40 (concessions \$20) includes drinks and supper trybooking.com/CHDOD



This Month's Mystery Photo

By Lyn Collingwood

Where are we?

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

Last month's (June) mystery photo

Maddison Murphy identified the location as 134A and 132 Glebe Point Road with their iron palisade and picket fences.

May's mystery photo

(replies not reported in the June Bulletin)

Ann Elias thought it might have been a stretch of Glebe Point Road near Gleebooks.

The location is 143-149 Glebe Point Road and the businesses: radio sales and service, men's and women's pressing shop and hardware shop and plumber.

Trams were still running on 28 October 1953 when the photo was taken.

Updates for the Bidura, St Scholastica's College, Wesley Lodge and 82 Wentworth Park Road development applications

By Ian Stephenson

There is considerable interest in the above development applications. The table below shows the targeted meeting dates for them to come before the City of Sydney Local Planning Panel (LPP). The information is current as of 16 June 2023. The actual date may be later; the dates in the table are targeted dates.

Application number	Address	Description of proposed development	Target LPP meeting date	Subject for LPP determination
D/2022/229	2 Avenue Road GLEBE NSW	Alterations and additions to educational establishment known as St Scholastica's College	19/07/2023	Departure from development standards
D/2017/582/A	Bidura 357 Glebe Point Road GLEBE NSW	PAN-113125 - Section 4.56 modification of Land and Environment Court concept approval to modify the building envelope to be consistent with the detailed development application D/2021/711.	09/08/2023	Contentious development
D/2021/711	Bidura 357 Glebe Point Road GLEBE NSW	Detailed design for the demolition of the existing MRC building, remediation, construction of a 3 to 7 storey residential flat building containing 56 apartments, 7 x 2 storey terraces, shared basement over 3 levels with associated car parking, landscape works, tree removal, use of Bidura House Group as a single residence, conservation works with new garage and amendment to curtilage, and public domain improvements to Ferry Lane for footpath widening and land dedication. The application is Integrated Development, requiring approval from Heritage NSW under the Heritage Act 1977. The application is being assessed concurrently with concept modification D/2017/582/A.	09/08/2023	(i) Sensitive development. (ii) SEPP65 (design quality) and (iii) Contentious development
D/2019/1470/A	Wesley Lodge 274-276 Glebe Point Road GLEBE NSW	S4.55(2) - Modification of consent to approved boarding house to include a reduction in rooms and associated works	30/08/2023	Owner seeks modification changes to LPP conditions
D/2023/21	82 Wentworth Park Road GLEBE NSW	Demolition of existing buildings, tree removal, and construction of a four storey residential flat building for 43 affordable housing dwellings	30/08/2023	(i) Sensitive Development (ii) SEPP65 (Design Quality)

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Tuesday 18 July, 7pm	Players in the Pub: Tartuffe Upstairs at <i>The Harold</i> – Wigram Rd/Ross St Forest Lodge
Monday 24 July, 10.30-11.30 am	Highlights of the Chau Chak Wing Museum Cost: \$15; \$10 (concession and Seniors cardholders) Bookings: chau-chak-wing-museum-tour.eventbrite.com.au
Thursday 27 July, 6.00-10.00pm	The Night of the Playwrights Beckett's Restaurant 134a Glebe Point Road See advertisement in this edition
Friday 28 July, 10am-12pm	Fall Prevention Information Session Learn strategies to prevent falls. Presented by the Combined Pensioners and Superannuants Association. St Helen's Community Centre. Free event – morning tea included. More information: whatson.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/events/falls-injury-prevention-talk
Sunday 30 July, 3-4.30 pm	House visit: Award-winning contemporary private home in Glebe Meeting place: Advised by email before the visit Cost: This is a members only event – \$25 Bookings: house-visit-contemporary-glebe-home.eventbrite.com.au
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Sunday 15 Oct, 2-4pm	The Villas of Glebe and Forest Lodge Cost: \$20 (members); \$25 (non-members) Bookings: via Eventbrite, date tickets go on sale to be advised

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