

Oatley Heritage Group Projects.

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Early Natural History of Oatley

Alan Fairley, Spoke.

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Alan Fairley

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As some members were needing to depart early, the meeting opened with Mr. Alan Fairley's address.

Alan has lived in Oatley for many years. He has a great interest in ecology and conservation, both locally and nationally. A keen bush-walker, former President of the Oatley Flora and Fauna Conservation Society Inc., and Editor of that Society's '*OFF Newsletter*' for the last 12 or so years, and with a specific interest in Oatley Park and other bush areas locally, Alan is also a widely acknowledged expert on native plants. Among his many publications are '*A Field Guide to the Sydney Bushland*' and '*Sydney's Best Bushland Walks*'.

EARLY NATURAL HISTORY OF OATLEY

Alan Fairley gave an informative talk on sandstone rock, timber in the area and its uses, inlets and bays, especially on saving the environment when so little was done to save and not destroy our precious land. He said that although there were some large timber varieties in Oatley and vicinity, the area was open forest land with much tea tree scrub and was not generally used for timber-getting.

Mr. Fairley described himself as a History Teacher and producer of the "coffee table" book '*Native Plants in the Sydney District*' a very popular tome for nature readers.
