

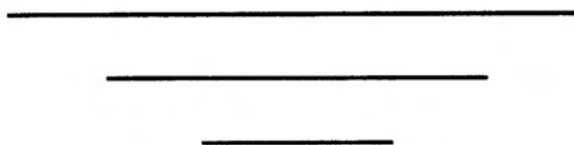


THE KOGARAH HISTORICAL SOCIETY

NEWSLETTER

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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
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 Convener 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.

APRIL MEETING

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

Date: 8th April, 1971.

Guest Speaker: A member of the Society, Mr. F.C. Dungey, of the Department of Archaeology, Sydney University and Conservator of the Nicholson Museum will address the meeting on Conservation.

FIRST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 11TH MARCH, 1971.

Reports of the President, Treasurer and Convener's of the Museum, Publicity and Social Committees for the year were presented and duly received. Copies of these reports are printed in this issue of the Newsletter.

The election of Office Bearers was held with the following results:-

President: Mrs. D.A. Hatton Hon. Secretary: Miss G. McEwen
Vice President: Mr. J.E. Veness Treasurer: Mrs. P. Briancourt
Hon. Research Officers: Mr. J. Fletcher & Mr. S. Zimeris

Members of the Management Committee and various Sub Committees were re-elected for a further term. In addition Mr. F.C. Dungey was appointed to the Management Committee and the Museum Committee.

It was reported that pamphlets advertising the Society would be printed and distributed, with the co-operation of Council, with receipts that are issued throughout the year.

Through the generosity of Mr. & Mrs. Kelly book-marks are to be provided for use in the Ken Cavanough Library publicizing the Society.

OUTING TO THE ROCKS - SUNDAY 23RD MAY, 1971.

A guided tour has been arranged around this historical area which is soon to be taken in hand by the developer. This is a not to be missed chance to inspect a living part of early Sydney.

Owing to the success of the first outing to Parramatta (despite the Secretary's inability to read street signs) a bus has been hired for the May excursion.

Would you please advise the Secretary before the May meeting of your intention to attend this outing as space will be limited. Friends are welcome.

Meeting Place: Kogarah Council Chambers

Time: 1 p.m.

Cost: Adults \$1.00 (a special rate will be available for children)

MEMBERSHIP

The following new member has joined the Society since March: Mrs. G. Carroll.

REPORTS PRESENTED AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The Kogarah Historical Society concluded its first year of operation with a membership of 60, which augurs well for the busy years that lie ahead.

Much has been attained in this short space of time as several committees have been formed - Management, Publicity, Museum and Social - each with its own specially interested convener. We are also fortunate in having many talented members who have shown their interest and willingness to work for the benefit of the Society.

The Society has been instrumental in forming a District Council of Historical Societies, which will be of great value in the furtherance of historical knowledge within the entire St. George and Sutherland districts.

The first project to be undertaken by the Society is the erection of a plaque at the site of William Carss' grave in Carss Park, so that all who visit this delightful spot for a swim or picnic will be able to learn of the part he played in the district. This should also attract tourists, and together with the museum which we hope to establish in the Carss' old stone home on the point overlooking the water, will be of immense benefit in showing the people of today how the people of yesterday lived.

I would like to pay tribute to those speakers who supplied such interesting lectures on many facets of the history of our district.

Our thanks are also due to Mr. Peter Orlovich, our Editor, for the success of our monthly "Newsletter" and especially to our Secretary who has done such a magnificent job in setting up each issue. During the year we have produced also, with the co-operation of the authors, two Monographs each on an important topic in relation to the history of the area. I know these have been enjoyed by all members and I hope they will be the beginning of many more to come.

Last, but not least, appreciation to the ladies who have supplied refreshments after each meeting.

The formation and success of The Kogarah Historical Society reflects Australia's growing awareness of the value of its heritage. Let us go forward to be among the most enthusiastic of the 100 historical Societies established in the State of New South Wales.

D.A. Hatton,
President.

TREASURE'S REPORT

Summary of Income and Expenditure

1970

Membership	57.50	Petty Cash	35.00
Proceeds - Kogarah Bi-Centenary Committee	1266.03	Printing - St. George Call	30.49
Bank Interest	.28	Membership Fees Royal Aust Historical Society National Trust	15.00
		Transfer to St. George & Cronulla Bldg. Society	1200.00
		Balance - Cash	43.32
	<u>\$1323.81</u>		<u>1323.81</u>

Total Assets as at 31st December, 1970

Cash Balance	43.32
Deposit - St. George & Cronulla Bldg. Society	1200.00
Interest - St. George & Cronulla Bldg. Society	19.50
	<u>\$1262.82</u>

P. Briancourt,
Treasurer.

Audited and found correct by V. Smith.

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE REPORT

The Publicity Committee has had only one meeting since its appointment in September, 1970, although considerable progress has been accomplished as a result of its initial recommendations for publicizing the activities of the Society.

Through the co-operation of the Kogarah Lions a notice concerning the Society has been displayed at the Kogarah Information Centre at Blakehurst; and the Kogarah Municipal Council has agreed to permit the Society to use a notice case it proposes to erect within the Ken Cavanough Library for the purpose of publicizing its meetings.

Six issues of the Society's monthly Newsletter have been duplicated since October, 1970, and these it is felt provide both an indispensable medium for informing the members of the activities of the Society, and recording interesting facets of local history.

The erection of a plaque bearing an inscription in commemoration of William Carss within the Council's reserve at Carss Park is being undertaken by the Publicity Committee with the co-operation of the Council, and it is anticipated that this will contribute significantly to an arousing of public interest in and awareness of the historical associations of the locality.

Yet there is much that the Publicity Committee can do to stimulate the interest of the residents of Kogarah in their own local history and thereby to increase the membership of the Society; a more active participation of local institutions, organizations and business firms in the activities of the Society might be one object well worth the attention of the Committee in the ensuing year.

The Publicity Committee might also give some consideration to the desirability of preparing a brochure indicating points of historical interest within the Municipality worthy of inspection by interested persons.

It remains only to add that the Publicity Committee looks with pleasure upon the achievements of the Society over the past year and to express its earnest desire that it may contribute even further to the continuing improvement in the Society's growth.

P. Orlovich,
Convener.

MUSEUM COMMITTEE REPORT

This Committee has met once since its formation and considered the purpose of the Museum and the role it should fill in the community and has formulated a policy and programme for the preparation of exhibits.

The Committee has assumed that the building will be available late this year, and with this in mind has suggested the immediate preparation of an

exhibition which would be displayed, in some suitable location, with a view to creating interest both in the Council and the community. This display would later be part of the Museum collection.

The Committee feels that the Museum can fulfil a definite part in the educational life of the district in presenting local history and displays of items relating to other subjects by interchange with other Museums and Societies.

A number of items have already been collected and the assistance of Mr. H. Thorpe and Mr. F. Moag, in the preparation of an exhibit on the history of Transport in the district has been obtained. A number of photographs of the district about 1912 have been located and it is intended these will be printed for display.

The Committee looks forward to a very busy new year in which we expect to be in our permanent home which should become the showpiece of the district.

J.E. Veness,
Convener.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

The Social Committee was formed at the January 1971 meeting. As well as organizing the Social activities for the Society this Committee is also combining its talents to raise funds for the establishment and maintaining the future Museum.

The first meeting was held on the 4th February at which a promising start was made in the organization of both Social events and fund raising activities.

The Society's first outing was arranged as a Sunday afternoon car excursion to some of Parramatta's historical places. A guide was provided by the Parramatta and District Historical Society. The afternoon proved a success with an attendance of 50.

In an effort to raise funds the Committee has organized for a stall to be held in the Kogarah Shopping Centre on Friday 23rd July, and at future meetings raffles are going to be arranged. The first raffle was a bottle of Brandy which brought in over £4.00.

The formation of this Social Committee reflects the increasing interest of the members in the Society's future. After the success of the first outing I feel sure that we can look forward to a socially active and profitable second year.

C. McEwen,
Convener.
