

John Oxley
1784–1828



John Joseph William Molesworth Oxley, Surveyor General, was sent by Governor Macquarie to trace the course of the Macquarie River.

Starting in May 1818, Oxley's expedition went north-west from Bathurst following the Macquarie River to the impenetrable Macquarie Marshes. They then turned east to the Castlereagh and the Liverpool Plains. After reaching and naming the Peel River (near today's Tamworth), they crossed the southern part of the New England Range near today's Walcha, explored and named Apsley Falls and climbed Mount Seaview. They could see a river which Oxley called the Hastings and followed it through present-day Wauchope, climbing Bago Mountain on the way to the river mouth which he named Port Macquarie. The expedition reached Newcastle in November, six months after their departure.



Hastings Valley Bicentenary



John Oxley
Surveyor General



George Evans
Deputy Surveyor

1818 Expedition participants

John Oxley
George Evans
John Harris
Charles Fraser

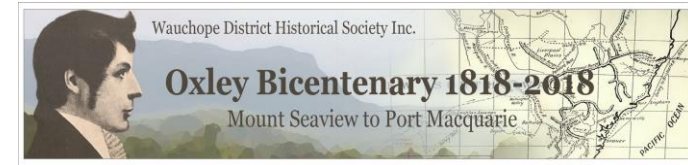
James Blake
Barnaby Butler
Patrick Byrne
John Dwyer
Thomas Ellis
Francis Lloyd
Henry Shippey
George Simpson
William Warner
Richard Watts
James Williams
John Williams



John Harris
Doctor



Hakea fraseri
Charles Fraser
Colonial Botanist

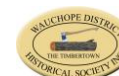
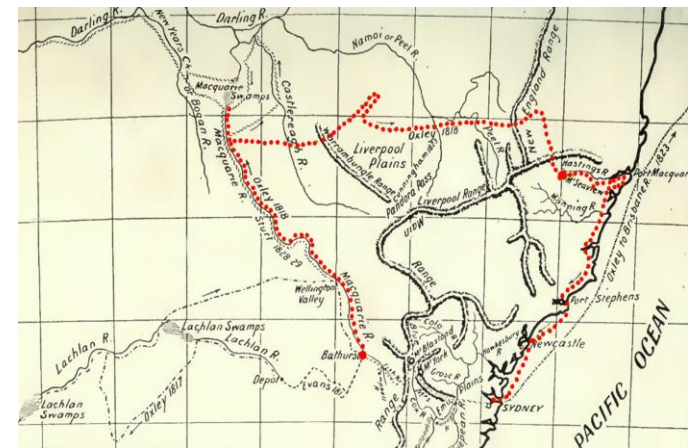


Celebrating Oxley's Journey through the Hastings Valley

September-October 2018

Join us in commemorating the Bicentenary of the exploration of the Hastings Valley from Mount Seaview, following the Hastings River to Port Macquarie.

WDHS invites you and your organisation to participate in this community celebration.



Wauchope District Historical Society Inc
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SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

Fri 21 - Sun 23 Sept Weekend of Oxley at Mount Seaview, **Official Opening of Bicentenary. Book launch *John Oxley, a new perspective* by Rob Tickle BA;** Guest speakers: Botanist **Dr Ian Telford;** Author **Richard Grimmond;** **WDHS Oxley's way today;** 4wd Safari to Mt Jasper & Echo Point; campfire yarns at riverside. \$275pp all inclusive, twin share; [\$20 extra transfer from Wauchope] Bookings: \$100 dep. 0424226258

Sat 29 Sept **Bicentenary Community Family Dance** 6pm Showground Hall, DJ, BYO refreshments, \$15pp. children 5-16yrs \$5pp

Wed 3 Oct **4WD trip Bago Mountain**, depart Town Clock 8.30am. Bookings essential \$45pp, 0424 226 258

Sat 6 Oct **Governor's Ball Wauchope** RSL 6pm, live band formal or historic dress, 2-course meal, \$75pp, tables of 8, bookings: 0414 845 348 cathylw@yahoo.com

Sun 7 Oct **Governor's Garden Party** at 'Claremont' Oxley Head 1.30-5pm, semi-formal dress, light refreshments wandering minstrels, \$20pp, bookings 0424 226 258

Sat 13 Oct **Oxley explores Camden Haven** open day at museum, mini conference at School of Arts, Bold St. 9am-3pm 0408 113 313

SCHOOLS

John Oxley presentations by Richard Grimmond

Wed 5 Sept Comboyne

Fri 7 Sept St Joseph Primary

Tues 11 Sept Beechwood - 3 sessions

Wed 19 Sept Telegraph Point & Rollands Plains

Tues 25 Sept Long Flat & Huntingdon

Wed 17 Oct Wauchope Primary

OXLEY ORIENTATED CHURCH SERVICES

Sun 16 Sept St Cuthbert's Ellenborough 11am

Sun 23 Sept All Saints Pappinbarra 2pm, afternoon tea at Hollisdale Hall

Sun 30 Sept 8am St Matthews Anglican, Wauchope

Sun 7 Oct Uniting Church, Beechwood 9am

Sun 7 Oct St James Church, Byabarra 11am

non-attendance was a flogging offence

MEET THE AUTHOR & BOOK SIGNING

Rob Tickle, *John Oxley, a new perspective*

Consulting archaeologist, historian, paleoanthropologist

Tues 2 Oct, Wauchope Library, 10.30am

Wed 3 Oct Loggers Restaurant, Timbertown Resort 7.30pm

Thurs 4 Oct Wauchope Country Club, 10.30am

Mon 15 Oct Port Macquarie library, 10.30am

SPORTING EVENTS

Sat 15 Sept 1pm, Greyhound Race Track Wauchope. 10 races, Free entry

Sat 29 Sept Greyhound meeting Wauchope, from 1pm Bicentenary Cup at 3.20pm. Free entry

Mon1-Sun 7 Oct Wauchope Country Club, Bicentenary golf & bowls events

Sat 6 Oct Wauchope RSL Cricket Club Season Opening Cricket Match, Andrews Park 1pm; 0423165300

Sat 13 Oct Horse Race -Wauchope Old Boys' Bicentennial Cup, Wauchope Racecourse, gates open 11.30am

Sat 27 Oct Oxley Bicentenary Motor Cycle Ride, motor cycle friendly town initiative 0418 186 336

KAY MORRISON'S PLAY *John Oxley's Journey*

Sun 14 Oct Gala performance, Douglas Vale 5pm \$30pp, 0424 065 111, book at Glasshouse

Sat 20 Oct Douglas Vale Open Day 9.30am-2.30pm. Play at 12md, gold coin donation

Tues 30 Oct Wauchope Country Club 6pm \$15pp 0424226258

BICENTENNIAL CAMPFIRE YARNS

Sat 22 Sept Mount Seaview Resort

Thurs 27 Sept Long Flat Pub, 5pm

Fri 5 Oct Pappinbarra, Family Fun Night, Hollisdale Hall, 6pm, BYO drinks. Food available

DANCES

Sat 15 Sept Rotary Bush Dance - Showground Hall 6pm \$30pp under16 free. 0417 472 723

Sat 15 Sept Old-time Dance Pembroke Hall 75th Anniv from 6pm \$20pp under 16s free 6585 9368

Mon 1 Oct Kindee Family Fun Day and Dance, DJ, 11am Kindee Hall 6587 4273

WDHS OXLEY DISPLAYS

Sept-Oct Library & Country Club

Mon 10 Sept WDHS talk VIEW Club, 1pm, RSL Club

Mon 24 Sept WDHS IGA stall

Sun 21 Oct Beechwood Billycart Derby, Oxley display 0418 241 716

MARKETS & OP SHOPS

Sat 22 Sept Farmers Market Showgrounds 8-1pm

Sat 29 Sept Bicentennial Twilight Markets Bain Park 3pm-8pm

Sun 7 Oct Hollisdale Hall, Pappinbarra 9-12.30pm

Fri 28 Sept Explore Wauchope's Op Shops and enterprises

COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION

Sat 15 Sept Bundaleer Gardens Festival 9am-4pm.

Sat 22 Sun 23 Sept Bellrowan Valley 'Chicks in the Sticks' 65875227 ride@bellrowanvalley.com.au

Sat 22 Sept Huntingdon School 150th Anniv 10-3pm

Sat 29 Sept Sun 30 Sept, Mon 1 Oct Back to Bonny Hills long weekend reunion Bonny Hills Surf Club

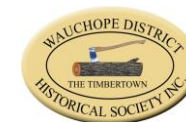
Sun 30 Sept Great Eastland Hub Rally, 70 Vintage cars, Wauchope Showgrounds from 12.15pm

Fri 5 Oct Station Master's Cottage open day 10 -3.30pm

Sat 13 Oct Wauchope Garden Club 60th Anniversary luncheon, 6585 1766

Sat 20 Sun 21 Oct Bellrowan Bush Pub ride, Bellangry, 65875227

Sat 20-Sun 21 Oct RAHS Conference, Westport Bowling Club



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For Festival program details:

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