

AGM Oxley Residents Association Inc. A4814 Tuesday 12th **August 2025 Following Hall Meeting 9.00pm**

Acceptance of Minutes (as previously circulated) of AGM held 13th August 2024 7:30 pm
Moved: Erica Pike- Seconded: Neil Brock

1. Attendance:

Sally Day, Erica Pike, Clare Cowdery, Neil Brock, Annette Woods, Paula McGavin, Maurie & Heather Tyers, Bruce Uebergang, Martin Butcher, Deb Humphreys, Barb Godde, Dianne Feltmann, Greg Cherry.

2. Apologies: Alison & Graham Stephens, Janet & Don Heath, Joan Maher, Sally Day, Sally Day, Janice Cherry, Sue McGreggor, Lyn Barclay, Arthur Parker, Jason Mullins, Neil Barclay, Chris Kulkulka, Rachel Vallender, Nellie van der Heyden, Keith Yates.

3. Reports:

Oxley Residents Association Annual Report 2024/2025 President's Report

It is with great pleasure and pride that I present the President's Report for the 2024/2025 year – a year marked by historic celebration, strong community spirit, and continued dedication to the life and legacy of our beautiful township. One of the most significant milestones last year was the successful laying of a commemorative plaque, marking 200 years since the naming of the Oxley Plains. This special event was made even more memorable by the presence of Helen Haines, Member for Indi, who graciously unveiled the plaque. Our heartfelt thanks go to Mr Graham Vincent, who had the honour of cutting the celebratory cake – a moment captured and featured in *The Chronicle*.

We are deeply grateful to the Wangaratta RSL for their grant, which contributed to the cost of the plaque, and we extend sincere thanks to Neil Brock for his tireless work as well as the team of skilled stonemasons led by Graham Bell. Their craftsmanship was exceptional, particularly in using marble sourced from the original steps of the Oxley Hall, connecting our present celebrations with our rich past.

The annual Remembrance Day ceremony was once again a moving and well-attended occasion. Following the service, many residents gathered in the Hall for what can only be described as a legendary lunch, lovingly prepared and generously shared by members of our community. Events like this remind us of the enduring spirit of Oxley and the care we show for one another.

Social connections remained strong throughout the year with our Monday night social Table Tennis sessions continuing to draw an average of 20 participants. It was especially encouraging to see a growing number of younger players joining in, including at least three high school students who now attend regularly – a wonderful sign for the future of community spirit in Oxley.

Another highlight was the ever-popular High Tea, which was beautifully hosted in our Hall. Sincere thanks to the volunteers who transformed the space with stunning decorations and provided an array of delicious food that was enjoyed by all. Your effort and generosity are truly appreciated.

Two young achievers from Oxley Primary School, Harriet Day and Dusty MacAninly were honoured at the Australia Day celebration at the Milawa Hall and we are grateful to the Milawa Hall Committee for hosting an enjoyable evening.

A special mention and thanks must also go to Maurie Tyers, whose ongoing commitment to keeping the Oxley website current and informative has been invaluable. Of particular note is his posting of the Oxley Milawa Heritage Trail, an ongoing project developed in collaboration with our friends in Milawa. This initiative brings our shared history to life and provides both locals and visitors with a deeper appreciation of our region's cultural and historical significance.

Perhaps the crowning achievement of the year was the celebration of the Oxley Hall's 150th Birthday. The Oxley Residents Association was honoured to play a role in this extraordinary occasion. The Hall looked magnificent, thanks once again to our tireless volunteers. The food was outstanding, and the music and entertainment brought joy to all who attended. It was a true showcase of community pride and collaboration, and a testament to the energy and goodwill that define life in Oxley.

In conclusion, 2024/2025 has been a truly exciting and rewarding year for the Oxley community. We have marked history, celebrated heritage, recognised our young achievers, and embraced the spirit of togetherness. I offer my heartfelt thanks to every volunteer, participant, and supporter who made this year so successful. Here's to another year of community, camaraderie, and celebration in Oxley.

Alison Stephens
President
Oxley Residents Association

Treasurer's Report

Erica presented the financial report (See below)
At end of 30 June balance was \$3,3089.53
Approved by: Bruce Seconded:- Greg Cherry

4. Annual election of Office Bearers

President:- Alison Stevens
Nominated by:- Martin Butcher Seconded by:- Barb Godde
Nomination Accepted

Vice President:- Martin Butcher
Nominated by: Dianne Feltmann Seconded by:- Annette Woods
Nomination Accepted

Secretary:- Joan Maher
Nominated by:- Erica Pike, Seconded by:- Martin Butcher
Nomination Accepted

Public Officer/ Treasurer:- Erica Pike
Nominated by Paula McGavin Seconded by:- Martin Butcher
Nomination Accepted

Accounting/Audit: Lyn Barclay to be asked to audit books for next year

- **Social Sub Committee:** Paula McGavin, Barb Godde, Janet Heath, Erica Pike, Annette Woods.
- **Remembrance Sub Committee:** Jason, Neil Brock, Russell, Bruce Uebergang, Geoff, Graham Wilson, Rob Brown, Don Heath.
- **Australia Day Committee:** Alison & Graham Stevens, Martin Butcher
- **Oxley Milawa Heritage Trail Committee:** Dianne Feltmann, Alison Stevens, Judy White, Colin, Dianne Feltmann, Neil Brock.
- **Oxley Heritage Committee:** Sally Day, Neil Brock, Rachel, Maurie Tyers, Janice Cherry (tbc).
- **The committees make recommendations and must be approved by ORA overall.**

Business Arising:

Set Meeting Dates for next Year:-

General bi-monthly and on the second week of the month: March, May July, September

Next ORA meeting September 9th, 2025.

AGM to be held Tuesday 7th July 2026, then: September 8th, November 10th, January (tbc),
March 10th, May 12th, 2026.

Meeting Closed at 9.23pm