



GENERAL MEETING

**SUNDAY 18
FEBRUARY 2018**

at 1:15 pm

Wynnum Library

Meeting Room 3
145 Florence Street,
Wynnum
(Enter by the Lift)

“THE BIRCHLEY FAMILY “

**RESEARCHED
BY
JILL GREENHILL
AND
ELLEN COUPLAND**

*Door Prize
Membership Draw*

*Raffle Tickets
\$1 each or 3 for \$2.*

*Thank you to
our committee members
for providing afternoon tea
this month.*

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Historical Society Inc
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Presidents Report

Welcome to 2018. Hope you all had an enjoyable and safe Christmas break. It is hard to believe we are already into February.

It looks like the Society has a busy year ahead and the committee has already been hard at work arranging speakers for our meetings and making preliminary plans for our heritage tours for the year amongst other things. If anyone ever has any suggestions for places to visit or for speakers, please let the committee know as ideas are always most welcome.

Sunday 18th March is our Annual General Meeting so if anyone is interested in nominating for a committee position, nominations are now open. Further details and nomination forms are contained in the newsletter. Please consider helping out the Society. It is a great way to have a say in the running of the Society. No experience is needed but enthusiasm is more than welcome.

We also need volunteers for the Afternoon Tea roster, if you can offer your time one meeting per year it will ease the burden on the regulars. If you can help, please let me know.

Our first regular meeting of the year will take place on Sunday 18th February at 1.00pm. We had an extra meeting on Sunday 21st January which was well attended, hopefully we will be more familiar with the technology by the next meeting. Don't forget entry is via the lift to the first floor.

I look forward to seeing everyone at our first official meeting of the year in our new venue.

Deb Tearle

SOCIETY TOURS IN 2018

Planning is in
Progress.

We do not have any
dates yet to keep
free.

We had hoped to
run another boat
trip, as these are
always very
popular.

However there are
no trips on a
Saturday this year
due to the height
of the tides.

If you have been on
a trip with another
organisation, or
have suggestions of
places you would
like to visit,
PLEASE let us
know.

Deb:
3396 9697

Jill:
3393 3208

or Resource Room
Mon—Fri
10am to noon

News of our Members

Colin (Col) Brown

Col joined our Society in 1989 and has been a very faithful member for 29 years.

He regularly came to the General Meeting locations and helped set up the chairs, the cups for refreshments, the slide projector (in the Baptist Church) on the afternoons of the meetings. He then helped put everything away at the end of the meetings. Col attended all the displays and functions in which the Society were involved on the foreshore, even for the three-days of Spring Fairs.

Col was a mine of local information, for he had the past “Herald”s stored at home and could produce what was required. He would slip home and get the relevant “Herald” and bring the newspaper back within 15 minutes. Col helped paint the inside of our previous Resource Centre outside the old Library before we moved in, in 2001.

Col was unwell at the end of last year and, after a spell in Hospital over the Christmas period, has decided to move northwards to Bundaberg. His daughter has found retirement accommodation for him near her home at Bargara.

Myrtle and I visited him in Redlands Hospital in January and were amused by his future adventure: an ambulance to the Airport, a ride in a plane to Bundaberg and an ambulance ride to his new home. He arrived safely and has already met a lady there who used to live in Chestnut Street, which is where Col was born.

We will miss Col very much and on behalf of the Society we wish him a comfortable and interesting life at Bargara. We told him that he must still stay active and use his brain!


Oriel Handley

Oriel was hospitalised over the Christmas period and has been told that she is not able to return to her home. She presently has a place “Regis Wynnum” on Preston Road where visitors are very welcome.

Thankyou to our sponsors...

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

The society would like to thank Joan Pease, state member for Lytton, for printing this newsletter.



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Resource Centre Report - October 2017



- *Wynnum North State High School*

We found, outside our door, three publications from the High School, a Calendar for 1977 and Magazines for 1977 and 1978. All books are full of photographs. Yours may be there. At that time, Mr N Brady was the Principal, Mr F P Gill and Mr A C Macaulay were Deputy Principals and Miss H Astill was the Senior Mistress.

If 1977 and 1978 were your years at the High School come and find your photo in the books.

- *Does anybody have the surnames "Rosin" and "Wholey" amongst their relations or friends?*

A visitor came to us for information about persons, surnamed **Rosin** and **Wholey**, buried in Balmoral Cemetery, but having lived in Wynnum/ Manly at some time in their lives. However the most important criterion is that they reached 100 years in age before being placed in Balmoral Cemetery. Can anybody assist?

Does anybody have relatives who lived to 100 years of age in Hemmant or Tingalpa Cemeteries?

We would like to know, as here is another project that an interested member could undertake.

- *Corner House Medical Surgery*

We received an email from the staff of the Medical Centre as Dr Patel is reaching 80 years of age and the staff wished to make a presentation for him to celebrate the occasion.

The practice was opened in the early 1920's by Dr Middleton in Kingsley Terrace near St Kilda's Hospital. Dr Ivan Hooper took over this practice in Kingsley Terrace and on his retirement Dr Neville Kolb followed. For a few years the practice was located in the Hase Building in Bay Terrace before becoming established at the Corner House where Dr Patel joined the practice.

Can anybody supply some dates please?

- *Kevin's grandparents lived in Seaview Estate, Manly in the 1920's*

Our task was to locate Seaview Estate.

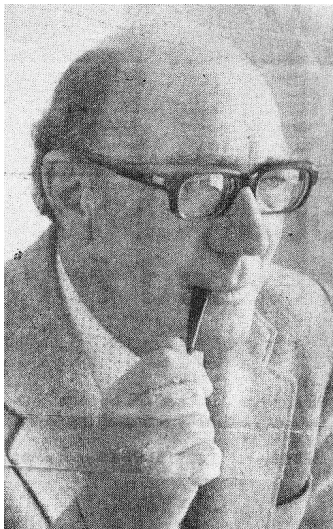
The estate was located along present-day Manly Road from its junction with Preston Road, westward, past the junction with Ernest Street, and on towards the railway bridge in Gordon Parade. The grandparent's house was located, using the Post Office Directories, very close to Preston Road, not far from the water towers on Roles Hill.

Till next time, Jill

Bill Hess

Publicity Officer for Spring Parade Association in the 1970's President of Wynnum Manly Historical Society 1994 -1998

Guided the Society in applying for Incorporation which was granted in November 1996.



Here is an excerpt from the Wynnum Redlands Herald of September 1978

“THERE’S an old saying, “If you want a job well done, give it to a busy man”. Wynnum’s Bill Hess fills this bill admirably. As the Spring Parade Association’s publicity officer, Bill is responsible for the public relations and promotion of Wynnum and district’s monster outdoor carnival.

His “portfolio” on the Spring Parade “cabinet” is a tough one, but Bill is perhaps one of the best fitted to carry out these duties. He does so with a minimum of fuss and maximum attention to detail. **As a businessman he’s got plenty on his plate most times, but the Spring Parade is a labour of love with Bill.** That it has grown to its present proportions is a tribute to Bill and all those associated with him.

COUNTRY BOY

Born at Hughenden in 1923, Bill received his primary schooling in Gladstone. Then came Rockhampton Grammar where he took his junior. After that came Brisbane Grammar and senior. Following school, Bill served his electrical apprenticeship with the City Electric Light Company, now S.E.Q.E.B. He studied for his diploma in mechanical and electrical engineering. “I’ve still got it (the Diploma) at home, signed by Forgan-Smith, Chancellor of the University.”

Bill arrived at Cleveland with his parents in 1939, but came to Wynnum in 1946. Bill’s dad, Tim Hess, was a guard on Queensland Railways and for years was on the Cleveland rail motor.

In 1946 Bill went into partnership with the late Hugh Ferguson, as Hess and Ferguson electrical contractors in Bay Terrace. The business grew and the Hess and Ferguson Store, now under different ownership, is still in the same spot.

It was in 1947 that a local girl, Pat Emery, said “Yes” to Bill and they married. Pat’s father was associated with the first newspaper at Wynnum. Pat and Bill have four children, three boys and a girl. “They’re all geniuses,” Bill quipped.

Number one son, Bill, is a chemist with a pharmacy at Capalaba, number two son Robert has a Ph.D in optometry and is currently engaged in research work at Cambridge University, number three son, Noel is a psychologist at Lawson House, Royal Brisbane Hospital. Daughter, Elizabeth, is a radiographer and presently studying for her degree in human movements at Queensland University.

RETAILING

The electrical retail store of Hess and Ferguson opened in Bay Terrace, Wynnum, in 1950 and at Cleveland in 1955, in addition to the contracting and service divisions of the business.

This eventually led to the formation of the BETTA Group of electrical retail stores. This was in 1961 and began with 12 stores. **Today the BETTA Group boasts 100 stores throughout Queensland and Northern New South Wales.**

Bill explained the word BETTA, Brisbane Electrical Television Traders’ Association. Bill was the original chairman of directors until he sold his business in 1973. **“I was invited to stay on as managing director and what was originally designed as a part-time job is now full-time,” Bill revealed.** Today Bill commutes from Wynnum to the other side of the city each day, which begins about 7am.

Since selling his Wynnum business he and Pat have travelled, taking in Japan, America and the Continent. His taste for travel was whetted when he did a world trip in 1968 for Betta Stores to study merchandising methods.

Bill has been associated with the Spring Parade since 1954, the year of its inception, first as an exhibitor, two years as chairman, but mainly on the publicity side. The Spring Parade was run firstly for the ambulance but as it grew a group of dedicated local men formed the Spring Parade Association, headed by George Lake.

As president of the Wynnum Traders’ Association, Bill back in 1957, headed an energetic committee for the promotion of the Wynnum Central shopping centre. Back in those days concerts were held in the old Star Theatre and the compere was Norm Llewellyn, who is now the Warana boss.

By JIM DUNN Wynnum Redlands Herald September 6 1978

Lord Mayor's Seniors Christmas Party

Wednesday December 6th 2017



Nine members piled into a Maxi-taxi in Florence Street and were delivered to the entrance of the City Hall in ANZAC square Brisbane.

The floor of the auditorium was full of large round tables, spread with scones cream and jam, cakes and sandwiches. Cups of tea or coffee were served. The stage was brightly decorated and the afternoon's performance of solos and sing-a-long carols was enjoyed by all.

Thank you Lord Mayor!

The Society has an Invitation to Visit "Kingscliffe"

60 Gordon Parade, Manly



Peter and Dianna Chalk invite members of the Society to Afternoon Tea at their home on

Sunday 25 March at 2.00pm.

The house is one of the few early homes built in the district.

A spectacular view is seen from a roof platform.

Please indicate if you would like to attend by our March General Meeting
on Sunday 18 March 2018. Numbers are limited.

RSVP to Jill Ph: 3393 3208 jillg01@tpg.com.au or call in at the
Resource Room in the Community Centre Mon – Friday 10.00am to Noon

Australia Day Friday 26 January 2018

At 4.00pm on Thursday 25th January, the convoy arrived from the Ambulance Station loaded with Display Board, table and chairs to find the Bandstand Park empty. Had we got the right day?

By 5.00pm there was life. Borrowed tents, tables, chairs, generators, slides and swings had arrived and scout and guide helpers. The Society secured a blue-roofed pop-up tent belonging to the Port of Brisbane Rotary Club and were set for the next morning.

At 5.30am on Australia Day the day was warming – up fast, the sausages were frying, water and ice arriving and damper and pancakes being prepared. Spectators arrived early even before the bunting was flying on our tent.

Australia Day activities had begun.



Lena and Jan Parnell

Myrtle and Bruce Pattison



Ellen and Myrtle in deep conversation



Graceful thanks are extended to Ian Wheeler, Eric Sibley and Mitch Parsons for their patience on Thursday afternoon and Myrtle, Ellen, Lena, Heather and Jan for their support on Australia Day. Also to Ian Wheeler and Ellen for packing our gear back into the Ambulance Museum building after all was over.

Jill Greenhill

One of the lesser known Greene sisters, of Moreton Bay College, lived to over 100 years old. Here is her 100th Birthday report printed in the “Wynnum Redlands Herald” of November 1978. Elsie never married and died in 1979

A Happy 100th to our Elsie!



Miss Elsie Gertrude Greene, a pioneer in Bayside education, will celebrate her 100th birthday today. Born on November 8, 1878 to John Iley and Ellen Webber Greene of Cardiff, Wales, Elsie was the third youngest of a family of eleven.

With her sisters, Alice Jane, Ann, Helah and Hilda, they conducted the Moreton Bay Girl’s School, now the Moreton Bay Girl’s College.

The school has become an historical landmark and since its establishment has maintained an impeccable reputation. It was built by Miss Greene’s father who, with her two brothers, Samuel and John William, completed the building in 1901.

At that time, Elsie Greene was still attending Scotland’s Edinburgh University, where she gained degrees in mathematics and languages. After spending some time in France, Miss Greene joined her sisters at the school and took over the teaching of mathematics and French.

The Greene family played a significant role in the history of Wynnum’s administration. Sam was first Mayor of Wynnum and until his death in 1958 was manager of the Star Theatre which burned down in 1959, killing two firemen. Sam was also proprietor of the Waterloo Bay Leader, which he took over in order to advertise theatre programs.

Brother John William was also Mayor of Wynnum before the “Greater Brisbane Scheme”, when Wynnum was taken over by the Brisbane City Council. J W was also Lord Mayor at the time of the William Jolly Bridge opening.

Elsie and her sisters have been connected with many charities and religious organizations and on retiring to their late mother’s home, “Woodlands” on Brisbane Road, Wynnum, they handed over the school to the Methodist and Presbyterian Schools Association to be always used for education of young women.

Elsie is now residing at “Brig-O-Doon” Nursing Home, Yeronga, where she is celebrating her birthday today with relatives, ex-pupils and friends.

Wynnum Redlands Herald 08/11/1978

Transcribed by Heather Langston

Resources for sale at the Resource Room

Beitz, Myrtle	Mangroves to Moorings Revisited	2005	\$35
Davenport, Winifred and Mottram, Betty	Early Shipping in Moreton Bay: June 1846- December 1859, Volume 1	1998	\$5
Davenport, Winifred and Mottram, Betty	Early Shipping in Moreton Bay: January 1860 - December 1863, Volume 2	2002	\$5
Nock, Betty	History of Music in the Wynnum and Manly area 1900-1997	1998	\$5
Nock, Betty	History of Arts in the Wynnum and Manly area 1900-2003	2005	\$5

Where am I? November 2017



This plaque is placed on Wynnum Esplanade under a seat located between Walnut Street and Pine Street.



Balgue's Slip can be seen in the distance in the distance.

Does anybody know anything about Stephanie van Barneveld?

Where am I? February 2018



Series EARLY BAY TERRACE
Vol 2

For more of Myrtle's places and people of interest series...

<https://www.facebook.com/wynnumhistory/>



Series FROM CREEK TO CREEK
Vol 2

The Wynnum Fish Market was established in 1926. The ice making facilities were installed in 1926 to be leased in 1927. On 18 Feb 1930 The State Govt. approved the sale of the Fish Depot building and freehold land to W.R. Howard, Principal of Moreton Ice Works. This photo would be a record of that event.



Wynnum Manly Historical Society Inc

Minutes of General Meeting held in the Ambulance Museum Auditorium

on Thursday 15 November 2017

The meeting was opened at 7.35pm by Jill Greenhill, as President Debbie was in England and Vice-President Jan Parnell was in hospital. 31 members were present, there was one visitor, Lee Tinney and 3 apologies were received.

Previous Minutes:

Minutes of Meeting of 19 October 2017 were accepted by Ellen Coupland and seconded by Eric Sibley.

Correspondence:

Lena McCreadie presented the correspondence for October 2017. The correspondence was accepted and endorsed at the committee meeting on Thursday 2 November 2017.

Treasurers Report

BOQ A/c No 20139708	<u>1 October 2017 – 31 October 2017</u>	
Opening balance at 1 October 2017		\$35,333.71
which comprises:		
Everyday Account Opening Balance at October 2017		\$ 5,385.44
Income \$399.00	Expenditure \$545.11	
Closing balance at 31 October 2017		\$ 5,239.94
Websaver Account at 31 October 2017 (Inc. interest \$ 32.40)		\$29,980.06
TOTAL FUNDS AS AT 31 October 2017		\$35,220.00

Resource Centre:

The "Where am I" picture for this month showed a plaque set under a seat on the Esplanade, between Cedar and Walnut Streets. Nobody knew of the person, Stephanie van Barneveld, 1942 – 2016, featured on the plaque.

The Centre will close for the Christmas break on Friday 8 December 2017 and reopen on Monday 15 January 2018.

Calendar:

The Society's 2018 Calendar, an offshoot of the 2017 Oral History project has been printed, a short run of 100 copies. They are selling at \$10.

Outing:

Three seats were still available for the Lord Mayor's Christmas Party in the City Hall on Wednesday 6 December for Free! These seats were taken by members. Attending the meeting.

Change of Meeting Day for 2018

The Society will be meeting for the first monthly meeting, a trial run, on Sunday 21 January (Third Sunday of the month) at the new Wynnum Public Library at 1.00 pm for 1.30 pm.

Speaker: Jill Greenhill introduced the story of Henry Somerset who saw the coming of the 1893 floods in Brisbane from his home high up at Caboomba in the Brisbane Valley. Part of the DVD "Deluge" was shown, which included the flooding of a coal mine at Ipswich. Jill then followed the political life of Henry Somerset and the building of the Somerset Dam after Henry's death.

The **Lucky Door prize** (\$5) was won by Jan Aplin and the **Membership Draw** (\$5) by Margaret Collins.

There were 19 **Christmas Raffle** prizes won by:

Margaret Mack, Gloria Smith, Ross Hodson, Lyn Shanks, Ian Kennedy, Betty Mottram, Eric Sibley, Dawn Wilkins, Peter Hughes, Laurima Rabe, Wendy Parsons, Ian Wheeler, Noela Stratton and Carol Astill.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm. Many thanks to the Committee for providing a delicious festive supper.

Jill Greenhill (*Minute Secretary*)

Our Committee...

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Patrons: Joan Pease MP and Councillor Peter Cumming		

Past Life Members: Merv Beitz, Jack Sands, John Davies

Life Members: Myrtle Beitz, Jill Greenhill, Noela Stratton

Friend of Society: John McIntyre

General Meetings

Set up: 12.30pm before the General Meeting by the committee

Welcome at Door and Sign-In: Jan Parnell Raffle Ticket Sales: Lyn Shanks

Bring and Buy: Ellen Coupland

Kitchen and Afternoon Tea Co-ordinator: Ellen Coupland

Raffle Prizes: Committee

Newsletters

Editor: Mitch Parsons

Distribution (email): Mitch Parsons

Distribution (mail out): Jill Greenhill

Resource Centre

Volunteers: Ian Wheeler, Ian Kennedy, Myrtle Beitz, Dawn Wilkins, Heather Langston, Margaret Bulloch, Ellen Coupland, Denise Cogill, Jan Parnell

Research Enquiries: Jill Greenhill, Ellen Coupland

Tours.

Planning and Co-ordination: Committee

Bookings: At General Meetings and at Resource Centre each weekday

When	Where	What's On
February 11 2018 11am-12pm Book by calling 3403 4166.	Brisbane Square Library 266 George Street Brisbane, Queensland 4000	Meet Virginia Russell The Illegitimate Adventures of a Theatrical Eccentric is a funny and engaging biography that romps through a history of the times from the perspective of one who made the most of his eclectic talents. Mark Melford was an actor and author in Queen Victoria's England. He was a prolific writer for the legitimate stage, a master of the twenty-minute music hall sketch, and an adventurer in the emerging world of British silent filmmaking. Bookings Essential.
February 14 2018 1230-130pm	Commissariat Store 115 William Street Brisbane, QLD 4000	The Burke and Wills Expedition by Dean Prangley Dean will discuss the founding of the expedition, the logistical problems, the human failings, triumphs and bad decisions which eventually led to the deaths of Burke and Wills at Cooper Creek .
February 20 2018 6-7pm Volunteer donation \$10	Commissariat Store 115 William Street Brisbane, QLD 4000	An Appalling Disaster: Shipwrecks in Queensland Exhibition Launch and talk "An Appalling Disaster: Shipwrecks in Queensland" exhibition will be launched with a talk by John Pearn about the wreck and the rescue of the "Royal Charlotte". Of the many significant events and rescues in the "Amity"'s life, her role in the desperate rescue of the survivors of the ship, "Royal Charlotte", is perhaps the most dramatic.
February 25 2018 11-12:30pm	QPS Headquarters 200 Roma Street Brisbane	Crime and Corruption Commission with detective S/ Sergeant Charlie Kohn
February 22 2018 10 – 11am Bookings essential. Phone Wynnum Library on 07 3403 2199 to reserve your place. 6-7pm	Wynnum Library 145 Florence Street, Wynnum 4178 (above Woolworths) Wynnum Library	In rebel Chorus' film about Jeff and Nancy Will and the monthly ballad meet ups 'In Rebel Chorus' - the story of a group of passionate people who trekked the Queensland bush in search of our traditional songs, Queensland's first folk songs. "The River - Beauty and History". Madeleine Johns from Museum of Brisbane presents a screening of "Beauty" followed by stories of the Brisbane River.
March 2 2018 6am-7pm Book by calling 3403 4166.	Brisbane Square Library 266 George Street Brisbane, Queensland 4000	Meet Heather Morris The Tattooist of Auschwitz is a story of love and survival based on years of interviews that author Heather Morris conducted with real-life Holocaust survivor and Auschwitz-Birkenau tattooist Ludwig (Lale) Sokolov. Bookings Essential.

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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