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Wynnum Manly Historical Society Inc

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NEWSLETTER

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March General Meeting

Thursday 17 March 2022

The first meeting for 2022!

Wynnum Ambulance Auditorium
(Covid Restrictions apply)

Corner Tingal Road /Cedar Street
Speaker: Heather Richards

Formerly Brisbane City Council Heritage Officer
Now Local History Librarian at Wynnum Public Library

Topic: **"Wynnum in the 1920s"**

Entry: Gold Coin donation

Raffle: \$2 or 3 tickets for \$5

Thank you to Lena and Ellen
for overseeing refreshments

The Wynnum Ambulance Auditorium is administered by the State Government. **Covid restrictions are in place.** Mick Davis, Manager, Qld Ambulance Officer, Heritage and History has sent us the following Instructions:

- Unvaccinated individuals are not permitted entry to Qld Ambulance Services premises
- Sign in via Qld Covid QR code
- Masks recommended if regular seating is in place
- Hand Hygiene remains important
- Speaker can remove mask but must remain a distance from the front row
- Do not attend if you have a temperature, cough or sneeze.

2022 Membership Fees

were due on 1 January 2022

\$25 Individual \$40 Family

Pay Cash at Resource Centre or

Send a Cheque to PO Box 318 Wynnum 4178 or

Direct Debit to:

Wynnum Manly Historical Society Inc

BSB: 124 012 Account No: 20139708

Annual General Meeting

Thursday March 17 2022

Approx. 7.45pm

Wynnum Ambulance Auditorium

Positions to be filled at
the Annual General Meeting

President: Essential !!

Correspondence Secretary:

For 17 years Lena has been collecting the mail from our Post Office Box. During this time, emails have been invented! Something new to learn. Lena feels that she needs a rest.

Lena is not leaving us, She will still be helping us with the General Meetings, with the setting up, the raffles and the supper and as a Committee Member.

Newsletter Compiler: Someone to collect together all the happenings within the Society together with those of the changing local scene, past and present.

Post-Easter Morning Tea

Saturday 30 April 10.15am

Relax in the grounds of the

Shire Clerk's Cottage

Hopefully on a sunny morning

Cost:\$5 Book: 0493 252 315

Look through the Cottage at
the days gone by.



Located in the “Old School Building” at Room1.08, 105 Florence Street, Wynnum
Open Monday to Friday 10.00am to Noon or by appointment. 0407 293 177)

The Resource Centre is now opening most days, between 10am and Noon depending on the availability of the volunteers.

We are now in full operation in March, but probably in mask-wearing mode.

If anyone has donations, or is seeking any historic information or encourages a member of the community to give us donations or seek information, give me a quick call (0407 293 177) to ensure that somebody is there and the door is open.

Looking for a Mate

We had a visitor this week who has not seen a long-lost friend for over thirty years. He would love to find Haydn Wood, who did, or does, live in Haylock Street, Wynnum.

Haydn and his partner had a Downes Syndrome child who unfortunately drowned in the Wading Pool in the 1980s. Perhaps Haydn has died. If so does anybody know where his remains were buried or his ashes scattered.

Any information would be gratefully received. Contact me (Jill) on 0407 293 177.

Aboriginal Remains in Colina Street, Wynnum



This picture of a row of white shells was printed in the September 2015 edition of the Newsletter and indicated, maybe, the former presence of an aboriginal midden. A midden was a collection of shells and bones, the refuse dump, in earlier times, usually left after feasting.

A new fence had been constructed between the Tennis and Croquet Clubs and the shells showed up in a cut between differing soil levels.

This week we received a query from Robbie Mazlin, Senior Archaeologist, with Everick Heritage P/L asking for more information. This recent rains may have washed the shells away. (Shells are gone)

Local Chemist in the mid 1950s



Does anybody recognize these ladies in Mrs Boden's Pharmacy?

Mrs Boden, herself, may be at the front on the left, but what about the other assistants?

Mrs Boden built the shop, in brick instead of timber in the mid 1950s. On the corner of Bay Terrace and Edith Street.

Today the building is occupied by the shoe shop “BareTraps”.

Jo, of Henry Street, donated this photograph.

Till next time

Jill (jillg01@tpg.com.au)

WHERE WAS I? February 2021



This house is named “Burwells” found at **5 Preston Road**, located high up, on the corner of Manly Road and Preston Road, Manly.

Today, Aged Care Independent Units have been built to the rear of the house. The house itself acts as the Community Centre for the complex.

The house has been recognized as being a Brisbane City Council, Local Heritage Place since 1 January 2004.

Herbert William ROLES (1877– 1926) was a school teacher. He built a large house for his parents at Belmont and bought land at Manly Heights. In 1919, the Waterboard bought 3 acres of his land for a water reserve. Some of the land along Daisy and Manly Road was surveyed for building sites. Roles kept the remaining two acres. The house from Belmont was moved onto this land and here he lived until he died in 1926.

Herbert married Pamela Busch in September 1897. Pamela and daughter lived in Burwells until 1953, when they donated their home into the care of the Montrose Home for Crippled Children under the auspices of the Queensland Society for Crippled Children, The Home became known as the “Pamela Roles Convalescence Home and was officially opened on Sunday 2 May 1954 by Premier Gair. The home was an adjunct to the Montrose Home at Corinda.

Today Independent Living Aged Care Units have been built along the edge of the rear boundary.

WHERE AM I?

March 2022



Till next time

Jill

Big Changes to Bay Terrace in the 1950's.

Today Bay Terrace is undergoing change. We look back to an article in a Wynnnum Herald of 1956.

Erection of modern buildings for Bay Terrace

By MURRAY HULETT, correspondent to the Wynnnum and Manly Chamber of Commerce

Rapidly expanding Bay Terrace shopping centre, which has taken on an almost completely new face in the last couple of years, shows even further signs of the fast moving times, with the proposed addition of several new modern premises which are planned to begin construction in the immediate future.

Mrs E A Boden, whose pharmacy at the corner of Edith Street was only recently modernised, plans to begin construction at once, of a block of three modern shops in brick and extending down Edith Street from the corner.

The National Bank have disclosed their intention of erecting a new and modern bank premises on the site of the existing bank in Bay Terrace.

Perhaps one of the most interesting moves is seen in the proposed erection by Mr R J Woodforth of a modern shopping arcade on the present site of their garage and workshop. The workshop, it is reported, is to be moved to the top end of Bay Terrace, adjacent to their service station.

A large emporium, erected by Messrs Charlie Mills and Sons, is now almost ready for opening on the site between the post office and Edith Street. This emporium is said to be one of the most modern of its kind in the metropolitan area.

Last week the City Council's plans were announced for an expenditure of some £6000 for the erection of divisional offices and toilet accommodation at Bay Terrace. (2022 - the former Civic Centre, now 'Enclave'.)

This suggestion was viewed with some alarm, until enquiries revealed that the proposed building is to be erected on the Akonna Street corner of the council's land on the corner of Bay Terrace and Charlotte Street.

The Chamber of Commerce fully recognises the immediate need for divisional offices and ladies's rest rooms in or near Bay Terrace, but are most adamant in their opinion that the place for toilet conveniences is underground.

On this site the slope of the ground lends itself admirably to this purpose and the Chamber will lose no time in drawing the attention of the council to this fact.

Further enquiries elicited the information that the council proposes to erect a block of shops on the Bay Terrace frontage of this allotment. This, in spite of the Lord Mayor's recent assurance to the Chamber that the frontage of this land would be passed back to competitive trade in the near future.

One is tempted to question the wisdom of the council entering into speculation of this nature, particularly when private enterprise is clamouring for more space on Bay Terrace.

It will be interesting indeed to ascertain just what class of business the council plans to cater for with the erection of these premises and also if the council proposes to enter into competitive trading in the Wynnnum district.

Wynnnum Herald 15 August 1956

Transcribed by Heather Langston

The first Arcade, in Bay Terrace, *Woodford's Arcade*, was constructed on the site of Woodforth's garage and petrol station. This arcade was opened in August 1957. In 1958 a second arcade, *Zelda's Arcade* opened, nearly opposite, with six high class shops, constructed for Mrs Fabian. The arcades are still here today, though the shops have deteriorated in appearance, inside the arcade.

Mrs Boden, a local chemist, was to construct three modern brick shops on the corner of Edith Street and Bay Terrace. Today the building houses *Bare Traps Shoes* and still belongs to Mrs Boden's family today. The National Bank building on Bay Terrace is now a dentist's practice. The National Bank moved to Edith Street.

Most adventurous was the idea of building public toilets underground. Ingleston had burnt down in 1947, the front garden and tennis court, facing onto Bay Terrace were opened as the Civic Centre in 1958. The public Wynnum Library opened in 1978. The toilets were to be constructed underground into the bank of land on which the boarding house had stood where there was a steep slope down to Akonna Street. This plan never eventuated. Now the site is completely filled with the 4 storied "Enclave" residential development.

As you read the article you will realise that building styles are renewed every 50 – 60 years. At the beginning of 1900's the Terrace would have mainly consisted of timber shops with awnings over the footpaths. The great revival came in the 1950's with brick being the preferred as the predominant building material, though mostly shops were still of one storey. Now, since 2015, we see the growth of high-rise buildings – five-storied mixed residential commercial towers with shops on the ground level.

What will be seen in the next phase? As the high-rise buildings continue to grow in the Wynnum CBD (Central Business Development) area, what is your guess as to the replacement of these buildings in Bay Terrace in 50 – 60 years time?

We wouldn't need reminding if this were taught in schools

1. Australia Day does not celebrate the arrival of the first fleet or the invasion of anything.
2. Captain Cook did not arrive in Australia on the 26th January. The landing of Captain Cook in Sydney happened on 28 April 1770 - not on 26 January.
3. The first fleet arrived at Botany Bay on 18th January.

The 26th January was chosen as Australia Day for a very different and important reason.

The 26th January is the day Australians received their independence from British rule. However, Captain Cook's landing was included in Australia Day bi-centenary celebrations of 1988 when Sydney-siders decided Captain Cook's landing should become the focus of the Australia Day commemoration.

Sadly, the importance of this date for all Australians has begun to fade and now, a generation later, it's all but lost.

On 26th January 1949, the Australian nationality came into existence when the Nationality and Citizenship Act 1948 was enacted. That was the day we were first called Australians and allowed to travel with passports as Australians and NOT British subjects. We all became Australians. Before that date we all were forced to travel on British passports and fight in British wars,

This is why we celebrate Australia Day on the 26th January. This was the day Australians became free to make our own decisions about which wars we would fight and how our citizens would be treated. It was the day we were all declared Australians. Until this date, Aborigines were not protected by law. For the first time since Captain Cook's landing this new Act gave Aboriginal Australians the full protection of Australian Law.

This is why 26th January is the day new Australians receive their citizenships. It is a day which celebrates the implementation of the Nationality of Citizenship Act of 1948 - The Act which gave freedom and protection to the first Australians and gives all Australians, old and new, the right to live under the protection of the "Australian Law", united as one nation.

Contribution: Faith Harvey

Reminiscences of a Telephonist

It will be 67 years in December 2022 that the Wynnum Manual Telephone Exchange became automatic. This was, of course, an extremely important event in the District though somewhat sad for the 25 telephonists and other staff who, either relocated to the Brisbane Central Telephone Exchange, or decided to leave the PMG (Telstra) for employment closer to home. The event went off smoothly thanks to the engineers, technicians and others.



The subscribers in the Wynnum Manly District gradually became accustomed to

the automatic system though sadly missed the expert help and happy vices of 'their girls', who were instructed to answer always 'with a smile in your voice'. The former telephonists have enjoyed four reunions. The first was held at 'Petrie Mansions' in Brisbane and then three happy well attended ones on the Wynnum foreshore. (Photo Albums of these events are in Resource Centre.)

We remember too that although it is 67 years since the cut-over, the Wynnum Manual Exchange and telephonists operated long before that and throughout the years of WWII—and then onwards.

I wonder if you who are reading this item, remember your 'Hello Girls' with pleasant memories of the good old days when you would really enjoy lifting your phone and being asked, 'Number please?' by a girl with a smile in her voice.

67 years! Amazing! I know without a doubt that we were a group who enjoyed our work, our subscribers and our community with dedication. The last two telephonists on duty to operate the Manual Exchange in December 1955 prior to its closing were Val Thorn (nee Crothers) and me. Leaving tearfully on the last day we two hugged and rode off on our bicycles.

Kindly provided by
Marjorie Smyth (nee Reese)
Telephonist 1950 - 1955.

Why Nostalgia Ain't so Rosy

Actor Rob Lowe LOVES the 1980s. And who can blame him? He was one of the most famous men on the planet. But he is careful not to wallow in nostalgia for the music, the fashions and events of his youth too much and "Happiness Science" backs him up on this.

Research suggests that our memories of the past can be very selective and highly unreliable - causing us to misremember events and cast them in a rosy glow. Sadly this also causes us to make very bad decisions about what will make us happy in the future.

Does this also apply to Oral History?

The Happiness Lab. Pushkin

What's On

Plant Swap

Hosted by the National Trust,
the Wolston Farmhouse and Ipswich Plant Swap.

Saturday 9 April 2022

(Every second Saturday)

Wolston Farmhouse

223 Grindle Road Wacol Qld

9 am - 1 pm



Wander around the historic farmhouse, enjoy Devonshire tea,
and, if you are a gardener, take some plants to swap.

Date	Venue	Event	Booking
Sat 19 March 2022 9.00am to 12.30pm	Legislative Council Chamber Qld Parliament Via Alice Street	“Centenary of the Abolition of the Legislative Council”.	Book; www. Eventbrite com.au \$38+
Thurs 24 March 2022 5.15 pm for 5.30pm	Supreme Court Library Level 3 415 George Street Brisbane Or by Zoom	“1922 - After Ryan, the Storm.” TJ Ryan was leader of Qld’s first labour Government	1300 725 753 Book Free
26 Nov 2021 to 26 March 2022 10am - 3pm	Redcliffe Museum 75 ANZAC Ave Redcliffe	“The 80s” Exhibition developed by Morton Bay Regional Council	Free Enq: 3480 6700
25 Feb 2022 to 7 Dec 2022	Victoria Barracks Petrie Terrace, Bne	“Soldiers of the Empire” Evolution of the Army in Qld from 1824 to 1903	\$15 Book: 0429 954 663

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

Available at Resource Room

Weekdays 10am—Noon

Email: library@wmhs.org.au

From the Committee:

Money Matters:

The Origin of our Funds

In the mid 1990s the Committee, under the leadership of Bill Hess, decided to put money aside, each month towards the purchase of a building for the Society. This “Founding Fathers Fund” was banked and grew over the years. When interest rates were high the money was transferred into a “High Interest Fund” and for a few years this high interest also helped to boost the funds. (The interest last month was a just a few cents!)

Our library originated from a collection of 5 books in 1995, locked away in a cupboard, except for 2 hours a month, when the cupboard was opened during the General Meeting. From a plea to members for their spare historical items, from visits to fetes, fairs and the mammoth Lifeline Sale, the library collection grew. But still only available during the 2 hours of meeting time.

Several attempts was made to make the books available to the Community. Eventually an excellent venue was found in the shops in the Wynnum Civic Centre, outside the old Wynnum Public Library in Bay Terrace. We were adjacent to the Carron Cannon and on a direct walking route for visitors to and from the Wynnum Public library.

Purchase of a building far exceed the increase in growth of the “Building Fund”. Rental was the next best alternative and the Wynnum Manly Historical Society Resource Room, was acquired in September 2002 opened its door to the public on 22 February 2003 . The ribbon was cut by Peter Cumming.

A notice was circulated at the end of 2014 announcing that the Brisbane City Council had sold the Wynnum Civic Centre for residential development. We had to leave by mid - 2015. The whole of the CBD (Central Business Area) of Wynnum was being re-developed. We could not afford a commercial rent. Eventually, following a letter to the Lord Mayor, we were allocated our present location in the new Wynnum Community Centre, which is the former Wynnum Central State School in Florence Street. The space is about half that of our former home, but we have downsized to fit in.

BUT we now have to pay annual fees. Firstly the City Council Lease fees and a Maintenance Fee which contributes to the upkeep and running cost of the Civic Centre building. These costs far exceed the growth of the Founding Fathers’ Fund, which is diminishing. We are seeking Sponsors, who could assist with the continuation of our service to the community, both locally and world-wide through the Internet.

We are open to the community. Anyone can add to our collection and we provide interpretation of our rich local history. We provide histories of houses. We help finding names of persons living in those houses. We advertise for information on missing persons. Our member volunteers gladly help and members are on duty in the Room for 2 hours on weekday mornings to keep our door open. Jill.

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

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