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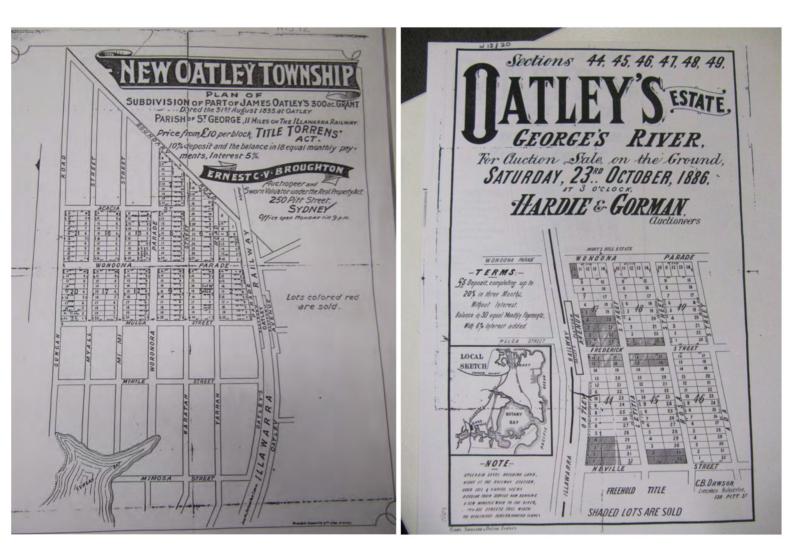
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# Introduction

This project was to describe the scene around Oatley in 1913- 100 years ago. There is clearly nobody around today who can tell us what it was like. Some might have stories etc that are about these times. However, the number of people in Oatley in 1913 is very small. Hence the chance of getting information is scarce. The time is before any schools, before WW1, before electricity and the telephone (to private residences) to the suburb and well before water and sewerage. But the train station is there and the School of Arts and an Oatley progress Association. There is a most definite rise in population from 1910 to 1915 with many people moving into the suburb on both sides of the line.

The sources of the material found by the authors have been wide and shown in the references.

The report is organised around several factors in the lives of people of the time. There will always be a chance to improve on this reports research and material. We welcome this- but here is the start of a formal report on the subject.

The report has several sections. Part 1 is the timelines from 1839 to 1913 for Oatley. Part 2 deals with some aspects of Oatley life around 1913. Part 3 is the substance of Julian Sheen's talk at the OHHS meeting of November 2013. Part 4 deals with Rodger Robertson's talk at the meeting. The Appendices have news clippings of the era and detailed report on the electoral rolls of the suburb around 1913.

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# **1. Hurstville Councils Timeline**

**8/10/1839** James Oatley dies leaving *Needwood Forest* to his adopted son Frederick Stokes who later changed his name to Oatley.

**Late 1840s** People starting to take trips to the Georges River area for picnics.

**Late 1870s** The oyster industry in full swing near the Oatley area **March 1881** Oatley Jnr sells *Needwood* to Charles Cecil Griffith for £10,000. Griffith plans to subdivide.

**1883** Oatley's Estate with 1,400 building blocks. The streets are named after either Australian plants or members of Griffith's family. **1884** Judd's Hurstville Brick works established at Mortdale – many Oatley people end up employed at the works. Now the location of the Georges River College.

**1885** First settler in the area. Joseph Fletcher – a railway worker – builds near the present day Oatley Hotel. He was quickly followed by George Orange, the caretaker for the *Oatley Estate*.

Nearest homes are at Mortdale in Morts Rd.

22/12/1885 Municipality of Kogarah declared.

**26/12/1885** Railway line to Sutherland opened with a small platform at Oatley. The platform first called "Oatley's Grant" (up to 1886)

and then "Oatley's Platform" (by 1889) but land sales are slow.

1886 Population of Oatley is nine living in two houses.

**c.1886** The Derwent family move into Neverfail Bay for the oysters. They were quickly followed by the Thompsons, who were boatbuilders, and the Wards and McAllum.

**27/3/1887** Municipality of Hurstville declared with the railway line the boundary. This was to lead to problems following the 1905 deviation.

**29/5/1888** Dedication of Peakhurst Park (now called Oatley Park). **Dec 1888** Hurstville Council starts building roads and culverts in and to

Oatley. However, all washed away in the floods in late December.

**1889/90** First church services at the home of Mrs. Smith in Wonoona Parade. Services were multi-dominational.

**1890** "Oatley's Platform" changed to "Oatley". Building activity increases around the platform which was increased in length with the erection of a station building. This year also saw the establishment of a telegraph office at the station.

**1891** Station Master's cottage built with John Brown the first station master.

**1893** Nine houses now in the vicinity of the railway station.

**Late 1890s**/ The time of Peasley the cattle duffer who had his hideout at the early 1900s top end of Llewellyn Street.

**1901** Military operations held at Oatley where a force at Oatley held off an "invading force" from the south with artillery.

**6/2/1902** Large bushfire destroys homes, haystacks and poultry in the area. (See also Dec 1911).

14/9/1903 Post office established at the railway station.

**7/7/1905** Re-grading of the line between Mortdale and Como Bridge sees Oatley station move about 400 yards to the west.

13/10/1905 The Oatley School of Arts opened. It quickly becomes the

centre of the village.

**1908** Hurstville Council takes control of Peakhurst Park. Also this year the first Church of England services held in the School of Arts.

**5/7/1909** The post office moved to the shops along with the installation of a public telephone. The post office moved around various locations until 1935 where it moved to its present location.

**Early 1910s** Houses began to be built in the Gungah Bay area on land originally owned Donnelly Fisher, later to become the *Gungah Bay Park Estate* and the *Gungah Bay Subdivision*.

April 1911 Oatley Progress Association, along with similar associations of Canterbury, East Hills, Belmore and Peakhurst, make a call to form a shire.
29/7/1911 Foundation stone of St Paul's Church of England laid. It was opened 2nd December of the same year.

**Dec 1911** Large bushfire at Oatley. This was to be repeated over the following years (Feb 1913, Dec 1915, Jan 1916 for example).

**1912** Attempts to establish a school in Oatley fail. Numerous attempts over the following years also fail.

**Oct 1913** Hurstville and Kogarah Councils send a deputation to the Railways in an effort to turn the old railway station area into a public square. The Railways refuse to see the delegation.

# 2. Oatley in 1913

### **Schools in Oatley**

There were no schools in Oatley before 1914. Oatley Public was started at the School of Arts in 1917 on a restricted basis.

It is worth noting that while there was no school in 1913, there had been an allocation of land for a school on the corner of Woronora Parade and Acacia streets in a subdivision of the 19th century.

#### **Churches in Oatley**

The first recoded church services in Oatley were conducted at eh School of Arts. The history of this building tells us it was used for many public purposes. The first recorded services were as follows.

Church of England - held services from 1908 in the School of Arts. Later the Church was build- designed by local Harry Towers who will see again later in the development of Oatley's facilities.

**Christian Endeavour 1915** 

Joseph William Bayley is regarded as the founder of the Oatley Methodist Church. He conducted services at Peakhurst and Mortdale in 1910 and moved to Oatley (77 Letitia Street) in 1911. They would travel to Mortdale for Sunday services. In September 1913 they conducted services at their home in Oatley so called Beth-Eden (means House of "Pleasantness"). There were 15 present and they raised 5/3 in the collection and families at the first service were Croft, Davidson, Noakes, Graham, and Mrs V Stokes from Como was the organist. Two months later they transferred services to the School of Arts and from December 1917 the first Methodist Church- a weatherboard was used in the current site in Frederick Street. The J W Bayley Hall was built in 1972 and celebrates the founder. In 1894 at 78 Woronora Parade was a house called "Deerara" and it was the only house west of the line at that time. It held Presbyterian services.

### All Saints Oatley West

This church began in 1909. The church minister was Rev Dickson Hudson who officiated from 1909 till 1924 and he was based in Hurstville. The land on the corner of Woronora and Wonoona Streets was set aside by the original developer of the Griffiths Estate. But the church was not built till 1932.

### **Employment and industry**

Prior to the railway line going through Oatley the easiest access was by water. Trees and oyster shells were obvious local products sought. Lime Kiln Bay is named after the burning of shell middens for lime to make mortar.

### Oysters

The "picnic parties" on the river had cleared the foreshore of oysters. Prior to this oyster harvesting was done with dredging techniques but by 1870 there was no stock left in the river and the Government banned oyster dredging for 3 years.

Oyster farming began in 1873 with a lease of the entire Botany Bay and Georges River to one A. Emerson for a fee of £131 per year. But Emerson was so destructive in his quest for oysters that by late 1870s the river was out of stock again. In 1884 the State Government passed legislation to ban oyster shells from lime burners and dredging. In 1888 New Zealand oysters were introduced but worse a disease in the oysters killed the local species and by 1890 no oysters were sold from the river..

Oyster leases around this time were granted to the Derwents and Drakes around Oatley Park and in Gungah Bay and Lime Kiln Bay.

## **Charcoal burning**

## Sandstone quarrying

### Farming

Some farming occurred near the river.

#### **Dairy farms**

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Anne and Francis Riley had a dairy on the corner of Letitia and Frederick streets- opposite eth current Uniting Church.

#### **Boat Building**

Mr Thompson in Neverfail bay. In 1997 A Bruce Fletcher wrote a letter to the then residents at 48A Annette Street. It says " In 1908 Albert Charles Fletcher moved from Berry's Bay on Sydney Harbour out to 48 Annette Street Oatley. He bought the whole block and he and his son Alfred built a large boatshed (45ft by 35ft) suitable for boat building. Also there was another son, Fred and daughter Nellie. Alfred opened up a boatbuilding business with a friend named Hince. Before they built the boatshed they built the

house". There were "vegetable gardens, fruit trees of every type, a large fowl yard with grape vines all over it and a duck yard. In every space my grandmother had flowers growing. Of course the cooking medium was where great skill was required to get the temperature right. She could make, bake and serve scones with strawberry jam (grown on the premises) and cream in 10 minutes. When I was a boy I would visit her and chop up the wood, after my grandfather and I had cut up the tree with a cross saw. Alfred before the war (WW1) was in the "Black Watch" a Scottish regiment which was part of the army reserves. He became a Sergeant so that when Australia entered the war in 1915, Alfred (23) and Fred (19) joined the AIF. They both went to France where Fred was killed soon after landing but Alfred survived till 1918 having come up through the ranks to be Lieutenant Colonel." But Albert had been exposed to gas in the war and general "shellshock" and he died in 1947. His uncle was Richard Hartley Fletcher who was a successful jeweller in Sydney and he purchased properties around Oatley and was proprietor of Queens Hall in Russell Street.

#### Brickworks

Judd's Brickworks was established in 1884 at Mortdale. Harold Judd and his family lived in Letitia Street Oatley. It is reported that the works provided a source of employment for local men.

#### **Oatley Shops**

Alexander Small came to Oatley as a young boy. His parents ran a corner shop on the corner of Waratah and Wonoona Streets.

Letitia butchery and other shops- 1919 Letitia Street.



In the 1880s Peasley (no relation to the breadcarter) stole cattle and horses and concealed them near the region of the old Oatley Bowling club. He was known to live in cave off Llewellyn St. and was arrested in early 1900s for his misdemeanours.

In 1888 Myles McCrae owned 81 acres adjacent to Oatley Park and ran cattle. Post WW1 the land was subdivided for ex servicemen.

# **Utilities in Oatley**

## **POST OFFICE**

Following is than extract from D J Hatton "Early Oatley".

" It was some time before Oatley obtained its own postal services. A report by the postal inspector in 1893 said that Mortdale was very centrally situated with regard to the small and scattered settlements of Mortdale and Oatley, and that it catered adequately for the current requirements.

There were only eight or nine houses near Oatley Railway Platform and none of these was considered to be inconveniently distant from the Mortdale office. In accordance with official policy, a telegraph office was established at the Oatley Railway Station in 1898 for railway business, but the public were allowed to send and receive telegrams. Fifteen were sent in 1890."

The Oatley Progress association argued that the Mortdale delivery times were inconvenient for Oatley residents. The result was that the Postmaster General's Department decided to have both a telephone service and Post Office at Oatley railway station in 1903. But initially the telephone only connected to Penshurst railway station. By 1909 it was decided to move the telephone and post office to Mr Charles Hunter's store in Oatley. The telephone rate was 2d for 3 minutes. The site of this store is where the hotel now is. Mr Harrison took over the "Post Office Store" in 1912 and he moved his store to the adjacent block in 1915. In 1916 the "post office " duties were given to Walter Taylor at the newsagency about 100 metres away. A mounted postman was hired to deliver letters.



### ELECTICITY

Electricity was not connected to Oatley until 1923. The photo shows poles being delivered in Wonoona Parade in 1922.

**WATER and SEWERAGE** Little is known about these utilities- in 1913 there is likely no modern sewerage and water was mainly through large water tanks feed from the house rooves.

Water from Woronora dam was not until the 1940s. It came across the Railway bridge and up the old railway line and cutting and across what is now Oatley Memorial Park. The Water Board was asked to bury the pipeline to create the park. The pipeline takes water to the Penshurst reservoir.

## GAS

It is known that gas for lighting and heating was provided to some areas of Oatley around 1920- but when it was introduced is not known. Before electricity was widely made available gas street lighting was the source of this service. Homes used kerosene for lighting and fuel stoves for cooking.

# 3 Oatley 1913 - On the Brink of War

The section below is the substance of Julian Sheens talk to the OHHS in November 2013.

How do we understand the lives of the people of Oatley in 1913? To become more familiar with them, to get to know them better we must apply *imagination* and *information* 

#### **Sources of Information – Local Newspapers** Newspapers: immediate, ephemeral like letters, photos and oral history or reminiscence

What would people 100 years from now learn of our lives from studying today's Leader? Will there be a Leader in 2113? - Unlikely



The PropellerStarted 1911Weekly issued Friday afternoonsPriceFreePrinted and published in Hurstville for the Hurstville electorate (a newelectorate - Carlton to Waterfall) and beyondClaimed readership: 3000Basic, four pagesClassified adsUseful advice: "How to Kill a Chicken"



The St George Call Started 1904 Weekly issued Friday afternoons Price 1d Based on St George electorate but covered Hurstville Bexley and Sutherland More elaborate that Propeller, flowery language: some artwork and photos Strong focus on sport

<u>Sydney Morning Herald 16<sup>th</sup> August 1913</u> "Progress of the Suburbs: Hurstville to Waterfall Between Hurstville and Waterfall the railway line passes through the most remarkable and pleasing country. Penshurst, Mortdale and Oatley are three suburbs which are progressing rapidly. Working men's cottages are springing up in all directions. Most of these homesteads are owned by the occupiers who are toilers in the city - men who by thrift have invested their small savings in a little home of their own, obtained on the time-payment system.

At a height of 124 ft (38m) at Oatley station the line runs down quickly to 44 ft (13.5m) at Como where the rocky and picturesque shores of the Georges River are much sort after as weekend resorts. The George River is spanned by a magnificent bridge; but unfortunately this bridge was built with no thought for the future."

## Oatley's place in the world

The good people of Oatley expected to strive for British ideas of selfgovernment, not to question the imperial ideal but to honour it more perfectly in a free partnership of Britannic nations each developing their own policies and interests but bound by custom and culture to British ideals. Britain existed in the countryside of England and in the dry bush of rural Australia.

But Australia was vulnerable; with a population of less than five million could it remain inviolate in a neighbourhood packed to the bursting point? The newspapers were full of Asian scares: the theatre of the great struggle may be transferred from the northern to the southern hemisphere, was Australia ready?

Oatley was a small backwater of little but growing population and few shops but was connected to the larger southern area and the city as a whole. There are few mentions in either paper to Oatley compared with other more settled suburbs but Oatley was becoming a community.

# **PEOPLE OF OATLEY 1913**

E (Ernest) A. Bradford Builder Woronora Parade Oatley (sometimes called called "New Oatley")

Unusually, a phone number given in second Propeller ad!

Bradford Real Estate Mortdale wanted to buy for cash DF brick cottage (SMH)

Mr Bradford has purchased the terrace of shops recently erected opposite Mortdale station.

Mr Bradford of Mortdale has secured the contract for erecting a boarding house at Coogee containing 44 rooms.

Mrs E A Bradford of Woronora Parade Oatley wanted a girl to assist with housework.

Mr D Bradford father of Ald. Bradford and Mr E A Bradford died at this residence in Woronora Parade. He was 67.

Ernest Alfred Bradford Woronora Parade, Builder, candidate in Peakhurst bye election. An old resident of the ward, his brother was an alderman.

The Bradfords appear to have lived on the corner of Woronora and Wonoona Parade West. They had a tennis court.

Mr W.H.D Riches of Russell Street secured first place at the Oatley Swimming Carnival for best decorated launch.

Mr Riches wanted a man to build a double brick chimney, copper and stone piers. He gave his address as "Near Queen's Hall Oatley".

Mrs F Riches was in charge of the Hurstville United Charities. £11 14s 7d was collected.

Mrs Riches wrote letters of concern about the inadequate postal service to her street.

Bowman and Bonham Annette Street, Housepainters and decorators.

Chris N Jarvis Myall Street Secretary Grand United Order of Oddfellows

Eva Perkins and Florence Rimoldi Neighbour's Quarrel (news item)

Robert Lamb - Birth: Lamb Feb 6<sup>th</sup> at Glenview Myall St Oatley, the wife of Robert Lamb, a son. Both doing well. Nurse Phillips Universal Street Mortdale.

Mr R D Shaw spoke on behalf of Oatley at the send off for Rev H Arnold of Hurstville. Mr Arnold was heading for missionary work in the Sudan

Harry Towers, Builder of Letitia Street (News item)

Mr Colebourne (wheelwright) of Oatley elected by default to Kogarah Council

Miss C Graham, Miss M Williamson and Miss J Cater raised  $\pm 3/10/$ - for the St George Cottage Hospital Collection.

F Lombe, Rosa Street advertised:

"Will the person who took Rug off cow return same to save further trouble."

A few months later Mr Lombe wanted to sell his young cow.

Mrs Dowd of Mi Mi Street wanted the person who took a coil of barbed wire from the corner of Boundary Road and Mi Mi Street to return it. Later she wanted to sell a young cow full of milk.

Montague - Myall Street For sale a milking goat also a double bedstead. Montague Myall Street Reward – Lost pocketbook initialled GBM between Greenacre Road Hurstville and Oatley.

Mrs Montague's name appeared on a list of officials of the Mortdale branch of the Political Labour League. She was a vice president.

Mrs S Haines died at Oatley aged 76. Interred at Woronora Cemetery

Laura Gosby of Oatley was insulted by William Burrows who was selling cement. When his offer was refused he became offensive. He was fined £3 at Newtown court. Note: Gosby's shop at Mortdale Station sold clothing, underwear including Ladies corsets for between 4/11 and 5/11 a pair.

Mrs Crofts of Oatley Parade lost a gold brooch set up with pearls between the Parade and Oatley station.

Mrs James of Hurstville Road Oatley wanted to sell her sewing machine.

W T Rigby convened a meeting at the Oatley School of Arts with a view to setting up an Oatley Branch of the Political Labour League. He was later elected secretary of the branch. Mr Bert Cuthbertson of 36 (now 46) Rosa Street. Inaugural president of Oatley Juniors Rugby club



Mrs E Yeldon lost a peggy bag somewhere between St Peter's church Mortdale and her home in Mi Mi St Oatley.

Mrs Percy of Mi Mi Street wanted to sell a new 5 room cottage with city water, gas. Cash or terms

A Goymont of Mi Mi Street wanted a good tip tray.

Mr William C Willings of Yarran Road died aged 61.

A S Fuller - storekeeper of Oatley Parade (news item)

Mr H W Hill of Waratah Street complained about the belated supply of town water to his house.

Mrs Martin of Waratah Street wanted to sell a leather couch and six chairs.

Later she had several cockerels for sale.

Trivett Carrier Oatley: For sale a quiet attractive Draught Horse. Any trial.

Walter Trivett was a carter of Woronora Parade

Mr W Hardy of Mi Mi Street complained to Hurstville Council in September about the raising of the road and footpath so that, he said, his property could not be built upon. He said he would take legal action. Ald Cook was of the opinion that the water was coming from Woronora Parade. It was agreed to set up a committee.

# **Local News**

#### January -

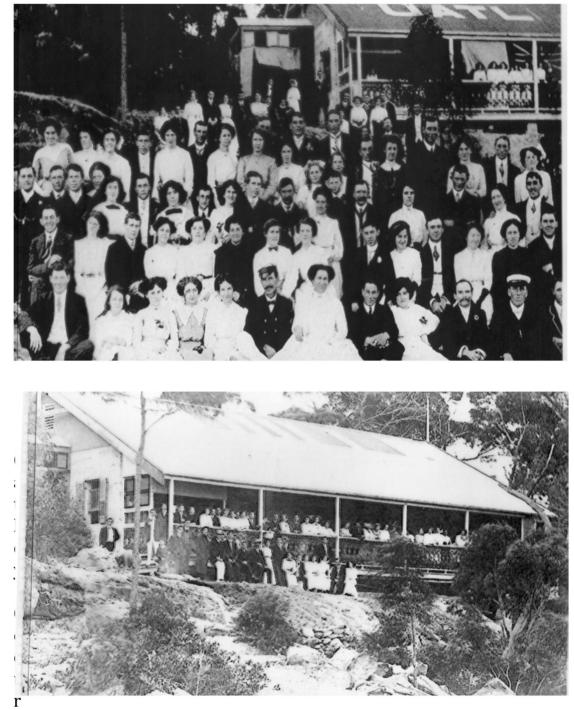
**Drowning Fatality** 

The body of a man found in Georges River on December 27<sup>th</sup> has been identified as that of Edward John Burn, a resident of Chatswood. In company with his family the deceased engaged a cottage at Oatley Bay for the holidays and early on Christmas morning proceeded to the well known rock at Oatley Point to fish. It is surmised he fell into the water and being unable to swim, drowned.

#### **Oatley Swimming Carnival**

A swimming carnival was held at Oatley on Saturday last which proved a marked success. The swimming accommodation was rather limited but as this was the first carnival of its nature held at Oatley, faults will be remedied at the next. Many launches were elaborately decorated and the various events were well contested.





(St George Call):

The Oatley Carnival held last Saturday was a distinct success. Shortly after 3 o'clock the Little Coogee and Bronte Life Savers with their club flags and reels marched onto the ground headed by the Hurstville Band. Hundreds of residents and visitors were along the waterfront, a large area of which was roped off with large nets making it safe from the risk of sharks. Outside this area and forming a picturesque square were motor boats, sailing craft, outriggers, skiffs and the always handy canoe. The program opened with the Oatley Championship swimming race of 100 yards then followed the boys under 14 (50 yards). The surf clubs followed with an interesting demonstration of life-saving.

The amusing side of the carnival was supplied by some of the beach boys in such characters as "Chidley" (who would keep paying attention to a lady of enormous proportion). The "Wayback" family was laughably carried out; the family, after a great deal of misfortune being rescued from a watery bath by the life savers.

After a good afternoon's sport the music struck up and the remainder of the evening was devoted to dancing, songs, step-dances etc. The organisers were assisted by free use of the spacious Queen's Hall and grounds.

Prize winners: Oatley champ F Llewellyn, 50 yds boys: F Dickson; 30yds Boys champ: McElbone.

Note : William Chidley (1860-1916) was a well known sex reformer and eccentric in Sydney at the time. He was several times deemed insane.

Lismore Northern Star 17/04/13

Simple William Fined – William Chidley the simple life advocate and author of "Answer" was fined £8 on a charge of sending an indecent publication through the post.

The Advertiser (Adelaide) reporting: Sydney – Chidley Once More. Fined for carrying an advertisement on a public street.

The Argus Melbourne – Chidley imprisoned – Question of Sanity.

**Bushfires in Peakhurst** 

Bushfires have been the most predominant factor in the Hurstville electorate this week. Large volumes of smoke rolled over Hurstville from fires in the west. Peakhurst as usual contributed its share to the fire fiend.

**Oatley Postal Service** 

In reply to a largely signed petition asking for a delivery of mails on the low-lying part of Oatley Mr Riches received the following reply from the Deputy Post Master general.

"I have to inform you that the matter has been inquired into and it is found that the amount of mail matter through the Oatley Post Office to the persons residing in the area does not warrant the extension. To extend the delivery the letter carrier would be compelled to travel a round about route over rugged bush tracts to get from one house to another."

Later in October -

Some time back a petition from some fifty Oatley residents was turned down by the department. A further request received better consideration and Mr W Johnson has forwarded the following letter from the PMG.

With reference to my communication of the 18th January intimating that a communication had been received through Mr W Taylor MLA from Mrs Riches Russell Street Oatley asking for the extension of letter delivery to her residence I have to intimate that the matter has been inquired into and that it has been decided to re-organise the Hurstville deliveries and to establish a new delivery from the Oatley Post Office.

#### February

At a meeting of the Oatley Progress Association held on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> ult. the following resolution was carried: That this meeting place on record our appreciation of the services rendered by Alderman E Williams during his term as representative of the rate payers of West Ward Kogarah.

### <u>March</u>

Neighbours Quarrel

A quarrel at Oatley was ventilated at Kogarah Police Court before Mr Love SM. when Eva Perkins summoned Florence Rimoldi for assault, the latter answering with a counter summons. The evidence was conflicting and the Magistrate wound up with dismissing the case against Perkins but in the other Rimoldi was fined £5 with 8/- costs of court, £2/2/- professional costs and £1/13/8 witnesses expenses; in default six weeks imprisonment.

### The Continuing Drought

The continuing dry weather was beginning to cause much inconvenience in the outlying portions of Oatley and Peakhurst. Women carrying water from the more thickly populated centres where water is laid on is an everyday occurrence. The Late Storm

Damage was done throughout the district that brought 765 points in 12 hours. Mortdale requested State help. Many houses was destroyed or damaged.

### <u>April</u>

Peakhurst Park

Hurstville Council has received £10 from the Lands Department for improving Peakhurst Park.



### Water main

The Water and Sewerage Board have decided to extend the water main along Boundary Rd and Myall St Oatley providing the deficiency in revenue caused thereby is made up.

### Courts

H Towers, a builder from Letitia St Oatley was sentenced in the quarter sessions to nine months hard labour for larceny of co-partnership money. The accused had appropriated £175 and left for England. Harry Towers had been secretary of the Oatley School of Arts in 1910. He built St Pauls in Rosa Street and the School of Arts .

### Mr Fuller at Oatley

Mr G Fuller MHR the Liberal candidate for Illawarra delivered an address at Oatley on Tuesday. He attacked the referendums vigorously and condemned the Federal government for opening branches of the Commonwealth savings bank in opposition to the various state savings banks.

#### Harvest thanksgiving

Thanksgiving services in connection with the Parish churches were held on Sunday when thank offerings of fruit and produce will be received. A sale of gifts and a Social were held in St Pauls Oatley on Monday and Tuesday.

#### NSW Liberal Association

A meeting of the Oatley branch of the above was to be held in the local School of Arts on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> of April. Business: Election of Officers. At 8pm. K Arnold organiser.

#### May

Mr Colebourne of Oatley has taken his seat at Kogarah council representing West Ward. In response to advertisements declaring the council vacancy no nominations were received on time, Mr Colebourne's was late. Under the circumstances his election has to be approved by the government.

#### Wyong Street

Ald. Colebourne had a motion at Kogarah Council for the expenditure of  $\pm 142/10/0$  in forming the bottom portion of Wyong Street which runs down, or should do, to the water's edge. It was decided to call for tenders for a 12 foot road.

### Oatley Rugby

At a meeting held at the Oatley School of Arts it was decided to form a Rugby Football team to be known as the Oatley District Juniors. The following officers were elected.

President Mr Bert Cuthbertson of 36 (now 46) Rosa Street.

Vice Pres Mr W Whittaker

Hon Sec Mr D Stead

Referee Mr S A Stead. Samuel Stead a trunk maker of Letitia Street Coach Mr Geo Fletcher Labourer of Oatley Avenue

Captain - Mr Bell Walker of Waratah Street, an artificial limb maker in 1915

The team met Penshurst at Penshurst Park on Saturday last and won 6 nil. A match was arranged for next Saturday at Sutherland.

### <u>June</u>

#### Wyong Street

Kogarah Council was calling tenders for the forming and ballasting of 20 chains in Wyong Street Oatley.

### Landslip on Railway Line

The heavy rains on Monday night last caused a large amount of earth in the railway cutting between Mortdale and Oatley to fall on the line. About midnight a train ran into the obstruction and a step on the engine was broken off. A gang of men eventually made the line clear.

### July

Hurstville Municipal Bye Election: Peakhurst Ward. Saturday (Candidate) Mr Bradford was a "well known and popular businessman. He is a hustler and is doing much to push the district forward". Polling Places were St Georges Hall (Mortdale) and Peakhurst School of Arts.

Mr Bradford lost the election in a close count. Only 177 votes were cast.

### **Oatley School of Arts**

The annual meeting of the Oatley School of Arts was held on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> July. The President Mr J. Williamson was in the chair. The Hon. Treasurer Mr J. Stibbs presented the balance. Messes L Trivett and W Taylor Hon Auditors. The Hon Secretary Mr Bert Cuthbertson reported on the year's work showing a total membership of 124 with 30 unfinancial members and the total of new members at 46 for the term.

A total of 146 new books had been added to the library. Five public lectures had been held while the Debating Club had encouraged membership. The organizing work in connection with the ambulance class was almost complete while the Dramatic Club was also running smoothly.

The election of officers then took place. President: Mr J Williamson, Vice presidents: Messers L Trevitt & A Derwent; Treasurer Mr John Stibbs; Secretary Mr B Cuthbertson, Committee: Ald WG Colebourne, A Francis, D Stibbs, A Ward, W Whittaker, G Agate, C Byron, W Taylor. Three librarians were appointed. (St G C)

#### August

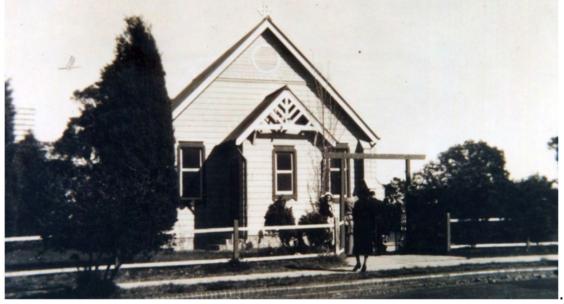
St Pauls Oatley

For the future services will be held at St Pauls church Oatley in the morning in addition to the usual evening services.

The second anniversary of the laying of the foundation stone of St Pauls Church of England Oatley was commemorated on Sunday last. There was a special service for Sunday scholars at 3 o'clock when the Rev. J W Ferrier preached.

A good start has been made with the St Pauls tennis club at Oatley. The members propose uniting for an afternoon's work clearing the ground preparatory to laying down the court.

The lantern lecture "Life in the Royal Navy" was delivered at St John's Church Oatley on Tuesday and was appreciated



(Photo of original St Pauls)

**More Lighting Poles** 

The Lighting Committee of Hurstville Council would consider additional lamps for Woronora Parade, Wonoona Parade, Mi Mi Street and Griffiths Street.

Roadworks were also recommended and an aldermanic inspection called for, Ald Cook (a busy man) suggested it be an evening visit.



Ratepayer (scornfully): Certainly I do object! Ald Cook might be a JP; the owner of a cabbage patch and wear glasses but when he wants progressive aldermen to visit important work by lamp light I think he ought to take up 'possum shooting Mortdale Lad- Garn! you ought to see him play baseball

#### Mortdale Fire Brigade

The sixth annual ball of the Mortdale Fire Brigade was held on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> ult at St Georges Hall; about 150 persons being present.

#### Train on Wrong Line

The prompt action of night officer McGuiness prevented a serious railway accident at 5 o'clock yester morning. A train starting from Oatley was shunted on to the wrong track consequently it came to Mortdale on the Main up line instead of the down line. A train from Sydney was approaching on the same line. Night officer McGuiness rushed down the road with a red light stopping the train in time. An inquiry is to be held.

<u>September</u> St Pauls Church A Tea meeting and concert will be held next Saturday 13<sup>th</sup>. Tea at 6pm, Concert at 8pm. Tickets 1s, Children half price. Rev Dixon Hudson Rector.

#### Picnic at Oatley

For some weeks past preparation has been made for giving an outing to sixty children of the Church of England Rescue Home at the Glebe. The Mothers Unions of Mortdale and Hurstville combined to give the outing. A generous response was made to appeals for help and a splendid repast was served. Boating was indulged in and sports helped to pass a happy day at Linmark's grounds Oatley. Revs Dixon Hudson and EN Wilton assisted by a band of willing ladies saw to the comfort and happiness of the children.

Harry Linmark lived in Rosa Street, he was a boat proprietor.



Reverend Dixon Hudson was rector of Hurstville parish. He knew famous people and received a letter from Lord Roberts thanking him for information supplied in regard to compulsory military training in Australia (Field Marshall 1<sup>st</sup> Earl Roberts supported National service in Britain). The great general concluded by saying "I should be ungrateful if I doubted the loyalty and patriotism of my fellow countrymen or believed that our young men would refuse the small sacrifice demanded in order to keep whole and unimpaired the grand heritage entrusted to their care." (July 4th)

Rev Dixon-Hudson sponsored a Popular Science lecture at the Hurstville parish hall on the topic "Energy and what it means" (Sept 24<sup>th</sup>)

Mr J W Bayley hosted the first evening service in connection with the Oatley Methodist church on the verandah of his residence Beth-Eden 77 Letitia Street. The service was conducted on 14<sup>th</sup> September by Mr J Berryman.



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Beth Eden 1913
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<u>October</u>

Georges River Sailing Regatta

Georges River Sailing club was planning a big regatta about Xmas whereby a number of sailing and motor boat races, a best-and-best skiff race and a Gladstone skiff race would be held.

Public baths

Attempts were being made to have a public swimming bath erected at Oatley Bay.

### **Oyster Prosecution**

Another oyster prosecution was dealt with at Kogarah Police Court last week when Ernest Whitehead was charged with removing oysters from a lease on the shores of the Georges River without permission. The defendant stated that he was under the impression he could take the oysters provided he didn't carry them away. For having this erroneous idea the magistrate imposed a fine of  $\pounds 4/2/$ -.

#### Tennis

A match between Oatley and Mortdale Methodists was played on the Oatley club's ground on Saturday last. Mortdale won five sets to three. Mr John Stibbs President of the Oatley Tennis Club entertained the Country Order Department of F Lassetter and Co at a tennis party at the club grounds on Saturday. Several sets were played. All present then sat down to a sumptuous repast. A musical evening followed after which a move was made to the station, everyone feeling they had spent a most enjoyable time. ( St George Call: Oatley Occurrences)

#### November

State Election Campaign Mr Varney Parke MLA the selected liberal candidate was to address electors at Woronora Parade Oatley on Thursday November 13<sup>th</sup>. Mr James Murray addressed members at Oatley Railway subway on Saturday Nov 15<sup>th</sup> at 8pm.

Twenty-three residents of Alice Street Oatley (now Asquith Street) asked Kogarah Council to form the street as tradespeople were refusing to call.

At the suggestion of Ald. Colebourne the agitation to secure some of the vacant land near Oatley station was to be hung up until after the elections.

At a meeting of the Georges River Sculling Club held on Sunday night it was decided to allow ladies to join the club after which several young ladies were proposed as members.

A row on the Georges River is a pleasant thing and certainly more beneficial than an evening at the opera.

December

Bushfires threatened houses in Peakhurst

Unjust Weighing machine

Kogarah Police Court. Proceedings against A S Fuller a storekeeper of Oatley Parade Oatley for keeping a spring balance weighing machine which was unjust 6 ounces.

The defendant stated that he knew the machine was unjust but he always allowed for that and made up the deficiency.

The magistrate said it was a wicked deliberate swindle on the public and fined the accused £5 or two months hard labour.

Christmas – there was little fuss in the local papers.

# **Real Estate**

Waterfront land Oatley Bay (no size given) £165 or £65 deposit and £2 a month.

Land Mi Mi Street £40. 4 minutes from station. £5 dept bal £1 monthly.

Mr Myles McRae wrote to Hurstville Council stating he would pay £100 per annum for four years if the Council took over the roads of the Donnelly-Fisher estate at Oatley when sub-divided.

Cheap cottage in Oatley Schloeffel and Paul

For sale Oatley two blocks each 66 x 165 (20mx50m) Price £38 block Four roomed WB (weatherboard) cottage Oatley, eight feet enclosed back verandah , gas stove, bath, tub, copper £395 – £150 dep balance 15s week

Oatley Avenue fine shop site 33 ft frontage £3 foot cash E A Bradford Real Estate Mortdale

Blocks and cottages in Mi Mi and Waratah Streets eg Mi Mi Brick cottage four rooms, pantry, all cons, gas, water, tiled hearths and grates Near station £100 dep

Oatley Two furn. Rooms to let. Use kit. Infant no object. Nice home locality and family. To Let Oatley DF Brick cottage 5 rooms 14s

Oatley DF (double front) brick cottage 3 rms kit, ev con 66 x 165 £500 also DF WB cottage near new 5 rms splendid pos 6 min sta 66 x 165 £300

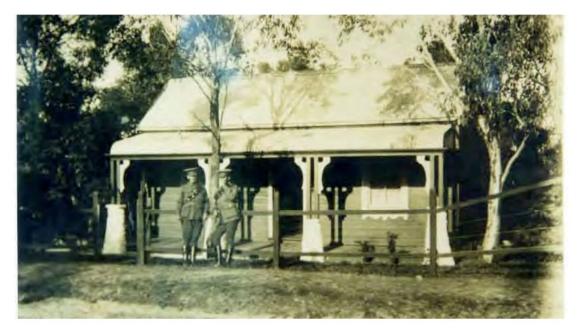
Oatley cnr blk 66 x 165 £65 £155 new cottage ½ acre land

Georges River deep water frontages 40 x 695 (12mx212m) from £25 per block

Oatley WB Cott. 5 rms nearly new close Bay £310



Cuthbertson house Rosa Street c1913



Oatley Park Estate comprises 310 allotments Auction sale tomorrow Sat 29<sup>th</sup> November.

Note: Very low key advertisement compared to the "Pride of Mortdale" auction on 8th March 1913



For Sale small cottage gas, water, fixed tubs copper, bath 66 x 165 £275 cash Also adjoining block "Saltaire" Mi Mi Street.

#### <u>Note</u>

Average pay for male factory workers was about £160, female £72 Average pay for male managers and clerks was £265 female £120 Overall average pay was about £200 pa ie you could buy a house in Oatley for a bit more than twice the yearly salary of a clerk. Junior clerk's position advertised at Hurstville council - £75 pa On today's average \$75000 pa ie you would need ten times that to buy a house in Oatley.

One pound in 1913 is worth about \$50 today.

Average salary = nearly \$10000 house price \$25000 approx

Food Prices Sweet oranges 4d and 6d a dozen, Eating apples 3-6d a doz Mandarins 2-4d doz. Dry sweet pumpkins 1 ½ lb Spinach 1 ½ d a bunch, carrots 1d 3lb stewing steak 6d 6lb mince 1s Corned beef 1cwt 15s Dripping 6d Lamb forequarter 1/9

# Oatley in the wider community

# Transport

<u>Rail</u>

The Chief Railways Commissioner wrote about punctuality on the Illawarra line. He said that with the review of the timetable for the summer season (from 27<sup>th</sup> October) the 6.20 from Sydney to Oatley was altered to leave at 6.21 There were trains at 6.25 and 6.27. Passenger traffic on the Illawarra line had increased considerably. But until the quadruplification of the line to Sydenham is complete there will be difficulty in satisfying the passengers.

A complaint about the 6.21pm to Oatley. The train left from Sydney station platforms 14 and 15 where young girls, women and children had no shelter from the rain. There were fights between incoming and outgoing passengers and people were seen getting into the train through the windows.

Hurstville Progress Association discussed the railway service to Penshurst, Mortdale and Oatley. Between 5 and 7o'clock at night too many trains called only to Rockdale and Hurstville where passengers had to get out and wait for a train to go a mile or two further. It was decided to hold an indignation meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> September.

## Railway Overcrowding

In a reply to a letter from Hurstville Council the Railways Department wrote stating they could not put on one first class and seven second class carriages on the 5.27 from Sydney to Sutherland as suggested. Ald. Hunt stated that one night he counted 153 persons standing in second class while 23 first class seats were vacant.

Friday night Shopping in Sydney. One could catch the 11.22 train home

<u>Roads</u>

Roads were generally reported to be in a bad state. There was a request to Kogarah Council to regrade Oatley Ave between Frederick St and the Gully The state of Frederick St was described as deplorable.

Forest Road was demanding much attention

### Children Pull a Motor

An amusing though annoying spectacle was witnessed in The Strand (Mortdale) last week. Dr McLeod's motor car remained bogged in the mud for some time and a baker's cart was requisitioned to drag it out. The load being too heavy for the horse a long rope was secured and fastened to the car, and about 30 school children pulling at the other end – in addition to the horse - did the trick. The doctor smiled outwardly but what he thought inwardly of the Council we would not like to conjecture.

A rate payer writes to say that he invites any Hurstville alderman to drive out in his sulky with him and guarantees to wear out the seat of the Adly's pants in three minutes or break his neck in half an hour. If unsuccessful in this he promises to have him bogged within the hour. He concludes by saying that the alderman will have nothing to lose as he would guarantee his funeral expenses. (Propeller. June 20<sup>th</sup>)

### The Road to Cronulla

With the approach of summer the motor trip between Sydney and Cronulla is becoming increasingly popular and complaints are frequently made regarding the shocking state of some roads within the Kogarah Municipality. On a recent Sunday no fewer than 214 motor cars crossed on the punt at Tom Ugly's Point and during the week the traffic is also heavy.

For not waiting his turn to board the Tom Ugly's punt a man named Joseph was fined £1 and £1 costs last week. Constable Winters of Hurstville prosecuted and stated that there were about 200 vehicles waiting but the defendant refuse to go back and wait his turn.

But when you get to Cronulla don't try sunbathing:

For lying on the sand at Cronulla clad only in a bathing costume a surfbather was ordered on Wednesday to pay £ 1/15 or five days imprisonment. The Shire Council intends to put a stop to this practice (Propeller Dec  $12^{\text{th}}$ )

There was an expressed need for an aeroplane service in Sydney

## Health

St George Cottage Hospital

In 1912 there were 583 patients treated at the hospital nearly twice the number treated in 1909. The beds were not nearly sufficient and there was no room to place any more. The hospital had been running for 21 years having opened in 1882.

A district nurse was appointed who was able to treat patients in their homes.

Egg Day was celebrated in St George on Wednesday in aid of St George Cottage Hospital. No fewer than 750 dozen eggs were collected by school children.

### Infectious diseases

Only one person in every 380 in Hurstville based on a population of 11000 suffered from an infectious disease: diphtheria, scarlet fever and typhoid fever.

### Smallpox, a serious worry

Smallpox – or what is believed to be such- has broken out in Penshurst. In a family of ten, eight people have contracted the disease. They were removed today into quarantine. (July 18<sup>th</sup>)

In order to be immunised from small-pox Messrs Walters and Middleton, the well-known Hurstville timber merchants, have had the whole of their huge staff vaccinated. Dr White of Carlton, assisted by a nurse, performed the operations.

Ten Commandments of good health

## **Council Amalgamations**

Greater St George – amalgamate the four councils (including Bexley Council)? Greater Sydney (Hawkesbury to Georges Rivers –a Royal Commission was set up by NSW Government)

Major and extensive discussions

#### Sport

Rugby League/Rugby Union Cricket Sculling Baseball Tennis

## Effects of the Gas Strike (March)

The sudden cessation of work by the gas employees caused much inconvenience in Hurstville. So short was the notice that nobody prepared for it. On Friday night the shopkeepers transacted business with a feeble flicker of gaslight assisted with kerosene lamps and candles. The banks were closed. In the Propeller office much inconvenience was caused. No pressure of gas could be secured to drive the gas engine.

## **Development Proposals** Mr Varney Parkes MLA (August)

To electrify the Illawarra suburban railway in conjunction with the City Railway.

To dredge the Georges River where silting has occurred

To expand the sewerage system for Carlton, Hurstville and Bexley as rapidly as funds permit

To set up a steam punt from Sans Souci to Taren Point – funds will be available in the 1914 Estimates

To remodel Mortdale Station – build an overhead bridge and abolish the level crossing

To quadrify the railway line from Sydenham to Hurstville and Como. To inspect Como bridge with a view to raising it and constructing an additional deck for another line and vehicular traffic.

## **Elections**

Federal May

Mrs Burns wife of the selected Labour candidate for Illawarra, believed women should take more interest in Politics. One lady when asked if her husband was supporting Mr Burns said it was as much as her husband could do to support her and their children.

Mr Burns won the seat. The Liberal candidate was Mr Fuller.

The naming of the Federal Capital on 13<sup>th</sup> March did not gain a mention.

StateDecember: Roll 14200 turnout 72%. Oatley 4% (520voters on roll)Mortdale 7% Dumbleton 8.5%

Candidates for Hurstville: Captain Toombs Labour, Varney Parkes Liberal, James Murray New Movement. It was a two stage election. Mr Murray was eliminated in the first round.

Toombs was elected after the second ballot.

Botany Bay. A plank of the New Movement ("Democrat") Party "We want the old leg-iron penal settlement name of Botany Bay which stinks in the nostrils of Europe to be cancelled and as the coast resembles a bow it should be called the Bay of Isis or Diana. A century from now all around this end of Botany Bay will be the palaces of the locality."

Hon W M Hughes addressed a public meeting in the Hurstville Hall on 29<sup>th</sup> November. Capt Tombs attended.

Local council elections were to be held January 1914

## Education

The necessity of providing a High School for St George was impressed upon the Minister for Public Instruction.

A high school for girls was promised for St George which is no doubt will be established at Rockdale. The inconvenience caused by children having to go to either Erskineville or Cleveland Street to complete their education was very great. (October)

# No-License Campaign (June)

A meeting was held on Tuesday last in the St Georges Hall Mortdale where Mrs H Lee Cowle the well-known temperance lecturer of New Zealand spoke on the subject of No License. A large audience greeted the lecturer who dealt in a lucid and convincing manner with the evils arising from the existence of licensed houses.

# **Telephone Troubles**

Saturday night's gale severed some cable or line or something of the kind which threw two or three hundred of the telephones of the local service out of order. (15<sup>th</sup> March, St G Call)

**Desecration of the Sabbath** was a newsworthy issue:

*Curate:* What, going to work again on Sunday and taking your lunch with you?

*Pat:* Yes your rivverence I'm like yerself: I'm preparing a home for myself on high



Letter to the Editor - anonymous

"Your would-be funny sketch in the last issue is quite uncalled for. Church Councils would be inconsistent did they not draw attention to what you know too well is wrong and would have been punished by death in the days of Moses. Perhaps you forget that by our own law at present for flying a flag on Sunday a man might be placed in the stocks. You are too thick in the skin to see that you have hurt the feelings of half those who advertise in a paper that would be an excellent acquisition to the locality had it the good fortune to be in the hands of a gentleman."

Editor- "The writer of the forgoing letter has been guilty of one of the meanest acts – he has not had the moral courage to sign his name. The best place for such an insinuating anonymous writer is a seat in the stocks that he so glibly talks about, with a few long spikes sticking into his sitting apparatus."

### Advertising -

Eg Coal, Blacksmith, Building and carpentry, Produce stores, Drapery and dressmaking, Dentist, Nurse, Real estate, Dress making, Teachers of Elocution, Steamer travel eg Sundays – Sans Souci, Brighton, Botany, Kurnell etc, etc

Edison home phonograph with 72 records £7

#### **Entertainment**

Dances

Many social gatherings held by churches, sports clubs etc in Oatley E.g. A select Social will be held at the Peakhurst School of Arts next Saturday March 8. Dancing 8 till 12. Gent's (sic) 1s Ladies invited. Good Music.

"A Surprise Party" will be held at Hodgson's Hall Penshurst Friday 28<sup>th</sup> Dancing 8 till 4. Gents 2s Ladies provide.

Movies: "At the Hurstville Picture Palace tonight the principal film will be the film "Children's sports at the Showground". On Monday "The Penalty of Crime" will be shown. Next Saturday the second instalment of Captain Scott's South Pole film will be shown.

The star picture at the Hurstville Picture Palace tonight will be "Her Heart's Desire" (2100ft). The new pathe-color scheme in which the pictures were shown in their natural colors was now in vogue at the Palace.

Ticket price 1/- and 6d. on  $10^{\text{th}}$  Sept. Proceeds to St George Cottage Hospital.

Harvey's Sans Souci Bathes. Continentals every Monday and Wednesday Evening. Admission 3d. Hours 7 to 9, Ladies 11 to 1 (Sundays Excepted).

Euchre parties were frequently held in local halls.

**Debating Issues** (topics considered by) Hurstville Parliamentary (Debating) Society)

Signed articles in the press are against the best interest of the community

A vigorous policy of immigration is necessary for the future of this country

War should be abolished (defeated)

Make vaccination compulsory for children over a certain age

Compulsory training under the Commonwealth Defence Act should not apply to anyone under the age of 18 Votes for women should be extended to Britain (defeated)

#### Recipes eg Propeller 28/03/13

Beef olives Sultana pudding Creamed eggs with mushrooms Chicken livers a l'Indienne Kidney pudding Cutlet pie

### **Fashion**

St George Cottage Hospital Ball held at Hurstville Hall on 23<sup>rd</sup> May: A big event

Fashion: Miss E Hunt- blue ninon over pink satin and silver trimmings. Miss Johnson – cream silk with bugle trimmings.

Miss L Poole - cream silk with lace overdress.

Miss Fripp - cream crepe-de-chine white silk and rosette of tangerine trille.

Peakhurst School of Arts Fifth Annual Ball (28<sup>th</sup> July). Thirty five couples. Miss Bonner: Shell pink satin, Charmeuse and crepe ninon



Miss Patrick Eau de nil crepe mirle

Note: "We hear so much about the rights of women now-a-days that one would naturally conclude mere man had no rights at all, and was not entitled to an. Sad to say he has many wrongs... " Propeller 23/05/13

#### **Celebrations**

### Rosie's birthday party (February)

Mr and Mrs Freeman of Station Street Mortdale gave a juvenile party on 25<sup>th</sup> ult. in honour of the twelfth birthday of their only daughter Rosie. At three o'clock the young guests commenced to arrive to the number of thirty and were entertained in the main body of the new home in course of erection arranged for the festive occasion. The little maiden was the recipient of many pretty presents and her playmates enclosing her in a hand circle sang musical honours to her. Games were indulged in also songs and fancy dancing and a tempting repast was served with the birthday cake around a cool retreat. At nine pm the guests reluctantly dispersed giving ringing cheers for Rosie and her parents.

#### 21<sup>st</sup> Birthday

On the 21inst. (August) in response to the invitation of Mr and Mrs. Holt of Lily St Hurstville a party of about 100 guests met at the Hurstville Recreation Hall to celebrate the 21<sup>st</sup> birthday of their son Charles. Dancing, singing, recitations and games were indulged in and late in the evening an adjournment was made to the supper table where toasts were given and honoured.

#### Empire Day Loyalty - Mortdale Public School

The Empire day celebrations at Mortdale Public School were a great success. About 400 children and 100 parents were present. Addresses were delivered by Mayor Patrick (Mayor of Hurstville and chairman of the school board) and Revs Schloefell, White, Ferrier and Tiddy. The flag was unfurled with great ceremony. Patriotic songs were rendered by the children and the whole concluded with the singing of the National Anthem.

#### **Military Training**

The Defence Act 1909 made training and service compulsory in time of peace following a visit by Lord Kitchener in 1905. The strength of the Australian army rose to nearly 50000 in 1913.

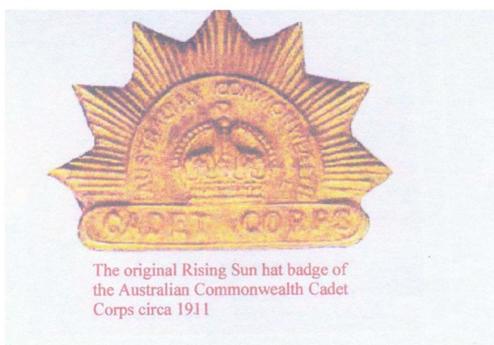
Trainees were fined and imprisoned for not attending training sessions so there was a need of local training centres.

The establishment of a drill hall and rifle range in Hurstville for the compulsory trainees has been receiving the attention of the military authorities for some time past. Hurstville council recommended that 1 ½ acres of Penshurst Park be granted to the state government for the purpose of building a drill hall. A local rifle range would accommodate 800 trainees at a time. The length of the rifle range would be about 1000 yards. It was moved that a portion of Peakhurst Park be offered for this purpose. (March)

#### Military Ball

On Thursday night August 28<sup>th</sup> at Bretts Hall Kogarah a military ball was held under the auspices of the 38<sup>th</sup> Battalion of senior cadets.

At last Saturday's cadet march the Hurstville Kogarah battalion contributed the third largest unit – vis 1091 boys – on the march (9<sup>th</sup> May)



Senior cadets were fined for being absent without leave from compulsory training or confined to Victoria Barracks also named and shamed.

#### Railway fatality

In a happy and contented frame of mind Reuben McGregor 14 years of age and employed at Newlands bedding factory in the city enjoyed his parents' evening meal at George Street Mortdale last Tuesday, this fact was remarked on by his parents at the time. An hour or so later he was picked up between two sets of rails on the line at Hurstville station in a dying condition by a young man who heard sounds of moaning. It is supposed that the unfortunate youth who had informed his parents that he had to attend compulsory training caught the 7.45pm train to Hurstville alighted on the wrong side and was cut down. Dr McLeod was summoned and ordered him to the Cottage hospital whither he was taken by senior Constable Cross but he died three hours after admission.

16<sup>th</sup> August – ten months before the assignation of Arch Duke Ferdinand at Sarajevo-The Balkans was known to be a hot spot and Great Britain and the Empire were known to be tied into European treaties.

St George Call:

As in the case of the Balkans it is impossible to say at one time that war will or will not break out so it is impossible to say that actual legal war may not be made by some citizens of East Ward Kogarah upon the local council over the matter of kerbing and guttering. (St G C)

Recent events in "the Balkans" remind me of what a French Traveller said of these peoples some years ago when protest was made about Turkish misgovernment while no attention was paid to their interracial habits "They are wild peoples who hate the Turk but howl at each other when passing on a road". St G C 19/07

Sept 13 We are not taking any interest in Cronulla in the question of an agreement between Turkey and Bulgaria. What we want to know is when the pound will be opened for the reception of a certain black horse which seems to be in everybody's yard at once.

<u>Humour</u> –

Not so funny Classified - NOTICE: If residents of Mortdale do not cease slandering my character legal action will be taken against them Mrs Parker Crump St Mortdale REWARD (Feb 7<sup>th</sup>)

Wise and Otherwise: (Propeller)

"You treat that man very respectfully.

Yes he's one of our earliest settlers.

An early settler! Why old man he cannot be more that forty years old. No but he pays his bills on the first of the month."

"Tommy what did you do with that penny I gave you for taking your medicine?

I bought a bun with one halfpenny and I gave Jimmy the other one to drink the medicine for me."

He: "Miss Kitty I've heard it said that a kiss without a moustache is like an egg without salt. Is that so?"

She: "Well, really I don't know I can't tell – for in all my life I never – " He: "What now Miss Kitty!"

She: "Never tasted an egg without salt!"

## **4. Population and Demographics**

The early communities in Oatley were in Neverfail Bay, Gungah Bay, Lime Kiln Bay and near the railway after 1885. The river communities access to the outside world was by boat or after the railway by walking to Oatley or boat to Como.

The information sources used were

1891 Government Census
1901 Government Census
1910 Sands Directory
1915 Sands Directory
1913 and 1915 Commonwealth Electoral roles..

The section below is shown in detail in Appendix 2. This section is the substance of Rodger Robertson's talk at the OHHS meeting in November 2013.

### **Oatley Population**

•	1886	9 in two houses	(D	[Hatton]	
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- 1891 60 plus 38 men under canvass
- working on line duplication?
- 1901 225
- 1913 Approx 500 adults and over 1000 including children
- 2011 10098

#### 1891 census

- 64 males and 34 females
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- Frederick Street Chisholm
- Letitia Albert Urquhart and W Hamburger
- Mulga William Bruce
- Oatley Pde Brown, Grose, Grange
- Oatley Estate 38 men under canvas
- Oatley Platform Joseph Fletcher
- Wonoona Anne Smith
  - Neverfail Bay Thomas Thompson, Andrew Derwent,

Russell Emerson

 Rosa Harry Linmark, Michael O'Connor, William Crane
 Waratah William Fletcher

#### 1901 Census

• 118 males and 107 females shown in Oatley

#### 1913/1915 Electoral Rolls

From electoral roles- only voting adults. Where they lived in 1913/15

		10			0
•	Algernon Street	12		Hurstville Road	8
٠	Alice Street	22		Letitia Street	43
•	Annette Street	26		Llewelyn Street	3
٠	Arcacia Street	2		Mi Mi Street	65
•	Bay Road	6		Mimosa Street	3
•	Blanche Street	2		Mulga Road	2
٠	Boundary Road	2		Myall Street	67
٠	Frederick Street	13		Neville Street	5
	Oatley Avenue	14			
٠	Oatley Bay	3		Waratah Street	46
٠	Oatley Parade	26		Waterfall Road	2
•	Oatley Road?	6		William Street	9
•	Park Road	1		Wonoona Pde east	13
•	Peakhurst Park Rd	3		Wonoona Pde west	4
•	Rosa Street	44		Woronora Pde	50
•	Russell Street 7			Wyong/Cecil/Neverfail	
				Bay	25
•	Seaforth Avenue	4		Yarran Road	4
٠	Southern Street	1			
•		total	561		

### Mens occupations in Oatley

•	Labourer	39
•	carpenter	21
•	clerk	15
•	packer/storeman	12
•	engineer	9
•	brickmaker	7
•	carter	7

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٠	Bricklayer	6
•	painter	6
•	cabinet maker	5
•	Iron Moulder/monger	5
•	commercial traveller	4
•	electrician	4
	Printer	4
•	boilermaker	3
•	bootmaker	3
•	coachbuilder	3
•	compositor	3
•	draper	3
•	engine driver	3
•	fisherman/oyster	3
•	Grocer	3
•	independent means	3
•	photographer	3
•	retired	3
•	salesman	3
•	seaman	3
•	shipwright	3
	Tailor/cutter	3
	Others less than 2 occurences in Oatley	<i>y</i> .

### Women's Occupations

•	Home Duties	261
•	Dressmaker	4
•	Stenographer	1
•	Tailoress	3
•	Saleswomen	2
•	Packer	1
•	Clerk	2
•	Machinist	1
•	Bookbinder	1

### <u>APPENDIX 1</u>

#### **Oatley in the News**

The extracts from newspapers are shown below to see the events of Oatley in this era.

### WAR WIDOWS. HOME OPENED AT OATLEY. The Burstville Voluntary Workers' Association opened their first cottage on Saturday afternoon at Wazatah-street. Oatley Those

afternoon at Waratah-street, Oatley Those present included Dr. Arthur, M L.A. (originator of the Voluntary Workers' Association), Captain Toombs, M L.A., Dr. Mary Booth, Mr. G. Fitzpatrick (organising secretary), and Mrs. Richardson (assisting secretary). The home, which is of weatherboard, with all modern conveniences, was hafded over by Dr. Arthur, to Mrs. Lemon, whose husband, Sergeant Lemon, was killed at Lone Fine on August 6, 1915. The ceremony was presided over by the Mayor of Hurstville, Alderman Bradford.

Dr. Arthur made a vigorous appeal for more workers to help the men who had returned disabled, and said that he considered it a crying shame that there should be over a hundred members of the Australian Women's Service Corps doing manual work in the building of homes at French's Forest, while there were thousands of able-bodied young men shirking their responsibilities, and attending He did not think the races and other sports. the race-goers were one bit worse than the cricketers or other alleged sports, who carried on this useless pleasure. The speaker said he was grateful for what had been ac-complished by the various voluntary workers, but would not rest content until thousands were assisting.

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The Sydney Morning Herald (NSW : 1842 - 1954), Monday 12 February 1917, page 8

## LIMEKILN BAY MYSTERY.

#### BODY FOUND AT OATLEY.

#### THAT OF MISSING TEACHER. Sydney, 24th April.

No doubt is entertained that the woman whose body was found in the scrub on the above of Limekiln Bay, George's River, Oatley, on Sunday, is that of Mrs. Sylvia Theresa James, B.A., 46, who has been missing from her home in Cardwell-street, Canley Vale, since 27th January. The detectives have detained a man, but so far have not been able to clear up the mystery as to how Mrs. James met her death.

The police are now awaiting a report from the Covernment analyst, to whom portions of the body have been sent.

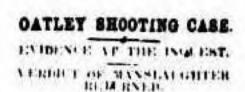
Mrs. James left her home on 27th Jannary with her husband, who was leading a horse, as it was his intention to go beyond the Camramatta railway station, to which they were walking, and get their sulky.

On reaching the station, Mrs. James told her husband that she would wait there until he came back, but when he returned she was not there. He endeavored to trace her, and when he failed, reported her disappearance to the police. He also advertised for her, but could not obtain any information as to her whereabouts. Her body, when found, was unrecognisable, but was identified by her clothing.

Mrs. Jumes, who was born at Marseilles, France, was a woman of educational and musical attainments, being B.A. and an A.L.C.M. She came to Sydney from New Zealand, where she was a school teacher, and was teaching at Parramatta up to the time of her disappearance. She was also a writer and contributor to some of the Srdney newspapers under the name of Dulcie Bell.

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Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 -1918), Wednesday 25 April 1917, page 3



SYDVEY, Thursday, An implicit was held to day concerning the shouting of Arthur Phillips, aged 22, in a guils at Catler last Saturday week. Eduard No, aged 15, deposed that he and defeased had pitched a tent intending to court for the night. Witness naw one of Phillips' shouts narrowly miss hitting a liftle hay named Bowman. Witness had a r fie under his arm, but he had as idea which way it was pointing. He pulled the tridger and now Phillips stagger back. Witness and Chillips nagger back. Witness and Chillips nagger back. Northern Star (Lismore, NSW : 1876 - 1954), Friday 11 September 1914, page 4

The Sydney Morning Herald (NSW : 1842 - 1954), Monday 12 February 1917, page 8

OATLEY SCHOOL OF ARTS TOURNAMENT. The second round of the Taylor trophy now being played at Oatley School of Arts has been roucluded, with the following results:-C. Derwent beat G. Straney by 39. H. A. Judd beat H. Trevitt by 53. F. Towers beat E. Mills by 54, Reg. Hart beat W. Coleborne by 27. F. Thempson heat B. Lean by 9. J. Yates beat C. Robb by 20. H. Straney heat H. Ward by 13. R. Jones beat A. Phillips by 14. J. Shearing beat R. Brown by 81. In order to reduce the succeeding round to eight players a qualifying heat was played between F. Thompson and J. Shearin, the former winning by 60.

BILLIARDS.

The Sydney Morning Herald (NSW : 1842 - 1954), Monday 6 September 1909, page 11

OATLEY SCHOOL OF ARTS TOURNAMENT. The novice tournament promoted by the committee of Oatley School of Arts has been concluded, with the following result:--Semi-final: R. Brown heat R. Lean by 23, C. Archer beat W. Marshall by 10. Final: R. Brown beat C. Archer by 3.

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### MYSTERY AT OATLEY.

#### Headless Body Found.

SYDNEY, Sunday.-While two residents of Oatley were at Saltpan Creek this morning, they came across the beadless body of a woman lying in the bush. They at once reported the matter to the police. On further investigation the skull was found some distance away. There was nothing to indicate how the head became several from the body, which was decomposed. Apparently the woman had been dead for about two months. The body is that of a woman of about 30 years of age, and Thout 5ft. Ain. in height. Argus (Melbourne, Vic. : 1848 - 1956), Monday 23 April 1917, page 6

## CASUALTIES.

#### SUICIDE AT OATLEY.

The City Coroner (Mr. H. S. Hawkins) returned a verdict of sounde, after inquiry, yesterday into the circumsiances connected with the death of Wilfred Abley, 25, formerly of William-street, Oatley, who died on December 25 from a built would in the head.

According to the evidence, deceased, while at his parents' home in Oatley on the moraing of December 25, fired a shot at his mother, who called out, "I am shot." Her husband rushed into the yard, and saw the son with a rife in his hand. They both took refuge in the house, and the son continued aring shots and walking round the house. One build pierred the wall. After the last shot the father went cutside, and saw his son lying dead, with a builet wound in his head and the rife between his legs. Some days previously father and son had had some words about the latter being a spendihrift.

The Sydney Morning Herald (NSW : 1842 - 1954), Thursday 6 January 1916, page 9

#### OATLEY SCHOOL OF ARTS

Mr. E. Williams presided at the first argoal meeting of the Oatley School of Aris, which was largely attended by subscribers. The report and balancesheet disclosed a very satisfactory state of affairs. There were 72 members on the books, and the library contained some 400 volumes. The billiard table had proved a profitshig addition since it was installed in February last. The following were elected as officebearers. -President Mr. Henry Towers: vice presidents, Mesers. Derwent and Hayward; hon, secretary and librarian, Mesers. J. and D. Stibbs; committee, Mears. Phillips, Cuseo, Presson, Croft, Whittaker, Scholleid, and Kean; anditors, Mears. R. Logg and E. C. Weller.

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The Sydney Morning Herald (NSW : 1842 - 1954), Wednesday 25 July 1906, page 13

The Sydney Morning Herald (NSW : 1842 - 1954), Tuesday 18 November 1902, page 7

#### INQUESTS.

#### DROWNED AT OATLEY.

The City Coroner held an inquiry yesterday into the circumstances connected with the drowning of William Henry Read, 25, a married man, lately residing at 473 Crown-street, Burry Hills. Byidence was given that on Saturday afternoon deceased was fishing at Oatley Bay, when he slipped off the rocks and fell into the water. A man named James Beehag ran to his assistance and threw a line to him. Deceased grasped it, and was being drawn in when the has broke, and he mark. The police were informed, and the body was subsequently recovered in 6ft. of water, and about 40ft. from the porks. A finding of accidental death was recorded. The Sydney Morning Herald (NSW : 1842 - 1954), Thursday 26 July 1906, page 7

#### FIRE AT NEW OATLEY.

Last night a five-roomed brick cottage in Woonons Parade. New Gatley, occupied by Frederick Weaver, was destroyed by fire. The Hurstville and Kogarah fire brigades were in attendance, but owing to the distance they had to travel to reach the place they were unable to mave the premises. The contents were not insured.

OATLEY SCHOOL OF ARTS, The second annual general meeting of the members of the Oatley School of Arts was held on Monday. The president (Mr. H. Towers) complimented the members on the success of the financial position, the credit balance on July 1 being £30 for 7d. During the year a second billiard table was installed, and the library had a welcome addition to its shelves.

The Sydney Morning Herald (NSW : 1842 - 1954), Wednesday 31 July 1907, page 7

The Sydney Morning Herald (NSW : 1842 - 1954), Wednesday 5 July 1916, page 6

FIRE AT OATLEY. A fire occurred at the house of Mr. A. C. Sherwood, in Rone-street, Oatley, late on Saturday night. The building, which is of brick, with tile roof, containing 10 rooms, was, with contents, hedly demaged by fire and water.

#### THE OATLEY SHOOTING SENSATION.

Sydney, Wednesday .- The story of a sensational shooting case at Oatley on December 26 was told this morning in the Coroner's Court at the inquest concerning the death of Wilfred Abbey, Witnesses gave evidence of aged 35. an attack by Abbey on his mother and father before shooting himself. De. ceased had suffered from fits and water on the brain. There had been no quarrel. Coroner Hawkins found that death was due to a bullet wound, self inflict-A widow and one child are left. ed. Thursday 6 January 1916, page 2

Singleton Argus (NSW : 1880 - 1954),

#### COMO-OATLEY PUNT.

The movement initiated by the Come Progress Association for the establishment of a punt service on the George's River, between Come and Oatley, is being taken up enthusisstically in the district. A deputation will wait upon the Minister for Works shortly.

1842 - 1954), Wednesday 1 January 1919, page 8

The Sydney Morning Herald (NSW :

#### FATALITY AT OATLEY.

A fatal accident occurred rarly of Turnday evening near Oatley station, when Percival Courtney, 45, was run over by a train and fatally injured. He is survived by a wife and eight children. The Sydney Morning Herald (NSW : 1842 - 1954), Thursday 27 May 1920, page 10

## APPENDIX

## Streets of Oatley 1913 and 1915 Electoral Rolls

The Electoral Rolls for 1913 (East Oatley or Kogarah) and the roll for Hurstville side (1915 as the 1913 roll for Hurstville side is unavailable) have been analysed. The roll shows those of voting age and their occupation. "HD" is home duties which about 95% of women use.

Some addresses are suspect- many people said Princes Street Mortdale was in Oatley and a couple used Morts Road Oatley- Colebourne Avenue was originally Morts Road. The boundary between east and west had been moved in 1905 with the railway moving but the council lines had yet to be agreed so their maybe errors in the comparison of 1913 and 1915 rolls.

Peakhurst Park Road and Park Avenue, Cecil and Wyong and Neverfail Bay are used to describe the same place. Gungah Bay road was Gungah Road. Also there was some confusion with Oatley Road and just Oatley. I have grouped like places together so to describe what we now take as the address.

Note that many current streets are not represented and clearly no one lived in the yet to be subdivided streets.

The Sands Directory of 1915 is also used as there are cases of it showing people in residence but not on the roll.

### Ada Street

Robbie	Sarah	HD
Stibbs	Douglas Gordon	commercial traveller
Stibbs	Daisy	dressmaker
Stibbs	Edward John	Storeman
Stibbs	John	warehouseman
Stibbs	Mary Ann	HD
Stibbs	Mary Ann jnr	HD

## Algernon Street

Hudson	Alfred
Hudson	Eva
Perkins	Eva Clementina
Perkins	John Sixmith
Phipps	Purdie
Phipps	Jessie Annie
Robinson	David Ross
Robinson	Ellen
Robinson	Reginald George
Robinson	Rose
Wiseman	Adeline
Wiseman	William Henry

bootmaker HD HD carriage builder machine expert HD independent mean: HD Foreman HD HD HD waterside worker

## Alice Street

Dowling Dowling Hart Hart Newbery Offord Offord Offord Offord Potter Potter Riches Seaton Thompson Thompson Thompson Thompson Thorburn Thorburn	Henry Margaret Bernard Emily Henry Alfred Thomas Albert Edward Grace Mary Ellen Catherine John Francis William Charlotte Edward Louisa Amy Charles Jasper Herbert Walter
White White Johnson	
Johnson	Emily

#### seaman HD cabinetmaker HD Engineer fireman carrier HD HD HD labourer HD engine drover HD seaman tailoress HD boilermaker compositor HD Warehouseman HD

## Annette Street

Bradley Edith

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Bradley	James	retired
Clancy	Isabel Amy	HD
Clancy	William	Bookbinder
Clifton	Alfred William	Smallgoodsman
Clifton	Louisa Maud	HD
Dunn	Clarice Bessie	HD
Dunn	John joseph	Musician
Ellis	George Edward	Clerk
Ellis	Jane Eva	HD
Green	John Thomas	independent means
Green	Minnie May	HD
Hingston	Eliza	HD
Hingston	Richard	boatbuilder
Ireland	Irving Hale Skinner	Clerk
Jackson	Albert Edward	labourer
Johnson	Alice Jane	HD
Johnson	Edward	hairdresser
Johnson	Ellen	HD
Johnson	William	stationer
Shean	John	labourer
Walmer	Caroline	HD
Walmer	Septimus Frederick	storekeeper
Watson	Emma	HD
Watson	Harry	commission agent
Yates	James William	boatbuilder
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### Arcacia Street

Weatherby	George Frederick	Labourer
Weatherby	Maud Alice	HD

# Blanche Street

Nolan	Martin	plasterer
Nolan	Sarah	HD

# Bay Road

Riley	Lily Edith	HD
Riley	Thomas	Painter
Shearsby	Joseph John Nason	photographer

Shearsby	Maud Amelia	HD
Smethills	Mary	HD
Smethills	Samuel	poultry farmer

# Boundary Road

Bywater	Marie	HD
Bywater	Thomas	cleaner

# Frederick Street

Birdsell	Nellie	HD
Byatt	Leslie Clarence	Tailor's Presser
Forster	Bert Edwin George	Engineer
Forster	Lucy May	HD
Johnson	Catherine	HD
Jolly	Annie	HD
Jolly	Thomas	Storeman
Lott	Henry Albert Hayward	linesman
Lott	Herbert William McLean	Clerk
Park	Emma	HD
Walmer	Helena	HD
Walmer	Henry	polisher
Williams	Edward Stanley	shipwright

# Gungah Road ( now Gungah Bay Road)

Bennett	John Loftus	Library assistant
Brown	lvy	HD
Brown	William Huntingdom	Cabinet maker
Demond	George Hercules	Tobacco worker
Demond	Sarah Ann	HD
Emery	Ethel May	HD
Emery	Walter	Caretaker
Erfle	Paul	Poultry farmer
Forrest	Edgar	Labourer
Forrest	Nellie	HD
Foulstone	Caroline	HD
Green	Ada Elizabeth	HD
Green	Charles	Labourer

Hodgson	Wilfred	Con Engineer
Hoole	James	Engineer
Horsfield	Elizabeth Mary	HD
Horsfield	William	Engine driver
Levey	Daisy Emmeline	HD
Levey	David Bertie	Tobacco worker
Pocock	George Albert	Labourer
Pocock	Lily Florence	HD
Pocock	Sina	HD
Pocock	Lawrence Stephen	Labourer
Richardson	Alfred Robert	Contractor
Richardson	Clara Martha	HD
Sweeney	Nellie Cecilia	HD
Sweeney	William	brickmaker
Webb	Robert Alfred Leslie	carpenter
Sherritt	Sydney	carpenter
Sherritt	Agnes	HD

# Hurstville Road

Jarvis	Emily Annie	HD
Jarvis	Ernest Rupert	Carpenter
Jarvis	Osmond Raymond	ironworker
Jarvis	Sydney Henson	painter
Plant	Helen	HD
Plant	Henry	night officer
Plant	Selina	saleswoman
Plant	Sydney Henry	railway employee

## Letitia Street

Agate	Fanney Luisa	HD
Agate	George	Bill Poster
Bayley	Joseph William	customs officer
Bayley	Raby Evelyn	HD
Bowman	Hilda Maude	HD
Bowman	Johan Anton	Coal Lumper
Coleborne	Lousia	HD
Coleborne	William Ernest	Lithographer
Coleborne	William George	Wheelwright
Cooper	Ella Marsden	Packer
Corbett	George James	Carpenter

Drew	Rose Muriel	HD
Drew	Violet Marion	HD
Evans	Florence May	HD
Evans	George Henry	Carpenter
Harrison	Lily	HD
Harrison	Thomas	brickmaker
Holgate	Harold James	printer
Holgate	Jessie Annis	HD
Jennings	Frederick Arden	commercial traveller
Jones	Richard James	boilermaker
O'Connor	Thomas Edward	piano tuner
Riley	Charlotte Annie	HD
Riley	Frank	dairyman
Robertson	Alice Maud	HD
Robertson	Annie Dunnett	HD
Schofield	Alexandra	HD
Schofield	Clement	Clicker
Schofield	Elizabeth	dressmaker
Schofield	John	Carpenter
Schofield	Maggie	HD
Shaw	Archibald Harrop	salesman
Shaw	Harold Sydney	warehouseman
Shaw	Lily Mabel	HD
Shaw	Mary	HD
Stead	Alma Ada	HD
Stead	Samuel Albion	trunkmaker
Towers	Amelia	HD
Towers	John Frederick	shop assistant
Williamson	Alice	HD
Williamson	James	railway station master
Woodbury	Pearl	HD
Woolley	Mary	HD

# Llewellyn Street

Mayne	Edith Christina	HD
Stretton	Arthur Alexander	carpenter
Stretton	Lily Mary	HD

# Mimosa Street

Brown	Thomas Sydney	engine drive
Offord	Francis	platelayer
Offord	Margaret	HD

# Mi MI Street

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ass	ass polisher
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acks	acksmith
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Morgan	Margaret Josephine		HD
Morgan	William		produce merchant
Percy	Henry James		labourer
Percy	Ann Jane		Hd
Rampling	Agnes Ethel		HD
Rampling	James Turner		printer
Robson	Eva Matilda		HD
Robson	James Hedley		tailor
Roeder	Mary Ann Victoria		HD
Roeder	William		storeman
Schott	Albert Bernard		photographic artist
Schott	Aroka Gladys		clerk
Schott	Kate Mary		HD
Schott	Leslie Villiers		engineer
Shaw	Ernest Holt		labourer
Shaw	Theresa Catherine		HD
Short	Harriet Elizabeth		HD
Short	Reginald James		carpenter
Sindel	Joseph Alexander		Clerk
Sindel	Mary Beatrice		HD
Smith	Albert		collector
Stalbies	Annie Elizabeth		HD
Tennant	Ella Healy		HD
Tennant	George Joseph		signwriter
Emmerson	Ada Louisa Annie	Sevenoaks	HD
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# <u>Mulga Road</u>

Spedding	Fanny	HD
Spedding	Ralph David snr	coal lumper

# Myall Street

Allen	Alice May	HD
Allen	Ira	HD
Barry	Janie	HD
Barry	Roy William	Tram Employee
Barry	Walter William	Labourer
Bourke	Michael Christopher	Labourer
Brown	Alice Sewell	hd
Brown	Edith	hd
Brown	Jarid James	cabinetmaker
Brown	William Charles	cabinetmaker
Burke	James Oliver	Labourer

Burke	Mary Catherine
Cribb	Rose Victoria
Cribb	Sydney Gordon
Davis	Hugh Dobson
Dundon	Dora May
Dundon	George
Fair	Alfred Ernest
Fair	Martha
Featon	Catherine Sarah
Featon	Thomas Franklin
Featon	Sarah Ann
Forrest	Alice Louise
Forrest	Edgar Ernest
Goodin	Ellen
Goodin	Henry
Jarvis	Lillian
Jarvis	Christopher Norman
Kelly	Alice
Kelly	Elizabeth
Kelly	George
Kelly	Sophia
Lamb	Ethel Louisa
Lamb	Robert
Leslie	Joseph
Leslie	Myrtle
Montague	Fanny
Montague	James
Page	Betha Sapphire
Page	Thomas Cuthbert
Mitchell	Eliza
Mitchell	George Boo
Pickering	Alfred John
Pickering	Florence Jessie
Purcell	Annie May
Purcell	Percy Rous
Ritchie	John Boyd
Ritchie	Margaret
Smith	Mary Delia
Smith	William
Starkey	Edward
Starkey	Ivy Matilda
Starkey	Mary Ann
Starkey	Nicholas Pierce
Stead	Ernest Eli
Stead	Amy Elizabeth
Taylor	Maggie

HD HD Wood Turner painter HD Sawyer Labourer HD HD Printer HD HD Brickmaker HD Labourer HD Fireman HD HD Labourer HD HD drainer Labourer HD HD Labourer HD Photographer HD Porter seaman HD HD retired Labourer HD HD Labourer storeman HD HD Wharf labourer storeman HD HD

Taylor	Percival
Turner	Sidney George
Walker	Walter
Weatherby	Percy Selby
Weatherby	Ruby Violet
Wheeler	Charles Henry
Wheeler	Maria
Williams	Evelyn Sarah May
Williams	Walter Montgomery
Ward	William Samuel

French Polisher coachbuilder shop assistant ironmoulder HD Labourer HD HD Comp Roller CAS storeman

## Neville Street

Dickinson	Herbert	Bootlicker
Dickinson	Rose May	HD
Whittaker	Amelia	umbrellamaler
Whittaker	Martha Elizabeth	HD
Whittaker	William	Tailors cutter

# Neverfail Bay Cecil street or Wyong

			Oyster
Derwent	Andrew	Wyong	Lessee
Derwent	Andrew William	Wyong	Fisherman
Derwent	Ellen Emily	Wyong	HD
Derwent	Nellie Louisa	Wyong	HD
Lombe	Janet Jane	Wyong/Cecil	HD
Lombe	Sydney Albert	Wyong/Cecil	Carpenter
Lombe	Sydney Albert jnr	Wyong/Cecil	Carpenter
Lombe	William Harold	Wyong/Cecil	Striker
Pritchard	Louisa	Wyong/Cecil	HD
Pritchard	William	Wyong/Cecil	stamper
Smith	Charlotte Emma	Wyong/Cecil	HD
Smith	Frederick Willaim	Wyong/Cecil	Engineer
Smith	Lottie May	Wyong/Cecil	HD
Thompson	Frank Derwent	Wyong/Cecil	labourer
Thompson	Mary	Wyong/Cecil	HD
Thompson	Thomas henry	Wyong/Cecil	overseer
Thompson	Thomas James	Wyong/Cecil	salesman
Ward	Amy Elizabeth Welfare	Wyong/Cecil	tailoress
Ward	Annie Louisa	Wyong/Cecil	HD

Ward	Harold Sanson	Wyong/Cecil	labourer
Ward	Henry Welfare	Wyong/Cecil	labourer
Ward	Mary Elizabeth	Wyong/Cecil	HD
Mahalm	Alice	Wyong/Neverfail bay	HD
Mahalm	James	Wyong/Neverfail bay	fisherman
Scott	Patrick	Wyong/Neverfail bay	boilermaker

# Oatley Parade

Chad	Mary	student
Chad	Thomas	student
Crofts	Agnes Lavinia	HD
Crofts	Eliza Rebecca	HD
Crofts	Gertrude Elizabeth	dressmaker
Crofts	William James	Storeman
Crofts	William James Harland	Bagmaker
Gillard	Albert Ernest	Bricklayer
Gillard	Alfred James	Bricklayer
Gillard	David Wesley	Bricklayer
Gillard	Ellen Snr	HD
Gillard	Ellen jnr	HD
Gillard	Mabel	HD
Harrison	Emily Augusta	HD
Harrison	John	Wool classer
Harrison	Norman John	Clerk
Howels	Edgar	brickmaker
Keats	Alice	HD
Keats	Claude Henry	Clerk
Bonham	Amy Eliz Welfare	HD
Bonham	Walter Stewart	Painter
Jacques	Annie Eliza	HD
Phillips	Emily Jane	HD
Phillips	Florence Edith	HD
Phillips	Harriet Louisa	HD
Robertson	Charles Herring	engine driver

# Oatley, Oatley Road etc

Straney Harry Robert

Oatley road

warehouseman

Gillies	Alexander Mackay	3 Oatley Road	labourer
Gillies	Clare	3 Oatley Road	HD
Berkezman	William Arthur	Oatley	baker
Cook	Esther Louisa	Oatley	HD
Nicholas	Florrie	Morts Rd Oatley	
Selby	Irene	Oatley bay	saleswoman
Selby	Charles	Oatley bay	Carpenter
Straney	Gilbert	Oatley bay	labourer

# **Oatley Avenue**

Evans	John David	bootmaker
Evans	Laura Louisa	HD
Fletcher	Darcy William	cabinetmaker
Fletcher	Edith Jane	dressmaker
Fletcher	George Cecil	labourer
Fletcher	Jane	HD
Fletcher	Joseph	Fitter
Graham	Archibald	winchman
Graham	Elizabeth	machinist
Graham	Robert Logan	Packer
Graham	Sussannah	HD
Lowerburg	Harry	Law clerk
Ward	Alfred Henry	labourer
Ward	Anne Eliza	HD

# Peakhurst Park road

Hockley	Blanche	Peakhurst Park Rd	HD
Hockley	Reginald William Alfred	Peakhurst Park Rd	labourer
Hockley	William Alfred	Peakhurst Park Rd	labourer
Harvey	Amelia	Park Ave	HD
Harvey	W		labourer

# Rosa Street

Bennett Bennett Cuthbertson	Charles James Viva Annette Albert Ernest		Clerk HD Harness cutter
Cuthbertson Cuthbertson	Jasper Joseph Kathleen		Storeman HD
Firth	Harold		Jeweller
Firth	Lillian		HD
Francis	Arthur		printer
Francis	Mary Ellen		HD
Goddard	Mabel Gertrude		HD
Griffiths	Albert		labourer
Kensett	Gwen Elizabeth		HD
Kensett	Walter Carr		Joiner
Lawrence	James Irwin		labourer
Lawrence	Mary		HD
Lean	Benjamin Paul	Paul	Engineer
Lean	Selina		HD
Linmark	Harry		boat proprietor
Linmark	Louisa		HD
Lombe	Esther Caroline		HD
			commercial
Lombe	Frank Edward		traveller
O'Brien	Annie Elizabeth		HD
O'Mara	Thomas Patrick		labourer
O'Mara	Margaret Ellen		HD
Pratt	Mabel Rebecca		HD
Pratt	Robert William		Joiner
Rimoldi	Florence Rhoda		HD
Rimoldi	Ambrose Hubot		fitter
Silvester	Henry Crawford		butcher
Smythe	Percival		lacquer
Smythe	Sarah		HD
Taylor	Florence		HD
Taylor	Joseph James		Bricklayer
Whyatt	Jean		HD
Whyatt	William		brickmaker
Whyte	Cecil Stuart		Clerk
Whyte	Sophie		HD
Williams	Edgar Nicholas		importer
Williams	Elizabeth Jane		HD
Williams	Mary Ann -		HD
Woodhouse	Frances		HD
Woodhouse	Frank		Hat blocker

Woodhouse	James	salesman
York	Elizabeth	HD
York	Samuel	retired

## Russell Street

Duncan	Ada Louisa	HD
Duncan	Sydney Lockwood	Tallyman
Hamlin	Elizabeth Ann May	HD
Hamlin	Thomas	Electrician
Hayes	Agnes Elizabeth	HD
Hayes	John Pye	waggonbuilder
Riches	Henry William David	Carpenter

## Southern Street

Tracey James	caretaker
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# Seaforth Avenue

Johnstone	George	Lineman
		Compositor
Marshall	Henry	worker
Marshall	Charlotte	HD
Waldron	Rueben John	Labourer

# Wonoona Parade East and West

BaileyJoseph FrederickWonoona EGrocerColeborneOliver WilliamWonoona EClerkHaywardEdith MaudWonoona EHDHaywardJosephWonoona EupholtstererLudwigEllen MaryWonoona EHDLudwigFredrick WilliamWonoona ECarpenterMegsonFrederick CharlesWonoona EIabourerMegsonFrederick DavidWonoona EIabourerMegsonIsabellaWonoona EHDSmithElizabethWonoona EHDSmithEsther SarahWonoona EHDBakerMary EllenWonoona WTailoressBirkettJames AlfredWonoona WMachinistWetherillSeth WatsonWonoona Wbricklayer	Amos	Adam Clarendon Lyne	Wonoona E	Surveyor
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Birkett James Alfred Wonoona W Machinist	Baker	Mary Ellen	Wonoona W	Tailoress
	Birkett	Florence	Wonoona W	HD
Wetherill Seth Watson Wonoona W bricklayer	Birkett	James Alfred	Wonoona W	Machinist
	Wetherill	Seth Watson	Wonoona W	bricklayer

## Woronora

Davies	Harriet	HD
Davies	Shadrack	Bricklayer
Baker	Alfred George	plater
Baker	Delia	HD
Baker	Stella Ann	HD
Baker	William Michael Henry	Tailor
Biles	Christina	HD
Biles	George	Bricklayer
Bowman	Blanche Emily	HD
Bowman	David Nicholas	Cook
Bradford	James Wilson	clerk
Bradford	Jane	HD
Bruce	Andrew	carter
Bruce	Eliza	HD
Bruce	Evelyn	HD
Clark	Thos Henry	engineer
Coady	William Henry	bedstead fitter
Cross	Frederick	gardener
Cross	Mary	HD
Cross	William JNR	iron moulder
Duncan	Eliza Florence	HD
Duncan	Frederick	Printer
Duncan	Winifred Fanny	Clerk
Fuller	Ernest Alfred	labourer

Fuller	Rachael Tevan	HD
Hancock	George William	cook
Hancock	Evangeline	HD
Horn	Charles Herman	watchmaker
Horn	Dora Fraser	telephonist
Horn	Elvira	clerk
Horn	Louisa Frederick	HD
Horn	Ruby Bronte	bookbinder
Jones	David Robert	draper
Jones	Minniie Newman	HD
King	Burton William	grocer
King	Elizabeth Jane	HD
Logue	James Joseph	Machinist
Logue	Maria	HD
O'Keefe	Mary Ellen	HD
Pratt	Robert William	joiner
Pratt	Mabel Rebecca	HD
Stanners	James Finlay	labourer
Stanners	Mary Thomson	HD
Trevitt	Alice Jane	HD
Trevitt	Walter Horace	carter
Waldron	Thomas	painter
Warren	Elsie May	HD
Warren	Thomas	carter
Britton	Alexander Thomas	telegraphist
Britton	Katie Cecilia	HD

# Waterfall Road

Waldon	Mary Ann	HD
Waldon	Albert Edward	painter

# Waratah Street

Cady	Alfred Ernest	draper
Cady	Lydia Georgina	HD
Fletcher	Robert	iron monger
Fletcher	Kate	HD
Gilbert	Walter	Engineer
Greenbank	Douglas	mason
Greenbank	Lydia Christina	HD

Hill	Henry William	brickmaker
Hill	Lesley Ernest	brickmaker
Hill	Louisa	HD
Ireson	Elizabeth Victoria Frances	HD
Ireson	Richard Emanuel	glass bottle maker
James	Rosina	HD
James	Thomas	carpenter
James	Wm Blair	carter
Mc Ewan	James	glass bottle blower
Mc Ewan	Louisa Jane	HD
Martin	Edward Ernest	railway porter
Martin	Laura Burton	HD
Redfern	Thomas Arthur	wood carver
Redfern	Alma Evylyn Radcliffe	HD
Scott	Isabel	HD
Seal	Emily Louisa	HD
Seal	Frederick William	carriage builder
Seal	William Walter	retired
Small	Charles "Balgay"	baker
Small	Charles James	bootmaker
Small	Mary Ann	HD
Snoor	Annie Dulcie Clinto	stenographer
Snoor	Rasmus Poulson	master mariner
Sullivan	Arthur George	carpenter
Sullivan	Ellen Douglas	HD
Taylor	John William	road inspector
Taylor	Rose	HD
Trevitt	Leslie Loftus	accountant
Trevitt	Ethel Irene	HD
Tyler	Edith Frances	HD
Tyler	Hubert Joseph	Plumber
Walker	Amy Isabel	HD
Walker	Bell Wood	artificial limb maker
Walker	Henry Foulds	salesman
Walker	James Wood	compositor
Williams	Lydia	HD
Wieckhorst	Helene	HD
Wills her	Adrienne	HD
Wills her	Joseph William	Elect mechanic

# William Street (now Kitchener)

Abbey	Elizabeth Moore	HD

Abbey	Gertrude	HD
Abbey	Martha	HD
Abbey	Otto	Carpenter
Abbey	Wilfred	Traveller
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Abbey	William	Carpenter
Abbey Dempsey	William John	Carpenter Clerk
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# Yarran Road

Everitt	Elizabeth	HD
Everitt	Harold William	Clerk
Maddocks	Etheline Maud	HD
Maddocks	John Moncroft	?

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