

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome to our June 2021 newsletter.

It was lovely to see so many members and visitors at last month's meeting. Can I please remind everyone though that you do need to book **each** month if you intend to come to the meeting. Numbers in the Auditorium are still restricted due to current social distancing requirements. We would hate to turn you away on the night! Thanks must go to Mitch Parsons for helping out on the night with the Zoom. A few settings changed which threw this non tech savvy person into a spin on the night. Hoping things will be a bit more normal this month.

Thank you to those people who put their hands up to volunteer in the Resource Centre. Your assistance has been greatly appreciated in keeping the room open. If you can assist - even one morning once a month would be great or perhaps you could be an "on call" person for when a rostered volunteer is sick. You do not need to answer any questions from visitors—merely chat to them and take a note of what they are asking as well as their contact details and our librarian will get back to them.

Till next month,
Sandy

ARTICLES

- * Then & Now—107 Cedar St, Wynnum
- * STOP the Press!
- * Hotel series—The Manly Hotel

June general meeting

When: **Thursday, 17 June 2021 at 7.15pm**

Where: Wynnum Ambulance Museum Auditorium, Cnr Tingal Rd & Cedar St, Wynnum (entry is via Cedar Street)

Speaker: **Myrtle Beitz**

Topic: **Choosing the location of Brisbane's Port**

In 1828 a small establishment was made at Dunwich for the purpose of receiving supplies for Brisbane; cargoes were placed in a storehouse. This enabled ships to unload quickly and return south. Thus transport to Brisbane could be made at leisure to be removed by small tenders to go up the Brisbane River to the penal settlement. To avoid the double handling of cargo by using small tenders; an unofficial port was made at Emu Point (later Cleveland). A bush road connected Cleveland to Brisbane. But would Cleveland or Brisbane be the most suitable to service the squatters from the Brisbane Valley and the Downs?

Cost of entry is a gold coin donation.

Bookings essential as numbers are limited

Preferred method is via [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/choosing-the-location-of-brisbanes-first-port-tickets-158185383741)

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Alternately phone Lena on 3393 4393 or

email secretary@wmhs.org.au

IMPORTANT: *Should you be unwell or experiencing any symptoms of COVID 19, been in contact with anyone known to have COVID 19, travelled overseas or returned from a declared hot-spot in the past month, we would ask that you do **NOT** attend the meeting.*

ZOOM MEETING:

Zoom can be used on Windows desktop and laptop computers, Apple computers, iPads and iPhones and Android tablets and phones.

To Join Zoom Meeting – there are two ways:

- (1) Click on the link below

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81298713508?pwd=d2xGeDkwWU5FaVRnWXJtJA1cGtdz09>

Password (if required) is: 318985

- (2) Start Zoom Join the Meeting Enter:

Meeting ID: 812 9871 3508

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Resource Centre Report

June 2021



- **Resource Centre is open again**

We are now back to normal hours: Monday to Friday 10am – 12noon. when possible.

Presently volunteers are sparse, due to sickness, medical appointments, family commitments, etc .

Perhaps check with Jill, (0407 293 177) if you intend visiting us, to make sure that someone is in the Room. If you have a mobile phone, bring it, as you can sign in electronically, for Qld Covid requirements.

- **A “Wynnum Sparks” Vigoro Hat**

Wendy Kerr has donated her much-loved hat to the Society. And the hat has taken pride of place on the mannequin displaying our History Society shirt.

Vigoro - how many of you are familiar with the game?

The game was invented in 1901 by an Englishman, John George Grant. Originally a tennis racket was used, and a wicket composed of six stumps. On 17 October 1902 a match was played before the MCC committee at Lord’s. Interest in the game died down after a few years in England but the game took a foothold in Australia where it was introduced during WWI. Vigoro, a team sport, played by a team of 12 persons and mainly by women in Australia, originally combined the elements of cricket and tennis and later was more similar to cricket and baseball.

The bat has a long handle and resembles a paddle, the ball is lighter than a cricket ball. The 12 players bat from one end only and score runs. The bowler has to release the ball above the shoulder.

For many years State teams from Tasmania, New South Wales and Queensland competed annually in four divisions, that is, Seniors as Team 1 and Team 2, Juniors and Veterans. Vigoro was played in some high schools until the 1980’s and State teams, New South Wales and Tasmania until recently.

The local team, Wynnum Sparks was very active playing each Saturday afternoon against other Brisbane teams, originally at Greene Park, in front of “Fisher’s Hotel” and later at Murarrie Recreation Ground.



Wynnum Sparks Vigoro Hat

- **Wynnum Soccer Club**

The Club is compiling its history and “Kell” visited us recently seeking information. We have photos going back to the 1920s. However the founder of the “Hutchinson Builders”, John (Jack) Hutchinson and his two sons, Eric and John II, were the founders of the Wynnum Soccer Club back in 1921. The family had emigrated from Bury in Lancashire in 1911. Firstly Jack worked for the Government, then set up his own business in 1914 working from his home at 72 Brisbane (now Manly) Road. The new “Majestic” cinema was constructed by Hutchinson Builders.

We look forward to receiving a copy of the book when it is completed.

Till next time, Jill (library@wmhs.org.au)

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Sid Weiss

for the artwork in, and
printing of, this month’s
newsletter

	
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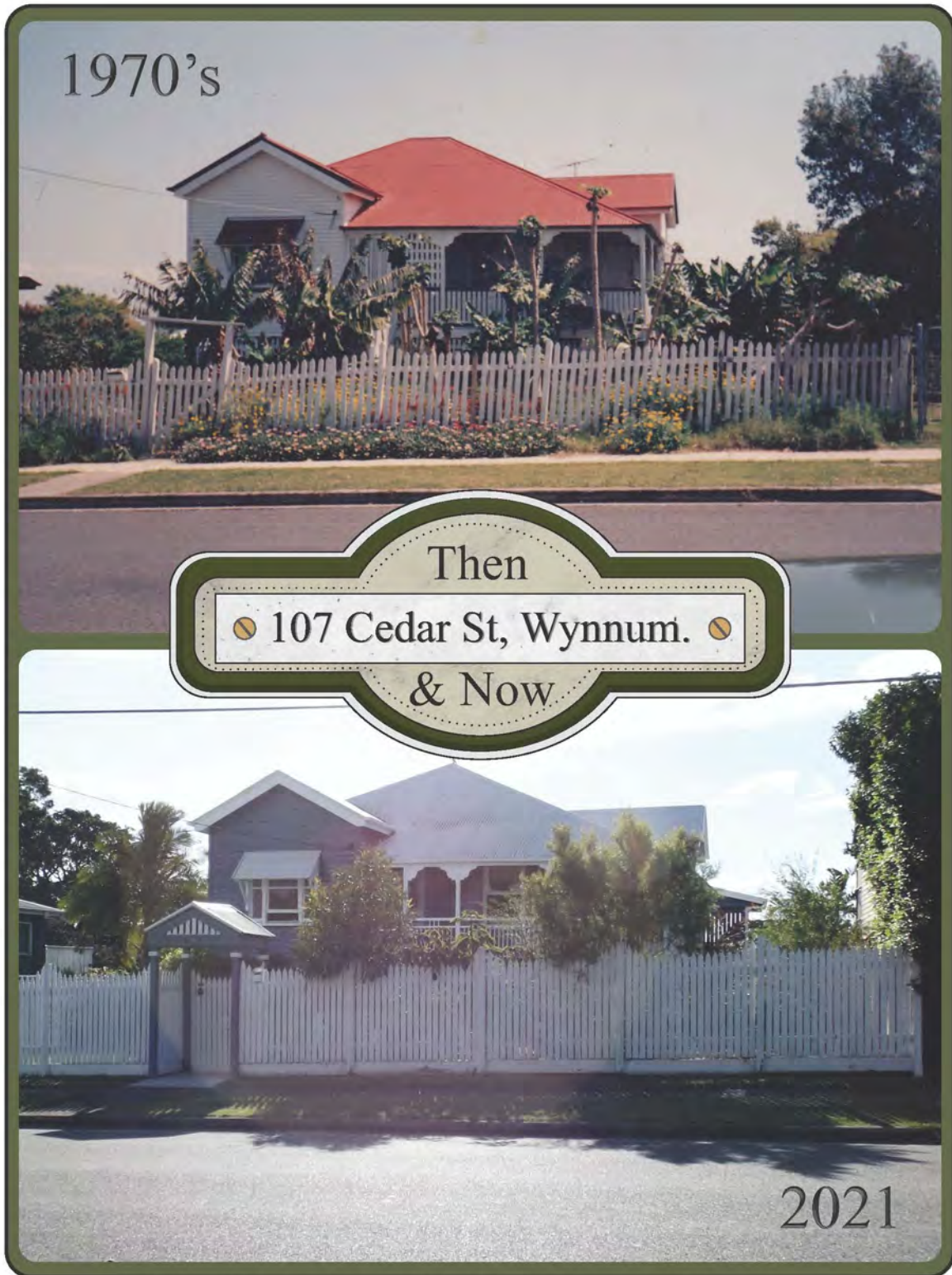
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THEN & NOW

Thank you to member, Sid Weiss, who provided this next article in the **Then & Now** series.



1970's photo courtesy Keith Bool. 2021 photo sidneyweiss1@live.com.au

STOP the Press!

by Sid Weiss

As one door closes, others open.
Sid Weiss reflects on a life in the
rapidly fading newspaper
printing industry.

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I started work on the 8th October 1988, at what was then Rural Press, situated at Ormiston. The large building on the corner of Finucane Road and Delancey Street was imposing as I drove up the hill from my rented house at Cleveland. The area was undergoing a lot of change but the building looked like it had been there for a hundred years, it was not, it was built to look like it. At that time I remember there was a lot of road works going on and the area was yet to take off. It wasn't long began fast food shops began to appear along the route.

We used to print many rural newspapers such as Pork Producer, Queensland Country Life, and North Queensland Register just to name a few. We also printed local papers such as The Redland Times and The Bayside Bulletin, which were eventually combined to save on costs. We also printed the opposition papers such as The Wynnum Herald, off and on, over the years.

When I joined the newspaper printing industry as an apprentice printer at the Gold Coast Bulletin in 1981, it was far different than the one I left in 2018.

Technological advances saw the end of mixing chemicals by hand to apply to blank aluminum plates, use of negatives to 'burn' the page images onto plates, and hand bending so the said plates could be held in place by the clamps on the press.

Plate production has become fully automated and computer controlled. Staff numbers were being shed



Production staff with the last copy of the Sydney Morning Herald to be printed at the Fairfax Ormiston press site. Sid Weiss is far right. Photo taken August 2018.

as early as the nineties and continued throughout the 2000's, the glory days were indeed waning. Compositors were the first to go whose job to complete the page artwork by hand was replaced by computer pagination. Anybody with a computer could now put pages together and send them to the print site via the internet.

Later, pages were being supplied by people working interstate, New Zealand and even the Philippines. Cost cutting saw proof readers go and the resultant spelling errors that snuck through, tarnished newspaper's proud history of upholding a very high standard of spelling and grammar. A very embarrassing one from the front page of the Sydney Morning Herald is pictured below... 'ECOMOMY'.

Newspapers bled advertising to online sites and with their high legacy costs of staff, press sites and transport, it was fast becoming difficult to compete year after year. Instantaneous and constantly updated news that can be had from the convenience of a smart phone screen continues to put pressure on newspapers, and what remains of the industry. Rationalisation, downsizing and cost cutting will continue until newspapers can become competitive with their

online rivals. Their future, with an ageing population who rely on newspapers remains bleak.

By the time I was made redundant in 2018, after enduring years of cost cutting and downsizing, I was more than happy to go. Besides, by that time I considered myself lucky to have had some 37 years in an industry, which I was told, was already on the way out when I started my apprenticeship way back in 1981.

The current corona virus crisis has meant that the printing of many Australian Community Media (ACM) newspapers (already barely surviving) have been suspended and more print sites have been shuttered. Will those papers restart? Will the sites reopen? Worse still, News Ltd has moved over 100 of their local titles to digital only. It remains to be seen how much additional cost cutting and consolidation will be seen before newspapers can become viable, let alone profitable. Latest news is that News Limited will close their large Murrarie site and move printing to Yandina on the Sunshine Coast. Perhaps only a very small niche market awaits like the one for coopered casks and the old horse and buggy.



Warning from RBA governor

Household debt a threat to economy

Mathew Dunckley

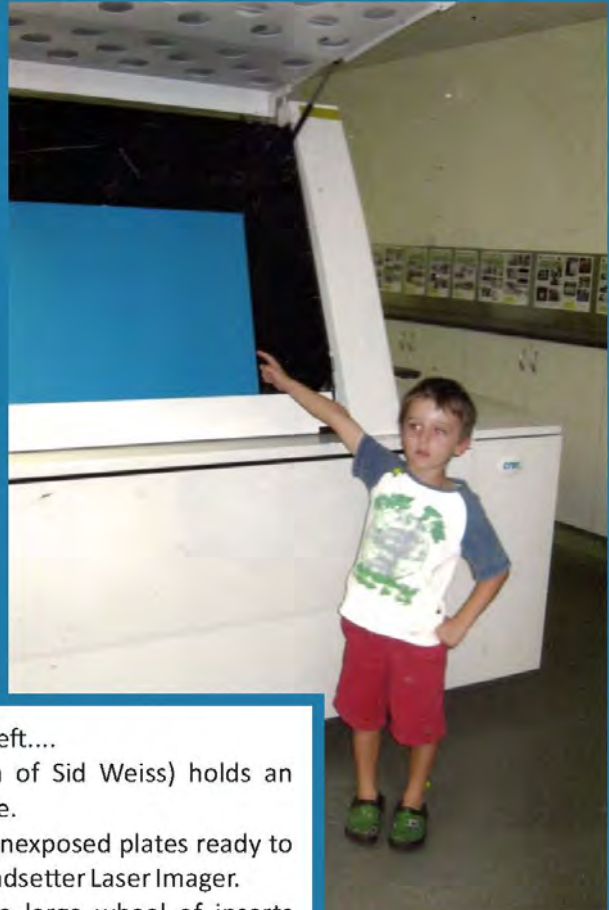
The nation's plunge into record levels of debt and the associated property boom risks having a major impact on consumer spending, the Reserve Bank of Australia governor Phillip Lowe has warned.

"The recent increase in house-

sheets," he said. "Given the high levels of debt and housing prices relative to incomes, it is likely that some households respond to a future shock to income or housing prices by deciding that they have borrowed too much.

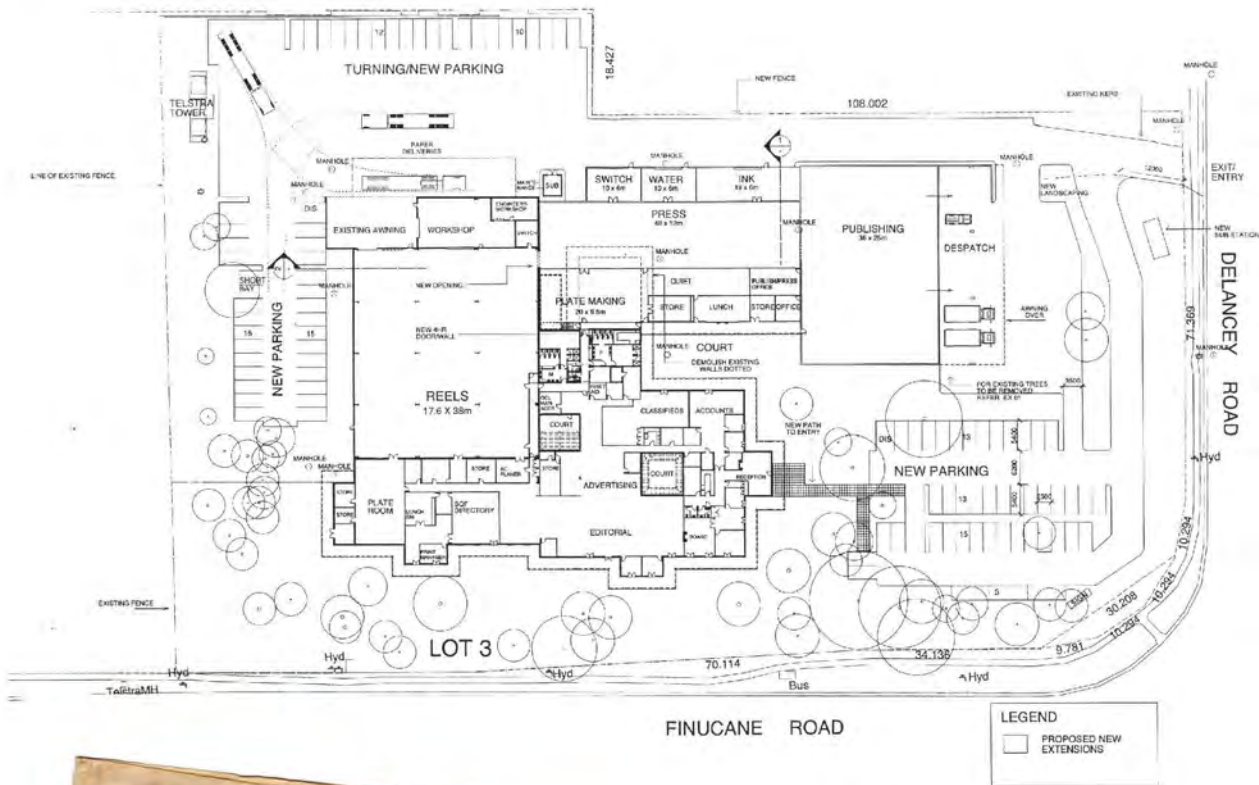
"This could prompt a sharp contraction in their spending, as they

The new printing press at Ormiston was installed only about 10 years prior it closure in 2018.



Clockwise from top left...
1. Xavier Weiss (son of Sid Weiss) holds an imaged printing plate.
2. Xavier points to unexposed plates ready to be 'burnt' in the Trendsetter Laser Imager.
3. Leaning against a large wheel of inserts ready to be collated into a completed newspaper.
4. Xavier gestures towards large reels of newsprint, ready to be skinned and loaded into the printing press.





Rural Press/Fairfax Ormiston print site layout



Dear Sidney

Termination of employment

This letter confirms that your position at the Ormiston print facility has been made redundant. Accordingly, your last day of employment will be 20 August 2018 (unless you are otherwise notified in writing).

Your redundancy payment and any leave entitlements will be paid to you as soon as possible following the date of your termination of employment.

Hotel Series — THE MANLY HOTEL

Mrs Todd built the “Canberra Palace” and hoped to obtain a liquor licence. But, on Tuesday 5 February 1907, the people of Manly voted against there being a licensed hotel in the district. Mary Todd died in 1943 and, in 1945, new owners Sam and Sarah Clelland renamed the two-storey timber “Canberra Palace” as the “Maranoa Guest House”.

Not until December 1953 did the licensing commission grant a Licence to Stefano Degiovanni, of Wickham Terrace. The licence was transferred from the Royal Hotel Grandchester. Working plans and specifications for a double-storey brick or concrete building, with 30 beds, were approved in March 1954. Mr Degiovanni, having been in the building industry for 34 years, built the hotel himself, on the site of the demolished “Maranoa”. Some of the demolished timber was used in the construction of the Manly Bowls Club Clubhouse.

Manly Hotel’s official opening celebrations were held on the evening of 5th May 1955. Attorney General Mr Powell officiated, and the General Public were, “invited to participate in a FREE drink with the Management”. The hotel had cost £65,000 to construct.

Laurie Coleman was the first licensee from July 1958. Edna Kate Edwards followed him in November 1964. The Edwards opened the land behind the hotel for extra car parking space in the heart of Manly Village.

The MacDonald family took over the licence in March 1970 and remain there today (2021). Stewart MacDonald was originally a baker but entered the hotel business after the big bakeries took over the bread trade. His first hotel was in Esk in 1960, then Stewart, Dulcie and family moved to the City View Ipswich, then to St Paul’s Tavern Spring Hill, before arriving in Manly.

Son, Sandy Macdonald studied commerce and economics in his youth so was well prepared when his father handed over the reins to him. Sandy’s aim is to attract a broader community by continually improving the hotel’s operations.

On May 4th, 2005 the Hotel celebrated its 50th Birthday. In 2010 the Manly Marina Cove Motel, owned by the Manly Hotel Group, won a Tourism award and in April 2020, the Hotel celebrated 50 years under the leadership of the Macdonald family.



Thank you to librarian, Jill Greenhill, for this series which has also been published in *The Community Leader* newspaper.

Publications for sale

In person—Wynnum Community Centre, Room 1.08, 105 Florence Street Wynnum Mon to Fri 10am to Noon,

Email— Wynnum Manly Historical Society Librarian: library@wmhs.org.au

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
From Saplings to Kero Tins A Peek at Gumdale’s Past 2nd Ed.	Nalder Robyn	2017	\$15
A glimpse of church buildings in Wynnum, Manly & Lota	Wynnum Manly Historical Society (Editor Jill Greenhill)	2021	\$10
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
Lota House. Photographs and Images over 150 Years	Beitz, Myrtle	2017	\$15
Mangroves to Moorings - Revisited	Beitz, Myrtle	2005	\$35
Plum Blossom : a transition of one’s life (fiction)	Maree, Jeannette	2020	\$24.95
Story of Lota House	Beitz, Myrtle	2017	Donation

Where was I? - May 2021



I would have been on the top of Tingal Hill, maybe in Crown Street, looking southwards towards the original location of Wynnum Township, centered around Wynnum Creek. Black's Camp is on the immediate left edge of the photograph. No.1 Jetty, at the mouth of Wynnum Creek is between the second and third tree. Further south is No. 2 Jetty with its bathing enclosure. This area was then called Wynnum South. At the top right of the photo, the land curves around towards Darling Point.

Date: Probably in the 1920s.

Where am I? - June 2021



Till next time,
Jill

Wynnum Manly Historical Society Inc

Minutes of General Meeting held in Ambulance Auditorium, Tingal Road on Thursday 20 May 2021

Meeting opened at 7.20pm. There were 19 members present, with another 4 members, Alan and Roisin Burrell, Fay Sheriff and Wayne Weldon on Zoom, and 7 visitors, Gary Tesch, Aidan Kenny, Elizabeth Guntrid, Di Hill, Narelle Auld, Janet Brown, Simon Brown and the guest speaker, Peter Ludlow and his wife. There were 5 apologies.

Opening Comments:

President, Sandy Liddle welcomed all to the meeting, both present and on Zoom and mentioned apologies from both Jill Greenhill and Geraint Gregory.

Previous Minutes:

Minutes of Meeting of Thursday 15 April 2021 moved by Sandy Liddle and seconded by Carole Astill.

Correspondence:

The correspondence report was presented by Lena McCreadie for April 2021. The correspondence was accepted and endorsed at the committee meeting held on Thursday, 6 May 2021.

Treasurer's Report (presented by Sandy Liddle in Geraint Gregory's absence)

BOQ A/c No 20139708	<u>1 April 2021 – 30 April 2021</u>	
Opening balance at 1 April 2021		\$30,537.08
Income	\$ 492.69	
Expenditure	\$ 969.00	
Closing balance at 30 April 2021		\$30,060.77
<u>Bank Account Breakup</u>		
Everyday Account	\$ 3,592.73	
Websaver (Building) Account	\$26,468.04 (including \$1.08 interest)	
TOTAL FUNDS AS AT 31 March 2021	\$30,060.77	

Resource Centre:

As Librarian, Jill Greenhill, was not present at the meeting, the answer to the Where Am I will appear in the next newsletter and there was no Resource Centre report.

Sandy Liddle asked if there was anyone available who could offer 2 hours of their time from 10am to 12 noon on a weekday in the Resource Centre even once a month to let the committee know as more volunteers are desperately needed to keep it open daily.

Speaker: Peter Ludlow gave an extremely informative and interesting presentation about some of Queensland's German connections and their achievements and contributions to Queensland from the early settlers to the present day.

Raffle: Gary Tesch

Lucky Door: Di Hill

Meeting closed at 8.15pm and members and visitors were provided tea/coffee and biscuits by Lena and Ellen.

President: Sandy Liddle

Minute Secretary: Sandy Liddle (on behalf of Jill Greenhill)

UPCOMING EVENTS

(note COVID restrictions and safe measures are in place for all advertised events and bookings with the organisation concerned are ESSENTIAL)

When	Where	What's on
<p>June 11 & 12 5.30pm June 13 12 noon</p> <p>Cost \$37 includes 2 course lunch or dinner & entry to Museum</p> <p>Bookings essential via ph 3286 3494 or https://www.trybooking.com/book/sessions?eid=747762</p>	<p>Redland Museum</p> <p>60 Smith Street Cleveland</p>	<p>2021 Qld Day Play—Down came a jumbuck with The Droving Days</p> <p>Theatre Redlands presents Down Came a Jumbuck – a whimsical theory about how Banjo Paterson might have come to write Waltzing Matilda. Redland Museum's inaugural Queensland Day production takes a satirical look at what happens when a mixture of business, patriotic fervour and creativity are brought to a rolling boil. In the second half, The Droving Days takes the audience to "Pub Redlands" to join a group of retired drovers and their mates, reminiscing about horses they've known and ridden and tall tales of unlikely characters, all woven through with Banjo Paterson's timeless ballads.</p>
<p>June 15 10am—11am</p> <p>Cost Free</p> <p>Bookings essential via Eventbrite or by phoning 3249 4203</p>	<p>National Archives of Australia</p> <p>16 Corporate Drive Cannon Hill</p>	<p>Red Flag Riots</p> <p>The banning of the red flag in 1918 led to serious riots in Brisbane and other Queensland towns during early 1919. The fascinating records documenting these events were created by Commonwealth and state intelligence networks. This seminar will highlight these records which tell us the story of the riots, led on either side by returned soldiers and Bolsheviks.</p>
<p>June 19 8am—1pm</p> <p>Cost Free</p>	<p>Shire Clerk's Cottage</p> <p>241 Tingal Road Wynnum</p>	<p>Shire Clerk's Cottage Markets</p> <p>There will be 70 market stalls to choose from, including our old favourites, and a few new ones as well. Don't forget to look at all the indoor stalls. Follow the arrows through the Activity room, out onto our verandah for a view over the creek, then in through the Auditorium where you can purchase refreshments or a Devonshire Tea to enjoy on the verandah.</p>
<p>June 26 9.30am—11.30am</p> <p>Cost \$25</p> <p>Bookings essential via ph 3408 0007 or email Seaside.Museum@moretonbay.qld.gov.au</p>	<p>Bribie Island Seaside Museum</p> <p>1 South Esplanade Bongaree</p>	<p>Heritage walk and talk with Barry Clark</p> <p>You will be surprised to learn about some remarkable happenings on Bribie Island over the past 200 years. This guided heritage walk starts at the Bribie Island Seaside Museum. Followed by a leisurely stroll around the streets of Bongaree for about 90 minutes, learning & seeing many aspects of Bribie Island past.</p>
<p>June 27 11am—12.30pm</p> <p>Cost Free</p> <p>Bookings essential via Eventbrite or by phoning 3364 6432</p>	<p>Queensland Police Museum</p> <p>200 Roma Street Brisbane</p> <p>NOTE: Suitable for adults only.</p>	<p>The Ether Man—Police scour Brisbane for clues in 1966</p> <p>Between April and September 1966 five women were attacked by a man who used either Ether or Chloroform to subdue his victims before he raped them. The attacks occurred in Brisbane's north and south. The Curator of the Queensland Police Museum, Lisa Jones will outline the police investigation and the lengths to which officers went to catch the attacker.</p>

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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 or on our website www.wmhs.org.au

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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