

# WYNNUM MANLY

## HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.

### April 2020 Newsletter

#### NEWS

Due to the COVID-19 health crisis, there will be **NO general meetings** and the **Resource Centre is closed** until further notice

The newsletter is likely to be shorter for the foreseeable future but at this stage we intend to continue to publish a newsletter each month. Our aim is to keep you entertained and informed via the Newsletter..

#### AGM VOTING

An explanatory letter and Voting Paper has been issued to Members via email or post. We need as many members as possible to vote so please take the time to cast your vote by **5pm Wed 15 April 2020.**

## From the Editor

Greetings, and welcome to our April Newsletter.

I hope all our members are coping with the isolation due to the current COVID-19 situation. If anyone ever feels like a chat during these difficult times, do not hesitate to pick up the phone and ring any of the Committee. We are always happy to have a chat.

I trust you have all received your Voting Papers for the rather extraordinary annual general meeting. It would be lovely to get as many responses back as possible. Should you have difficulty submitting the paper online, please email Lena at [secretary@wmhs.org.au](mailto:secretary@wmhs.org.au) with your vote or telephone her on 3393 4393 and she will record your vote.

The Committee is still meeting so that we can continue with Society business. We held our first ever "tele-meeting" last week so it is business as usual for us.

If you are looking for something to do during your morning or evening exercise walk during the isolation period, how about helping Jill out (see page 3). It is sad that not one member has responded to Jill's previous request.

Along the same lines, I was looking at the Corley Collection on the State Library of Queensland website. Frank and Eunice Corley roamed the suburbs in the 1960s and 70s photographing houses. I found many houses at Wynnum West on the website. Did anyone live in Wynnum West in the 1960s and 70s. Perhaps you might recognise your old house. I could not find any houses in Wynnum, Lota, or Manly but maybe you can. To find the Wynnum West houses, I typed in Wynnum West in the "I'm looking for" box. The link is <https://explorer.corley.slq.qld.gov.au/#!/search>. Should you find a house that you lived in on there, please let Jill know and she can add it to our growing list.

Next month, I will provide another suggestion of something to do during your isolation which will not only keep you occupied but also help out the Society.

Please stay safe and take care and remember to pick up the phone and ring a committee member if you are feeling overwhelmed at any time.

Best wishes

Sandy

# Resource Centre Report

## April 2020



The Brisbane City Council contacted us on 16 March 2020 to make sure that any meeting we might hold would be small.

Then on 23 March the Wynnum Community Centre (Old School) was closed to the general public.

We, as tenants, could get access if really necessary

I have been once and the place is like a tomb.

Till better times,  
Jill

### **Wynnum Manly Historical Society Inc**

#### **Annual General Meeting was due to be held on Thursday 19 March 2020**

We were all set to hold our Annual General Meeting and hear from Sandy McDonald, whose family have been the licensees of the Manly Hotel for the past 50 years.

But the Coronavirus was beginning to raise its ugly head,  
so the committee decided to cancel the meeting.

We hope that Sandy McDonald will visit us in the future when we are back to normal times.

## Colonial Residences in Wynnum Manly and Lota.

In February I asked for members to look for Colonial Houses, or houses modelled on the Colonial design. I do hope to get some examples in the local district. So far there have been no responses..

### **Distinguishing Feature of a Colonial House - A Stepped Verandah Roof**

The roof of a stepped verandah is attached to the wall of the house and not part of the roof of the house. The verandah is supported by posts.

Colonial refers to the class of styles of fashion between 1859 and 1901, when Queensland was a Colony. Few houses of the upper classes remain, however there are plenty of examples of 1870 – 1890's houses of the common folk, especially in Spring Hill and West End but also in Wynnum, Manly and Lota.

### **Colonial Gable 1880 - 1890**

150 Melville Terrace Manly



**Features:** Stepped Verandah  
Steeply pitched roof  
Lean-to Skillion roof at rear

### **Colonial Pyramid, Short Ridge or Hip 1880 - 1905**

12 Alkoomie Street Wynnum



**Features:** Stepped verandah (now filled in)  
Roof – Short ridge  
Low set  
Sash window

**When you go for your evening stroll, after a day in isolation, and if you are in the older parts of the neighbourhood, see if you can find, and photograph a Colonial cottage, remember with a stepped verandah**

Jill.

Most of this article was printed in the  
 Newsletter No 106. of October 2018. This is a reminder as the garage  
 is being demolished in Berrima Street today (March 2020)

## **Ronald James Woodforth** (1897 – 1958)

Ron's parents, James Frederick and Rosetta (nee Bolt) were married on 12 August 1896. Their eldest son, **Ronald James Woodforth** was born on 25 July 1897 at Newstead, Brisbane.

Ron's father, James, then was a painter, the family residing in Jane Street, Breakfast Creek. In 1899 he was a coach painter of Commercial Road Newstead. Four children followed, daughter Doris Ireen Rosetta (1900), then Norman Sydney (1903), Pearlie Margaret May (1907) and James Maitland Thomas (1910). After the family had arrived at Wynnum, Lenton Brisbane was born in 1913.

The family came to Wynnum in 1911, when Ron was 14 and his parents, James and Rosetta's first address was Water Street (now Colina Street) in front of the Croquet Club. The next address was at "Mintacute" in Chestnut Street in 1917, then "Mena House" in Pine Street in 1921.



*Ron Woodforth*

**Ronald James**, the eldest son, served an apprenticeship with the Local Cycle Works, then started his own motor and cycle business in the Mors Building in Florence Street, Wynnum in 1920. In 1922 he acquired premises on the opposite side of the road, on part of the Wynnum Central School playing fields. And, also in 1922, Ron married Gladys Lydia Sibley. Son Kenneth James was born in 1924, daughter June in 1925 and son Ronald Hedley in 1927. The family lived in Gibb Street.

In 1928, Ron moved his business from Florence Street to Bay Terrace, between Edith and Clara Streets, opposite the Post Office. He built a new garage and part of the land was the flower garden of his neighbours, the Kerr Family, next door.

Mr and Mrs Kerr were the grandparents of member, Nena Robertson and they lived in Bay Terrace. After Mr Kerr died his flower garden was tended for a while by his son and then Ron Woodforth had the use of the land. Six years later, in 1934, Ron purchased this property, which later would become Woodforth's Arcade. His previous premises, in Florence Street, said to be an old shed, were purchased by the Education Department and used for the teaching of manual arts.

**In 1951 Ron built a new modern service station on the tennis court on the south eastern corner of Berrima Street and Bay Terrace opposite the Waterloo Bay Hotel. This garage became the location of a Ford sub-dealership in 1953. In 2008 this property was known as Pitstop Garage. And today in 2020 the old garage is in the process of being demolished to make way for a new, high-rise apartment block. (Where am I? April)**

Ron's business moved again, to a new spacious workshop facing Lower Bay Terrace on the north east corner of Berrima Street. In 1958 extensive additions were added to provide a larger workshop and showrooms.

Later became Bayside Mufflers was on the site (Nev Harrison), and now "Bayline" Apartments.

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Early in 1957 the foundations were laid for a modern block of shops and offices on the site of the original garage in Bay Terrace opposite the Post Office. Woodforth's Arcade was completed in August 1957. Mr Woodforth had spent most of his working life here and he wished the new Arcade to be considered as his monument.



*Woodforth's Arcade, 148 Bay Terrace. Opened in 1957.*

Ron was a Past Master of Tuscan and Kianawah Lodges and a member of Conclave Lodge, Joseph of Aramathea and the Order of the Eastern Star. He was a foundation member of Kianawah Lodge.

Ron died on 6 August 1958, aged 61 and is buried at Hemmant Cemetery. The Masonic fraternity paid their respects and the graveside service was conducted by the Grand Master.

Ron was survived by his wife Gladys, son Ken of Wynnum Central, son Ron of Manly and daughter June (who had married Ken McLeod) of Manly.

After his death the garage business on the corner of Berima Street was continued under his wife, Mrs Gladys Woodforth, with eldest son Ken as Manager.

### **Woodforth's Arcade, 148 Bay Terrace Wynnum**

This was the first arcade for Wynnum, built on the site of the Woodforth Garage, located between Edith and Clara Streets and opposite the Post Office in Bay Terrace. The garage had moved away in 1951, northwards along Bay Terrace to the south west corner of Bay Terrace and Berrima Street.

The foundations for the Arcade were laid in early 1957. The building consisted of seven shops of modern design of brick construction.

The contract for the building was entrusted with Jenkins and Day, of Bennetts Road, Camp Hill and Waterview Avenue, Wynnum. Jenkins and Day had only recently completed the Boden Building, on the corner of Bay Terrace and Edith Street (Bare Traps today) and were presently constructing the new Council Chambers and shops further north along the Terrace (Civic Centre).

The design and plans were prepared by Mr Reg E Wood, local engineer and draftsman.

Brickwork was executed by Mr Jack Clune of 105 Waterview Avenue,

Plumbing was installed by F Huysing of 822 Wynnum Road, Cannon Hill.

Painting and decoration was completed by P A Thomas of 1 Algoori Street, Morningside.

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Electrical installations were installed by Hamilton and Parker of 11 Blackwood Road, Cannon Hill.  
Plasterers were P Hiscock and Son of 43 Jellicoe Street Manly West and sign writing was by H Bone and Son of Gordon Parade, Wynnum Central

In the Wynnum Herald of 19<sup>th</sup> June 1957 there was an advertisement:

APPLICATIONS for Shops in Woodforth's Arcade, Bay Terrace, diagonally opposite post office, may be lodged with W M Lamond 125 Bay Terrace, Phone XM 1942.

On 31 July 1957, "**Alfreda**" **Millinery Salon** announced its impending arrival in Woodforth's Arcade

"Come and see the new Spring range of Model Hats. Bring your old hats to be re-modeled: also hats made to order".

The "modern" shopping Arcade, the latest addition to the rapidly expanding Bay Terrace shopping centre and the first arcade to be built in the district, was completed by August 1957. The official opening, together with a party, as recalled by one of our members, was held at 9.30am on Thursday 15 August 1957 with Mr W M Gunn MLA as the official visitor. The occasion was said to mark,

". . . another milestone in the development of Wynnum business community. The new development demonstrates the faith in the future of the district that has long been foremost in the minds of some prominent citizens and business men, a faith that they have been prepared to back with solid bricks and mortar, which will stand as a monument to their enterprise and courage".

The arcade of brick construction provided seven shops of modern design, utilising to the greatest advantage, the natural lighting and ventilation.

There were six businesses trading in the Arcade on opening day in 1957. They were W M Lamond, Real Estate Agent, Carousel Frock Salon, Christian's Delicatessen and Snack Bar, Simond's Fruit Shop, Alfreda Millinery and Murray's Barber Shop.

Jill.

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of our newsletter

You may recall that Caylie Jeffery was a guest speaker at the WMHS where the topic was *Under the Lino*. Below is something that Caylie is doing to help people get through the current situation. Perhaps you might like to do something special with your time as suggested by Caylie. If you would like a copy of the Workbook that Caylie has referred to, please email newsletter@wmhs.org.au and a copy will be emailed to you or if you do not have computer access but would still like a copy of the Workbook, give Sandy a call on 0438 830 140 and she will arrange for a copy to be posted to you.

### **Under the Lino Speaker Announcement!**

To the many people of Brisbane who have had to cancel their meetings over the next few months, because of self-isolation and protection against this dreadful COVID-19,

My name is Caylie Jeffery (That Lino Lady!) and I have either recently been to speak to your club, or was going to in the near future, about a community project I have been managing called ***Under the Lino***.

Those of you who have been to one of my talks will know about the 1940/50s' money and bank books I found under the floor of my 1912 Queenslander, and the investigation that followed, using online methods of communication and thousands of amateur detectives.

For those of you who missed my presentation, because they weren't able to get to it, or whose clubs were asked to cancel events, I am really happy to be able to share my presentations with you now!

I was a guest speaker at the recent Fraser Coast Writers' Festival, and they were kind enough to film my presentation. Here is the link to that talk, to my TEDxBrisbane talk and to the John Oxley Award presentation last year, all of which will give you a good idea what I was going to talk with you about...

**Under the Lino Presentation:** [https://youtu.be/u\\_6CrZY\\_Ubg](https://youtu.be/u_6CrZY_Ubg)

**TEDxBrisbane Talk:** [https://youtu.be/gCj\\_JV0EhtY](https://youtu.be/gCj_JV0EhtY)

**John Oxley Award:** <https://youtu.be/bOCyVSP-1lw>

I am also attaching my History Writing/Journaling Workbook to help people with their own family history and autobiographical writing. Now that we have been given the perfect opportunity by our community officials to be stuck at home, we might as well do something special with all that time!

I have about 200 books left, available to purchase online, if anyone wants some good reading over this time: you can order ***Under the Lino: The Mystery The History The Community*** at [www.underthelino.com.au/book](http://www.underthelino.com.au/book) for \$35, and I'll post it to you within a week. I can be reached at [underthelino@hotmail.com](mailto:underthelino@hotmail.com) for any questions or comments.

Sending love, health and peace-of-mind to you all,

Caylie Jeffery xxx

# March 2020 Where was I?



**Mudflats Arts Inc** was established in 1988 as a proactive group to address community and environmental issues. The Lota Environmental Sculpture Project aimed for the community to take control in the creation of its cultural environment. There were community workshops, ecological site walks and dissemination of project information through local media, together with displays at Civic Centres. A detailed project brief was formulated. Local resident and artist, Geoffrey Hulme, was contracted to produce a sculptural maquette (small preliminary model). This was presented for public scrutiny.

*Moondance II*, the resultant sculpture stands "... like totemic custodial of the foreshore environment at **Fig Tree Point, Lota** focussing on the natural attributes of its vicinity. Hardwood pylons support carved organic forms at their apex-undulating curves, glimpses of wings, sunrays and clouds melt in pastel hues against an aquatic backdrop At the base, tilted planes of pine serve as a pathway over large quarry stones .....

Debra Beattie

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# April 2020 Where am I?



*Till next time*

*Jill*

## Our Committee and Volunteers..

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| Patrons: Cr Peter Cumming and Joan Pease MP.               |              |                        |

### General Meetings

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

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| Story of Lota House  | Beitz, Myrtle                          | 2017 | Donation |
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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 Wynnum Community Centre (formerly the Wynnum Central State School building), .Florence St, Wynnum

Membership costs per year (1 January to 31 December)

Single \$20.00

Family \$30.00

High School Student \$10.00

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