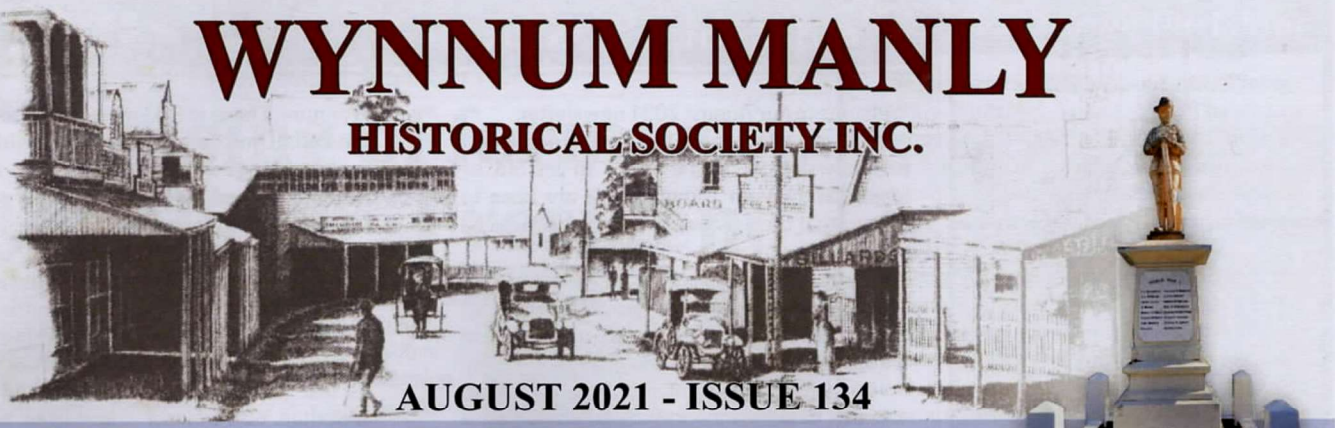


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# A Century Old Mystery Solved

They say to err is human but to forgive is divine, and research by the Wynnum Manly Historical Society Inc has uncovered a century old typo doosey.

While researching the 'Wynnum Bridge' centenary a mysterious figure emerged, 'Alderman W. Hutchinson'. The gentleman appears on the 1920 Wynnum Town Council collage (see below and page 7) and as such that is the name that appears on the 1990 replacement plaque for the bridge.

It would appear it is this 'photo' that was used to recreate the bridge plaque which, as documented last issue, was stolen and replaced by this society in conjunction with the Brisbane City Council some 30 years ago.

But things are not what they seem. No other records for this, 'Alderman W. Hutchinson' appear in newspapers of the era. How can this be? Cross referencing has found that the original 1920 collage and hand painted caption has a 100 year old error. It is not W. Hutchinson but in fact J. Hutchinson, the initial is for John and this gentleman is the founder of the Hutchinson Builders.

John or Jack as he was more commonly known, was a major contributor to the fledgling Wynnum Manly district when he, wife Ellen and sons Eric and John II

settled in the area after arriving from England in April of 1911.

Just one of the numerous civic contributions to our district was his 1918 election to the Wynnum Town Council as an Alderman for Ward 4 after having received 120 votes (*Telegraph 12 Feb 1918- Trove NLA*)

The Hutchinson family will showcase prominently in a special feature next year to commemorate the 110th Anniversary of Hutchinson Builders.



Mr John (Jack) Hutchinson, early Wynnum Manly resident and Wynnum Town Council Alderman

Special Thanks to **Myrtle Beitz** for the Wynnum Town Council 1920 Photo collage.

**Scott Hutchinson** from **Hutchinson Builders** for the image of John (Jack Hutchinson)

## Sign of the times



### General meetings cancelled

**BREAKING NEWS** – As a consequence of the current COVID 19 situation, all future general meetings have been cancelled until further notice. 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 settle soon and we can reassess the situation.

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Welcome to our August 2021 newsletter.

What did everyone think of our "new look" July newsletter? Don't forget to let Sid or myself know your thoughts. We are keen to ensure that the newsletters that are produced are of interest to you.

This month my report is going to read like a Thank You list. Despite the crazy times we are experiencing, from the Society's point of view, we have so much to be thankful for.

On behalf of the Society, I would like to express huge thanks and appreciation to a local business The Printing Well in Wynnum who have become a major sponsor of the Society and will be printing our monthly newsletters for us. We have been fortunate in the past to have been able to rely on our Patrons for the newsletter printing in black and white but we can now provide a colour newsletter. Thank you to The Printing Well and we look forward to a long association with you.

Thanks to the wonderful July newsletter, we received a very generous donation of \$500 from Trish Breen of Trish Breen Remax. Trish has a keen interest in our local history and is going to be resurrecting her On your Doorstep short YouTube clips of area's of interest in the district. Thank you Trish from all members of the Society for your support.

Many people may not be aware of the connection Hutchinson Builders has with

Wynnum. There will be more about this in the future but in the meantime, I would like to extend a huge vote of appreciation to Scott Hutchinson and his team who have provided the Society with more information as well as purchasing, and providing us with, copies of some historic title deeds to help us build our house history collection. Thank you Scott.

As well as a new committee member namely Sid Weiss (our new Newsletter Editor) joining us last month, this month I would like to welcome our newest committee member. Chiharu Tsurutani has agreed to join the committee as our Projects Coordinator. Chiharu already has a project in her sights so stay tuned for next month's newsletter when we will reveal all and be asking for your assistance. It is lovely to see new faces joining the committee bringing new ideas forward to keep the Society alive and taking us into the future. Thank you to both Sid and Chiharu.



Till next month,

Sandy Liddle  
President  
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## News continued...

# Council, 'Not at this time' To Bridge Restoration



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Council has considered your suggestion for the galvanised metal railings to be replaced with the original concrete style railings. I can advise that, owing to its heritage status, Council does not propose to undertake any changes to the Fox Street Bridge at this time. However, general maintenance may be carried out, provided Council has applied for the heritage exemption permits.

If you have any other questions about the bridge's maintenance, please contact Mr Jayasiri Gunaratne, Senior Engineer Structures, on 31783617.

Thank you for contacting Council and I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

Krista Adams  
ACTING LORD MAYOR

Ref: LM02725-2021

Correspondence received from the Acting Lord Mayor has advised that "owing to its heritage status", the council does not propose to undertake any changes to the Fox Street Bridge at this time" (see letter excerpt left).

That response was to the enquiry about reinstating the original concrete style railings which had been removed during work undertaken in 1990's.

Wynnum Bridge is in the style of what is categorised as 'Stripped Classical'. This style embraces a basic classical composition without the traditional decorative detailing. Early period examples are now rare and for Wynnum to have this magnificent example of it, and on what is credited to be Brisbane's oldest existing bridge is of enormous historical significance. Unfortunately the 'cheese grater' railings will remain.



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**SEPTEMBER ISSUE DEADLINE**

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VALE NOELA STRATTON

# Passing of former WMHS Inc. President

“ On the whole the ups throughout my life far outweigh the downs. I have done many things, travelled many miles and fallen flat on my face many times but most important of all, in addition to my family, have made many true friends I can count on, who have and are helping me at this moment so very much. ”

Noela Stratton Nov, 2008.



Noela Stratton 2014

Photo supplied by Lena McCreadie

## REMEMBERING NOELA

All members, friends, family and committee are invited to submit their personal recollections, photos and any memorable moments they possess of Noela Stratton for a special feature to appear in the next issue (September). Please forward at your earliest possible convenience to the editor.

[newsletter@wmhs.org.au](mailto:newsletter@wmhs.org.au)

Myrtle Beitz has advised that she received a telephone call from Nancy Aitken to say that her sister, Noela Stratton died last night (3rd August) at the Redlands Hospital. Noela was a Past President and life member of the Wynnum Manly Historical Society Inc. and will be sadly missed.

03/08/2021

Date of Funeral:

26/08/2021

STRATTON, Noela Marie

Passed away peacefully on

Tuesday 3rd August 2021.

Aged 91 Years. Beloved

Wife of Ken (Dec'd). Dearly

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Law of Kahla, Peter and

Lucinda. Adored Nana of

Jye, Saige, Sophie, and

Josh. Much loved Sister,

Aunty, and Friend to many.

Date listed: 6/8/2021

Publication:

The Courier-Mail

Our newest committee member..

## Chiharu Tsurutani

I arrived in Brisbane in 1989 hoping to undertake a MA degree, but ended up completing a PhD at the University of Queensland. I was so fascinated with speech science, such as tone and rhythm of languages. I worked as a Senior Lecturer in the school of languages and linguistics at Griffith University from 1989 till 2016. During this time, I undertook a number of research projects and successful grant applications. I moved to Wynnum in



Chiharu Tsurutani

2018 and fell in love with the charm of the old township, which reminds me of my home town Ube on the seaside of Japan. I remember I waved a national flag when the Olympic torch relay passed the main street of my town in 1964. I grew up there until I left to go to university in Okayama in 1979.

I play golf, and like playing the piano. I also love travelling and meeting people from different cultural backgrounds. The country I have just come back from in June 2021 was Uzbekistan which is the 23rd country that I visited.

We have a new addition this issue, 'Vintage Theme Puzzles', (page 12). These are intended for those that have spare time on their hands, and that's a lot of us it seems with what feels like these never ending lock downs. So have a crack at them and let me know if they are too hard.

I'm looking forward to getting back into the resource centre to research articles for the newsletter, speaking of which another new initiative is 'Scanner Day' whereby not only society members, but also the wider community are encouraged to bring in their old photos, postcards etc relating to the area. We will scan them in so they will be preserved for future generations (details on page 14).

It's my turn to say a special thank you and that is to our President Sandy Liddle. We overcome many challenges to transition to a state of the art desktop publishing program. Sandy continues to play a big part in the production of this publication, so Thank-you very much!

Please note that due to the latest Covid 19 lock down regular features, 'Resource Centre Report' and 'Where Am I', have not been supplied for publication in this issue.

Thanks to those who emailed and gave such positive feedback on the newsletter, it confirms we are on the right track.

Hooroo for now.



Sidney Weiss

Editor WMHS Inc.

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The WMHS Inc welcomes its latest members...



**Janet & Simon Brown**



**Di Hill**



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Wynnum link to Brisbane's leading costumiere, Mrs Janet Walker...

## Mrs Lade, Ladies Costumiere

Margaret Lade *nee* Widdicombe had been an apprentice in the employ of early Brisbane fashion designer Mrs Janet Walker. According to research undertaken by the Queensland Museum, Mrs Walker had sent Margaret to the Central Technical College in Brisbane for further training. Margaret reportedly specialised in the elaborate embroidery on wedding gowns. The museum holds a small number of gowns from the era in its collection, one of which was believed to worn to a Vice Regal Ball held at Old Government House on July 21, 1892.

In September of 1897 Margaret went into partnership with her former employer, an association which lasted for many years before Mrs Walker retired and Margaret continued on alone until 1939. Margaret lived for many years at *Ke Caie Wyn*, a house in Carlton Terrace Wynnum South, which offered magnificent bay views. Margaret had purchased this house off her sister Muriel when she married George Wilson in 1920, but sold it back in 1923, perhaps due to business difficulties as Margaret continues to live there until 1939 when she retired.

I always admired Margaret Lade's story and imagine her taking the daily commute by train from Wynnum South into the city. A hard working and self sufficient woman, a leader and successful business woman in difficult times of wars and the great depression. A 'bossy organisational' type but charitable lady whom the newspapers of the day mention giving to the Soldiers Sock Fund and other contributions to the war effort.

[Click here for more info on Janet Walker](#)

Margaret Lade *nee* Widdicombe is the sister of my Great Grandmother

Sidney Weiss [sidneyweiss1@live.com.au](mailto:sidneyweiss1@live.com.au)



Above: Mrs. Margaret Lade *nee* Widdicombe, born 1866, Dartmouth, England.

Photo courtesy Jan Lincoln



Margaret's former employer and then business partner, Janet Walker.

### Partnership Notice.

I HAVE this day ADMITTED INTO PARTNERSHIP in my business of a Dressmaker and Costumier MISS MARGARET WIDDICOMBE, who has been in my employment for many years.

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JANET WALKER.

Witness: A. G. C. HAWTHORN, Solicitor, Brisbane

The Partnership Notice appears in The Queenslanders on the 2nd October 1897.



Above: A much treasured Christmas present from her Father and sister Muriel in 1905. Margaret Lade's nurse.

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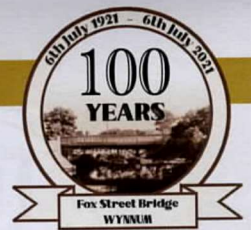
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Alderman J. Hutchinson

# Great Grandson Supports Corrections to Plaque



Wynnum Manly Historical Society Inc. was delighted to recently receive a letter of support from the Chairman of Hutchinson Builders, Mr Scott Hutchinson, who is the Great grandson of Alderman John Hutchinson.

Behind the scenes Mr Hutchinson, who is an extremely busy man, has been generous giving his time in support of this society. It is heartening that such a large company still has its feet firmly on the ground and never forgotten its Wynnum Manly origins.

Scott's great grandfather made enormous contributions to the Wynnum Manly community, just some of which are highlighted below.

In May of 1912 Mr John Hutchinson was elected a member of the Manly Progress committee. There are numerous references to the work of Alderman J Hutchinson including organising arrangements for the Q.W.E.L. (Queensland Women's Electoral League) Euchre Party and dance, held at the School of Arts in 1918.

Holding the position of Secretary of the National Democratic Council in 1921. Elected treasurer for the Rugby Football club which was formed during a meeting held at the School of Arts in February of 1921.

Speaking of the School of Arts, John was also on its committee as well and fittingly was on the sub-committee formed with the aim of enlarging the building in 1925. As well holding the position of Treasurer in 1927

President of the Wynnum Football (soccer) Club is well known, a club that continues to this day as, 'Wynnum Wolves'.

Vice President of the Wynnum Bowls club in 1931, the list goes on.

So it is fitting that the plaque is corrected to pay due respect to a gentleman who certainly earned and deserves public recognition on the historic Wynnum Bridge. See next page for the suggested corrections.



Mr Scott Hutchinson,  
Chairman of Hutchinson Builders



27 July 2021

Sid Weiss  
Editor  
Wynnum Manly Historical Society Inc

RE: Wynnum Creek Bridge

Dear Mr Weiss,

Thank you for your recent correspondence in relation to my great grandfather John (Jack) Hutchinson and the Wynnum Bridge.

I commend the work and research the Wynnum Manly Historical Society Inc. has conducted to celebrate this historic structure, in this, its centennial year.

We fully support your efforts to correct the bridge's 1990 replacement plaque, and properly acknowledge the contribution made by Alderman John Hutchinson, while addressing the other inaccuracies you have documented.

To this end we would be happy to pay for a corrected plaque if this would be of help.

Hutchinson Builders is celebrating its 110th Anniversary next year and regularly celebrate our beginnings in the Wynnum Manly district, and the contributions made by my great grandfather John (Jack) Hutchinson to the company and to the area.

Yours sincerely

SCOTT HUTCHINSON  
Chairman

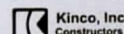
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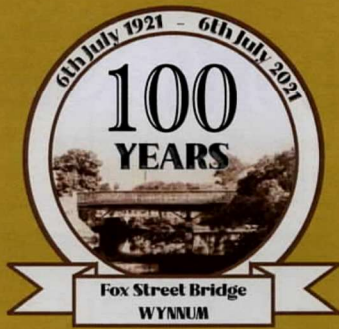


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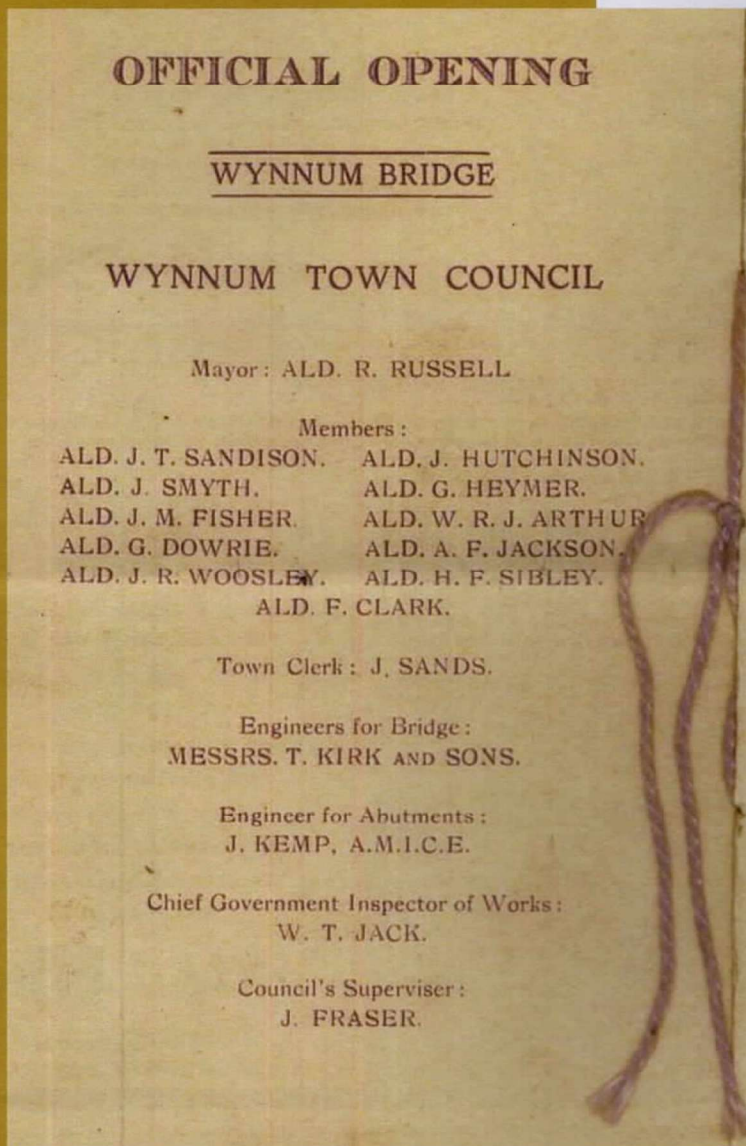
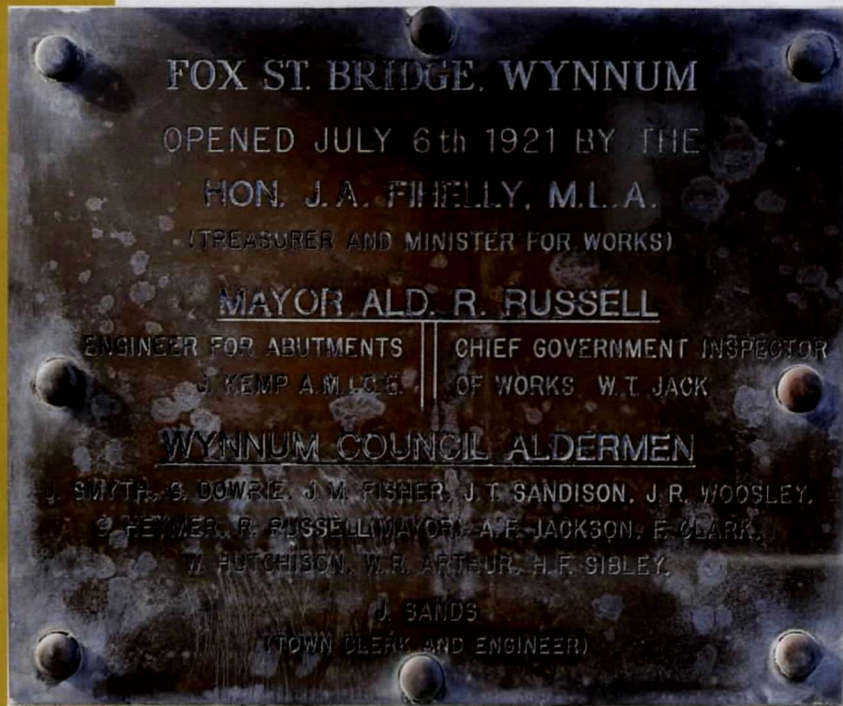


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Corrections needed  
for the  
Wynnum Bridge plaque...



1. **Wynnum Town Council** omitted from the replacement 1990 plaque. (Wording should be as per newspaper clipping at right)
2. Incorrectly named **Fox St. Bridge** on the 1990 replacement plaque (original plaque states **Wynnum Bridge** as per newspaper clipping and Menu/Programme)
3. **T. Kirk and Sons** were **engineers for the bridge** as per newspaper AND official programme/menu and are omitted off the replacement 1990 plaque.
4. Mayor's name appears twice on replacement but should be once as per original.
5. **W. Hutchison** incorrectly appears on the 1990 replacement plaque when in fact the Alderman is actually **J. HUTCHINSON**, and that is John Hutchinson of Hutchinson Builders
6. **W. R. Arthur** on the replacement plaque should be **W.R.J. Arthur**.
7. While **J. Sands was Town Clerk and Engineer at the time**, this was never on the original plaque as per newspaper clipping

Official Menu for Wynnum Bridge opening  
Courtesy BCC Merv Beitz Library



WYNNUM TOWN COUNCIL.

WYNNUM BRIDGE

OPENED BY  
HON. J. A. FIBELLY  
6TH JULY 1921

R. RUSSELL MAYOR

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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 bridge bears a metal plate, engraved on which is the following:

Wynnum Town Council. Wynnum bridge, opened by Hon. J. A. Fibelly, 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 bridge bears a metal plate, engraved on which is the following: Wynnum Town Council. Wynnum bridge, opened by Hon. J. A. Fibelly, 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.

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

Based on the newspaper report, this is how the original wording on the plaque would have read.

When comparing the menu and newspaper report (above right) to this picture of the Wynnum Town Council 1920, you will note that there is an error. 'W. Hutchinson' is actually J. Hutchinson, that is John Hutchinson, founder of Hutchinson Builders.



Confirmed photo of John (Jack) Hutchinson (Hutchinson Builders)

Wynnum Town Council 1920  
Kindly provided by Myrtle Beitz





# Manly Memorial Project

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Special Guest Researcher and Writer

## In memory of the soldiers

from the Wynnum-Manly area who gave their lives for their country.

In many towns, suburbs and cities of Australia, individual public monuments and memorials have been used to commemorate more than one conflict that Australians have been involved in. The Manly War Memorial is a tribute to local men who fought and died in the First World War. It was constructed in 1921 on land ear-marked by the then Wynnum Town Council. Fifty-six soldiers from the Wynnum-Manly area died in WW1 but only some are commemorated on the honour roll at this memorial. Some are remembered on memorials in other parts of the state, but many names do not appear elsewhere.

The park is bounded by three roads: Carlton Terrace, Cambridge Parade and Ferguson Street. It has been known variously as Soldiers' Memorial Park, Ferguson Street Reserve, Manly Memorial Park and, since, 1990, Richard Russell Park. The Manly War Memorial, or Cenotaph, has outstanding significance for its splendid and intact setting and as an historical record of local participation and sacrifice in two World Wars

### THE FIRST REMEMBRANCE SERVICES

Prior to the establishment of the park and memorial the citizens of Wynnum and Manly were keen to pay their respects to the soldiers who were fighting overseas in the Great War of 1914-1918. Some were their parents, some their relatives, some their friends but many more who were strangers keen to acknowledge their service. The first Queenslanders to join up were those who enlisted in August 1914 just days after Australia had gone to war (5 August). Men

from the Wynnum-Manly area began to enlist and the first were Christopher Uhlmann, a butcher from Lindum (on 21 August) and William Woodhouse, a commercial traveller from Wynnum, three days later - both with the 9th Battalion AIF.

As the casualty lists of British soldiers started appearing in the newspapers, private and public prayers for the men began. It came as a shock when the first Australian casualties were released - just after the landing at Gallipoli. The first Queenslander was Pte Thomas Turnbull (676) from Landsborough just north of Brisbane who was wounded during the 9th Battalion's landing at Gallipoli on 25 April 1915 and died aboard a hospital ship three days later. The Brisbane Courier reported his death in the First Casualty List on 4th May. Even more distressing was the 44th Casualty List in the Brisbane Courier of 26 June relating to the death of William Woodhouse on 20 May at Gallipoli - the first of the local soldiers to die:

Over the next two years more local men enlisted, and more names of wounded, killed and missing appeared in the papers. Thus began services for the fallen. The first remembrance service for the Great War was on 25th April 1917 in the Star Picture Theatre in Florence Street at Wynnum. Hundreds of people turned up to hear speeches from local dignitaries such as the Mayor Samuel Greene, and to hear the choirs and orchestra render various anthems in the men's honour. At 9 pm they had one minute's silence followed by The Last Post, and then photos of Wynnum-Manly soldiers who had left for overseas were shown on the big screen. In the audience were the Butterworths from Lota. They had just received news that their 'adopted' son



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Manly War Memorial  
184 Carlton Terrace, Manly, Brisbane, Australia



Frank had died on the Somme. He was remembered thus:

Sergeant Frank Leonard Hunt was from Ireland and had no relatives in Australia but he lived with Captain and Mrs Eva Butterworth at Bonnie Doon, Wynnum South (Lota). He was with the 49th Bn AIF and was killed in action, aged 36, on 2nd April 1917 at the Somme.

In the 'Personal Notes' in the Brisbane Courier of 31 July 1917, we read that:

William and Mary Gunn of Darling Point Manly have three sons in active service. Private Arthur Neil Gunn (877, 41st Bn) was just reported as succumbing to shell-shock in France two weeks earlier and was taken to England to recover. Another son

Norman Alexander (11th Field Coy Engineers) caught severe influenza in Gallipoli and was in and out of hospital; and a third son

William Morrison of the 2nd Light Horse

was still in hospital in England dangerously ill after receiving a gunshot wound to the head and arm in Palestine on 20 April 1917.

Many of the residents had come to live in the area only recently and their sons had grown up and enlisted in towns far from Wynnum-Manly. Their deeds would be later listed in other memorials.

Nevertheless, the parents were amongst the crowds attending these services. Deaths of their loved ones far away was particularly difficult to cope with. Unlike families whose menfolk had died in accidents at work and their bodies could be laid to rest nearby, the families of men killed in the Great War were deprived of the traditional mourning rituals of their culture. Their dead were overseas. For example:

Mrs Celia Brocker from Bronte House, Lota Hill at Manly lost her son Gunner James Brocker (25470) of the 1st Field Artillery Bde - killed in action at Ypres,

Flanders on 25 October 1917. She didn't know where he was buried for two more years after that. Her letters asking for details were signed off "A broken hearted mother".

Mrs Jessie Ann Gallaway from Catherine's Tce, Wynnum received a message that her fourth son Pte Claude Belmore Gallaway (368) was missing in action after a battle in France on 29th July 1916. She had brought him up herself after her husband left for NSW in 1910. She lived in hope for the next year especially after a Pte Eric Russell (25th Bn) said that he saw a card saying he was a POW in Germany. Pte F. J. Gilmore (25th Bn) from Ipswich came forward and said he was with Claude in B Coy, 8th Platoon, when he was killed. The army finally declared him dead a year later: killed in action, Posieres 29 July 1916. A harrowing time for Mrs Gallaway. Not knowing the whereabouts of a soldier son, whether he was alive or dead, and if dead, where his body lay was particularly distressing. Though there is no way to judge anguish, the worst sufferers in Australia during and after the Great War may be those relatives who just did not know the answer to these questions. Mrs Gallaway received a telegram but with few details. Under repeated requests from distressed relatives, the British Red Cross established a Wounded and Missing Inquiry Bureau and this was later duplicated by the Australian section and run by Vera Deakin - the daughter of the pre-war Prime Minister Alfred Deakin. Australian volunteers searched hospitals in hope of finding men so far unidentified, or getting information about the death of their comrades. These reports are now available on-line from the National Archives of Australia and were consulted in preparing this page. A Remembrance Service was held again in 1918 at the Star Picture Theatre but then the citizens of the district had cause to be delighted when a separate service was also held in 1919 at a newly-created Memorial Park in Manly.

The 'Manly Project' special feature by Dr Richard Walding will continue in next months issue, when individual biographies of each of those men whose names are etched into this historic monument will be featured. The Wynnum Manly Historical Society Inc wishes to thank Dr Walding for allowing us to print this work.



## The original section of the Waterloo Bay Hotel

was constructed in 1889 by George Gibbs. The hotel was extended in 1918, when work was undertaken by Brisbane architect, GHM Addison. Major refurbishments were also undertaken in the 1980s and in the late 1990s.

The bayside suburbs of Wynnum and Manly were known as Oyster Point and Wyvernleigh, after the first house in the area. The first land sales in the area took place in 1860 at Lytton and around the Waterloo Bay. In 1882, Manly Beach Estate was auctioned. Wynnum and Manly were the only bayside stations opened with the Cleveland branch on 1 November 1889. The completion of the railway led to a surge of growth in the district, and by the early years of the 20th century, it had become a popular seaside resort town, with many people travelling from Brisbane by train on the weekend. Wynnum had a siding, loading bank and goods shed by 1891 and it was the terminus for extra Sunday trains from 1889 and weekday services from 1 March 1892.

The Waterloo Bay Hotel was constructed by George Gibbs, a local stonemason, in 1889. Gibbs was born in Cornwall and sailed for Australia on board the *Firey Star* in 1863 with his wife and infant. After the birth of his second child and the death of his first, the Gibbs' returned to Cornwall. Two more children were born then his first wife died. In 1875, with a new wife and four children, Gibbs again left Cornwall for Australia on board the *Great Queensland*, landing at Maryborough and later residing in Gibbs Street, Kelvin Grove. Gibbs purchased land in Mary (later Berrima) Street in May 1889, and commenced construction of a hotel. He applied for, and was granted, a licence through the South Brisbane Licensing Courts. The Brisbane Courier reported on 7 November that '...the house was complete and ready for occupation.' The Waterloo Bay Hotel opened for business in 6 November 1889 - just five days after the opening of the Cleveland railway branch.

Gibbs owned the hotel until 1892 when, due to ill health, it was sold and the family moved to Gibbs Street, Wynnum. The hotel was sold to Sarah Jane King in March 1892. Title passed to William Morris in 1895 and later to Helen Rankin Turner from August 1896. The hotel was purchased by William Denis O'Connor in August 1898. He remained the owner until he died on 14 January 1950. O'Connor was the licensee from the date of purchase until October 1901 when he leased the building to Bernard Kennedy for ten years. In August 1907, Kennedy transferred the balance of the lease to Augustus Marshall who held it til May 1908.

Sarah Baird took up the lease of the hotel in May 1908. Initially, her husband, Robert, was the licensee, however, following his death in June 1910, Sarah took over as licensee. In January 1911, Baird made an application to the Licensing Court to have music at the hotel every Saturday. A new application had to be made every week. The South Brisbane Licence Register indicates that the Waterloo Bay Hotel was one of the first hotels on the south side of the river to have music each week. In October 1911, Amelia Connell took out a new lease, with her husband Robert as the licensee. By the end of that year music had ceased playing at the hotel. On 7 March 1918, the ten year lease was surrendered subsequent to the death of Amelia Connell on 19 October 1917. In February 1918, the Government Gazette advertised a Transmission by Death of Interest in Lease from Amelia Connell to Patrick Joseph O'Shea, and a Surrender of Lease from Patrick O'Shea to William Denis O'Connor. By February, 1918, O'Connor had commissioned architect, GHM Addison to undertake alterations to the hotel. The alterations included the construction of a new public bar on the ground floor and private accommodation on the first floor.

O'Connor's death was registered on 14 January 1950, at this time, the entire property passed to Douglas Wadley and Graham O'Connor as Trustees. In September 1956, the lease for hotel passed to Queensland Brewery Ltd. This lease was held until 1985 when it was transferred to Ashwick (Qld). The property passed to Moreton Bay Holdings in early 1987.

In November 1989, a week long celebration to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the hotel was organised by the then lessees. An article in the Bayside Bulletin dated 14 November 1989 states that '...the Waterloo Bay Hotel is serving the community as never before and looks set to take on its second hundred years with ease and equanimity.' Renovations undertaken in the 1980s, included the addition of a beer garden and restaurant. Towards the end of 1999, further renovation work was undertaken.

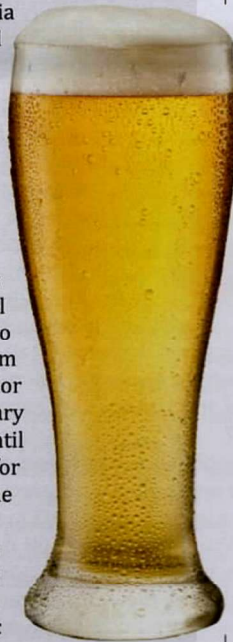
Still a focal point for the local and surrounding community, the Waterloo Bay Hotel has been identified as a Heritage Place within the Wynnum-Manly Local Area Plan

Source <https://apps.des.qld.gov.au/heritage-register/detail/?id=601729#>

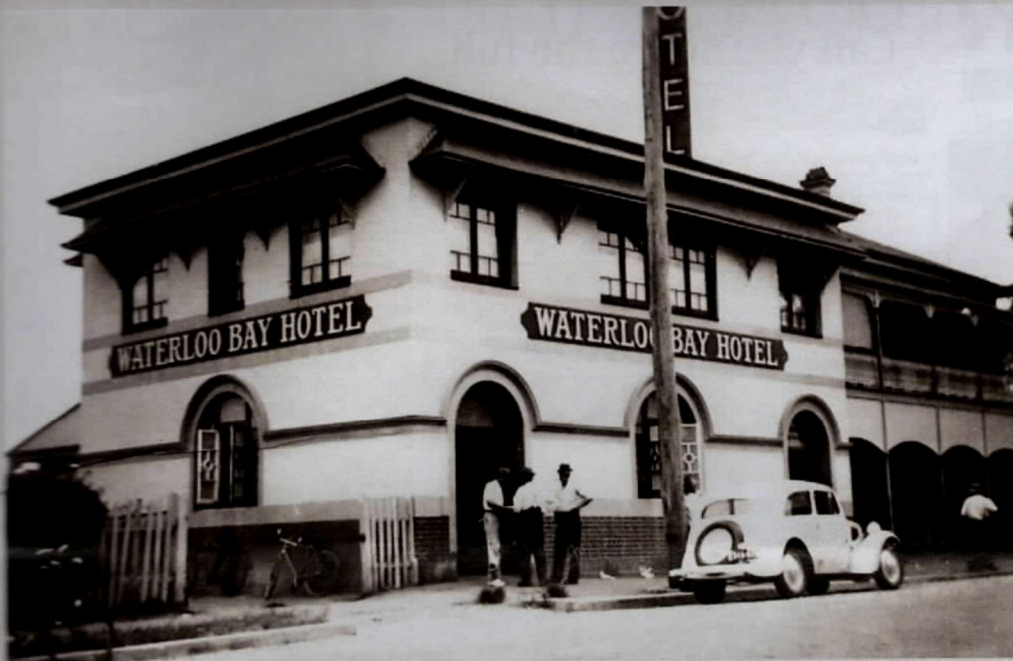
## Waterloo Bay Hotel.

One of the many improvements arising out of the opening of the Cleveland railway, and which ought to go a considerable way to enhance the attractions of Wynnum as a watering place, is the Waterloo Bay Hotel, completed last month to the order of Mr. George Gibbs. This already popular resort has not only the advantage of being within five minutes' walk of the railway station, but from the elevated three-acre site upon which it has been erected, it commands a charming view of the bay and islands. The absence of any superfluous architecture to catch the eye from outside rightly indicates that the proprietor has aimed at comfort and utility instead of incommensurable ornament. Still more is this apparent within the premises, where the latest appointments appertaining to a first-class hotel have been provided for the requirements of visitors. Briefly, the building may be described as a two-storied brick structure, of modern style, substantial, though at the same time light and cheerful in appearance, and surrounded on both sides by balcony verandas 6 feet in width. Upstairs and downstairs glass doors take the place of the usual windows, and these, while affording increased ventilation, decidedly enliven the aspect of the place. On the basement, is a double cellar 27 feet by 16 feet in which by special appliances the beer is kept at an icy cool temperature, and drawn thus in the bar above. Besides the latter, on the ground floor are a 9-foot wide vestibule, four parlours, lofty, spacious, and each capable of accommodating a dozen persons; a dining hall, 24 feet by 17 feet, elaborately furnished, in which dinner can be served without difficulty for from 50 to 70 people; and the kitchen, &c., &c., at the rear. The culinary arrangements are upon somewhat an extensive scale, and are sufficiently complete to enable travellers to obtain meals without warning at any hour of the day. Upstairs, with the exception of a drawing and music-room, furnished with every regard to ease, the whole space is devoted to family and single sleeping accommodation. Broad passages separate the bedrooms on both sides of the house, so that coolness and free ventilation are secured, whilst the liberal dimensions of each room secure comfort to its occupant. The lavatory conveniences would be considered a special feature even in town. In a separate tower, adjoining the verandas on each story, is a 12 foot square bathroom with a supply of fresh water laid on sufficient to permit of residents enjoying their plunge or shower bath daily throughout the year. Only in the bar has decorative display been permitted to any extent, and there the stained and white wood, ornamental shelving, stocked to the ceiling with many coloured labels, is copied from the latest now-a-day palaces, ablaze with glass and jars. Altogether the Waterloo Bay Hotel is one of the most complete outside Brisbane, and quite a departure in the country hostelry of yore

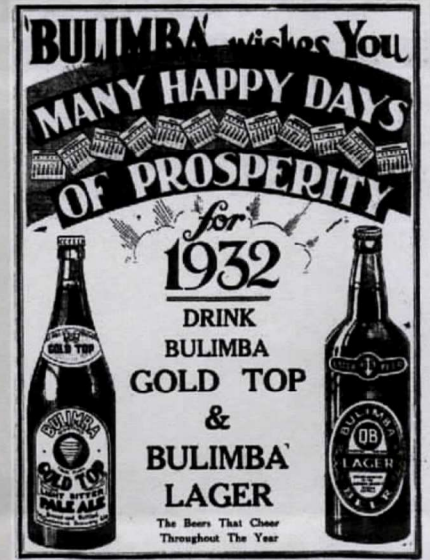
Telegraph, Friday 20 December 1889, page 4  
Courtesy of Trove NLA.







Waterloo Bay Hotel, Wynnum, 1940.  
John Oxley Library, SLQ. Image 183258



Truth, Sunday 10 January 1932, page 8,  
Courtesy Trove NLA.

## WYNNUM FIRE Hotel Damaged

WYNNUM, August 4.  
Fire broke out in the Waterloo Bay Hotel, Wynnum Central, late yesterday afternoon owing to an electric iron being left switched on. The blaze was extinguished before much damage had been done to the building.

The fire started in a bedroom over the bar and this room with its contents were badly damaged. Adjoining rooms and the passage suffered from smoke and water.

The hotel is owned and occupied by Mr W D O'Connor.

The Wynnum Fire Brigade under District Officer A. A. McKenzie attended the call promptly and soon had the fire under control.

Telegraph, Friday 4 August 1933, page 10  
Courtesy Trove NLA.

## WYNNUM HOTELKEEPER'S DEATH.

Mr. Robert Baird, licensee of the Waterloo Hotel, Wynnum, who was admitted into the General Hospital on Thursday last, suffering from arsenical poisoning, died in the institution last night. Mr. Baird was about 54 years of age, and he left a wife and family.

Telegraph Monday 13 September 1909, page 9  
Courtesy Trove NLA.

Small wagon being pulled by a goat, outside the Waterloo Bay Hotel, Wynnum, ca. 1915.  
John Oxley Library, SLQ. Image 183257

“ Marion Murphy came to Wynnum in 1961 knowing her great grandfather George Gibbs, had built the Waterloo Bay Hotel. She discovered that George, a stonemason from Cornwall, built and held the first license from 1889 to 1892. Marion believed George's son William James planted the two mango trees and majestic fig at the corner of Bay Terrace in 1890.

In 1890, the council gave permission for George Gibbs to have a private bathing box at the foot of Mary Street.

The stone baptismal font donated and placed in the original St. Peter's Church of England stands in the new church in Charlotte Street. It bears the inscription 'The Gift of George Gibbs 1899' ”

Quotes from "Mangroves to Moorings Revisited",  
By Myrtle Beitz.



Truth, Sunday 10 January 1932, page 8,  
Courtesy Trove NLA.



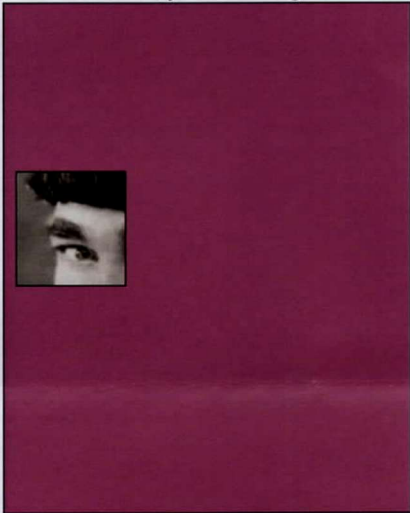




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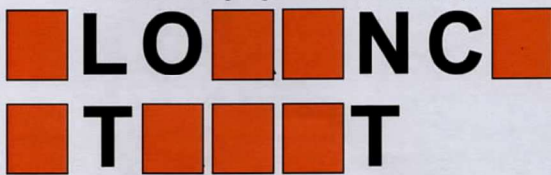
## VINTAGE THEMED PUZZLES

One of three, you'll never guess me!



**3 Points**

For resourceful people this ones too easy!

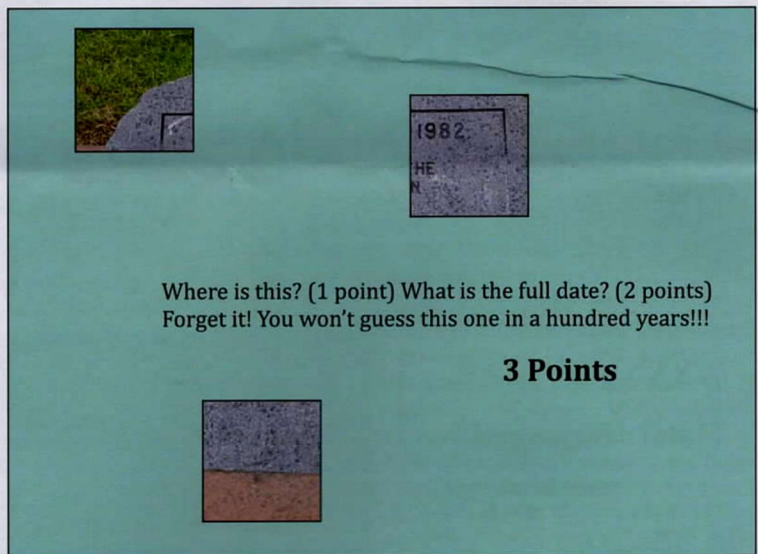


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Can you score the full **10 points?**



**Bonus Points: Who's this? and what movie? (1 point each)**



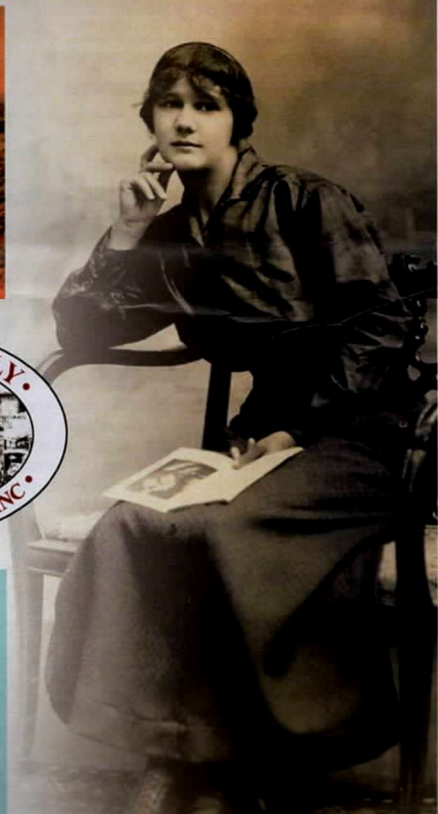
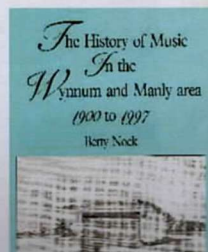
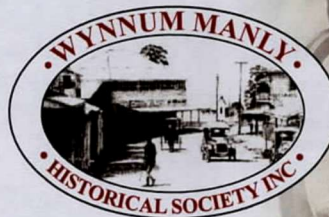
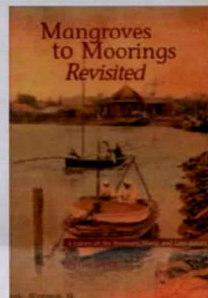
Where is this? (1 point) What is the full date? (2 points) Forget it! You won't guess this one in a hundred years!!!

**3 Points**

*Answers next month*

## 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.**



# 100 YEAR OLD NEWS

AUGUST

What was happening in our area as reported in the newspapers 100 years ago this month

1921



Local Authorities Districts around Brisbane 1902

## COUNCIL MEETINGS

WYNNUM, August 12

The first monthly meeting of the Wynnum Town Council was held on Thursday, the Mayor (Alderman J. W. Greene) presiding. The alteration of the name of Wynnum electorate to that of Logan was discussed, and it was decided to ask Mr. W. H. Barnes, M. L. A., to urge the name of Wynnum should be retained. Alderman Scott was appointed chairman of the Works Committee. The report stated "that in view of the stringency of the council's finances, the committee is not prepared to appoint a supervisor of the outside work at present, and it is therefore arranged that the inspector shall supervise in conjunction with his other work, under instructions from the town clerk." Alderman Randall was elected chairman of the No.1 Ward Improvement Committee, Alderman Scales chairman of No.2, Alderman Joyce of No 3, and Alderman Clark No. 4. Alderman Atkin was appointed chairman of the Legislative Committee. The mayoral honorarium was fixed at £70 for the half-year. The bank balances on July 31 were: Town Fund, £4186-11/; Loan Fund, £1059/5/; reserve, £447/1/5; special loan rates account, £1467/19/1.

Brisbane Courier, Saturday 13 August 1921, page 12

## Aged and Orphans,

### Oddfellows' Beneficence

### Home Opened at Manly.

The grand secretary of the Independent Order of Oddfellows, Grand Lodge of Australasia, Bro. J. C. Smith, P.G., on Saturday last at the opening of the Orphans and Aged Oddfellows Home, at Manly, told a gathering comprising several hundred members of the order, and a number of visitors from kindred institutions, what a humble beginning the order had, and how it had grown in recent years. The home is situated at Lota road, Manly, and its objects were commended by the various speakers at the opening ceremony, which was performed by the Premier (Hon. E. G. Theodore).

Telegraph, Mon 22 Aug 1921, page 8

### Wynnum and District Bisteddof.

WYNNUM SOUTH.  
20th, 21st, 22nd OCTOBER, 1921.  
£110 Prize Money. £110

OPEN EVENTS:  
Grand Choral Competition, £25.  
Church Choir Competition, £10. Male Chorus, 15. Female Chorus, 15. Juvenile Chorus, £4 4s.

Soprano, Mezzo, Contralto, Tenor, Bass, Baritone Solos, Duets, Trio, Quartette, Violin, Juvenile, Monologue, Impromptu, all £2 2s. prizes.  
Programme and Music obtainable  
Paling's and Grice's.  
Entries close 10th October.

Telegraph, Saturday 27 August 1921, page 3



JUNIOR - Drawn by  
RAYMOND McCORKELL,  
Lota-road, Manly. Age 11 years

## The New Wynnum Electorate.

At a well attended meeting of the Bulimba Elections Committee last evening, Mr. A. E. Chave in the chair, a report of the local authority elections was submitted and adopted. The question of the re-distribution of the Bulimba electorate was discussed, and Mr. W. H. Barnes, M. L. A., accepted and invitation from the Wynnum Manly, and Cleveland branches to offer himself as a candidate for the new electorate of Wynnum. The following motion was carried unanimously:- That this meeting of representatives of the Bulimba electorate endorses the decision of the Hon. W. H. Barnes to offer himself as a candidate for the new electorate of Wynnum.

Brisbane Courier, Friday 5 August 1921, page 6

### PRICES REDUCED.

MILK, BREAD, AND MEAT.

BACON 1d PER LB DEARER.

The Commissioner of Prices (Mr. T. A. Ferry) announces that the price of fresh milk has been reduced and fixed at 6d per quart delivered at Bundaberg, Maryborough, Mackay, Charters Towers, - Goondiwindi, as from September 1. The maximum price for fresh milk at Chillagoe has been fixed at 8d per quart delivered.

The price of bread at Ipswich and Toowoomba has been fixed at 6d per 2lb loaf at bakehouse or shop and 6 1/2 d delivered and a booking charge of 1/2 allowed for accounts over seven days.

The prices of beef and mutton have been reduced at Wynnum, Wynnum South, and Manly, as from August 29, 1921.

On account of the shortage of pigs it has been found necessary to increase the price of bacon 1d per lb as August 29, 1921.

Brisbane Courier, Monday 8 August 1921, page 6

## Passing of Mr. A. Machin

The death of the late Mr. A. Machin, of Cedar-street, Wynnum South, has removed one of the most influential and highly respected citizens from the Wynnum and Manly district. Mr. Machin was a member of a great many local societies having for their object the improvement of the district, as well as the Moreton Masonic Lodge, of which he was a past master, and Protestant Alliance Friendly Society. He was also a member of the Wynnum South State school committee, the local Progress Association, and many other similar organisations. Mr. Machin was a manager of Webster's Moreton Bakeries Ltd., and was a director of Wynnum Star Pictures. Ltd. He leaves a wife and six children.

Daily Mail, Sat 27 Aug 1921, p 6

Note: Webster's Moreton Bakery, Limited, was situated at Mary Street, Wynnum. It was described as a brick building with hardwood floor, 18 inches off the ground. It was gutted by fire on Friday 10th June 1922.

**WEBSTER'S MORETON BAKERIES LIMITED,**  
BREAD AND PASTRY COOKS.  
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FRESH DELIVERY SERVICE IN DISTRICT.

## MODERN DANCING

Sir,—Again I crave a small space in the "Courier" in reply to strictures by two leading divines ament the vogue of dancing. Modern terpsichorean gymnastics as demonstrated in the wild whirls of the jazz, the tango, &c., is decidedly not dancing, but physical contortions, reminiscent of war dances of the uncivilised, polished a little, and clothed less, set to American rollicking ragtime, and attractive only to the unthinking and indiscriminate of both sexes. Its unpoetic motions as much shock the genteel of the old school as it does Ambassador Booth. In comparison, it is the antipodes of the leisurely poise and sway of the graceful minuet, the rhythmical precision of the stately cotillion and quadrille of the Victorian era. From, this code the bishop garners his experience, he envisages the pleasures of the dance through the respectable demeanour of his parochial oversight, his comfortable environment, and the canons of his rubric. A bishop, who personally contacts with the plebeian and rough hewn of his diocese is a rare avis, hence his intimate knowledge of the ever downward drift of the underworld is nugatory (en passant, the writer is a member of the Anglican denomination). Ambassador Booth and family are herculean pioneers of a beatific movement who claim the underworld for parish, who tackle evil and vice in embryo. The struggling sub-merged are sought, wrenched with both hands from the murk, lifted to a pedestal in the legion of the spirit, and regenerated back to the Great Artificer who created man in His own image. It is to the establishment of such all-embracing refuges, that dignitaries of some churches are immune from witnessing much of the heart rends of the hopeless and despairing.

-I am, sir, &c..

L. F. CAVANAGH.

Wynnum, August, 3

Brisbane Courier, Monday 8 August 1921, page 6

All news clip courtesy of TROVE NLA





### Beetroot Mould

**Ingredients.**-1½ dessertspoon gelatine, 3 average-sized cooked beets, ½ cup hot water; ½ cup vinegar and 2 cloves. Season with pepper, salt and sugar to taste.

**Method.**- Peel and slice beetroot. Arrange in a mould. Dissolve gelatine in hot water. Add cloves, sugar, salt, pepper and vinegar. Cool strain. When thickening slightly, pour over the beetroot. Serve garnished with shredded lettuce and slices of tomato. Serve with mayonnaise dressing. If liked more vinegar and less water in proportion can be used in this recipe. Only 1¼ dessertspoons gelatine are necessary if setting in ice-chest or refrigerator.



M. Foley.

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

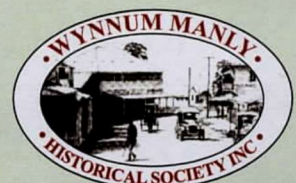
# Scanner Day!

Do you have old photos, postcards or documents related to Wynnum Manly history?



Bring them along to the resource centre and they can be scanned in and copied to ensure their preservation for future generations!

**Every Wednesday 1 - 3pm.**



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& Now



2021





## When

## Where

## What's On

**August 15**

10am—3pm

**Cost \$5**

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

**Royal Qld Historical Society**

Commissariat Store

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.

**August 15**

4pm - 5pm

**Cost Free**

Bookings ph 0401 802 980

**Windsor Council**

**Chambers**

Cnr Palmer St & Lutwyche

Rd, Windsor



The 'Corley Explorer' project

The Windsor & Districts Historical Society is presenting this talk by Peter Latemore, Sherry Mackay and Niles Elvery. From the 1960s to the 1970s, Frank and Eunice Corley drove the suburban streets of Queensland taking photos of houses and sold them to home owners. Around a third of the photos were not sold and were donated to the State Library of Queensland.

**August 17**

10am—11am

**Cost Free**

Bookings essential via ph 3249 4200 or

Eventbrite

**National Archives of Australia**

16 Corporate Drive

Cannon Hill

Collect, store and preserve: managing our collection

This seminar will provide an overview of what records are collected by NAA, how they transfer records into the collection, and how they store and preserve these valuable records, both in paper and digital formats.

**August 27**

10am - 11.30am

**Cost Free**

Bookings essential via SLQ or phone 3840 7810

**Webinar**

From the comfort of your own home

Coming to Queensland

To celebrate family history month, National Archives of Aust, Qld State Archives and State Library of Qld are collaborating to present this webinar on immigration and shipping. The webinar will uncover the unique and rich resources offered by each organisation and assist researchers to find records of immigrant arrivals focussing on records relevant to Queensland.

**August 29**

11am—12.30pm

**Cost Free**

Bookings essential via Eventbrite or by phoning 3364 6432

**Queensland Police Museum**

200 Roma Street

Brisbane

Behind the scenes of the Police Dog Squad

Find out how police dogs are used for tracking, searching and the apprehension of offenders.

**September 9**

12.30pm - 1.30pm

**Cost \$10 includes entry to the Museum**

Bookings essential via Eventbrite or phone 3221 4198

**Royal Qld Historical Society**

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Brisbane

Waterworks Road: The track that made Brisbane

This presentation by Peter Eedy will provide a visual and descriptive history of Brisbane's early water supply system, and its critical importance for the development of the town in the late 1800s.







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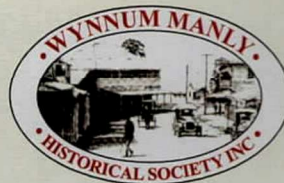
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I am agreeable for my contact details to be printed for distribution to other Society members. **Yes / No**

Send to: Membership Secretary,  
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Date approved by Committee \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

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