



Dear Oxley Residents,

Welcome to the much anticipated first edition of our newsletter. We will keep you up to date with news about the Oxley Residents Association (ORA) projects and inform you about activities and social events that you can be involved in around our town. You are invited to add your news to our content by emailing us at:

oracle@oxley.vic.org or phoning Alison on 0407349824. You can also email us to have your copy of the ORacle emailed.

Oxley News

- Works at the Oxley Reserve continue with new tables in the pavilion for the public to use and weed spraying completed. Residents are invited to join the committee to look after the Reserve. Meetings are held on the 4th Tuesday of each month. The next two meetings are July 23rd and August 27th. Please contact Dianne Feldtmann on 5727 3623 if you are available.
- The doors at the Oxley Shire Hall have suffered weather damage over the years. The west side doors have been repaired but the front doors may need replacing. Options are being explored for financial assistance as the cost could be more than \$4000. Extending the heritage wire fencing along the western boundary is also a priority for the Hall Committee of Management.
- The High Tea in the Oxley Shire Hall in May raised \$1446, the Garage Sale raised \$1079.20 and the proceeds from

the Progressive Dinner on June 22 all went towards the Relay for Life team fundraising. Please support our Relay for Life fundraisers which will be advertised in **Whats On** in future newsletters.

- If you are physically unable to change your smoke alarm battery this winter, our local Oxley fire brigade will be able to help you out. Thanks to the Rural City of Wangaratta and the Bendigo Bank, the brigade has provisions to change smoke alarm batteries for those who cannot do it themselves. Please contact Tony Ciavarella, the Brigade Captain during business hours on 57273384 or on 52273969 (AH) for more information. Tony would also love to hear from you if you are interested in being part of the local fire brigade.

About a Mile Away book launch

Learn about the rich heritage of your area in 'About a Mile Away', the book produced by the Milawa Heritage Group.

The book can be purchased from the Wangaratta Visitor Information Centre, 100-104 Murphy Street, Wangaratta for \$40.



2013 Community Projects

Seven projects were selected from our Community Plan to focus our efforts on this year. The projects cover a variety of features for the town including environment, infrastructure, amenity, history and communication. They are briefly outlined below:

1. **Stan Allan Reserve** – In conjunction with Council, we are investigating options for formalising picnic/camping areas, improving road access and drainage. Champion – Janet Heath.
2. **More responsible pet ownership** - Improving awareness of rights/responsibilities as defined in Councils bylaws. Champion – Sally Day.
3. **Stormwater drainage** – Encouraging Council to further investigate and improve stormwater drainage in key areas in town. Champion – ORA
4. **Street trees** – Compile lists of relevant species for planting, responsibilities for pruning, etc. Champion – Residents' Assoc.
5. **Town history** – Investigate options/ideas for a town history walk. Print additional historical photos for display in the Shire Hall and add relevant captions. Champion – Dianne Feldtmann and Neil Brock.
6. **Noticeboard for Oxley Primary School** – Investigate feasibility of installation of a

noticeboard at the Memorial Park to advertise school functions, students work and other Oxley social functions, to further strengthen communication between the school and local residents. Champion – Bruce Uebergang.

7. **Community newsletter** – Develop a community newsletter for disseminating social event information, progress on community projects and other relevant news to Oxley Residents. Champions – Alison Stephens and Sally Day.

We are always happy to add new projects from our Community Plan. If you have a specific project from the plan that you are interested in driving, please contact the Oxley Residents' Assoc. President Bruce Uebergang on 5727 3748 or come along to our next meeting on the 6th August at 7.30pm.

A link to the Oxley Community Plan can be found on the homepage of our website www.oxley.vic.au

Upcoming Meetings

Oxley Residents' Association & Oxley Hall Committee – 6 August 2013, 7.30pm at the Oxley Shire Hall

Oxley Recreation Reserve Committee – 23 July 2013, 7:30pm at the Reserve Clubrooms .



Whats On

10 August – Annual Oxley Trivia Night. Get your thinking caps on for the return of our favourite annual social event and fundraiser for our local Relay for Life team. Held at the Oxley Shire Hall, 7.00pm. Start organising your table of 8-10 people and don't forget to bring along your own drinks and nibbles on the night. Great raffle prizes as well. Please contact Dianne Feldtmann on 5727 3623 for table bookings or more information.

5/6 October – Relay for Life. Relay For Life is a unique event where teams of 10 to 15 friends, families or colleagues challenge themselves to take turns to keep a baton moving in a relay style walk or run overnight around the oval in Wangaratta to raise much needed funds for cancer research. If you would like to be part of our team, 'Oxley Residents (Team ORA)' visit: <http://www.relayforlife.org.au>

2 November - Bush Market. Application forms will be available at the end of July. Forms on the website <http://www.oxley.vic.au> or email oxleyhall@gmail.com to be added to the mailing list. New volunteers to help on market day always welcome. Please contact Janet Heath on 0437 243 583 for more information.