



Sunday 18 March 2018

1:15 pm

Meeting Room 3

Wynnum Library

145 Florence Street,

Wynnum

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***Annual General Meeting
2018***

Approx: 1:45pm

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Presidents Report

We all have sounds and smells that remind us of our childhood, for me one of those sounds and smells is the sound of a whistle from a steam train and the smell of the smoke emanating from a steam engine. I put this down to fact I grew up opposite the rail line at Wynnum North and on the side of the track outside our home was a sign advising the drivers to sound the whistle as the train approached the railroad crossing and station at Wynnum North. There is still an advisory sign in place and over the years steam engine, diesel and now electric train drivers sound the whistle/horn before entering the crossing and station.

In 2016 some members of our Society enjoyed a steam train trip to Toowoomba during the Carnival of Flowers. In my mind there is nothing to compare with both the smell and sound of a steam engine, to me the steam whistle has a “note” all of its’ own. Be it a railway engine, steam traction engine or a steam driven carousel.

On our last trip to the UK we were too late in the season to enjoy a cruise of the Paddle Steamer Waverley, but during an earlier visit we were fortunate enough to cruise from Portsmouth Harbour travelling via Yarmouth (on the Isle of Wight) west to Weymouth and then along the "Jurassic Coast" as far as Lulworth Cove on the PS Waverley, the last sea-going paddle steamer in the world.

Magnificently restored with towering funnels, timber decks, gleaming varnish and brass, the Waverley is one of the world’s great historic ships. It was a privilege to see and hear the mighty steam engines as they propel the paddles that take Waverley majestically through the sea.

PS Waverley is named after Sir Walter Scott's first novel. She was built in 1946 to replace a PS Waverley that was built in 1899, which served in the Second World War as a minesweeper and was sunk in 1940 while helping in the heroic evacuation of troops from Dunkirk. Paddle Steamer Waverley was built on the River Clyde in Scotland. Waverley’s keel was laid on December 27, 1945 but due to material shortages after the war, she was not ready for launching until October 2, 1946. It wasn’t until the following year on January 20, 1947 that she was towed to Greenock for the installation of her boiler and engines. Finally, she made her maiden voyage on June 16, 1947 and started what was to become a very long career. She entered service with the London and North Eastern Railway in June 1947, working the LNER's Firth of Clyde steamer route from Craigendoran Pier, near Helensburgh, up Loch Long to Arrochar in the Lomond area of Argyll and Bute. The 1948 nationalisation of Britain's railways brought their Scottish steamers into the Caledonian Steam Packet Company (CSP), a subsidiary of the Railway Executive.

After a revival of fortunes in the 1950s, the 1960s saw a gradual change in holiday habits that led to a decline in passenger numbers and the closure of many of the

SOCIETY

OUTINGS 2018

**Sunday 25 March at
2.00pm.**

60 Gordon Parade Manly

Peter and Dianna Chalk have invited members of the Society to Afternoon Tea at their home

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

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Final date for booking is Sunday 18 March 2018.

Numbers are limited.

RSVP to Jill

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Resource Room in the Community Centre, Mon to Friday 10.00am to Noon

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small piers. In 1973 the company became Caledonian MacBrayne Ltd (CalMac). CalMac withdrew Waverley after the 1973 season as she was too costly to operate and needed significant expenditure.

By then the Paddle Steamer Preservation Society had been set up as a registered UK charity. CalMac, keen to ensure that the ship was preserved, sold Waverley to the PSPS for the token sum of one pound. Neither side really believed that the vessel would return to steam.

2003 saw the completion of a major restoration project, which not only made the PS Waverley compliant with modern maritime safety regulations but also returned Waverley to the original 1940s style in which she was built. This was made possible with major grants from several different charities and authorities. Waverley then began a second career as one of the country's best-loved tourist attractions. Since She has been in operational preservation She has carried over 5 million passengers from over 60 ports around the UK.

Waverley has everything to offer the steam enthusiast including Doug and myself! At the heart of the Ship is her magnificent 2100 horsepower, triple expansion reciprocating steam engine, open to full public view.

Visible through portholes in the ship's hull are Waverley's famous paddle wheels, one can hear the clang of the telegraph as the Captain sends instructions to turn the paddles ahead or astern. On deck, the crew operate Waverley's steam powered Windlass at the bow and the Capstan aft as the ship arrives and berths at the piers we visit.

Almost all of Waverley's machinery including the steering and all the main pumps are powered by steam from her two-massive oil-fired boilers.

2017 marked 70 years since Waverley's maiden voyage on 16 June, 1947.

Waverley's operators claim she is "probably the most photographed ship in the world".



Deborah Tearle

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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 - March 2018



- To which Empire Café does this Menu belong?

A visitor brought in this menu for an “Empire Café” menu. The Bill of Fare was found when the timber backing of a framed picture was removed.



The picture in the frame was the picture to the left.

Has anybody ever seen a view of the foreshore with the large palm tree and the low dark building on the left?

The Empire Theatre, on the corner of the Esplanade and Charlotte Street was built in 1915 by Mr Martin, who also owned a Real Estate development by the present day Memorial Park. The Empire Theatre was a two storied building with the hall for dances and cinema shows upstairs and two shops on the ground floor. The Theatre burnt down in 1922.

When searching the internet for “Empire Café” there are very many in Queensland. The nearest to Wynnum was at Sandgate, associated with a large residential block. If there is no recognition here in Wynnum Manly I will pass the photos on to Sandgate Historical Society.

- Another fire – on the site of the Empire Theatre



This fire is on the site of the Empire Theatre about 1980. The blaze is in an Embroidery Shop, early one morning.



The photos were given to us as a result of our display on the foreshore on Australia Day.

- School Slate

A lady came into the Resource Room wanting to buy a school slate. Is anybody able to oblige?

Till next time Jill

Do you know if this plan ever came into fruition?

As reported in the Wynnum Herald of 13 January 1980

“Tip plan has Lota folk up in arms”

A NEW replacement refuse disposal site for the Wynnum tip has Lota residents up in arms.

Residents complained to the Herald this week about the proposal.

The proposal has been put forward by the Department of Health and Community Services of the Brisbane City Council for a householders' rubbish tip on council land bounded by Boondara Street, Herbert Street and Keyes Street, Lota.

Residents are concerned about the health aspect for young children in the area.

Study design

Residents were advised by the Health and Community Services that they could study the layout and design and the proposed method of operation which will accompany the plan.

They also were advised that the old sanitary depot had become overgrown and was badly in need of development.

The department said the tip would be located well away from schools and settled areas and would negate two primary purposes of sanitary land fill to provide citizens with a disposal area within a reasonable distance and secondly to provide recreation areas.

Mounds of earth will be constructed to shield the tip from direct view.

The area will be no closer than 60 metres away from the rear boundary of property, the Department said.

Ample time

Council said the public would have ample time to study the proposal before any action was taken to obtain State Government approval.

Ald. Don Randall (Waterloo Bay) said that he had requested the department look at other sites further away from residential areas.

He has suggested that an alternative site be investigated at Chelsea Road, Ransome.

A detailed map of the proposed site is available at Ald. Randall's office between 8.45 am and 4.15 pm Monday to Friday.

Objections to the proposal can be forwarded to the Waterloo Bay Ward Office, Civic Centre, Charlotte Street, Wynnum.

Wynnum Herald Wednesday January 23 1980

Transcribed by Heather Langston

The first Cemetery in Brisbane.

Brisbane Town was founded in 1824, but known then as the Moreton Bay Settlement, on the northern bank of the Brisbane River around the present site of the entrance to the Victoria Bridge.

The first Chaplain of the Moreton Bay Settlement, on 2 May 1829 made the comment that

“There is no church. A large room is used in Prisoners' Barracks and Parsonage for Officer's families. The burial ground is very remote and very small and difficult to dig. Two men take 6 - 7 hours to prepare a grave. We need a new spot within a wall.”

This burial ground was in Skew Street, which today is the short street leading off the William Jolly Bridge.

Between 1844 and 1870 Paddington Cemetery was Brisbane Town's main cemetery, but the land was resumed by the Government in 1911. 186 bodies were reburied and 136 memorials were removed, mainly to Toowong Cemetery. However in 1913 some memorials and headstones transferred to small reserve next to Christ Church, Milton.

By 1914 Paddington Cemetery was a Recreation Reserve, named Lang Park and in 1994 was re-named Suncorp Stadium.

Jill

Col Brown's Local History Collection



As most of you will know, Col has moved to Bagarra to be closer to his daughter. Col has been collecting the local history of the district for many, many years and generously gave the collection to the Society to amalgamate with the information we already hold.

We thank you Col for collecting all this information about Wynnum, Manly, Lota and District, and now passing the newspapers, documents on to the Society.

Our first task is in progress, We have started to look through the eight boxes of newspaper cuttings and will be fully occupied for quite a while. We have recognised Col's filing system - all the topics are in alphabetical order.

Invitation to Visit “Kingscliffe”

60 Gordon Parade, Manly



Peter and Dianna Chalk have invited 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.

We will decide on final numbers at the 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

The Continuation of the Birchley Story.

Those of you who were at the February 2018 monthly meeting will recognise this building located on the corner of Bay Terrace and Florence Street. On this site in 1896, Herbert Vincent Birchley opened a general store, probably constructed of timber.

The store was rebuilt in 1901 of “stronger materials” that is of brick, and remains with us today. Herbert Vincent Birchley had already opened his first store in South Brisbane in 1890.

Son, Herbert James Birchley, was proprietor of the Wynnum store in the 1920’s, his father Herbert Vincent remaining at West End. Herbert James aspired to a higher calling and qualified as a doctor at Sydney University in 1934. He practised at 245 Old Cleveland Road in Coorparoo as a General Practitioner.



Herbert James Birchley’s wife Marjorie Nelson Birchley (nee Barter) did not take to the life of the wife of a General Practitioner and moved back to Dornock Parade, South Brisbane, from whence she had come. The talk, last month, ended with Marjorie taking James to Court, not for a divorce but for an increase in her living allowance from £5/0/0 per week to £6/10/0 per week.

Next Instalment:

Since last month we have now found the following information, reported on 10 August 1941 in the *Truth*. Dr Birchley was contesting his wife’s claim for support, when the hearing resumed . . .

“The doctor emphatically denied all his wife’s allegations of cruelty, that he had been brutal and claimed he had always treated his wife properly. He moved quickly from room to room to avoid conflict. Mrs Birchley had aggressive and glaring eyes at times and had made false charges against him, raved unjustly and had struck him frequently. The doctor admitted that his wife had a very bad temper.

Mrs Birchley denied that she did all the punching and hitting that went on in the house. She denied that she kicked the surgery door and knocked at the door with a hammer while the doctor was attending to patients.

Mrs Birchley alleged she once wrote out a cheque for £50 and asked the doctor to sign it. However he would not sign, she added.

The doctor said he and his wife got along very well for years and his wife had many excellent points. He had always given her plenty of money and even bought a car of her own. The trouble started after July 1936. “

But the case was again adjourned, so we do not know if Mrs Birchley received the rise from £5 to £6/10/00 for her weekly allowance.

Ellen and Jill

Wynnum Manly Historical Society Inc.

Minutes of Annual General Meeting of 16 March 2017

held in the Ambulance Museum, Tingal Road, Wynnum.

Meeting opened at 7.45pm, chaired by President Jan Parnell.

31 members were present and 3 apologies were received.

(Attendance sheets are held by the Membership Secretary)

Minutes of Previous Meeting held on 17 March 2016, as presented in the Newsletter were accepted by Myrtle Beitz, seconded by Lena McCreadie.

President, Jan Parnell presented her annual report. She commented on the Club's activities during the past year. She then thanked the members of the committee for their willing contributions and of all of the ordinary members who gave of their time to make the club success. She looked forward to the coming year. Myrtle Beitz thanked Jan for her report.

The Treasurer's Report. A summary of the audited financial report for 2016 was presented, a copy of which is attached. The income and expenditure amongst the various activities within the Society was commented upon in detail.

The report was moved by Deborah Tearle, seconded by Lyn Shanks.

All **Committee positions** were declared vacant. As there was only one nomination for each position the following people were elected:-

President	Deborah Tearle	Vice President :	Jan Parnell
Secretary:	Lena McCreadie	Treasurer:	Sandy Liddle
Librarian:	Jill Greenhill		
Committee Members:	Myrtle Beitz, Noela Stratton, Ellen Coupland, Mitch Parsons and Carol Corless.		

Appointment of Auditor:

Member Ross Hodson has agreed to audit the books for 2017.

Appointment of Patrons:

Peter Cumming, Councillor for Wynnum Manly and Joan Pease, State Member for Wynnum accepted their invitations to become Patrons of the Society. Joan thanked the Society for its contribution within the life of the community and presented the Society with \$300.00.

The meeting closed at 8.10pm.

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? February 2018



The roof line of Birchley’s store located on the south west corner of Florence Street and Bay Terrace.

The building now houses “The Olive Café”.

Where am I? March 2018



Series Creek to Creek

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Series CREEK TO CREEK

No 32

A post card looking to the Manly Kiosk and swimming enclosure at the end of the Manly Jetty. Birt Port would hoist a red flag on the Manly Jetty and ring a bell to alert local people to come to buy their 2/- worth of fresh fish when the Port fishermen came in with a catch of deep sea mullet. Edwin Bertram Port was the first licensee of the Manly Pavllion and kiosk together with the attached public tidal baths at the end of the Manly Jetty c1915. He was on the Town Council in 1913,4,5.



The Pier, Manly, Q.

Wynnum Manly Historical Society Inc

Minutes of General Meeting held at Meeting Room 3 in Wynnum Public Library

on Sunday 1 February 2018

The meeting was opened at 1.30pm. 29 members were present, there were 3 visitors, Pat Zohn, Lola Prestwidge and Pat Bishop 4 apologies were received.

President Debbie Tearle opened the meeting, welcoming everybody to the new venue.

Previous Minutes:

Minutes of Meeting of 16 November 2017 were accepted by Ellen Coupland and seconded by Noela Stratton..

Correspondence:

Lena McCreadie presented the correspondence for December 2017 and January 2018. The correspondence was accepted and endorsed at the committee meeting on Thursday 1 February 2018.

Treasurers Report

BOQ A/c No 20139708	<u>1 December 2017 – 31 January 2018</u>	
Opening balance at 1 December 2017		\$35,969.14
Everyday Account		
Income	\$839.50	
Expenditure	\$795.23	
Closing balance at 31 January 2018		\$ 5,253.83
Websaver Account at 31 January 2018 (Inc. interest \$ 66.37)		\$30,825.95
TOTAL FUNDS AS AT 31 JANUARY 2018		\$36,079.78

Resource Centre: Peter and Diana Chalk, the owners of “Kingscliffe”, 60 Gordon Parade Manly, a house believed to be the third oldest house in Manly have invited the Society to view inside the house, even a view from the roof and for afternoon tea on Sunday 25 March 2018. Those wishing to go to sign today or visit the History Room in the Wynnum Community Centre.

The Society has been donated an old “Empire Café” Menu painted on the reverse side of a backing of a photograph of a large beachside spikey Palm tree. There are many Empire Café’s in Trove. The Empire Theatre in Wynnum was built in 1915 and burnt down in 1922. So if nobody can recognise the beach scene of the photo as being in Wynnum, Sandgate Historical Society will be contacted to see if the menu might have belonged to the Empire Café there.

The “Where am I” picture for this month showed the upper storey of “Birchley’s store on the corner of Bay Terrace and Florence Street.

Calendar:

All the Society 2018 Calendars were sold before Christmas.

Outing: All the Brisbane Cruises boat trips in 2018 are on weekdays, due to the tides. Our trips are usually on Saturdays to cater for people who have not retired. The audience was asked for suggestions as to where they would like to go.

Annual General Meeting 2018

The meeting will be held on Sunday 18 March at approx. 2pm in Meeting Room 3 of Wynnum Library. Nominations forms are available and more committee members are needed.

Speaker: Jill Greenhill and Ellen Coupland had researched the lives of the Birchley family who built the shop/s on the corner of Bay Terrace and Florence Street, the first of timber opened in 1896, the second of brick in 1901.

Jill presented the findings, from the parents in England, the four sons who came to Australia, the milk scams, two brothers leaving, Robert and Herbert staying, and to the next generation, Herbert James who practiced medicine.

The **Lucky Door prize** (\$5) was won by Mavis Wagner, the **Membership Draw** (\$5) by Margaret Bulloch and the raffles by Dennis O’Neill and Beth Mahoney.

The meeting closed at 2.40pm. Many thanks to the Committee for providing a delicious afternoon tea..

Our Committee...

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Life Members: Myrtle Beitz, Jill Greenhill, Noela Stratton

Friend of Society: John McIntyre

General Meetings

Welcome at Door and raffles: Jan Parnell, Lyn Shanks

Bring and Buy: Ellen Coupland

Afternoon Tea Co-ordination: Deborah Tearle

Raffle Prizes: Committee

Newsletters

Editor: Mitch Parsons

Distribution (email): Sandy Liddle

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Resource Centre

Volunteers: Ian Wheeler, Ian Kennedy, Col Brown, 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

When	Where	What's On
<p>March 11 2018</p> <p>12am-4pm</p> <p>Cost: Adult \$7, Concession \$5, Children \$2</p>	<p>Ormiston House</p> <p>277 Wellington Street</p> <p>Ormiston, Queensland 4000</p>	<p>Craft Expo</p> <p>See the wonderful art on display and for sale by art and craft groups in the Redlands. Enjoy a Devonshire Tea or sandwich on the verandah with friends and family while you visit!</p>
<p>March 14 2018</p> <p>1230-130pm</p>	<p>Commissariat Store</p> <p>115 William Street</p> <p>Brisbane, QLD 4000</p>	<p>Memorialising Irish Australians in Southeast Queensland, 1872-2017</p> <p>This presentation investigates Irish-Australian memorialisation in Southeast Queensland, from 1872 to 2017. The sample ranges from 1870s obelisks to a commemorative headstone in Nudgee Cemetery, unveiled in 2017.</p>
<p>March 17 2018</p> <p>1—230pm</p>	<p>Brisbane Square Library</p> <p>266 George Street</p> <p>Brisbane, Queensland 4000</p>	<p>World Science Festival film screening: Message from Mungo (G)</p> <p>To celebrate the World Science Festival, join us for a special screening of Message from Mungo. The film tells the story of the relationship between scientists and the custodians of Indigenous heritage at Lake Mungo, one of the world's richest archaeological sites. Bookings essential.</p>
<p>March 23 2018</p> <p>10am-5pm</p>	<p>Queensland Library</p> <p>Talbot Family Treasures Wall, level 4, State Library, Stanley Place, South Bank</p>	<p>Duty and Care</p> <p>Discover scrapbooks, letters, photographs and postcards from SLQ's First World War collections, preserved as powerful examples of women's wartime experiences. Understand the lives and relationships of Queensland women through treasured mementos of shared experiences, and their contribution as fundraisers, correspondents, performers, and providers of comfort and care.</p>
<p>March 25 2018</p> <p>11-12:30pm</p>	<p>QPS Headquarters</p> <p>200 Roma Street Brisbane</p>	<p>Dog Squad's Sergeant Sean Blaxendell to Bring in the Dogs</p>
<p>March 29 2018</p> <p>10 – 11am Bookings essential</p> <p>Phone Wynnum Library on 07 3403 2199 to reserve your place.</p>	<p>Wynnum Library</p> <p>145 Florence Street, Wynnum 4178 (above Woolworths)</p>	<p>Gumdale - the place and the people.</p> <p>Join Local Historian Robyn Nalder as she introduces the world of early Gumdale and the characters who created it.</p> <p>Bookings essential.</p>

Wynnum Manly Historical Society Inc.

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Wynnum Manly Historical Society inc.
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Membership costs per year (1 January to 31 December)

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High School Student \$10.00

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