

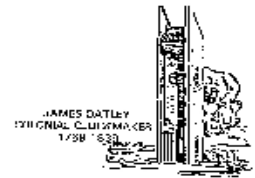


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# OATLEY HERITAGE & HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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**2015 - President - Julian Sheen 9594-4888: Secretary - Bill Wright 9580-1064**

Dear OHHS Member(s) NEWSLETTER

July 2015

We have got off to a very good start in 2015, our April meeting was particularly well attended with a number of visitors adding to the usual attendance of members. Mr Cliff Crane gave another presentation on local history this time focusing on the iconic Queen's Hall which was a feature of the golden days of the Oatley Pleasure Grounds era otherwise known in the early 20th century as Linmarks ground. The coffee & chat morning in April was also a success with a number of members at the School of Arts to watch some historic video.

The committee has voted to proceed with the setting up of historic plaques in Oatley. The work has started with a grant to refurbish the old War Memorial outside Oatley Public School. Also an amount of \$2000. was voted towards the setting up of four plaques as a start towards the target of at least thirty such markers. It was decided to prepare plaques for the Oatley Radio Theatre, the School of Arts, the Oatley Park Castle & the old Como Bridge. Thanks to Kim Wagstaff for taking a lead in this.

The committee decided to seek establishment of the Lone Pine tree site at the entrance to Oatley Park as an official war memorial: Our secretary Bill Wright has this in hand. Congratulations were offered to Bill by the committee on behalf of all members of our society for the publication of his ANZAC centenary book "Heroes of the District". Excellent work Bill.

Rodger Robertson is taking a lead on the production of a suitable banner to mark our presence at such events as the Lions Oatley Festival. He, & I, encourage all members to study our new website "oatleyhistory.org.au". It is full of photos & covers our presentations over the last number of years.

This past month saw the passing of two respected members of the society, Macie Rita Drake & Bernard Bogan. Our thoughts go out to their respective families & friends. Rest in Peace.

Talking of the passing of years, it is a pleasure to note that our society is now twenty years old. To mark this important event Cliff Crane & Alec Leach will reminisce on the day of the birth of the society back in the last century at our presentation meeting on Friday 28th August. This will be at Oatley RSL & will be followed by a celebration lunch. Please book through Cliff at the July coffee & chat or on 95803269, by the 14th August.

But before that there is another Coffee & Chat morning to look forward to at the School of Arts (Oatley Library). This will be on Friday 31st July starting at 10.15. This session will be devoted to chat about the past of Oatley & a chance to look at & possibly identify people & places in old photos to be screened.

I look forward to seeing you there.

Julian Sheen