

Minutes of OHHS AGM 26th February 2021.

President Lawrie Yeomans opened the meeting at 1010 with a few housekeeping issues.

Present about 40 members and a few visitors. Apologise from K and D Pennington, June Leach, Gwen McMinn

The minutes of previous AGM were moved to be accepted RR/WW and this was passed.

President gave a verbal report which covered several issues. He gave thanks to Secretary RR and Treasurer GI for their work. He mentioned the launch of the Julian Sheen book with Mark Coure, David Coleman and Kevin Greene in attendance. He thanked Cliff Crane for his long term work for OHHS. He outlined the program for 2021 with Cliff Crane giving the talk in May on Simpson Reserve, Graham Lalchere in August on Flora and Fauna in Oatley and Graham Fry in November on the railway from Hurstville to Oatley. The three Coffee and Chat meetings would be held on Friday afternoons at 230pm in the Oatley RSL Sub Branch hall. April 30th 2021 would be on Oatley MPs. He also thanked John Morgan of Oatley Lions.

Secretary gave his report which is attached.

Treasurer reported that the Annual Financial Report was attached to the 1st Newsletter. He added that the Society was moving with the times and trying to minimise the use of cheques and cash.

Alec Leach interrupted the agenda as the President was about to announce the outcome of the 2021 Committee election. He asked to address the meeting. He raised the way the Society was being run through the Committee rather than through general meetings. He asked for support from the members but as none was forthcoming he withdrew and returned to his seat.

The President then announced that the nominations for 2021 Committee and Executive had been exactly filled and hence no election was needed.

He announced

President L Yeomans

Vice Presidents Julian Sheen and Graham Lalchere

Secretary R Robertspn

Treasurer G Ingram

Public Officer Graham Lalchere

Committee

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Lawrie Yeomans then invited Julian Sheen to talk on part 2 of a “A Place Called Oatley”. Julian responded with an excellent talk based on the sale process of a certain piece of land in West Oatley which originally had been set aside for a school in late 1880s but ended up with it being subdivided. He now lives on part of that land.

The talk ended with thanks and applause.

Meeting Closed at 1127.

OHHS Secretary Report for 2020

The year was affected by the Covid 19 rules but your Committee provided as much a program as possible in 2020.

These included

28/2/2020	Ros Ingram on James Oatley
21/8/2020	Julian Sheen on “ A Place like Oatley”
27/11/2020	25 th Anniversary meeting- launch of book and speeches given by M Coure , J Sheen on the book launch, and C Crane and A Leach on the past 25 years of OHG and OHHS.

Fees were reviewed by the Committee and current members had their membership extended to 2024 and new members now charged at \$10 for 10 years. This simplifies fee collections. It is worth noting that most of our income comes from grants and other income sources.

The membership is now about 110 families and more in total members. But we did lose a few during 2020. Vale to June Bennett, Norm and Beryl Butters , Betty Buchanan and Freda Samuels.

Work with the schools ceased due Covid issues as did much progress on plaques. But both are on the agenda for 2021. So expect some activity on these fronts in 2022.

The 2021 Oatley Calendar produced by OFF was a success despite no Lions Festival. The 2022 Calendar will be OHHS turn to produce.

Rodger Robertson
26th Feb 2021