

OATLEY HERITAGE & HISTORICAL SOCIETY



Hurstville Council

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Dear OHHS member.

The program for 2015 has been agreed by our Committee

AGM 27th February 2015 at the RSL. Speaker Laurie Yeomans on Oatley Rugby Club.

May 2015 Cliff Crane will do further research into Queen's Hall

August and November will see Kim Wagstaff discuss "Sandstone in Oatley" and Julian Sheen will research Robert Townson 1809 - West Oatley.

Coffee and Chat meetings will continue in April and June and October usually with something to discuss from one of our members or a guest. More details on these later.

The Oatley Calendar this year was a three-way arrangement with Oatley Flora and Fauna taking a lead role. The Oatley Lions seeded money and OHHS contributed some old photos. Sales have been good and we have sold around 900 and made a profit for the three organisations. But just as importantly we have advertised our Suburb in a positive manner.

The local schools program is set to continue in 2015 and this has become a regular feature of our program to tell the young people about the history of our suburb.

Kim Wagstaff is making good progress on the selection and design of historical plaque markers around our suburb. Our first project has an Anzac theme as we are cooperating with Oatley Public School in getting tidying up the site of the original War memorial and erecting a plaque with information on the site. We will be applying for a Grant from the Commonwealth Government and the outcome of this application wont be known till April 2015. However we are obtaining designs and quotes for costs and the School is fully involved.

Our Secretary, Treasurer, and Vice President and I, had a meeting with David Coleman the member for Banks. He joined the Society and purchased a calendar. We discussed what the objectives of the society were and our recent achievements and future goals. He was impressed and mentioned us in the Parliament- I read the words at the AGM and make available the certificate.

Our website will change complexion in 2015 as we go from our current site to a new site. The current site is very restrictive in terms of presentation and flexibility. The new site will be easier to use. Still the same address will be used. We will be able to present much more of our information as well.

Now for this years AGM and the lection of new office bearers. The attached form is for your nomination of members to the various positions- President, 2 VPs, Secretary, Treasurer, and Public Officer and up to 7 Committee members. The process will involve written nomination before the AGM. No nominations will be accepted at the AGM as in accordance with our Constitution unless the nominations don't fill the roles. The closing time for nominations is 5pm on Monday 23rd February 2015. The Secretary will open our PO Box at this time and collect nominations. The rest of the election procedure will go according to our Constitution and be held at our AGM.

I will thank all Office bearers for their work in 2014 that sees our Society thriving and well respected in our Community.

This Newsletter is my last, as my Presidency will cease at the next AGM according to our Constitution that limits the Presidency to three consecutive terms.

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