





Annual General Meeting September 2008

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Group bridges the city-country divide

By Jim Gainsford

THE divide between the city and the country is being bridged by an organisation that started in St George.

Oatley resident Jan Dawkins and Shirley Clay, of Barmedma near Temora, started the City-Country-Connect group in 2004 to educate city-dwellers about country life.

Mrs Dawkins and Mrs Clay met through their children while holidaying on the Central Coast more than 20 years ago.

They kept in contact and Mrs Dawkins, moved by the plight of the farmers during the drought, decided to start the group with the help of St George residents Mick Frawley and his wife Cheryl.

One of the group's first projects was to arrange a visit by members of the Oatley Swimming Club to the mineral pool at Barmedman, the town's main tourist attraction.

"It was a chance for young people of Oatley to visit a country town and experience country life and hospitality," Mrs Dawkins said.

"This was part of our vision, to educate both city and country people about the differences and similarities of both lifestyles and the opportunities and advantages of both."

Mrs Dawkins said the group had the support of Landlearn, a project of the Department of Primary Industries, the NSW Farmers Association and the Royal Agricultural Society.

The group's vision is to open a hands-on educational centre at the former Oatley Bowling Club site to

'People need to realise the food comes from the land and that the clothes they put on their backs comes from the land'

Shirley Clay

teach school children about the importance and possibilities of country life using touch screens. It will provide information on the production of food and clothing and careers in the country.

Mrs Dawkins sees the centre as going hand-in-hand with another proposal for a Sustainable Living education centre at the site, as well as working in with other groups.

Mrs Clay said a generation of children was growing up without any connection to the country.

"When we were growing up, most kids had relatives in the country," she said.

"Now, more families have moved to the city so people don't come to the country as much."

"It is important that young city people understand that there is a country out there that is exciting and challenging."

"People need to realise the food comes from the land and that the clothes they put on their backs comes from the land."

"They need to come out and see what Australia is all about. It's not just the coast."
Visit: City-Country-Connect or email jandawkins@gmail.com.



Chalk and cheese

Long-term friends

Jan Dawkins (above left) and Shirley Clay are striving to bring the city and the country closer together.

Country clubs: Members of the Oatley Swimming Club during a visit to Barmedman in south-western NSW.



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**OATLEY AMATEUR SWIMMING CLUB
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MAY 2011**

12 Months to 31 May 2010		12 Months to 31 May 2011
	INCOME	
1,430	Subscriptions	1,492
53,679	Interest	68,093
-	Social Income	-
<u>55,109</u>		<u>69,585</u>
	EXPENDITURE	
-	Audit and Accounting	800
-	Bank Fees	5
1,615	Depreciation	1,557
-	Donation - Hurstville Council	-
-	Fair Trading Reg	-
4,288	Fees N.S.W.S.A.	4,350
-	Fist Aid	-
17	Printing Postage Stationery	193
1,128	Small Plant & Equipment Items	-
7,408	Social Expenses	8,837
355	Sundry Expenses	91
2,039	Swimming Costumes/Uniforms	-
5,367	Swimming Lane Ropes	-
	Trophies	9,407
<u>22,218</u>	TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>25,241</u>
<u>32,891</u>	EXCESS INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE	<u>44,344</u>
<u>55,109</u>	TRANSFERRED TO ACCUMULATED FUNDS	<u>69,585</u>



Sincere Thanks

Perhaps you sent a lovely card,
Or sat quietly in a chair,
Perhaps you sent a floral spray,
If so, we saw it there.
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words
As any friend would say,
Perhaps you were not there at all:
Just thought of us that day.
Whatever you did to console our hearts,
We thank you very much...

Betty, Sue and Scott

Following the service, you are warmly invited
to join us to celebrate Harold's life at
Forget me not Cottage, Woranora Cemetery.

In Loving Memory of



Harold George Belcher

28th February 1930 – 23rd December 2011

Dash

I read of a man who stood to speak
At the funeral of a friend
He referred to the dates on his tombstone
From the beginning to the end.

He noted that first came the date of his birth
And spoke the following date with tears
But he said what mattered most of all
Was the dash between those years.
For that dash represents all the time
That he spent alive on this earth
And now only those who loved him
Know what that line is worth
For it matters not how much we own
The cars, the house, the cash.
What matters is how we live and love
And how we spend our dash.

So think about this long and hard
Are there things you'd like to change?
For you never know how much time is left
That can still be rearranged.
If we could just slow down enough
To consider what's true and real
And always try to understand
The way other people feel.

And be less quick to anger
And show appreciation more
And love the people in our lives
Like we never loved before.
If we treat each other with respect
And more often wear a smile
Remembering that this special dash
Might only last a while.
So when your eulogy is being read
With your life's actions to rehash
Would you be proud of the things they say
How you spent your dash...

Order of Service

Service led by Celebrant Carol Provan CMC JP

Entrance Music
"Enya"

Welcome and Introduction

Poem
"Dash"

Eulogy
Scott Belcher

Verse
"Measure of Man"

Reflection
"The Mission"
"What a Wonderful World"

Verse
"One at Rest"

Committal

Closing Music
"Danny Boy"

Champion of the underdog

**Frank Stevens
1930-2011**

If his only accomplishment had been his writings on racism and Aborigines, he would still have achieved much. But Frank Stevens became, “successively, a champion swimmer, noted academic and successful barrister”, said The Sydney Morning Herald. His “magnum opus” was the three-volume *Racism, the Australian Experience* (1971), “a landmark document” in raising awareness of racism.



Francis Seymour Stevens, born in Oatley in 1930, was one of five children. His father, a carpenter, suffered short-time wages during the Depression, and young Frank sold chokos and cow manure door-to-door to earn money. He left school at 15, and joined a swimming club where he trained “exhaustingly” to become Australian junior backstroke champion, narrowly missing out on a place in the 1952 Olympic team. In 1951 he went to law school, and in 1957 met his wife, Sylvane, whom he married in 1961. In the early 1970s, as well as studying for his PhD, Stevens lectured at the University of NSW, where he was known to bring a cask of wine to tutorials to ensure a “convivial” lesson. He resumed law studies and in 1977 was admitted to the NSW Bar, where he remained until retirement in 2006. Though ranked “one of Sydney’s top barristers”, his applications for silk all failed. For years he campaigned against the “bias” he saw in the NSW system of appointing senior counsel.

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Leader

Georges River

Thursday, February 24, 2011

magazine

**ALL
NEW**



**Big pool of
talent**
at Sandy Beach

P6



The netting enclosed baths are 365 yards long (about 330 metres). The swimming club holds regular races, depending on the tides, in the straight line along the nets.

All races are handicaps.

As well as having regular swimming carnivals, social functions – dances, tennis nights, bingo – were an important part of the club calendar.

For many years, the club trained their members in lifesaving skills and held "learn to swim" campaigns in the 1950s and '60s. After 1945 the club produced

a regular newsletter and organised film nights called "fix for six".

The most famous swimmer to wear the club's distinctive blue-and-yellow cossie was Frank Stevens, who represented Australia at the 1950 Empire Games.

The club today has more than 100 members of all ages.

Juniors and seniors swim together in races such as the "kilometre" and the length of the baths, and regular 50-metres races are mixed with breaststroke, backstroke and other events.

Top left: racing at the Oatley Park baths in the late 1920s. Left: Harold and Betty Belcher. At 81 and 80 respectively, they are Oatley Amateur Swimming Club's oldest competitors. Harold, who was born in Lloyd Street, first joined the club in 1930, competing regularly for 35 years. He rejoined 17 years ago when he retired. Facing page photos: Oatley's distinctive blue-and-gold cossie has hardly changed since 1937 when the lower photo was taken.



Everyone's in the swim at Sandy Beach

Sandy Beach at Oatley Park is a naturally occurring swimming pool and the home of Oatley Amateur Swimming Club for all of its 84-year history.

WHEN the Oatley Park baths were built in 1909, with wire netting to keep the sharks at bay, they attracted swimmers from all over the district.

A regular bus service brought swimmers from Oatley station on Saturdays and Sundays.

The Depression years saw the construction of most of the infrastructure that visitors to Oatley Park still enjoy – the Castle, the road system and the present stonework at the beach. There was a dressing shed at the swimming enclosure, but it had room for only 12 people at a time.

Oatley Amateur Swimming Club was started in 1927 by a local alderman, Hedley Mallard, who lived in Douglas Haig Street.

His daughter Dot Walker, and her siblings, were all members of the club and Dot's children and grand-children have followed the family tradition.

One of the controversial aspects of the club was that women and men could compete in the same races – which scandalised the conservative NSW Ladies Swimming Council in the 1950s.

They said it was immoral!



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OATLEY AMATEUR SWIMMING CLUB

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MAY 2012



12 Months to
31 May 2011

1,492
68,093
-

69,585

INCOME

Subscriptions
Interest
Social Income

12 Months to
31 May 2012

1,630
69,809
-

71,439

EXPENDITURE

800 Audit and Accounting
5 Bank Fees
1,557 Depreciation
- Donation - Barmedman pool
- Fair Trading Reg
4,350 Fees N.S.W.S.A.
- Fist Aid
193 Printing Postage Stationery
- Small Plant & Equipment Items
8,837 Social Expenses
91 Sundry Expenses
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9,407 Swimming Lane Ropes
Trophies

25,241

44,344

69,585

TOTAL EXPENSES

EXCESS INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE
TRANSFERRED TO ACCUMULATED FUNDS

800
6
1,725
5,000
-
3,835
-
-
-
8,294
185
2,631
6,201

28,679

42,761

71,439

Reports on various Club aspects

Property Issues in the Club

The property ownership of the club was clear over the years from 1980. But prior to that there are some mysteries that will be investigated by interviews with members.

In the 1930 there are mentions of the scheme of share ownership in "the land". Minute books of the Club refer to Trustees who clearly had a role in investing and maintaining the land. However, there are no minute book for Trustee meetings(or are there?). In 1937 there was some mentions of buy backs for some members. This was, for some reason, controversial as motions allowing some buy backs and not others were passed. No actual record of the financial aspects of the scheme are known. But whilst some buybacks were made, others were still entering the scheme.

From 1950's on the Trustees of the scheme are more transparent but their workings are still not.

By 2000 the club was having issues in maintaining the Property and it made a decision to sell and concentrate on the management of the Clubs social and swimming activities. Considerable effort over 60 years of maintaining the Club property and its infrastructure required a lot of effort from Club officials. This effort has had great reward for the current (and future) members.



27-29 Wonoona Parade, Caltey, New South Wales



Large crowd on Auction day, Saturday 16th February, 2002

Trophies

Throughout the Clubs history trophies have been a constant issue. Many donations were made for trophies and whilst there seemed a great number of trophies the Club was always asking donors for more. There were occasional reconciliations of trophies.

Interclub Carnivals

Handicapping- NSWASA standards.
Oatley Cup relay Ramsgate in 1950

Club Championships

When how what

Hurstville Council

Wire

turning board – who responsible- various models

Showers

Lights

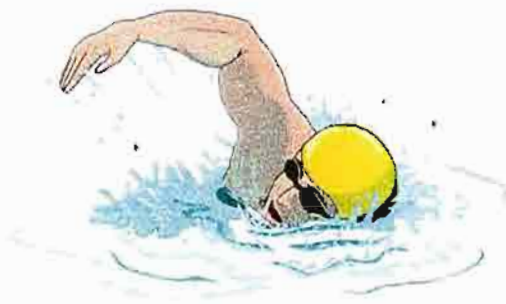
Sand

Rocks oysters on bottom

Appendices

1927-1997 History Publication
1927-97 Supplementary on 70th
Anniversary Function
Constitutions
1927-2007 Booklet

1927-1997 History Publication



**OATLEY AMATEUR
SWIMMING CLUB (Incorp).**

70th ANNIVERSARY

1927- 1997



OATLEY AMATEUR SWIMMING CLUB INCORPORATED

OFFICIALS 1996_1997

PRESIDENT:

RAY STEVENS

VICE PRESIDENTS:

RON STEVENS

VALERIE LYNCH

SECRETARY AND TREASURER:

MOYIA SKOWRONSKI

SENIOR HANDICAPPER:

COLIN LYNCH

**JUNIOR, FORM STROKE
HANDICAPPER:**

MARGARET WILLIS

SOCIAL SECRETARY:

RODNEY MAYNELL

1937 SEASON



Back Row
Front Row

P.Wison, P.Lawler, F.Davies, J.Robertson, J.Walker, D.Mallard, K.Teague.
B.Corbett, J.Ryland, B.,Bates, J.Williams, B.Ryland.

What was Oatley like in 1927, when the Club was formed

The way of life in the 1920's, when the club was formed is entirely different to what we see and hear today.

Oatley was considered out in the bush, Sydney stopped at Hurstville . If you told people that you lived at Oatley they would say Where?.

Electric trains had just started to Oatley taking over from steam trains, there were gas light on the station and in my parents house we had two gas lights that were used only in emergency.

One steam train still operated and did for many years as the funeral train. This would take mourners from the mortuary station at Central to Wononora Cemetery for the funeral services, as motor vehicle were very rare.

The roads around Oatley had some bitumen, but were mostly dirt any very few had concrete kerb and gutters or footpaths. Horse and carts were popular and were used to deliver of Bread, Milk, Produce, Garbage carts. The local postmen delivered mail on a horse up to the 1950's.

Oatley was split into mini suburbs, divided up by the George's River, the Railway and many paddocks. So we were a rural area, as there were no hotels or picture theatre's, the main source of home entertainment would have been listening to your radio if you were wealthy enough to own one. Another source of entertainment was house parties(BBQ's were not thought of)

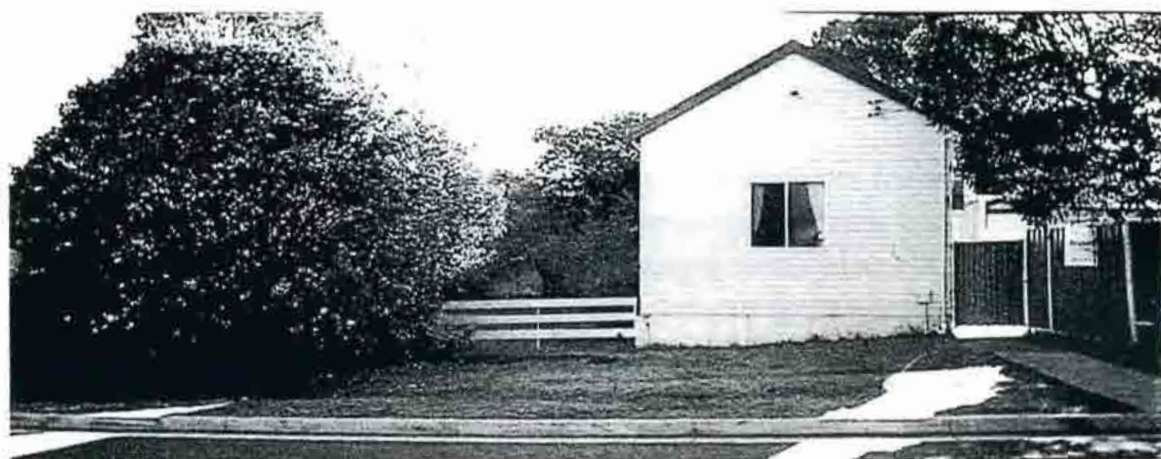
Taking in consideration the above situations the formation of the club in 1927 was an unusual step, and after talking to older members, the decision to form the club was twofold in that it would serve primarily as a swimming club and also as a social meeting place brining residents together. Due to the shortage of money and poor transport facilities, the Baths and Oatley bay were the only places to swim, and the prevalence of sharks on the river made it very dangerous to swim outside the enclosed baths.

In the 1930's a bus service operated by the Lawler family used to run down to the baths on Saturdays and Sundays, and as can be seen by some of the photos large numbers of people used the area despite the facilities being almost no existent.

In this atmosphere the club was formed. With invent of the modern pools and facilities your club has consolidated into a more socially structured one with a very relaxed theme which includes a little bit of swimming and a lot of socializing.



NORTHERN END OF BATHS
Where we start length of baths race



Club Room in Myall St, Oatley.

1937 SEASON



Back Row: E.Burke, F.Meyer, J.Lawler, F.Smith, G.Muir, J.McDowell, J.Smith, J.Stevens, Ray Stevens, J. Williams
Third Row: N.Short, R.Rushworth, P.Bowman-Prescott, B.Howard, R.Nash, C.Fuimin, N.Burke, W.Craven, A.Jones(sec), J.Stevens, F.Williams.
Second Row C.Wellington, R.Barry, P.Teague, W.Packenham, W.Stevens, Ald H.Mallard(Patron in Chief), Ald D Cross(Patron), J.Postill(Judge), J.Burke, P.Hand, R.Hand.
Front Row L.Lawler, G.Hand, E.Hand, W.Barry, R.Faulkner, H.Mallardm, G.Corbett, J.Ryland, W.Postil, A.Corbett, A.Postil, G.Taylor.

1936-1937 St. George District Water Polo Champions



Back Row F.O'Sulliavn, J.Sdmith, W. Dews, J.Lawler, F.Meyer
Front Row E.Dews, B.Howard, F.Smith (Captain)

1927- 1997

PREFACE

To prepare a history of the club, it is essential to look at many facets that have occurred over the seventy years contributing to the operations of the club

We have endeavoured to give the history of the club, from the minutes of club meetings of what events took place, from the memories of members and my own recollections, as you can appreciate most of the early records have been lost over the years.

HISTORY OF OATLEY PARK

We must commence here; because without the park, no club would exist.

On March, 25 1887, 45.32 hectares of land were dedicated as a park. On May 29, 1888, the park was declared a native animal and wildlife sanctuary, with Hurstville Council also being declared on the same day.

For many years no improvements were made to the park; then a fence and a gate was installed. A dirt road the only entrance and you had to open and shut the gate when you entered

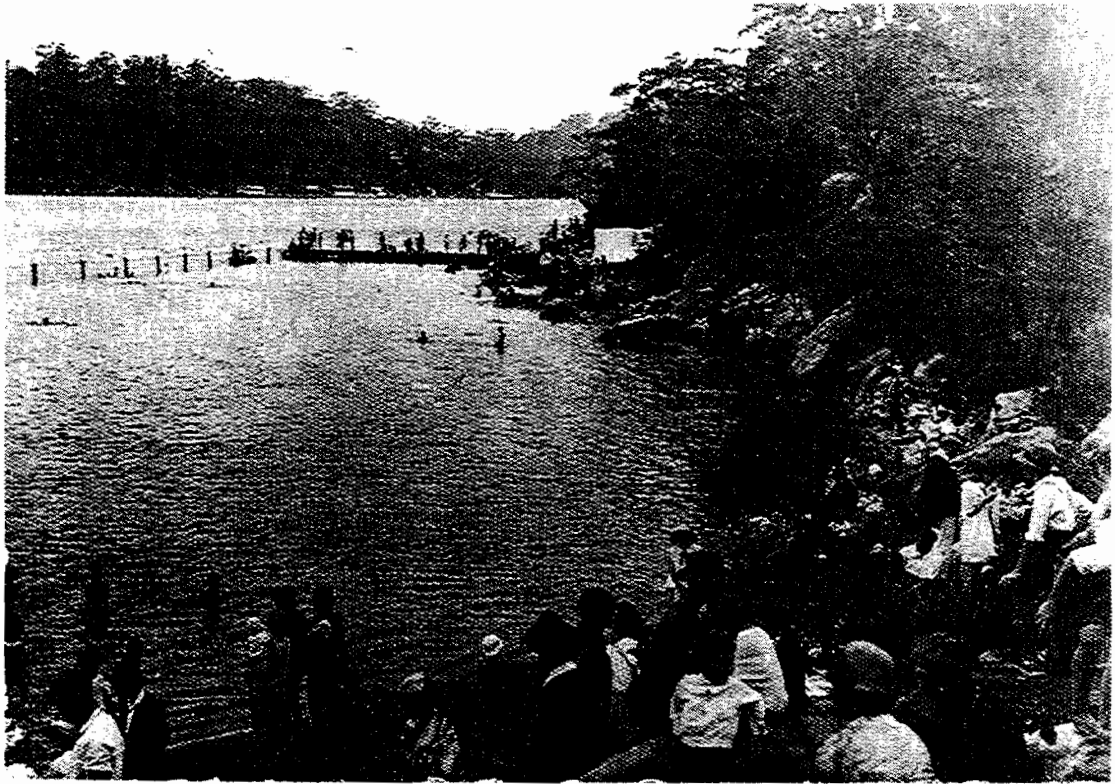
FORMATION OF THE CLUB YEARS 1927- 1940

On January 13, 1927, a meeting was held at Alderman Hedley Mallards house in Douglas Haig Street, for the sole purpose of forming a swimming club.

The club was originally called and operated under the name of Oatley District Amateur Swimming Club. In the sixties we were requested by the N.S.W Amateur Swimming Association to drop the District from the name due to some regulation.

The first President was Hedley Mallard, Secretary Harley Cohen, Treasurer Bill Stevens.

PICTURES OF THE BATHS 1927 TO 1930



This was taken in the late twenties, due to the fact there is no finishing board, no lanes and the promenade as we know it was not built



This was taken before the new baths were built, again no promenade and notice the small poles holding net in place.

Present at the inaugural meeting were H.Mallard, P.Murray, J.Salmon, A.Stead, S.Christie, V.Kaysen, H.Cohen, B.Salmon, A. Auld, W.Jones, A.Wilson, I Montague, J.Wilcox, I. Prior, F.Smedley, C.Montague, G.Lyndon, L.Mallard, P.Phipps, W.Stevens, B.Shaw, D.Shaw, S.Hodgson, Mrs V.Green, M.Smedley, V.Brown, A.Smedley, M.Murray, M.Crofts and — Christie.

The first membership fees were Men (50) fifty cents, Ladies (30) thirty cents, Juniors (5) five cents, on top of that the senior members had to pay (5) five cents per race.

The first carnival was conducted on January, 26, 1927, and was opened by the Mayor of Hurstville a Dr Webb. The city and suburban newspaper's reporters attended and gave it a tremendous amount of publicity.

Oatley in those days was an unusual suburb, because of the river we were split into many mini- suburbs, in which people lived and even used their mini- suburb as their address. These were The Soldiers Settlement (Lloyd St), Jewfish Point (Baker St, Lansdowne Pde & Marine Drive), Oatley West around the shopping centre, Oatley main shopping area, Oatley Bay, Gungah Bay, Neverfail Bay.

The original members of the club came from the first three.

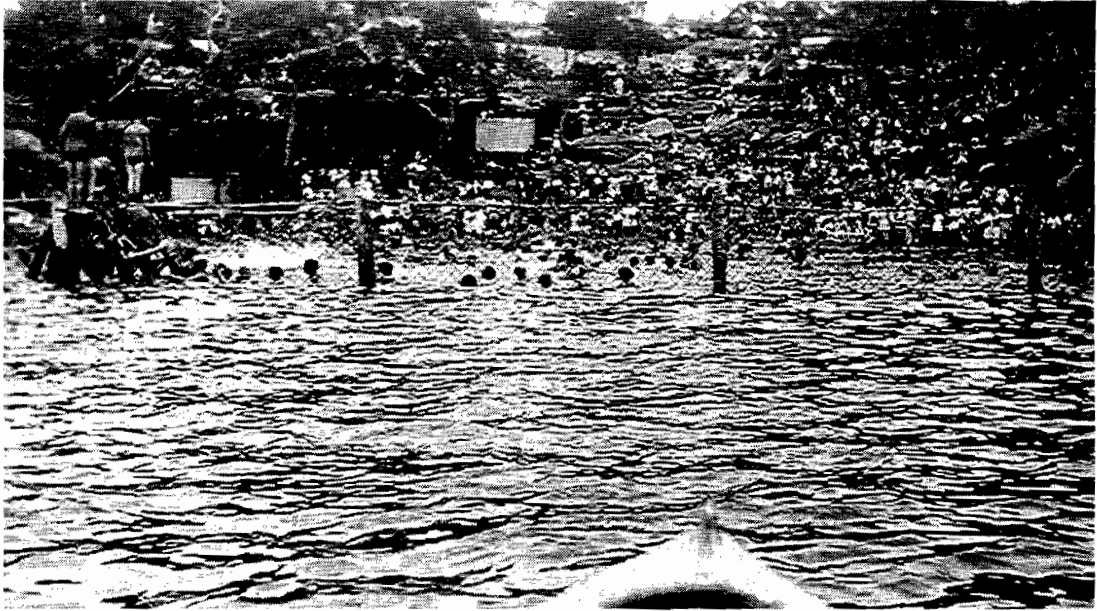
Due to increasing membership and many socials being held in the large galvanized shed in Mulga Rd, it was decided to purchase two blocks of land at the corner of Woonoona Pde and Myall St, Oatley.

An offer of \$10.00 was made to Hurstville Council to purchase an old dressing shed from Oatley Park

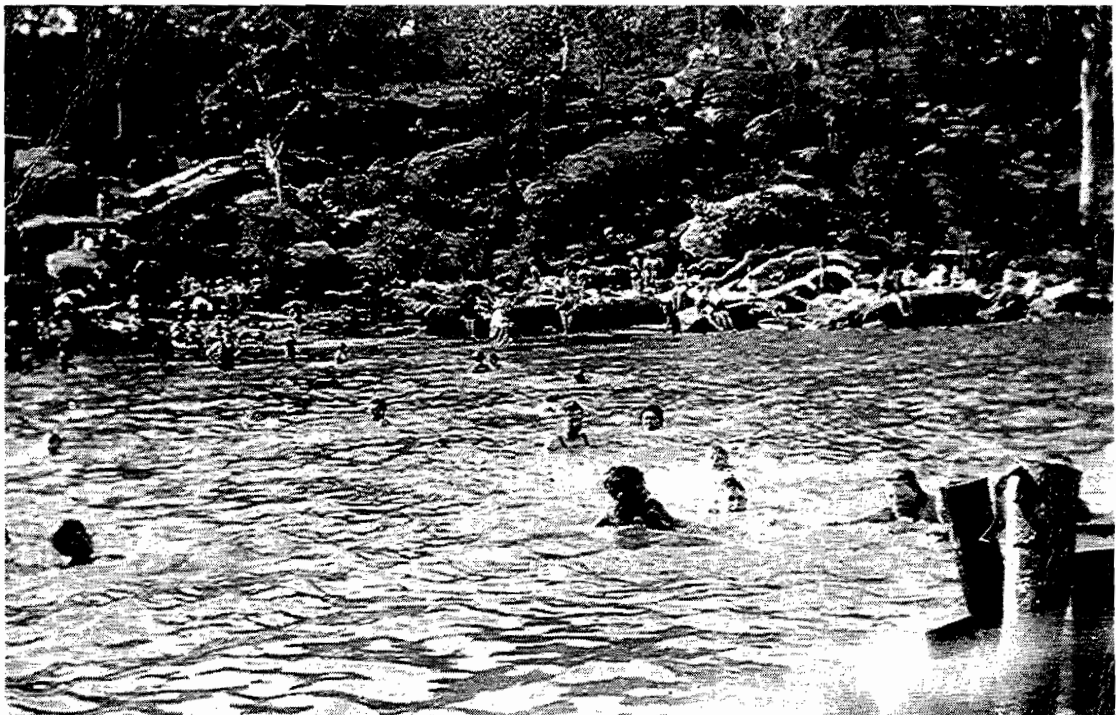
This was dismantled and shifted to the land and with other material from Penshurst Park, the hall was erected and beside it a tennis court was built. Members then furnished it with a piano, urns and other pieces.

To pay for the land a rather unusual scheme was developed. It was called the Land Scheme. The joining fee was \$2.00 and for (10) ten cents a week, each child could become a member until the age of (16) sixteen years. This scheme was a great boon during the "Depression Years" as money was scarce.

PICTURES OF THE BATHS IN THE 1930's



This was photographed about 1930, The baths use to attract large crowds
The two white panels were the original dressing sheds. They would not accommodate
any more than 12 people at a time and they had no showers.



This was also photographed around 1930. This was the main beach and it shows the large
rock structures.

The club room became the social centre of West Oatley, which looking back was a very isolated area; there were no Hotels, Clubs or Picture Theatre's: you had to make your own entertainment

Club meetings were held twice a month; and every now and then they ended up in wild disarray. Members would appear to argue about anything, particularly about handicapping and finance (these are still subjects that are high on the agenda every week). These were still regarded as a great night.

Once a week Lifesaving classes were held under the eagle eye of Dudley Shaw. At the time the club was the best Lifesaving club in NSW, winning the highly coveted Kelso King Shield beating the NSW Police

We conducted other social nights; these included Dances, Parties and Card evenings

Two carnivals were held every year; based on handicaps, with special scratch races. A Water Polo competition was held every Sunday night during the summer; these were very vigorous games, more like rugby league

The best swimmers in these years were Cheshire Fuimini, Jack & Fred Smith, the Dews boys, Jack Lawler and not forgetting the Belcher girls

Cheshire was an outstanding sprinter swimming 50 yards in 25 seconds which in those days was really fast, and he swam that time whilst he was still a junior.

There were two swimmers from Ramsgate that were faster; one was Doug Black he could swim 23 seconds for 55 yards, the splash he made was tremendous; arms and legs going like a thrashing machine. Another great swimmer was Geoff Valentine who would win the District 220 yards Championship by nearly 30 metres

Unfortunately he was killed during the war in New Guinea.

One of the greatest highlights of the season would be the annual picnic to Thirroul. The club would hire two railway carriages; with the steam train stopping at Oatley to pick up the large crowd. Community singing was one of the main features of the trip; quite a few of the younger members did not buy tickets.

PICTURES OF THE BATHS IN THE 1930's



This was photographed about 1930, races were held from the beach to the wire netting. Notice that lanes were used
In the background is the boat shed which was used by the Jewfish Point Boat Club.
Notice there is only one house on the point and the old Como rail bridge.



This was photographed just after the opening of the present baths around 1934/35. The dressing shed is still there and the first turning board has been installed.
Notice again the large number of people in the background

FORMATION OF THE BATHS: YEARS 1927- 1940

THE BATHS

The date of construction of the first baths is unknown. Its site stretched from the edge of lane 6 down the outside of the turning board to a point meeting a fence out from the main beach where there is a rocky outcrop.

During the Depression Years 1930-1935 men on the (dole) did not receive any money, instead they worked for it mostly on heavy laboring road work. As Oatley Park was undeveloped after nearly 50 years; the Council placed a large number of men on Park improvements. This resulted in roads, the stone castle, the oval and the building of the baths as we now know it.

The original name for the park was Sandy Beach, a name not known to the present population.

The Park has always had two beaches, the northern one was originally outside the first baths.

On weekends when the tide was suitable fisherman would bring in their boats to sell fish to the public

In the 30's, 40's and 50's; members used to catch prawns in the baths.

With the baths being 365 yards long it has been recognized as the largest baths in Australia. Every year we held an around the baths race, this would be the longest straight race in Australia inside a baths area. We now hold a 1 Kilometer race consisting of 'around the baths' plus a length of the baths.

One of the major problems has been to keep the baths shark proof. Over the many years a fairly large wire mesh has been used, a large amount of wire was required but due to rust the life of this was about 3 years and it had to be replaced. This was rather an expensive exercise for the council. With the large mesh swimmers were often plagued with jelly blubbers resulting in very painful stings and rashes.

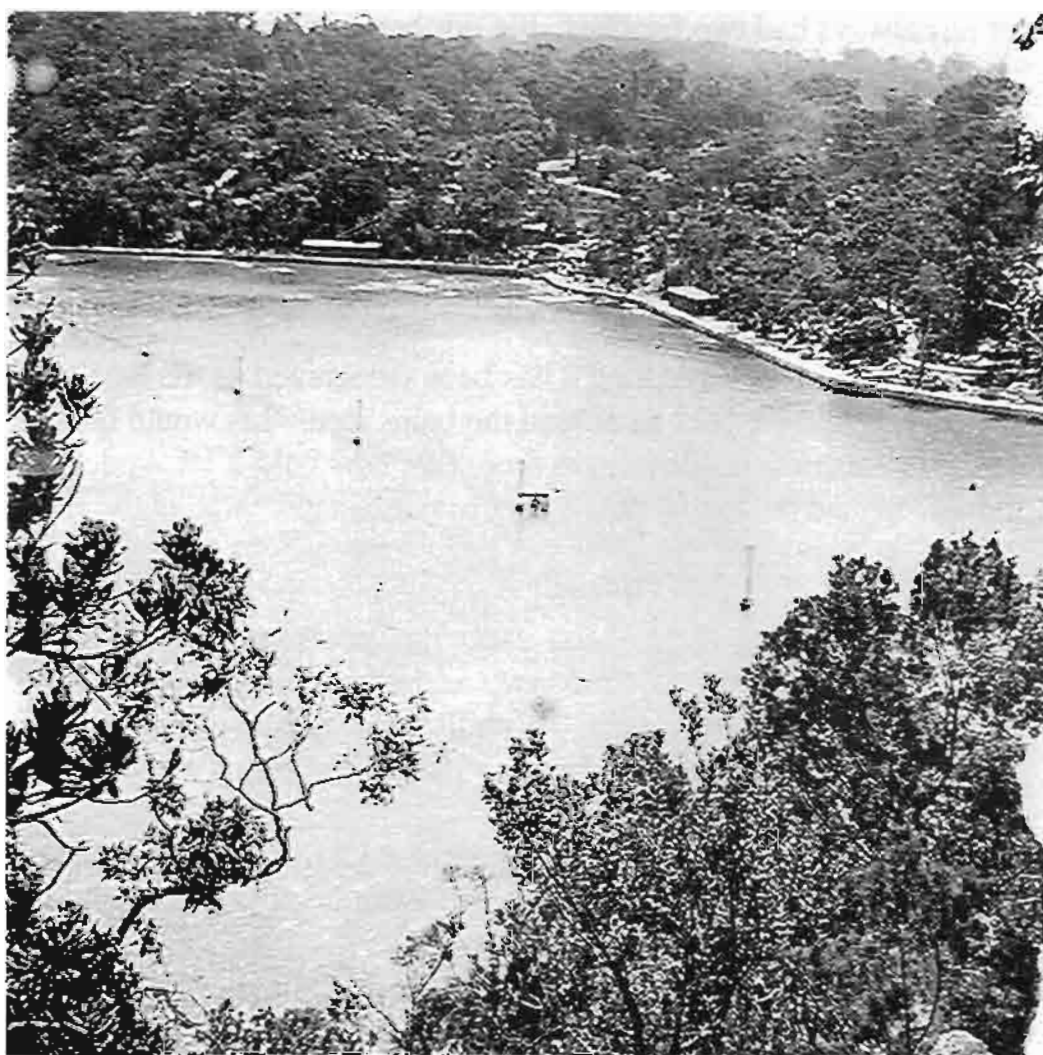
For a couple of years in the 70's the club purchased a fishing net which was placed around our swimming area thus allowing us to swim free of these menaces.

In 1980 Hurstville Council installed a fibre glass net of smaller mesh size which has been of great benefit to the public, except for an odd one it has kept the baths practically free of them., and being rust free will last longer though it showing signs of

PICTURES OF THE BATHS IN THE 1940 & 1950's



This was photographed in the late 40s or early 50s. It shows the new promenade and also the turning board which was a fixture like a wharf. Take note of the fashions in the costumes



This was photographed prior to 1959. It shows the two old dressing sheds on the promenade.

wear due too the boats hitting it and the public climbing onto it.

The park has always had a Park Ranger (Caretaker) and the most famous was George Prentice. He was employed by Hurstville Council. George was a real character and many stories have been told about his unusual behavior. The kids used to worry the daylight out him (floating his wheelbarrow in the baths), He would get very cranky with the adults who would not park their cars properly. George was a very hard worker and much of the rock work around the baths was done by him and the park area was always spotless. When George retired Jack Nield replaced him and he too kept the area in a very tidy state. One of the longer serving rangers was Ray Duggan

We now have Louie Russo in the position and he too is keeping the area in a spotless condition. All through the years the club has appreciated their assistance and co-operation in keeping the area clean and controlling the visitors who create a nuisance.

The State Government has now declared the baths as a State heritage for preservation

TURNING BOARDS:

The supply of a turning board and also a starting wall has been a major concern to the club, until recent years when Hurstville Council supplied a concrete wall and a large floating pontoon. The first finishing wall was a wooden fixture which lasted for many years though repaired regularly, This eventually collapsed and we had some real for many years.

The replacement was a pontoon made up of 44 gallon drums, This lasted for a couple of years. Next was an electric light pole we chopped down and to our surprise it did not float, but eventually the council supplied a couple of steel pontoons until they too rusted away and they have replace these with our present one. The only problem now is the barnacles that grow on the pontoon under the water resulting in many lacerated feet..

Our members regularly cleans these off during the low tide

A couple of years ago the concrete starting wall started to collapse. The council decided to build a new one, but on trying to demolish it, found that it was filled with old railway lines. They then decided to put a new front only onto the existing wall 1 metre out and raise the height 6 inches. The distance now is a little short of 50 metres

Ladies Basketball Team



Back Row
Front Row

R.Churchill, D.Ward, S.Parker, R. Roclandts, S.Sedgeman
J.Parker, P.Williamson, S.Lenehan.

DRESSING SHEDS:

The original dressing sheds down at the baths are the two small white walls, one in the middle and the other on the left hand side.

These were made of galvanized iron, with partly concrete and dirt floors. The middle one was the men's which held about 12 people at the time, the women's about 8. You can appreciate with the crowd there it took a long time for your turn to come around. There were no showers or toilets, you had to use a tap which was located away from the sheds to wash yourself. The timber roofs were supported by beams that were held in holes cut into the rock, these holes can still be seen.

When the large baths were built two large sheds were built (see on the promenade) the left one for men and the other for the women, these were quite large with concrete floors, but still no showers or toilets. In the men's there was a partition closing off about a 1/3 of the area where we stored our lanes

When the present brick building were built; the men's and women's were separated by our present club room, and these had cold showers. In 1995 Hot showers, toilets and tile floors were installed.

AFFILIATES:

At the same time as our club commenced , Oatley Bay Amateur Swimming Club was started at the Oatley Pleasure Grounds on the other side of Oatley.

Our family (the Stevens) joined this first, and a photo in my possession shows (60) male members both junior and seniors (no women). Being young at the time I cannot remember much about it, but the grounds had a wine salon, which (illegally) opened before the races, which I'm sure effected the performances of many of the swimmers. This club only lasted a few years and our family then joined the present club We had a subsidiary club from the Woronora River, made up of two families, the Fowlers and the Mosses, they owned one beat up car which regularly broke down.

WAR YEARS: 1939_ 1945

The second world war caused many problems for sporting clubs, particularly among the senior members between the ages of 18 and 45 years. They were either in the forces or in war production.

In 1942 Oatley Park was taken over by the Army, which they occupied for about 12 months. Army engineers occupied the oval and the area around the children's

Ladies Netball Team 1954



Back Row
Front Row

N.Stevens, P.Howes, V.Hammill, M.Jones.
Unknown, J.Glover, UnKnown.

Mens 1947 Champion Soccer Team



Back Row: Ray Stevens, W.Jones, G.Mollett, J.Stevens, W.Bell.
Middle Row: A.Thode, G.Mckenzie, A.Burgess, R.Falconer, R.Rushworth..
Front Row J.Thode, G.Mollett (Mascot), R.Thode (Linesman).

playgrounds

Unfortunately we had three members all pilots in the Air Force who died in action. They were Jack McDowell, Cec Rickets and Ian Thompson!

Luckily the club carried on mostly by the efforts of Bill Stevens, Frank Stevens and many older members with help also from Juniors Ron Stevens, Noel Hammond and Tim Murphy

1945 ONWARDS: CLUB ACTIVITIES

When the members returned from war service, the club expanded and many pre war activities were resumed.

Monthly dances were held and a monthly newsletter called the "SPLASH" was introduced. This was jointly produced with Oatley West School and Oatley West Progress Association. It became an Oatley West local paper and was available at the local Newsagent, shops and was delivered to local houses. The first edition was prepared by Mick Staples.

FLIXS FOR NIX:

During the early years the Flix for Nix era was born, where the club would arrange films from Shell, Health Department, Travel companies and the State Film Library.

The club room would be packed and we raised funds by selling drinks etc. to advertise these nights; Jim Burke and other members would place signs written in chalk around the district (now I believe this is called graffiti).

These nights went on for many years and gradually faded out due to the invent of television.

BOTTLE DRIVES:

During the 50's and 60's to raise funds the club went into collecting bottles. Billy Mitchell drove his 3 ton truck while members went door to door picking up the bottles.

The number of bottles people had accumulated amazed us, some had their backyards full and one reason for this was that their neighbors use to throw theirs over the fence. We established a bottle yard at the club room in Myall St up to 1990, then the council commenced a collecting service for recycling, we decided to give these drives away.

MEMBERS IN THE EARLY 50's



Back Row R. Moss, Unknown,
 Second Row J. Stevens, L. Farrant, R. Boufler, unknown, G. Noble, J. Havilah, A. Uebel,
 P. Paterson, Ron Stevens, H. Belcher, R. Paterson.
 Front Row M. Staples, Unknown, A. Rumsey, A. Humphries, Ray Stevens, J. Hughes,
 K. Stewart, W. Davies, D. Davies, P. Moss R. Churchill.

Members In The Early 40's



Some Members Who Could Be Identified

F. Stevens, Clive Stevens, Tim Murphy, Arch Uebel, B. Grady, Alan Rumsey,
 Noel Hammond,

These funds enabled us to obtain equipment(the personalized chairs down at the club house were purchased with these funds).

Basket Ball:

In the 50's and 60's the younger members, both boys and girls entered teams in the local competition. The men played in a hall at Kogarah, which was a bit short and many times the game ended out on the footpath.

Both teams had their share of success.

Soccer:

During the years 1936_37 some members used to play soccer for the Oatley West Soccer Club up at the oval in the park, although it was mostly gravel and as many as forty players would play all day.

In 1937 we decided to enter a team in this competition comprising mostly of club members. Being only young we copped a hiding in the all aged competition and in the first year we never won a game or scored a goal. In 1939_40 we improved to win a few games. The soccer club disbanded during the war years as all members served in the armed forces.

In 1946 we reformed the soccer club and had immediate success in winning the 3rd division competition by winning all games. The club again closed after a couple more years. Many of the members joined the Oatley Methodist Church Soccer Club.

In the late 50's we again reformed the soccer team and entered a junior team with Norman Pomfret as captain, also a senior team played for a few years.

Later the original team was commenced again under the name of ALL SAINTS OATLEY WEST and now is one of the strongest clubs in the area, fielding numerous sides.

Our best older player would have been Wally Bell, who could have played at a higher level if he so desired. In the younger players it would have Derek Hawkins who went on to play for the NSW under21team

1957_1958 SEASON



Back Row N. Stanners, M. Bosward, J. McIlhoney, P. Cross, G. Uebel, D. McIlhoney, A. Wicks, C. Stammers, A. Whiteley, V. Hammill, J. Bosward, H. Hammill, K. Sandstrom, K. O'Connell, S. Hill, B. Belcher, D. Hammill, N. Lupton, M. Whiteley.

Middle Row Mystery B. Taylor, L. Bosward, G. Kemp, A. Pickering, D. Maher
D. Stevens, K. Johnston, V. McIlhoney

Front Row C. Taylor, S. Walker, K. Short, K. Johnston, B. McIlhoney, D. Whiteley, B. Stevens, A. Stranger.



Back Row: R. Short, B. Whiteley, K. Williams, C. Wingrove, G. Kemp, R. Booker, J. Featon
R. Milner, D. Adams, D. Knight, G. Bosward.

Middle Row: N. Pomfret, A. Elholm, T. Walker, R. Short, G. Talbot, P. Buckland, J. Whiteley.

Front Row: J. Humphries, L. Pickering, L. Yeomans, P. Pomfret, C. Yates, A. Godfrey, B. Stevens

CLUB PICNICS:

Many picnics were organized some we traveled by bus and one in particular we traveled up the Woronora by a number of launches. This one is still fresh in the memories of those present as we went up on the high tide, but when we came to go back there was no water where we anchored our launches, unfortunately we had to manhandle those heavy wooden boats for about 200 metres over rocks until we met the water again. I can tell you it wasn't a very good ending to what had been a very good day.

LEARN TO SWIM:

For children to learn to swim there are now many facilities, but in 50s and 60s the Learn to swim campaign was run by the swimming clubs. There were not any real public pools and very few coaches. So we gave lessons down at the baths on Saturday mornings allowing for the tide. Our facilities were very poor for teaching but hundreds of children have been taught. It was nothing to have 100 children turn up. All the members used to help and our chief organizers were Mrs Phyllis Pomfret, Mrs Peg Rogers, Mr Les Dodds and Nola Stevens. As more modern facilities became available we were required less and eventually this to faded out.

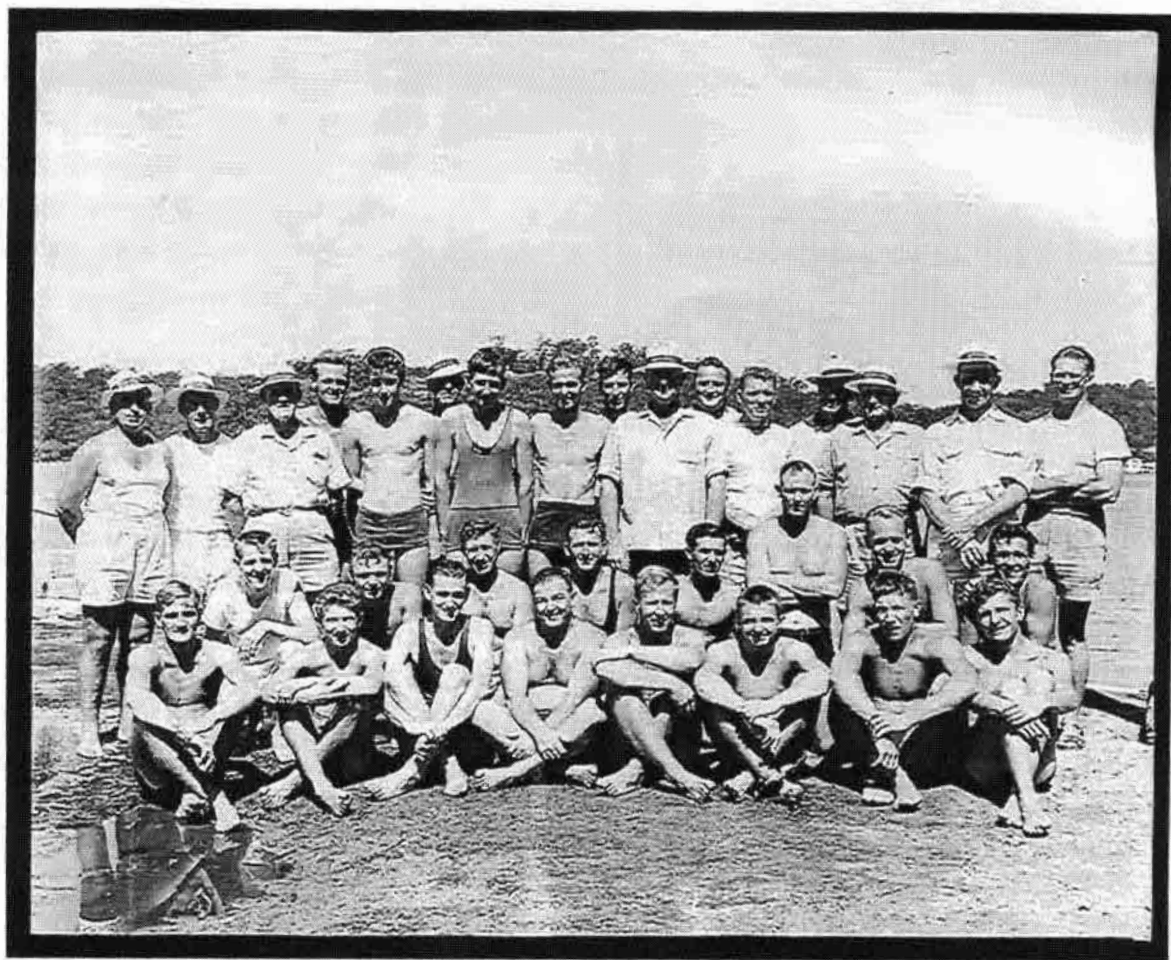
WINTER ACTIVITIES:

With our members getting older many have retired and meet down at the baths during the winter when the weather permits, and have morning tea and solve all the worlds troubles. These fortunate people also arrange many train trips to the south coast which are getting very popular.

PRESENTATION OF TROPHIES:

This has been an annual event since the club's inception. Pre war they were presented at a yearly dance held at the Memorial Hall or the Masonic Hall at Mortdale. After the war Mortdale RSL took over the hall and we have had to hold these presentation in various locations such as The Castle and even down at the baths, the last one we returned the Mortdale RSL Club.

SENIOR MEN 1956-57



- Back Row R.SHORT, G.BOSWARD, W.STEVENS, RON STEVENS, B.McCULLUM, J.(POP) STEVENS, J.WRIGHT, G.WOOLRIDGE, P.PATERSON, R.HAMMILL, J.KEMP, L.DODD, B.PICKERING, J.WALKER, W.MITCHELL(PRES), J.YEOMANS
- Centre Row C.LYNCH, B.SAUNDERS, J.POMFRET, H.BELCHER, D.HAWKINS, J.MCILHONEY, A.UEBEL(SEC), K.WOODS
- Front Row H.AKERMAN, B.KNIGHT, A.HUMPHRIES(TREAS), G.MCILHONEY, RAY. STEVENS, P.MAHER, B.BUTLER, A.SMITH

HANDICAPPING:

The Club has always raced on the handicap basis ie. Points for competing, except in the longer distances where members submit their own times and the nearest to that time wins.

In earlier days they tried to handicap these races but due to a great number of shrewd swimmers (Foxes) it was found to be nearly impossible to get their correct times.

These days the points are added up and with the money available a total amount for each point is worked out. The swimmer does not receive the cash but must purchase a trophy to that amount, which is then presented to him on the presentation night, if no trophy is handed in then no funds are issued

In years gone by there were fixed amounts for winning a race, but it was found to be fairer on points, as every one is a winner..

CLUB ROOMS:

When the club commenced we had no facilities at all down at the baths and no where to store our gear, and we had to use the club room in Myall Street.

This hall was the centre of our activities such as Lifesaving classes, Socials, Parties and Card nights.

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It was at this hall that the club played its famous musical chair, only the senior members could play as it got very rough and a rugby league match look very tame. Luckily they were the very strong metal chairs which we still use down at the baths as they took a tremendous battering.

The club room down at the baths is now the centre of our activities, which now consist of BBQ's and PRAWN days. The area looks very colorful when the new tables and beach umbrellas are put out.

1980_1981 SEASON



Back Row

K.Uebel, S.Kay, R.Smith, C.White, M.Whitcombe, D.Campbell,
A.Pomfret, A.O'Neil, K.Merran.

Middle Row

C.Demur, T.Demur, C.Smith, G.Uebel, H.Quinn, N.Stanners, V.Lynch,
J.Mitchell, L.Whitcombe, K.O'Hagan

Front Row

S.O'Hagan, J.White, S.White, M.Kay, F.Lynch,
Absent were , M.Akerman, S.Akerman, T.Hill, E.Holt



Back Row:

A.Smith, M.Crutcher, T.Lyons, J.Yeomans, T.Walker, J.Pomfret on shoulders.

Second Row:

D.O'Hagan, A.Uebel, J.Mitchell, Ray Stevens(Pres), P.White, P.Demur, D.Mitchell,
R.Pomfret.

B.Whitcombe, C.Stevens, K.Bullivant

Third Row

Ron Stevens, M.Boon, P.Pomfret, W.Scott, J.Cambell, G.Snell, S.Smith, M.Kay,
K.Whitcombe, D.Lynch.

Front Row

P.Boon, D.Pomfret, J.Boon, J.Demur, M.Demur, M.Snell, T.Walker, J.Smith

Absent: H.Akerman, C.Conroy, R.Holt, C.Lynch, R.Quinn, J.Stevens

MEMBERS:

Like many sporting clubs our membership has varied from year to year. The records that are available do not show the number of members, but in the 30's it was quite high, dropped away in the 40's, rose considerably in the 50's and 60's and at present we have 80 members. As more Olympic pools have been built, we have lost many juniors to other clubs. Our senior membership has remained steady due to these other clubs only catering for junior swimmers.

Over the years we have had hundreds of members from all walks of life. We have had Members of Parliament, Judges, Doctors, Lawyers, Dentists, Solicitors, Chemists, Accountants, Mayors and Aldermen. Also we have Technicians and Tradesmen covering all phases of business.

We have always been a family club, and over the years six members of one family have raced. There have also been many marriages amongst our members and not only have lady swimmers been good we have had 2 Miss N.S.W in Miss Hayes and Julie Ismay.

We have now found that of the ex members are living in all states of Australia and some have been able to return to the three reunions that have been held. One feature has been the length of membership.

Ray Stevens	64 years
John Stevens	64 years
Ron Stevens	64 years
Val Groves (Macilhoney)	45 years
Alan Smith	45 years
Val Lynch(Hammill)	44 years
Jim Yeomans	42 years
Harold Belcher	40 years
Betty Belcher	40 years
Barry Whitcombe	40 years
Colin Lynch	40 years
Joyce Mitchell	28 years
Kevin Bullivant	25 years

As we are a swimming club, we must record their achievements. The ages of our members over the years have ranged from 3 years to over 70 years of age.

The club has always been a social before a swimming club, under our handicapping

1985_1986 SEASON



Back Row M.Akerman, F.Lynch, V.Kowron, K/Iltingworth, S.Iltingworth.
 Third Row C.Coleman, J.Larkiss, S.Drinkwater, J.Coombs, M.Frape.
 Second Row N.Freestone, R.Iltingworth, L.Whitcombe, C.Bleakley, K.Larkiss.
 Front Row S.Millbourne, R.Maynell, M.Pomfret, S.Pomfret, G.Norton.



Back Row: M.Coleman, M.Krelle, D.Krelle, M.Demur.
 Third Row: P.Norton, J.Demur, K.Whitcombe, T.Freestone, J.Larkiss, G.Coombs, R.Maynell.
 Second Row J.Maynell, M.Bleakley, A.White, T.Millbourne, R.Millbourne, R.Bleakley.
 Front Row E.Burg, J.Yeomans, D.Pomfret, P.Freestone, A.Bleakley, V.Bleakley.

system the fast and slow swimmers have an equal chance of winning races (there will always be members that disagree with this).

Due this system we have the largest adult membership in the area, but as in any sport there will be swimmers who are natural athletes and stand out above the rest.

To name these swimmers from memory is very difficult and many may disagree with me, I think the Belcher Girls were the fastest amongst the ladies.

I nominate the following Cheshire Fuimini, Rod Nash, Fred & Jack Smith and Roy Rushworth who between them won many club championships.

I must nominate Frank Steven's as the best ever in the club, he won many District, State and National Championships and narrowly missed selection in the 1948 Olympic Team to London, he was beaten by 1 second, but he was selected in the 1950 Commonwealth Games team to New Zealand. He was also a very fast freestyle swimmer.

John Stevens was a very fast in Breaststroke, Butterfly and Freestyle, Richard Quinn in Butterfly and Freestyle, and Jack Campbell when in his fifties won all the club championships. Herb Akerman was our fastest freestyler for many years.

Among the ladies our fastest swimmers would have been the Belcher girls, Carol Butler (Stanners), Diane Campbell, Helen Quinn (Thibou), but for consistency over the years Val Lynch (Hammill), has won numerous club championships in all strokes, and in the latter years has joined the Masters Swimming and has held many National & State Records and is also ranked in the World Top Ten in her age group.

Our most versatile swimmer with the greatest potential would have been Bob Bouffler. He also won the club championships in every stroke, and on the social scene he was a great entertainer. His fastest time over 50 metres was 26 seconds. Another great swimmer was Graham Holt, Graham was very fast in all strokes. One of our best Breaststroke swimmers was Ron Stevens.

Over the last few years the championships have been dominated by John Coleman, who as an older swimmer has been exceptional, but as time marches on he now has to compete with the younger brigade (Jeff Watts, Jeff Reece and Greg Douglas)

1985_1986 SEASON



Back Row B.Wakefield, D.Larkiss, J.Frape, R.Robertson, J.Mitchell.
 Third Row A.White, C.Illingworth, K.Maynell, V.Lynch, M.Willis.
 Second Row S.Akerman, M.Whitcombe, M.Kowron, P.Bleakley, E.Willis.
 Front Row J.Burg, M.Pomfret, C.Bennett-Millbourne, D.Coombs



Back Row: H.Akerman, G.White, P.Wakefield, R.McClaren, J.Stevens, J.Yeomans, Ray Stevens.
 Third Row: A.Larter, Ron Stevens, K.Bullivant, R.Kowron, L. Yeomans, J.Cloeman, R.Maynell.
 Second Row R.Illingworth, C.Burg, H.Siennicki, A.Smith, P.Pomfret.
 Front Row K.Arnold, P.Demur, B.Whitcombe, T.Bleakley, R.Coombs.

SWIMMING STROKES:

Over the years the rules and strokes have changed dramatically from what they were when Oatley commenced. One in particular is the Butterfly stroke; in the early days there was no such stroke and it came about as a derivative of the Breaststroke.

The following is a recap from memory of your President Ray Stevens on his first encounter with the Butterfly stroke; as far as I can ascertain this stroke was not in operation before 1940. I saw this new stroke in a newsreel at theatre, which said "it was a new form of Breaststroke with the same kick but the arms came out of the water instead of being under.

In March, 1946, I and my brother John competed in the Army Championships in Sydney. This carnival was sanctioned by the NSW Swimming Association. John, myself and another swimmer dived in and came up coming doing this new stroke much to the amazement of the other swimmers who were doing the orthodox Breaststroke. I managed to win this race in 32.5 seconds and as there was no protest from the officials it stood.

This was interesting as the official NSW learn to swim hand book of 1946 stated that this stroke was illegal in Australia.

In the Olympic Games in Helsinki in 1952, an Australian named Davies won a gold medal in the Breaststroke using this action. In 1956, the Butterfly was made an official stroke and could no longer be done in the normal Breaststroke race.

COUNTRY TRIPS:

In post war period country clubs were not as strong in fast swimmers as they are today. They also had many senior swimmers and competed in handicap races , with various scratch races over 50 metres.

Each year we would visit various country clubs such as Bathurst, Orange, Mudgee, Lawson, Katoomba and The Entrance, both for swimming and social activities.

Our club has been very strong in "club swimmers" particularly in the senior ranks and we were very successful in relays and scratch races. Members enjoyed themselves immensely, being transported in cars and motorbikes.

1991_1992 SEASON



Back Row R.Robertson, B. McAneny, V.Groves, V.Lynch, K.Maynell, M.Willis,
 L.Whitcombe, J.Sloan
 Middle Row K.Reece & Mitchell, Mrs Willis, M.Skowronski, J.Mitchell, E.Whitcombe.
 Front Row E.McAneny, K.Leone, Mystery, Mystery, C.Reece, Mystery, L.Reece,
 R.Maynell, Mystery



Back Row: J. Reece, K.McAneny, B.Whitcombe, R.Maynell, J.Mitchell, P.Demur, K.Bullivant,
 R.Coombs, G.Sloan, T.Martin, J. Lopez.
 Second Row: Ray Stevens, A.Smith, R.Skowronski, J.Stevens, J.Yeomans.
 Front Row J.Coleman, The Hat, B.McAneny, K.Whitcombe, C.Lynch.

The trips to The Entrance were greatly look forward to, as two old members of the club Fred & Addie Montague rented an old cottage for the weekend into which 50 members would fit. The place was regularly cleaned by water pistol fights.

CITY CARNIVALS:

Over a period of twenty years (20) a carnival was held at Ramsgate baths. The races were on a handicap basis and if you broke your time by 2 seconds or more you were disqualified. Due to the better conditions at this pool it was salt water pumped from Botany Bay it was a very fast pool most of our swimmers had problems with this, but when we learned to "fox" we held our own with all the other clubs that competed.

At these carnivals there was a novelty event, 50 metres butterfly scratch race and times of 30 seconds were common; the double dolphin kick had not been yet invented so the popular kick was one breaststroke and one dolphin kick.

The most renowned swimmer to come from the Ramsgate club was Neville Hayes who represented Australia in the Olympic Games and one a silver medal.

Over the years we have not produced any state champions in butterfly but the following members have been very good:; R. Bouffler, J.Stevens, R.Quinn, J.Campbell, G.Holt and more recently J.Coleman and Jeff Reece J Watts and J.Vlassis

OFFICIALS:

It is true to say that the club could not operate without officials.

Some names keep appearing year after year; Bill Stevens, Fred Meyers, Bernie Howard, Jack Maples, Harold Cooks, Bill Mitchell, Esma Holt, Jim Burke, K.Patterson, Bob Bennett, Moyia Skowronski and many others, and without these type of people, most sporting clubs would cease to exist

Of all the officials of the club over many years , the one person who would have contributed to the clubs success more than anyone else would have to be Bill Stevens (fondly known as Uncle Bill to many). During the early days he was the chief organizer in all fund raising projects Bill was always first to put his hand up to help, he organized the card parties, picnics, and other socials.

He was the caretaker of our club hall in Myall St. for many years, hiring it out to other parties, doing the maintenance, cutting the lawns not with a motor mower because they

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Back Row B.Belcher, M.Zahra, K.Maynell, R.Robertson, V.Lynch, E.Whitcombe
Front Row M.Willis, V.Groves, J.Sloan, M.Skowronski, K.Reece, J.Mitchell



Back Row: J.Reece, A.Smith, Ron Stevens, K.McAneny, R.Skowronski, M.Davison, J.Watts,
K.Bullivant, R.Rynstardt, B.Whitcombe, J.Stevens, A.Wilson.
Middle Row: R.Clarsen, H.Belcher, J.Yeomans, J.Vlassis, G.Sloan, C.Hurrell, R.Maynell.
Front Row: C.Lynch Ray Stevens

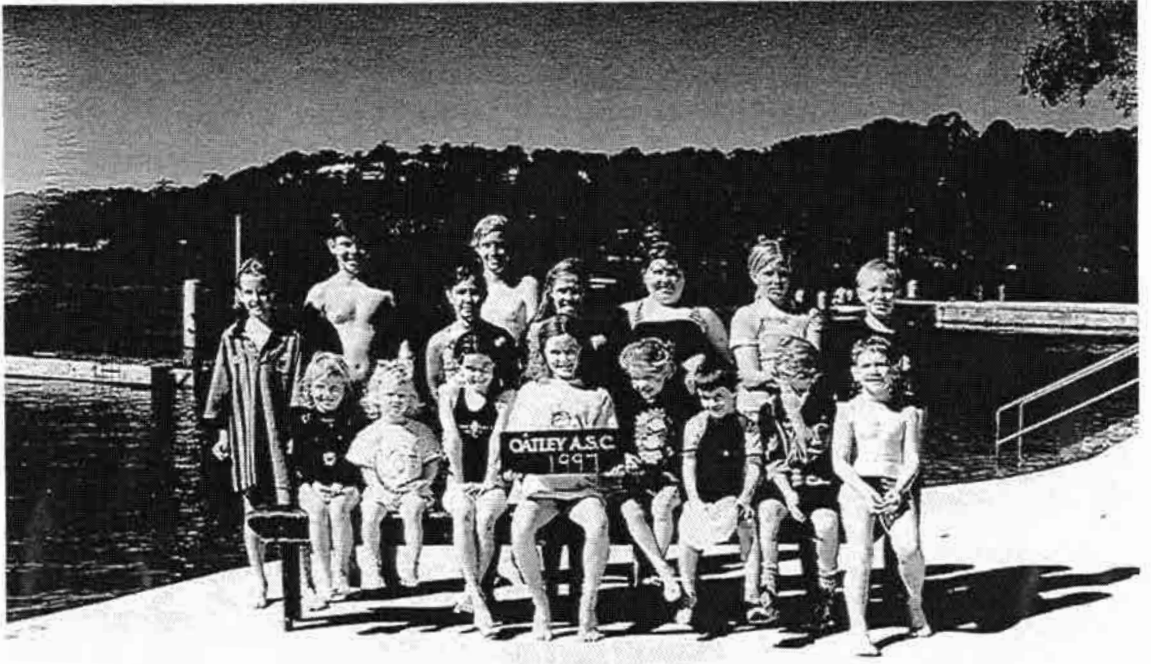
had not been invented, but with a scythe which was hard work.

There is a park in Oatley Bay Rd called Stevens Park; It was named after our Uncle Bill. Bill was a tireless worker also for the Mortdale Pensioners and the Penshurst Bowling Club.

I have known him for over forty years, and in that time he was the ultimate official always dressed in white long trousers and white shirt; never have I seen him in a swimming costume.

The following is list of officials that have served your club; has been taken from the meeting minute books that still exist.

YEAR	PRESIDENT	SECRETARY
1927	HEDLEY MALLARD	HARLEY COHEN
1928	HEDLEY MALLARD	HARLEY COHEN
1929	HEDLEY MALLARD	HARLEY COHEN
1930	HEDLEY MALLARD	BERNIE HOWARD
1931	HEDLEY MALLARD	W.PAKENHAN
1932	HEDLEY MALLARD	W.PAKENHAN
1933	BERNIE HOWARD	W.PAKENHAN
1934	F.WALKER	W.PAKENHAN
1935	F.WALKER	W.PAKENHAN
1936	F.WALKER	A.JONES
1937	J.MAPIES	B.HOWARD
1938	J.MAPLES	B.HOWARD
1939	F.WALKER	RAY STEVENS
1940	F.WALKER	R.FALCONER
1941	W.PACKENRHAM	L.PACKENHAM
1942	W.PACKENRHAM	L.PACKENHAM
1943	R.ACORN	L.MALLARD
1944	H.COATES	F.MEYER
1945	H.COATES	F.MEYER
1946	ILCOATES	F.MEYER
1947	R.PATTERSON	RAY STEVENS
1948	W.STEVENS	RAY STEVENS
1949	W.STEVENS	D.MCDOUGALL
1950	MINUTE BOOKS MISSING	MINUTE BOOKS MISSING
1951	MINUTE BOOKS MISSING	MINUTE BOOKS MISSING
1952	MINUTE BOOKS MISSING	MINUTE BOOKS MISSING
1953	MINUTE BOOKS MISSING	MINUTE BOOKS MISSING
1954	MINUTE BOOKS MISSING	MINUTE BOOKS MISSING
1955	MINUTE BOOKS MISSING	MINUTE BOOKS MISSING
1956	MINUTE BOOKS MISSING	MINUTE BOOKS MISSING
1957	MINUTE BOOKS MISSING	MINUTE BOOKS MISSING
1958	W.MITCHELL	A.UEBEL
1959	W.MITCHELL	D.ADAMS
1960	J.POMFRET	RON STEVENS
1961	J.POMFRET	COLIN LYNCH
1962	J.POMFRET	J.BARKER
1963	RAY STEVENS	N.POMFRET
1964 TO 1980	RAY STEVENS	ESMA HOLT
1981 TO 1986	RAY STEVENS	ALAN SMITHH
1987	RAY STEVENS	COLLEEN BENNETT
1988 TO 1996	RAY STEVENS	MOYIA SKOWRONSKI



Back Row J Sheahan, A.Davison, L Vlassis, J.Braithwaite,, J Vlassis,
N.Davison, N Rynsaardt, ?. Rynsaardt
Front Row ?. Sheahan, ?. Sheahan, C.Reece, L.Reece, Mystery,
M.Reece,Unknown, A.Davison

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Back Row: R.Rynsaardt, K.Maynell, M.Davison, H.Belcher, R.Skowronski, Ron Stevens, Ray Stevens, J.Yeomans, C.Lynch, A.Smith, V.Lynch, A.Wilson, G.Sloan, R.Clarsen, K.Bullivant, John Stevens, M.Willis, J.Reece, ,

Third Row: J.Vlassis, J.Watts, M.Zahra, C.Hurrell, B.Belcher, Joyce Stevens, J.Sloan, L.Yeomans, E.Clarsen, C.Reece.

Second Row: J.Vlassis, Rod Maynell, V.Wilson, K.McAneny, B.McAneny, R.Robertson, V.Groves, B.Whitcombe, E.Whitcombe, B.Clarsen, J.Mitchell

Front Row: L.Davison, L.Vlassis, J.Sheahan, M.Skowronski, K.Reece, L.Reece, N.Davison, R.Sheahan, R.Clarsen, S.Clarsen, M.Reece, N.Rynsaardt

HURSTVILLE CITY COUNCIL:

The story would not be complete unless reference was made of the Hurstville City Council.

The council was given charge of the park in 1888 and for the many years, it was left in its natural state. In the 1930s given cheap labor during the depression years, the baths were enlarged, the oval completed, the castle was built and roads put through the park. Further improvements were slowly made including the new dressing sheds.

In the last few years a large amount of money has been allocated, and made major improvements to make the park more user friendly with installations such as Hot Showers, Toilets down near the water, Gazebos have been built, Electric and Wood BBQ's and some very impressive landscaping down below the stone castle.

The club has taken full advantage of most of the improvements down near the water, the extended promenade has become our socializing place after the swimming is over.

During our time we have co-operated with the council in keeping the baths area clean and preventing damaged to the park by the public where ever possible and rendering minor first aid to the public when necessary.

On behalf of our members and the public we wish to congratulate the council on the progress in improvements they have carried out and the park is a credit to them on the standards they have reached. This park must be one of the best picnic areas left mostly in its natural state in the Sydney metropolitan area.

SUMMARY:

The club was formed in 1927 to give local people a means of entertaining themselves and to participate in a healthy sport.

Locally there was no facilities available such as theatres, hotels or clubs; it was the beginning of the worst depression. There was 30% unemployment, these were all males as females were not treated as unemployed.

Money was very short, so members ran small socials, raffles, played cards and had picnics.

As the years progress, particularly after the war when employment grew and more money became available, the club progressed and we now find ourselves in a strong financial position.

With the change in entertainment such as television, clubs and theatres, the clubs social activities are based around the baths with barbecues and prawn days.

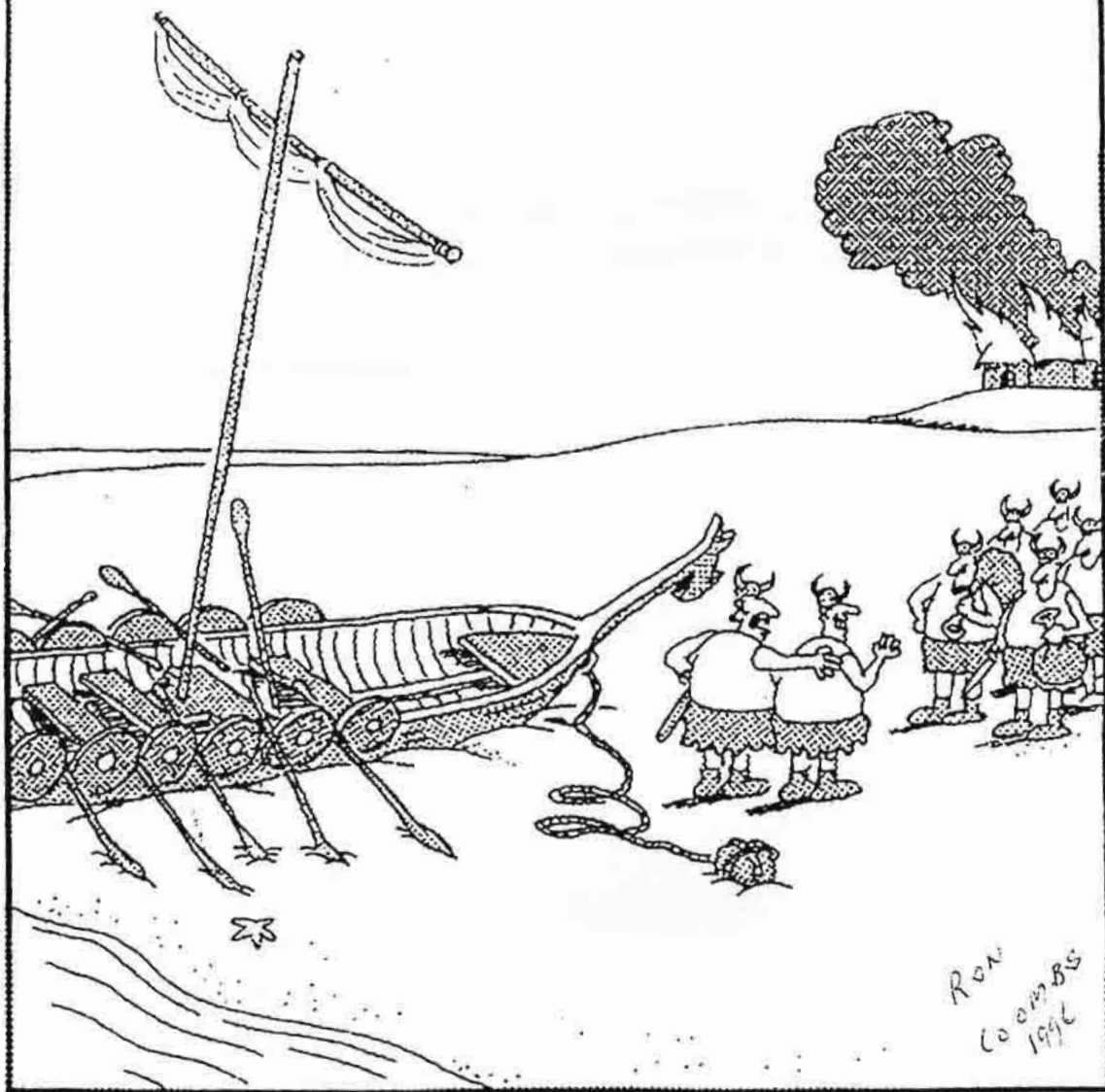
The clubs facilities have grown substantially over the years with items such as a gas barbecue, refrigerators, beach umbrellas, tables and chairs make it very comfortable to enjoy ourselves. Our activities are based around swimming races catering for both fast and slow both young and old.

We must apologize for the lack of photographs of members from the 1920 to 1950's.

I suppose due to the lack of ownership of cameras in those days, no photographs seem to have been taken.

Many thanks to Col Lynch, Jeff Watts and Dennis Woods for their help in the preparation of this booklet.

We trust that the club goes on for many more happy years.



“Everyone can just put down their loot and plunder, and RAY here — yes, old RAY, who was in charge of reading the tide chart — has something to say to us all.”

PROMENADE97



MEMBERS FACILITIES AT BARBCUES
ON THE PROMENADE 1997



**1927-97 Supplementary on 70th
Anniversary Function**



OATLEY AMATEUR SWIMMING CLUB



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AMATEUR CLUB SWIMMING

SUPPLEMENTARY

TO

1927-1997

BOOKLET

COVERING THE REUNION

EDITORIAL

Many thanks to the foundation members, ex members and current members who attended the 70th Anniversary of the club at the Mortdale Masonic Club on September 20, 1997

This was the fifth reunion the club has held, and was the best attended. Not only, was this a reunion of the club, but also a reunion of people who have lived in the Oatley and surrounding areas over the last 70 years.

Several members have asked for a list of those that attended, due to the fact it was almost impossible to make contact with everyone in the short time available on the night.

The club executive thought it maybe the appropriate time to reintroduce a newsletter like the "SPLASH" that was produced in the 1950s & 60s. Please let us know if you would like this and what ideas you may have for a good catchy title as many swimming organizations are using the title SPLASH.

If the response to the newsletter idea is warranted we will produce it maybe twice a year.

It is up to you to let us know if you what this newsletter.

REUNION BOOKLET

We have been appreciative of the complimentary remarks on the booklet, many requests have been received from those that for various reasons could not attend the night for a copy, so they to can relive the many good memories of the past 70 years.

On reflection regarding the contents of the booklet, there were some omissions, particularly the assistance over the years of non-swimming members in organizing socials and money raising activities.

It is very hard to remember everyone that has done their little bit that has made this club one of the most friendly and enjoyable clubs in the past 70 years. Clubs do not continue to function if you don't have hard working volunteers such as: Mrs "Sandy" Auld, Mrs Flo Stevens Mrs Glen Stevens, Mrs Nancy Stanners, Mrs Phyllis Pomfret, Mrs Joyce Stevens for putting up with Mr Oatley Swimming Club (Ray Stevens) for all these years, Jim Burke, Bill Mitchell and I am sure many more.

Without these people the club would not be in the strong financial position it is today and the current members say "Thanks".

Some members traveled long distances to reacquaint their friendship from years gone by, below is just a sample of how far some did come and what a joy it was to see them again.

<i>Dave Moss and Wife</i>	<i>Melbourne</i>
<i>Joy Auld</i>	<i>Buderin Qld</i>
<i>Keith Fendly</i>	<i>Gold Coast</i>
<i>Fay Maples</i>	<i>Port Stevens N.S.W.</i>
<i>Arch and Gladys Uebel</i>	<i>Woolgoolga N.S.W</i>
<i>David Adams</i>	<i>Canberra</i>
<i>George Duckworth</i>	<i>Canberra</i>
<i>Jim Duckworth</i>	<i>Balcolyn N.S.W</i>
<i>Phyllis Lawler</i>	<i>Bowen Mountain</i>
<i>Ron Falconer</i>	<i>Wollongong N.S.W</i>
<i>Florence Fendly</i>	<i>California U.S.A</i>
<i>Ralph Walker</i>	<i>Foster N.S.W</i>
<i>Ailsa Wright</i>	<i>Cudmirrall</i>
<i>Harry Duckworth</i>	<i>Moss Vale N.S.W</i>
<i>Brian (Barney) Stevens</i>	<i>Broken Hill</i>

FOUNDATION MEMBERS

Jack Lawler was probably the only member from the 1920 era in attendance.

Dot Walker the daughter and Sue a granddaughter of the First President Hedley Mallard were in attendance, also attending were the late Fred Walkers daughter Joan Mcilhoney and his granddaughter Val Groves and Jack Maples daughter Fay.

PUBLICITY

It is normally very difficult to get free publicity for small sporting organizations, but we must thank 'The St. George and Sutherland Leader' for the article below. The first paragraph referred to a color photo of Ray Stevens and young Mitchell Reece.

Winners of race for fun mosey down to the pool

By SUE CONVEY

MITCHELL Reece, 5, and Ray Stevens, 76, (pictured on page 10) are at opposite ends of the age spectrum but both are kids at heart when it comes to taking a dip in the Georges River.

They are just two of the 80-odd Oatley Amateur Swimming Club members who would rather take the plunge in a salty, bush park pool than line up on the blocks at an Olympic-sized venue.

Each spring and summer Sunday, club members gather at Oatley Park for their version of a race meet.

Camaraderie, rather than competitiveness, is the driving force and freestyle could just as easily mean dog paddle.

"All the other clubs are too competitive for us," he said. "We're not in it to win anything. We just swim for the fun of it."

Nevertheless, Oatley's formula has proven a winning one. This Saturday, the club celebrates its 70th birthday.

It was founded by a group of returned World War I servicemen at a time when river inlets were being netted off all over the district for community swimming pools.

The river pools provided cool relief in summer and a social outlet for families who did not have the transport to get to the Olympic-sized pools at Enfield, North Sydney and Granville.

But after World War II, the balance shifted. More households had cars and more council pools were springing up in the suburbs. The river pools became neglected as swimmers flocked to the crystal-clear, tideless, artificial swimming holes.

Oatley, however, proved an exception. Mr Stevens, who has

swum with the club for 67 years, said Oatley owed its popularity to its tranquil setting and lack of sporting prowess.

"Most of our swimmers wouldn't be of much interest to other clubs because they don't care if they win or lose," he said.

"We have kids who are just learning to swim and older people who just want to relax. They can wear flippers for all we care. It's the social aspect of the club that people come for."

The closest thing to an Olympic champion to emerge from the club was Mr Stevens' brother, Frank, who swam backstroke in the 1950 Commonwealth Games.

But while Oatley Amateur Swimming Club might never make a splash on the international circuit, its looks like staying afloat for a long time to come.

Details: 9579 5848.

FAMILIES

Over the past 70 years the club has always been family orientated. In the early days, the families were larger than today and the entire family group Father, Mother and children have competed against each other or assisted in many ways.

The list below! is of some who attended the reunion but not all and we apologize if your name is not mentioned where all members of their families have competed at some time.

<i>Family members in attendance</i>	<i>Number of competitors in family</i>
<i>Adams David & Keith</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>Auld Daphne & Joy</i>	<i>3</i>
<i>Arnold Ken & Wife</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>Belcher Harold, Nancy & Win</i>	<i>6</i>
<i>Battishall Bruce</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>Churchill(Patterson) Rose</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>Demur Peter</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>Duckworth Jim, Harry & George</i>	<i>3</i>
<i>Falconer Ron</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>Holt Ron & Esma</i>	<i>3</i>
<i>Illingworth Bob, Carol & Daughter</i>	<i>5</i>
<i>Lynch Colin & Val</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>Lawler Jack, Les & Phyllis</i>	<i>3</i>
<i>Martin Tony</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>Maynell Rodney & Kerry</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>Moss Dave</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>O'Hagan Denis and Daughter Sonya</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>Patterson Peter</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>Reece Jeff and Karen</i>	<i>5</i>
<i>Smith Alan and Wendy</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>Stevens Ron, Bill and Nola</i>	<i>3</i>
<i>Stevens John, Frank, Clive & Ray</i>	<i>5</i>
<i>Sellens Alison</i>	<i>5</i>
<i>Thode Aub</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>Vlassis James</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>Walker Jack and Sue</i>	<i>3</i>
<i>Walker (Mallard) Dorothy</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>Whitcombe Barry and Liz</i>	<i>5</i>
<i>Yeomans Jim and Lorna</i>	<i>4</i>

LIST OF MEMBERS ATTENDING

Several members have requested a list of those present at the 70th reunion. With approximately 150 members, spouses and friends in attendance, it was near impossible to remember whom you saw and those you didn't.

<i>Adams David (Butch)</i>
<i>Adams Keith (Taupy)</i>
<i>Auld Joy</i>
<i>Auld (Hancock) Daphne & Husband</i>
<i>Arnold Ken & Wife</i>
<i>Belcher Harold (Bushytail) & Betty</i>
<i>Belcher Win & Nancy</i>
<i>Boyden(Lawler) Phyllis & Daughter</i>
<i>Burke Jack & Margaret</i>
<i>Butler Brian(Pesty) & Carol</i>
<i>Bullivant Kevin</i>
<i>Battishall Bruce</i>
<i>Duckworth George</i>
<i>Duckworth Harry & Wife</i>
<i>Duckworth Jim & Wife</i>
<i>Day Kevin & Carmel</i>
<i>Davison Michael & Wife</i>
<i>Demeur Peter</i>
<i>Fendley Keith</i>
<i>Falconer Ron</i>
<i>Groves Val & Rex</i>
<i>Hughes John & wife</i>
<i>Hadrick (Mallard)Dawn & Husband</i>
<i>Holt Ron & Esma</i>
<i>Hammond Noel</i>
<i>Hosey Harry & Joan</i>
<i>Hurrell Charles</i>
<i>Illingworth Bob, Carol, Kelly & Husband</i>
<i>Kowron Virginia</i>
<i>Lynch Val & Col</i>
<i>Lopez Jose & Friend Maureen Nasati</i>
<i>Lawler Les & Wife</i>
<i>Lawler Jack & Wife</i>
<i>Larter Arthur & Enid</i>
<i>McClaren Russell & Friend</i>
<i>McAneny Ken & Barbara</i>
<i>McMamus Ron & Hazel</i>
<i>Moss Dave & Wife</i>
<i>Moss (Stevens) Nola</i>

<i>Mitchell Joyce & Son John</i>
<i>Maynell Rodney & Kerry</i>
<i>Martin Tony</i>
<i>Mackay Barry & Margaret</i>
<i>Mallard Warren & Friend</i>
<i>McIlhoney Joan & Barbara</i>
<i>O'Hagan Denis & Wife Daughter Sonya and Husband</i>
<i>Patterson Peter & Rose</i>
<i>Papworth Keith & Rayma</i>
<i>Reece Jeff & Karen</i>
<i>Robertson Robin</i>
<i>Stanners Nancy</i>
<i>Stevens John & Glen</i>
<i>Stevens Brian</i>
<i>Stevens Bill</i>
<i>Stevens Ron & Chris</i>
<i>Stevens Frank</i>
<i>Stevens Ray(Horses) & Joyce (Chi Chi)</i>
<i>Stevens Clive & Diana</i>
<i>Sorensen Peter</i>
<i>Smith Alan & Wendy</i>
<i>Sellens Peter & Alison</i>
<i>Sellens (Findlay) Flo</i>
<i>Skowronski Raphael & Moyia</i>
<i>Sturmann Jens and Friend</i>
<i>Thode Aubrey</i>
<i>Uebel Arch & Gladys (Happy Bum)</i>
<i>Vlassis James</i>
<i>Waghorn (Maples) Fay</i>
<i>Woods Ken & Wife</i>
<i>Wright Ailsa</i>
<i>Walker Ralph</i>
<i>Whitcombe Barry & Elizabeth</i>
<i>Whitmarsh Tanya & Friend</i>
<i>Walker Jack, Dorothy & Sue</i>
<i>Watts Jeff & Friend Mary Ann Zarah</i>
<i>Wellington Cec Snr, Cec Jnr & Friends</i>
<i>Wilson Alec & Val</i>
<i>Yeomans Jim & Lorna</i>

Also attending was that man in the Scottish tartan suit, no he was not a waiter in fancy dress. His name was John (Chook) Fowler,

John was never a member of Oatley but was with our sister club Worinora Swimming Club.

This supplementary newsletter finalizes the particulars of the club and the 70th reunion.

It details how over the years the clubs strength, has come from families (refer to list).

It also shows that friendships made through those years still exist, brought about by swimming and social contact.

INVITATION:

An invitation is extended to ex members, to return whenever possible and enjoy the facilities that are now available, not just swimming but the social side.

We have monthly BBQs, which are free to members. Those lucky enough to be retired can join the oldies for morning tea most Monday mornings, except when they on there social trips.

It gets even better in the summer season morning tea is available every morning weather permitting.

Our membership fee is only \$10.00 and this covers you for just about everything including prizes if you have a couple of swims.

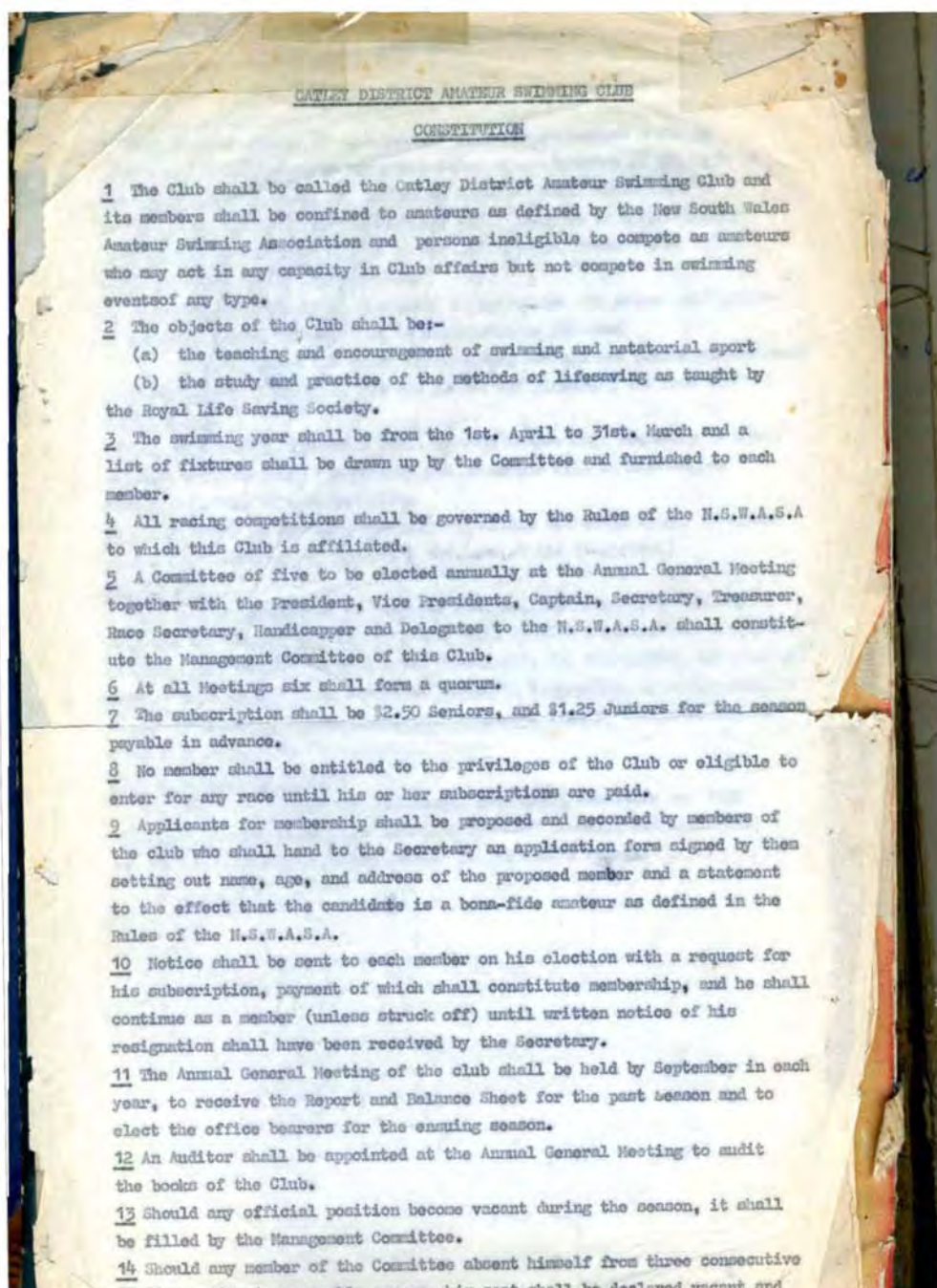
For further particulars ring the following members:

Ray Stevens (02) 9579 5848

Moyia Skowronski (02) 9570 2327

Constitution

There are two constitutions in the records. The current one was adopted in 1996.



Special Meeting called for the purpose of which due notice shall be sent him, provided that at least one-third of the members of the club be present at such meeting. Any member so expelled shall forfeit all claims to the property of the club and shall cease to be a member. Any such expulsion must be notified to the N.S.W.S.A. Members have the right of appeal to the N.S.W.S.A.

16 An annual trophy will be presented to the member who scores most points at swimming races, the score to be calculated as follows:

Three points for every first place, two and one points respectively for being second and third, and two points for finishing the race and not being placed.

17 All entries for club races shall be made to the Race Secretary or other official appointed for the purpose and no member will be handicapped unless this rule be complied with.

18 In the event of anything occurring not within the scope of the foregoing rules, the Committee may deal with the same at its discretion.

19. TRUSTEES

The club is authorized to purchase land and buildings on behalf of members. The club at a General Meeting will appoint trustees (with a maximum of five and a minimum of two) to be responsible for the control and maintenance of such property. In the event of death, bankruptcy, or resignation of any trustee, the President shall call a General Meeting within 30 days to appoint a new trustee to take their place.

20 BANK ACCOUNT MANAGEMENT

The club will appoint the President, Treasurer, Secretary and Vice President as authorized signatories to the Bank Account, and either of any two are authorized to sign cheques on the club's behalf.


21. AMENDMENT.

1996 Version

REGISTERED NUMBER:

CONSTITUTION OF THE
OATLEY AMATEUR SWIMMING CLUB INCORPORATED

This is the nine (9) pages of the Constitution referred to in the Application for Affiliation signed by me and dated.

SIGNATURE: 

PUBLIC OFFICER: R.H. STEVENS

DATE: 9/10/96

CONSTITUTION OF THE OATLEY AMATEUR SWIMMING CLUB INCORPORATED

PART 1 NAME

The name of the Club shall be the OATLEY AMATEUR SWIMMING CLUB INCORPORATED, hereinafter referred to as the "Club".


PART 2 OBJECTS

The objects of the Club shall be:

- 2.01 To promote teach and encourage the arts of swimming and life saving.
- 2.02 To stimulate public opinion in favour of providing proper accommodation and facilities for swimming.
- 2.03 To do such things as are necessary and incidental to attain the objects of the Club.
- 2.04 To affiliate to the New South Wales Swimming Association Inc. Affiliation to other kindred bodies may be effected from time to time by the Committee.

PART 3 MEMBERSHIP

- 3.01 Subject to this Constitution the membership of the Club shall comprise the members of the Club together with such other people as the Committee admits to membership and any life members appointed pursuant to Part 10 and any life members appointed prior to Incorporation.
- 3.02 Membership is open to all individuals who accept the objects and rules of the Club provided that any member who has not attained the age of sixteen (16) years shall not be entitled to vote at any meeting of the Club.
- 3.03 Individuals wishing to become members of the Club shall apply to the Committee for membership.
- 3.04 The Committee shall determine whether or not to accept an application for membership. The Committee is not required to supply reasons for accepting or rejecting an application for membership.
- 3.05 Where a member is a competitor, then that member shall comply with any provisions relating to eligibility to compete, as adopted by the New South Wales Swimming Association Incorporated from time to time.


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- 3.06 Members who are not 'eligible to compete', as provided by the New South Wales Swimming Association Inc. shall be eligible to participate in the activities of the Club other than that of competitors, but not in the affairs of the New South Wales Swimming Association Inc. unless otherwise as defined in the Constitution of the New South Wales PROVIDED THAT all members as defined in Clauses 3.05 and 3.06 other than the Patron, Vice-Patrons and Life Members shall be liable for the annual subscription provided herein.
- 3.08 A register of members shall be kept by the Club showing the name, address and date of commencement of membership for each member. Provision for noting the date of cessation of membership shall also be contained in the register.
- 3.09 Membership shall cease upon resignation, expulsion, or failure to pay outstanding membership fees within three (3) months of the due date.
- 3.10 Membership fees shall fall due on the first day of July of each year. The Club year and the Financial year of the Club shall run from 1st July to 30th June next following.

PART 4 DISCIPLINING OF MEMBERS

The procedure for disciplining members by suspension, disqualification or expulsion shall be for the Committee.

- 4.01 To charge the defaulting member in writing with the offence.
- 4.02 To cite the member to appear at a meeting of the Committee.
- 4.03 To give fourteen (14) days notice of the meeting.
- 4.04 To decide the action to be taken.
- 4.05 To keep proper minutes of the meeting, details of the action taken and to hold in safe custody any documents associated with the matter.
- 4.06 To advise the member charged as to the action decided by the Committee.
- 4.07 To advise the New South Wales Swimming Association Inc. of the action taken in disciplining a member involving suspension, disqualification or expulsion.
- 4.08 To advise the member charged and so dealt with that he has the right of appeal to the New South Wales Swimming Association Inc. as provided in the Constitution of that Body.

PART 5 MANAGEMENT - BY COMMITTEE

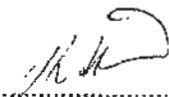
- 5.01 The Club shall have its affairs controlled and managed by the Committee comprising the office bearers and up to eight (8) other members.


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- 5.02 The office bearers shall consist of a President, Vice-Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer and Race Secretary.
- 5.03 The office bearers and the other members of the Committee shall be elected at each Annual General Meeting. Any casual vacancy occurring in the Committee may be filled by a member appointed by the Committee. Where insufficient nominations are received, any vacant positions remaining on the Committee shall be deemed to be casual vacancies.
- 5.04 Each member of the Committee shall hold office from the date of their election or appointment until the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting.
- 5.05 Retiring Committee members are eligible for re-election.
- 5.06 The Committee shall meet as often as necessary to conduct the business of the Club.
- 5.07 The quorum for meetings of the Committee shall be five (5) Committee members elected at the previous Annual General Meeting or appointed under the provisions relating to casual vacancies.
- 5.08 Notice of a Committee Meeting shall be given at the previous Committee Meeting or by such other means as the Committee may decide.
- 5.09 A member of the Committee shall cease to hold office upon resignation in writing; removal as a member of the Club; or absence from three successive Committee Meetings without providing reasonable justification for those absences to the satisfaction of the Committee.
- 5.10 The Committee may function validly provided its number is not reduced below the quorum. No business shall be transacted unless a quorum is present and if within half an hour of the time appointed for the meeting a quorum is not present the meeting shall be dissolved.
- 5.11 Questions arising at any meeting of the Committee shall be decided by the majority of votes of those present, eligible and voting. In the case of an equality of votes the person appointed to chair the meeting shall have a second or casting vote.

PART 6 GENERAL MEETING

- 6.01 The Club shall convene the Annual General Meeting of the members of the Club in each year and within the period up to 31st August after the expiration of each Financial year of the Club. A Special General Meeting shall be convened within thirty (30) days of receipt of a Special Resolution or a requisition in writing from ten (10) members stating the business to be discussed.


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- 6.02 The Annual General Meeting shall receive for adoption from the Committee a recommendation indicating the names of persons who, having been invited, have agreed to grant their patronage to the Club for the ensuing Club year for the positions of a Patron and up to three (3) Vice-Patrons.
- 6.03 At least fourteen (14) days notice of all General Meetings and notices of motion shall be given to members by such means as may be determined by the Committee. In the case of General Meetings where a special resolution is to be proposed, notice of the resolution shall be given to members at least twenty-one (21) days before the meeting.
- 6.04 No business other than that specified in the notice convening a General Meeting shall be transacted at the meeting. In the case of the Annual General Meeting the following business shall be transacted whether specified or not :
- 6.04.1 Confirmation of the minutes of the last Annual General Meeting and any recent Special General Meeting.
 - 6.04.2 Receipt of the Committees report upon the activities of the Club in the last Club and Financial year.
 - 6.04.3 Election of office bearers and up to eight (8) other members of the Committee.
 - 6.04.4 Receipt and consideration of a statement from the Committee which is not misleading and gives a true and fair view for the last Club Financial year, including,
 - * income and expenditure
 - * assets and liabilities
 - * mortgages, charges and other securities
- 6.05 The quorum for a General Meeting shall be the lesser of twenty (20) members or half the membership eligible to vote.
- 6.06 Voting at General Meetings shall be by a show of hands unless a secret ballot is demanded. Decisions shall be made by a simple majority vote except for those matters which must be decided by a special resolution where a three quarters majority of the members present, eligible and voting is required.
- 6.07 All votes shall be given personally or by proxy.
- 6.08 In the case of an equality of votes the person appointed to chair the General Meeting shall have a second or casting vote, except where in relation to an election to an office an equality of votes shall be resolved by lot to eliminate the unsuccessful candidate.
- 6.09 Nominations of candidates for election as office bearers or other committee members may be made at the Annual General Meeting.


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- 6.10 If within half an hour of the appointed time for the commencement of a General Meeting a quorum is not present the meeting, if convened upon the requisition of members shall be dissolved, and in any other case shall stand adjourned to the same day in the following week at the same time and, unless another place is specified at the time of the adjournment by the person presiding at the meeting or communicated by written notice to members given before the day to which the meeting is adjourned, at the same place.
- 6.11 If at the adjourned meeting a quorum is not present within half an hour after the time appointed for the commencement of the meeting, the meeting shall be dissolved.

PART 7 OFFICE BEARERS

- 7.01 The President or, in the absence of the President, the Senior Vice-President shall act as Chairman at each General Meeting and Committee meeting of the Club.
- 7.02 If the President and Senior Vice-President are absent from a meeting or unwilling to act, the members present at the meeting shall elect one of their number to act as Chairman.
- 7.03 The Secretary shall keep, or cause to be kept, the records of the business of the Club including the rules, register of members, minutes of all General and Committee Meetings and a file of correspondence. These records shall be available for inspection by any member and shall be held in the custody of the Secretary.
- 7.04 The Treasurer shall ensure that all monies received by the Club are paid into an account in the name of the Club. Payments shall be made through a petty cash system or by cheque signed by two (2) signatories authorised by the Committee. Major or unusual expenditures shall be authorised in advance by the Committee or a General Meeting.
- 7.05 The Treasurer shall ensure that correct books and accounts are kept showing the audited financial affairs of the Club. These records shall be available for inspection by any member and shall be held in the custody of the Treasurer.

PART 8 SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS

- 8.01 A special resolution may be passed by a General Meeting of the Club to effect the following:
- 8.01.1 To change the name of the Club.
- 8.01.2 To change the Constitution of the Club.
- 8.01.3 To change the objects of the Club.
- 8.01.4 To make or amend By-Laws of the Club.
- 8.01.5 To amalgamate with another swimming club.


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- 8.01.6 To voluntarily wind up the Club and distribute the property of the Club, subject to Part 15.
- 8.02 A special resolution shall be passed in the following manner:
- 8.02.1 A notice must be sent to all members advising that a General Meeting is to be held to consider a special resolution.
- 8.02.2 The notice must give details of the proposed special resolution and give at least twenty-one (21) days notice of a meeting.
- 8.02.3 A quorum must be present at the meeting.
- 8.02.4 At least three quarters majority of those present, eligible and voting must vote in favour of the resolution.
- 8.03 A special resolution to change the name of the Club, Constitution or objects shall be of no effect until such time as it has been approved by the New South Wales Swimming Association Inc. or such other body or corporation as may succeed that organisation.

PART 9 MISCELLANEOUS

- 9.01 The Club shall effect and maintain insurance as required by law together with any other insurance regarded as necessary by the Club.
- 9.02 The funds of the Club shall be derived from the fees of members, donations, grants and such other sources approved by the Club.
- 9.03 The Common Seal of the Club shall be kept in the custody of the Public Officer and shall only be affixed to a document with the approval of the Committee. The stamping of the Common Seal shall be witnessed by the signatures of two (2) members of the Committee.
- 9.04 The Club shall affiliate with and remain affiliated with the New South Wales Swimming Association Inc. or such other body or corporation as may succeed that organisation, and shall to the extent permissible by this Constitution comply with any lawful and reasonable direction of that Association.
- 9.05 The Colours of the Club shall be Blue and Gold.

PART 10 LIFE MEMBERS

- 10.1 At any Annual General Meeting of the Club any person or persons may be elected a Life Member of the Club in recognition of special services rendered over a period of not less than ten (10) years to the sport of swimming.
- 10.2 Each nominee shall be recommended to the Committee for consideration and if approved by the Committee, be submitted for election at the Annual General Meeting of the Club and carried by a three quarters majority of those present, eligible and voting.


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- 10.3 A Life Member shall be entitled to attend and speak to any motion at all meetings of the Club and shall have such other privileges as may be decided upon from time to time by the Club. A Life Member shall be eligible for election to office or the Committee with full voting power. However, a Life Member shall not be entitled to vote at any meeting of the club unless otherwise qualified.

PART 11 BY-LAWS

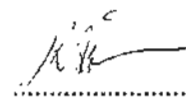
- 11.01 A General Meeting may from time to time make such By-Laws as may be necessary for the purposes of attaining the objects of the Club.
- 11.02 A General Meeting may from time to time make, amend or repeal any By-Laws made pursuant to this Clause and such action shall take effect immediately or at such later date as the General Meeting shall determine.
- 11.03 A By-Law made pursuant to this Clause shall not be inconsistent with this Constitution nor inconsistent with any rules adopted or recognised by the New South Wales Swimming Association Inc. or such body or corporation as may succeed that organisation, unless the Association has given its prior written approval to the By-Law.

PART 12 CLUB RULES

- 12.01 The Committee may from time to time make such Club Rules as may be necessary and convenient for the purposes of attaining the objects of the Club.
- 12.02 The Committee may adopt wholly or in part any rules relating to the conduct of swimming or swimming competitions as prescribed by the New South Wales Swimming Association Inc.
- 12.03 The Committee may from time to time vary, amend or repeal any Club Rules made pursuant to this Clause.
- 12.04 A Club Rule made pursuant to this Clause shall take effect from the date that it is made or such later date as the Committee shall decide and shall be laid before the next Annual General Meeting of the Club and that General Meeting may disallow the Club Rule where-upon it shall cease to have effect from the date of that meeting.
- 12.05 A Club Rule made pursuant to this Clause shall not be inconsistent with this Constitution nor inconsistent with any rules adopted or recognised by the New South Wales Swimming Association Inc. or such other body or corporation as may succeed that organisation, unless that Association has given its prior written approval to the Club Rule.

PART 13 PUBLIC OFFICER

- 13.01 The Committee shall ensure that a person is appointed as Public Officer.


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Public Officer

13.02 The Committee may at any time remove the Public Officer and appoint a new Public Officer provided the person appointed is eighteen (18) years of age or older and a resident of New South Wales.

13.03 The Public Officer shall be deemed to have vacated his position in the following circumstances :

- * death;
- * resignation;
- * removal by the committee or at a General Meeting;
- * bankruptcy or financial insolvency;
- * mental illness;
- * residency outside New South Wales.

13.04 When the vacancy occurs in the position of Public Officer the Committee shall within fourteen (14) days notify Business and Consumer Affairs on the prescribed form and appoint a new Public Officer.

13.05 The Public Officer may be an office bearer, committee member or any other person regarded as suitable for the position by the Committee.

PART 14 LIABILITY OF MEMBERS

The Members of the Club shall have no liability to contribute towards the payment of debts and liabilities of the Club or the costs, charges and expenses of the winding up of the Club except to the amount of any unpaid membership fees.

PART 15 WINDING UP OF THE CLUB

In the event of the winding up or the cancellation of the incorporation of the Club and there remains after the satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities any property whatsoever, the same shall not be paid to or distributed amongst the members of the Club, such property shall be given or transferred to some other institution or institutions having objects similar or in a part similar to the objects of the Club and which shall also prohibit the distribution of its or their property amongst its or their members such Institutions to be determined by the members of the Club at or before the time of dissolution or in default thereby be disposed of in a manner provided for in the legislation under which the Club is incorporated.


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Public Officer

1927-2007 Booklet

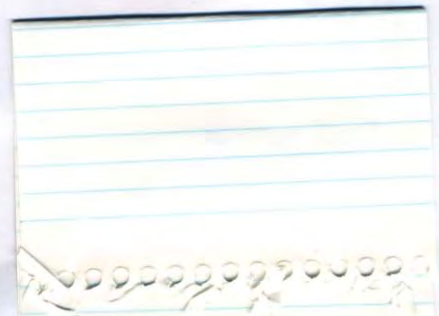
OATLEY AMATEUR SWIMMING CLUB INC.



80th Anniversary Reunion 1927 - 2007

3rd November 2006

St George Masonic Club



President:	Ken McAneny
Vice Presidents:	Val Lynch John Klinker
Secretary / Treasurer:	Mark Connell
Race Handicapper:	Colin Lynch
Race Starters:	John Klinker Barry Whitcombe Alan Smith
Social Committee:	Betty Belcher and her many helpers



1985, 1986 SEASON



Back Row
 Third Row
 Second Row
 Front Row

M. Akerman, F. Lynch, V. Norman, K. O'Sullivan, S. Fitzgerald
 C. Coleman, J. Larkin, S. Dwyer, J. Corcoran, M. Fegan
 N. Freeman, B. O'Sullivan, L. White, C. Shanley, K. Larkin
 S. Millhouse, B. Maynard, M. Pender, S. Pender, G. Norman

1980, 1981 SEASON



Back Row
 Middle Row
 Front Row

K. Lohel, W. Kay, R. Smith, C. White, M. Whitehouse, D. Campbell,
 A. Pender, A.O. Niall, K. Moran
 C. Dwyer, T. Dwyer, C. Smith, G. Lohel, H. O'Sullivan, N. Stammers, V. Lynch,
 J. Mitchell, L. Whitehouse, K. O'Hagan
 N. O'Hagan, J. White, X. White, M. Kay, F. Lynch,
 About 1980 - M. Akerman, S. Akerman, T. Hill, E. Hill

1957, 1958 SEASON



Back Row
 Middle Row
 Front Row

N. Stammers, M. Howard, J. Millhouse, P. Cross, G. Lohel, D. Millhouse,
 A. Wick, C. Stammers, A. Whitley, V. Bennett, J. Howard, H. Hamill,
 K. Sanderson, I. O'Connell, S. Hill, E. Butler, D. Howard, N. Lagan,
 M. Whitley
 Mystery: B. Taylor, L. Bennett, G. Long, A. Pickering, D. Maher
 D. Stammers, K. Johnston, V. Millhouse
 C. Taylor, S. Walter, K. Short, K. Johnston, B. Millhouse,
 D. Whitley, B. Stammers, A. Strong





1991-1992 SEASON



Back Row: R. Robinson, B. McAnis, V. Green, V. Lynch, K. Mayall, M. White,
 L. Whitcomb, J. Shaw
 Middle Row: K. Brown & Marshall, Mrs. Wilson, M. Zimmerman, J. Mitchell, R. Whitcomb,
 E. McKeown, K. Lott, Myster, Myster, Myster, C. Rouse, Myster, J. Rouse,
 R. Mayall, Myster
 Front Row:



This was photographed prior to 1920. It shows the two old dressing sheds on the greenrock.



This was also photographed around 1900. This was the main beach and it shows the large rock structures.





PICTURES OF THE BATHS IN THE 1960 & 1950s



This was photographed in the late 40s or early 50s. It shows the new promenade and also the netting board which was a fixture like a wharf. Take note of the fashion in the costumes.



Back Row: J. Bates, K. McAnam, B. Whitcombe, K. Marshall, J. Mitchell, P. Dennis, K. Bellhouse, R. Corbett, G. Smith, T. Martin, J. Lopez
 Second Row: Mrs. Thomas, A. Smith, R. Hammond, J. Dennis, J. Youngson
 Front Row: J. O'Brien, The Hat, B. McAnam, K. Whitcombe, C. Lynch





This was photographed prior to 1959. It shows the two old dressing sheds on the promenade.



CLEB PHOTO 1997



Back Row: B. McFarlane, K. McNeill, M. Gibson, M. Blair, J. Robertson, G. Sutherland,
 B. Stewart, P. Morrison, C. Lewis, A. Burns, K. Lewis, J. White, M. Galloway,
 K. Hamilton, L. McNeill, M. White, J. Burns
 2nd Row: J. Wilson, J. White, M. Cook, K. Stewart, B. Blair, G. Stewart, J. Burns,
 A. Morrison, K. Stewart, J. Burns
 3rd Row: P. Stewart, M. Stewart, J. White, K. Stewart, B. Stewart, B. Blair,
 J. Stewart, M. Stewart, K. Stewart, M. Stewart, J. Stewart
 Front Row: A. Stewart, J. Stewart, B. Stewart, M. Stewart, B. Stewart, K. Stewart, J. Stewart,
 K. Stewart, K. Stewart, J. Stewart, M. Stewart, B. Stewart



This was also photographed around 1930. This was the main beach and it shows the large rock structures.

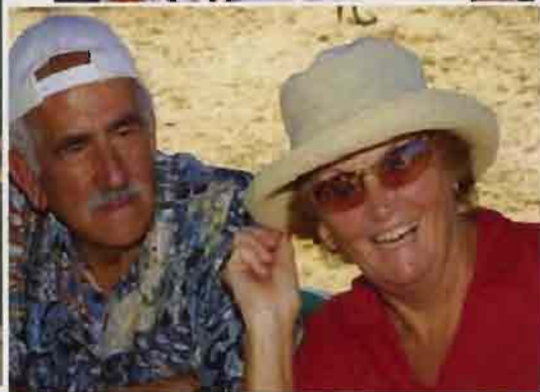
PICTURES OF THE BATHS IN THE 1940s & 1950s



This was photographed in the late 40s or early 50s. It shows the new promenade and also the turning board which was a fixture like a wharf. Take note of the fashions in the costumes.









1965-1966 SEASON



Back Row
Third Row
Second Row
Front Row

B. Wakefield, D. Larkin, J. Figue, R. Robertson, J. Mitchell
A. White, C. Ringwood, K. Merrill, V. Lynch, M. Wiles
C. Alvarado, M. Wickens, M. Korman, W. Baskley, E. Willis
J. Durr, M. Ponder, C. Bennett-Milbourne, D. Coombs



Club Room in Myall St. Osney.

SENIOR MEN 1956-57



PICTURES OF THE BATHS IN THE 1940 & 1950s



This was photographed in the late 40s or early 50s. It shows the new promenade and also the turning board which was a fixture like a wharf. Take note of the fashions in the cottages.



Back Row J. Bawer, A. Smith, Ray Stevens, K. McAsey, B. Skowronski, M. Davison, J. W.
 K. Bullivant, R. Rymaszak, B. Whitcombe, J. Stevens, A. Wilson
 Middle Row B. Clewton, H. Doherty, J. Yonson, J. Vinnia, G. Sloan, C. Harrell, B. Maynard
 Front Row C. Lynch, Ray Stevens



PICTURES OF THE BATHS IN THE 1980's



This was photographed about 1980. The baths use to attract large crowds.
 The two white panels were the original dressing sheds. They would not accommodate
 any more than 12 people at a time and they had no showers.

SNR LADIES & MEN '97



Back Row: B. Balcher, M. Zahra, K. Maynard, B. Robertson, V. Lynch, E. Whitcombe
 Front Row: M. Wells, N. Green, E. Shan, M. Blawiecki, K. Rouse, J. Mitchell



Back Row: H. Alarum, G. Wain, F. Wakefield, R. McClure, J. Stevens, J. Yeoman, Ray Stevens
 Third Row: A. Lister, Ken Stevens, K. Bellmore, K. Kowen, L. Yeoman, J. Chapman, K. Maynard
 Second Row: R. Hingworth, C. Burg, H. Samuels, A. Smith, P. Pender
 Front Row: K. Arnold, P. Dewar, B. Whitcombe, T. Binkley, R. Coombs





1984
Back Row: A. Smith, M. Cronin, T. Lyons, J. Vassant, T. Walker, J. Pender in disability
Second Row: B. O'Hagan, A. Doherty, F. Mitchell, Ray Ince (Trainer), P. White, P. Dunne, D. Mitchell, K. Pinnath
Third Row: B. Whelan, C. Moran, K. Bellamy
Fourth Row: Ron Stevens, M. Ryan, P. Pender, W. Scott, J. Campbell, G. Searl, S. Smith, M. Ken, K. Whelan, D. Lynch
Fifth Row: P. Ryan, D. Pender, J. Ryan, J. Dunne, M. Dunne, M. Smith, T. Walsh, J. Smith
Advised: B. O'Hagan, C. Conroy, W. Ryan, C. Lynch, A. Quinn, J. Ryan



1985
Back Row: R. Short, B. Whelan, K. Williams, C. Whelan, G. Kemp, R. Butler, J. Fenn
Middle Row: R. Miller, D. Adams, D. Knight, G. Stewart
Front Row: N. Pender, A. Ullrich, T. Walker, R. Short, G. Taylor, P. Mitchell, J. Whelan
Front Row: J. Hampton, L. Polansky, L. Yarnum, P. Pender, C. Yama, A. Goffey, B. Stewart



1987
Back Row: A. Smith, M. Cronin, T. Lyons, J. Vassant, T. Walker, J. Pender in disability
Second Row: B. O'Hagan, A. Doherty, F. Mitchell, Ray Ince (Trainer), P. White, P. Dunne, D. Mitchell, K. Pinnath
Third Row: B. Whelan, C. Moran, K. Bellamy
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Swimmers - Junior Girls' Team

SENIOR SWIMMERS: J. Wilson, B. Lewis, D. Brown, J. Anderson, J. Miller, D. Miller, K. Taylor
JUNIOR SWIMMERS: K. Adams, J. Brown, J. Miller, K. Wilson, D. Taylor







