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February 2002	Reminiscing Oatley Ada St (between FrederickSt & Wonoona Pd)	Compiled: Alec Leach Material: Fonn Wilding Jean Hatchman Jim Nicholson
	Remainder Ada St.	Glenn Stevens

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OATLEY HERITAGE GROUP

MEETING DATE: 28th February, 2002

TOPIC: Reminiscing Oatley

PAPERS BY: Fonn Wilding

Glenn Stevens

REMINISCENCES OF OATLEY

TOPIC:

June Bennett began the topic for the night, Reminiscences of Oatley. Her memories go back approximately 1920 to 1940 of Rosa Street bounded by Wonoona Parade to Neville Street. the first weatherboard homeⁱⁿ Rosa St. according to Reuben Cale was built in 1912, the owner being Mrs. Freeberry. Most homes were built of weatherboard and fibro in thosedays, with some brick homes being erected later. One home was black weaterboard owned by "Clark Gable or Robert Taylor". No one seems to be sure of which name. A Mr. Jones started to build a concrete home which was never finished. The Kennedy family, Mrs. Ossipoff, Hazel Hurst, and others were named as living along this side of the street. Bill and Charlotte^{STEVENS} came to live at 18 Rosa Street in 1922, others popularly known were Tennents, Mallams etc. Gordon Anderson's family home was burnt down, it was remembered.

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Alec's notes started from Frederick St, number 28 with names of houses up to Wonoona Pde such as Hedges, Gillespie, Stevens, Chatto, Bowden, Silvester, Booth and Horsington at No.10.

On the other side from Frederick St was the conveyancer, Mr Garrett and family, Rogers, Stibbs, Cater, McIlveen, Wilding, Nicholson, Hatchman, B'ishop, Wootton, Brotchie and Ludwig.

See attached: Information of family and profession etc was also included.

Glenn Stevens then followed on with Ada St from Frederick St to Neville Street, giving names of families who lived in each house, at the time that she came to live in Oatley.

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(EXTRACT FROM SECRETARY'S NOTES)

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Alec Leach will show a video of the January (02) storm, which hit Oatley, after closing the meeting.

CLOSING: There being no more business, the meeting was closed at 9.15pm.

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President

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Annual Elections & Reminiscing Outley.

Thu. 28th Feb. 2002

copy Glenn's newsletter

contributors: Tom Wilding
Jean Hatchman
Glenn Stevens.

(copy Glenn's notes)

Video of torrential rain in early Feb
showing flooding of Moore Reserve.
presented by Alec Leach

EARLY ROSA STREET OATLEY 1920 - 1940

On the corner of Rosa St and Wonoona Pde was a weatherboard home built in 1912. One of the first Hudson Redi-Cut homes. A Mr & Mrs Freebrig lived there. Most homes were weatherboard. eg, The Miss Smiths, Clark Gables black house (I believe his real name was Robert Taylor.) Also a Mrs Jones and son lived in a weatherboard home and Mr Jones started a cement home on the land next to his mother. The Firths home was of stone as was Mrs Kennedy's and Mrs Ossipoffs. (Maybe the Keen family lived there.) The Hurst's (Hazel I remember) had a large weatherboard home and later Mary Colebourne and her husband built a brick home on part of the land. Our home which was my early home was a weatherboard but had brick homes on either side and built just about 1921.. Our neighbours homes were rented as many people did not own homes in those days.

The Anderson family home was where the Catholic Church is now. A dreadful fire in the early thirties burnt it down. Next to us lived the Mallam family of two boys and three girls, while Jean Tennant's family also lived next to us in the other brick home before they moved to Asquith St.

Jim and John Chapmans brick home was built in about 1929 and was one of the few homes built in that era. Opposite St Pauls Church lived Miss Roberts whose brick home also housed the St Pauls kindergarten Sunday School in the early days, pre 1935. No sewer so toilets were served by the night soil carter. Deliveries of bread were made by Mr Peasley who also lived in Rosa St.

The Cuthbertsons shoe factory was also in Rosa St as well as the home of the Fawcett family and Patrica, Sally, Alison, and her brother. Other residents of Rosa St were Syd and John Andrews. The Hart family, and the O'Briens (daughter Joan) and Pat Marshall were all residents of our section of Rosa St.

With so few cars people walked to the shops, (such as they were) and to the station so we got to know many Oatley residents. So many blocks of land were vacant that up to the start of the 1939 - 45 war we could pick blackberries on the vacant land opposite the now Catholic Church.

During the Depression the curbs and gutters were laid along Rosa St and many other local streets, and on rainy days we would take off our shoes and walk along them, it being great fun.

I remember learning to ride a Fliver which the Mallams had and of playing cricket in the street as there were so few cars. Milk and bread were delivered as was ice for the ice chests, - no fridges in those days. Laundries were fitted out with tubs and coppers, fuelled by wood. We had an outside laundry with a fuel copper, but I remember Mrs Mallam had a kitchen - laundry combined. The tubs were covered with a large board which served as a table top for her when not in use.

Val and Ron Jeetah were two children who grew up in Rosa St, halfway the St Pauls and St Joseph's Churches.

In those days I think we knew the names of everyone in the street, the Vincent family had a lovely brick home opposite us, probably built in the late 1920's. With the coming of the depression I don't remember many changes in Rosa St until after the end of the war when many of the home units started to appear and the older homes on large blocks were pulled down.

June Bennett (nee Stevens) of 18 Rosa St. Oatley.

29/5/02

OUR NEIGHBOURHOOD

*Recollections and Reminiscing by Fonn Wilding & Jean Hatchman
of a block in Ada St bounded by Frederick St. & Wonoona Pde.
Compiled by: Alec Leuch.*

Presented to the OATLEY HERITAGE GROUP'S meeting Thursday 28th February 2002.

Fonn Wilding was born at No 20 Ada St. to Gertrude & Charles Hatchman in 1927. There were five children, George, Ken, Florence (Fonn), Neil & Judith. Fonn moved to No 19 after her marriage to Cliff and lives in a unit that occupies the same block of land today.

Jean Hatchman is the sister in law of Fonn, marrying her brother George. She is a relatively newcomer to the street, only living there sixty-one years.

This is a look into the families who lived in the street half a century ago and at times a mention of a more recent family one may connect with the house. Mainly the original houses were built after the men came back from the First and the modern brick ones after the Second World Wars.

Starting from the corner of Frederick St. on the lower side.

DEAD
No. 28. Hedges: Daphne & Bill

Collins: Margaret & Paddy.

The original house was demolished in the early 1990's

No. 26. Gillespies Children, Jean, Don & Gwen (Mitty)

Jean married Ron Holmes and lived in the house to care for Jean's Mother until her death. Child, Dorothy (Donna)

Today: The Jivans live there. Neeta, Harry, children Mayuri & Shaym.

No. 24. Stevens: Gladys & John, children Raymond (Horsehead), John (Ikey), Dulcie, Clive (Pinhead) & Frank (Snossle)

The Leachs live there now. June, Alec & David. Son Greg has flown the coop.

No. 22. Mary & George McIlveen later moving to No. 21. then Maxwell and in about 1946 Turners: Nita & Roy, children Sue & Steven.

Costandi: Helen, John, children Leanne & Adam own the existing house.

The original one was removed to Scone in March 1996.

No. 20. Chatto, then in 1925 Hatchman: Gertrude & Charles, children George, Ken, Florence, Neil & Judith.

MC KEW El Jalkhs. Maria, Victor, children Angele, Lauren & David live there now.

No. 18. Kynaston, Rogers then Barbs. In later years were the Fishers, Yonny & Bob.

Magda & Andy Peters with children James, Mark & David live there now.

No. 16. Bowden: Betty & Arthur (Betty being Arthur's second wife). His children Len, Merle & Colin.

The Vigliones, Rose, Wayne & children Luke & Sophia live there today.

No. 14. Silvester of Oatley's Silvester Castle fame.

Marsh: Children Adrian, Neil & Sandra.

Buttles: Jean & daughter Lettie rented the house for years until the Vickery's purchased it.

No. 12. Booth: Jessie & Tom, children Harvey & Alan built about 1950.

Rosa & Angelo Reponovic live there now.

No. 10. Horsington. Jean.

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GROSS*

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 MR GARRET
 CONANCOE OF LAW

Moving to the other side of the street from Frederick St., were the Garrets, originally the family owned much of the block along Frederick St. As the need arose they sold off block after block. Sons, Bruce, Victor & Jack being responsible until Dot Bushnell's No 27 is the remains of their large estate.

The original house was demolished in the early 1970's

No. 25. Rogers: Fred & Dorothy, child, Jack.

Welty: Arnold

Fryers: Wendy & John

Present owners Anthos: Vicky & Chris demolished the original house in the late 1970's

No. 23. Stibbs: (Polly) & Doug, children Doug, Ken & Gordon

There was a tennis court at the rear of their house.

Stibbs owned the Newsagency during the Second World War years.

The original house was demolished in August 1992

There are now three Town houses on this block.

No. 21. Kater. McIlveens lived with the Katers for a time before purchasing it.

McIlveen, children Pam, Bill & Shirley.

This house was known for the Barnes family throughout the 60's, 70's & early 1990's. Ann, Bob,

with children Michelle, Anne- Marie, Patricia, Danielle & Robert.

No. 19. Block owned by Mrs. Bailey. McIlveen's sister.

Wilding: Florence (Fonn) & Cliff, children Michael, James & Geoffrey.

Built about 1950.

No.'s 21 & 19 were demolished in September 1994

There are now five Town houses previously occupied on these sites.

No. 17. Nicholson. Joan & Jim, children Eileen, Ian, Joy & Stephen.

Jim came to Oatley in 1925, the family ran the Newsagency.

Papers were delivered by horse and sulky.

The horse being tethered on the Wildings block No. 15.

Jim could deliver a complete presentation on his Oatley involvement.

No. 15. Hatchman: Jean & George, children, David Peter & Ken

The house was built in 1947.

No. 13. Bishop: Jack, son Archie who moved to Goondiwindi and is believed to have had a share in the famous racehorse Gunsynd.

No. 11. Wooton: Original Tim, children Philip & Muriel.

then, Ann & Philip, children Robert, Margaret, Tim & Ken.

Now owned by Chris & Bill Glyde & occupied by the Neal family

No. 9. Brotchie: Eileen & George, children Margaret & Kate.

No. 7. Ludwig: Maisie & Fred, children Gloria & Ron.

Fred built a tennis court on the corner of Wonoona Pde. and later another one at the rear of their house. Fred earned his living by coaching tennis, hiring the courts and teaching driving.

Shaws: Cath & Sam.

No. 9 & 7 were demolished approx. November 1993.

There are now five Town houses on these blocks.

That's our neighbourhood.

People of Ada Street Oakley

7 Ludwigs Tennis on Corner Ada + Wacona Pde
From Hurstville Road there was a factory used during WW2
for camouflage net making, afterwards Suvelli Bros Furniture, now
a house of villas. Perhaps another house next then Wacona

① to Parade
⑤9 to 11
15 = malleams

② to
④2

- richolson

3 Bishop

21 Mc Blueens

23 Attilis - Ram Paper Shop

25 Rogers

27 Garretts - Conveyances

27 Sped Thom on corner Frederick St + Ada St.

29 Holdsworths also Catholic Nuns later, Whittons

31 Whitfield after WW2 - new villas

33 Gardners (spelling?) demolished 1940s

35 Young's Dutch Mrs Jessie was sister to Seppy Davis (lived in Letitia St)

37 Dela Mette

39 Leemings

41 Cuthbertson

43 Bellens, Peter + Alison + family

45 Davis, Sydney + wife + family

47 Stringers now Mrs. Murphy

49 Hayes -

51 Davis - Oyster seller

53 Yates - Policeman wife + 3 children (twins + Jim)

55 Gash -

57 Atkinson, Ashley + Lucia + 2 more + 2 more daughters of 2 more sons of Letitia

59 Moore, Guy owned ^{Moose's} Bookshop in Sydney. also councillor of 2 MCs

Silvester also ^{heel} marks

14 Hatcheran ^(son David) ^(Mrs. Judith)

15 Bowden

22 Lerner after Smith

24 Stevens

26 Gillespie

28 Bean also Collins

30 Yank, Tony + Linnae

34 Matthews

36 Lester ^{after 1910}
- the Bulley -

Jones 38 Flett after WW2
^{Lloyd + Robert}

Back Yard of St Home ^{Hewitt} + 2 Gillis, Joan

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② to
42

10 Hornington J

12 J. T. Booth

18 McKeeney, Patric

14 Silvester also Nash

20 Hatcheran (son David)

16 Bowden

22 Lamer after Smith

24 Stevens Lead

26 Gillespie

28 Dean also Collins

30 York, Tony + Vivienne

34 Matthews

36 Lester after WW2

38 Flett after WW2

42 Gillis, Joan

Back yard of Neville St Home

12000 St. ... 1939
RESIDENCES

KITCHENER STREET formally WILLIAM STREET, OATLEY.

In 1947, I came to Oatley and have the memory of the following people, who lived in Kitchener Street:

No. 1	England family	2.	Morrison family
	Hicks family	4.	Pavey
3		6.	McDonald
5	Matthews	8.	Mrs. Saunders
	Mrs. Alice Hicks	10.	Rayment
7	NOT IN ORDER:	12.	Johnson
9	Lorimer	14.	Sullivan
11	Rootes	16.	Wenman
13	Abbey	18.	Coupland
15	Chappelow	20.	Whittaker
17	Sommerville	22.	Vacant land-Stevens
19	Miss Jackson	24.	Dunning, Tuckwell
	MISS ESTHER BATES m. B. FLETCHER		
	Pilkington		
21	Vacant land		
23	Vacant land		
25	Mrs. Cowling		
27	Reynolds family		
29	J. Bates family (Block of land)		
31	Bates family		
33	Dodd family		
35	Scott family, Timm family		
37	Dean family		

There are quite a few battleaxe blocks now, particularly towards the waterfront.

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Mrs. ...
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MACINTOSH ST

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LLOYD ST PRE 1939
RESIDENTS

Audet.			Maude GOULD	NO 54. 52
- SHORT ST				
47	Pool		FALCONER	50
45	Paddock		TENNIS COURT	48
43	BELCHER		Uebel	46
41	RANDALL		CLARKE	44
39	Pope/Ilsky		FOOTE	42
37	THOMAS		Giles	40
35	HAMMOND		CLARKE	38
33	Auta		Elden show	36
31	Murphy		Piper	34
29	Various		LEMON	32
27	Macmillan		Shepherd	30
25	DICKWORTH		-	28
23	VARIOUS		Stone	26
21	Jones		Cuthbertson	24
19	TARRANT		Jones	22
17	KIRBY	Also FAIRLEY	Roberts	20
MACINTYRE St				
15	Ashdown			18
13	Lansdell			16
11	SETTER ALSO LEMONS			14
9	FINDLAY			12
7	FURMAN			10
5	DAVIDS			8
3	RUMSEY			6
1	Unknown			4
				2

~~THE~~ YARRAM - WESTERN SIDE (RHS)
- NORTH TO SOUTH

16~~8~~ TALL - Son Don

24(?) WESTERN JOHN + IRIS

WENDY CORNISH

DAVIDSON Mrs. was Delcie(?), Dan Donnelly (

Margaret

NEATE, CHARLES

GARD

HIRT

BUTLER

CLARKE

No 8 FOY, ROD - MINISTERIAL DRIVER

- what side