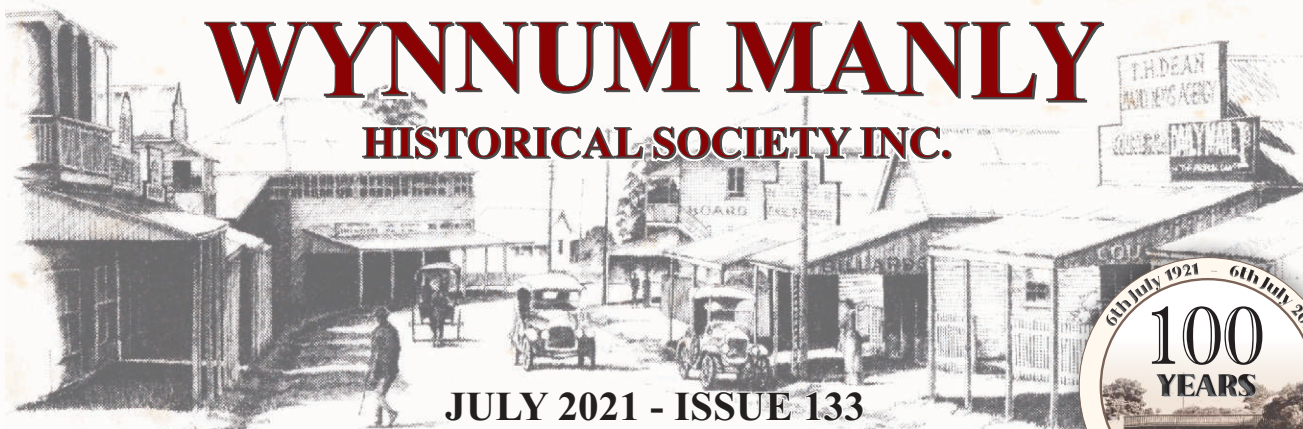
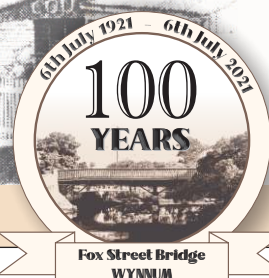


WYNNUM MANLY

HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.



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Special eight page lift out feature starts page 7

Fox Street Bridge Turns 100!

That grand ol' lady of Wynnnum celebrates her 100th Birthday on the 6th July 2021. Of course the Wynnnum Manly Historical Society Inc. wasn't going to let the milestone pass without a shindig befitting the beautiful and historic local landmark, and you're all invited!

Within these pages are a couple of very special messages, firstly our own Councillor for Wynnnum Manly Mr Peter Cumming. Peter has been a longtime supporter of the society, and is one of our Patrons. The Society humbly thanks the kind gentleman for his interest in our local history. Also sending a special message is Joan Pease MP, the State Member for Lytton, who is also a patron and very supportive of this society.

We've scoured the resource centre archives and searched high and low for interesting facts about the bridge and its history.

Learn about the new beautiful technology that is currently employed to fight the ongoing battle against corrosion and thus preserving the structure

It's also a time of reflection with the newsletter tapping into the research done by society stalwarts such as Jack Sands, whose father, Joe Sands, was the Wynnnum Town Council, Clerk and Engineer at the time the bridge was opened. Jack's well researched work has been referenced throughout this celebratory issue of the society newsletter.

Myrtle Beitz and her late husband Merv, must rate a special mention also. Myrtle gave access to old photographs and recollections having been present at the unveiling of a replacement plaque, the original having been stolen, that was one of the first big events held by this society.

If anybody has old photographs or recollections of the structure the society would love to see them.

Happy Birthday Foxy Lady, you are believed to be the OLDEST surviving bridge in the City of Brisbane. Cheers! ■



'Wynnnum Bridge', at the time of its opening in 1921.

Photo kindly supplied by Myrtle Beitz

Old Manly Garage up for grabs

Expressions of interest are being called for the four lots at the corner of 209 Carlton Terrace, Manly. The lots total 1804sqm and include the old Manly Garage building.

Zoned LMR2 Low-Medium Density Residential (2-3 Story Mix). Additionally the sign onsite lists, "Scope: Multi-Level Construction - Residential/Commercial Mix. Located 130m to Manly State School, 160m to Manly Train Station.

Current building size on the blocks is 703 Sqm with PRIOR APPROVAL TO DEMOLISH. RE/MAX Wynnnum is handling the sale. ■



Manly Garage, June 2021.

Photo Sid Weiss

Manly Garage,

J. GIERKE, Proprietor.

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CARS FOR HIRE.

Brisbane Courier, Thurs 24 Oct 1929, p 9. Courtesy TROVE NLA.

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JULY GENERAL MEETING

When: Thursday, 15 July 2021 at 7.00pm

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

Speaker: Thom Blake

Topic: Frances Who? Manly's first female property developer

CANCELLED

Due to the latest COVID restrictions the committee has decided to **CANCEL** the upcoming **GENERAL MEETING** in the interests of everyone's safety and wellbeing. Sorry for any inconvenience.

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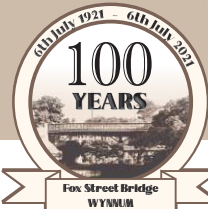
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From the President

Welcome to our "new look" July 2021 newsletter.

BREAKING NEWS – As a consequence of the current COVID 19 situation, our July general meeting has been cancelled. We wish to ensure the safety of our members and visitors and do not feel the risk to your health by holding a meeting in these uncertain times is warranted. Hopefully the situation will have settled by the time we come to our August meeting. The Resource Centre will also be **CLOSED until Monday, 19 July 2021.**

We would also like to apologise to those who attempted to Zoom into last month's meeting. Unfortunately there was no internet connectivity available on the night and also no-one available to set it up. In order to avoid future disappointment, we will NOT be offering Zoom as a meeting choice for the foreseeable future. We are currently reviewing whether to offer this as a service to members in the future bearing in mind the lack of tech savvy volunteers willing to assist with it on the night.

Speaking of volunteers, I would like to extend my thanks to Sid Weiss for agreeing to join the Committee and to take over the Newsletter Editor role. Sid has over 35 years of printing industry skills behind him. He is keen to know what you think of the new look newsletter.

What do you like? Is there anything you don't like? Any suggestions for future issues? Please don't be shy. He is very approachable and open to receiving both positive and negative comments from members. Let him know what you think. It is only by receiving your feedback that we know what you, our members, want to see in the newsletter and the format it should take.

The Society is proud to bring to everyone's attention the fact that the Fox Street bridge is turning 100 this month. To mark and commemorate the event, this month's newsletter features a special liftout dedicated to this very important occasion. A huge thank you needs to go to our new Newsletter Editor, Sid, for the countless hours he has devoted to preparing this special tribute.

Till next month,



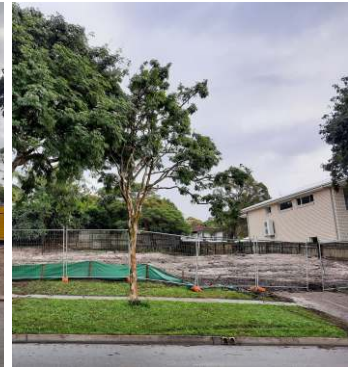
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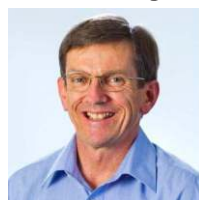
News continued...

Going ...Going ...GONE



The white hot real estate market is fueling renewal of our suburbs as this demolition of two adjoining lots in Curtis Street Manly West clearly shows. *Photos Sidney Weiss, June 2021*

A very special Thank-You to our Patron



Cr Peter Cumming

The WMHS Inc. and the Fox Street Bridge Centenary was prominent in the Councillor Peter Cumming mail out, 'Wynnum Community News'. Raising awareness of the Anniversary was a goal of the WMHS Inc. and Peter has certainly contributed to that. You can subscribe to his newsletter at...
wynnummanly.ward@bcc.qld.gov.au



Look for special

'Fox Street Bridge 100 Year Anniversary' messages from....

Councillor Peter Cumming
and
Joan Pease MP

In this issue!



Next Tuesday our very own Fox St Bridge will celebrate its 100th Anniversary

It was originally opened on the 6th July 1921.
The Bridge is in Fox Street, Wynnum, over Wynnum Creek. It has Greene Park to the north and Wynnum Esplanade to the south.
It was officially opened by Hon J.A. Fihelly M.L.A. Treasurer and Minister for Works, the Mayor of Wynnum Ald R. Russell and Wynnum Council Aldermen.
The new bridge built of concrete and galvanised metal replaced a failing wooden structure that crossed the creek and was built in 1899.
(Thanks to the Wynnum Manly Historical Society for this image and information).

JULY 2021 Football Club marks 100 years in the district



Jill Greenhill
Librarian

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Wynnum Wolves celebrated their Centenary on Sunday 20 June 2021. They are based at Boundary Road Tingalpa.

Bayside United Football Club are about 50 years old and broke away from Wynnum Wolves. Their home base is at Andrew Street, Lota.



But both teams recently celebrated a joint Reunion Day on 20 June 2021, arranged by Wynnum Wolves. So when did Bayside United Football Club play their first game?



The "Majestic Cinema" Group

How many of you have visited Wynnum's new cinema?

"Majestic Cinemas" are a successful independent cinema company with multi-screen operations, first opened in regional NSW.

Their first cinema in Queensland opened in 2016 in Nambour, in the former Civic Centre space. This cinema was opened to act as an entertainment hub for Nambour and the Hinterland. The theatre is available as a live performance venue for the performing arts and auditoriums available for community events such as school speech nights.

Wynnum's new Majestic Cinema is the second Majestic Cinema established in Queensland and opened in Berrima Street in Wynnum in April 2021, opposite the Waterloo Bay



Hotel. Audiences still need to grow.

In their other locations in NSW, Majestic's cinemas are widely used by the communities, being available for hire for corporate and community events, special interest groups, fund raising opportunities, school and vacation care/holiday groups and film festivals.

NSW Majestic cinemas have been launched over the last 20 years - in 2002 at Nambucca Heads, in 2005 at Inverell and Singleton, in 2006 at Port Macquarie, in 2007 at The Entrance and in 2015 at Sawtell.

Wynnum's cinema has six screens, a coffee bar with snacks, as well as the usual Candy Bar. Why not join the Majestic Club (\$25pa) and get specials and reduced entry rates (except the Lounge Cinemas 1 and 2, where one can relax in reclining chairs)? There is a large, lower-ground floor car park - plenty of space.

See you there!, Till next time,
Jill

Resource Centre opening hours

Monday to Friday
10am - 12noon.
(when possible.)

Wynnum Community Centre,
Room 1.08,
105 Florence Street,
Wynnum.



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Due to the latest COVID restrictions the Resource Centre will be....

CLOSED

until Monday, 19 July 2021.

Check with Jill, 0407 293 177 if you intend visiting us, to make sure that someone is in the Room.

When visiting the Resource Centre bring your mobile phone, as you can sign in electronically, for Qld Covid requirements.

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Sand Garden Competition - Summer of 1923

SAND GARDEN COMPETITION.
PHOTOGRAPHS OF WINNERS.

“Up to 130 children took part at Wynnum South. Their displays were enjoyed by the large crowd of holiday makers and residents”.

“DAILY MAIL TROPHY”

Rules to be observed.

1. The garden must be completed on the portion of the foreshore set apart for that purpose
2. It must be the bona-fide work of the competitor.
3. The materials used to construct the garden must be such that they are found on the foreshore
4. Prize winners will be debarred from taking part in any further sand garden competition of this series, with the exception of the final competition.
5. The decision of the adjudicators must be considered final.
6. The prizes will be presented on the spot.

**New Year's Day:
THE COOLANGATTA SAND
GARDEN COMPETITION
will be held on Kirra
Beach at 2p.m.**



Wynnum Foreshore showing original bandstand c. 1920s

PRIZES

- First Prize . . . One Pound
- Second prize . . . Ten Shillings
- Third Prize . . . Five shillings
- Consolation Prizes . . . Books



Source Daily Mail , Saturday 27 January 1923, page 12, and 29 December 1923. Courtesy TROVE NLA.

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BESSIE CAIRNS.
First prize winner at Wynnum.



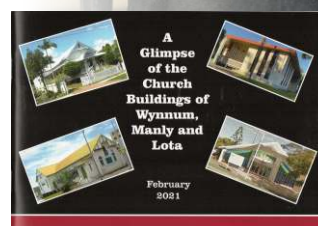
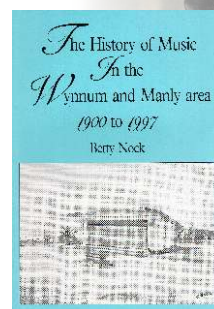
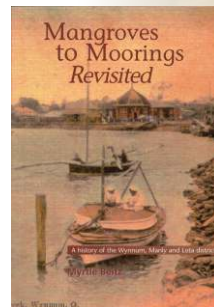
ELSIE CAVANAGH (Manly).
Second prize winner at Wynnum
and third prize winner at Manly.



HAZEL McGREGOR (Sherwood).
First prize winner at Manly.

Publications for sale

- 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



**Wynnum Community Centre,
Room 1.08, 105 Florence Street, Wynnum-
Mon to Fri 10am to Noon.**

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The Wynnum Progress Association opened its campaign at a well attended meeting at the Town Hall on Thursday Night. Mr. S. S. Hooper occupied the chair, and addresses were delivered by Messrs. H. Scott, H. G. Randall and E. Tardent (candidate's for No. 1 ward), and Messrs. W. Atkin, J. Paterson, and G. Traulweiler (candidates for No. 2 ward). The speakers stressed the point that the association deprecated the introduction of party politics into local government affairs, and that the association was open to all residents desirous of promoting the interests of the district. They reminded those present that by its unceasing activity the association was responsible for the frustration of the purchase of the local gasworks by the town council, and the provision of the present up-to-date railway time table. They also referred to

the numerous difficulties experienced by the association in its fight with the local council to secure an effective water service, and pointed out that in 1914 the cost thereof would have been in the neighbourhood of £10,000, whereas the price now involved had exceeded that estimate by over 100 per cent.

They also invited attention to the construction of the Fox street bridge, the original estimate of which was £1,760, whereas the price to date was nearly £10,000. Both cases were indications of the late council's inefficiency or incompetency.

The various candidates also dealt with street lighting, public utilities and works, parks, town planning, health, drainage, and road construction, a local hospital and Improved educational facilities.

A vote of confidence, moved by Mr. McCaffrey, was carried by acclamation.

Telegraph, Saturday 16 July 1921, page 15
Courtesy of Trove N.L.A.

WYNNUM'S WANTS.

(To the Editor)

Sir, - Like the boy on the rocking-horse, the so-called progressive alderman of Wynnum have been going at a great rate- but always in the same pace. For instance the town of Wynnum as shown on the Government maps is situated in a beautiful, well drained position between the railway station and the bay. The splendid beach frontage is still left in a neglected state in spite of the fact that several substantial dwelling houses have been erected, and the whole has been subdivided and sold for building purposes. The deplorable state of the roads, sanitary arrangements, absence of gas and water mains, and station accommodation, keep the town in a state of stagnation, while a bridge has been erected at a cost of £7000 at Wynnum Creek and an enormous amount of money spent in improvements on the foreshores of Wynnum and Manly.

Yours, etc,

A.CANTLE, Senr.

Wynnum North, July 29, 1921.

Daily Mail, Friday 29 July 1921, page 8.
Courtesy of Trove N.L.A.

"Real Men would have scoffed at softened, sanitized toilet paper!"

NB. Sewage/Sewerage is the effluent (waste). The Sewerage system is the system of drainage through sewers.

Adelaide was the first city to introduce a functional water-borne sewer in 1881 and, by 1955, had 75% of the city suburbs sewered.

Sydney had the first sewer-designed scheme in 1886 and 50% of households were sewered by the beginning of WWII. (1940s)

Melbourne, the continents largest city, was known as "Smellbourne" before the first houses were connected to a sewer in 1897.

BUT BRISBANE, still had 'night-soil' collections until the late 1960s.

In Brisbane, in 1960, a report was tabled commenting on the increase in the cases of Hepatitis in non-sewered areas.

The next year, in April, Alderman Groom announced that the "City Council Citizen's Municipal Organisation Administration" intended, to start work at **WYNNUM** in the next two years, on a separate sewerage system to serve a population of 41,676 persons at a cost of £2,722,600.00. (In 1928 a sewerage system for Wynnum was estimated to cost £500,000.00).

On May 26th 1961, Alderman Doyle (City Council Works Committee) announced that sites had been obtained for local treatment plants in Wynnum, but no start could be made on the design due to shortage of staff. So, in June 1961, members of the Wynnum community set up a local Wynnum District Sewerage Committee to push for the implementation of a sewerage system in this district. The Committee found that the State Government had reduced the subsidy to the Brisbane City Council on sewerage works from 50% to 40%.

New Lord Mayor, Clem Jones, in 1961 pointed to the "City Council Citizen's Municipal Organisation Administration", which had been in charge for the previous 19 years. Clem Jones maintained that the Administration did not raise sufficient funding and had failed to

carry out essential capital works. This was the primary cause for lack of a sewerage system throughout all the Brisbane suburbs.

In his first week in office, Lord Mayor Jones investigated the whole sewerage system situation throughout Brisbane, defined a program so that everybody was aware of what is required to sewer a city and to know what was happening, when and where. (Courier Mail 30.04.1961) In July 1961 he was given full support to look for sources of loan money for use to pay to sewer Brisbane. In the 1961-62 City Budget, the new administration provided more funding for the construction of sewerage systems.

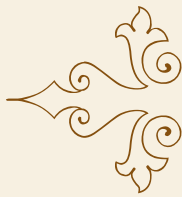
By 1964 work was already in progress on a £1,538,300 scheme in Wynnum to provide a sewerage system to cater for 21,400 persons, and the first houses were already connected to the scheme in Wynnum.

"By 1980 75% of Brisbane may be connected to a sewerage scheme." This statement was made in the press, followed a report by medical authorities that there was a current outbreak of gastro-enteritis! (Courier Mail 4 Jan 1964)



Article contribution by Jill Greenhill.

Postcard from Wynnum Manly



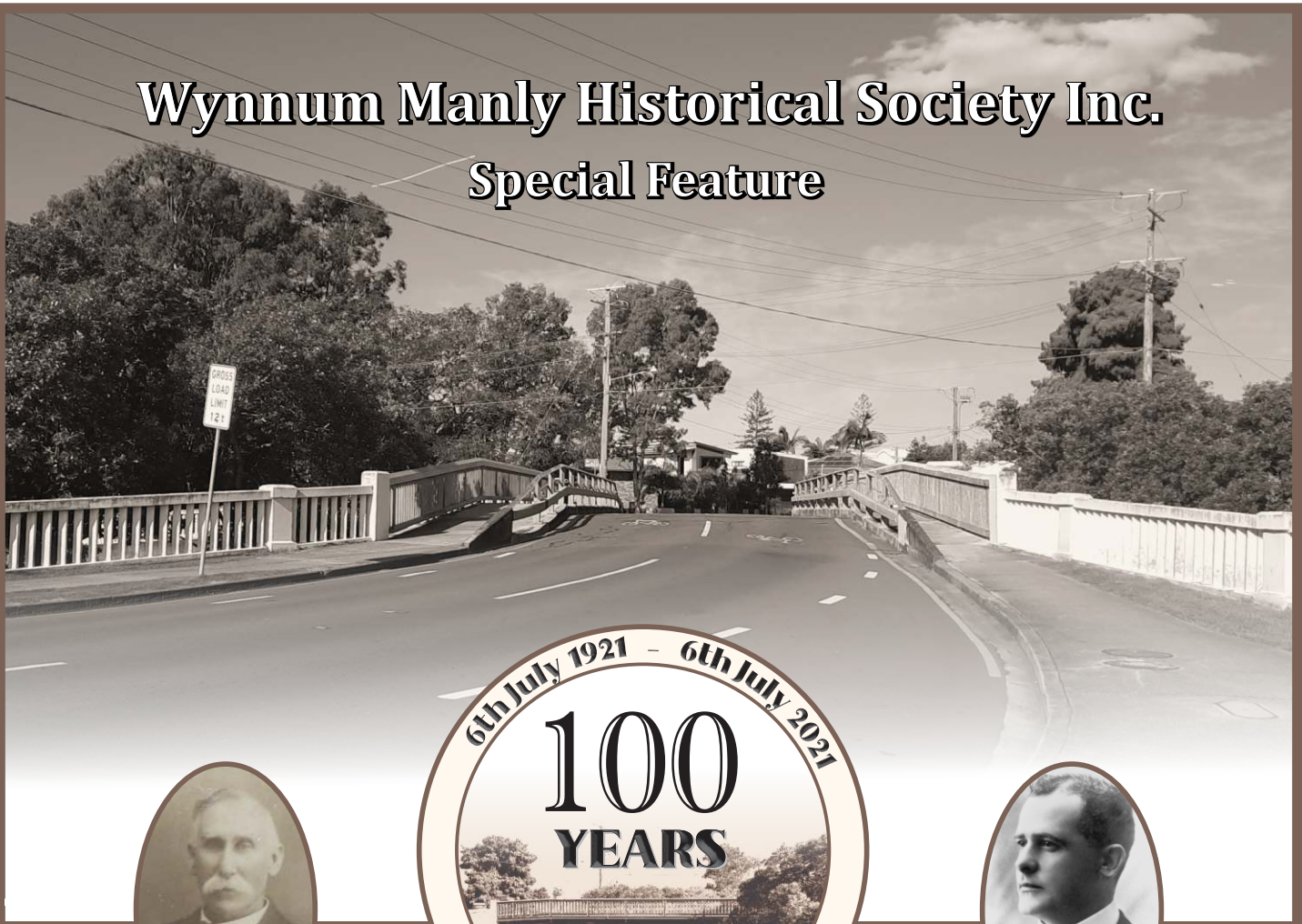
Dear Jess. (King St. Wynnum)
Received Mother letter & was glad to hear you were all well. Have you left Lympie yet. I will be soon going away from Wynnum. I have had a nice long Holiday & have enjoyed myself. Dont forget to let me know when you are going. Hoping you are all well as I am well. With love to all
from. Auntie Jen

Miss Jessie Gladys Whay
c/o Mr Whay
Post Office
Lympie

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Wynnum Manly Historical Society Inc.

Special Feature



Mayor of Wynnum
Mr. Richard Russell



The Hon. John Arthur Fihelly
25th Qld State Treasurer

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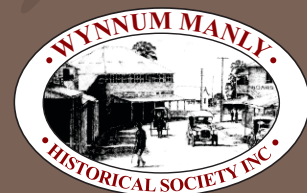


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Fox Street Bridge

Wynnum





Editorial by Sidney Weiss

The Opening of Wynnum Bridge

In this special feature we are celebrating the opening of the Fox Street bridge, that is the concrete bridge that still stands proudly to this day. Its longevity lays testament to how solidly well-built the structure is, but at one point it almost wasn't so. Many of us use the structure daily without a second thought to the trials and tribulations the then Wynnum Town Council experienced for the grand span to come to fruition. The Fox Street Bridge was officially opened on the 6th of July 1921, when a ministerial car drove across its span, breaking the red, white, and blue ribbon which had been stretched from pillar to pillar.

In attendance were the Mayor of Wynnum, its aldermen and a large crowd of residents who welcomed the Queensland State Treasurer, Mr Fihelly, accompanied by his wife, and other visitors. Included in the official party was the local member of parliament, Hon. W. H. Barnes, M.L.A. state member for Wynnum, the Mayor of South Brisbane, Ald. A. Faulkner, the chairman of the Stephens Shire Council, Cr. F. A. Stimpson, as well as various other representatives of adjoining shire councils⁽¹⁾.

The progress of Wynnum at the time was duly noted by Mr Barnes M.L.A.. Barnes, had previously been the member for Bulimba before successfully making the transition to Wynnum in 1918, a position he held till his death in 1933. Differences, politics, and previous wrangling over funding were put aside on the day, in the spirit of acknowledging this significant milestone in Wynnum's progress.

Cost blow outs

While Messrs. T. Kirk and Sons had prepared the original plans and provided estimates for construction at £1,767, the lowest tender for the carrying out of the work was around £2,000. A proposition the council balked at, and in a decision, it was no doubt later to regret, decided to proceed with the construction of the bridge itself⁽²⁾. Subsequent cost blowouts and further design enhancements such as the approaches meant the final bill came in at approximately £8000. The bridge itself is 60ft. long and 23ft. wide but in addition there are two large wings and 500ft of retaining walls⁽³⁾. It is the later additions, that were not included in original

estimates played into a narrative of incompetence and cost blow outs leveled at the local council. When the Wynnum Town Council deputation approached then State Treasurer Mr. Fihelly for further funds in August of 1920 they faced a very public dressing down, "The next time the Wynnum Council wants a loan we will have to make some closer inquiry ourselves to the probable cost of the work involved. You will have to get this additional money as the work already done would be useless without it, but it is given with a very bad grace. I assure you"⁽⁴⁾. Such tribulations were brushed aside at the official opening when Mr. Fihelly expressed pleasure at seeing the bridge completed. When the Mayor said that the bridge would last for the next 100 years many would recognise that they had an excellent structure⁽⁵⁾.

Naming of 'Fox Street', 'Fox's Bridge' and 'Wynnum Bridge'.

In the early days the main shopping area of Wynnum was centered around the bottom of Glenora Street, then known as King Street. Shop keepers wanted to get a slice of the action as the esplanade on the other side of the creek, attracted an ever increasing amount of day trippers and tourists. Bay Terrace began to grow rapidly and began to usurp, the 'original Wynnum', that lay over the other side of the creek. A footbridge of dubious construction joining the north and south banks of Wynnum Creek was the only connection⁽⁶⁾.

Then licensee of the Wynnum Hotel, Henry George Fox, moved, - "That steps be taken by the board to resume a road one chain wide from King-street across the reserve to the new footbridge over Wynnum Creek." at a Kianawah board meeting in August of 1891. While it was an astute business decision, and in his own interests to have a road run immediately past his hotel, he found some allies. Local boat owners didn't want to see a bridge at the mouth of the creek either, which thereby would restrict their access to mooring within the creek.

A lapse of several years was to occur until a committee of 14 members was formed by the ratepayers of Division 1. They met on the 28th February 1898, with the task of finding a means to fund a more substantial bridge. Some four months later, in June of 1898, tenders were to be



Quick Facts

11th July 1891

A petition is read from a number of ratepayers of Wynnum, adopted at a public meeting, asking for a bridge over Wynnum Creek in substitution of the footbridge damaged and rendered unsafe by the late gale.

3rd August 1891

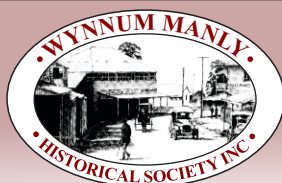
Mr. Fox moved, - "That steps be taken by the board to resume a road one chain wide from King-street across the reserve to the new footbridge over Wynnum Creek."

10th December 1898

Of timber construction, the first vehicular bridge, 'Fox's Bridge' is officially opened by the Hon. J. R. Dickson, Queensland State Premier. Mr. Dickson declared the new bridge open for traffic, giving it the name of 'Fox's bridge', after a well known lady resident.

6th July 1921

A new concrete span 'Wynnum Bridge', is officially opened by state Treasurer Mr J. A. Finely in the presence of the Wynnum Town Council and interested spectators.



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the Fox Street Bridge Wynnum - 2021

called for the erection of a bridge across Wynnum Creek on the present site of the footbridge at Fox Street. Separate tenders were to be called for the approaches to the aforesaid Bridge⁽⁷⁾.

When the structure was opened on the 10th December 1898. Then Queensland State Premier Dixon declared the name of the bridge 'Fox's Bridge', after a prominent local lady ie. Mrs H. G. Fox. Mr Fox, of Kent Villa, Wynnum, passed away later on the 20th March 1899, but not before he saw that timber bridge named in his wife's honour.

The Promoters of the structure received, and rightly deserved, the hearty praise afforded them by the Premier, the local correspondent to the Brisbane Courier reported⁽⁸⁾. The fact this new bridge opened just nine and a half months after its conception, and without being encumbered by any debt is testament to the skill of its builders and tenacity of the committee entrusted to oversee its construction. Opening of 'Fox's bridge' proved a great convenience to vehicular traffic and cyclists of the era⁽⁹⁾.

When the current bridge opened in 1921 it was referred to on the original plaque (see story page 12) as 'Wynnum Bridge', this has now evolved to 'Fox Street Bridge'.



These foot bridges were located further up Wynnum Creek and connected Creek Street to St Catherines Terrace.

Wynnum Creek foot bridges

When the Kianawah Divisional Board met in June of 1891, it considered the 'Wynnum Creek bridge' question, whereby it was decided to refer the matter to the Improvement Committee for their consideration and report. The feeling at the meeting was in favour of the erection of a substantial traffic bridge at south end of the reserve instead of the temporary one now existing at the mouth of the creek⁽¹⁰⁾.

In July 1891, the same year a petition was read from a number of ratepayers of Wynnum, adopted at a public meeting, asking for a bridge over Wynnum Creek in substitution of the footbridge damaged and rendered unsafe by the late gale⁽¹¹⁾. After having

been referred to a committee which agreed to expend a sum not exceeding £40 for a footbridge over the creek.

The reference to the footbridge at the mouth of Wynnum Creek, at the Kianawah Board meeting in June 1891, confirms it was a different structure, or at the very least, a different location to the 'new footbridge' to which Mr Fox wanted his road to join to. This 'new' footbridge site may have been upgraded to the site of the first vehicular carrying structure, 'Fox's Bridge'.

Additionally, it is documented that two parallel running footbridges existed further upstream, the first of which was known as 'Cunningham's Gap', was a single plank atop a row of single piles which connected Creek Street to St Catherine Terrace, where Cr Cunningham lived⁽¹²⁾. There may have been other footbridges as well as those documented above but, the memory of which, like the structures themselves could have been blown or washed away over time.

The first shovel is turned.

On the 3rd of February 1919, the Mayor of Wynnum, Alderman Russell, placed the first shovel-full of concrete for the new Fox Street Bridge⁽¹³⁾. As recorded in the paper presented to the WMHS Inc back in 1997 by Jack Sands, "It was a good start, but the work did not go very well. It was in the hands of a contractor who it turned out, was not competent. He failed to excavate the foundation of the abutment wall properly and then it started to fall out of plumb. My father, who was shire engineer at the time saw what was happening and sacked him on the spot"⁽¹⁴⁾.

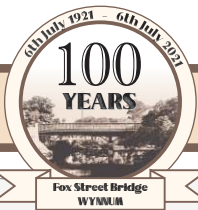
Some 18 months after that first shovel had been turned, a deputation made by the Wynnum Town Council to then Treasurer Fihelly explained, "...owing to the nature of the foundations, and through no fault of the Council, it had now been found that a good deal of underpinning would have to be done, and some of the work would require to be pulled down and rebuilt in order to secure a solid foundation"⁽¹⁵⁾. While Fihelly succumbed to the request by the deputation for further funding, he had little choice as the work already completed would be useless without it, but not before dressing down the council in a very public scolding, which was reported in the newspapers of the day. The deputation advised in August of 1920 that the work would be completed by Christmas, a date which subsequently came and passed.

It was a race to the finish, as in June 1921 the Wynnum Town Council was advertising for Plasterers, "Wanted at once" and directing them to "apply on job, Wynnum Bridge, Fox St."⁽¹⁶⁾

Plans and other records

A search conducted by the Brisbane City Council archivist, Maggie Bond, failed to find any plans or records of the bridge due to its construction having taken place before the amalgamation of Brisbane with surrounding councils in 1925. Wynnum Town Council and many others were part of that union. Maggie was helpful in providing links to some images of the structure and surrounds from various eras, and gave direction to the entry on the

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1921 - The Centenary of the Opening of

1891

Kianawah Board Meeting

Mr. Fox moved,—“That steps be taken by the board to resume a road one chain wide from King-street across the reserve to the new footbridge over Wynnum Creek.” The motion was carried.

Queenslander , Saturday 8 August 1891, page 247
 Courtesy of Trove NLA.



1 Chain is equal to...

66 Feet
 22 Yards
 20.1168 Metres

1898

WYNNUM CREEK BRIDGE.

At the Wynnum Divisional Board meeting last night, Mr. Dart moved,—“That tenders be called for the erection of a bridge across Wynnum Creek, on the present site of the footbridge at Fox-street, according to plans and specifications already approved by the board.” “ That separate tenders be called for the approaches to said bridge, and that a special meeting be called for the purpose of considering aforesaid tenders.” Mr. Petersen seconded the motion, and stated that it was proposed to get a price for a bridge 18in. wider, which Mr. Cunningham considered a wise course, at the same time appealing to the board to well consider this question, with the view of giving facilities for boating. The motion on being put was carried unanimously.

Brisbane Courier, Thursday 9 June 1898, page 5
 Courtesy of Trove N.L.A.

10th December 1898

Of timber construction, the first vehicular bridge, is officially opened by the Hon. J. R. Dickson, Queensland State Premier. Mr. Dickson declared the new bridge open for traffic, giving it the name of ‘Fox’s bridge’, after a well known lady resident.



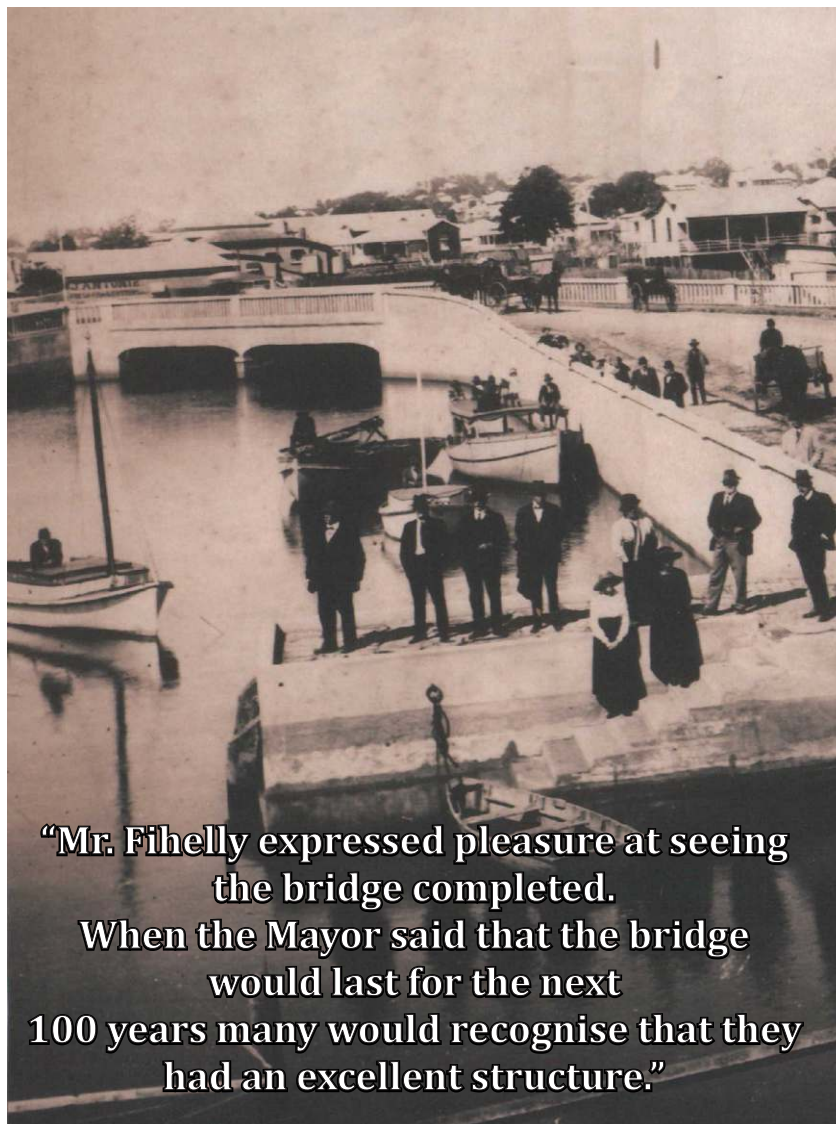
1920

MISCALCULATED COST. TOWN COUNCIL SCOLDED.

A request submitted yesterday for an additional loan to complete the Wynnum creek bridge at Fox-street, brought a critical reply from the State Treasurer.

Mr. Fihelly, addressing a deputation from the Wynnum Town Council said: “The next time the Wynnum Council wants a loan we will have to make some closer inquiry ourselves to the probable cost of the work involved. You will have to get this additional money as the work already done would be useless without it, but it is given with a very bad grace. I assure you”.

Daily Mail, Friday 27 August 1920, page 4
 Courtesy of Trove N.L.A.



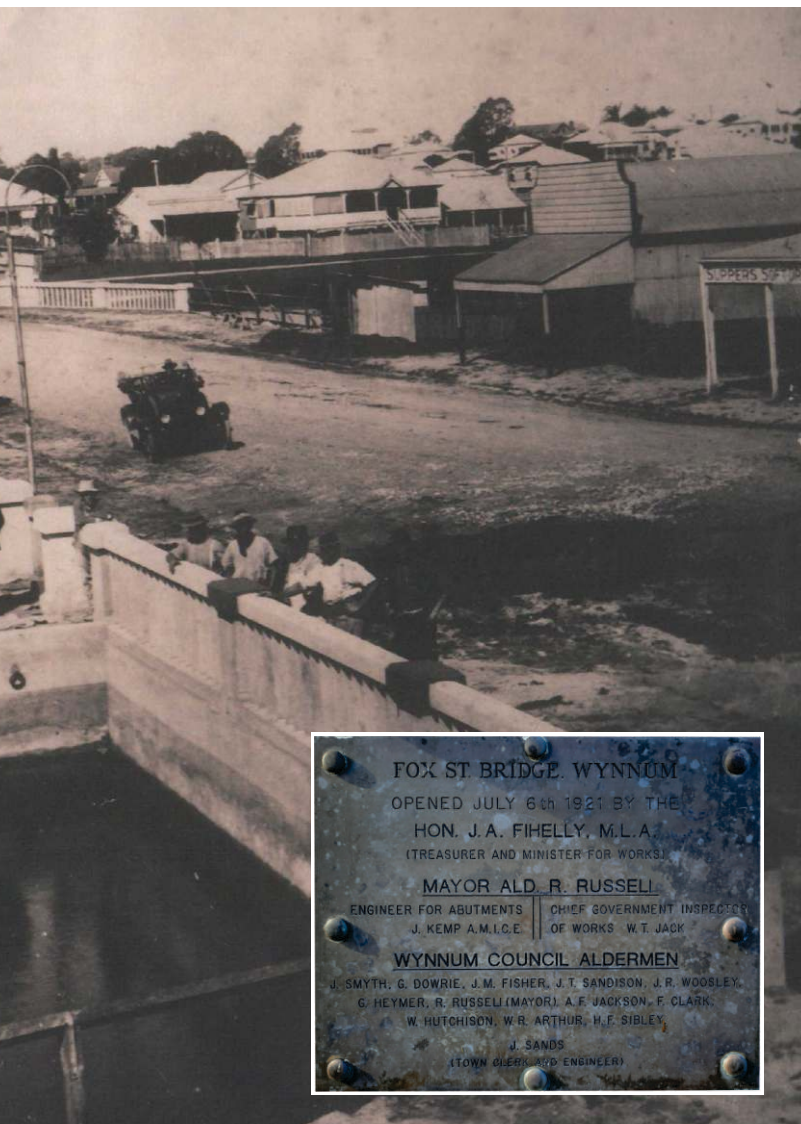
“Mr. Fihelly expressed pleasure at seeing the bridge completed. When the Mayor said that the bridge would last for the next 100 years many would recognise that they had an excellent structure.”

1921



The Fox Street Bridge Wynnum as it stands today, June 2021.
 Photo by Sidney Weiss

the Fox Street Bridge Wynnum - 2021



The Opening of the Fox Street Bridge Wynnum 6th July 1921. Image kindly supplied by Myrtle Beitz



2021

1921

Wynnum Bridge Officially Opened

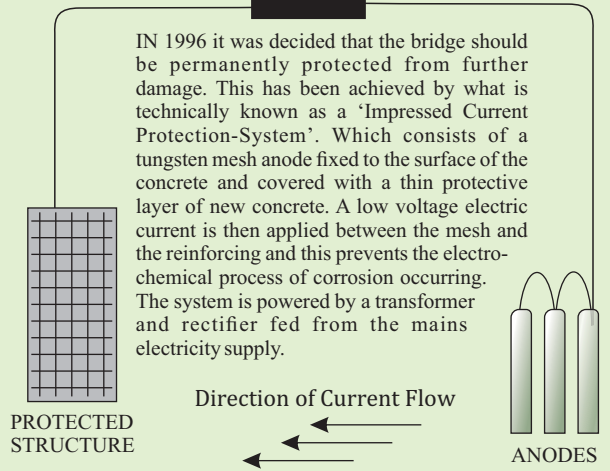
The reinforced concrete bridge over Wynnum Creek was officially opened by the State Treasurer (Mr. Fihelly) yesterday afternoon. The structure, which has cost approximately £8000, is 60ft. long and 23ft. wide. In addition there are two large wings and 500ft of retaining walls. The Mayor (Alderman R. Russell) presided. Mr. Fihelly, in declaring the bridge open, pointed out that if their suburb was to prosper it was essential to make it attractive to the residents of the more densely populated centres. The people of Queensland seemed to wait for the population before attempting to improve the city - they were altogether too careless in dealing with civic matters. The visitors and citizens were subsequently entertained at tea at the Town Hall. Mr Fihelly, responding to the toast of "Parliament," which was proposed by Alderman W. R. J. Arthur, contended that the Queensland Parliament was free from corruption of all kinds. Mr. W. H. Barnes, M.L.A. , who also responded, emphasised that members of Parliament had to remember that they had a duty to perform to the whole State, and not to any particular class. The toast of the "Wynnum Town Council" was proposed by the Mayor of South Brisbane (Alderman A. Faulkner), and responded to by the Mayor of Wynnum (Alderman R. Russell). Mr. J. M. Fisher proposed the toast of the visitors, and Councillor F. A. Simpson (chairman of Stephens Shire Council) responded.

Brisbane Courier, 7th July 1921, page 6
Courtesy of Trove N.L.A.

1996

Protecting the Bridge

- ICCP +



IN 1996 it was decided that the bridge should be permanently protected from further damage. This has been achieved by what is technically known as a 'Impressed Current Protection-System'. Which consists of a tungsten mesh anode fixed to the surface of the concrete and covered with a thin protective layer of new concrete. A low voltage electric current is then applied between the mesh and the reinforcing and this prevents the electro-chemical process of corrosion occurring. The system is powered by a transformer and rectifier fed from the mains electricity supply.

Jack Sands, 'The Fox Steet Bridge', A paper presented to a meeting of the Wynnum Manly Historical Society, 17th July 1997.

1997 Controversial Steel Railings Added

Fox Street Bridge restored and re-inforced with steel. Steel railings have replaced the cement ones.



Photo donated by Jack Sands. Courtesy Resource Centre WMHS. Inc.

The Unveiling of a Substitute Plaque - 1990



Jack and Mavis Sands. Jack is the son of Joe Sands, who was Town Clerk and Engineer when the original plaque was unveiled in 1921.



Descendants of Alderman Sibley attended the replacement plaque unveiling on the 10th March 1990.



Local Alderman, Don Randall with Mrs Lil Firrell, daughter of Alderman H.F. Sibley who was a member of the Wynnum Town Council when the original plaque was unveiled in 1921.

While conducting research for this feature I came across photos of an event organised by what was then known as, 'Wynnum Manly and Districts Historical Society'. I enquired of Myrtle Beitz, foundation member of the society and Myrtle indeed had recollections of the event and advised that both herself and late husband, Merv, had been in attendance on that day, held back on the 10th March 1990.

Myrtle confirmed that this society was in fact previously known as, 'Wynnum Manly and Districts Historical Society', so it is the former name that appears on the local heritage listing for the bridge, the details of which can be viewed online by clicking the link at the bottom of this page.

Unable to recall exactly when the name change occurred, however it was certainly within the first decade of the society's existence.

The local heritage listing states "An original brass plaque commemorating the opening disappeared from the bridge, but it was reproduced from a photograph, and re-instated by the Wynnum Manly and Districts Historical society in 1990". However it seems it was still in existence as according to Myrtle the original plaque was, "in a rather illegible and defaced state so the committee organised for a

replacement to occur". Myrtle has very kindly provided a photo of the original plaque before it was removed (see below).

It is interesting that according to a newspaper report (Telegraph, Thurs 7 July 1921, page 3 - Courtesy of Trove N.L.A.), the wording of the original plaque said...

Wynnum Town Council. Wynnum bridge, opened by Hon. J. A. Fihelly, etc..., and yet the substitute plaque reads, **Fox St Bridge, Wynnum** etc. So it may be that the plaque is a substitute and not in fact a replacement, with altered wording from the original.

As to the question of where this ceremony occurred Myrtle revealed "I might add the unveiling of this 2nd plaque was held on the south bank of the creek near the entrance to the Fox Street Bridge. As you can see in the photos it was mounted to a temporary stand for the unveiling, from which the Council was tasked to fix to the location of the original plaque on the northern bank of the creek".

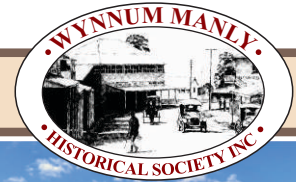
One of the photos of the event shows a rather youthful Alderman Graham Quirk, who at that time was Chairman of Works Committee for the BCC. Of course his Mayoral days have since come and gone. However the Fox Street Bridge remains. ■

<https://heritage.brisbane.qld.gov.au/heritage-places/1897>



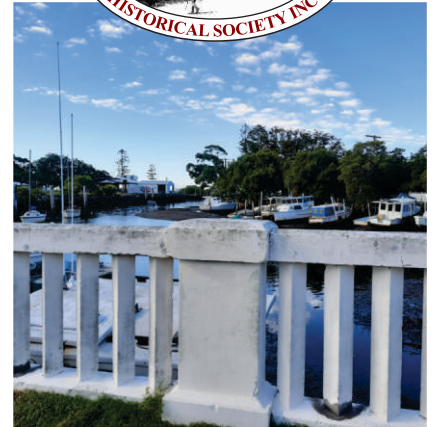
Special Thanks to Myrtle Beitz for her invaluable assistance for this story. Photos courtesy of WMHSInc, except photo below, provided by Myrtle Beitz.

Repairs to the Bridge - 1997



Repairs to the bridge occurred in 1997 which were documented by WMHS.Inc. member Jack Sands at the time. Fabricated grey galvanized paneling, although faithful to the shape of the original (when viewed from the front) stands in stark contrast to the much softer warm white concrete of the original railings of the span.

Fox Street bridge predates other heritage listed Brisbane bridges such as, The Story Bridge 1940, William Jolly Bridge 1932 and The Walter Taylor Bridge 1936. As duly noted by Myrtle Beitz in her book, 'Mangroves to Moorings Revisited', "The Bridge is considered to be artistically attractive and is often portrayed by artists." It is certainly hoped that the Fox Street Bridge will undergo a more sympathetic restoration in the years to come. ■



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Local Heritage Register referencing the Fox Street bridge. This Heritage Listing recognizes the 'Wynnum Manly and Districts Historical Society' involvement in March of 1990, of replacing the missing plaque which commemorated the structure's 1921 opening⁽¹⁷⁾.

Something not right

In closing I found an amusing titbit related to Fox's Bridge that is contained in the Memoirs of Mr J. R. Woosley, Wynnum Town Council Alderman 1918 and 1920.....

It was not the practise to provide liquid refreshments after council meetings, but it was a habit of a number of the alderman to adjourn with Mr Jim Fisher to his hotel to partake of the necessary. The members of the council residing in the outer wards either drove in a sulky or rode on horseback. I generally rode on horseback. An incident that happened on one of these occasions, relates to myself. I had said goodnight to my fellow alderman outside the hotel, gone over to my pony Jerry tied up to a rail, unfastened the bridle and mounted to ride home, only to get as far as Fox's Bridge. I could not make out why I felt so uncomfortable. I then found out that whilst inside, one of the Alderman - I think Henry Randall - had reversed the saddle; no doubt expecting me to ride home backwards. I got off, reversed the saddle and arrived home safely⁽¹⁸⁾⁽¹⁹⁾.

Conclusion

Not a hidden jewel but one hiding in plain sight. However, one that has been probably taken for granted for too long. Fox Street bridge not only holds a very special place in local history but is a very beautiful and historic structure. I hope that one day the bridge gets a proper restoration that includes reinstating the original white coloured concrete railings. The current grey galvanised railings do not do the bridge nor precinct justice. We've seen extensive restorations of City Hall, the old windmill and the like. How about what is touted as the oldest surviving bridge in the city?

I'm sure there is a reader or two who have their own tales of trekking across the structure on their way home after a big night out at the old Fisher's Hotel. You know, how it was a 2 mile walk there but a 3 mile walk home, but these narratives are probably best left for another occasion. For today it's the day for a Wynnum and now Brisbane landmark. Happy Centenary Fox Street Bridge! ■



A family enjoys the view from the Fox Street Bridge locale.
Photo by Sid Weiss 2021.

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The Opening of Fox Street Bridge - 1921



Wynnum's New Bridge.

Opened by the Treasurer.

Cultivate the Civic Spirit.

Persistent advocacy on the part of the Wynnum Town Council has resulted in the substitution of the old timber structure over Wynnum Creek, which did duty for many years, by an ornate and substantially built reinforced concrete bridge. This was officially opened yesterday afternoon by the Treasurer (Mr. J. A. Fihelly), in the presence of a large crowd of interested spectators.

The new bridge, which is 60 feet long by 23 feet, with wide approaches, was commenced in 1918, during the period of Ald. W. R. J. Arthur's occupancy of the mayoral chair, and when completed it will have cost about £8,000. Messrs. T. Kirk and Sons prepared the original plans and estimates, the price then being computed at £1,767. The lowest tender for the carrying out of the work was in the neighbourhood of £3,000, but the council decided to proceed with the construction of the bridge itself. Further estimates were prepared for additional requirements, this covering the approaches and certain improvements, such as the protection of the embankment. The cost of these was estimated at £1,225, and the work was carried out by day labour. Subsequently it was found necessary to underpin certain of the walls, and the council resolved to go in for massed concrete. It called in the services of Mr. J. Kemp, and a loan of £2,500 was obtained for the work of underpinning and for other additions. A considerable amount of underpinning above that estimated was found necessary, and it was thought advisable, on the advice of the engineer for works and the chief-inspector for local authority works, to extend the existing walls as far as the reserve on the northern end of the bridge. This necessitated a further loan of £2,500 which had been granted by the Treasurer. The new bridge has a carriage way of 23 feet, and in addition to the wings, there are about 500 feet of retaining walls.

The bridge bears a metal plate, engraved on which is the following: Wynnum Town Council. Wynnum bridge, opened by Hon. J. A. Fihelly, 6th July, 1921, R. Russell, Mayor, Ald. J. T. Sandison, J. Hutchinson, J. Smyth, G. Heymer, J. M. Fisher, W. R. J. Arthur, G. Dowrie, A. F. Jackson, J. R. Woosley, H. F. Sibley, F. Clark, T. Kirk and Sons, engineers for the bridge: J. Kemp, engineer for abutments, W. T. Jack, Government inspector for works.

The council's supervisor was Mr. J. Fraser.

THE OPENING CEREMONY.

The Mayor and aldermen and a large crowd of residents welcomed the Treasurer, who was accompanied by Mrs. Fihelly, and the other visitors, who included the Hon. W. H. Barnes, M.L.A., the Mayor of South Brisbane (Ald. A. Faulkner), the chairman of the Stephens Shire Council (Cr. F. A. Stimpson), and representatives of adjoining shire councils.

In welcoming the Treasurer, the Mayor expressed the pleasure it gave the council to have Mr. and Mrs. Fihelly with them that day. He traced the history of the bridge, and referred to the consideration which their requests for loans had been given by the Government. In having the bridge built, he said, the aldermen had worked like Trojans. With a little more money they would be able to complete the work to their desires. He commended the engineers and those who had been

associated with them in carrying out the work, and said they now had a bridge which should endure for 100 years.

Mr. Fihelly expressed pleasure at seeing the bridge completed. When the Mayor said that the bridge would last for the next 100 years many would recognise that they had an excellent structure. He urged the need for cultivating the civic spirit and said that in Australia they, in civic matters, more or less took too little pride in their own suburbs or towns. He predicted that in his time they would see Wynnum, Sandgate, and other suburban areas enjoying an electric service of trains. They were rather too lax in their civic conception; it should be their aim to make their cities and towns attractive. In Sydney, tramways, water, and lighting, went ahead of settlement, but here they waited for settlement. That led to many inconveniences. It was his opinion that public utilities should be managed by the people; necessities must be in the hands of the people if they were going to have full use of them. What they wanted was a spirit of optimism—to believe in, and to boost themselves. A deputation that morning had pointed out to him that the control of their theatres was very largely in the hands of Americans. Australians were not only pre-eminent in football, cricket, golf, and in fighting ability, as had been demonstrated by their soldiers, but they were pre-eminent also intellectually, in that respect they could hold their own with any other country. They should first engender the civic spirit, and then national pride. Mr. Fihelly remarked that he recently had been in communication with the Mayor of Brisbane, in connection with the proposal to borrow £100,000 for laying down concrete roads, and he was not going to place any hindrances in the way of the City Council getting that money. What struck him, however, was that work of this nature might have been done in good times. A loan was being sought by Sandgate for a sea wall, and a work of that nature also might have been gone on with when times were good—10 or 12 years ago, he thought, that money in the Commonwealth Savings Bank in Queensland should be placed on loan in Queensland for improving this State, and not loaned for carrying out improvements in other States. Steps were being taken by the South Brisbane City Council to seek a loan from the Commonwealth Bank for effecting improvements in that area. Mr. Fihelly said the bridge which they were opening that day was a necessity for Wynnum, and he commended the Town Council and the Mayor for their persistent advocacy of the scheme. Amidst applause, he declared the structure opened.

Mr. Barnes said that the Mayor had indicated that there still was a portion of the work to be carried out, and he felt sure that the Treasurer would not put any hindrance in the way of the council securing the money which would be needed to complete the bridge. The Wynnum Council, said Mr. Barnes, had done good work—work which was a credit to them. Anybody who visited the locality after an absence of some time could not fail to recognise the progress of the place. He was pleased that the Minister's visit to Wynnum that day had been made when the tide was out, as it might lead to a determination to make it grant available for the purpose of dredging the creek. The Ministerial car then drove across the bridge, breaking the red, white, and blue ribbon which was stretched from pillar to pillar.

OPENING BANQUET.

The visitors and aldermen proceeded to the Council Chambers, where a banquet was held, the Mayor of Wynnum presiding. At his instigation,

the toast of the King was heartedly honoured.

The toast of "Parliament" was proposed by Ald. Arthur, who expressed gratitude for what the parliament had done for Wynnum. He had been on many deputations to the Ministers, and had always received sympathetic treatment. "Wynnum," he said, "gets a fair cut of that which is going."

Mr. Fihelly, in acknowledging the toast, said that the people must have faith in their Parliament, and Parliament must do its work. He thought the Mayor had struck the right note when he said that in the Queensland Parliament every individual, according to his lights, was endeavouring to do his best for the country. Their parliaments, he thought, were quite free from corruption. The members were regular in their attendance, and most of them were students—students of such subjects as economics and sociology. Although they might disagree in their tenets, they did their best for the people, as they construed what was best. They need not apologise for Parliament, taking the 72 members in the Lower House and the 40 odd on the Upper House, on account of any lack of business acumen. Local authorities did not get from the public all the credit which they deserved for the onerous work they did for the ratepayers and the electors. He referred to the apathy which frequently had been shown in the past in local government elections, remarking that at the last City Council elections out of some 4,000 persons who, were eligible to vote, only 400 odd had done so. In some of the divisions there had been no opposition, but he thought it was a bad thing in Parliament or in local government affairs to find most of the members being returned without opposition. That showed apart on the part of the electors.

Mr. Barnes remarked that no man should occupy a seat in Parliament merely for the honour which it carried. He should be prepared to do something to advance the country. Every member of Parliament was jealous for his own electorate, but they all had a duty to the State, which they should discharge. They were charged with tremendous responsibilities. They had a great State, a State with tremendous possibilities, and their duty was to do the very best they could broadly for the State. They often were criticised, but what was criticism so long as they had a clear conscience? It was their duty to remedy, by constitutional means, anything which they considered was wrong. He wished that the community generally would have a larger view and a wider view of the responsibilities of the men who were in public positions.

The Mayor of South Brisbane proposed the toast of the Wynnum Town Council. He agreed with Mr. Fihelly that small pools had been too frequent in the past in connection with their local government elections. The new measure might have the effect of stimulating interest in local government affairs. Every decent and respectable citizen would exercise the right to vote in a discreet way.

The toast was acknowledged by the Mayor of Wynnum.

Other toasts honoured were: "The Automobile Club," proposed by Ald. J. Smyth (who also is chairman of the Stanthorpe Shire Council); "The Visitors," proposed by Ald. Fisher, and acknowledged by Cr. F. A. Stimpson; "The Press," proposed by Ald. Jackson, and "The Chairman," proposed by Mr. Fihelly, who remarked that a certain sum had been earmarked for the Wynnum bridge, the whole of which had not been applied for by the council. Although it was not as much as they might require, it would assist them to complete the work.

Telegraph, Thursday 7 July 1921, page 3
Courtesy of Trove N.L.A.



Joan Pease MP
MEMBER FOR LYTTON

Happy 100th Birthday Fox Street Bridge

With its high retaining walls and concrete balustrades, Fox Street Bridge is an instantly recognisable landmark to everyone in Wynnum Manly and visitors arriving in the area.

While the bridge historically connected Wynnum's early communities, for me the bridge also serves as a connection between our past and our present. The addition of the bridge was important to the success of our fledgling fishing industry and, despite initial protests from business owners, it connected the two sides of the creek, turning our early settlements into a town.

And how appropriate that the bridge was named after a local successful businesswoman. Mrs Fox, licensee of the Wynnum Hotel, served as a metaphorical bridge in the community long before a physical one was named for her. The Wynnum Hotel was an egalitarian establishment where all were welcome, regardless of income or social status. It seems very appropriate to me that her work was recognised when naming the Fox Street Bridge.

I would like to wish a very happy 100th birthday to the Fox Street Bridge, which is looking very good for a centenarian!

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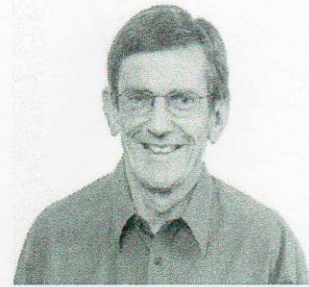
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5 July 2021

Wynnum Manly Historical Society Inc
105 Florence Street
WYNNUM Q 4178

Dear Sid

It is great to see the Society celebrating important anniversaries in the district.

The Fox St Bridge provides a vital piece of infrastructure to our community and to see it standing 100 years after it was built is a testament to the engineers of the time.

Congratulations to the Wynnum Manly Historical Society.

Yours sincerely

Peter Cumming
COUNCILLOR FOR WYNNUM MANLY

I send out a regular email e-newsletter, which includes Council information and community events. If you would like to subscribe please email me at wynnummanly.ward@bcc.qld.gov.au

By Jill Greenhill



**Where was I?
June 2021.**

In July 1896, Edythe Primrose married John Patterson. Their son, born in 1897, was named Raymond Grainger Patterson. "Primrose Hill" Estate was developed in 1920 off the present Wynnum Road, near Wynnum Golf Course. Within that Estate roads were named as Primrose Parade, Patterson Street, Grainger Street, Ingleston Street

The Guest House, "Ingleston"

was built in 1915 for Mr and Mrs J Patterson, at the corner of Charlotte Street and Bay Terrace. The house fronted onto Charlotte Street. On the left side of the building, towards Bay Terrace, there were gardens and a tennis court.

Mrs Edythe Patterson ran the Boarding house. Mr John Paterson was a warehouseman. Their son Raymond, ran the produce store, originally in Tingal Road, opposite Perry's shop. This store was bought by the Rabe's in 1975 and the contents moved to the old lemonade factory in Tingal Road, opposite the Shire Clerk's Cottage. The name, "Patterson's Produce", was retained until the Store closed c. 2017.

"Ingleston" burnt down in 1947. The second Wynnum Public Library was built on the site in 1977 and demolished in 2017. "Enclave", a residential complex was completed here in 2019.

Till next time.

Jill



**Where am I?
July 2021.**

Meeting Minutes

Wynnum Manly Historical Society Inc

Minutes of General Meeting held in Ambulance Auditorium, Tingal Road

on Thursday 17 June 2021

Meeting opened at 7.30pm.

There were 19 members present and two visitors, Di Hill and Gary Tesch.

Opening Comments:

Librarian Jill Greenhill opened the Meeting. President, Sandy Liddle as unable to attend due to a chest infection and Treasurer Geraint Gregory was recovering from an eye operation.

Previous Minutes:

Minutes of Meeting of Thursday 20 May 2021 moved by Lyn Shanks / Wendy Parsons,

Correspondence:

The correspondence report was presented by Lena McCreddie for May 2021. The correspondence was accepted and endorsed at the committee meeting held on Thursday 3 June 2021.

Treasurer's Report

(prepared by Sandy Liddle in Geraint Gregory's absence)

BOQ A/c No 20139708 1 May 2021 – 31 May 2021

Opening balance at 1 May 2021..... \$30,060.77

Income..... \$ 281.45

Expenditure\$1014.94

Closing balance at 31 May 2021..... \$29,327.28

Bank Account Breakup:

Everyday Account..... \$ 2,858.12.

Websaver (Building) Account\$26,469.16
(including \$1.45 interest)

Resource Centre:

Jill Greenhill presented the answers to the "Where am I" for both May and June. The photograph for May was a view of the early settlement of Wynnum from Tingal Hill, in the 1920's showing both No.1 and No. 2 Jetties.

The picture for June was of the building of Ingleston on the corner of Bay Terrace and Charlotte Street in 1915. This large boarding house was in business from 1915 to 1947 when a fire destroyed the building. The previous Wynnum Public Library stood on the site from October 1977, until demolished in February 2018, for the building of the residential complex "Enclave".

Speaker:

Myrtle Beitz presented her well-researched paper on "The Choosing of a Port for Brisbane", explaining how Cleveland was rejected as, though being located in Moreton Bay, was adjacent to shallow water.

Raffle: Gary Tesch **Membership Draw:** Myrtle Beitz

Meeting closed at 8.30pm and members and visitors were provided tea/coffee and biscuits provided by Lena McCreddie and served by Jan Aplin and Lyn Shanks.

A/President: Jill Greenhill Minute Secretary: Jill Greenhill

Wynnum Manly Historical Society Inc.

Recipe
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Orange Cake

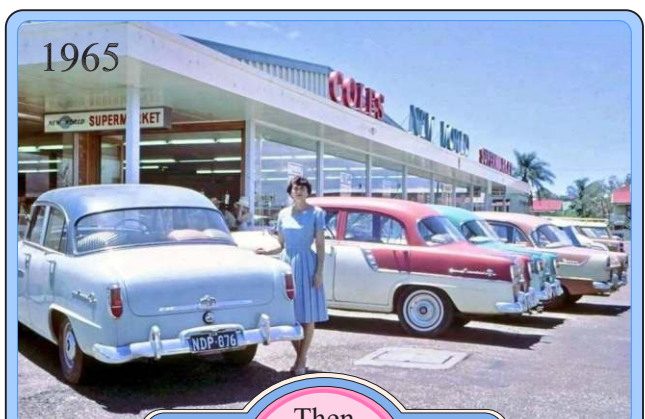
Ingredients.- 1/4lb. butter or substitute, 1/2 cup sugar, 2 eggs, 1/2 cup milk, rind of orange and 2 cups S.R.flour.

Method.- Cream butter and sugar till white. Add eggs one at a time and rind of orange ; lastly stir in milk and flour. Put into 2 tins and bake in moderate oven 15-20 minutes.

Mrs. Simpson.

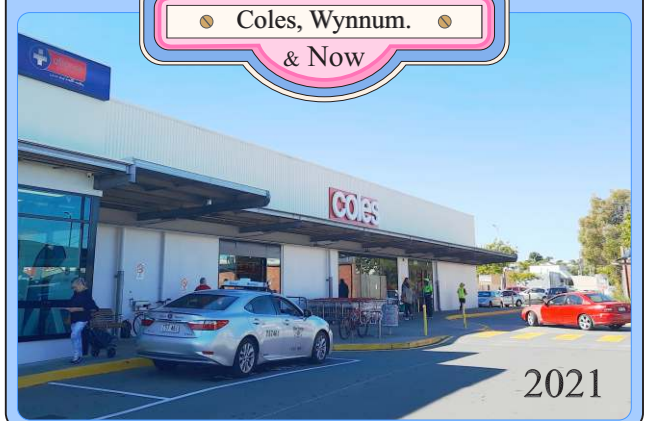


Recipe from the Wynnum-Manly Presbyterian Women's Guild Cookery Book c1950's



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Upcoming Events

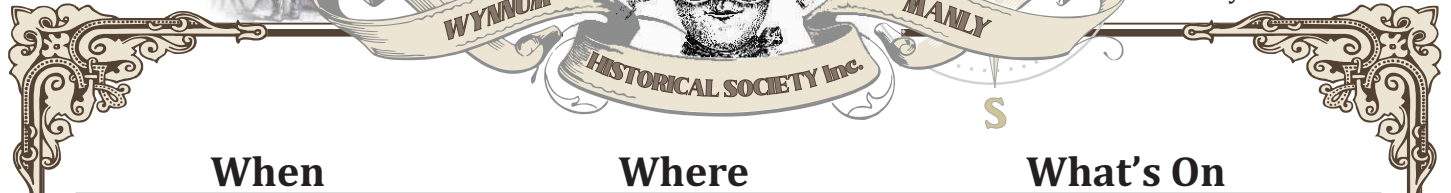
What's On

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When

Where

What's On

July 14

12.30pm—1.30pm

Cost Free

Bookings essential via ph 3221 4198 or
Eventbrite

**Royal Qld Historical Society
Commissariat Store**
115 William Street
Brisbane

[A look at Adelaide Street](#)

Adelaide Street is home to some of Brisbane's most historically significant sites including Anzac Square, Central Station and City Hall. Join Terry Tolhurst for this look at Adelaide Street and its rich history.

July 17

9am—11am

Cost Free

Bookings essential via ph 3408 0007 or
Seaside.Museum@moretonbay.qld.gov.au

Bribie Island Seaside Museum
1 South Esplanade
Bongaree

BYO binoculars, closed footwear essential and soft colour clothing recommended—no bright fluro colours.

[Bribie Island bird walk and talk](#)

Bribie Island has close to 300 species of birds. This walk will give you the opportunity to identify and learn about the common birds that we see and hear along the foreshore, and at Buckley's Hole.

Light refreshments provided at end of walk.

July 24

12.30pm—4.15pm

Cost \$15

Bookings essential via ph 3397 2020 or
brisbanehistoryevents@gmail.com

**Ashgrove West Memorial
Uniting Church**
491 Waterworks Road
Ashgrove

There is no onsite parking but parking is available in nearby streets.

Anzac Square- Development and Anzac Centenary refurbishment

This Brisbane History Group seminar has five speakers covering various Anzac Square topics. Full details available on Brisbane History Group website.

July 25

11am—12.30pm

Cost Free

Bookings essential via [Eventbrite](#) or by phoning 3364 6432

Queensland Police Museum
200 Roma Street
Brisbane

[Keith Banks, decorated police officer and undercover operative](#)

Join Keith Banks as he recounts his career with the Queensland Police Force from 1975 to 1995 and the impact from PTSD.

July 25

10.30am—2.30pm

Cost \$7

[Email](#)



Ormiston House
277 Wellington Street
Ormiston

Rolls Royce Concours D'Elegance
See this fascinating show of Rolls Royce vehicles on the lawn of this beautiful heritage property. Devonshire Tea on the veranda is available and you can view the house and wander the beautiful grounds.

August 15

10am—3pm

Cost \$5

Bookings not essential but if busy you may need to wait to comply with COVID capacity restrictions

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115 William Street
Brisbane

[RHSQ Book Fair](#)

Join RHSQ for its first ever book fair. Hundreds of books, mainly dealing with Queensland Australian history, will be sold along with rare convict-made bricks. There will also be periodicals, magazines and some novels for sale. Some books are over 130 years old.





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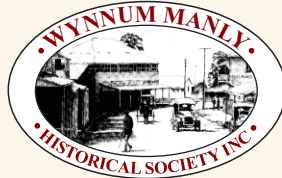


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I am agreeable for my contact details to be printed for distribution to other Society members. **Yes / No**

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