

## History Walk Ouyen – October 2022

Enjoy an easy walk around the main shopping area. Can you find the answers to the questions posed? (NB. #3 and #6 are privately owned properties – the answers to the questions may be discovered without entering either property. Follow the trail from 1 to 6 or

1. **Ouyen District History and Genealogy Centre Open Fridays 9.30am-4pm** Located at the former Court House 77 Oke Street Ouyen (opposite Jason's IGA). Established in 1984 as part of Victoria's 150<sup>th</sup> celebrations, the centre houses a wealth of material collected from the southern part of MRCC area (formerly the Shire of Walpeup). Why not book in for a guided tour during October History month and you will be amazed by the collection volunteers continue to work hard at preserving for you. You are sure to find something of interest like the iron frame cot, photos of early times, or family stories. Enter the History Centre to find the answer to Q1.



Q1 : Where was the iron frame cot used originally?

After leaving the History Centre, walk to the footpath and turn left, walking along Oke Street, past the Police Station, cross over Pickering Street and continue walking to the Community Park.

2. **Fairy Dell Mural located at Community Park Oke Street Ouyen:** take time to absorb the history portrayed in the artwork on the side of the building. The answers to Q2 will be found on the mural.



Q2a: What brand of icecream was sold at the Fairy Dell Cafe?

Q2b: The Fairy Dell Café was known as "The\_\_?\_\_ of the Mallee".

Q2c: What lubricant was sold at Manley's Garage?

Cross over Oke Street, walk past Good as New, May's on Oke and the Bakery and turn left when you get to Pickering Street roundabout. Take a short walk along Pickering Street until you are about opposite the Fire Station.

3. The **first Ouyen Hospital** was located at 38 Pickering Street Ouyen. The building has been well kept and is now private property. While admiring the building from the footpath, you can discover the answer to Q3.



Q3: What is the name on the house?

Cross over Pickering Street to the Fire Station.

4. **CFA – Pickering Street Ouyen:** An important emergency service, the CFA has many volunteers who serve the community when the siren calls.

Q4: Which foundry made the old bell mounted at the front of the station?



Walk back to Oke St and turn left, continue walking north to Oke / Cooper Streets roundabout and turn left, walking to the next intersection.

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Heading north, crossover Cooper Street and turn left, walking up to Scott Street.

5. The **Former Methodist Church** is on the corner of Cooper and Scott Streets, Ouyen. Without entering this private property you can see the foundation stone.

Q5: What significant anniversary of this building occurred in 2022?



Retrace your steps back to Oke Street, turn right again and then cross over to the MRCC Council Building and enter the building (open Monday- Friday 8am to 5pm)

6. Enter **Ouyen Library, Open Monday – Friday 8am -5pm**- located in MRCC building - Oke Street Ouyen (opposite Jason's IGA) The library was opened October 2018 having replaced the Mobile Library which visited weekly.

Q6 What are you asked to do for the character on the wall hanger near the Children's DVD collection?



Check your answers with staff at the library.....how did you go?