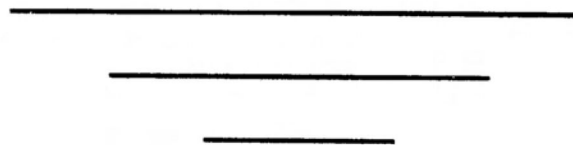




THE KOGARAH HISTORICAL SOCIETY

NEWSLETTER

MAY, 1971



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THE KOGARAH HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Sponsored by Kogarah Municipal Council

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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.

MAY MEETING

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

Date: 13th May, 1971.

Guest Speaker: Mr. Philip Geeves, a Councillor of the Royal Australian Historical Society will address the Society on "The Pattern of Settlement in the St. George District".

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Fellow Members -

Please accept my thanks for the faith shown in me by accepting me again as President for our second year, and to those who were unable to be present but sent me their good wishes.

This year should be even more full of interest and activity than our first one; with the establishment of the Museum being our main concern, together with fund raising and exhibitions of photographs of earlier scenes in our district.

It is only by co-operation from all members that we will succeed in our endeavour to add a little more interest to people in the municipality, by bringing before them matters of historical value.

Please keep up your attendance at meetings so as to give our Speakers a good impression of our worth.

D.A. Hatton,
President.

MEMBERSHIP

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

Mrs. M. Sheddon, Mrs. Zimeris Snr,
Mrs. D. Schipper, Mr. C.W. McEwen

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

Meeting Place: Kogarah Council Chambers

Time: 1 p.m. Sharp

Cost: Bus Fare - Adults \$1.00, Children 50¢
Our Yesterdays Museum - Adults 20¢, children 10¢

FRIENDS ARE WELCOME

Bring your own afternoon tea. Please confirm your booking with payment as soon as possible.

LECTURE BY MR. F.C. DUNGEY AT THE LAST GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 8TH APRIL, 1971.

Mr. F.C. Dungey, Conservator, addressed the Society on the importance of Conservation. He opened his lecture by pointing out that there were 200 Museums in New South Wales but very few took any precautions to conserve the items in their charge.

Mr. Dungey first concentrated on the importance of controlling humidity which should be kept between 50 and 55%. He said to successfully control humidity some form of air conditioning should be installed. The effect of sunlight on items was then mentioned. Documents and particularly clothing can be badly effected by constant exposure. A simple method of installing a low ultraviolet light, and planning the position of display cases can avoid damage.

The importance of storing articles not on display was then mentioned. He said that ventilation was essential and could be obtained by installing fans. Particular care must be taken when packing items; boxes should be ventilated, and when wrapping articles newspaper should never be used as the acidity can cause damage. Acid free tissue paper can be obtained for this purpose. Attention should be directed to the use of pest preventatives

Mr. Dungey pointed out the importance of keeping an accurate written record of each item received. Information such as the name of the donor, when it was obtained, where it was made and what it was used for should be recorded. When the item is received a photograph should be taken as this is essential for conserving the article. If damage occurs reference can be made to the photograph to help restore the item to its original condition.

Methods of conserving pottery, glass and wood were then mentioned. This informative lecture was concluded with an interesting question time.

COOKING DEMONSTRATION

MONDAY 7TH JUNE AT 7.30 P.M.

ELECTRICITY HOUSE

HURSTVILLE

COST 40¢

TICKETS ARE NOW AVAILABLE FROM THE SECRETARY

To raise funds for the Society a Cooking Demonstration, by courtesy of the St. George County Council, is being arranged in conjunction with the St. George Choral Society.

If anyone is interested in selling tickets to friends please see the Secretary.

WHAT CAN YOU CONTRIBUTE TO YOUR NEWSLETTER?

Each month we endeavour to present some item of historical interest in the Newsletter. Members have been asked to contribute articles but to date response has been extremely poor. The Newsletter should culminate the efforts of the Society but so far has only been the work of a few members. You are invited to use the Newsletter to voice your opinions or ideas on what the Society is doing now or can do in the future, as well as submitting items of historical interest.

The following article appeared in the SYDNEY MORNING HERALD on MAY 21ST, 1894.

ST. GEORGE'S COTTAGE

HOSPITAL

LAYING THE FOUNDATION-STONE

On Saturday afternoon the foundation-stone of St. George's Cottage Hospital was laid at Kogarah by Mrs. F.S. Ellis Holt, in the presence of about 2000 spectators. The event was made the occasion for a great demonstration, and the scene was a striking one. The hospital is situated near the brow of a hill, the land sloping away to the front, with a lovely view of the bay, and Botany Heads in the distance. The grounds and buildings were decorated with bunting, and the handsome banners of the various friendly societies lent effectiveness to the scene.

In front of the building was a guard of honour composed of cadets of the district, under the command of Sargeant-Major Murphy, and they were headed by drum and fife and brass bands under Bandmaster Mr. W. Norris. The fire brigades with the local fire-engine tastefully decorated with evergreens,, mustered in strong force, heading a procession in which the Foresters, Protestant Alliance, Oddfellows, Druids, and Rechabites of the district took part, carrying the handsome banners of their respective orders. The fire brigades represented were those of St. George, Paddington, Waterloo, Alexandria, Standard Brewery Company, Parramatta No.2, Rookwood, Paddington Brewery, Theatre Royal, North City, Leichhardt, Ashfield, Waverley, Drummoyne, Randwick and North Botany.

The site on which the hospital is being erected contains about $3\frac{1}{2}$ acres, situated on the Rocky Point Road, Kogarah, and was purchased about 12 months ago by the committee for £850. The building now in course of erection is only a portion of the plan adopted by the subscribers, and is of red facing bricks, with cement dressings and slate roof. A verandah 7ft wide runs around the front and sides of the building, in the centre of which the main entrance is placed. To the right of the entrance-hall is situated the male ward, which is 16ft square, containing accommodation for three beds, with bathroom, lavatory, etc. attached. On the left a ward for female patients is provided with similar dimensions with bathroom, lavatory etc. The matron's room and the committee and waiting rooms are separated from the hospital block by a verandah 7ft wide. Adjoining these are the pantry and store-rooms, also kitchen and washhouse, fitted with gas stove, copper, washtubs etc. The whole of the ceilings are to be covered with small corrugated iron and the walls cemented. Attention has been directed to obtaining the best systems of drainage and ventilation. The building is being erected by Mr. P. Ward of Darlinghurst, Sydney, under the supervision of Mr. C.H. Halstead, architect, Pitt Street, Sydney, and the amount of the contract is £650.

On the arrival of Mr. and Mrs. Holt and party, they were met by Mr. J.H. Carruthers M.L.A., President and members of the committee. Mr. Carruthers escorted Mrs. Holt to the dais. The following also occupied seats on the dais:- Mrs. Hannam, one of the oldest residents in the district; Messrs J.H. Carruthers, President; Peter Moore, Vice-President; the following members of the committee, Peter Hermann, A Stevens, J. Hills, G. Royall,

J. Thompson, R Goode, W. Cleveland, J.L. Smith; honorary medical staff Drs. Lamrock, Clay, Bucknell, McLeod and Hetherington; honorary dental surgeon Dr. W. Turner Halstead; architect C.H. Halstead and Walter Holt, F.A. Ellis Holt, J.G. Griffin (Mayor of Hurstville), Rev. N.J. Cock, J. Bowman J.P., Alderman Sale; Albert Brown, President, and John Dart, of the Western Cottage Hospital; Glannan, Treasurer; Williams, President of the Friendly Societies' Association; and Captain Love of Parramatta.

Mr. Carruthers gave an account of the origin and progress of the St. George's Cottage Hospital movement. He said that somewhat less than three years ago he sent circulars to various leading residents in the district asking them to meet and consider the expediency of establishing a cottage hospital for the Illawarra suburbs, and in response a large number met and decided that it was expedient to establish such an institution and the public had responded liberally to the appeal that was then made.

The total revenue received in the three years, with Government subsidy towards the object had amounted to not less than £1806. The committee had purchased the site of $3\frac{1}{2}$ acres on which the hospital was being built at a cost of £800. They had expended in improvements and the necessary expenses something like £200. The building in course of erection would cost £640, and the furnishings and equipment another £400, making a total expenditure of £2040. They would therefore require an additional £120 in subscriptions, in addition to the Government endowment to enable them to open the institution fully furnished and equipped, free of debt. (Cheers) They had a legacy left by Mr. Isaac Matthews of Canterbury but it was contingent upon a life, and therefore they could not fix the time when the money would come into their hands. The institution was managed by a committee under the Hospitals Act, and elected by the subscribers. During the past three years the committee had worked assiduously and well in the interests of the institutions, and the subscribers.

Often a difficulty arose with hospitals in regard to friendly societies, but he was glad to say that they had been enabled to deal with the friendly societies as their friends, as was shown by their presence on that occasion. Absolutely they had not had any friction with friendly societies in regard to the subscriptions they gave or the money they raised for hospital purposes. (Applause) With regard to their hospital, the committee had visited the Kiama and Little Bay Hospitals, built of wood and iron, and had communications with the Government medical officers, ultimately deciding to erect the building of brick. (Cheers).

Mrs. Holt had been invited to perform the ceremony of laying the foundation-stone, because the name of Holt had been identified with the district for years past. (Applause) Mr. Holt's father was one of its pioneer settlers, and to his untiring efforts they were largely indebted for the construction of the Illawarra railway. He had also been always to the front in acts of benevolence, and in support of charitable institutions, and the son was following in his father's footsteps (Cheers) He (Mr. Carruthers) contended that it was the duty of every district, as far as possible, to take care of its sick and to provide for its distressed poor, hence the erection of the hospital.

In the names of the committee and the subscribers he asked Mrs. Holt to lay the foundation-stone. (Cheers) Mrs. Holt having been presented with

a handsome mallet and silver trowel then advanced to the stone which was lowered into position. Then she said:- "I declare this stone to be well and faithfully laid". Mr. Carruthers called for three cheers for Mrs. Holt, and they were heartily given. The mallet was of ebony, silver-mounted, and bearing Mrs. Holt's monogram and the trowel, which was of silver, bore the following inscription:- "Presented to Mrs. F.S. Ellis Holt on the occasion of laying the foundation-stone of the St. George's Cottage Hospital on 19th May, 1894". The mallet and trowel were from the establishment of Mr. W. Kerr, jeweller of Sydney. The foundation-stone bore the following inscriptions:- "This stone was duly laid by Mr. F.S. Ellis Holt of Sylvania, on 19th May, 1894".

After laying the foundation-stone Mrs. Holt said she was very pleased to be there and to manifest her personal interest by taking this active part in the proceedings. She was indeed glad to see such great interest evinced in this movement by the people of the district as was shown by this splendid gathering. It augured well for the prosperity of the hospital. She hoped that the institution would be supported heartily by the people of the district - a district in which both Mr. Holt and herself take very great interest. (Cheers)

Mr. Albert Brown (president of the Western Suburbs Hospital), Mr. Williams (President of the Friendly Societies' Association), and Captain Love (President of the Parramatta District Hospital) expressed their gratification at the inauguration of the St. George's Cottage Hospital, and wished it every success.

The proceedings terminated with three cheers for the Queen.

The sum of £15 19s was placed on the stone, and a collection was made the total proceeds amounting to £49 9s 5d.
