

ORDINARY COUNCIL

LATE REPORTS

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What we are trying to achieve

A healthy, inclusive and vibrant community.

What the result will be

We will have:

- Community hubs that provide access to services and social connections
- A safe, caring and connected community
- A healthy and active community that is supported by recreational infrastructure
- A strong community that is able to identify and address social issues
- Community participation in events, programs, festivals and activities

How we will get there

- 2.1 Create a community that feels safe
- 2.2 Advocate for social inclusion and fairness
- 2.3 Provide quality programs, community facilities and public spaces, for example, community halls, parks and vibrant town centres
- 2.4 Empower the community through encouraging active involvement in projects, volunteering and events
- 2.5 Promote a creative and culturally rich community





New Articles John Oxley Memorial 1929

Memorials to Oxley.

THREE anchors, formerly on the vessels of the Royal Navy, are on board H.M.A.S. Canberra, having been sent from England for the purpose of memorials to Surveyor-General John Oxley, R.N., the explorer.

By the latest English mail, Mr. T. G. Adamson, of Mosman, received advice from the Lords Commissioner of the Admiralty that the request made to them in April last had been granted. Mr. Adamson said that one anchor would be sent to Wellington, where Oxley heard of the victory of Waterloo. The second would be sent to Kirkham, where Oxley died. The third anchor would be sent either to Mount Sea View or Harrington, where the explorer crossed the Manning River. Suitable artistic pedestals would be erected on which the anchors would rest.

The Port Macquarie Municipal Council should take steps to obtain from the Admiralty a suitable memorial to Oxley, for erection in the municipality (say on the old target mound north of the gaol site), for it was here that the explorer first set foot on land bordering the Pacific Ocean, after coming down the Hastings River from Liverpool Plains in 1818. Port Macquarie is the most suitable spot on the Eastern coast for a tablet to perpetuate the memory of a man who did things, and notable ones too.

OXLEY MEMORIAL.

UNVEILING ON TUESDAY.

Tuesday next, 8th inst., will be the 111th anniversary of the arrival of Surveyor-General John Oxley at Port Macquarie, after his journey of exploration from Bathurst, via Liverpool Plains, over the New England Range and down the Hastings River. The day has been suitably taken by the Municipal Council for the unveiling of the memorial being erected to mark the spot where Oxley camped, which, from his journal, can be definitely located as above the men's surf shed. The actual memorial itself consists of a concrete block, in which is set a marble slab, suitably inscribed, and mounted on this slab is the compass stand from the bridge of H.M.A.S. Sydney, which achieved everlasting fame as the destroyer of the German raider Emden. This compass stand in itself is, and will be, of very great historic value, and the Council is to be congratulated on this "killing of two birds with one stone."

The unveiling will take place at 3 p.m., and it is expected that many visitors of note will attend the function in response to the invitations sent out.

It is to be hoped that there will be a good muster of local residents to do honour to the memory of the actual discoverer of our town.

Municipal Council.

THE Council met on 1st inst., there being present—Ald. A. C. Elliot (Mayor), J. Wrigley, H. McLaren, W. Bailey, W. H. Marshall, C. G. Orr. Apologies were received for Ald. Fowler and Hayward.

CORRESPONDENCE.

G. Quast, asking permission to make additions to his residence.—Granted.

W. Branch, notifying he had ceased dairying.—Received.

T. Elford, applying for leave of absence.—Received, and one month's leave of absence granted.

NUISANCE INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

The Nuisance Inspector reported the town area in good sanitary order. Ten head of stock had been impounded. The sanitary accommodation at Hibbard school was found unsatisfactory. The drain that ran under Clarence-street needed attention.

Received, and the Education Department to be given twenty-eight days to attend to the sanitary accommodation at Hibbard school.

WORKS REPORT.

The Works Committee's report was read and adopted.

FINANCE REPORT.

The credit balances at the different funds that day were:—General, £119 15s 9d; Sanitary, £127 10s; Lighting, £168 13s 9d; Trust, £104 12s 9d; Main Roads Trust, £100 7s 4d.—Receipts from all sources for the period amounted to £140 5s 1d.—Adopted.

GENERAL.

It was resolved to offer no objection to plans for septic tank at the Royal Hotel, same having been approved by the Board of Health.

Similar approval was given for a septic tank at the residence of Mr. A. C. Elliot.

The Works Committee to attend to the broken parts in the Gordon-street work.

The Mayor said that for some time back Mr. G. S. Hill had been in touch with him in regard to Surveyor Oxley at Port Macquarie. Mr. Adamson, who was very interested in this matter, had informed Mr. Hill that the compass stand of the cruiser Sydney could be purchased for this purpose. He had taken it into his own hands to purchase the stand, which was carried free to Port Macquarie by the N. Cain Shipping Co. Mr. Adamson had also stated that possibly an old Crimean gun might be procured,

and also stated that possibly an old Crimean gun might be procured, one of four that came to Australia in the Sirius.

Ald. Bailey moved—"That Council purchase the compass stand and have same erected to commemorate Oxley's journeys and in memory of the Sydney."

Ald. Orr seconded the motion, and thought it appropriate that Council should move in this direction.

Carried unanimously.

On the motion of the Mayor and Ald. Bailey, it was resolved to mount the memorial near the site where Oxley camped, and have same suitably inscribed.

The matter of arranging for the tablet and inscription was left in the hands of the Mayor and the Chairman of the Works Committee.

On the motion of Ald. Wrigley and Marshall, a sample of beach gravel to be sent to the Main Roads Board and approval asked to substitute same for screenings on the Gordon-street tar surfacing.

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

The Council met on Monday, there being present—Ald. A. C. Elliot, Mayor, Elford, Fowler, Bailey, Orr, and Wrigley.

An apology for absence was received from Ald. Marshall.

Correspondence.

L. O. Martin, M.L.A., informing Council that Colonel Bruxner would visit the district shortly.—Received.

Same, in reference to the sanitary accommodation at the Hibbard School and stating the matter was again being placed before the proper authorities.—Received.

G. Pullen, asking attention to the drainage affecting his property, and offering to put the drain in if Council would supply the pipes.—Referred to the Works Committee, with instructions to supply the piping asked for.

W. Rosenbaum, application for permission to remodel building recently purchased by him. — Permission granted.

G. Duck, application for permission to erect a cottage on his property in Granite Street.— Permission granted.

J. L. Kenny, application for permission to erect a cottage in Short-street. Permission granted.

Works Report.

The above report showed that the maintenance man had been regularly employed since last meeting. A. Hicks and W. Nicholls were variously employed since last meeting.—Received.

Finance Report.

The balances at the different funds that day were:—General £49/7/11 (debit), Sanitary £70/3/9, Lighting £181/18/11, Trust £118/9/6, Main Road Trust £82/14/- (credits). Receipts for the period from all sources amounted to £101/12/9, and accounts totalling £94/16/11 were submitted.—Adopted.

Nuisance Inspector's Report.

The Inspector reported having impounded three head of stock, and all other matters as satisfactory.—Adopted.

General

The Mayor reported that matters were in hand for the Oxley Memorial function, which would be held on the 8th October, the actual day of Mr. Surveyor Oxley's arrival at Port Macquarie, when the spot where he camped would be marked, by the erection of the compass stand from H.M.A.S. Sydney, suitably inscribed. It was proposed to locate the site just above the men's bathing shed, which appeared to be about the correct position where Oxley camped, as indicated by the map in his diary.

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The committee appointed were authorised to carry out the necessary arrangements.

Ald. Fowler drew attention to the rubbish and grass growing in the town park, and said that something should be done to keep the grass down.

The matter was referred to the Parks Committee.

Tenders.

The Council then went into Committee to consider tenders for the supply of 80 yards of beach gravel and, on resuming, recommended the acceptance of the tender of J. Maher, Ross Glen, at 10/- per yard, which was adopted.