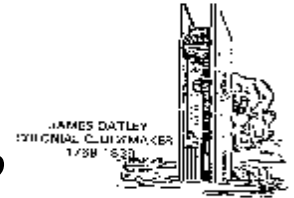




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Dear OHG Member

What a wonderful first meeting in the new Oatley RSL & Community Club venue! The spoken and visual presentation of the life of John 'Slam' Sullivan, so well researched, and extremely well delivered, by Christine Talbot in the new and comfortable surroundings. More than 70 people attended, including new faces we hope will become regular attendees. Christine was subsequently interviewed on local community radio 2NBC-FM a week or so after our meeting – and then there was the follow-up article in *the Leader* supplement about *Slam's* life! We now know such a lot more about *Slam* Sullivan!

The *Slam* Sullivan presentation is going to be a hard act to follow – but –I'm sure we'll all give it our best shot - when we assemble on

Friday 26th August 2011 at 10.15 for 10.30 am start

In the Auditorium of Oatley RSL and Community Club

to hear about – and pool our knowledge of

“Post War Doctors of Oatley”

With help of others we're preparing material for presentation and display at the meeting. Contributions of material – stories and, even better – photos –will be much appreciated. **I'd welcome your calls to the above number**. Specially we'd like to be sure we at least name all the Oatley doctors. So far we are aware by name of doctors Prott, Ruut, Ramah Juta, and Koutis of West Oatley, as well as a husband and wife (Indian born, perhaps) pair of doctors who (we are told) had a surgery on the corner of Mulga Road and Woronora Parade with surname pronounced as *Yohendrian*. We don't have anything on who practised after Dr. Ruut in his surgery in Mulga Road (except Dr. Koutis, later), or of doctors past and present associated with the practice on the corner of Mulga Road and Woronora Parade – or in the Letitia Street practice next to the Masonic Hall.

We'd really appreciate help with past doctors in East Oatley – particularly present contact details – Dr. Bill Muir, of course, tall Dr. Dick Thomson (?) who lived in Llewellyn St., quiet Dr. Campbell, a doctor whose name I can't recall who left to go to a practice at Braidwood in the 1960s or 70s, Dr. Sampson (?) who I think may have taken over the practice from Dr. Muir (I heard he was hit by a car and killed while jogging, or riding a bike) – Dr. Mary Lovell, and Dr. Toni Letton – and others I've forgotten but hopefully you remember!

Please help - ring me with your memories and stories of **any Oatley doctor** – e.g., names, locations, any community involvements, where the doctors lived, their appearance, mannerisms, sports, hobbies, cars they drove, where their children went to school, traumatic experiences, etc etc. If presenting written information at the meeting please don't forget to include your name and contact details.

Where was Oatley's first doctor surgery?? The answer will be a surprise to everybody **at the next meeting** – certainly to the member who quite unknowingly is presently living in the actual building, where that doctor practised! A clue – **it was in East Oatley (well before Dr. Muir)!!!**

In recent months we've received lovely letters (and stamps) from ex-Oatleyans Margaret Callaghan(nee Burke) and Nola Bentley, still displaying a keen interest in Oatley and supplying information. Well done!

Hoping to see you on 26th August – **please wear a name badge if you have one**.

Cliff