

		“We’d like to begin by acknowledging the Traditional Owners of the land on which we meet today. I would also like to pay my respects to Elders past and present.”		
No	Topic	Discussion	Action	Responsibility
	Date and Time	11 April 2023 8.05pm		
	Location	Oxley Shire Hall		
1	In Attendance	Joan Maher, Alison Stephens, Don and Janet Heath, Martin Butcher, Deb Humphries Sally Day Rachel Vallender, Jason Mullins, Cheryl Coad, Neil Brock,		
2	Apologies	Erica Pike, Graham Stephens, Gary Coad, Phil and Annette Woods, Barb Goode, Maurie Tyers, Heather Tyers		
3	Minutes of Previous Meeting	The minutes of the previous meeting were tabled, dated and were confirmed as an accurate record	Moved: Janet Heath Seconded: Cheryl Coad	
4	Business Arising from previous Minutes			
	Road surface issues on King St and the Oxley Recreation Reserve. Felt that it was inappropriate at present with all the works needed following the floods. Breakfast Club – Afternoon tea was very successful and whole semester roster was set up. King River Café did a superb catering job.			
5	Correspondence Inward			
5.1		Letter from Meghan Gehrig asking if the older students of Oxley school can use the hall and table tennis table so students can have an experience of fundraising and table tennis. They would like to have a day and they want to purchase their own table for the school. It is also hoped that the older students would participate in the evening competitions. She felt a Monday would be appropriate as it would be set up for the evening. All in favour. Alison will find a suitable date.		

	Graham Wilson	Is very happy to reform the Heritage Trail committee. Judy White, Col Reid and Graham Wilson will join Alison, Neil Brock and Dianne Feldtmann. Proposed dates are Milawa on Monday 17 April at 7.00, Following meeting to be held in Oxley Date TBA		
5.2	Correspondence Outward			
		Nil	Correspondence Moved: Sally Day Seconded: Jason Mullins	
6	Financial Report			
6.1	As attached	Financial report distributed by Erica. Insurance was paid and afternoon tea Closing Balance is \$5,098.31	Moved: Sally Day Seconded: Deb Humphries	Erica Pike
7	Other Reports			
7.1	Fire Brigade	No Report There will be a Meeting at the end of this Month so she will forward a report after that.		Laura Houghton
7.2	Australia Day – Citizen of the year for 2023	Graham Wilson has said that they don't know what Milawa is doing, so will discuss later and get back to us. We will await a response from Milawa and go from there.to decide what do we will do for 2024.		
7.3	Oxley Rec Reserve	No report.		Dianne Feldtmann
7.4	Community Connections Project	Martin talked about Pop Ups What he had received really showed that people were looking for a supportive community. It helps connections to happen. He has in mind to do the next step. Two processes - semi structured interviews – where you don't run a survey but just ask questions encouraging people to talk (and it would be people who have not been in Oxley for more than 3 years) and "Snowballing" For instance:- How long have you been in Oxley, what attracted you		Martin Butcher

		to here. What skills interests. Suggest anyone else we could talk to.. . Happy to talk to anyone interested or curious. Reflecting it back to the person Where it goes from there – send back and who else might be interested.		
7.5	Remembrance Day	<p>No meeting but Jason Mullins has accepted the leadership role from Neil. Initial need to set up is a speaker.</p> <p>Neil presented some photographs for the photobook. Neil would like to present the photo book to Lindsay Cummins as he is retiring.</p> <p>If anyone wants further copies we could look at this.</p> <p>Janet moved that ORA commits to purchasing three copies:- One for Neil, one for Lindsay and one for the Hall</p> <p>Seconded by Sally.</p>		Jason Mullins
7.6	Social Committee	<p>Table tennis to recommence Monday 24th April.</p> <p>Date for High Tea. Saturday 6th May. Mother's Day is Sunday 14th</p> <p>Could have a Coronation theme – mocking or not. Limit of 70 people. Last year the funds raised went to Oxley QLD. Suggested that this year it goes to the Wangaratta Night Shelter. Rachel is organising bubbles, and we already have lots of raffles.</p> <p>Saturday May 22nd Opera “The Coronation of La Popia” is coming back again. Bring a plate</p> <p>Progressive Dinner. June?</p>		Don Heath Barb Godde Janet Heath Erica Pike
8	Community			
8.1	Town History Walk	Report above		Alison Stephens, Neil Brock and Dianne Feldtmann
8.2	Stan Allan Reserve	Cement for the three Picnic tables. To Proceed – once we find someone to do the work.		Janet Heath Joan Maher
8.2	Bi centenary of the Oxley Plains – 25 th November 2024	<p>Neil reported.</p> <p>Wondering if the RCOW is going to maintain the signs. They are looking very faded.</p>		

		<p>Meghan Gehrig is secretary of the Oxley Milawa Gourmet Region so she is worth talking to about the signs.</p> <p>What would we could do to celebrate the Bicentenary of the naming of Oxley. A community lunch at the park?</p> <p>We have granite blocks that have not been used from the hall renovations. Granite blocks are 150 years old in 2025.</p> <p>Could be done like genga?</p> <p>Alison suggested we lay the blocks in a circle and have some plants. Put a plaque on one and leave others to be added for other events?</p> <p>Question raised:- Is Oxley the first named inland town?</p> <p>Perhaps a time capsule that the Oxley School students could contribute to.</p> <p>Engage with Indigenous local leaders. Sally has a contact who she can talk to:- Dozer and Sam Atkinson.</p> <p>Set up a committee. Ask for community members through the ORACLE.</p> <p>The naming was apparently a huge event. That was when the cairns were put up.</p> <p>Good to make it a big event. To be continued next meeting.</p>		
8.4	ORACLE	Anyone with anything to contribute would be most welcome. Please send to Joan		Leah, Joan
9	General Business			
9.1		<p>Janet – there are a number of tyres down the river bank. . First washed away.</p> <p>Letter to be written to the EPA – photos asked for.</p>		
	Meeting closed	9.00pm		
2023 Meeting Dates		Tuesday 14 th February 7.30pm, Tuesday 11 th April, 7.30pm, Tuesday 13 th June 7.30pm, Tuesday 15th August AGM 7.30pm , Tuesday 10 th October 7.30pm		