



THE KOGARAH HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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Our next meeting will be held at 8 p.m. on Thursday, 11th September, on the GROUND FLOOR of the Civic Centre, Belgrave Street, Kogarah.

One of our Members, Mr. Peter Orlovich, will speak concerning current activities in the field of Australian History and refer to the part being played by the Australian and State Governments in fostering interest in Historical Societies and other bodies studying local history.

His talk will cover the broad field of history and include details of how Governments in other States are assisting their Historical Societies.

Mr. Orlovich is a Lecturer at the University of N.S.W. and may have useful suggestions as to how our Society should follow up offers by, say, elderly visitors to our Museum to be interviewed concerning past events.

Older members will recollect that when we commenced to issue our Newsletter we had unbounded enthusiasm but completely lacked experience. Mr. Orlovich, who was then with the Mitchell Library, very kindly consented to be our first Editor. He remained in that position, supplying a series of articles, until others gained sufficient confidence and were able to take over. It is much easier to display that confidence with the knowledge that Mr. Orlovich is still one of our Hon. Consultants.

Ladies on Supper Roster are Mrs. Taylor and Mrs. Dawson.

Our Raffle Prize is to be donated by Mr. & Mrs. B. Burghart.

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NEWS FROM OUR SOCIAL SECRETARY.

What a busy month August has been for all. Our night at the Illawarra Guild Theatre was enjoyed by all who attended.

We held our attractive Bread Demonstration on 22nd August at the Sea Scouts Hall. Over 40 very interested members and friends came along to support us. I wonder how many hurried home to try their hand at bread making -- it looked so simple and the freshly made bread rolls so lovely. It was all very tempting -- Mrs. Potter, our Demonstrator, was extremely nice and helpful and spent quite some time showing various ways in which to vary the different shapes and types of rolls etc.

Mrs. Tyler from Brighton-le-Sands played some musical numbers and Mrs. Lean had the Museum looking at its best. Our Senior Vice-President, Mr. V. Smith, was there to lend a hand with the chairs, also Ken Grieve, and to both of these gentlemen may we say "thank you". A thank you also to the ladies of the Social Committee for helping hands and to the ladies who provided the lovely morning tea. It really was a get-together in the real sense of the meaning -- giving and sharing. As well as a nice social day it was quite successful financially.

October 12th - Tulip Tour. At the present time we have a full coach but would like a few more names on our reserve list. It would be appreciated if all payments for this tour could be finalised at our September Meeting.

October 24th - Our Street Stall in Belgrave Street, Kogarah. With YOUR help we are hoping for a most successful day, so we are asking for donations. Oven-Fresh Cakes are rushed, but our ovens are far too small to bake sufficient at the last minute. Can we please have your help? And how about Home-made Biscuits? Or Lamingtons? And we all know what the demand is for home-made jams and pickles! Donations of all sorts of goods are needed and we will be grateful

for anything you can spare. Last year everyone recognised that if we have a Street Stall we must have goods to sell and donations rolled in. The result was excellent - but let's see if we can surpass it this year.

Sylvia Kelly --
Social Secretary.

PRESIDENT'S NIGHT.

To celebrate the fourth Anniversary of the opening of Carss' Cottage Museum a very enjoyable evening was held there on 28th August and most competently and beautifully organised and arranged by Social Secretary, Mrs. Sylvia Kelly with the help of the willing and capable committee. --- Catered for in a delectable manner - Cocktails, Savouries, Beef & Burgundy and Rice and Coffee and Cake.

Should have been twice the number there to enjoy it as even though it was cold and windy outside it was warm and jolly inside. Poems, quotations, music and sing-along -- and also a wench who did a jig with hob-nail boots on (was surprised by the award of a beautifully embroidered tablecloth) -- thanks a lot Sylvia!

The Raffle was won by Mr. Ken Grieve and the Lucky Door Prize by popular President Mr. Jeff Veness.

Our thanks again to Kelly Cellars for their kind donation of Wines.

The Wench.

MUSEUM REPORT.

Four years have gone swiftly by, since the opening of our Museum and Art Centre in 1971.

Looking around, and reading through some of our early reports and comments, it is evident that much has been achieved.

Gifts by many people continue to build up our collection, while much valuable information is gained, by meeting and talking to the Museum's Visitors week by week. Many have joined the Society, following an initial visit to Carss' Cottage.

It is always stimulating to meet folk from far and nearby places and to discuss topics of mutual interest, but the vital thing is to make the most of our opportunities when we are fortunate enough to discover that our visitors may have family connections, information, and possibly some photographs relating to the early days of our district.

It is important that all such people, should be requested to record their names, addresses, and 'phone numbers, at the Museum, so that further contact may be made with them. On a few occasions it has been assumed that a name or address would be entered in the Vistiros' Book, and then found that this had not been done. If we all remember to make sure that the relevant details are there for reference, many helpful people will continue to provide the society with further knowledge and understanding of our local history.

Twice during August members and friends have enjoyed events arranged by our Social Committee, and associated with Carss' Cottage.

Most of the ladies who attended the bread making demonstration in the Sea Scout's Hall, also viewed the Museum and expressed pleasure and interest in all the displays.

On the second occasion, which was "President's Night", we all had a very pleasant evening, resulting I'm sure, in a greater appreciation of poetry, music, and, of course, fine food!! Very relaxing and enjoyable for those able to be present.

The following list of recent additions to the Museum collection is acknowledged with thanks to donors, and to those people whose interest has encouraged others to give something which may have otherwise been unavailable to the Society.

We have received two iron gads, from Mr. Philip Geeves, which he found wedged into the sandstone outcrop on his property at Blakehurst. These tools were probably used in the excavation known as Blake's Quarry from which a large quantity of white sandstone was taken for local road-making and building purposes.

A hand-operated Sewing Machine, with cover and book of instructions has been made available to us by Mrs. Geeves. Manufactured by Frister and Rossman, of London, this machine is in good condition and working order, an asset to the Museum.

A Firescreen of Oriental Style was brought to us by Mrs. Butters, and a number of photographs of the last tram to run at Rockdale have been donated by Mrs. Dodd and her Sister.

A Scythe has been given by Mr. & Mrs. G. Newman, who also donated a large framed photograph of the Kogarah District Football Club, Season 1904 - Newtown District Junior Competition.

For the Library, we have received a copy of "Witness To History" a short study of the Colonial Secretary's Department by A. G. Kingsmill. This was a donation from Mrs. D. Kingston

A White and Gold Bone China Cup and Saucer, believed to be over 100 years old, and a delicate little "afternoon tea" apron of cream silk embroidered with violets are two attractive items brought to us by Mr. and Mrs. V. Smith.

A hand forged iron stand, and two Japanese Umbrellas are gifts received from Mr. McDuff.

Gwen Lean - Convenor.

Museum Roster

September	7th	- Mr. & Mrs. E. Schweikert	-- (Miss C. McEwen	to open & close)
"	14th	- Mr. & Mrs. R. Diment	-- (Mr. Veness	" " " "
"	21st	- Mrs. James & Miss D. MacLean	- (Mr. Lean	" " " "
"	28th	- Mrs. Johns and Mrs. Taylor	- (Mrs. Johns	" " " "
October	5th	- Mrs. McOnie & Miss Foley	-- (Mr. W. Wright	" " " "
"	12th	- Mrs. Grieve & Mrs. Hatton	-- (Mrs. Hatton	" " " "
"	19th	- Mr. & Mrs. J. Howard	-- (Miss C. McEwen	" " " "
"	26th	- Mrs. S. Kelly & Mrs. McIlroy	- (Mrs. Kelly	" " " "

If any date is inconvenient, please contact me as soon as possible! (57-5940)

The finding of space for the storage of articles which cannot be immediately displayed in our Museum is a problem which often worries the Management Committee. A recent discussion concerned how we would store a reaper and binder which the Society possesses and we wondered whether such a farming implement, only invented at about the turn of the century, was ever used to harvest crops in the Kogarah district. Evidence of much earlier extensive farming activities is disclosed in this article which reports official statistics of the St. George district one hundred and five years ago.

WINE, WHEAT and SHEEP

Rural St. George in 1870, when farm animals outnumbered people

By W. H. P. Kinsela

If only we could lift the veil of time which shrouds us for ever from the by-gone days beloved of our pioneer forebears, what strangely different scenes we would discover in that old-world setting. How foreign would it appear to our steel-and-concrete vision of 1975.. 1 If only it were possible to take a seat in H. G. Wells' fabulous "time machine", and journey back along the track of history into those days of a hundred and more years ago -- returning to that quaint unhurried countryside which so characterised the simple rural beginnings of St. George. There, with unbounded surprise, would we find ourselves set down in the midst of a quiet peaceful pastoral; There a rustic landscape, and a generation which had not as yet known the snort of a railway engine, or even echoed with the maiden oratory of the first local aldermen. What an escape such a journey would be! An escape to lush green fields and wind-stirred lush green fields and wind-stirred crops of wheat and oats; to browsing sheep and cattle and wide acres of orderly market gardens; to rose-grown cottage verandahs and slip-rail fences; to the mellow gold of ripened corn and the tempting fruit on the vines of hillside vineyards; to groves of oranges and the sparkling richness of new red wine. How our imagination is stirred at the very thought of those picturesque things of a distant past.

What stimulating refreshment would we gain for our nerves of "civilised" to-day, as we wandered there along those cart-track roads of 1870, as they crept old-fashionedly through the forested rural scenes that were once Rockdale, Kogarah, Arncliffe, Hurstville, Kingsgrove, and their pioneer neighbours. Along those rambling ways the smell of new-tilled ground, hoof-trodden grass and new-mown hay, the widespread restful green of open paddocks and fine upstanding timber, and all about the activities and products which come to those who live and toil close to this good earth. But, alas, we have no "time machine" to take us back to 1870. So we must content ourselves with a journey via the medium of words, witnessing scenes which are constructed from the accurate records of those who lived and wrote over 100 years ago; who left us indisputable facts and figures about the rural life and industry of the sturdy self-reliant pioneers.

Train Load of Potatoes. The period of local history in which this article deals is the year 1870 -- approximately twelve months before Rockdale Municipality (the oldest in St. George) came into being, and fourteen years prior to the running of the first railway train over Cook's River. The figures to be quoted here concern only the district of St. George, which embraces the municipalities of Rockdale, Kogarah, Hurstville, Bexley, and a small part of Canterbury. Furthermore, these facts come from an official Government district census of agricultural and pastoral activities for the twelve months of 1870. It is well worthy of emphasis that these are the most remarkable historic details for St. George that the writer has ever come across.

For example who, living in local suburbs to-day, could not be amazed at the fact that in 1870 there were just a fraction short of two hundred tons of potatoes grown within St. George! It is more impressive to know that such a crop would require a goods train nearly twenty trucks long to move them. But, believe it or not, we will be needing a whole fleet of goods trains before we are finished with the agricultural products in by-gone days. In those days practically every farming resident grew one sort of grain crop or another. For one thing, they needed plenty of hay and green feed for their horses and stock. Within the whole of St. George there were then over 1,400 acres under cultivation, of which 620 acres were occupied by market gardens, orchards, and vineyards. The market gardens were situated along the rich flats near Arncliffe and beside Muddy Creek, at Rockdale, while others were in the Wolli Creek valley, at the head of Kogarah Bay near Moorefield Racecourse, around Peakhurst, Penshurst, and elsewhere. On the slopes and in the dips of the hills of Bexley, Kogarah, Rockdale, and farther out, around Peakhurst especially, stood the orchards and orangeries. While in the more sheltered situations, near Kingsgrove, Moorefields, and Peakhurst, lay the vineyards. Now, if it might be thought that those vineyards could not have been of much size, then just ponder on the fact that, all told, there were then 46 acres occupied by grapevines; roughly half under wine-producing grapes, and the rest for table grapes.

However, to turn to the green crops grown in 1870, we find that there were paddocks to the extent of 116 acres planted with special pasture grasses, but the largest single grain crop was maize, covering more than 106 acres. Next came oats, with a total of 87 acres under cultivation, then potatoes occupying 66 acres, while barley, wheat, rye, and sorghum extended over 120 acres all told. These figures for cultivation are quite distinct from the hundreds upon hundreds of acres of paddocks simply cleared for the grazing of cattle, horses, sheep, and pigs.

Gallons of Wine. Now let us turn to the actual measure of products which those pioneer agriculturists of St. George were able to earn from their labours during the twelve months of 1870. The train load of "spuds" we have already seen go by. Hay of various kinds was another important form of produce. Of that, comprising wheaten hay, oaten hay, barley hay, and grass hay, they gathered in well over 150 tons. Such an output of hay would require a goods train of almost sixteen trucks for transport. It must be understood, however, that we are simply using goods trains as an illustration. In those times they had no local railway, and everything had to be shifted by cart and horse, or by pack-horse.

From their cultivated crops they harvested -- by simple hand methods -- no less than 630 bushels of all grain, most of which was maize. Yet it is most interesting to note that this total also included some 40 bushels of wheat. Just try to imagine anybody harvesting wheat around Hurstville today!

A rather extraordinary thing that that oldtime agricultural census showed was that one of two farms in local districts were then growing nothing more unusual than arrowroot plants. This is all the more interesting when we remember that arrowroot is really a tropical or semi-tropical plant, which is more at home in places such as Queensland. The arrowroot when matured produces root tubers not unlike sweet potatoes, from which the familiar starchy flour is manufactured. At any rate the Government record of 1870 declared that 105 pounds of arrowroot were produced within St. George in that year.

Now, turning back once again to the romantic and picturesque vineyards of the pioneers, we discover that their vines brought forth the tidy amount of sixteen tons of table grapes. It is also recorded that the local handymen "spirited"

not less than 310 gallons of sparkling wines from their collected grapes. Is it any wonder that the oldest inhabitants bewail the passing of the good old days? Perhaps the best known local wine-maker of those days was Jim Smithson, whose wine bar and cellars were situated on Stoney Creek Road, right on the edge of what is now the new Kingsgrove Park. Beneath the floors of his building Smithson had his own wine presses, and some of the grapes he used were grown in the small vinyard on the slope at the rear of his house. But, I believe he got most of his supply from outlying districts. However, Smithson's wine bar was, for half a century, a landmark of St. George.

Before closing these echoes of local pioneering in agriculture and other rural activities, brief reference must be made to the farm animals which once grazed on the wide undulating fields of the district's farmlets. In those times the local population of residents was, of course, very small, and, strange to relate it seems that there were considerably more domestic animals than people. For instance, those antiquated statistics for 1870 prove that, within St. George, there then existed a grand total of practically 5,700 horses, cattle, sheep, and pigs. The sheep to the extent of 1,377 just outnumbered horses, while there were 1,524 horned cattle, and 1,489 pigs. There were, in addition, many poultry farms, and there must have been thousands of fowls and ducks, and possibly a turkey or two. Yes, and there might have been a few geese.

However, these remarkable facts and figures all combine to illustrate just what was described in the beginning of this article -- the pleasant pastoral of countryfied St. George in the seventies, when the "lowing herds wound slowly o'er the lea", and hardy settlers sipped the wines of their very own vintage.

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Over the years there have been a number of references in our Newsletter to the Rev. James Clarke - or "Jimmy Clarke" as he was known to many. Some of our older members can remember him and it is of interest to note that they - and the writers of articles in which he is mentioned - invariably treat him with respect and many like to refer to him as a friend.

When he died, in 1942, this article was written by an unknown writer and tells us something more of one whose name will continue to crop up whenever our local history is being discussed.

A 1942 article concerning

THE LATE REV. JAMES CLARKE

Death has at last withdrawn from the community of St. George, after more than half a century, one of the most extraordinary and strangest personalities in its history, the Rev. James Clarke, at the age of about 92 years. In the vitality and normality of his younger days, he was rector of both St. George's Church of England, Hurstville and St. Paul's, Kogarah. Tragic changes, however, swept across the balance of his mind and his connection with the church was severed. He became a restless, odd, and eccentric figure. In old age, his condition was pathetic to behold. During that time he was frequently seen wandering about Kogarah, Rockdale, and Lady Robinson's Beach -- his long hair down to his shoulders making him rather conspicuous. To many people, particularly the younger generation he was known as "Jimmy" Clarke, "Old Jimmy", or simply "The old man with long hair".

Unhappily, through ignorance of his full life, many regarded James Clarke as something of a mystery, even someone to be shunned. But, to those who knew him

intimately, he was openly claimed as a friend. Also, with compassion, they held him in respect to the end, remembering his virtues rather than anything else. They knew James Clarke to be one of the most scholarly of men, almost limitlessly versed in the classics of literature and history, the depths of British law, and the Gospel. It was once said by a prominent legal man that he should have been a barrister rather than a clergyman.

It is felt that a revelation of certain facts pertaining to the life of the deceased will assist much towards a proper appreciation of the remarkable personality and career of a man who once preached the Word of God from the Anglican pulpits at Bexley, Kogarah and Hurstville. At the same time, out of deference to his memory, mention of certain things of his life will be omitted. The following has been built up from data which has been gathered over a number of years, from official and other records, and from local residents who knew him best. It is not claimed that this is in anyway complete -- a book could be written of his life, were it told in full. James Clarke was born in England, about 1850. As to his parents, it was recorded at the time of his marriage, at Kogarah forty-four years later, that he was "the second son of the late Captain J. Clarke, Third Battalion, R.B. (Prince Consort's Own)". Practically nothing is known of his early years. It has been said, however, that he was an Oxford scholar. His intellectual ability pointed to some such training, but there is no official record of his ever having had a University degree. He travelled much in Europe and the Holy Land, and re-visited England twice at least after he came to Australia. An old resident of St. George has in his possession an old photograph album which Mr. Clarke presented to him about fifty years ago. It contains photos of English cathedrals, of paintings by "old masters" depicting Christ and the Apostles, and of rural scenes in New South Wales. In passing it is of interest to mention that old residents also say Mr. Clarke kept a bottle of water claimed to be from the River Jordan, Palestine, when he was rector in St. George. For instance, only last week, Mr. J. Palmer, of Hurstville, informed the "Propeller" that Mr. Clarke christened him in St. George's Church, Hurstville in 1890. His parents were told that the "Sign of the Cross" had been made with water from the Jordan. No doubt there are others in St. George today who could claim the same distinction, if they only knew. Others too, perhaps, who are still living were married by the Rev. Mr. Clarke in those distant times of 1890.

In what year the deceased came to Australia is not known. It has been learned, however, from Anglican diocesan records that he was a curate at St. Paul's Deniliquin, in the Riverina, in 1882. In that year, when aged about 32 years, he was ordained a deacon. Then he was appointed curate-in-charge of Urana and Jerilderie districts, and in 1884 became assistant-minister at St. Saviour's Anglican Cathedral, Goulburn. In that year he was ordained a priest by the Bishop of Goulburn. As a clerk in holy orders, his appointments were thenceforth as locum-tenens at St. Jude's Randwick (1884); locum-tenens at St. Peter's Richmond (1885); and incumbent of Dulwich Hill (1886-89). Seemingly, while there, he met the young lady he was later to marry.

His Life in St. George.

From Dulwich Hill, in 1889, Mr. Clarke was transferred to St. George, as the rector of St. Paul's Kogarah, and St. George's Hurstville - both being then in the one large parish. His income, including the parsonage, was £300 per annum. As a true Englishman, he always referred to his residence as "The Vicarage". His ability as a scholar and priest -- having a distinctive kind of oratory -- won him many friends and admirers. His was a congenial, intellectual, and witty personality. An enlightening conversationalist, he had a quick brain and a wealth

of repartee, and could quote Shakespeare, Byron, Shelley, and others, ad lib. An impression of his character may be gained from the words of an old Kogarah resident and veterinary surgeon, Mr. D. Keep of Green Street. He said last week, "The Rev. James Clarke and I were great friends right up till the time of his death. He was a friend of my family for over forty years. A wonderful old man, he was very capable and clever intellectually, and a remarkable authority on history. He could make you laugh at all times, and was always good-hearted and kindly towards others. I've never known him to swear. On the other hand he was a fine athlete in his younger days; an excellent horseman, and he was a fine build of a man, and was the quickest walker I ever saw in St. George. His hair was always worn short-cropped".

There are other local residents who can confirm the impressions of Mr. Keep. People in all walks of life were impressed by his knowledge and mental alertness. At the same time it is said that, even when he was a clergyman at Kogarah and Hurstville, there were peculiar mannerisms of his which marked him out from the average individual.

As a churchman, fifty years ago, the Rev. Clarke took a keen and active interest in his parish, and for some years conducted his ministry with advantage to his many parishioners. For instance, in 1889, the then new church building of St. George's Hurstville, was opened by the Dean of Sydney. In a newspaper report of the function at that time it was recorded "Mr. Clarke, the new incumbent for Kogarah and Rockdale, has been doing good work in both parishes, and has succeeded in obtaining the good offices of his parishioners, who have presented him with a communion service, two handsome prayer books, and several beautifully-worked cushions, all great acquisitions. Doubtless his activity will soon cause both churches under his care to flourish". Incidentally, it has been said that Mr. Clarke later took an active interest, with others, in securing the establishment of Woronora Cemetery.

Concerning his ability as an amateur lawyer, there was one particular incident in the life of Mr. Clarke in St. George which old residents will recall. Just what the exact circumstances of the case were do not matter, but it is understood that it had something to do with certain property rights concerning St. Paul's, Kogarah. It is historical fact, however, that the case in question came before the Supreme Court, in Sydney. Mr. Clarke defended himself, without the aid of professional counsel. During the hearing of the case the reverend gentleman subpoenaed no less a personage than the then Chief Justice of the Colony (Sir F. M. Darley), and cross-examined him in the witness box. It appears that Mr. Clarke lost his case, but finally took it to the Privy Council in England, where a verdict was given in his favour. He was possibly the only clergyman in Australia ever to have achieved such a legal feat, particularly as he saw it through from beginning to end by his own ability. His intimate knowledge of the law, right up till his death, has often been spoken of by the local police. One of his friends, the late Mr. J. C. Gannon, barrister, was said to have remarked once that Mr. Clarke should have been a barrister instead of a clergyman.

When His Life Changed

During the fifth year of his ministry in St. George the Rev. J. Clarke married. His bride was Annie Annesley, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. Annesley, of Dulwich Hill. Mr. Clarke was then about 44 years of age, and his wife was under 21. They were married at St. Paul's, Kogarah, on February 21, 1894, by the Rev. S. S. Tovey, B.A. It appears, however, that their life was not a happy one. That we shall not dwell upon. Eventually, but only fifteen months later, the marriage was dissolved by a decree of the Supreme Court on May 31, 1895. The result of those tragic

circumstances in his life was that he lost his status of a minister of the Church of England. No more, after 1895, was he the rector of the local parishes.

Unhappily, as events turned out, those experiences must have deeply influenced his mind, and his mode of life changed. Possibly feeling himself something of an outcast, he took to a solitary existence, and for some time lived in a cave near Oatley. Men who were some of his closest friends when he was the local rector used to take him food. A cloud seemed to settle on his mind, and, as the years rolled on, he became eccentric, to say the least. Later he led a kind of nomadic life, and lived, with the kindly aid of friends, near Lady Robinson's Beach, and around Rockdale and Kogarah. Much could be said about Mr. Clarke's existence during those forty odd years after he left the pulpit; many are the tales which have been told about him; but we shall not dwell at length on that unfortunate side of this extraordinary man's life. With his hair at shoulder length, and in old age, with a bent and unkempt appearance, he became an odd and widely-known figure. At times, unhappily, irresponsible youths tormented him. He could not, however, be classed as a recluse, because, almost daily for years, he was to be seen walking about the district. Much time he spent visiting friends and other sympathisers. His kindly acts were many, and he was said to have helped people in the capacity of an amateur herbalist, but the only money he received was a pension. One of his odd habits was to walk along the centre of the road -- the reason being, he claimed as a student of law, that the pedestrian had the right of way "on the King's highways". That brought him into many curious situations with passing vehicles. In fact, on several occasions, he became involved in street accidents, and suffered breaks to limbs, for which he spent a period in the St. George District Hospital, Kogarah. Then, becoming more and more a tired and lonely figure, the pall of old age settled upon his shoulders. His once athletic frame was bent, and as a pathetic old man, without home or family, he shuffled his way towards the end. Finally, when it appeared that the life of the Rev. James Clarke had little longer to go, he was taken to an institution. That took place a couple of months ago. He died there the week before last at an age so little short of a century. His remains were interred in the Church of England portion of Rookwood Cemetery on Friday, September 4th.

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OBJECTIVES: To promote interest in the history of 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 enquiries regarding membership should be directed to the Hon. Secretary. Visitors are especially welcome.

Subscriptions - Ordinary Members: \$1.50 per annum.
Pensioners: \$1.00 " "
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MEETINGS: Meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month, commencing at 8 p.m., in the Exhibition Lounge, at the Civic Centre, Belgrave Street, Kogarah. (Take lift to Second Floor and turn to the right).

PARKING: Cars may be parked on the ground floor parking area, the entrance to which is in Wick's Lane, at the rear of the Civic Centre. Post Office Lane alongside the Civic Centre has one-way traffic and it is necessary to enter at Montgomery Street end. From that lane you turn left into Wick's Lane and use the first entrance into the parking area. An alternative way is to enter Wick's Lane from Kensington Street. In such case, use the second entrance into parking area.

CARSS' PARK MUSEUM: Open Sundays and Public Holidays from 1 to 5 p.m.
Admission: 20c Adults, 10c Children. (Maximum 60c for one family).

DONATIONS FOR MUSEUM: Donations of items of historical interest suitable for inclusion in the Society's Museum will be gratefully received by the Museum Convener:

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