

THE OATLEY HERITAGE GROUP

President: Alec Leach
24 Ada St.
Oatley 2223
P/No 9570 7201

Secretary: Glenn Stevens

Vice President: Rafe Kowron

Email: heritage@exemail.com.au

NEWSLETTER: February 2010

Meeting Dates and Topics

Friday 26th February 2010. 10.30am Community Hall, Oatley Library, Letitia Street.

Annual Elections. Annual General Meeting plus Topic "Gordon Andrews"

Friday 28th May 2010. 10.30am Community Hall, Oatley Library, Letitia Street.

Topic: Ron Sharpe

I did a rough head count at our November meeting and came up with forty eight. Oatley Hotel was our topic. Rafe Kowron delivered an interesting talk and slide show which was integrated with material supplied by Betty Goodger. The late Dr. Joan Hatton compiled the Hotel's history for the Kogarah Historical Society in June 1996. This proved to be invaluable for Rafe. Rodger Robertson prepared an on screen resume. It was projected onto a screen via his computer and Council's projector. This allowed a step by step account of Rafe's talk as he progressed. Jim Nicholson delivered further information with reference to George Hatchman

Before Christmas I was talking to Neville Gardner. Dorothy and Neville are at Grasmere Terrace Camden. From their balcony they overlook Camden Airport. For Neville's eighty sixth birthday, his family gave him a glider flight from the airport. He was up for about three quarters of an hour flying at an altitude of about eight thousand feet. They are happy at Grasmere Terrace. Dorothy and Neville wish to be remembered to our members who knew them.

Rodger Robertson, together with John Whitbread, has volunteered to activate a programme which hopefully will involve the three Primary Schools in Oatley. Basically, we hope it to be in the form of a competition for the pupils to undertake an historical project about Oatley. It was agreed at our November meeting to approach the Schools and to provide prize money for the winners. Rodger and John will be negotiating with the Schools to see if such a project may be incorporated into their curriculum.

When we discussed three personalities, Russell Gibbs, Gordon Andrews and Len Roots, at our May meeting we only touched on the life of Gordon Andrews. Cliff Crane had prepared a detailed account of his life together with a shortened highlight version. As Cliff was unavailable to attend the meeting, he suggested that the shorter version be presented and to table the detailed one. After perusing the detailed version, it was agreed that it should be given true justification at our February meeting. Together with our Annual General Meeting it should be an entertaining morning.

By the time you will be reading this, we will be getting well and truly into the New Year. Our six week stay at Dolphin Point hasn't done anything to make me keen to get back to life without fishing. Strangely, instead of me feeding the fish, they fed us this year. I hope your Christmas and New Year have been as enjoyable as ours.

Alec.