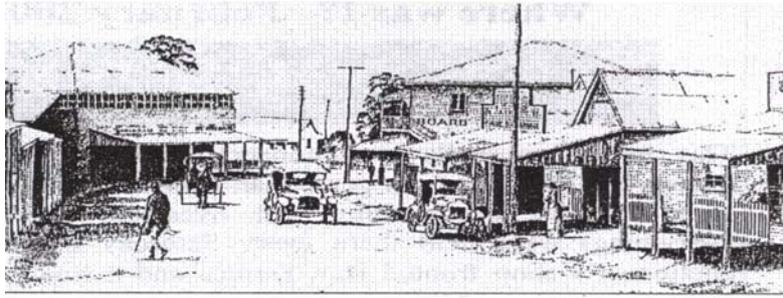


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FROM THE EDITOR

Sandy Liddle

This is our last newsletter for 2010. I am sure you will all enjoy, as much as I did, Ian Kennedy's gardening story. Oh Ian that was priceless.

Speaking of the newsletter, I would like to thank Ian Wheeler, and his son, Carl as well as Carl's staff, for printing the newsletter each month. This is a mammoth task and their efforts are greatly appreciated.

Thank you also to Jill for all her regular articles and to everyone who has contributed to the newsletter throughout 2010. Your contributions have been valuable, very welcome and enjoyable. In 2011, I would like to start a new column to coincide with our oral history project. How about writing a small piece about your school day memories? Who were your teachers and fellow students? What subjects did you like/dislike? What sports did you play? What do you remember about the layout of the school and its buildings? Please consider a contribution, no matter how small or large, to the newsletter in 2011.

Also a huge thank you to Sandra Wheeler for all the raffle prizes each month. I don't know how she comes up with new ideas for each month.

I hope you have all enjoyed the newsletters this year. The next newsletter will be available in February 2011. I would also like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a safe and happy New Year. Until 2011!

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NOVEMBER MEETING DETAILS

Thursday 18 November at 7.30pm

GENERAL MEETING

*Ambulance Museum Auditorium
(Cnr Cedar Street & Tingal Road, Wynnum)*

Event: **Local history trivia night**
With: *Jill Greenhill & Jan Parnell*

Gold coin entry – covers hire of venue and Supper.

Raffle: To celebrate Christmas, a Christmas hamper is being raffled this month. Many thanks to everyone for the donations and to Sandra Wheeler for putting it all together.



Tickets are only \$1.00 each or 3 for \$2.00.

Bring and buy stall - Please bring your unwanted gifts, cakes, fruit, vegetables, plants, etc to a meeting or leave at the Resource Centre. . All proceeds from this stall go to support the Resource Centre

Appreciation to **Margaret O'Neil and Lena McCreadie** for providing your supper this month.

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Late life member:	Merv Beitz		
Patrons:	Cr. Peter Cumming Paul Lucas MP.		

REGULAR SOCIETY VOLUNTEERS AND HELPERS

GENERAL MEETINGS:	<i>Afternoon set up:</i>	Col Brown, John McIntyre, Jill Greenhill and Myrtle Beitz
	<i>Welcome at Door and raffles:</i>	Ian Wheeler & Anne Hall
	<i>Bring and buy:</i>	Jan Aplin and Carmel Henderson
	<i>Kitchen Coordinator:</i>	Margaret Mack
	<i>Supper Coordinator:</i>	Deborah Tearle
	<i>Supper Donations and servers:</i>	Betty Powell, Jan Aplin, Jan Bird, Margaret O'Neil, Myrtle Beitz, Irene Morgan, Sherley Williams, Lena McCreadie, Shirley Houghton, Beryl Kennedy, Dawn Wilkins, Betty Mottram, Ian Wheeler, Lyla Feige, Sandy Liddle, Laurima Rabe, Minnie Bowman, Noela Stratton, Beth Hume, Eris Powell, Daphne Liddle, Nena Robertson, Alison Roff, Jan Parnell, Margaret Collins, Deborah Tearle, Lyn Shanks, Shirley Jeffries, Thelma Crouch, Carol Astill, Ann Wentzel, Wave Oehlmann, Lou & Anne Hall
	<i>Raffle prizes:</i>	Sandra Wheeler
	<i>Speaker Coordinator:</i>	Myrtle Beitz
NEWSLETTERS:	<i>Compiler & Editor:</i>	Sandy Liddle
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RESOURCE CENTRE:	<i>Volunteers on duty:</i>	Minnie Bowman, Ian Wheeler, Sherley Williams, Ian Kennedy, John McIntyre, Brian Brandenburg, Noela Stratton, Dennis O'Neill, Col Brown, Myrtle Beitz, Dawn Wilkins, Jan Aplin
	<i>Information Sources:</i>	Lloyd Kelk, Jack Sands and Kate Harbison
TOURS:	<i>Planning & Coordination:</i>	Brian Brandenburg and Jan Parnell
	<i>Booklet:</i>	Jill Greenhill
	<i>Bookings:</i>	Sandy Liddle at General Meetings Resource Centre staff each weekday
ORAL HISTORY:		Brian Brandenburg

Can you help in any way? If so, please let us know. We are always looking for willing members to help in any way possible.

2010 and 2011 SUPPER ROSTER

Below is the 2010 and 2011 supper roster.

NOVEMBER: Margaret O'Neil 3348 3123
Lena McCreadie 3396 4393

2011

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Shirley Houghton 3396 1379

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Alison Roff 3396 7094

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Lyla Feige 3396 2147

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JULY: Minnie Bowman 3893 0527
Nina Robertson 3396 2524
Shirley Jeffries 3893 1101

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Jan Bird 3396 6690
Carol Astill 3396 5481

SEPTEMBER: Jan Aplin 3396 4728
Ann Wentzel 3399 5175
Wave Oehlmann 3393 3445

OCTOBER: Lou & Anne Hall 0412 634 587
Beryl Kennedy 3396 6399
Ellen Coupland 3899 1326

NOVEMBER: Myrtle Beitz 3396 4711
Margaret O'Neil 3348 3123
Deborah Tearle 3396 9697

If you would like to volunteer to help out on supper roster in 2011 or would like to swap your assigned roster month to another one, please contact **Deborah** on **3396 9697**.

Your assistance is appreciated.

MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK

Deborah Tearle, Supper Coordinator

RENEWAL OF MEMBERSHIP FEES

Membership fees are due for payment by 1 January 2011. Fees will remain the same as in previous years ie \$15.00 per individual or \$25.00 for a family membership or \$5.00 if you are a high school student.

Payments can be made at the November meetings or at the Resource Centre. Payments can also be made directly into our bank account. If you do pay directly into our bank account, please ensure that you record your name as the reference and/or notify the Treasurer when payment is made so it can be allocated to you.

Bank account details are: **BSB** 124 012
Account No: 2013 9708
Account Name: Wynnum Manly Historical Society Inc.
Bank: Bank of Queensland

FROM THE PRESIDENT



November will be our last meeting of the year, and also the Christmas tour to Bribie Island is on Saturday 27th November. Our last meeting will be a Local History Trivia Night. We have so much history in this area so you will have to get your thinking hats on. Our coach tour to Bribie Island is filling fast. Be sure to get your name down as soon as possible. For our tour guide we will have Dr. Jim Lergessner, who lives on the Island and has a wealth of local knowledge of the area. Jim has written numerous books on the history of Bribie Island and Moreton Bay. He will also be performing extracts from his book "Snippets...from a Baby Boomer's Diary" at the Wynnum Central Cup Day. This event has been rescheduled to Saturday, 13th November from 9.30am to 3pm. It is to be held in the grounds of the Wynnum Central State School. School tours will also take place.

On our trip to Bribie Island we will see numerous places of local interest. At Bongaree we will view various historical cottages, one of which the writer Zane Grey stayed in. The Island is noted for a visit by Matthew Flinders and his aboriginal companion Bongaree. The ship was moored at "White Patch" which was then known as "Skirmish Point". The Aborigines tried to steal Flinders' hat which led to a conflict between his party and the aborigines. Another famous person who lived on Bribie Island was the artist, Ian Fairweather. We will visit the park where his shack once stood. We will also see a shed which was built for him after the Council demolished his shed. Bribie Island was a significant outpost for soldiers during WW2. "Red Beach" at the southern end of the Island was where allied troops simulated landings in preparation for battle with the Japanese. On the ocean side of the Island there are reminders of the War. A guard house where soldiers on duty slept. Also a structure which housed cabling that ran across the Bay to detect Japanese submarines or shipping. During the War, Bribie Island was the start of the so called "Brisbane Line". Civilians were to be evacuated across this line if the Japanese had invaded. A number of families were moved from North Queensland to the Wynnum area during this time. Before Lunch we will visit the newly opened "Bribie Island Seaside Museum". The curator Allan Baptist, has arranged for tours of the museum which will include a short film on the life of Ian Fairweather. They also have an excellent exhibition called "Oarsome" which is a collection of oars, each of which tells a story of a family or organisation based on the Island. Lunch will be at the Bongaree Bowls Club, this is small club, easily accessed from the road. A choice of roast beef or fish will be available. Dessert is extra. Tea or coffee will be provided free. There is also a bar. After lunch we will go to the Ocean side and on our way back across the Island, visit the Art Gallery and handicraft shop. There are many other things to see depending on time. We will be back in Wynnum by 5pm. Get your names down quickly so that you don't miss out.

We have had good news - the Brisbane City Council Community Fund. We have been awarded over \$900 to purchase a digital recorder. This will be used to gather stories for our project "Slates to Ipad". Recently, Peter Hughes, a member, lent me a questionnaire which had been compiled from people who attended Wynnum Central State School during the War Years. The memories in it are wonderful. The closure of Wynnum Central, Wynnum North, Lindum and Hemmant State Schools at the end of the year adds to the importance of recording the stories of students who attended these schools as well as other schools in the area. If you have a story to tell please contact me or the other members of the committee.

I have had a request from a group, who wish to make a war documentary "In their Footsteps". They are looking for Wynnum people who could be called a "Local Hero", someone who had incredible war time experiences, eg. foot soldiers, sailors, airmen, women in the land army, nurses and war brides. Or "A Passionate Family Member", someone in the community who is keen to find out about an ancestor. You can find further details about this project on page 7 of the newsletter.

All for now. See you at the next meeting.

Brian Brandenburg, President



**Resource Centre
address**

**Civic Centre
Shop 7, 66 Bay Tce
Wynnum**

(outside entrance to Wynnum
Public Library)

**Resource Centre opening
hours**

Monday – Friday
(except Public Holidays)

10am – 12 noon

CLOSED for Christmas:

**11 December 2010 to
16 January 2011
inclusive.**

NEWS FROM THE RESOURCE CENTRE – November 2010

- *A query, asked last month from Bryant Lavaring*

Bryant was trying to find information about his former school teachers, Miss Anderson and Mr Ingram.

“Miss Jill Anderson, later Mogg, taught at Wynnum North State School in 1956 and 1957.

Mr David Eric Ingram taught at Wynnum North State School from January 1958 to January 1961”

Neither of the teachers are listed on the local Commonwealth Roll, which means that they probably did not live in the local district. Do we have any more information?

- *Last month I reported on a visit from Margaret and Arthur King from Victoria, seeking more information about Arthur’s family.*

Arthur’s grandparents were Henry Thomas and Louisa Ann KING. They had ten children. We now have full details of the ten children to send to Arthur. Thank you, Sherley and Lyla.

- *We have added another “Real Estate” poster to our collection.*

“Atthows Hill Lindum. Saturday 28 May 1921 at 3.00pm.
69 Magnificent Building Sites, commanding delightful views.
Auctioneer: Arthur F. Jackson of Wynnum South”

The Estate extended from Lindum Station, up Sibley Road and included Rodney Street.

Does anyone know if Rodney Street was originally called Atthow Street?

- *Queries from member Fay Sheriff:*

“Does anyone know where, in Stratton Terrace, the house called Wycombe” was located?

“Which house was called “Wonga”, on the corner of Jane (Benalla) Street and Arnold Street, Manly, in 1937.”

As this is the final newsletter for 2010, may I thank all members that have contributed their time, their energy and dedication to keeping the Resource Centre open for five days every week.

We will close for the holidays on Friday 10 December 2010 and re-open on Monday 17 January 2011.

Best Wishes for the Festive Season.

Till next time, Jill Greenhill
Librarian



The plaque was mounted on the entry gates to the fort at Lytton

The International Concatenated Order of Hoo-Hoo is one of the world's oldest service organisations, having been organised in 1892.

Its members are interested in the welfare and promotion of the forest products industry. Members are usually over 21 years old and are employed in some aspect of wood-related industry.

The group seek to instil desire to make a sincere contribution to the industry and society through fraternal participation in its business, social and community programs. The spirit of Hoo-Hoo is expressed in the nine fundamental values that encourage members to be fraternal, helpful, grateful, friendly, tolerant, progressive, industrious, loyal and ethical. Hoo-Hoo members are expected to practice these principals in both their business and personal lives.



Which building was being constructed?

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The Society would like to thank and acknowledge Cartridge World Wynnum for its ongoing support and sponsorship.

*Don't forget - for all your toner and cartridge needs, visit or contact **Chris** at Cartridge World Wynnum.*

The Executive Producer of *In their Footsteps* has contacted the Society to ask that we circulate this information in the hope that some of our members may be interested in being involved in this project. It certainly sounds very interesting and I look forward to viewing the documentary series. An excerpt from their letter is below.

WANTED FOR TV



FAMILY WAR HISTORIES

Have you always wanted to learn the real story about the wartime experiences of a family member such as your grandfather, grandmother or even your mother and father? We're looking for people to take part in a new television documentary series - to search out the truth behind your relative's wartime history.

If you're a successful applicant, we'll film you as you follow

IN THEIR FOOTSTEPS.

**If you'd like to apply, just go to
www.intheirfootsteps.com.au**

Dear Wynnum Manly Historical Society members,

We're making an historical documentary series and we need your help.

From the makers of the critically acclaimed documentary series *Australians at War* and the *Australians at War Film Archive*, comes an exciting new television project aimed at uncovering the remarkable personal stories of everyday Australians during wartime. These stories will be revealed to family members who will quite literally walk in the footsteps of their ancestor.

Each week we'll visit the iconic sites of the action, both local and international, to explore and share in the triumphs and tragedies of a different Aussie hero, bringing their unique story to life, and taking their descendant on a true journey of discovery.

This is where you come in!

In order to bring this project to life we need your help because no one knows the people of the Wynnum area and their family histories like you do.

Essentially we're searching for two things –

1. A Local Hero:

Someone from your community who had an incredible wartime experience be it abroad or on the home front. They don't need to have been awarded medals; we're interested in the ordinary foot soldiers, sailors and airmen, the women of the land army, nurses, and war brides. We want to tell the stories that have for too long remained untold.

We're looking for experiences ranging from WWI right through to more recent peace-keeping operations.

2. A Passionate Family Member:

Alternatively you may have a family in your community that are keen to find out more about the wartime experiences of their ancestor, or perhaps you've started them on a journey of discovery but know there is much more for them still to find out. They'll need to be confident and articulate as they may end up in front of the camera!

If you know anyone that fits either of these requirements please direct them to our website www.intheirfootsteps.com.au where they can register their details.

If you have any further queries, you can contact one of the project's researchers whose details appear below:-

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Kind regards,

Michael Caulfield
Executive Producer
In Their Footsteps

The Development of Beaches in Wynnum Manly

(as reported in the Wynnum Herald)

- 1975 Beach lovers dream almost realised
- 1976 Former member Bill Lamond believes scheme could be implemented and requested Harbours and Marine to carry out feasibility study
- Findings:
- * Suitable sediments are at the mouth of Tingalpa Creek;
 - * Nourishment program would cost \$130,000.00;
 - * Under storm conditions nourishment would be lost, but demolition of sea wall could help prevent this happening;
 - * Nourishment trial should be carried out - cost \$17,000;
 - * Monitoring program to be established for pre and post storm conditions;
 - * Two features affecting beach are the sea wall and rock shelf. The seawall reflects waves which scour out the sand removing the beach. Where there are breaks in the sea wall the sandy beach has established; and
 - * The area between high and low tides is Crown land, but the responsibility of the Council. The Department does not provide labour to clean up.
- 1978 June 21 State Government shelved plan to pump sand onto Wynnum Manly foreshore
- 1978 July 19 Wynnum Chamber of Commerce visited Fisherman's Island to see vast deposits of white sand.
- 1981 July 8 Rotary to construct beach at the bottom of Nelson parade "**Eastwood Beach**" after Les Eastwood. Cost \$2,00.00.
- Sand was deposited from a local foundry to prove beach is feasible and sand will stay.
- 1984 July 2 Twelve barges brought first sand from Stradbroke Island across the bay.
- 1987 Mar 4 Tenders called for trial beach at Wynnum Central. Announced at Chamber of Commerce meeting
- 1987 June 17 Wynnum Central - after 120 metre trial beach between Charlotte Street and the Jetty, Don Randall, member for Kianawah, reported satisfactory results. Cost \$210,000.00. Project announced by Mayor of Brisbane, Sally Anne Atkinson.
- 1987 June 24 Beach pegged out. First sand deposited on the Esplanade. Rock groyne constructed and storm water pipes buried below the beach. Project cost \$3m
- 1987 Saturday September 26. **Pandanus Beach** opened by Tom Burns, Member for Lytton.

Marching is a sport "derived from military squad drills in Australia and New Zealand during the post-war 1940s" (2010, Queensland Marching Association).

My obsession to become a marching girl began as a 5 or 6 year old watching the Spring Parade procession. To this day I have no idea what it was that I found so fascinating about the marching girls but whatever it was I just knew then that I wanted to be one.

As the minimum joining age back in the 1960s was 8, I had to wait what seemed to me an eternity before I could join. Despite having to wait so long, my interest never waned.

My first team was the *Mermaids*. Teams were broken up into age divisions – Midgets, Juniors and Seniors. From memory, Wynnum Manly had two midget teams – the *Mermaids* and the *Penguins*. Teams consisted of a leader and 9 team members. Our home field was McFarlane Field on Wondall Road. McFarlane Field was also home to the Wynnum Manly Women's Basketball Association but that is another story.

The caretakers of McFarlane Field lived in an old house up the back of the field near the basketball courts. Most of you will probably know these caretakers - the Christo's. They also had a pet store in Wynnum which is still in operation today however I do not know if it is still owned by the Christo family. Their real surname was Christensen. They had a daughter who was a marching girl, Ula?, and a son, Dennis.

I'll never forget how great I felt when I laced up my first pair of marching boots. I was so special. We used to buy our marching boots from Beards Shoe Store in Bay Terrace. Many of you may remember it. It used to be down near the old Post Office. Coincidentally the Beard family used to be our neighbours in Carlton Terrace before we moved to Greta Street. We had to spend countless hours whitening our marching boots before competitions to ensure they were in pristine condition. If only I cared for my shoes these days as well as I did my marching boots!

From the time I started marching I just loved it. Perhaps it was the discipline or the marching band music and the bagpipes or the fact that I was now able to march in the Spring Parade and Warana processions instead of being a spectator.

My first instructor was Bert Langtry. He was an absolute gentleman and a real sweetie. I kept in touch with him and his wife for many years following my marching days but lost contact with him in the early 80s. Following Mr Langtry's resignation as instructor, Trevor Davis took over. Trevor and his wife, Phoebe, had three daughters, twins Karen (who went onto become a Spring Parade Queen in later years) and Julie (a year older than me) and younger daughter, Toni (same age as my sister, Karyn). Karen and Julie were already in the *Mermaids* when I joined and we hit it off from the beginning. Little did we know then that, in later years, Trevor would become my step dad and Karen, Julie and Toni my step sisters.

Trevor's wife, Phoebe, took over as the team Chaperone when Trevor became Instructor. Some of you may remember Phoebe. She was a hairdresser for many years at Anita's Beauty Salon in Bay Terrace. Trevor operated a printing business, J Miles & Sons, in Pine Street, Wynnum (just near the train bridge). The building that housed this business was destroyed by fire earlier in 2008. Trevor used to print all the programmes for the Wynnum Manly Marching Girls' Association.

Two years after I joined the marching girls, my sister, Karyn, and Trevor's daughter, Toni, also became *Mermaids*. This was to begin a real friendship between the families. I think it was about this time that my long suffering parents, Merv and Shirley Harris, decided that if they couldn't beat them they may as well join them. They nominated to take over the reins of the canteen for not only the marching girls but also the women's basketball at McFarlane Field. They continued doing this for many years until my sister and I resigned from the marching girls.

Marching was on Sundays and basketball was on Saturdays and some weekday evenings. My sister and I were both avid netballers so we took the opportunity to join basketball teams as well. As we were at the courts with our parents all day on the Saturday, it seemed the natural thing to do. During this time, I formed a friendship with Dennis Christensen (son of the Christos). He was about my age and we often used to run around and play basketball together when the courts were vacant.



First *Mermaids* uniform

As a team, the *Mermaids* would never make it big and in the early days never won a single medal at any of the external competitions. We did win some of the internal Wynnum Manly Marching Girls' awards at the annual "passing out" ceremony but as this was a bit of friendly rivalry only between the *Mermaids* and the *Penguins*, it tended to fade into insignificance. The external competitions were conducted fortnightly at the fields of various other marching girls' associations throughout not only Brisbane but all of Queensland. There were teams from Townsville, Bundaberg and Rockhampton who regularly travelled down to Brisbane to attend competitions and who were billeted out to stay with families of the host association's members. This was reciprocated if we had to travel to places like Bundaberg, Rockhampton and/or Townsville. I look back now and wonder how on earth my parents did it for so long without complaint. They always volunteered to drive and then had to sit around all day waiting for our event and then for the medal presentation at the end.

At the time of my joining the *Mermaids*, our uniform was a very old and ordinary white uniform with a tartan cap. These uniforms were never made to measure so to speak as you were given someone else's old uniform and adjustments were made to "make" it fit. To me though, I felt a million dollars when I donned that uniform.

After a couple of years of serious fundraising (yes that was us with raffles outside the jeweller in Edith Street every Saturday morning during Wynnum's heyday when you could not get a park in Wynnum on a Saturday morning), we had raised enough money to outfit the team in a snazzy new uniform. The uniform was blue and white with a little pill box hat. As soon as we had our new uniforms, we won our first ever medal for Costume.



*Mermaids (in new uniform at National Titles 1971
(Back row: Third from left is me and 2nd from right is my stepsister, Julie Pitt nee Davis
Front row: Far left is my sister Karyn Taylor nee Harris;
third from left is my late stepsister Karen Cook nee Davis,
Far right is Phoebe Davis and next to her is my stepsister Toni Steinhart nee Davis).*



Me in Mermaids uniform with first medal sash made by my mum

I should add in here that medals were awarded for Costume, Best Team, Best Leader, Championship, and Display. To us, we did not care that the medal was not for our marching prowess, it was a medal! The first real medal to add to our medal sash - which meant that my mum had to get busy making sashes for my sister and I.

Upon attaining the age of 12 years, I had to move up to the next age division. At the annual passing out parade, I was officially moved to the junior team the *Coronets*. I just adored the *Coronets* uniform. It was also blue (although a deeper blue than the *Mermaids*) and white with a slouch hat with turned up sides. The *Coronets*' instructor was Kev Stitt who was a brilliant instructor. Under his guidance, the *Coronets* became a force to be reckoned with. We won many medals and at one stage became the second best team in Queensland at the State Championships. Our main rival during this period was a Bundaberg team called the *Lemondrops*. The *Lemondrops* uniform was, as the name suggests, yellow and black. It was either the *Coronets* or the *Lemondrops* who would win each competition depending on who performed best on the day.



Me with Coronets instructor, Kev Stitt, (note our elaborate change room in the background)



Coronets lining up to have uniforms checked before competition



My sister in Mermaids uniform and me in Coronets uniform (with our medal sashes)

When I was about 14, my parents' marriage began to disintegrate and my sister and I resigned from the marching girls thereby ending a memorable period of my life. However, all our long-suffering neighbours were probably so thankful when we resigned. No more hassling them with raffle tickets and other fundraising ventures and, most importantly, no more blaring marching music and whistles constantly blowing!

I made some wonderful friendships during my marching girl days. One particular old team mate I have lost contact with and would love to make contact with again is Dianne Lorberg. She used to live with her mother in Blackwood Road but the family moved to Inala around 1974. If anyone happens to know Dianne or her family and where I can contact them, I would love to hear from you.

The Wynnum Manly Marching Association is still in existence today and is one of the oldest marching associations in Queensland (over 50 years). My first instructor's daughter, Lesley Young (nee Langtry), is still involved with the Association.

During a recent bus trip with a local sewing group, I was chatting to our bus driver and it turned out that she too was a former marching girl. Her father was Bill McFarlane (he was affectionately known as "Mr Mac") after whom McFarlane Field was named. Many of you will probably remember Bill McFarlane's "Mac's Tours" buses.

These days I still hold fond memories of my time as a Wynnum Manly marching girl and look with sadness at McFarlane Field as I drive by and see the state it is now in. I just cannot imagine marching in a hall as now happens. Marching has also changed dramatically over the years and now consists of "freestyle drilldance routines" as well as traditional marching (2010, Queensland Marching Association). As a traditional marching girl, I am not sure I agree with this change but understand that in order to promote the sport to future generations, change is necessary.

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A gardening story

By I.L. Kennedy

Most people who know me would be aware of my lack of gardening skill and instinct. I blame my inheritance – the family genes. My father suffered the same lack, although I can remember him using a scythe to good effect on the paspalum growing on our spare allotment. Grandfather Kennedy, so I was told, did nothing in house or garden. He had eight kids, grown, plus a handy brother-in-law who was on a lower level of the social scale. But he could wear a small rose in his button-hole with the best of them!

One gardening experience, from which I learned what not to do, happened a long time ago when I was working on "Lerida" in Central West Queensland. There was no garden to speak of around the homestead. The only things that flourished were Parkinsonia trees and they are feral. The situation was caused, in part, by many years of absentee ownership but mostly by the water supply.

That water supply came from a deep artesian bore which gave very good water, potable and washable, but with a high mineral content. The bore-head was only 100 yards away so there was no natural filtration before it reached the homestead tank. It turned the ground iron-hard and left a white deposit on the top.

Attempts had been made in the past, which had left a few dispirited citrus trees, including a lemon tree beside the front gate. Even in my young and ignorant stage, I could see the reason but the boss, Alan Logan, had the idea that borers or white-ants were responsible. Furthermore, he knew the remedy – a strong concussion (explosion) near the nest which would kill them. I disagreed but he was the boss and I had a small credibility so what could I do?

Lerida was an old establishment so the station store held a remarkable collection. Included was a box of gelignite with detonators and fuses. We did not know how old they were. On one of our rare, idle Saturdays, Alan decided to deal with the sick lemon tree.

So we took a large and long auger and drilled a hole into the ground where the nest was thought to be. The next question was – how much gelly? So, we pooled our collective ignorance, took one-third of a stick, embedded a detonator with a long length of fuse, put the lot in the hole and tamped it down with paper and mud.

Having warned the cook to stay out of the way, we grabbed the kids and dogs and sent them with the Missus behind the house. We then lit the fuse and RAN!! We waited a long time and NOTHING HAPPENED!! What had gone wrong? Nobody knew the answer to that question so we had to dig up the charge and dismantle it.

So there ended that lesson in gardening, where the blind surely was leading the blind. Fifty years later when I reminded Alan of the incident, his reaction was – "How did I ever try such a bloody stupid stunt like that one?" (but he always was an optimist!).

Anne Hall has received requests from members for the recipe for the banana cake and zucchini slice she made for the last meeting. So for all those who asked here they are. They are both from Belinda Jeffrey's "Mix and Bake".

Zucchini, feta and dill pie

Fine polenta for dusting
 700g zucchini, coarsely grated.
 5 eggs
 ½ cup (125ml) extra virgin olive oil, plus extra for brushing.
 1 cup chopped chives
 ½ cup chopped dill, mint or basil (Anne used mint of supper)
 220g feta
 150 g freshly grated parmesan
 1 cup self raising flour
 sea salt and freshly grated black pepper, to taste.
 8-12 cherry tomatoes, halved

1. Preheat oven to 180c. Butter a 22 sq cake tin and line with buttered baking paper. Dust tin with polenta, tap out the excess and set it aside.
2. Pile the grated zucchini into large sieve or colander, sit a plate on top to weigh down a little and leave to drain.
3. Break eggs into large bowl and whisk together. Add the oil, chives and dill, mint or basil and whisk them in.
4. Press down firmly on the plate over the zucchini to squeeze out as much liquid as possible. Stir grated zucchini into the egg mixture. Crumble in most of the feta (reserving a little for the top of the pie) along with the parmesan, then season to taste with salt and pepper. Add the flour and mix it in until it is combined. (Belinda suggests that you put on disposable gloves to mix this by hand). Spread the batter into the prepared tin, sprinkle the reserved feta over the top. Gently press the cherry tomatoes halves, cut-side up, into the surface.
5. Bake for 45 – 50 minutes. (Anne's note – it takes longer than this in my oven).
6. Cool for 10 – 15 minutes. Invert onto wire rack – peel off paper – invert onto serving plate and brush top of tomatoes with olive oil.

The Most Fabulous Banana Cake

1 1/2 cups (225g) plain flour
 3 Teasp baking powder
 3/4 teasp salt
 1/2 teasp bicarbonate soda
 2-3 large very ripe bananas (to yield 1 cup mashed banana)
 1 2/3 cups (370g) castor sugar
 2 eggs
 125 g unsalted butter, at room temperature, cut into small chunks.
 100 ml buttermilk
 1 1/2 teasp vanilla extract

Icing

250 g cream cheese, at room temperature, cut into chunks.
 125 g unsalted butter, at room temperature, cut into chunks.
 500 g icing sugar mixture, sifted.
 1 1/2 teasp vanilla extract.

- 1: Preheat oven to 180c. Butter and flour 26cm ring tin. (Anne used 24cm square tin for supper)
- 2: Put flour, baking powder, salt and bi-carb into food processor and whiz for 15 seconds, then tip into a bowl.
- 3: Mash the bananas and measure out 1 cup banana pulp. Scrape this into processor and puree until smooth. Add sugar and eggs and whiz together for 1 minute. Add butter and whiz it until the mixture is thick and creamy. Add buttermilk and vanilla extract and pulse the processor in quick on/off bursts, just to mix them in. Add the reserved flour mixture and again mix in quick bursts, scraping down the side once or twice with a rubber spatula, until it's only just combined (don't over do it or the cake will be tough). Scoop the batter into the prepared tin and smooth out evenly.
- 4: Bake for 30-35 minutes or until a fine skewer inserted in the middle comes out clean: it won't have risen much as it's quite dense. Don't open the oven earlier than this or the cake can sink in the middle. Cool the cake in tin on wire rack for 7 minutes. Then invert and leave to cool completely.

Icing

Mix the cream cheese and butter in processor. Add icing sugar and vanilla extract and process until smooth. Chill for 15 minutes until it firms up a bit.

Notes: Belinda cuts her cake in half and puts the icing in the middle and covers the cake with the icing as well. The cake can be kept in the refrigerator for a week. Best served at room temperature.

URGENT REMINDER: CHRISTMAS HAMPER DONATIONS NEEDED

As we do every year, we will once again be having a Christmas Hamper(s) to raffle at our Christmas break up meeting in November.

So it is that time when we ask everyone to dig deep and donate a food, wine or Christmas item for the hamper. Donations can be dropped off at the Resource Centre before the November meeting. If you can't make it into the Resource Centre, please give one of the committee a call and we will gladly come and pick up from you.

Tickets are now on sale at the Resource Centre just in case you cannot make it to the November meeting. Tickets are just \$1.00 each or 3 for \$2.00.

Donations to date have been very slow so please help to make this a great Christmas Hamper raffle! Just one item is all that is asked.

HERITAGE BUS TOUR – Bribie Island

27 November 2010

Bookings are now open for the last heritage bus tour for the 2010 year. The tour is to Bribie Island and bookings can be made at the Resource Centre or at the next meeting or by phoning Jill on 3393 3208.

The bus will depart from the Civic Centre at 8am sharp and return at approximately 4.30pm. Please be at the Civic Centre by 7.45am.

Cost for this tour is **\$30.00** per person. Lunch (beef or fish) without dessert is **\$12.00** per person or with dessert is **\$15.00** per person.

Please note: Visitors are more than welcome to come on the bus tours so invite your family and friends along.

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Carl and his staff at CMK Financial Solutions very kindly provide the use of their printer (at no cost to the Society) every month to allow us to print off our monthly newsletter.

The Wynnum Manly Historical Society would like to thank and acknowledge CMK Financial Solutions for its ongoing support and sponsorship.

*For all your financial needs and advice, contact **Carl** on phone 1300 882 910.*

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MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING 21 October 2010

(held in the Ambulance Museum Auditorium, Corner Cedar Street and Tingal Road)

The meeting **opened** at 7.30pm. 45 members were present. 9 apologies were received and there were 12 visitors. (Attendance sheets are held by the Membership Secretary, Noela Stratton.)

Minutes of Previous Meeting held on 16 September 2010 were moved by Brian Brandenburg, seconded by John Coupland.

Correspondence inwards and outwards, for September 2010, was presented by Lena McCreddie. The correspondence had been accepted and endorsed at the committee meeting on Thursday 7 October 2010.

Financial Report for September 2010, was presented by Sandy Liddle.

<u>General Account</u> : Opening Balance at 1 September 2010	\$ 6,784.50
Receipts: \$1,403.86 Expenses: \$1,715.05	
Unpresented from previous month	\$ 792.00
Closing bank balance at 30 September 2010	\$ 7,265.31

Investment Account **\$25,000.00**

Total Funds: \$32,265.31

Resource Centre:

Jill absent – no report however Lila Feige advised she has info on Mrs. King. Re Where am I? Information regarding Hoo Hoo being passed onto Deb Tearle by her brother.

Tours: Brian provided details of the next tour to Bribie Island to be held on Saturday 27 November 2010.

Oral History:

Brian advised grant received for recording equipment. People wanted to interview for Society's project *From slates to iPads*. Brian read out one of the stories that Peter Hughes and Col Brown had collected at the Wynnum Central State School reunion.

Supper Roster:

In Deborah's absence, Anne reported that all is under control for supper for rest of 2010 and 2011.

Newsletter:

More contributions needed for November 2010 issue. Need more donations for Christmas hamper raffle.

Membership: Noela advised membership renewal fees are due on 1 January and urged people to pay early

General Business:

- Musicale and choir evening on 9 November 2010 at 7.30pm at Municipal Hall. Laurima Rabe had tickets with her.
- Wynnum Central Cup Day washed out as was Spring Festival. Cup Day now on 13 November 2010 at Wynnum Central School (10am-3pm) with further details in the Wynnum Herald.
- Medical emergency packs available at meeting thanks to Mellisa Champley.
- DVD recording of Wynnum Central Cup *Echoes of the Past* event may be shown at meeting in near future.

Spot Speaker, Myrtle Beitz provided information on Signal Hill and the Reformatory.

Scott Parsons entertained us with an excellent presentation on the history of the Wynnum Herald and other local newspapers over the years.

The **Lucky Door** Prize (\$5) was won by Mellisa Champley, the **Membership Draw** (\$5) by John Coupland and the **Raffle** by Margaret O'Neill.

A delicious **supper** was donated by Ellen Coupland, Anne Hall and Beryl Kennedy.

Sandy Liddle, Acting Minute Secretary

MICROFICHE AND MICROFILM RESOURCES HELD BY WMHS

Do you know that the Wynnum Manly Historical Society holds the following resources in the Resource Centre for members to use for free? The friendly volunteers on duty will be more than happy to assist you with use of the equipment.

Microfiche

Aldine History of Queensland	1888
Births Deaths & Marriages in Queensland	
<i>Pioneer Index</i>	1829 – 1889
<i>Federation Index</i>	1890 – 1914
Commonwealth Electoral Roll	
<i>Wynnum Manly</i>	1903 – 1989
<i>Hemmant</i>	1903 – 1982
Peter Spicer's Moreton Bay Diaries	1828 – 1949
Queensland Post Office Directories	1868 – 1949
Queensland Government Gazette	1859 – 1869
Queensland Land Records	1856 – 1859
St Helena Diary	1897 – 1910

Microfilm

Wynnum Herald	12.01.1946 – 12.07.1967
Queensland State Electoral Rolls	1860 - 1910

RESOURCES FOR SALE

For those of you who cannot make it into the Resource Centre, below is a list of books which the Society has for sale. If you would like to purchase any of these books, please contact **Jill Greenhill**. Some of these authors offer a part donation to the Wynnum Manly Historical Society from book sales to Society members. This is a good way to help support your Society.

Author	Title	Publication year	Cost
Beitz, Myrtle	Mangroves to moorings revisited	2005	\$ 35.00
Beitz, Myrtle	A quick tour around Wynnum, Manly, Lota	2006	Donation
Davenport, Winifred & Mottram, Betty	Early shipping in Moreton Bay: June 1846 - December 1859, Volume 1	1998	\$ 20.00
Davenport, Winifred & Mottram, Betty	Early shipping in Moreton Bay: January 1860 – December 1863, Volume 2 (2nd ed)	2002	\$ 20.00
Nalder, Robyn	From sapling to kero tin: A peek at Gumdale's past	2004	\$ 15.00
Nock, Betty	History of music in the Wynnum and Manly area 1900-1997	1998	\$ 5.00
Nock, Betty	History of arts in the Wynnum and Manly area 1900-2003	2005	\$ 5.00

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Contact Jill (3393 3208) to order.

Calendar of WYNNUM MANLY HISTORICAL SOCIETY events

November 2010	December 2010	January 2011
<p><i>Thursday, 18th</i> 7.30pm</p> <p>NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING AND CHRISTMAS BREAKUP</p> <p><i>Where:</i> Ambulance Museum Auditorium Cnr Cedar St & Tingal Road</p> <p><i>Event:</i> <i>Local history trivia night</i> <i>with:</i> Jill Greenhill & Jan Parnell</p> <p>Visitors welcome.</p> <p>Cost: Gold coin donation</p>	<p>MERRY CHRISTMAS TO EVERYONE.</p> <p>THE SOCIETY'S RESOURCE CENTRE WILL BE CLOSED OVER THE CHRISTMAS BREAK BETWEEN 11 DECEMBER 2010 AND 16 JANUARY 2011 INCLUSIVE.</p>	<p>RESOURCE CENTRE REOPENS</p> <p>10 JANUARY 2011</p> <p><i>We look forward to seeing everyone in 2011.</i></p>
<p><i>Thursday, 25th</i> 10am</p> <p>MORNING TEA AT WYNNUM LIBRARY</p> <p><i>Where:</i> Wynnum Library 66 Bay Terrace</p> <p><i>Speaker:</i> Joan Harrington <i>Topic:</i> Manly State School</p> <p>Cost: Free.</p>		
<p><i>Saturday, 27th</i> 8am – 4.30pm</p> <p>HERITAGE BUS TOUR Bribie Island</p> <p>Our last bus trip for 2010 will be to beautiful Bribie Island.</p> <p>Bookings now open at Resource Centre or at next meeting.</p> <p>Cost: \$30.00 per person</p> <p>Lunch: \$12.00 per person for one course meal (fish or beef) without dessert or \$15.00 per person for two course meal (fish or beef and dessert).</p>		

Calendar of other community events of interest

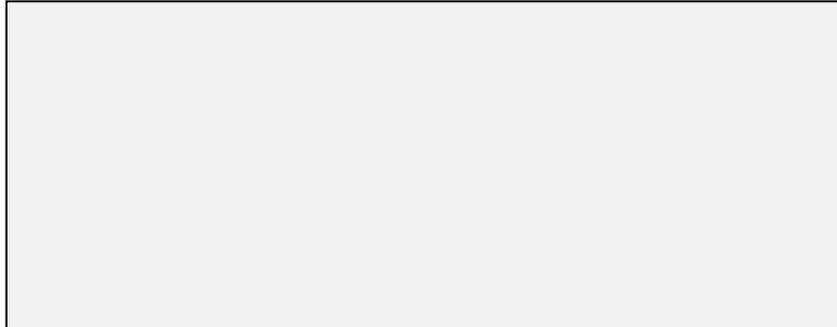
November 2010		December 2010		February 2011
<p><i>Tuesday, 16th</i> 10am – 11am</p> <p align="center">POLICE GAZETTES</p> <p><i>Where:</i> Queensland State Archives Compton Road Runcorn.</p> <p>Discover how the Queensland Police Gazette can be used to help further your family history research. Learn some tips and tricks on how to get the most out of the Queensland Police Gazette and its indexes.</p> <p>Bookings: Ph 3131 7777.</p> <p>Cost: Free (tea and coffee available at end of session).</p>	<p><i>Tuesday, 7th</i> 2pm – 4pm</p> <p align="center">GETTING STARTED</p> <p><i>Where:</i> Queensland State Archives Compton Road Runcorn.</p> <p>Learn about the Queensland State Archives collection and how best to find the information you are seeking. This seminar will provide you with the basis you need to start your research at QSA. The seminar includes morning tea and a short tour.</p> <p>Bookings: Ph 3131 7777.</p> <p>Cost: Free</p>	<p><i>Tuesday, 1st</i> 6pm</p> <p align="center">DON TATE: THE WAR WITHIN</p> <p><i>Where:</i> State Library of Qld Auditorium 2, Level 2 South Bank.</p> <p>Vietnam War veteran Don Tate visits the State Library to share a very personal account of war, illustrated by footage he took during the Vietnam conflict. Don is the author of <i>The War Within</i> – regarded as one of Australia’s most extraordinary memoirs - and has become known for his fight to get recognition for his platoon, which has failed to be acknowledged in the official war history. The moving talk will be accompanied by a rare coloured film which Don shot during the Vietnam War, depicting many aspects of life in the war zone including the deployment of troops by helicopter, air strikes by US Phantom jets against Viet Cong bunkers, and men on patrol.</p> <p>Cost: FREE but bookings required: Ph: 136 246 or www.qtix.com.au.</p>		
<p><i>Wednesday, 17th</i> 10am – 11am <i>Saturday, 20th</i></p> <p align="center">ALONG THE TRACKS: RAILWAY RECORDS</p> <p><i>Where:</i> National Archives of Australia 16 Corporate Drive Cannon Hill.</p> <p>Find out about the history of rail transport in Australia, from it’s origins as a means to move resources to colonial sea ports, to a national network. Discover what drove the changes of ownership between private, Colonial, State and Federal.</p> <p>Bookings: Ph: 3249 4226 or Email: events@naa.gov.au</p> <p>Cost: Free.</p>				
<p><i>Wednesday, 17th</i> 12.30pm - ?</p> <p align="center">BOGGO ROAD GAOL : A NEW CHAPTER?</p> <p><i>Where:</i> State Library of Qld Auditorium 2, Level 2 South Bank.</p> <p>With the closure of what had become the ‘hell hole’ of Queensland’s prison system and infamous for the rioting of its inmates, so began a new chapter. The site was then master planned as a science park, urban housing development and public transport interchange. The former women’s prison of 1903 was preserved intact but after 20 years its future is unresolved. The talk will explore the potential of this significant site which contains one of the landmark groups of buildings which defined ‘Victorian’ Brisbane.</p> <p>Cost: Free – no bookings required</p>				

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Single \$15.00

Family \$25.00

High School student \$5.00

PLEASE NOTE: There is a joining fee of \$10.00 per person which covers the cost of a membership name badge.

Deadline for newsletter submissions: By Sunday, 6 February 2011 for February 2011 issue.