

# WYNNUM MANLY

## HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.

### August 2019 Newsletter

#### GENERAL MEETING

**Thursday**  
**15 August 2019**  
 7pm for 7.15pm start

**Ambulance  
 Museum  
 Auditorium**

(Corner of Cedar St and  
 Tingal Road Wynnum)

Speaker

**Deborah Wheeler**

***Kyoomba Sanitorium  
 and my Pop was a  
 Kangaroo ANZAC***

**Door Prize**

**Membership Draw**

**Raffle**

**Bring & Buy Table**

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 Society Inc  
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## From the Editor

Welcome to the August 2019 newsletter.

From feedback received, it appears everyone enjoyed last month's guest speaker, Paul Seto, and his presentation about the Royal Surf Life Saving Society. I know he put in a lot of effort to research and include items pertaining to Wynnum Manly people which made the talk that much more interesting.

Our next tour has been organised. Mark **Sunday, 6 October 2019** in your diary. Boat trips are always highly popular so this one is a boat trip across the bay on board the *Lady Brisbane* from Manly to Amity Point. Bookings and deposit of \$30.00 must be received on or before the 19 September. Further details are on page 3.

We are always after suggestions for both speakers and for tours so please do not hesitate to mention any ideas to any of the committee members.

Also do you have anything you would like to contribute to the newsletter? Do you have any old photos that you know relate to the Wynnum Manly area but cannot identify the place or the person or people on the photos? We are always happy to include these in the newsletter in the hope that somebody can solve the mystery.

See you at the next meeting on 15 August 2019.

*Sandy*

# Resource Centre Report

## August 2019



- **Request from State Library of Queensland**

Catherine Cottle, a specialist Librarian in the collection of Queensland Memories, recently emailed the Society to enquire about **Mary Beard** and her **Fashion Shows**.

A professional photographer has donated negatives to the State Library from one of Mary's Fashion Shows and indicated that the shows were performed for charity.

The library is looking for a little more information, about Mary and her shows. Where were the Shows held and the names of charities that benefitted?

Members of our Society remembered a show put on by Mary at Lota House in the Lounge/ Dining Room area in 2002. Mary's group of models, were thought to be high school girls, and the show was portraying the fashions of a certain decade, maybe the 1960's or 1970's.

We need help! Does anyone remember attending one of Mary's shows? The venue? The theme? The Charity involved? Any personal comments?

We would be very pleased to hear from you.

- **The Spanish Flu of 1919**

Matthew Wengert, our Speaker in June 2019, left us with a list of newspaper articles that wrote of the effects of this Flu pandemic (world -wide epidemic) in Wynnum Manly in 1919. Here is one of the reports.

"For three weeks the Red Cross ladies fought the scourge alone here and had a very strenuous time; but the work increased to such an extent that help from outside had to be sought.

The Mayor called a public meeting on June 2, and an emergency corps was formed under the leadership of Mrs Finlayson.

Since then a Kitchen has been run under the auspices of the Town Council of Wynnum, but this has really cost the Council nothing but the meat from which soups and broths have been made. The Manly ladies, with their usual generosity, have supplied all fowls, jellies and other delicacies, besides furnishing all utensils for the kitchen whilst in use, while the Gas Company has lent, free of charge, the gas stove used.

Besides the kitchen workers, ladies in charge of each section of the District have provided each house with an SOS card. Boys, senior scholars of the State School patrol the districts two times a day and report when the distress signals were shown, which signals were immediately attended to."

*RED CROSS Magazine. June 1919.*

- **Strand Theatre, Manly**

Very many visitors have provided the Society with photos, newspaper clippings and information about the six Picture Palaces/ Picture Theatres/ Cinemas here in Wynnum Manly, over the years. We now have all the material organised into a book.

But we have never sighted a photograph of the Strand Theatre in Manly. We have a copy of the details of the building being used for the manufacture of soft drinks, and for a picture theatre in 1919.

Please can anyone locate a photograph of the building?

*Till next time.*

*Jill*

## VALE COL BROWN

The Society is very sorry to announce the death of Col on Tuesday 16 July 2019 in Bundaberg.

In recent years, Col had moved to be close to his daughter. But he was a true Wynnum local, born here and living his early life in Chestnut Street. He was the youngest of a family of seven, five boys and two girls. His father was a plumber but travelled into Brisbane each day to work.

When Col left Wynnum State High School, one of his first jobs was delivering for the local soft drink manufacturers, the Rabe family (of Pattersons Produce). His final working days were at Murarrie.

Col has been an invaluable member of the Society, ready to help in any way. He turned up every meeting day at 2.00pm to help set-up, ready for the evening meeting. In the evening he turned on the tape recorder to record that evening's Speaker's presentation. He closed the recorder down, took the tape cassette home, labelled and dated it and delivered the same to the Resource Room the next day.

Col would not commit himself to a regular day to help in the Resource Centre, but he would always fill-in if there was sickness and we were short of volunteers. And any local query we could not answer, we looked for Col in the Wynnum Public Library and asked him for the answer.

In retirement, he was busy at home. Every Wednesday he removed pages of the latest Wynnum Herald that contained articles of historical information. He filed them under the appropriate topic and finally had filled a four-drawer filing cabinet to capacity. All these pages passed to the Society and we have been trimming and sorting them over the past six months. The job is nearly completed.

Col's funeral was held in Bundaberg. He requested that when he passed away, his family, would scatter his ashes into Moreton Bay. We will advise members when we know the date and time of that occasion.

Jill

## “Across the Bay” tour

**Sunday 6 October 2019**

Travel with **Brisbane Cruises** on board the  
*MV Lady Brisbane*

Depart from the **William Gunn Jetty, Manly**  
to **Amity Point on North Stradbroke Island**

Depart at **10.00am** Return **3.30pm**.



Price includes delicious Morning Tea  
Full BBQ Lunch  
Afternoon Tea  
Adults \$79  
Children (4 – 14 years) \$45

Deposit \$30 by September meeting (19/09/2019)

**Bookings now open at Resource Room, next General Meeting or by phoning Jill on 3393 3208**

A glimpse into the past of the Wynnum Presbyterian churches is seen in this article  
taken from the Wynnum Herald of **July 1960**

## Opening of New Presbyterian Church

### “St. Andrews” – a fitting name

Next Saturday afternoon, the new Presbyterian Church in Wynnum Central is to be opened and dedicated and the Presbytery of Mowbray, in which Presbytery the Wynnum charge is situated, will conduct the service and dedicate the new building.

Rev. T G Allan, until recently minister of the church at Mowbraytown, will act as Moderator and Rev. T C Watson, B.A. Past Moderator of the State Assembly, representing the present Moderator, Rt. Rev. Stewart Lang, who is in the Northern Territory, will give the address.

A large number of visitors is expected, and all interested are invited. An attractive order of service in the form of a souvenir brochure is being prepared and arrangements are being made to serve afternoon tea in the old church at the conclusion of the service.

A recent request that the new church be named “St. Andrews” has been approved by the Presbytery. The congregation, which has always had a large number of Scottish people numbered in it and which is found in a town where fishing is one of the industries, considered that St. Andrew, who was a fisherman and who became the patron saint of Scotland, would provide a fitting name for the new church building.

Next Sunday the present minister, Rev. Andrew R Wilson, will conduct the services at 11 am and 7 pm in the new church and at the morning services the many memorials and gifts will be dedicated.

The evening service will be a special praise service with the enlarged choir singing special music.

#### BRIEF HISTORY OF CHURCH

The first official Presbyterian service in the Wynnum Manly district was conducted by Rev. Richard Kerr on December 29 1895, though services had been held earlier in the year by Rev. J McQueen, minister of the Bulimba charge.

**On June 6 1896, a church was opened in Chestnut Street.**

Mr McQueen was succeeded in 1900 by Rev. Joseph King, M.A. and in 1904 Rev. Allan Mackillop became minister of the Bulimba charge.

In 1907 the charge was divided and Wynnum Manly became a Home Mission Station. Among missionaries serving were Messrs. Rendall and Millikin.

In 1914 Rev. J G Scarfe was inducted as the first ordained minister, the charge having been raised to sanctioned status in the previous year. Mr Scarfe went to Victoria in 1917, where he is still serving the church. It is interesting to note that of all the past ministers Mr Scarfe is the only one living today.

The following ministers served the charge:

Rev. E Fox	1917-1926
Rev. H C Wilson	1926-1929
Rev. A Edmunds	1929-1937
Rev. G K Kirke	1937-1941
Rev. A R Wilson	1941

Among those who served the charge as session clerk through the years were Messrs H M Finlayson, A Hunter and W Bell.

In July 1918 the church and manse in Chestnut Street were sold and the proceeds used to buy the site of **the present church and manse, which were built in 1920.**

At this time the late Mr W R Black, donated as a church site, the land where the new church has been erected and for many years two tennis courts occupied the property.

In 1944 a fund was opened known as the New Church Building Fund and later a committee was appointed to develop this fund. This committee has organized an annual flower show and exhibition for the past 13 years and the proceeds, together with other donations, amounted to more than £5000.

Early in 1951 the congregation decided that the foundation stone of the new church should be laid in the year of the Commonwealth Jubilee.

A new church building committee was appointed and the offer of Mr V Curtis to serve as the architect was accepted. In November of that year the stone was laid by the Moderator-General, Rt. Rev. Richard Bardon B.A.

In 1956 the death of Mr and Mrs R G Patterson resulted in the church receiving a large bequest to particularly assist in the erection of a new church.

After plans had been adopted by the congregation and approved by the proper authorities a contract with the builders, T F Woollam and Son was signed in June last year.

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The congregation, when it was decided to install a pipe organ, agreed that the instrument should be dedicated as a memorial to Mr and Mrs Patterson.

Unfortunately, the organ will not be completed in time for the opening service because the organ builder suffered a long illness. The building committee was reluctant in those circumstances to cancel the order.

Wednesday, July 27 1960, *Wynnum Herald*

*Transcribed by Heather Langston*



Second Church, Bay Terrace.  
Opened in 1920.  
Presently for sale (2019)



St Andrews in 2011.  
Opened in 1960.

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 for the monthly printing

**George Clayton** represented Wynnum Manly as Alderman in the Brisbane City Council for five years. His home was in Granada (Little Florence) Street, in one of the four houses built by Louis Webber. Webber opened the first store in Glenora (King) Street in 1885.

Louis's shop has gone but George's house still stands and is now occupied by his granddaughter.

Here is an article from the Wynnum Redland Herald, written when George was 89.

## **Boss held the trump card in the old mining days**

By HUGH McLEAN

It is a growing trend, in Queensland especially for political observers to blame many of our economic woes on the "excessive demands of trade unions".

But as Wynnum's 89 years old former Alderman George Clayton points out, unions haven't always wielded the power they do today.

In fact during the early 1900's it was the bosses, not the workers who held the trump card. George made that grim discovery at the raw age of 18 years.

The Gympie gold mines were booming in those early days, providing a life saving boost for the deflated State coffers.

The local work force may well have been mining one of the world's richest minerals, but meager pay and grueling conditions were their reward.

In George Clayton's case his four years in the mine cost him dearly.

Employed as a trucker to haul the ore from the shaft he was asked one day by a mate to lend a hand in a drilling operation.

A steel fragment flew from the drill and speared into George's eye.

### **NO 'COMPO'**

Doctors tried in vain to save the eye and George resigned himself to his loss and applied for workers' compensation.

The management maintained however that he was ineligible for payment because he was employed as a 'trucker' and at the time of the accident was assisting a 'miner'.

George received nothing, there was no one to fight his case.

When World War I broke out he couldn't enlist because of the affliction and "hit the road" to make a living.

In 1920, 30-year-old George Clayton arrived in Wynnum to visit relatives.

He was destined to settle and play a significant role in the progress of the town.

"Actually, I was on my way down to the station to book a ticket for Rockhampton when I bumped into an old mate of mine" George recalls.

"He said there was a job going laying pipes in Wynnum's first water main".

Later George was employed in the construction of the first water reservoir on Roles Hill.

He worked for 20 years with the Brisbane City Council Water Board.

In 1925 the small shires were absorbed by "Greater Brisbane".

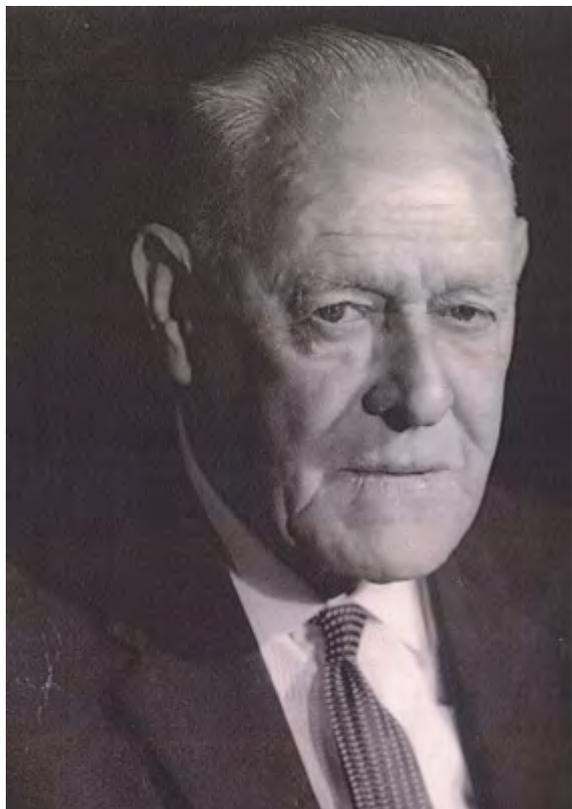
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## COUNCIL ELECTION

Boasting an electorate of 7000 in 1952, George was elected to the Brisbane City Council, an office he held for five years.

He says the council was just as politically motivated then as it was today.



George Clayton 1978

It was a strong Labor following that elected George to office n fact, he joined the Labor Party (then the Workers' Political Organisation) in 1910.

Today he is a Life Member of the party and still a staunch supporter. A keen sporting enthusiast, George was closely associated with Rugby League and cricket in Wynnum's early days.

He umpired in the Warehouse Cricket Association and was a Rugby League official before the Brisbane Rugby League was formed.

Today he remains an ardent supporter of the Wynnum-Manly Rugby League Club.

At 89, George has not opted for the quiet life.

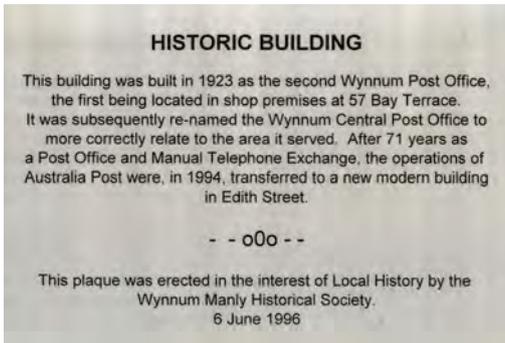
He is still a keen competitor with the Wynnum Ex-Servicemen's Bowls Club and a loyal supporter of Wynnum Sparks Vigoro Association.

It has been a long innings for George Clayton but don't be surprised if he's still sending down a bowl or two at 100.

*Wynnum Redland Herald* 20 December 1978

Transcribed by Heather Langston

# July 2019 Where was I?



This plaque is mounted on the second Post Office building in Wynnum, opened on the north west corner of Bay Terrace and Clara Street in 1923. The first Post Office was set up in a rented house at 57 Bay Terrace after Federation (1901), when Postal services became a Commonwealth responsibility.

The plaque is on the left-hand side of the main entrance of the building, mounted by the Wynnum Manly Historical Society Inc. in July 1996.

In 1994 this Post Office was closed and a Post Shop opened at 76 Edith Street, Wynnum.

The Building was then sold and now houses a Dental Practice and Specialist Rooms



# August 2019 Where am I?



*Till next time*

*Jill*

**Wynnum Manly Historical Society Inc**  
**Minutes of General Meeting held in Ambulance Museum Auditorium, Tingal Road**  
**on Thursday 18 July 2019**

Meeting opened at 7.25pm. There were 23 members present and 4 apologies.

**Opening Comments:**

In the absence of acting President, Jan Parnell, Treasurer, Sandy Liddle, took the Chair and welcomed members to the meeting.

**Previous Minutes:**

Minutes of Meeting of Thursday 20 June 2019 were accepted by Eric Sibley and seconded by Carole Astill.

**Correspondence:**

The correspondence report was presented for June 2019. The correspondence was accepted and endorsed at the committee meeting held on Thursday 4 July 2019.

**Treasurers Report**

BOQ A/c No 20139708	<u>1 June 2019 – 30 June 2019</u>	
Opening balance at 1 June 2019		<b>\$37,544.42</b>
Income	\$ 107.19	
Expenditure	\$ 0.00	
Closing balance at 30 June 2019		\$37,651.61
<i>Bank Account Breakup</i>		
Everyday Account		\$ 6,321.25
<b>Websaver(Building)Account</b>		\$31,330.36 ( including \$24.99 interest)
<b>TOTAL FUNDS AS AT 30 June 2019</b>		<b>\$37,651.61</b>

**Resource Centre:**

“Where was I?” this month was a photo of the plaque mounted at the entrance to the old Post Office in Bay Terrace. A brief history of the postal Services in Wynnum was given.

**Outings:** Members were asked to indicate if there was interest for a visit to Amity on Stradbroke Island from Manly Jetty on Sunday 6 October 2019. Brisbane Cruises will supply morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea. Cost \$70.00.

The trip will be advertised in the August newsletter. Bookings taken at the History Room in “Old School” Florence Street, and at the August meeting.

**General business:**

The recent death of late member, Colin Brown was announced. His funeral will be in Bundaberg, but Col wished for his ashes to be scattered in Moreton Bay. The Society will be advised as to date that this will occur.

**Guest Speaker:** Paul Seto introduced the topic of the ROYAL Life Saving Society, founded in England in 1891, to try and combat the huge drowning toll. The Society quickly spread around the world and reached in Australia in 1894 and in Queensland in 1905. The Surf Life Saving Clubs concentrated on the duties on the beaches. The Royal Society concentrated on all other inland area and in education, that is in water saving and rescue training, particularly in the schools.

**Raffle:** Myrtle Beitz

**Lucky Door:** Gary Parsons

**Member Draw:** Laurima Rabe

The meeting closed at 8.45pm

A delicious Supper was provided by Ivana Jones and Oriana Charlton

Jill Greenhill (*General Meeting Minute Secretary*)

## Our Committee and Volunteers..

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### General Meetings

Afternoon set up: Jill Greenhill, Myrtle Beitz, Eric Sibley  
 Welcome at Door and Raffles: Jan Parnell, Lyn Shanks  
 Supper Co-ordinators: Eric Sibley, Ellen Coupland  
 Raffle Prizes: Committee

### Minutes

Committee Meetings: Ellen Coupland  
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### Newsletters

Editor: Sandy Liddle  
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### Resource Centre

Volunteers: Ian Wheeler, Ian Kennedy, Myrtle Beitz, Dawn Wilkins, Heather Langston, Margaret Bulloch, Ellen Coupland, Jill Greenhill, Jan Parnell  
 Research Enquiries: Jill Greenhill, Ellen Coupland

### Tours

Planning and Co-ordination: Jan Parnell, Jill Greenhill, Lena McCreadie, Ellen Coupland, Deb Tearle, Myrtle Beitz  
 Bookings: Sandy Liddle at General Meetings and Resource Centre staff each weekday

## **Publications for sale**

Wynnum Community Centre, Room 1.08, 105 Florence Street Wynnum Mon to Fri 10am to Noon, or  
 Wynnum Manly Historical Society, PO Box 318, Wynnum Q 4178, or

Early Shipping in Moreton Bay June 1846 –December 1859 Vol 1	Davenport, Winifred and Mottram, Betty	1998	\$5
Early Shipping in Moreton Bay January 1860 –December 1863 Vol 2	Davenport, Winifred and Mottram, Betty	1998	\$5
History of Music in the Wynnum Manly Area 1900 - 1997	Nock, Betty	1998	\$5
History of Arts in the Wynnum Manly Area 1900 – 2003	Nock, Betty	2005	\$5
Mangroves to Moorings - Revisited	Beitz, Myrtle	2005	\$35
Story of Lota House	Beitz, Myrtle	2017	Donation
Lota House. Photographs and Images over 150 Years	Beitz, Myrtle	2017	\$15
From Saplings to Kero Tins A Peek at Gumdale's Past 2nd Ed.	Nalder Robyn	2017	\$15

<b>When</b>	<b>Where</b>	<b>What's On</b>
<b>August 16 2019</b> 7pm—8.30pm Cost—\$25.00	<b>State Library of Queensland</b> Red Box, Level 2, Stanley Place South Brisbane	<b>The house detective and that lino lady / Caylie Jeffery</b> Inspired by Caylie Jeffery's <i>Under the Lino</i> project, you will find out how this Queensland Memory Awards recipient built a community and wrote a book after discovering hidden cash and documents during a house renovation.
<b>August 16 &amp; 21 2019</b> 10am—11am Cost—Free Bookings essential Ph: 3249 4200 or email Cara.downes@naa.gov.au	<b>National Archives of Australia</b> 16 Corporate Drive Cannon Hill	<b>Australian administration of Papua New Guinea, 1906-1975</b> This seminar examines the close historical ties between Australia and Papua New Guinea from 1906-1975.
<b>August 18 2019</b> 2pm—5pm Cost—\$20.00 (includes Devonshire tea) Bookings essential Ph 3286 3494	<b>Redland Museum</b> 60 Smith Street Cleveland	<b>Radio Plays</b> To celebrate Seniors Week, Redland Museum are reliving the magic of Radio from the 1930s, '40s and '50s. <i>Forgetting the Wisdom</i> brings you four hilarious episodes of the Dad and Dave characters created by Steele Rudd in his book <i>On our selection</i> .
<b>August 25 2019</b> 11am—12.30pm Cost—Free	<b>Queensland Police Museum</b> 200 Roma Street Brisbane	<b>What does a Police Prosecutor do?</b> Come along and hear from a Police Prosecutor exactly what that job entails.
<b>August 29 2019</b> 10am—11am Cost—Free	<b>Wynnum Library</b> 145 Florence Street Wynnum (above Woolworths)	<b>Hemmant Cemetery</b> Tania Burgess has been researching the Hemmant Cemetery. She will discuss the history of the cemetery and the local people buried there.
<b>August 31 2019</b> 9am—1pm Cost—Free	<b>Royal Historical Society of Queensland</b> Commissariat Store Museum 115 William Street Brisbane	<b>Exploration: Sea, sky and land—in colonial Queensland</b> The topics covered in this conference including— Connections in charting the Great Barrier Reef, 1170-1850; Capt Samuel Ashmore, navigator and marine surveyor; Charting the Qld coast 1860-1913; the mystery of John Oxley's field books—solved; The casual explorer—unknown and lesser known expeditions of SE Qld; Exploring the heavens.

*Wynnum Manly Historical Society Inc.*

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**Wynnum Manly Historical Society Inc.**  
*Our aim is to gather and record local history before it is lost.*

Membership application forms are available from the Resource Centre  
at the Old Wynnum Central State School.

Membership costs per year (1 January to 31 December)

Single \$20.00

Family \$30.00

High School Student \$10.00

PLEASE NOTE: There is a joining fee of \$10.00 per person.



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