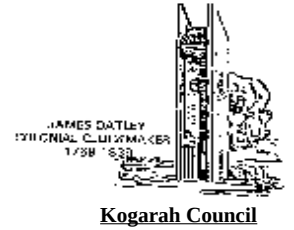




OATLEY HERITAGE & HISTORICAL SOCIETY



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April 2015

Dear OHHS member,

Our new President has gone to the UK after the death there of his mother. So I am writing this newsletter for him. We trust all goes well and he returns soon to get on with the work here!

Congratulations to all the new office bearers- our AGM elected the following-

President Julian Sheen, Vice Presidents Rafe Kowron , Rodger Robertson, Secretary Bill Wright, Treasurer John Whitbread, Public Officer Cliff Crane, Committee Betty Goodger, Winifred and Kevin Wilcox, Graham Lalchere, Kim Wagstaff, June Bennett. We have already had a meeting and some decisions are mentioned below. The Society is in a good financial position enabling us to achieve some of our longer term objectives- just needs man and woman power to get it done!

Our meetings in 2015 are as below

April 24th 1030 at the back of the library – we are showing some old photos and maybe some movies of historical importance to Oatley.

May 29th 1030 Oatley RSL Cliff Crane will present further research into Queen's Hall.

31 July 1030 at Library - Coffee and chat.

August 28th 1030 RSL For this meeting we have decided to have a special 20th Anniversary OHHS meeting- Cliff Crane is asking several of our original members to assist in producing the agenda for this meeting. This means Kim Wagstaff's subject of "Sandstone in Oatley" will be deferred till 2016- sorry Kim!

30 October 1030 Library - Coffee and chat

November 27th 1030 RSL Julian Sheen will report on Robert Townson - West Oatley.

Thanks to Laurie Yeomans for his excellent talk about the history of Oatley Rugby Club and many of his historical records are now on our website. This has assisted in creating more information about Oatley history for the Society.

The Oatley Calendar sales have ended and a profit of \$784 went to each of Oatley Lions, OFF and OHHS. Great publicity and a good financial result- thanks everyone for supporting it.

Kim Wagstaff is making good progress on the selection and design of historical plaque markers around our suburb. Our first project has an Anzac theme as we are cooperating with Oatley Public School in tidying up the site of the original Oatley War Memorial and erecting a plaque with information about the site. We have applied for a grant from the Commonwealth Government and the outcome of this application wont be known till later in 2015. We have obtained designs and quotes for costs and the School is fully involved. The NSW Department of Education, through the efforts of Mark Coure, gave us a \$3500 grant to assist in cleaning up the site before we put up the new memorial plaque. We are trying to work started soon. We will show the design etc at the April meeting.

Rodger Robertson (Vice President)
for Julian Sheen (President)