

Welcome to the winter edition of our newsletter! Add your news to our content by emailing us at oxley3678@gmail.com. You can also contact us to have your copy of the ORacle emailed.

Oxley Residents' Assoc.

- Council is in the process of becoming the official land manager for the **Stan Allan Reserve**. More details to come.
- **Oxley is a finalist in Cultural Heritage Category** for the Keep Australia Beautiful Victoria Awards, for the Oxley Historical Display and Remembrance Services. Winners announced in Beechworth on 17th October 2015. Big thanks to Neil Brock for all his work in establishing our wonderful collection of historical material.
- **Oxley's community website has been shortlisted as a finalist** in the Australia and New Zealand Internet Awards. Winners of each category will be announced at a presentation dinner in New Zealand 28th August 2015. Thanks to Sally Rodgers for her work in redeveloping our website.
- We need new **volunteers to write a quarterly copy of this newsletter**, the ORacle. Four issues a year, if you could volunteer to put an issue together, please ring Sally on 5727 3616.

Mobile Phone service

Thirty new mobile base stations are being built in Indi to improve mobile coverage. These new towers will fix about two thirds of the mobile black spots identified in Indi by the Federal Government. Base station construction will start before the end of 2015 and continue for three years. New towers are proposed for Moyhu and Edi and improvements to existing towers are also proposed. Oxley is one of the towns whose service is expected to improve through this program.

A meeting was also held at the Hall last month with ACCAN – the Australian Communications Consumer Action Network which has also highlighted some options for us to engage contractors to install equipment to improve our mobile service locally. The ORA is investigating this further.

Oxley Recreational Reserve

- A **new pergola/shelter** has been installed providing a nice big undercover area with tables and lighting
- Heating and cooling for the pavilion will be installed later in the year. New flooring has recently been installed and looks great
- **New dump point** has been installed and is getting lots of use
- Quotes and plans are being gathered for the refurbishment of the toilets and showers with one unit possibly available at all times and the addition of disabled facilities.
- Management of weeds and native species on the Reserve is ongoing. Beechworth Correctional services are assisting us with weed control of hawthorn, blackberry, Jerusalem cherries and willow
- There are **two positions currently available** on the Committee, please contact the Committee Secretary Dianne Feldtmann for further information on 5727 3623

The meeting minutes and booking calendar can also be found the Oxley website www.oxley.vic.au

Social Club News

- **High Tea** raised \$1590. Thanks to Margo and Erica who helped coordinate this event and to all who helped. We had about 60 ladies for afternoon tea.
- A **Spanish Progressive Dinner** was held in June and raised \$910. Thanks to Heather Lucas and Lyn and Neil Barclay for opening their homes both very warm and welcoming. Big thanks to all who cooked or donated food.
- Total fundraising to date for the Oxley Relay for Life Team is \$3060.20
- Next Event **Trivia Night** of Saturday 29th August 2015 at 7.30pm. Tickets \$10/head, tables of 8-10. Please book by Tuesday 25th August with Erica 57 273 446 or pikie@bigpond.com

If you are able to help with any of these events or wish to be involved in Oxley's Relay for Life team, please contact Dianne Feldtmann on 5727 3623

Oxley Shire Hall

- New Committee recently elected and office bearer positions accepted
- An extension to the shed is planned to increase space for storage of hire equipment
- A watering system is to be installed at the hall grounds to keep the grass green over summer using our tank water
- Many new historical photos have been framed and hung on the walls. Check them out next time you are at the Hall.
- Yoga classes are running at the Hall on Tuesday mornings from 9.30-11am. Cost is \$15 per head. Please contact Karen for more information on 0456039911 or 5727 3768.

Please contact the Secretary Janet Heath on 0437 243 583 or email oxleyhall@gmail.com for all Hall Hire bookings.

Help Charlie Fundraiser

Charlie Ciavarella, one of Oxley's youngest residents has been diagnosed with a rare immune condition and is currently undergoing a bone marrow transplant in the Royal Children's Hospital in Melbourne. Charlie and his parents Tony and Merryn are likely to be down in Melbourne for treatment until at least the end of the year.

A fundraising night was held at the Oxley Shire Hall on Friday the 14th August, organised by The Rotary Club of Milawa Oxley. The night raised over \$6 500 for the Ciavarella family and a great time was had by all. Thanks to everyone involved in the planning of the event and for all the generous donations of goods and services for the auctions on the night.

Oxley Facebook Page

If you haven't already seen it, check out the new 'Oxley Victoria' facebook page. It's been used to advertise social events and other community news. Keep in touch with what's happening in our town and 'Like' our page.

Oxley is also on Twitter @OxleyVicAu and also on Instagram @OxleyVicAu #OxleyVictoria

Bush Market News

This year, the **Oxley Bush Market will be held on 31st October 2015**. Over the past 35 years the Market has raised hundreds of thousands of dollars to be used for the benefit of our community. A large group of Oxley people assist with the running of the Market each year.

If you would like to join this group and participate in the fun of running the Market please email your availability to oxleyhall@gmail.com OR phone the Hall mobile on 0437 243 583. Jobs that we need volunteers for include:

PRIOR to the market:

- Obtaining reusable shopping bags which are given out with Raffle tickets to encourage purchase of bulk tickets
- Donating, sourcing or assisting with the pick-up of Raffle prizes. Contact Erica Pike pikee@bigpond.com or 5727 3446
- Displaying an advertising poster in your work place. Contact oxleyhall@gmail.com
- Working Bee Thursday October 29th at 2.00pm to spring clean Hall and set up grounds and marquees

On MARKET DAY:

- Traffic management and stall set-up 5.30am – 7.30am
- Setting up tables, chairs, umbrellas, 7.30am - 8.15am
- Selling raffle tickets for an hour between 8.30am and 2.30pm and/or maintaining and checking toilets and bins for a half hour between 9.00am and 2.30pm. Contact Neil Brock 5727 3644 or brocknh@bigpond.com to be added to this roster
- Pack up and tidying of grounds 3.15pm to 4.00pm

All helpers are very welcome to the de-brief and celebration held at the Hall following the clean-up.

If you are interested in volunteering on the day to help run this wonderful event, please send us an email or come along to the next meeting.

Don Heath, President Oxley Shire Hall Committee of Management (5727 3389)

Oxley Fire Brigade News

Stewart Kreltszheim, the Operations Manager for CFA District 23 is walking from Wangaratta to Benalla, Mansfield, Whitfield and finishing in Oxley - a distance of over 200km being walked in four days to raise awareness of Charlie's plight and also to financially support the Ciavarella family.

Wednesday the 26th of August a family social function will be held at the Oxley Shire Hall at the conclusion of the walk. Residents are invited to walk from the Oxley Fire Shed along the bike path to the Hall and a BBQ will be held at the hall from 5pm.

Oxley Community Plan

We developed this plan in 2012 and a lot has been achieved in our town since then. A copy of the draft plan developed in 2015 is pinned to the noticeboard at the Oxley Pantry, or otherwise you can find a copy online at www.oxley.vic.au. All comments, suggestions welcome. Please send your feedback to oxley3678@gmail.com. New items raised will be discussed at the next ORA meeting on the 6th October at the Oxley Shire Hall.

Oxley Primary School

2016 Transition Program. Parents and children starting Foundation/Prep in 2016 are invited to attend our Transition days coming up:

- Wednesday 2nd September, 9-11.30am
- Wednesday 7th October, 9-11.30am
- Wednesday 11th November, 9am-2pm
- Tuesday 8th December, all day

For more details please call in to the school at any time or contact Jeremy Campbell on 5727 3312

Do we have your email?

We would like to move to an electronic newsletter that would be sent by email, with additional hard copies printed and left at the Oxley Pantry for individuals to pick up. Do we have your email address? If you don't currently receive correspondence from us and would like to, please email oxley3678@gmail.com with your details.

Treasurer needed

The Oxley Hall Committee is looking for someone to fill the role of Treasurer on their Committee. The accounts are currently handled mostly using online banking and entering income and expenses into an Excel spreadsheet. An organised system is in place and it just needs someone new to step into the role. Opportunity also to switch to using MYOB if that is preferred by the new volunteer. The Treasurer is required to prepare a balance statement for Committee meetings (five times per year) and one annual GST reconciliation. Please contact Sally Day on 5727 3616 if you can help in this role.

Advertising for Oxley business and services

With the redevelopment of the website, there is an opportunity for businesses to get their details added to our new website.

Check out www.oxley.vic.au/directory/local-services/ to see if you are currently listed.

If you have a business or service listing that you would like added to the website, please get in touch with Sally Rodgers on info@digitalgold.com.au

Upcoming Events

26th August – Family social event at the Oxley Shire Hall in support of Charlie Ciavarella. Details to follow

29th August 7.30pm – Oxley Trivia Night. Tickets \$10/head, tables of 8-10

29th September 7.30pm - Oxley Recreation Reserve Committee meeting at the Reserve Clubrooms

6th October 7.30pm - Oxley Residents' Association & Oxley Shire Hall Committee meetings

31st October - Oxley Bush Market

24th November 7.30pm - Oxley Recreation Reserve Committee meeting at the Reserve Clubrooms