



Cambridge Parade Manly Circa 1920

# Wynnum Manly Historical Society Inc

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

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**NEWSLETTER**

**November 2022**

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**November General Meeting**

**THURSDAY**

**17 NOVEMBER 2022**

7.00pm for 7.15pm start

Wynnum Ambulance Auditorium

Corner Tingal Road / Cedar Street

**(Full Covid restrictions apply as this is a  
live Ambulance Centre)**

**Wynnum Golf Club  
100 Years**

Researched by Member  
**Michael Beard.**

Raffle  
Lucky Door  
Refreshments  
Gold Coin Donation

Full vaccination and masks please, as the  
Ambulance Officers have direct contact with the  
local hospitals.

**Christmas 2022 will soon be here!**

With thanks to the many  
members, who have  
contributed, there will be a  
draw of



**CHRISTMAS  
RAFFLES**

at the last meeting of 2022

**Thursday 17 November.**

*"THANK YOU, from the Committee."*

**Christmas Plate (and contents!)**

This November meeting is the closest meeting that  
we get to Christmas. We usually have a traditionally  
seasonal supper. If you would like to bring a very  
small plate to add to our donations, the offering  
would be gratefully received.

The Committee

**Membership Fees for 2023**

are due on 1 January 2023

**No rise !! \$25.00**

**Please pay at the  
November General Meeting  
or deposit in**

**Bank of Queensland**

**ISB:124 012 A/c No: 20139708**

**A/c Name: Wynnum Manly Historical Society**

Thank you. Geraint Gregory Treasurer

Located in the “Old School Building” at Room 1.08, 105 Florence Street, Wynnum  
Open Monday to Friday 10.00am to Noon or by appointment. 0407 293 177)

## Manly State School Lolly Shop



Recently a visitor brought in four pictures, which she found at the bottom of a drawer and which she has donated to the Society.

She knew the shopkeeper was called “Tom” and the shop was opposite Manly State School. Her son had taken the photos sometime in the 1970s. And that was all!



“Tom” was Thomas Elie GORMAN, who was born in 1891, in Co. Wickow, Ireland and was one of the 6 children of farmer John O’Gorman and Ann Molloy. It is thought that Tom arrived in Australia in 1910 on the “Essex”, aged 21 years. In the Electoral Roll of 1913, he was listed as a farmer at Mundubbera. He appears to have reached Manly in 1936 (about 45 years of age) as a grocer. Thomas did not marry. His shop/home had a fair sized back yard where he is sharpening his axe. The wire-cage on the counter, is said to have protected him from the school children. He died in 1989.

The shop still stands today, at 52 Ernest Street, Manly, next to the railway line, the home of Bay View Family Chiropractor.

Thank you, Pat Sommerfeld.



## A Great Career: Captain Charles Edward Rogers

We had a visitor who had taken a cheap train ticket from Gympie. His wife owns a property in Cardigan Parade Manly. Shayne sought information about the Rogers family and their connection to the Pilot service in Moreton Bay.

Research found that William Veale Rogers (1821 - 1913) from Devonport, Devon England was a Coast Guard. He is buried in St Marylebone Cemetery in London. William married Joan Bond (1828 - 1881), also of Devonport and there were four children.

The third child was whom we sought. Captain Charles Edward Rogers (1859 - 1941). He was born in Whitehaven, a seaport in Cumberland, in the north of England and was at sea before he was a teenager. He was buried in Balmoral, Brisbane in 1941, together with his wife, Mary Elizabeth Clarke, who died in 1927. They had five children, the eldest, William Charles Rogers was also a ‘Seaman’.

The story about the adventures of Captain Charles Edward Rogers is described in an obituary, published in the Telegraph (Brisbane) on 4 June 1941, and printed on Page 5 of this newsletter.

Christmas Holidays From Friday 15 December 2022. Re-open on Monday 9 January 2023.

Best Wishes for Christmas and the New Year

Till next time . . . Jill

## WHERE WAS I? October 2022

### Zelda Arcade



(135 , 137 and 139 Bay Terrace, Wynnum)

which is on the same side of Bay Terrace as the Old Post Office, but a little further north, close to Cedar and Pine Bar.

The Arcade was the second arcade to be built in Wynnum. The first arcade was built in 1957 for Mr Woodforth, over the site of his garage, He had a petrol pump on the edge of the foot path. That was Woodforh Arcade, almost directly opposite Zelda Arcade across Bay Terrace.

Zelda Arcade was built on the former premises of Real Estate Agent L P Crawford and the shop of Miss Grace Emma Waldren. At least 6 first class shops were planed for this new brick building which was erected for Miss Pearly Fabian.

In the 'Herald' of 21 March 1958 Henry Roebuck announced that his store was to "Open Soon in the new Zelda Arcade", selling "modern household furniture".

On Monday 29 September 1958 L P Crawford and Co, Real Estate Agents moved back to their original location, into a new shop, "in the recently completed Zelda Arcade". "Shanahan's, The Trouser Specialists", opened a Men's wear shop in October 1958. By November 1958, the shop had diversified to also include a Book Bar with books in the "Pocket Book" such as "Bridge over the River Kwai" and "Elephant Walk". In June 1959, a Herald advertisement suggested a visit to George Wilcox, in "Shanahan's" in "Zelda Arcade" for a new suit. In 1960, Mrs F E Fuller opened an up-to-date Salon for "Mother-to-be and Baby" and there now was "Singer Sewing Machine Company" shop at "No 3 Zelda Arcade" and "Waldron's Casket Agency" was at "No 1 Zelda Arcade", right next to the entrance of the arcade, opening out on to Bay Terrace.



137 - 139 Bay Terrace 2003

The Arcade was refurbished 2021, and its name was mounted above the Arcade entrance. As the sign was being prepared we had a visit from the re-furbisher asking for the date of the opening.

## WHERE AM I? NOVEMBER 2022



Till next Time

Jill

At the Society's August meeting, Lucy Laakso kindly recorded a summary of the talk entitled



### **'The Exiles of Peel Island' Presented by Peter Ludlow**

At our August 2022 meeting, we were very pleased to welcome Peter Ludlow, an authority on the history of Peel Island / Teerk Roo Ra. For part of its history, the island had a 'lazaret' – a quarantine hospital for people suffering leprosy.

The Quandamooka People are the Traditional Owners of Teerk Roo Ra (Place of Many Shells). The European name of 'Peel Island' was thanks to John Oxley naming the island in honour of Robert Peel, England's Home Secretary around that time.

In the early 1900s, leprosy had arrived in Australia. Peter explained that the stereotypical views of leprosy are usually quite inaccurate: the fingers and toes of patients do not fall off. Rather, the bones soften, which may lead to amputation. There were many lazarets in Queensland but, in 1907, all patients were transferred to the lazaret on Peel Island.

On arrival, a horse and dray took patients across the island to the lazaret. Patients were housed in wooden small huts, which must surely have been very hot in the warmer months. Distressingly, First Nations patients and female patients were assigned comparatively harsher living arrangements. The patients had access to a common room, dining room and recreational room and were served meals from a kitchen (which patients reportedly referred to as 'cockroach castle').

On a regular basis, the Salvation Army band visited the island to entertain the patients. In the 1940s, the patients built a tennis court from ant bed material from around the island, along with some materials provided by the government. Patients (especially women) tended gardens; others raised animals and poultry (with eggs sent to the mainland); and men fished, using materials provided by the government, and were authorised to take their boats out fishing for a maximum of three days.

There was a roll call each morning to take each patient's temperature, to identify any infections and to change bandages. Peter related an intriguing story: one attendant on the island had pretended to be a doctor; his lack of medical training was discovered after he had left the island and one of his 'patients' had died. There was some conjecture that the departed attendant was in fact Jack the Ripper!

In the late 1940s, Dr Eric Reye was the first resident doctor for the island. Dr Reye and his wife lived on their boat for a year. Later, they moved into a house on the island, which was constructed from two ex-Army huts relocated from Redbank and joined together once on the island. Dr Reye and his wife lived at one end of the dwelling and their boat lived at the other end!

In 1947, a cure for leprosy was found and the remaining patients were transferred to hospital in Brisbane. The island's buildings fell into disrepair – termites went to work, the grass became overgrown and the graves deteriorated. Peter explained that it's not known which patients were buried on the island; the bodies of some patients were brought to the mainland and buried at Hemmant cemetery.

In more recent times, the island has been declared as Teerk Roo Ra National Park and Conservation Park (2007). The 'Friends of Peel Island Association' (FOPIA) undertook maintenance and the former nurses' accommodation was renovated for volunteers



White Male Huts 1955  
to stay overnight on the island. In 2008, FOPIA organised a reunion of relatives of former lazaret patients (sadly, no former patients were alive by this time). The island's stone jetty became unusable in 2015. FOPIA discontinued in 2020.

Today, the island is uninhabited by humans, which leaves space for the flora and fauna. The humans and their boats are limited to Horseshoe Bay on the southeast side of the land.

Thank you, Peter, for an informative presentation. Until next time...

And thank you Lucy for this interesting and informative report.

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There is a new picture and story every day!



Wynnum Town Hall, Tingal Road opened on 8 August 1890 with a Grand Ball.

Demolished in 1977

Waterloo Bay 50 and Over Leisure Centre, built on the site of the old Town Hall.

Opened, free of debt, on 16 September 1978 by Hon. Dr Llew Edwards MLA.



*Telegraph (Brisbane, Qld: 1872 – 1947), Wednesday 4 June 1941, page 15.*

### DEATH OF FORMER BRISBANE HARBOUR MASTER (Refer: Resource Centre Report. p.2)

“**Captain Charles Edward Rogers**, one time harbour master of the Port of Brisbane, who died in Brisbane yesterday, had a long nautical career, which was marked by numerous adventures. Most exciting of these was the massacre on the recruiting vessel “*Young Dick*” in the southern seas in the days of recruiting of kanakas for the Queensland cane fields.

Captain Rogers, who was born at Whitehaven, Cumberland England on Christmas Day 1859, when the colony of Queensland was only a fortnight old, went to sea as the custom so frequently was in those days, before he had reached his teens. When still young, he nearly lost his life when a boat in which he and a companion were, collapsed in a squall.

#### 30 years on Pilot Ships

After being in the China trade he came to Australia in the auxiliary ship “*Durham*”. In 1880 he joined the Queensland Marine Department as mate of the pilot schooner “*Governor Cairns*”. Then he joined the A.S.N (Australian Steamship Navigation) Company’s service on the steamer “*Governor Blackall*”, which ran the mail service to the Gulf of Carpentaria. He rejoined the Marine Department as master of the “*Governor Cairns*” and later was the master of the “*Advance*”, the first pilot service steamer, at Brisbane. He joined the pilot service in 1886 and for 30 years took ships in and out of this port with remarkable immunity from mishap.

In 1927 he was appointed Harbour Master in succession to Captain Thomas Cloherty, and retired under the age limit a year later. During the last war he was an examining officer for the Port of Brisbane, with the rank of Lieutenant, and later of Lieutenant-Commander.

Mrs Rogers died 13 years ago. Three daughters – Mesdames. I M Holmes (Brisbane), A F Knowles (Sydney) and C Carver (Birkdale) – and two sons Messrs. E B and W C Rogers, both of Brisbane survive.”

Referenced from Page 2 - Resource Centre Report

**Did you realise that the much-used bridge over Wynnum Creek in Tingal Road was not built until the 1960s . . .**

**£20,000 bridge to replace traffic hazard in Tingal Road**

**A reinforced concrete structure is to replace the existing wooden bridge in Tingal Road, Wynnum, near Berrima Street.**

For years the increased traffic along Tingal Road has made this bridge particularly dangerous, especially for pedestrians as there is no provision of a footpath.

Being the only street running direct from Lytton and Wynnum North to Manly, traffic, including two bus services, is heavy and the width of the old bridge does not allow for two vehicles to pass with safety if one happened to be a bus or a large transport.



*Wynnum Creek in flood under the timber rail line bridge adjacent to Tingal Road. 1974.*

Costing £20,000 the new bridge will have a length of 34 feet, will be 30 feet between curbs with two 6 feet footpaths.

Alderman Clayton said that the new structure should provide 10 feet more width for the flow of traffic and the bridge will also permit the straightening of Tingal Road at this site.

adjacent to the old structure which will be demolished. The final stages of the new bridge will then be completed in its place.

The work is expected to be completed by the end of June.

*Wynnum Herald April 27 1960*



*Tingal Road Bridge over Wynnum Creek. Circa 2003.*

**The Bridges of Wynnum Creek.**

**First - lower footbridge - Pre 1885.**

Bridge damaged, when flooding occurred.

**Second - higher footbridge - Post 1885**

Both these bridges were further from the mouth of the creek than the present bridge, and connected Coreen Street with the bend on St Catherines Terrace.



**1891 Timber traffic bridge** gazetted from Fox Street across Wynnum Creek. On 28 Feb 1898 a private meeting raised £300 for construction of timber vehicular bridge from Fox Street. Concern was the bridge would stop movement of boats up the creek. 1899 Bridge completed at the expense of the Board and opened by J R Dickson MLA

Stumps are still in the mangroves in direct line with Fox Street.

**1919 Bridge** higher above the water. An ambitious plan. The bridge was built veering left from Fox Street, over the creek, to the meeting of Cusack Pde and Waterloo Esplanade.

Bridge opened on **6 July 1921**, by Hon J A Filhelly MLA.



## What's On

Date	Event	Venue	Booking
Sunday 27 November 2022 9-1.00pm	Christmas Craft Fair. Handmade gifts. Needlecraft books	149 Brunswick St. Fortitude Valley	Embroiderers Guild of Qld Free. 3252 8629
Monday 28 November 2022 10-11am	“Celebrating 100 years” St Martins War Memorial Hospital. Service in courtyard of St Martin’s House.	St John’s Cathedral 373 Ann St, City Morning Tea in Cathedral	Free. St Martins is now the Cathedral Office
Thursday 24 November 2022 10-11am	“Researching the History of Your House” Heather Richards	Wynnum Public Library 145 Florence Street. Wynnum	Free Book. 3403 1455.
Saturday 10 December 2022	Separation Day Celebrations “ Lady Diamantina Bowen” Dr Katie McConnel	Commissariat Stores 115 William St City.	Eventbrite. \$45 Royal Qld Historical Society
To Friday 23 December ‘22 8.30-4.30pm	“Rare Books on Display” Some remarkable trials in 17th & 18th Centuries Enland	QE II Courts of Law 415George St City	Free. Visitors welcome
19 Dec 2022 to 15 Jan 2023 10-5.00pm	Get Up. Stand Up. Exhibition. Of Indigenous Australian Art	Qld Art Gallery. Gallery 2 Stanley Place , South Brisbane	Free
To 5 March 2023 10 - 4.00pm	“The Great Aussie Backyard” The evolution of the backyard	Redcliffe Museum 75 Anzac Ave Redcliffe	Free
To Sunday 26 February 2023	“The ‘80s” Exhibition and Activities	Bribie Island Seaside Museum 1 South Esplanade Bongaree	Wed-Fri 10-4pm Sat-Sun 10-3pm Free

### PUBLICATIONS FOR SALE

History of Music in Wynnum Manly 1900 - 1997	Betty Nock	\$ 5
History of Arts in the Wynnum Manly Area 1900 - 2003	Betty Nock	\$ 5
Bayside Biographies. People from Wynnum Manly. 1900 -2007	Betty Nock	\$ 5
Mangroves to Moorings re-visited	Myrtle Beitz	\$35
Church Buildings of Wynnum Manly and Lota	Coupland and Greenhill	\$10
Early Shipping in Moreton Bay 1846 - 1859	Davenport and Mottram	\$ 5
Early Shipping in Moreton Bay 1860 - 1863	Davenport and Mottram	\$ 5

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Resource Room  
Weekdays 10am -Noon  
Email:  
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## Wynnum Manly Historical Society Inc

Minutes of General Meeting held in Ambulance Auditorium, Tingal Road  
on Thursday 20 October 2022

**Meeting opened** at 7.20pm. Covid regulations were followed. – spacing of chairs.

There were 23 members present, 1 apology and 4 visitors, Michael Twigg, Daryn Sibley, Kelly Steel and Ian Tanner.

Jill Greenhill took the Chair in the absence of President, Jan Parnell.

Help was sought from members for ideas to save the “Pelican’s Perch” as the Department of Environment will now allow the structure to remain on the foreshore! Replacement timber had doubled in price and the Men’s Shed has withdrawn their support.

Members were asked to assist with donations towards the traditional Christmas Raffles Also members were asked to renew their membership subscriptions (\$25.00), due on 1 January 2023, before Christmas.

### **Previous Minutes:** (Jill)

Minutes of Meeting of Thursday 15 September 22 were accepted by Margaret Bulloch, seconded by Chris Seymour.

### **Correspondence:**

Lena presented the correspondence report for September. The correspondence was accepted and endorsed at the committee meeting held on Thursday 6 October 2022.

### **Treasurer’s Report** (Geraint Gregory) 1 – 30 September 2022

BOQ Ac/Nos. 2019708 / 21781280

OPENING Balance on 1 September 2022 \$29,378.75

Income \$ 342.22

Expenditure \$ 83.00

CLOSING Balance on 30 September 2022 **\$29,638.07**

which comprises: *Everyday Account*: \$7,123.09 and *Websaver Account* \$22,514.98

### **Resource Centre:** (Jill)

The answer to the question, “Where am I”, was “Zelda Arcade, 135 -139 Bay Terrace Wynnum. This was the second arcade of shops in Wynnum, built in 1957 for Miss Pearly Fabian. The 1957 plan, recorded by Lloyd Kelk Senior, shows a garden at the entrance. In 2022 the name of the Arcade was added above the entrance for the first time. But the question still is asked, why “Zelda”?

**Member, Chris Seymour** showed some of the entries in the Portrait Competition, organised by the Royal Qld Art Society (Brisbane) and invited to take any interested members to see the exhibition at New Farm Power House on Saturday 22 October 2022.

**Speaker, Councillor Peter Cumming**, one of our Patrons gave a run down on the building and other happenings in the surrounding district and readily answered the many questions that followed.

Thank you Peter.

**Raffle:** The raffle, donated by Lena Mc Creadie was won by Father Twigg.

The. Lucky Door prize (\$5) was won by Sue Laakso, who donated the prize back to the Society.

Meeting closed 8.30pm and members were invited to partake of refreshments provided and served by Ellen Coupland and Lena McCreadie.

We thank our Patrons for their ongoing encouragement and support  
Peter Cumming and Joan Pease

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