

WYNNUM MANLY HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.

October Newsletter

October General Meeting

Mr David Gibson

'Flotsam and Getsam'

Thursday, 15th October,
7:30pm

Ambulance Museum
Auditorium

(Cnr Cedar Street and Tingal
Road, Wynnum)

A gold coin donation would be appreciated. Raffle tickets also available: \$1 each or 3 for \$2

Appreciation to Ann Hall, Marie Stokes, and Ellen Coupland for providing supper this month.



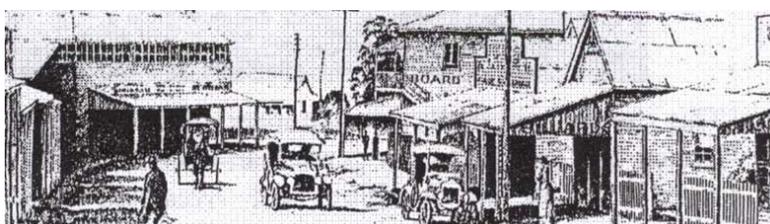
Margaret Ollie's painting chair

Presidents Report

Greetings...& welcome to our October newsletter.

Last month I wrote about that great character, Margaret Olley. Since then, a group of us has visited the Tweed Regional Gallery in Murwillumbah, which contains the Margaret Olley Art Centre. What an interesting day that was, and what a fitting tribute to that gifted and remarkable lady. Workers at the gallery have managed to set up Margaret Olley's studio exactly as it was in Sydney, which must have been quite a daunting task. From this we were able to get a sense of the frenetic pace that she must have worked, along with the huge volume of art pieces that she produced. All this was made possible by a huge grant given to the gallery by the artist herself.

After lunch at the local RSL, we visited Tropical Fruit



Christmas Hamper



It's almost that time of year again!

Donations for our Christmas Hamper

will be gratefully
received.

Please bring your donations
of goodies for our
Christmas hamper along to
the Resource centre or the
October meeting.



World before completing the journey home. Highlights of this visit were the icecreams and the python occupying a place on the fence outside. Thanks to all those involved in planning this field trip. Particularly Debbie, Doug and Jill.

Since our last newsletter, I am saddened to advise members of the deaths of Norma Cunneen, wife of Gerry, and also, Beryl Kennedy, wife of Ian. Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to the families of both these ladies.

Negotiations are continuing with the Brisbane City Council regarding our future occupancy of the room in the former Wynnum Central State School. Our application was received on 25th September and I am told that it looks favourable. The next step involves the legal team and includes drawing up the license. It is hoped that this will be completed by the end of November, when the room should be ready. Costs to the Society will involve an annual payment of \$25 per square metre for the room which is 23 square metres, and measures 7 ½ metres x 3 metres. Librarian Jill has already drawn up a plan in her own professional and perfectionist style. Thanks, Jill, on behalf of the members.

All for now, looking forward to seeing you at our next meeting.

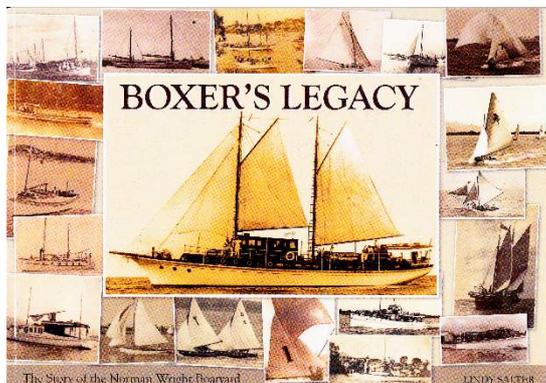
Best Wishes,

Jan Parnell



Resource Centre Report – October 2015.

- *New Addition to the Library*



Ellen has inscribed this book . . .

This book is dedicated to
JOHN DAVID MENZIES COUPLAND
 Vice President of the Wynnum Manly Historical
 Society 2012 – 2014

John spent 30 years in the Queensland Marine Trade bringing him in contact with the impressive Wright family – boat builders of Bulimba.

Boxer' Legacy tells the story of the Norman Wright Boatyard from the arrival of Dr Lang's "Chaseley" in 1849, with Alfred Samuel Wright, his wife and

three children on board to 2015. Alfred joined the police force and later was a professional fisherman. Alf's grandson Norman first became engaged in the boatyard of John Hawkins Whereat .

A book well worth reading – thank you Ellen.

- *Can you help?*

A query has been received concerning the **Hill** and **Stott** families.

Dorothy Ivy June HILL was born in 1933. Her mother, Martha Dorothy HILL married Albert William STOTT in 1935 and had several more children. Both families were known to have lived in Ada Street 1925, Melville Street, 1928, Cedar Street 1933 and then at 31 Bay Terrace. By 1943 the STOTT family were living in Paddington.

Does anyone remember them?

- *Early North Stradbroke Islanda request from our magazine Editor, Sharee Cordes*

I am doing some research for the North Stradbroke Island museum into shops on the island. One of the things I have come across is an oral history by Ailsa Perry where she talks about her father's draper shop and how he would set up a draper shop on his boat (the boat was called Wynnum), and take it across to the island.

I am wondering if we might have any photos of this?

Also wondering if anyone knows of any other shops on boats that went to the island?

Or if anyone here has a connection to Straddie shops of the past?

Any help or suggestions would be much appreciated.

Thanks, Sharee

- *Three comments from the Resource Room Visitor's Book this week . . .*

Naomi Stanley
 Baytrieh Fakher
 Caralyn Hall

"I will miss the place . . ."

"Keep it alive please . . ."

"Historically, very interesting . . ."

'til next time, Jill.

Newspaper articles of the past...

Were you aware that the former Wynnum-Manly Marching Girls was formed by the Wynnum-Manly Band?

Band to form Marching Girl's Group

Specially reported by Murray Hulett

Following on the keen public interest displayed in the marching girls groups in recent city parades, the Wynnum-Manly Citizens' Band are busy with the formation of a similar group in Wynnum.

Secretary Reg Cox is extremely busy completing final arrangements and enrolling prospective trainees.

The services of an expert trainer have been secured, who will undertake the training of local girls in the art of precision marching and the execution of the many maneuvers which have proved so entertaining and glamorous.

Young ladies who are interested are invited to give their names and addresses to the secretary, Reg Cox, Curtis Street, Manly, or telephone XM3655 (night). They will be supplied in due course with full details.

Qualifications include good figure, good health and the ability to adhere to a rigid training schedule.

15 May 1957, Wynnum Herald

The Tea Room in the Civic Centre, next door to the Historical Society Resource Room is now operated by the "Sixty and Better (SABOT)" Group. After 53 years of service, its door will close on December 31 2015. But in 1962 this was a new venture!

ROTARY'S REST ROOMS NEAR COMPLETION

The current community project of the Rotary Club of Wynnum Manly is progressing favourably and will be completed within the next two weeks.

The Lord Mayor, Ald. Clem Jones, has offered to officially open the rooms on Saturday morning, February 24 at 9.30 am.

These rest rooms which are located in the Civic Centre, Bay Terrace (next to the council office) will be provided by the Rotary Club and conducted by the ladies of the Wynnum North Country Women's Association.

President of Rotary, Mr John Beames, said yesterday that the club's community service committee, under the direction of Mr George Lake, had prepared the rooms with the necessary requisites for the use of the women folk, particularly those with young children, for whom such a centre would provide a long needed public service.

Wynnum Herald, 31.01.1962

Transcribed by Heather Langston.

We thought the streets were safer back in 1920.... But maybe not.

KIDNAPPED

A nine year old boy, Charles George Benjamin Hickman, residing with his mother and grandmother at Manly, Queensland, disappeared on Monday afternoon under sensational circumstances.

It appears that about 3.30 o'clock a motor car attracted the curiosity of several residents of the Wynnum district by reason of the fact that it had been specially closed in, apparently in order that the occupants should not be seen by passers by. The car proceeded along the roadway leading to the State School and stopped on reaching several children, including young Hickman, who were on their way home. A man said to have been wearing a mask alighted from the car, walked across to the boy, patted him on the head and shoulders and then suddenly picked him up and carried him into the car, which made off at top speed. Several persons who were in the vicinity heard the screams of a child as the car dashed past them and it is stated, noted that the driver of the car wore a mask.

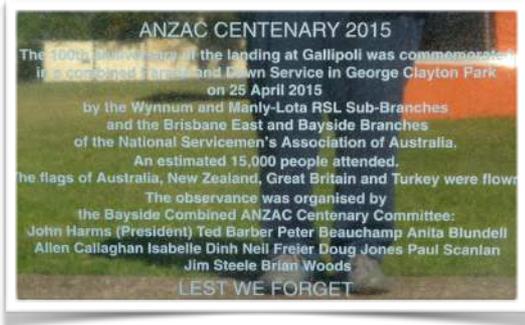
The police were notified of the disappearance of the boy and endeavours were made to trace the car and its occupants, but so far, it is understood, no success has attended their efforts. Rightly or wrongly, an impression prevails in Manly that the boy has not fallen into the hands of strangers.

The Richmond River Herald & Northern Rivers Advertiser (N.S.W.)

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Transcribed by Heather Langston

Where was I? September 2015



On the seaward side of the Bandstand on the Esplanade. Over 1500 people gathered here on ANZAC Day 2015, in a combined service to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of ANZAC Day.

Where am I? October 2015



Jill Greenhill Librarian

Wynnum Manly Historical Society Inc
Minutes of General Meeting held in the Ambulance Museum Auditorium
on Thursday 17 September 2015

The meeting opened at 7.30pm with 28 members present and 10 apologies were received. One visitor was Fay Smith.

President Jan Parnell reminded us of many happenings of the past including the "Operation Market Garden" in 1944 – making a bridge to Holland as a quick route to Germany. The scheme was not successful.

Minutes of Meeting of 20 August 2015, accepted by Jill Greenhill, seconded by Nena Robertson.

Correspondence: Lena presented the correspondence received in August. This correspondence had been accepted and endorsed at the committee meeting held on Thursday 3 September 2015.

Treasurers Report: Band of Qld A/c No. **2013 9708**

1 – 31 August 2015

Opening Balance at 1 August 2015	\$35,896.73
which comprises:	
<u>Everyday Account</u>	
Opening balance at 1 August	\$ 4,482.22
Income \$759.80 Expenditure \$0.00	
Closing Balance at 31 August 2015	\$5,242.02
and <u>Websaver Account</u> at 31 August 2015 (Inc. Interest \$48.02)	\$31,462.53

TOTAL FUNDS at 31 August 2015

\$36,704.55

This report was presented and approved at Committee Meeting on Thursday 3 September 2015.

Resource Centre: (Jill) "Where was I?" this month featured the new memorial , a rock and plaque, in Bandstand Park. Here a combined gathering of servicemen occurred in April 2015 to commemorate 100 years since the first ANZAC Day.

Update of Constitution (Jill)

The present Wynnum and Manly Historical Society Constitution document has not kept abreast of Government changes. The committee proposes adopting the present-day Model Rules with changes in the four sections as allowed. The changes have been explained in Newsletter of August 2015.

Motion : That the model Rules and Updates, as explained in August 2015 Newsletter be accepted by the Society Members. Motion approved by show of hands.

Tours:

An outline was given of the Tour to the Tweed Valley on Saturday 26 September to view the Margaret Olley Studio in northern New South Wales with lunch in Murwillumbah and a visit to Tropical Fruit World. Cost \$40.00 inclusive. Tour to depart at 8.00am from Wynnum Civic Centre.

Speaker:

Greg Cope from the Queensland Branch of the National Archives delivered a very informative address about the history of Post and Telegraphic Services in Queensland.

The **Door Prize** , was won by Myrtle, the **Raffle** also by Jill Greenhill and the **Members Draw** by Noela Stratton.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm. A delicious supper was served by Margaret Bulloch, Jillian Mahoney and Deb Tearle.

Jill Greenhill. Minute Secretary

<i>Events October</i>			
Date	Time	Location Name	Event Name
14 th October	9am-3:30pm	Auditorium 1, State Library of Queensland	How we remember Symposium: A symposium on how we remember the centenary of the Anzac legacy. Free, bookings required
14 th October	11am-12pm	Online	Nursing in QLD - webinar: Queensland state archives includes many types of records which document the history of nursing in QLD. This webinar provides helpful hints to find them.
15 th October	10am-11am	Wynnum Library	Meeting Jacqueline Dinan: Revealing poignant and personal conversations, photographs and letters from over 300 remarkable women, <i>Between the Dances</i> is a testament to real life during the World War 2.
17 th -18 th October	10am-2pm	Toowoomba City	Toowoomba Open House will celebrate local historic attractions, innovative architectural design and clever adaptive reuse of heritage treasures. See http://www.toowoombaopenhouse.com.au/
18 th October	2pm	Newstead House	Music: Sounds of Scotland
18 th October	2pm	Ormiston House	Redlands College Chamber Springs
19 th Oct until 22 nd Nov	10am-5pm	Infozone, Lvl 1 State Library	Nikon-Walkey Press Photography Exhibition: See the biggest stories of the past year through the lenses of Australia's best photographers.
20 th October	11am-12pm	435 Compton Road, Runcorn	Queensland State Archives Tour
24 th -25 th October	9:30am - 4:00pm	The Workshops Railway Museum, North Street, North Ipswich	Queensland Model Railway Show
29 th October	10am-12pm	Wynnum Library	The early business area of Manly - Stratton Terrace: Local Historian Myrtle Beitz will discuss the businesses that thrived off-Cambridge. Bookings required.
29 th October	6pm-8pm	State Library of Queensland, Cultural Precinct	Join the conversation about oral history storytelling with four distinguished members of the oral history community.
1 st November	10:15-11:15am	Roma Street Railway Station	Steam Train Sunday: Take in the views of Brisbane behinds a steam locomotive. Cost: \$25 Adult, \$22 Concession, \$15 Child

2 nd November	1:30pm - 3pm	Wynnum Library	Exploring your Welsh History: This session will assist you in identifying and addressing the particular challenges of researching family lines in Wales. Bookings required.
5 th November	6pm-7:50pm	Wynnum Library	Family History up Late
7 th November	10:30am-12pm	Wynnum Library	Learning for living: an introduction to butterfly gardening
7 th November	2pm-2pm	Level 1, State Library	Make war a distant memory: Join us for an afternoon of action where we dream, listen and discuss our hopes for peace
7 th Nov until 21 st Feb	10am-5pm	Level 1 State Library	Walan Giiny(Strong Heart): Walan Giiny is a mixed media display of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists living with disability.
12 th November	10am-11am	QSA Lecture Theatre 2	Find your First World Soldier Seminar

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Our aim is to gather and record local history before it is lost.

Visit us online at: www.wmhs.org.au

Membership due soon....

Your membership of the Wynnum Manly Historical Society is due for renewal on December 31st.

Why not get in early and pay this now - nothing to worry about at the busy end of year time them!

Single \$15 Family \$25 School student \$5

Joining fee \$10 for new members.