

# **THE OATLEY HERITAGE GROUP**

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## **NEWSLETTER: August 2005**

### **Meeting Dates and Topics**

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> August 2005. 10.30am Library Hall. Oatley.**

*Topic: Oatley people who stood for Parliament, State & Federal.*

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2005 7.30pm Library Hall:**

*Topic: Celebrating the Centenary of Oatley School of Arts. Guest Speaker Peter Orlovich.*

I have received mixed reactions to our May meeting and the topic "A history of the Oatley Kendall family." One member apologized to a new member I was talking to after the meeting, saying not to judge today's meeting as it was boring. There again, I had a member congratulate me on an excellent presentation and continued his praise. Am I allowed to accept praise from George Kendall? I wondered if he would still be my friend after the ribbing I gave him when it became his time of looking into the three generations of the Kendalls. Irrespective of what others thought, I had pleasure when compiling the report re reading Grandpa Kendall's adventure when he was shipwrecked in South America in the late 1880's. Our young George had his journal published over five episodes in a house magazine when he worked at CIG. I condensed the adventure into about three paragraphs.

Response was good from members willing to submit their names who are available to witness signatures as members who are a Justice of the Peace. Changes are to be made in the near future to the system of allocating a Justice of the Peace. This is a list of willing members together with their phone number.

*Cliff Crane: 9580.3269*

*Alan Cuthbertson: 9596.4509*

*Martin Dorney: 9579.5126*

*George Kendall: 9580.7772*

*Jim Nicholson: 9580.4458*      **Thank you gentlemen.**

The topic for August, "Oatley people who stood for Parliament, State & Federal", brought forth names of not so long ago. Gary Punch, Frank Walker and the late Jim Bradfield to mention a few. I know on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> August it should be a lively meeting.

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October 1905 won't be a day many of us would relate to. Yet one hundred years ago the School of Arts was officially opened. We were approached by Kogarah Council's Library staff to help participate in compiling information relating to the hall. The week of the 13<sup>th</sup>, Oatley Library will be conducting celebrations. I am our representative and am working with Helen Fulton, Alison Grellis, Peter Orlovich & Margaret Lowther to compile a not too in depth history of the hall and its uses over the years. Peter Orlovich will again address our November meeting to explain how he and Sister Ann Stedman compiled the detailed portfolio on correspondence they have on the School of Arts. If you had an involvement in any of the Churches, Clubs or Groups I would appreciate a call.

Did you go to Physical Culture with Jan Crane, led by Norma Strainey? Play billiards? Or were paid a visit by the local Constabulary on a Saturday evening after citizens were concerned relating to noisy alcoholic activities of the RSS & AIL?

I was a Cub at 1<sup>st</sup> Oatley Scouts in 1945.

Don't take life too seriously. Nobody gets out alive.

Alec.