



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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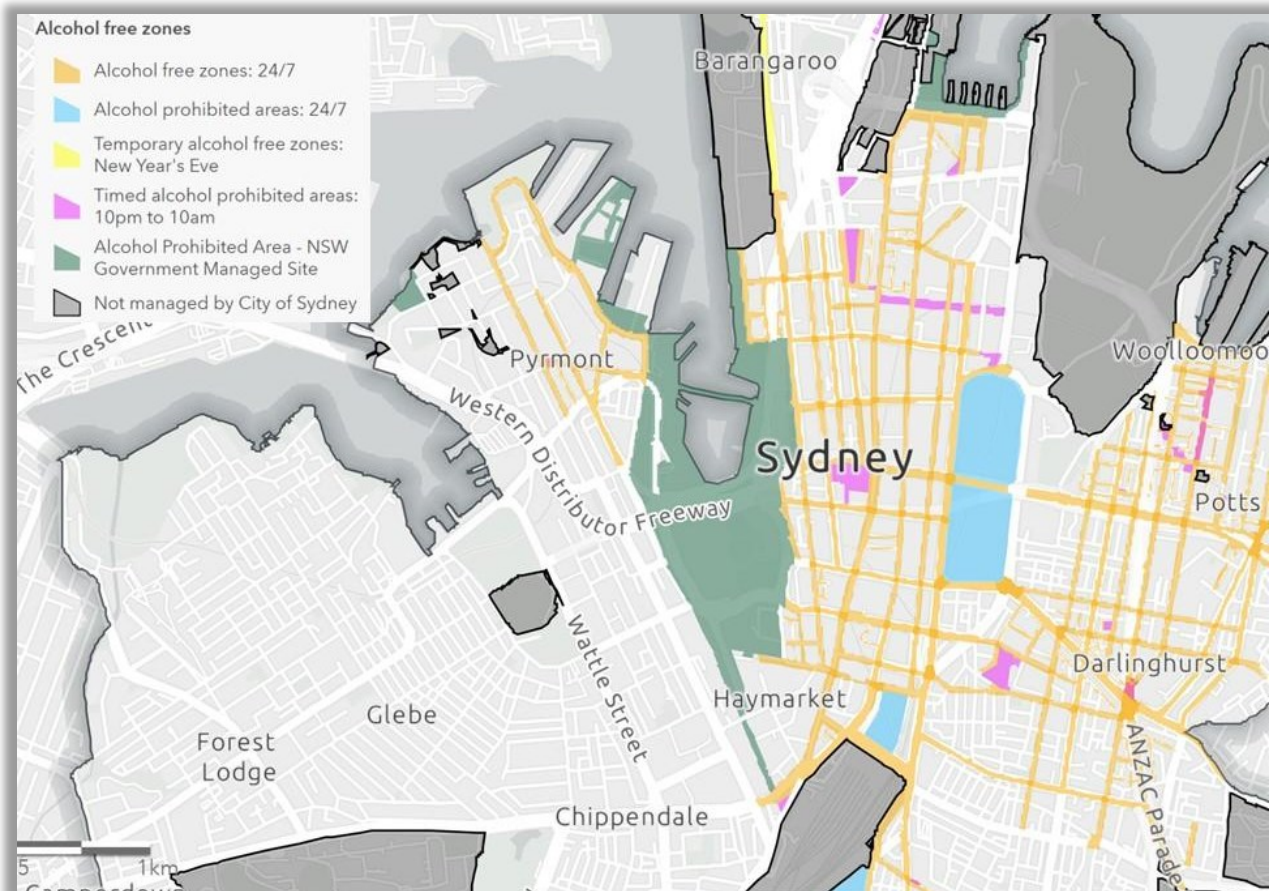
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## Council has removed all restrictions on drinking alcohol in Glebe's parks

By Duncan Leys, Glebe Society President

At its 19 August meeting, the last before the Council elections on 14 September, City of Sydney Council unanimously voted not to renew the outdoor alcohol restrictions in many of the City's parks, including all parks in Glebe–Forest Lodge.<sup>1</sup> The Council believed there was no evidence the restrictions worked and that they unfairly targeted disadvantaged groups.

Outdoor alcohol restrictions in Glebe–Forest Lodge were either 24/7, seven days a week, time of day-based ('timed') or temporary (e.g. for special events such as New Year's Eve). Timed alcohol restrictions applied to the Foreshore Parklands, including Bicentennial Park, Blackwattle Bay & Park, Federal Park and Sportsfield, Glebe Foreshore Walk West, Harold Park, and Jubilee Park & Oval.<sup>2</sup> In this large swathe of foreshore, alcohol consumption was prohibited between 10 pm and 10 am, seven days a week (not including New Year's Eve or New Year's Day).

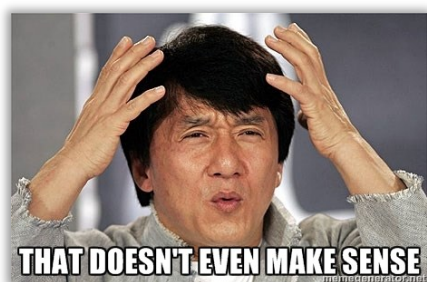


Part of the map showing part of the City of Sydney LGA – Forest Lodge and Glebe are bottom left. The legend (top left) shows the colour codes for the alcohol restriction types applicable in the LGA. Apart from grey shading in Wentworth Park, no other restrictions apply in Glebe and Forest Lodge. (Adapted from <http://www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/public-health-safety-programs/outdoor-alcohol-restrictions>).

Under the NSW Local Government Act, councils can put outdoor alcohol restrictions in place for up to four years and must review them before establishing restrictions for a subsequent period. Post-review, Council met and approved 'the establishment of alcohol-free zones and alcohol prohibited areas for a four year period' in 218 zones located in Chippendale, Darlinghurst, Dawes Point, Elizabeth Bay, Haymarket, Millers Point, Newtown (part), Paddington (part), Potts Point, Pyrmont, Redfern, Rushcutters Bay, Surry Hills, Sydney (city), The Rocks, Waterloo, and Woolloomooloo.<sup>3</sup> Suburbs within City of Sydney LGA with no recommended outdoor alcohol restrictions are Alexandria, Annandale (part), Barangaroo, Beaconsfield, Camperdown (part), Centennial Park, Darlington, Eveleigh, Forest Lodge, Glebe, Moore Park, Rosebery (part), St Peters (part), Ultimo, and Zetland.<sup>4</sup> Consequently, Glebe and Forest Lodge no longer have outdoor alcohol restrictions of any sort. City of Sydney has a webpage about the changed alcohol restrictions.<sup>5</sup>

The restrictions in Glebe–Forest Lodge were implemented some years ago due to residents' complaints about noise and anti-social behaviour. Before the current restrictions were introduced, residents and users of the foreshore parks had experienced loud and rowdy behaviour, rubbish and urination into the early hours. Residents who contacted the Glebe Society firmly believe the restrictions, once in place, were working satisfactorily. With the restrictions now lifted, they fear a return to the bad old days.

Having a drink in the foreshore parks until 10 pm and no later seemed reasonable and sensible to me. It is not seriously restrictive.



As for the claim that there's no evidence the restrictions were working – the fact that local residents could enjoy a largely peaceful existence proves the restrictions were working as intended. The Council's website states that 'outdoor alcohol restrictions apply in public streets and parks to help prevent alcohol-related anti-social behaviour and crime'. *It is illogical that the low incidence of reported alcohol-related anti-social behaviour and crime in these parks is evidence that the restrictions were not working. On the contrary, it's evidence that the restrictions are working as intended.*

Glebe residents who contacted the Society also said it was not people from disadvantaged groups making noise and being anti-social but backpackers and visitors. Unfairly targeting disadvantaged groups may be an issue elsewhere but not in Glebe.

The Glebe Society [wrote to all councillors](#) opposing the removal of the restrictions from Glebe parks; however, we were not onto this issue as early as we might have been, and it was clear to me that the Council was not expecting our opposition. The proposal to review the current restrictions was not widely publicised, and residents' views were not actively sought. The inadequacy of community consultation was identified by Urbis in its review of the restrictions. The first of three recommendations in its report to Council is to 'Take more time for consultation' and elaborate:

*Given the complexity of the issue, the associated social impacts, and the diverse perspectives of stakeholders, community members, and experts in relation to Outdoor Alcohol Restrictions, the City of Sydney should provide additional time for consultation prior to making a decision in locations identified as a higher risk for priority populations. ...That consultation should be supported by information that clearly outlines the impacts and benefits of the current Restrictions and data on their efficacy.*<sup>6</sup>

NSW Police opposed the reduction in alcohol-free zones, fearing a loss of public safety and neighbourhood amenity. The restrictions gave police the power to deal with anti-social behaviour by, for example, tipping out or confiscating alcohol being consumed in restricted areas, presumably reducing the amount of alcohol available for consumption by the offending drinker, disadvantaged or otherwise. I would think this intervention could help defuse a situation before it escalated to a point where police decided to make an arrest. Without the police having the power to limit alcohol consumption, outcomes for socially disadvantaged people may be worse than when the police had those powers. Further, enforcement of the alcohol restrictions could not contribute to financial disadvantage because there were no fines associated with breaching the restrictions.

## Vibrancy reforms

We have also been getting our heads around the Vibrancy Reforms. These are 'a cross-government initiative developed in consultation with key agencies, industry, councils and stakeholders to bring sector regulation in line with contemporary going out behaviours, improve government processes and encourage more people to go out, closer to home. The reforms include changes to liquor laws to support a thriving and vibrant night time economy'.<sup>7</sup>

Some of these reforms have been enacted, but we are yet to feel their effects. I suspect their impacts will be felt incrementally as ownership of venues changes and new owners see opportunities to expand their operating hours and services offered.



## The common denominator – alcohol

Cutting to the chase, we are talking about alcohol, and I can't help thinking about the communique from the National Cabinet meeting on 6 September reporting that the Rapid Review pointed the finger at alcohol, gambling and porn as factors in violence against women and called on these industries to address the roles their products play in causing family violence. The Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence (DSFV) Commissioner is advocating for 'restrictions on alcohol sale, advertising and delivery time frames; restrictions leading to a total ban on advertising in gambling; and an examination of the density of electronic gaming machines and use of online gambling in relation to DSFV prevalence.'<sup>8</sup>

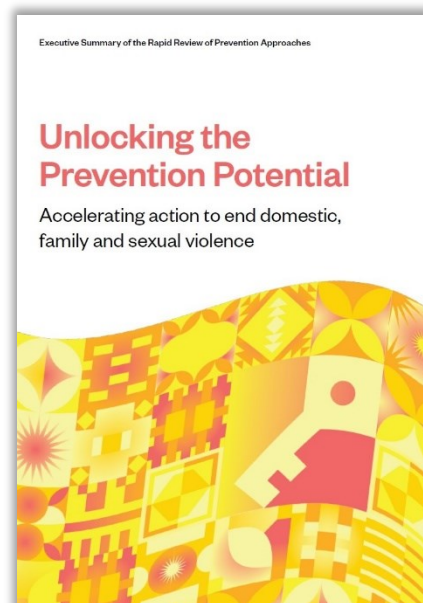
Then, there are the effects of alcohol on community health; published studies are so varied and apparently contradictory that it's difficult to know what the moderate position is. The only thing that can be said with any certainty is that none of the studies recommend that non-drinkers take up drinking for the good of their health.

## Guided walks program

Something that can definitely be said with some certainty is that walking is good for your health. Two guided walks are planned for the remaining part of the year. On Sunday 13 October, we have a guided walk titled From Degradation to Revitalisation: Discovering Ultimo, to be led by Patricia Hale, a public historian and heritage specialist. While this walk is currently booked out, you could put your name on the waiting list, and you may be able to join us for what promises to be an interesting afternoon.

Our final walk of the year will be held on Saturday 2 November. Max Solling, our local historian, will lead us in exploring the layers of Forest Lodge's history. Forest Lodge was once an idyllic bushland setting for the elegant villas of the well-to-do, which was transformed by an influx of industry whose workers lived in speculatively built terraces springing up on lots from the subdivision of the Forest Lodge Estate. Despite a further transformation of FL as industry moved out of the inner cities and the middle class developed a taste for late Victorian housing stock, FL has retained its character as a place of social mix and diverse streetscapes. More details are provided on page N (Virginia to insert the page number). Book early, for Max's walks are popular!

**Notes:** 1. [Minutes](#) of City of Sydney Council meeting, 19 August 2024; 2. Urbis, [Outdoor alcohol restriction review: insights and recommendations report](#), prepared for City of Sydney, 1 May 2024. (see Figure 1: Alcohol Free Zones and Alcohol Prohibited Areas); 3. [Attachment B: List of Recommended Alcohol-Free Zones and Alcohol Prohibited Areas](#); 4. List of suburbs within the City of Sydney LGA, [cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/guides/city-at-a-glance](http://cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/guides/city-at-a-glance); 5. [cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/public-health-safety-programs/outdoor-alcohol-restrictions](http://cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/public-health-safety-programs/outdoor-alcohol-restrictions); Urbis [ibid.]; 7. [nsw.gov.au/business-and-economy/24-hour-economy/vibrancy-reforms](http://nsw.gov.au/business-and-economy/24-hour-economy/vibrancy-reforms); 8. Rapid Review of Prevention Approaches Expert Panel, 2024, 23 August, [pmc.gov.au/resources/unlocking-the-prevention-potential-executive-summary](http://pmc.gov.au/resources/unlocking-the-prevention-potential-executive-summary)



*Front cover of the 'Rapid Review' which calls for restrictions on alcohol sales amongst other things, to curb domestic, family and sexual violence.*

## Planning submission

*By Ian Stephenson, Planning Convenor*

The Society made a submission in August to City of Sydney Council on a development application to erect a two-storey dwelling in Denman Lane (D/2024/63132). The [submission is on our website](#).

*Right: Proposed 3D perspective looking east down Denman Lane (source: DA D/2024/63132)*



# Glebe Society Guided Walks

## Upcoming Guided Walks

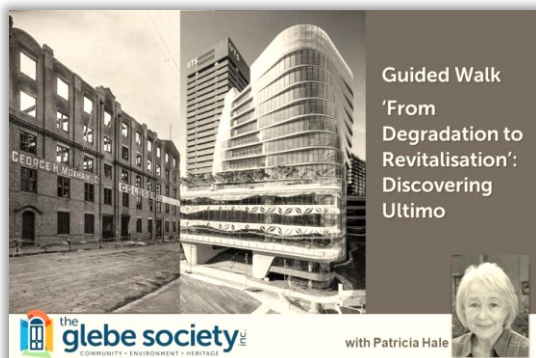
By Dorothy Davis, Guided Walks Coordinator



### Discovering Ultimo

**Sunday 13 October, 2 pm – 4 pm**

(waiting list only)



A walk through Ultimo exploring its colonial past, its polluted history as the source of power, quarried stone and electrified transport for the city, and its contribution to the wealth of the city through the export of wool and the construction of huge wool stores.

We also observe its recent reincarnation as a hub for inner-city residential and office accommodation and a precinct for education, retail, recreation and culture.

The walk is led by Patricia Hale, a public historian experienced in leading many walks through Sydney's heritage areas.

Cost: \$20 (members); \$25 (non-members).

Bookings: via <https://TGS-walk-discovering-ultimo.eventbrite.com.au>

### Guided Walk: Layers of history in Forest Lodge

**Saturday 2 November 10 am – 12 noon**

Explore Forest Lodge on this guided walk led by Max Solling, Glebe and Forest Lodge's foremost historian.

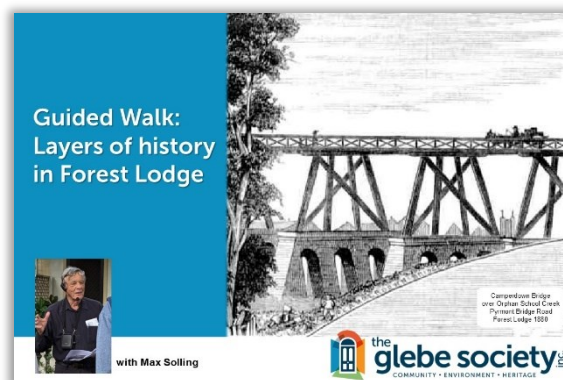
Discover the layered history of Forest Lodge from the mid-1800s, when it was a small enclave of elegant villas, to a vibrant yet gritty, increasingly working-class industrial hub, to the gentrified yet diverse suburb we know today.

Hear stories of people and places that have left their mark on the suburb: resident agitation that stirred the Council to action and the extraordinary engineering involved in constructing vehicular access over the Orphan School Creek.

Max's prodigious knowledge of the area and his engaging story-telling will make this walk a most interesting historical exploration.

Cost: \$20 (members); \$25 (non-members).

Bookings: <https://guided-walk-forest-lodge-history-layers.eventbrite.com.au>



## Help wanted!



**Do you have two to three hours per month (except December and January) to help put out the Glebe Society's *Bulletin*?**

Or perhaps know a family member looking to get experience in a community project?

Specifically, we are after someone to help prepare the email we send to members with a copy of the *Bulletin* and links to each article. It involves adding already prepared text and photos to a template. No experience required of the particular program, nor local knowledge, but attention to detail is desirable.

Training provided! Contact Sarah at [communications@glebesociety.org.au](mailto:communications@glebesociety.org.au) or 0409 692 100.



# Event report: Meet the Candidates

by Allan Hogan, Moderator

It was a challenge to moderate the debate hosted by the Glebe Society between the candidates for the Council of the City of Sydney Mayoral Election, which followed the Society's AGM on Sunday 1 September. Nine of the ten candidates attended: the Lord Mayor Clover Moore, the Greens Candidate Councillor Sophie Ellsmore, Councillor Yvonne Weldon, Councillor Lyndon Gannon, the Liberal Candidate, Zann Maxwell for the Labor Party, Sean Masters for the Libertarian Party, Rachel Evans for Socialist Alliance and Independents Sam Danielli and Susan Ritchie.

One member emailed me describing it as 'herding cats'. It was certainly a lively debate attended by some 200 people. The candidates' policies ranged from ridding the city of rats to calling for a ceasefire in Gaza. Dealing with the housing crisis was the major topic and each of the candidates had views about how to preserve the heritage of our suburb while making more housing available. The Council's decision not to renew the outdoor alcohol restrictions in all of Glebe's parks was also discussed.

Clover Moore was standing for her sixth term, and made it clear she was up for the task. The election took place on 14 September and Clover Moore was re-elected with 37 per cent of the vote, followed by Labor on 17 per cent and the Greens on 13 per cent.



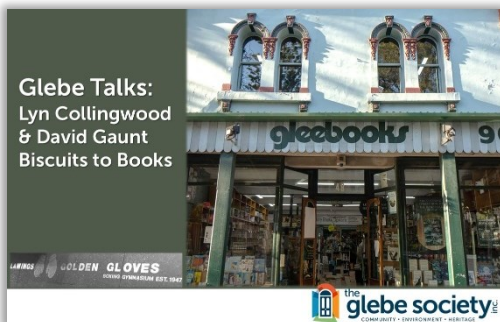
Lord Mayor Clover Moore speaking with Allan Hogan (right) who moderated Meet the Candidates (photo: Fiona Campbell)



Some of the audience at the Meet the Candidates event (photo: Phil Vergison)

## Glebe Talks

### Lyn Collingwood & David Gaunt: Biscuits to Books



#### A brief history of 49 Glebe Point Road, home of Gleebooks

There were paddocks nearby when this building opened for business in 1871. Since then it's been a grocery, furniture factory, boxing gym, and a meeting place for political agitators – including the father of Bob Gould, another iconic bookseller.

**Where:** café at Gleebooks, 49 Glebe Point Road

**When:** 6 November, 6–7 pm

**Cost:** \$25, includes finger food and a glass of wine

**Bookings:** <https://glebe-talks-biscuits-to-books.eventbrite.com.au>

## News from the Blue Wren Subcommittee

By Andrew Wood, Convenor

### Event report: 'What Bird is That?' workshop

As one of the activities associated with the Innovation and Ideas Grant (*Glebe's Hill - unravelling its biodiversity secrets and potential*) awarded to the Society by the City of Sydney, on Sunday 8 September, Judy Christie led an interpretative walk along Johnstons Creek. It was attended by 23 people, who gathered at the start of Orphan School Creek Reserve to gain insights into Glebe's bird life.

A map of the walk showing the likely location of the common bird species was provided. The first species seen in the canal was a male magpie-lark, later joined by three white ibis. We searched in vain for a magpie-lark nest – their mud nest had been observed nearby in previous years. The tall Tallowwood tree where the tawny frogmouth nested in 2023 was pointed out, and the most common birds around were the usual noisy miners and fast overflying rainbow lorikeets. A possible nest in the Casuarinas along the creek appeared on closer examination to most likely be a ringtail possum drey.



A magpie-lark in Centennial Park, 2019  
(photo: Sardaka, wikimedia)

The tide was coming in quickly and the very high tide revealed fish but no birds. However, unusual species like the buff banded rail and royal spoonbill have been seen in the channel at low tide and photos were shown. The distinctive calls of the Australasian figbird were played to help with identification, and not far from a previous site of figbird nests, about 10 figbirds, several males and six or seven females, were seen at the top of a tall palm tree – best viewed through binoculars.

Finally, as the walk ended at the mangroves at Rozelle Bay, a white-faced heron carefully walked around the edge of the rocks, giving everyone a good view.

## 2024 Spring bird survey

Judy Christie will lead the Society's 11th Spring Bird Survey on Sunday 3 November, commencing from Paddy Gray Reserve in Hereford Street at 6:45 am. Over the past ten years, the survey has provided a consistent record of the most common species, any new species appearing and also those declining.

To maximise opportunities to find birds without too much noise or other disturbance, the survey will commence at 6:45 am and finish with a shared breakfast at 8 am. New surveyors are welcome to come along and be part of the small teams that are allocated to count birds at nine sites – please contact Judy (0437 693 372; bluewrens@glebesociety.org.au) if you would like to help.

*When:* Sunday 3 November, 6:45 am

*Where:* Paddy Gray Reserve, Hereford Street

## Presentation of Innovation and Ideas Grant Report

The University's final report about the project will be presented to the Glebe Society and the City of Sydney at an event at the Harold Park Community Hall at 6 pm on Monday 25 November.

An invitation from the President to attend the event will be sent to members of the Society as well as the Lord Mayor, Councillors and City officials interested in the results of the University's research.

*When:* Monday 25 November, 6 pm.

*Where:* Harold Park Community Hall, Tramsheds

## Removal of alcohol restrictions from Glebe

Last month, the City voted to remove all alcohol restrictions from Glebe's streets and parks despite the Society asking that the City delay its decision until it had further considered objections from the community. Also, there was no opportunity to add the restrictions to other parks in Glebe, including the Palmerston Steps Parks. The sites affected included Glebe Point Road, the foreshore parks, Foley Park, Paddy Gray Reserve, Ernest Pedersen Reserve and William Carlton Gardens.

## Reports from bushcare volunteers

The Orphan School Creek Bushcare Group (led by Judy Christie) held an onsite meeting on Wednesday 28 August with Les McClusky (City's Urban Ecology Coordinator) and Jen Beer (City's Community Greening Gardens and Volunteering Coordinator) to discuss maintenance of the park.

Anna Szanto, leader of the Glebe Palmerston and Surrounds Landcare Group, reports: 'The plants are thriving. I had an onsite meeting with Jen Beer (City's Community Greening Gardens and Volunteering Coordinator) last week. We talked about having the moss on the lower Palmerston gutter by the light rail land removed and having our site called a name of aboriginal or cultural significance. The dumping of rubbish is also a problem at times.'

Nick Sangster (responsible for Harold Park / Johnstons Creek) met onsite with Les McClusky (City's Urban Ecology Coordinator), who agreed that the Casuarinas on Johnstons Creek will be removed by the City – the work is still to be undertaken.



Sign at the northern end of Glebe Point Road specifying previous alcohol restrictions (photo: Andrew Wood)

# Transport and Traffic Subcommittee Annual Report 2023-2024

By Janet Oakley, Transport and Traffic Subcommittee Convenor

As a new convenor of the Subcommittee in February this year and as the role was vacant prior to that, this report is limited to the period for which she has been in the role. The only member of the Subcommittee is the Convenor.

## Rozelle Interchange

Following the opening of the Rozelle Interchange comments of members of The Glebe Society about its impact were sought. A variety of views were expressed. Submissions were then made on behalf of TGS to the Upper House Inquiry into the Impact of the Rozelle Interchange. Its report has now been delivered and a copy can be found at <https://shorturl.at/MfJ1N>.

**'Unreasonable and unacceptable':  
inquiry condemns traffic chaos created  
by Sydney's \$3.9bn Rozelle interchange**

Committee also finds 'concerning lack of clarity and transparency' between government and toll road owner Transurban

Source: *The Guardian*, 15 July 2024

Broad ranging findings and recommendations were made. Unsurprisingly, the Report found that decisions concerning the Project were motivated by profit maximisation on sale, that there was a lack of transparency and that the resulting traffic congestion was unacceptable.

Of particular interest were Recommendations 2, 8, 14 and 17:

**Recommendation 2:** *That the NSW Government reject: Any further privatisation of the State's roads [and] New major road-based infrastructure projects that do not align with government strategy and which are not in the public interest.*

**Recommendation 8:** *That Transport for NSW, as an immediate priority investigate and implement mitigation strategies to prevent rat running on local roads that is occurring as a result of the Rozelle Interchange.*

**Recommendation 14:** *That the NSW Government ensure there is an ongoing and genuine community engagement and consultation between Transport for NSW, local councils and community members to address issues and concerns following the opening of the Rozelle Interchange.*

**Recommendation 17:** *That Transport for NSW, as an immediate priority, investigate additional public transport options, including bus and ferry services, to assist impacted communities and improve traffic congestion resulting from the Rozelle Interchange.*

It is understood that the Premier has committed to the recommendation that there be no further privatisation of public roads. It remains to be seen what, if any, steps will be taken to implement recommendations 8, 14 and 17. An immediate consequence of the Inquiry was the reinstatement of the pedestrian crossing on Victoria Road outside the White Bay Power Station.

## Bus Scheduling

After new bus timetables were introduced the simultaneous scheduling of bus services that cover the same route in Glebe–Forest Lodge became apparent. Because this policy effectively reduces the available services, the Glebe Society wrote to the local member, Kobi Shetty, raising this issue. At this stage no reply has been received.

The reinstatement of the original route of the 370 bus has been promised but is yet to be implemented.

## E-scooters, E-bikes & Share bikes

The Upper House has initiated an [inquiry into the use of e-scooters, e-bikes and related mobility options](#). The Glebe Society made [a submission to the Inquiry](#), summarised below:

- The legislative treatment of e-bikes in the same way as bicycles is not justified from a safety perspective.
- to ensure equitable road and road-related usage and to protect other road users e-bikes should be registered.
- Registration of e-bikes should include third party insurance.
- E-bikes should be prohibited from using footpaths, with the exception of postal workers and people with a disability (as contemplated by Regulation 250 (1)(c) and (1A) of the Road Rules.



- That misinformation and ignorance of current legislation concerning footpath use by bicycles (including e-bikes) be addressed by a publicity campaign.
- That operators of share e-bikes require customers to pick up and return hired e-bikes to designated docks and this necessity be imposed on hire operators either by contract or legislation.
- E-bikes should be subject to the same Road Rules as motor scooters including minimum age and licensing requirements.

The Inquiry has yet to make its report.



Above photos: E-bikes do not belong on the footpath (photos: Janet Oakley)

# Bays and Foreshores Subcommittee Annual Report 2023-2024

*By John Sergeant, Convenor*

## The changing foreshore

The shoreline of the waterways to the north of Glebe has changed markedly since European settlement. This process of change has been more or less continuous over almost two and a half centuries.

However, it could convincingly be argued that there has never been a period of more rapid and profound change than at present. Here are some of the things that are transforming the bays and foreshores of Glebe and Forest Lodge:

- The adaptive reuse of the former White Bay Power Station (photo 1);
- The development of the Bays Precinct to include offices and high-rise housing;
- The Rozelle interchange, with its shared pathways, parkland ... and traffic;
- The Bays and Pyrmont Metro stations at either end of the Glebe foreshore, increasing access from greater Sydney to this beautiful part of the harbour;
- The New Sydney Fish Market, which will surely become a world-class tourist, shopping and dining destination (photo 2);
- The creation of the Bank Street Parklands where there is currently no foreshore access and an unwholesome collection of unsightly warehouses;
- Increasing housing density in Pyrmont–Ultimo, notably but not solely on the site of the existing fish market, which is slated for high-density residential development;
- The continuous shared path and parkland around Blackwattle Bay and on through to Pirrama Park and towards the City, once the New Sydney Fish Market is opened, the old site redeveloped and the Bank Street Park completed;
- Uncertainty over the future of the working port at Glebe Island, the Rozelle Marina and, of course, the historic Glebe Island Bridge, a potential asset for pedestrians and cyclists that is simply being demolished by neglect.





Photo 1. White Bay development (image: Terroir)

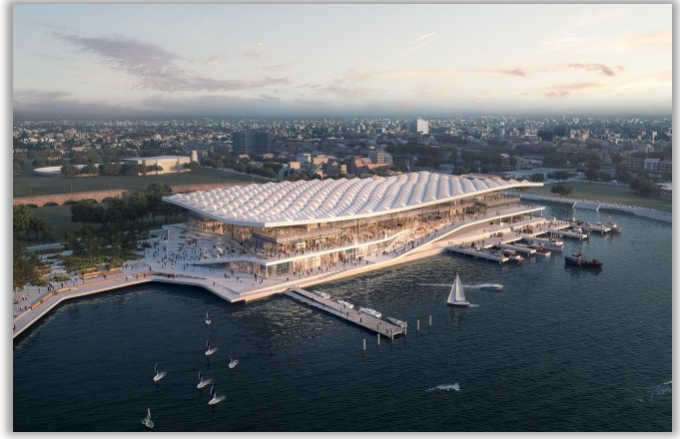


Photo 2. New Sydney Fish Market (3XN architects)

The Glebe Society is engaged in all this change, advocating for development that enhances the quality of life of existing and new residents and which is sensitive to the character of our suburb, preserving what is special, both in the remaining natural environment and in our built heritage.

We advocate for best practice active, passive and public transport solutions to cater for the increased numbers of residents and visitors that will result from all this change. We advocate for affordable housing, knowing that one of the things that makes this area unique in Sydney is its socioeconomic diversity. Put simply, we use our voice to help ensure that things are done well, so that change around the bays and foreshores makes this wonderful corner of the world an even better place. One area of recent advocacy has been the safety of the shared path.

## Focus on Blackwattle Bay Park shared path

The Glebe Society has invested much of its energy over previous decades in securing, with the cooperation of the then Leichhardt Council and, more recently, the City of Sydney, a continuous area of public land along the Glebe Foreshore (photo 3). This is now an asset to the community.

The City of Sydney is to be congratulated for its recent work on maintaining the seawalls, retaining walls, timber walkways and bridges that form the shared pathway through the Park. Sadly, the lighting has been neglected, as has the presence of invasive weeds in what were once beautiful beds of endemic native vegetation.

Pleasingly, this parkland and the shared pathway that runs through it enjoy high and increasing levels of patronage. Existing users of Blackwattle Bay Park include a mix of local residents and domestic and international visitors to Sydney. Every one of the developments around the bays and foreshores is likely to cause increased patronage of the shared foreshore path, which is already crowded and dangerous at times.



Photo 3. Blackwattle Bay shared path (photo: City of Sydney)

Increased usage of Blackwattle Bay Park and its shared path is, of course, desirable. This beautiful public land is there to be enjoyed. That was why the Glebe Society fought so hard for so long to create this unique ribbon of parkland.

However, there are already safety issues and the situation will worsen as numbers increase. Moreover, based on the provision of high-density housing and the opening of the New Sydney Fish Market, we expect the numbers of international visitors and recent immigrants to increase in absolute and relative terms. Absent any guidance, it is unreasonable to expect such users to know they are expected to keep left or to move to the left to avoid collisions.

Currently, there is a mix of pedestrians ranging from the very young to the elderly, dogs both on and off leads, cyclists and scooter riders (some with electric power), as well as prams and wheelchairs. Many people wear headphones. Some are understandably focused on their children, their dogs or indeed, the views. Some are stationary, some moving. This mix of users, moving at different speeds, with varying levels of attentiveness, and without a uniform tendency to keep left, creates conflict and danger. Courtesy, consideration and goodwill

are the norm but there are frequent exceptions and occasional injuries. No one group is to blame. Rather, it is the unregulated mix of users that creates a safety issue.

This is a design challenge. As in all shared facilities, there is an opportunity to use best practice solutions to improve safety for all users and make the shared path fit for purpose. The Glebe Society will continue to advocate for

- directional shared path markings, a centreline and shared path signage,
- widening narrow sections where possible,
- separating cycle traffic from pedestrians where the path width (or a second path) makes this feasible,
- reminders to re-attach dog leashes as one leaves off-leash areas

These measures are already in place in other areas of the City of Sydney as well as throughout many other LGAs and, most notably, in Canberra, which has an excellent shared path network. Simply painting a centreline on the Blackwattle Bay Parkland shared path will deliver a considerable safety dividend, just as it does in Darling Harbour (photo 4) and Cockle Bay (photo 5), where narrow paths have been appropriately marked and signposted. Below that is an example from another ribbon parkland in Sydney with a relatively narrow path: the M5 shared pathway (photo 6).

None of these pathways assumes a good knowledge of English. Yet they encourage safe and respectful sharing of a narrow space. For some reason, the City of Sydney has been unwilling to consider this simple, inexpensive and effective measure for Glebe. Perhaps the newly-elected Council will prove to be more receptive.

If you are interested in contributing your voice to the many issues that affect Glebe and Forest Lodge's bays and foreshores, then please contact John Sergeant, Bays and Foreshores Convenor at [bays@glebesociety.org.au](mailto:bays@glebesociety.org.au).



*Photo 4. Shared path in Darling Harbour (photo: John Sergeant)*



*Photo 5. Shared path at Cockle Bay (photo: John Sergeant)*



*Photo 6. M5 shared path, Kingsgrove (photo: John Sergeant)*

## Annual report from the Society's representative on the new Sydney Fish Market CCC

*By Asa Wahlquist*

The shape of the new Sydney Fish Market is becoming clearer week by week as the glulam beams of the roof are set in place. What is not clear is the impact the new Fish Market will have on Glebe residents. The Glebe Society objected strongly to the proposed new Fish Market, arguing the new market should be built on the site of the old. But the new market, with twice the area, the expectation that numbers would double but with the same number of parking spaces, that blocks views from Wentworth Park and juts out over Blackwattle Bay, was approved.

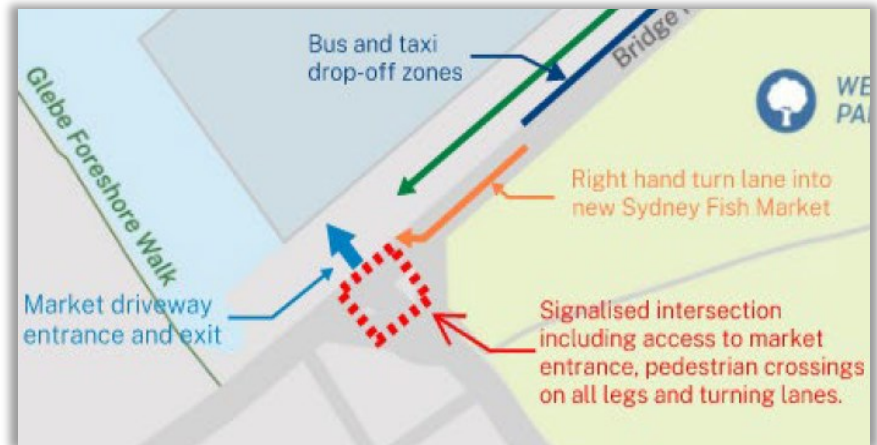
The Community Consultative Committee (CCC) meets monthly with the builder, Multiplex, with one bureaucrat, from Infrastructure NSW, present. It is an exercise in frustration. Multiplex has a limited ability to deal with our complaints beyond noise and dust. The most pressing questions, particularly about future traffic impacts, can only be answered by the State Government. Despite repeated requests from the Committee, we have received limited and unsatisfactory responses.



In April the Committee finally received a briefing about the draft traffic management from Josh Milston, from JMT, who is a consultant to Transport for NSW. The Committee was frustrated that, as a consultant, Mr Milston was limited in how he could respond. We were also told our meeting would be the only community consultation on the traffic management report. Anyone who walks past the current Fish Market early in the morning can only wonder how all that traffic will be accommodated on Bridge Road, a major arterial road.

Over the next couple of months a set of lights on the corner of Wentworth Park Road and Bridge Road will be constructed. The entry to the Fish Market car park is directly opposite Wentworth Park Road. A lane in front of the Fish Market adjacent to Bridge Road for bus and taxi drop-offs will also be constructed. There will be a right turn lane on Bridge Road coming from the Pyrmont direction for vehicles entering the Fish Market, though buses will be prohibited from turning because accessing the bus drop-off lane essentially means doing a U-turn. That means buses will all come along Bridge Road from Glebe or Wentworth Road. And where will they park once they drop off their passengers?

The Committee is particularly concerned about the morning influx of large trucks and vans which will transport not just fish, but the produce for the many shops of the complex. Two points here: despite the Fish Market's claim to be authentic, over 95 per cent of the fish sold at the markets are not locally sourced because there are only a couple of local fishing boats left; and what impact will this new government-funded food court have on the food businesses of Glebe Point Road? The Committee has been assured the larger trucks will enter by a timed system, which raises two questions: have the people who proposed this ever driven in Sydney's morning traffic to arrive at a tight deadline, and where will the trucks wait until their time slot comes up?



*The intersection of Bridge Road and Wentworth Park Road will be controlled by traffic lights. Here, cars will enter and exit the SFM car park (from either direction on Bridge Road), pedestrians will cross either road, cyclists will pass through on the Bridge Road cycleway, buses will stop nearby to disgorge their loads of tourists, and through traffic will drive through. Perhaps, like the TARDIS, the intersection is 'bigger on the inside'? (source: [report on the New Sydney Fish Market CCC meeting held on 14 August 2024, NSW Government, p.18](#))*

The new footpath will be a shared path, shared by pedestrians and cyclists, despite the obvious failure of such a path along the Glebe foreshore.

Parking will undoubtedly be a huge issue for local residents. The new Fish Market will have the same number of car parks as the current market. Mr Milston acknowledged 'a significant amount' of spaces will be taken by staff, and to counter this staff will be charged at market rates. No doubt those unable to park at the market will seek parking nearby in Glebe.

Earlier this year Multiplex requested dramatically increased working hours, until midnight during the week and all day on the weekends. We were assured all out of hours work would be done inside the building. The reasons given were the weather, and the three weeks lost after the collapse of a huge crane. A quick survey of Glebe Society members found most supported it on the grounds they just wanted the whole thing over and done with.

The basic structure of the Fish Market was originally scheduled to be completed by the end of this year, with fit-outs to take longer. Infrastructure NSW refuses to give a finish date beyond saying it will be completed next year, though several media reports have nominated October 2025 as the finish date.

## How I got to Glebe: Lydia Bushell

By Jude Paul

Which of the following statements are true:

1. Lydia worked as a jazz singer in Queensland clubs.
2. Lydia won the 'Maid of Spring' competition sponsored by Barters Department Store in Hurstville.
3. Lydia speaks fluent Russian.
4. Lydia compered fashion shows.

5. *Lydia featured in ads in the Women's Weekly.*

6. *Lydia's family raised geese and poultry on their rooftop when she was a small child.*

All of the above are true!

Some people might regard Lydia as a newcomer to Glebe. She moved here in 2002.

Lydia's parents, both of Russian heritage, met and were married in the Russian Orthodox Church in Shanghai. By the time Lydia was born, her parents and elder brother had moved to Hong Kong where her father worked for the British Water Police. Lydia remembers living on the top floor of an apartment on Nathan Road with an amah, a houseboy and yes – rooftop geese and poultry. Happy years.

Lydia's family – Mum, brother Walter and Lydia – were evacuated from Hong Kong by the Red Cross during WWII. Her father stayed to defend the island. He was captured by the Japanese and imprisoned at St Stephen's College, part of the Stanley Prison Complex.

In 1947, after several years of medical treatment following his internment, Lydia's father rejoined his family, then living in Brisbane. Lydia distinctly remembers finding him completely unrecognisable from the picture of him she kept by her bed, and still has to this day.

In Brisbane, Lydia's family connected with other Russian-speaking families. Lydia remembers the pelmeni and piroshki assembly lines – the dough-maker, the dough-roller, the dough-cutter with the children at the end of the line filling and shaping the finished product. She also remembers her mother's pals sitting around a table gossiping and singing together as they shared the sewing of a quilt for one or other member of the group. Singing was a favourite pastime for Lydia herself – singing lessons and hours of fun with her best friend Lillian accompanying her on the piano. Lydia was a member of the Brisbane Eisteddfod Choir; holiday jobs on the Gold Coast offered Lydia the opportunity to sing in local jazz clubs.

A Sydney man lured Lydia to Sydney in 1951 with a proposal of marriage – Sydney being Penshurst where his mother lived. And so did Lydia for the next 50 or so years. And Lydia, a very attractive woman, did win the 'Maid of Spring' competition at Barter's store in Hurstville despite an objection from a fellow contestant that she could not possibly be a 'maid' when she was a married woman!

This win opened many opportunities for Lydia, including modelling, compering fashion shows and appearing in advertisements.



**Left:** *Lydia with urns from Andros, Greece, September 2015 (photo: Helen Nicholson)* **Right:** *The sarcophagus, now in the Chau Chak Wing Museum, from which Lydia painstakingly removed the Victorian shellac (Photo: Lydia Bushell)*

However, the most satisfying and long-lasting change in Lydia's life arose from a neighbour's suggestion that Lydia think about further education. Her children were in school, her days were free. Archaeology. Why not? The decision to enrol in Archaeology at Sydney University blossomed into a full-blown career in the conservation of antiquities. During her studies, Lydia worked as a volunteer conservator in the lab at the Nicholson Museum assembling shards recovered from European digs. This led to Lydia being invited to join a dig in Greece to locally conserve finds from the digs. This led to a full-time job in the Macleay Museum for the next 20 years.



At this time, there was no accredited course of study in this area. Lydia was a foundation member of The Museums Association of Australia (NSW Branch) working with Sydney University to create a field of study specialising in Museum Studies. Forget posing for ads in the *Women's Weekly* with her new washing machine. Instead, Lydia joined four archaeological expeditions to Greece, was invited to lecture in Leningrad, secured the Macleay Museum as the venue for the 250th anniversary of Daniel Solander's (a Swedish botanist) visit to Australia accompanying James Cook and played a very important role in securing a major collection of Irian Jaya tribal artefacts.

Lydia's most interesting jobs? Painstakingly removing the shellac coating added in Victorian days as a preservative from one of the Nicholson Museum's Egyptian sarcophagi. Her work revealed the obscured original colours, once again able to be seen in their true brilliance. Another was working in a Greek village, away from the Andros dig itself, surrounded by local women keenly eyeing her work assembling shards. Over time, these women welcomed Lydia into their lives.

Lydia was awarded an Honorary Master's Degree from Sydney University in recognition of her diverse and valuable contribution to the museum community.

Many of Lydia's colleagues and friends lived locally around Sydney University. As a new widow, downsizing to somewhere in Glebe seemed a pretty sensible option. She was already well familiar with the place itself and well-supported by dear friends and colleagues close by. It was a perfect decision.

## Save the date: Glebe Society Christmas Party

By Judy Vergison, Events Coordinator

Christmas is coming! Save the date for the Glebe Society Christmas Party. Join us at Café Oto Noorba for a delicious selection of Mediterranean finger food and glass of wine.



**When:** Sunday 1 December, 5–7 pm

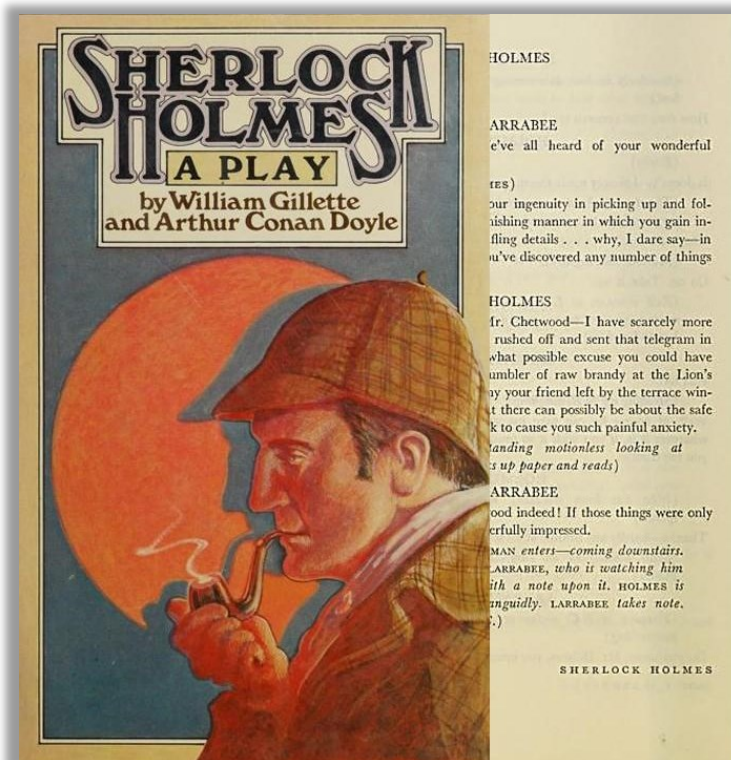
**Where:** Café Otto Noorba, 79 Glebe Point Road Glebe

**Bookings:** Tickets will be available from 31 October. Booking details will be in the next *Bulletin*.



Café Otto Noorba (Photo: Phil Vergison)

## Players in the Pub



**Sherlock Holmes**

By William Gillette and Arthur Conan Doyle  
Directed by Rosane McNamara

**A MOVED READING BY**  
**Players in the Pub**  
**Tuesday 15 October 2024 - 7pm**

@ THE HAROLD  
70A Ross Street Forest Lodge  
(upstairs)

**Entry by donation – Cash Only**

# Annual Glebe Music Festival

by David McIntosh, Artistic Director

## Austral Harmony in 'Baroque Amity'

*Performers:* Jane Downer (baroque oboe, oboe d'amore), Sarah Meagher (recorder), Kim Worley (baroque cello) Joanna Tondys (harpsichord)

Baroque Amity features differing styles of popular instrumental genres represented by Handel and Telemann's epistolary friendship often concerned their mutual love of gardens. In 1754, Handel sent Telemann a casket of the 'best plants in all England' according to the recipient's wishes.

Austral Harmony's programme highlights expressive melody and an especially sonorous blend of instruments. Program details on the Glebe Music Festival website: [https://www.glebemusicfestival.com/2024\\_concert\\_4.html](https://www.glebemusicfestival.com/2024_concert_4.html).



Jane Downer (baroque oboe and oboe d'amore) and Kim Worley (baroque cello) from Austral Harmony (source: classikON)

*Cost:* \$20 full price, \$10 concessions, 21 years of age and under free entry. Includes afternoon tea

*Bookings:* <https://www.trybooking.com/CPPP0>

*When:* Friday 15 November, 7pm

*Where:* Margaretta Cottage, 6 Leichhardt Street Glebe, disabled access at 18A Cook Street, Glebe

*Cost:* \$20, includes drinks

*Bookings:* <https://www.trybooking.com/CPPPN>

## Austral Harmony in 'Shimmering Pearls'

Jane Downer (baroque oboe, oboe d'amore), Sarah Meagher (recorder), Kim Worley (baroque cello)

Shimmering Pearls is a programme of intimate chamber music arranged from cantatas by two of the Baroque era's most celebrated composers. Vocal lines are substituted by the recorder, oboe, oboe d'amore and cello, with each instrument afforded poignant and sparkling obligato roles. Program details on the Glebe Music Festival website:

[https://www.glebemusicfestival.com/2024\\_concert\\_5.html](https://www.glebemusicfestival.com/2024_concert_5.html)

*When:* Sunday 17 November at 3pm

*Where:* Glebe Town Hall, 160 St Johns Road Glebe

## Glebe Art Show

By Dot Masters, Glebe Art Show Committee

A reminder that the Glebe Art Show is coming up in a couple of weeks. The venue is the Harold Park Community Hall, on the mezzanine level of the Tramsheds. Show hours are:

**Thursday 17 October: 11 am to 9 pm**

**Friday 18 October: 11 am to 9 pm**

**Saturday 19 October: 9 am to 9 pm**

**Sunday 20 October: 9 am to 5 pm**

Entry is free, and there will be art quizzes for children and adults, voting for the People's Choice Prize – the winning artist receives \$500, sponsored by Glebe Family Medical Practice.

Artworks will be available for sale from 6 pm on Wednesday 16 October (at the Show's Opening – for artists and friends) and online via the 2024 catalogue ([glebeartshow.org.au](http://glebeartshow.org.au)).

There are still openings for volunteers to assist during open hours. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Dot [glebeartshowvolunteers@gmail.com](mailto:glebeartshowvolunteers@gmail.com).

# GLEBE ART SHOW



# This month's In Focus

By Virginia Simpson-Young, *Bulletin* editor

It was wonderful to see entries from two newbies this month. Mary Pollard and Dale Dengate are long-time Glebe Society members and, it has to be said, of a generation that did not grow up with smartphones – or even the dumb type of mobile phone. So, kudos to Dale and Mary for getting out there, getting their photos and getting them submitted.

The Glebe Society is very fortunate to have amongst its membership some excellent photographers – even some professional photographers. And we are also very fortunate that a member who is a professional photographer has agreed to provide feedback on the entries. I'm glad they have agreed to do this because I for one am interested in learning how to create better photos.

Below are the five entries for this month, presented in no particular order.

For space reasons, the photographs are fairly small here, but you can see bigger versions on our website – [www.glebesociety.org.au](http://www.glebesociety.org.au). There's a link on the front page.



*Changing views as buildings come down while an old tree stands, by Dale Dengate*



*Boyce Street welcomes Spring, by Lyn Collingwood*



*Forsyth Street contrasts, by Rodney Hammett*



*Forest Lodge School on voting day, by Mary Pollard*



*Sunset Love, Glebe Point, by Mary Regan*

## Professional photographer's feedback

**Sunset love, Glebe Point, Mary Regan:** Mary captured the beautiful colours and composition at sunset really well. I really liked the lighting, and the way the bridge emphasised horizontal layers of colour in the clouds, sky, water, and path.

**Boyce Street welcomes Spring, Lyn Collingwood:** The flannel flower is beautifully photographed showing its velvety texture. The composition helps the flower stand out from the vegetation and garden bed.

**Forsyth Street contrasts, Rodney Hammett:** Interesting contrast between the houses, though I would have cropped the wire overhead which I found distracting.

**Forest Lodge School on voting day, Mary Pollard:** Great idea for a photo, but I'd suggest moving in closer, or cropping the photo, so that it focussed on the people and cut out some of the empty spaces.

**Changing views as buildings come down while an old tree stands, Dale Dengate:** An interesting idea, but I got distracted from the main subject of the photo by the ute in the foreground.

## Final words

The judges were unable to reach a decision on the winning photo this month. So, let's just enjoy looking at the photos and perhaps think about submitting a photo yourself next month.

Please submit your photos for the next Bulletin by **Tuesday 15 October**. This gives us time to judge them and write them up etc.

## PHG Sunday talk by Phillip Roope

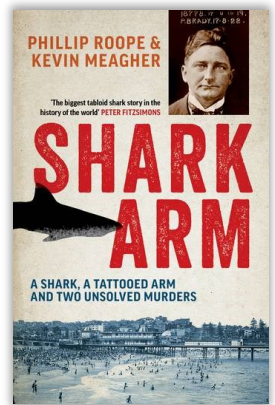
Phillip Roope, with Kevin Meagher, authored [Shark Arm: A Shark, A Tattooed Arm and Two Unsolved Murders](#), released in July this year, available from Gleebooks. The book is an extraordinary tale of high-class smuggling around Sydney Harbour and police collusion in the 1930s.

Phillip was recently a guest of the ABC Conversations, where he described a fascinating portrait of Sydney in the 1930s as seen through his investigation of the infamous Shark Arm case. He will retell the story for the Pyrmont History Group.

*When:* Sunday 20 October, 5 pm

*Where:* The Station (Jacksons Landing's Community Hall), 58 Bowman Street,  
No cost and booking not required

*Information:* <https://pyrmonthistory.net.au/sunday-talks>



## What's on at St Helen's Community Centre



Some events upcoming at St Helen's, 184 Glebe Point Road For more information, contact [St Helens Community Centre](#), on 9265 9179

<i>Ways to Save: Govt rebates and vouchers</i>	Friday 11 October from 10 am to 12 pm
<i>Men's mental and physical fitness day</i>	Thursday 17 October from 10:30 am to 2:30 pm
<i>Better with age</i>	Four-week workshop series discusses common approaches to ageing well. Begins 1 pm to 3 pm, Thursday 28 November
<i>Zumba Gold</i>	Mondays, 1 pm to 2 pm (regular event)
<i>Yoga</i>	Mondays, 2:15 pm to 3:15 pm (regular event)
<i>Table Tennis</i>	Tuesdays, 1 pm to 3 pm (regular event)
<i>Living Longer Living Stronger</i>	Wednesdays, 2 pm to 3 pm (regular event)



# For your calendar

Sunday 13 October, 2–4 pm. *Guided Walk: From Degradation to Revitalisation – Discovering Ultimo.*

Tuesday 15 October, 7 pm. *Players in the Pub: Sherlock Holmes.* The Harold, 70A Ross Street, Forest Lodge.

17–20 October. *Glebe Art Show*, Harold Park Community Hall, Tramsheds.

Sunday 20 October, 5 pm. *PHG Sunday Talk: Phillip Roope.* 'The Station', 58 Bowman Street, Pyrmont.

Sunday 3 November, 6.45 am. *Spring Bird Survey*, Paddy Gray Reserve.

Saturday, 2 November, 10 am–12 noon. *Guided Walk: Layers of history in Forest Lodge.*

Wednesday 6 November, 6–7 pm. *Glebe Talks: Biscuits to Books*, Café at Gleebooks, 49 Glebe Point Road.

8–24 November. *The 35th Annual Glebe Music Festival.*

Friday 15 November, 7pm. *Austral Harmony in 'Baroque Amity'*, Margaretta Cottage, 6 Leichhardt Street Glebe.

Sunday 17 November, 3 pm. *Austral Harmony in 'Shimmering Pearls'*, Glebe Town Hall, 160 St Johns Road Glebe.

Monday 25 November. 6 pm. *Presentation of Innovation and Ideas Grant Report*, Harold Park Community Hall.

Sunday 1 December, 5–7 pm. *Glebe Society Christmas Party, Café Otto Noorba*, 79 Glebe Point Road Glebe.

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