



Welcome to the second issue 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.au](mailto:oracle@oxley.vic.au) or phoning Alison on 0407 349 824. You can also contact us to have your copy of the ORacle emailed.

## Oxley News

- Welcome to the new owners of the **Oxley Pantry and General Store**, Jason and Shelley and their children Baden and little Stella. They are doing a great job of running the store and have already made a big effort to get to know our community in their short time here.
  - The **Oxley Residents' Association** held its AGM at the October meeting. Congratulations to our new President Jason Mullins. New members always welcome, meetings are held bi-monthly on the first Tuesday of the month. A reminder that membership fees (\$2 annually) are now due. Membership allows residents voting rights at our meetings which can affect council decision making for our community.
  - The **Oxley Memorial Park** redevelopment project was a finalist in the Government Partnership category for the Keep Australia Beautiful Victorian Awards for 2013. Congratulations to the Wangaratta Community Pride Committee and over 90 volunteer community groups who have helped Wangaratta to win Tidy Town of the Year 2013 award for their efforts to protect and enhance their local environment.
  - Works at the **Oxley Reserve** continue, with a new fence erected around the pavilion and 3 new tables and seats installed. The Reserve is interested in updating the existing signage and also adding some local history. The Committee has applied for funding to put in a covered area and to upgrade the toilets. The meeting minutes and booking calendar can be found on the web at [www.oxley.vic.au/oxleyrecreationreserve](http://www.oxley.vic.au/oxleyrecreationreserve).
- The **King River Café** will be opening again soon and we look forward to seeing Ben, Judy and staff back in the café serving their delicious food.
  - The **Oxley Hall Committee** has recently held its AGM and elected office bearers for a 2 year term from the 17 member Committee. For Hall Hire bookings contact the Secretary Janet Heath on 0437 243 583 or email [oxleyhall@gmail.com](mailto:oxleyhall@gmail.com).
  - Work is underway to replace the heritage front doors at the **Oxley Shire Hall** and applications have been written to secure a grant to extend the heritage wire fencing along the western boundary of the hall site. A watering system is to be installed after the Bush Market to keep our grounds looking green over summer.
  - **Oxley Primary School Prep 2014 Transition Program.** Parents and children starting Prep in 2014 are invited to attend our Transition mornings held on 13<sup>th</sup> November and 10<sup>th</sup> December. Students will attend a morning class from 9am to 11am and parents will be invited to attend a morning tea. For more details please feel free to call in to the school at any time or contact Jeremy Campbell on 5727 3312.

## Relay for Life – Team ORA

Thankyou to everyone who participated in this years' relay held in Wangaratta on the weekend of the 5/6 October. Thanks to all who helped with fundraising for the many events during 2013, particularly Dianne Feldtmann, Erica Pike, Margot Ingwersen and Barb Godde, and a well-run cake stall by Lily and Andrea! The team raised over \$6000, which is our best fund raising effort since Oxley has had a team in this event. Well done to the 24 team members who participated in the relay.

## Upcoming Meetings

Oxley Recreation Reserve Committee – 29 October & 26 November, 7:30pm at the Reserve Clubrooms. Please contact Dianne Feldtmann on 5727 3623 for more information.



## Oxley Fire Brigade News

With summer approaching, now is the time to be cleaning up, mowing and moving the load of fire wood away from the house. If you are burning off paddocks or prunings, please adhere to the following recommendations:

- Be aware of your council burn-off Local Laws
- Register the burn with CFA on 1800 668 511
- Check weather conditions
- Tell your neighbours when you plan to burn-off to avoid brigades being called out unnecessarily by a neighbour or passer-by
- Never leave a burn off unattended
- You should never burn-off in hot, dry, windy conditions or if these conditions are forecast during the time that your burn will take place.

Brigade members checked the township's fire plugs on 15 September, with most in good order. We are currently liaising with Rural City of Wangaratta and DEPI to ensure that the fuel reduction slashing programs we have had in place around the township continue this year. The brigade would love to hear from anyone interested in being part of the local fire brigade. Contact brigade captain, Tony Ciavarella during business hours 5727 3384.

## Whats On

**Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2pm - Working bee at Oxley Shire Hall** grounds to set up for Bush Market

**Saturday 2 November - Bush Market.** Over 180 applications have been accepted for this year's market with many favourites and lots of new stalls. This market raises over \$10 000 for our community so please support it by helping on the day, attending the market or by purchasing tickets for the raffle.

**Friday 8 November – Oxley Primary School** working bee from 2pm

**Monday 11 November – Oxley Remembrance Day Service** at Memorial Park. Morning tea provided at the Oxley Shire Hall at the conclusion of the service.

**Friday 6 December – Oxley Residents' Association Christmas BBQ** at Oxley Memorial Park.

## Oxley Bush Market

Over the past 33 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](mailto: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 – in past years we have had bags from Miranda Winery, Slater and Gordon, Reece Plumbing, Beechworth Bakery, NE Water etc. Other Companies/Organisations would be very welcome
- Donating, sourcing or assisting with the pick-up of Raffle prizes. Contact Erica Pike [pikere@bigpond.com](mailto:pikere@bigpond.com) or 5727 3446
- Displaying an advertising poster in your work place. Contact [oxleyhall@gmail.com](mailto:oxleyhall@gmail.com)
- Working Bee Thursday October 31st 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 – 2.30pm AND/OR maintaining/checking toilets and bins for a half hour between 9.00am – 2.30pm. Contact Neil Brock 5727 3644 or [brocknh@bigpond.com](mailto:brocknh@bigpond.com) to be added to this roster
- Pack up and tidying of grounds 3.15pm – 4.00pm

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

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



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