

# 50 Years 1969-2019

**Glebe Society Activities** 

Environment and lifestyle

Community

Conservation & Heritage

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**Relevant External Events** 

**Conservation & Heritage** 

# 1969

Public meeting on 24 April at Glebe Town Hall to discuss formation of the Glebe Society First general meeting on 19 June at Glebe Town Hall

First meeting of the Managemen Committee held in July

First AGM appoints office bearers, subcommittees, ratifies constitution held 4 September at Glebe Town Hall

#### Glebe Society has 170 members

Inaugural Garden Competition judged by the Royal Horticultural Society (competitions held until 1972)

Glebe Society hosts public meeting on 'Pollution'

First Christmas card produced, 900 sold;

(cards continued until at least 1978) First demonstration: with Paddington Society, against road widening

First Glebe Society Bulletin published

First organised activity: History Walk with Max Solling – 170 people attend Architectural and topographical survey of **Bishopthorpe Estate and St Phillips Estate** completed by History subcommittee

"After much discussion and many letters" the Society receives a letter from Minister for Highways saying expressway will be a bored tunnel, sparing parts of Glebe

Master Plan for Glebe residential development submitted to **Leichhardt Council** 

**Church of England consults Society** 

First Flower Show, held annually until 1974

buildings in Glebe Estate

about preservation of historic

tree plantings to Council Women's Liberation House operates

Survey of Glebe trees recommends

from 67 Glebe Point Rd

Cricket match between Glebe Society and **Balmain Association** (matches with local

Visit to Royleston,

boys, to offer

social support

1973

home for 'delinguent

First house and garden inspections attended by about 350 people (continues until 1994) residents' groups continue until 1980)

Publication of 'The Architectural Character of Glebe' by Bernard and **Kate Smith** 

Hudson's timber yard as site for **Glebe High School** 1975

Society advocates

for the use of

Society concerned about noise and traffic associated with Fletcher's container terminal (end of Forsyth St) Great Train Ride to

promote potential

light rail 1976 **Dept of Main Roads** finally 'vanguished on the matter of the expressways **Bulletin reports** 

**Society** is at last confident that Lyndhurst is safe from demolition

Lyndhurst listed on the Register of the National Estate

Blackwattle Bay Park working bee builds BBQs, cuts grass,

Guy Fawkes celebration at Blackwattle Bay park attended by 700 people

First Glebe Street Fair ('Food Fair')

organised with help of Glebe Society

1978

of Steetley Industries site (fronting Rozelle Bay and Johnstons Creek) as obstacle to Society's Marine Park plans

> **Society loses campaign** to stop inappropriate grandstand at **Wentworth Park**

Campaign against lease

**c** Concerns that owners of the Abbey Restaurant are allowing Reussdale to deteriorate

Glebe listed as Conservation area in Leichhardt Local **Environment Plan** Society expects a Glebe

> Bellevue when renovated 1984

Society reading room and

library to be established in

Traffic sub-committee comments on proposals for traffic management study of **Forest Lodge** 

Response from Bob Carr,

Minister for the Environment supporting Rozelle Bay **Bicentennial Park** Bicentennial Park campaign

> "moves into high gear" with a rally in Jubilee Park

1985

### 1971

**d** Demonstration against proposed flats in Ferry Road led by Bernard Smith marches from Foley Park to Ferry Road

**Council rejects Ferry** Rd flats developmen

First members' coffee morning Supported by the Society, Campaign for Better Council candidates are elected to Council on a proconservation, anti-expressway and open council platform

Report released: 'The Glebe Lands of Bishopthorpe and St Phillips: The Case for Preservation and Restoration'. Disseminated widely including to local and federal

governments

1972

Society actively supports Council's Anti-Expressway Committee's demonstration in Foley Park

Builders Labourers Federation persuaded to place 'green ban' on Lyndhurst by Glebe Society and allied resident action groups

**Church of England decides** to sell at least some of its Glebe lands

Resumption of Lyndhurs and other properties for expressway Monograph No.1 published:

'An Alternative to Inner

**Urban Expressways' by** 

1999

**David Potter** 

1974

Submission to government about Bidura, **Royleston and Metropolitan Girls Shelter** 

Glebe Estate purchased by Commonwealth Participation in protest against expressway demolitions in Fig St Ultimo

National Trust lists Glebe as a Conservation Area Elsie Women's Refuge and Night Shelter established

Crochet group (also known as Monday Group) making rugs for Elsie Women's Refuge

Hudson's timber yard acquired by Department of Education for Glebe High School

Monograph No. 2 published: A North Western

Railway by Jim Coombs & John Gerofi.

Work with Leichhardt Council to propose 'Conservation of Glebe' including a Townscape map'

1979

Letter-boxing, petitioning and meeting campaign begins to oppose detrimental new Leichhard **Planning Scheme** 

Lyndhurst working bee to clean-up garden and show Society's commitment to restoration

Glebe, a detailed proposal Glebe High School opens

Blackwattle Bay Park campaign a success as Parkes Development hands land to Council

Bulletin Special Issue. Waterfront Parks for

1981

do all the work and

**Submission to Commission of** 

Glebe Point Road Project:

Stage 2 report identifies

heritage items and guidance

Inquiry into the rezoning of five

sites on the Balmain peninsula

finance it

Leichhardt Council purchases Bellevue and surrounding foreshore land

Plan for Blackwattle Letter to Health Minister Bay Park submitted about 'fall out' from to Council: White Bay and Pyrmont developers agree to power stations

> Blackwattle Bay Park established after years of action by the Society

Release by Blue Wren

subcommittee of Sue Stevens'

Superb Fairy Wren Habitat in Glebe

and Forest Lodge – a community

Glebe Society publishes Monograph

No. 3. Better Public Transport in

Eastern Suburbs, by John Gerofi

1982

Lyndhurst listed on

the State Heritage

Register – Permanent

**Conservation Order** 

advocating for light rail

Svdnev's Inner Western and South-

based conservation project

1983

**t** Letter-boxing campaign against Council amalgamations

**Lyndhurst transferred** to the Historic Houses Trust of NSW for its headquarters

Society calls for Fletcher's site (end of Forsyth St) to become open space

Hospital site **Management committee** 

1986

Public meeting called on

proposed redevelopmen

of Glebe Homeopathic

Glebe Estate transferred to **NSW Department of Housing** 

monthly meetings

begins using Lyndhurst for

Formation of Forest Lodge and Glebe (FLAG) a coordinating group for groups working in the area

Glebe Community **Development project with** Sydney University begins

Society debates whether Wireless House should be retained in Folev Park upgrade

Release of revised 'Glebe's Treasures: A review of Glebe's built heritage, street by street, and a compilation and consolidation of heritage listings'

Unveiling of plaque to recognise birthplace of **Edmund Barton. Australia's** first PM, after Glebe

Society campaign Lyndhurst sold by the Historic Society's archives Town Hall to

**Briarbank (Forest Lodge School)** 

Society is wellcommittee to draw up recommendation for the future of the Walter Burley Griffin incinerator

Society's website 2001

Society organises public meeting on residential development of Hardy's timber-yard at Glebe Point

Time capsule buried at Jubilee Fountain to mark Glebe's sesquicentenary Society concerned about super yacht marina planned for Rozelle Bay

Society's draft Integrated Transport Strategy supports the reintroduction of a ferry service from Glebe to the city

Letter-box drop encourages residents to push for light rail extension to Glebe and light rail stop on Glebe Point Road

1997

Stall held at inaugural Glebe Show (in Harold Park) to raise Light rail funds for anti-aircraft noise Central to campaign Wentworth

Submission to 'aircraft noise' Park - opens Senate Inquiry – Society disappointed by decision to build third runway

1995

Memorial substantially Public meeting calls for protection of Glebe Point

Restoration of Glebe War

Road poplars 1993

for restoration 1991

stone in Jubilee Fountain restoration

1989

**tandscape** architect engaged

to incorporate Dave Sands

memorial and 1930s boundary

Glebe Library established in Benledi, formerly Glebe Homoepath

Appointment of

1987

Members asked to write to **Transport Minister to protect** tram sheds which Urban **Transport Authority wishes** to sell

Waterfront section of Strides' Yard acquired by Department of Environment and Planning for waterfront walk

# 2005

2004

Plan of management for Foley Park adopted by Council

**Art & About project** in Glebe, Glebe Kite Kaleidoscope, on behalf of the Counci Formation of Coalitic

Society organises

of Glebe Groups (COGG) which includes the Glebe Society

Society writes to **NSW Premier urging** Valhalla remain a public venue

#### 2003 2002

Society pushes for Council to upgrade Foley Park

Glebe and Forest Lodge transferred to City of Sydney First Thirsty Thursday

**Toxteth Hotel** 🚊 Successful campaign for restoration of the sandstone retaining wall and palissade fence,

dinner is held, at the

Pavilions on the Bay (501 Glebe Point Rd) replaces timber yard and artists workshops

community walk along

the 'incomplete' foreshore

with Lucy Turnbull, then

Organisation of a

**Lord Mayor** 

'War on Graffiti'

working bee

DA lodged for Fletcher's

and Council Depot sites,

includes a strip of public

space for foreshore walk

Parramatta Road

Waterfront Walk opened by City Council

Society, through Coalition of Glebe Groups (COGG),

Council's Glebe Point Road upgrade proposal

Heritage Development Control Plan – heritage

conservation areas and streetscapes

suggests radical pedestrian-friendly alternative to

program begins

Bellevue official opening

as offices

2007

Drinks at Valhalla to see cinema's adaptive re-use 2000

Society calls for adaptive re-use of Walter Burley Griffin Incinerator which has been allowed to deteriorate

**Blackwattle studios** demolished for apartments Masterplan approved by

**Council for Fletcher's site** 

in Forsyth St

1998

**Centre opens** 

Society meets state representative to propose light rail stop on Glebe Point Road Broadway Shopping

1996

Society participates in Clean Up Australia Day Restored Jubilee Fountain unveiled by the NSW Governor

1994

Public meeting to discuss Council's Glebe Point Road **Street Tree Strategy** 

**Transport Policy for** 

**Greater Sydney** 

Submission on Integrated

a Library site

NSW Department of

**Correctional Services** propose the use of Benledi as a transitional prison

Proposal to buy back the Homeopathic Hospital for 1992

Plans to rezone Fletcher's and Council depot sites from 'Waterfront Industrial to 'Residential and Open Space'

Launch of appeal for restoration of Glebe **War Memorial** Successful two-year campaign to stop

Cook Street marina development ends

1990

**d** Urban Design Study

(continues today)

Road Project Stage 1) inaugural Glebe **Music Festival** 

completed (Glebe Point

1988

**Society receives a National Estate Grant to form 'The** Glebe Point Road Project' with partner organisations

Bicentennial Park created as

Australian Bicentenary project

Long-fought campaign for waterfront open space comes to fruition with opening of Bicentennial Park.

Historic Glebe booklet

Valhalla closes as Kirsova Playground No.3 upgrade completed

Battle lost to prevent Rozelle Bay Dry Boat **Storage Facility** 

Max Solling

Lord Mayor launches Grandeur & Grit: A History of Glebe by first Glebe Society History convener

**Restored Walter Burley** 

Griffin incinerator opens

Society's Harold Park Working Party pushes for a master plan for Harold Park

make public the creek

2009

Reopening of Foley Park and launch of Wireless House Sonic Art project Orphan School Creek Reserve opened after

campaign started in 1983 (by FRROGs

subcommittee) to protect, remediate and

re-development; campaign begins

including concert at Margaretta Cottage, courtesy of **Dr David McIntosh** Celebrating Conservation

and Change in Glebe: 40

booklet produced

years of the Glebe Society

40th year celebrations

Opening of 'Earth vs Sky' artwork - lighting in Moreton Bay fig, Glebe Point (Glebe Point Road **Public Art project)** Society's Facebook page created

and rapidly builds followers

Sydney Local Environment Plan,

classifying buildings by heritage

and streetscape 2012

Glebe Town Hall re-opened after extensive renovation

Glebe Society sponsors inaugural *Character* 

of Glebe prize at Glebe Art Show Bernard Lane named in recognition of Bernard Smith's contribution to Glebe through the Society

2013

First Spring Bird Survey

Glebe Society's Transport & Traffic subcommittee organises opposition

WWI exhibition 'Sacrifice, Struggle & Sorrow' Campaign begins for proper restoration of the sandstone retaining wall, rear of Forest Lodge Public School (ongoing)

2015

to Westconnex

Tramsheds opened after extensive renovation and adaptation after years of campaigning to restore heritage buildings

Glebe Connected established – "working

towards a socially sustainable Glebe" Glebe Society's Youtube channel

Kitchen Starter Packs initiative begins, to assist people moving from supported accommodation

Elsie Walk Mural

2018

(auspiced by the

Society) unveiled

Tramshed location through joint effort of RSL and Glebe Society Harold Park, including picnic area and children's

playground, opened

world War I memorial statue

originally erected by Rozelle

Tramshed Depot workers

restored and returned to

# 2006

Blackwattle Cove Coalition formed with Glebe Society as a member

Plaque database conceived

fences around Glebe

Society celebrates the rebirth of the incinerator with a picnic ('Phoenix Rising ... from the ashes') Facing Glebe (part of Council's Art & About) is organised by the Society: super large portraits of Glebe identities mounted on buildings and

### 2008

Campaign to improve

Cove Coalition, including

City of Sydney's Revitalisation of Glebe Point Road

frontage and public access First Wentworth Park Games organised by Blackwattle

Wentworth Park's eastern

Tree planting in Paddy Gray Reserve for National Tree Day Opening of 'Skippedy Skip'

artwork (colourful fence) at

Glebe Public School (Glebe

Point Road Public Art project)

# 2010

to Mirvac

First public meetings held at St Scholastica's to discuss **Harold Park and Tramsheds** development Harold Park Paceway sells site

Planned closure of Glebe Post

Office made public

# 2011

Save Glebe Post Office' rally held **Description** Love Your Park project in Glebe Estate, with support of Community **Development subcommittee** 

**Glebe Post Office closes** 

First meeting with Mirvac about

Harold Park development concerns

#### Glebe Walks website launched at Benledi

Inaugural *Glebe Voices* talk (a person from Glebe speaking on an interesting topic) Friends of Centipede before and

**Glebe Society support** 

after school care formed with

# 2014

meeting at Glebe Town Hall to discuss Bays Precinct Society opposes Millers Point public housing sell-off

Society arranges community

Glebe Society endorses Better **Planning Network's Community Charter for Good Planning NSW** 

### Orphan School Creek Park

Final section of Waterfront Walk opened, beside Sydney **Secondary College** 

# 2017

established

2016

Society's 50th anniversary celebrations get under way with Heritage subcommittee announcing plans for *Villas of Glebe and Forest* Lodge exhibition

Glebe Society's Tram Mural, created by Kelly Wallwork, is opened by Lord Mayor **Anniversary Working Group appointed to** arrange 50th celebrations

2019 Glebe Society Community Festival held to celebrate Society's 50th anniversary

This graphic of the Glebe Society timeline is adapted from a more detailed list which was created for the 50th anniversary and includes references to sources. Please contact 50th@glebesociety.org.au for more information if required.

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