

THE OATLEY HERITAGE GROUP

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

Secretary: *Glenn Stevens*

Vice President: *Rafe Kowron*
Vice President: *Cliff Crane*

NEWSLETTER: May 2005

Meeting Dates and Topics

Friday 27th May 2005. 10.30am Library Hall "The Kendall Family of Oatley"
Friday 26th August 2005. 10.30am Library Hall. "Political Influences in Oatley"

As you can see from our Newsletter headings, nothing has altered on the Executive Committee after the Annual Elections. We have one change and that is of the position of Archivist. Jan Crane, after holding the position for six years, has resigned. Jan was methodical in cataloguing information we received and I'm sure her successor will have no trouble in settling into the new position. Thank you, Jan.

Here are the results of the Election.

President: Alec leach. Vice Presidents: Rafe Kowron & Cliff Crane. Secretary: Glenn Stevens.

Treasurer: Ray Stevens. Archivist:

Committee: June Bennett, Jan Crane, Margaret & Jim Forbes, Moyia Kowron, & George Kendall.

The important job of Tea Ladies are: CLIFF CRANE, June Bennett & Nola Davis.

Thank you all for standing for another year.

Thanks to all concerned for conducting the meeting in my absence. I wonder whether we should have held the meeting in Tasmania. Around the same time we were there so were the Cuthbertsons & Cranes. Not to mention the Probus Club at a later date.

Rafe Kowron was a busy man on the night, not only acting as President, he also delivered the presentation on Oatley Churches. Jim Tennent again acted as the Residing Officer. Well done again, Jim.

It has been mentioned to me that some folk at times have difficulties in finding a Justice of the Peace and if we had any in our Group. If you are one and would be willing to have your name and phone number published in the next Newsletter, contact me on the above phone number, it would be appreciated. Logically, you should reside in the Oatley area.

Sadly, I have to inform you of the passing of three members. Keith Stevenson passed away suddenly on the 26th January, age sixty one. A good man who will be missed by all who knew him..

Bill Phillips, a long time Oatley resident passed away on the 12th February at the age of ninety six. He is survived by his wife Jean, daughters, Joy, Margaret and Betty and families. Joy (Auld) McMillan's husband, Don, passed away at Buderim QLD. Our sympathy goes to all families

I have been taken to task by one member, about me stating in the last newsletter that we should not become involved in issues outside our jurisdiction of recording living history .i.e. the replacement of the Meyer Reserve sign and then in another paragraph pushing the Tsunami appeal by the Masonic Lodge movement. The member states both topics are outside our boundaries. Resulting from that, it has been proposed we draw up a Constitution and not rely on minutes which may have been taken at our inaugural meeting. Should we not be allowed to publicise ways of helping the unfortunate in time of catastrophe, then we wouldn't be able to advertise that the Lions Festival will be held again this year on Saturday 22nd October in the Oatley Memorial Gardens and Frederick St. (or should it be Crown Frederick, now) Until last year, I thought the Festival was big, last year it was huge.

A little saying I have adapted and will adopt which I picked up in Tassie:

There are Blokes. Good Blokes and there are Blokes you'd lend a tool to.