



THE KOGARAH HISTORICAL SOCIETY

NEWSLETTER

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THE KOGARAH HISTORICAL SOCIETY
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OBJECTIVES

To promote interest in the history of the Kogarah Municipality and Australia in general.

To give support to the preservation of historic buildings and other objects considered to be of historic value.

MEMBERSHIP

Any inquiries regarding membership should be directed to the Honorary Secretary. Visitors are especially welcome.

Subscription: \$1.00 per annum
Senior Citizens: 25¢ per annum
School Students: 25¢ per annum

MEETINGS

Meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month, commencing at 8 p.m. in the Kogarah Municipal Council Chambers, Belgrave Street, Kogarah.

DONATIONS

Donations of items of historical interest suitable for inclusion in the Society's proposed Museum will be gratefully accepted by the Convenor of the Museum Committee.

CONTRIBUTIONS

Contributions of articles and information of local historical interest for publication in this Newsletter would be welcomed by the editor, Mr. P. Orlovich.

NOVEMBER MEETING

The next meeting of the Society will be held as follows:-

Date: 12th November, 1970

Guest Speaker: Mr. N.J. Thorpe, a member of the Society, will give an illustrated talk on "The Opening of the Illawarra Line".

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE'S REPORT

The following report of the Publicity Committee was submitted to the October General Meeting recommending that:-

A Museum Committee be established to prepare and maintain the Society's proposed Museum.

A press release together with a photo of old Kogarah School be submitted to all local newspapers inviting people to lend or donate items of historical interest for display in the Museum.

Steps be taken to erect a plaque at the Carss' Grave sight. A number of estimates of cost for erecting the plaque were obtained and submitted to the General Meeting. It was decided that a plaque made in gun metal and set in a sandstone block, after the style of one recently erected by the Rockdale Municipal Council in Cook Park, would be the most suitable. It was resolved that the matter be left in the hands of the Publicity Committee. An inspection of the grave by the Publicity Committee and the Museum Committee was arranged for the 18th October.

A personal approach followed by a letter be made to the Hurstville Historical Society and the St. George Historical Society concerning the formation of a District Council. The objectives of the Council would include the promotion of a wider interest amongst the members of each Society in the history of the district as a whole. A bi-monthly Bulletin could be produced to publicize the activities of each Society. Joint activities could be arranged such as the mounting of historical exhibitions and displays and the organization of historical celebrations and commemorative events. A list of lecturers could be prepared to address each Society on subjects of historical interest.

The Committee reported that Kogarah Municipal Council had been approached for permission to erect a notice board in the Kogarah Municipal Library, and the Kogarah Lions Club had been asked for permission to place a notice at the Kogarah Information Centre. It was resolved that any action concerning the notice on Kogarah Railway Station be deferred until more suitable space is available.

The recommendations were accepted.

MEMBERSHIP

The following new members have joined the Society since October:-

Mr. J. Fletcher, Mrs. M. Grieve, Mr. R. Mitchell
Mrs. M. Thompson, Mrs. J. Zimeris

LAST GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 8TH OCTOBER, 1970.

A Museum Committee was appointed consisting of the following members:-

Mr. J.E. Veness (Convenor)
Mr. J. Fletcher
Mrs. S. Kelly
Mr. J.A. Lean
Mr. P. Orlovich
Mr. V. Smith
Mr. W. Wright
Mr. S.L. Zimeris

The Mayor, Alderman K.R. Cavanough, addressed the Meeting concerning the proposed Museum at Carss' Park. He stated that the sum of \$14,000 had been allocated by Council for the erection of a new residence for the Park Ranger.

Mrs. Hatton graciously offered to hold the Society's first Christmas Party in her home at 15 Annette Avenue, Kogarah. The Party will be held on the 10th December. She extended the invitation to include the families of members and suggested that slides or films could be shown. Ladies were requested to provide sandwiches and cakes and gentlemen were asked to donate 20¢ at the November Meeting for the purchase of soft drinks. The President requested that the Party not extend beyond 11 p.m. If anyone not having transport could advise the Secretary arrangements will be made.

A paper prepared by the Honorary Research Officers and read by Mr. H. Mortel on "The History of Carss' Park" was enjoyed by the members who attended the meeting. A vote of thanks was extended followed by a round of applause by those present.

