

WYNNUM MANLY

HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.

July 2019 Newsletter

GENERAL MEETING

Thursday
18 July 2019
 7pm for 7.15pm start

**Ambulance
 Museum
 Auditorium**

(Corner of Cedar St and
 Tingal Road Wynnum)

Speaker
Paul Seto

*125 years of Royal Surf
 Life Saving Society with
 stories of Wynnum
 people and their roles in
 lifesaving and of their
 drownings*

Door Prize
Membership Draw
Raffle
Bring & Buy Table

*Donations of \$2 and over to
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President's Report



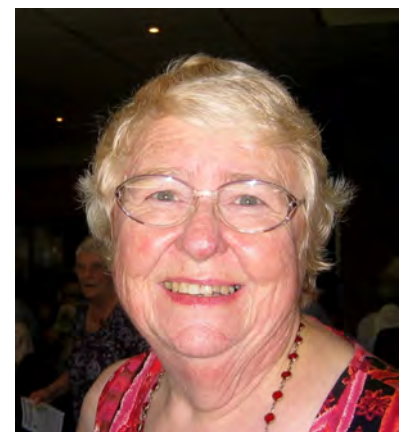
It is with much regret and sadness that the Committee advises the resignation of our President, Deborah Tearle.

Deb has been a breath of fresh air to the Society and has worked tirelessly on the committee for many years and presented some wonderful ideas to keep the Society functioning smoothly. She has now decided that due to work and family commitments she is no longer able to perform her duties.

I am sure everyone will agree we will miss Deb enormously in her role as President. She has promised however that she and Doug will attend meetings and events when they can.

Thank you Deb for all your efforts and for the many years you have served on the Society's committee.

Our wonderful Vice President, Jan Parnell, has agreed to act as Acting President until the next AGM so look forward to future President Reports from Jan. Thank you Jan for once again stepping up when needed.



Resource Centre Report

July 2019



- **Residence of Thomas and Eliza Dean**

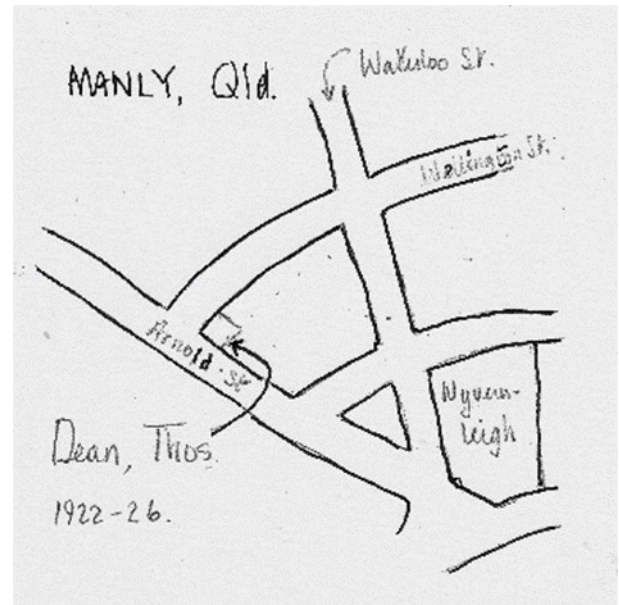
Doug Dean of the Sunshine Coast is tracing his family tree and asked if we could locate the house named "Goytee Lea" in Manly, the home of his great grandfather, Thomas Dean.

We did not find "Goytee Lea" but found Thomas Dean living on the corner of Arnold Street and Wellington Street between 1922 and 1926.

Doug has thanked us and provided the story of his Dean family.

Thomas Dean was a pioneer in the Mitchell area and retired to Manly.

Doug does not feel there is any connection between his family and the local Wynnum/Tingalpa/Cleveland Real Estate family.



- **H B Hase Surgeon Dentist**

Henry Bernard Hase's name plate is displayed in a prominent place in the Resource Room and cannot be missed when you walk through the door.

A visitor last week enquired if he could make an appointment.



- **Visitors from Mount Gravatt**

A group of ladies from Mount Gravatt National Seniors Club called in recently to see what a "Community Centre" had to offer. As ours is the first room, when entering the building, they came in, and filled the room. After giving the usual introduction of Wynnum Community Centre being housed in the old school building with nine separate tenants and rooms to hire, some of the group wandered off. But we then had a smaller more manageable group who were very interested in many different topics and the tables were soon full of old photos of the area. It is a great pity that this does not happen more often.

- **HELP!**

We need more volunteers to keep our door open for five days of the week. People are sick, or have medical appointments, or have a family commitment, or a funeral and we do not have any extra members to cover these times. It does not matter if your local historical knowledge is not great. You can take down details of how the Society can help them, so that another volunteer can follow this up at a later date..

Please consider being a new Volunteer. You will find that there are some very interesting people in the Community who like to talk, and listen.

Till next time.

Jill

Shooting rats a lucrative pastime

By Jackie Miller

SHOOTING rats was a lucrative pastime for a boy growing up in the 1920s, especially at sixpence per carcass. Wynnum historian Jack Sands 81, was one of many youngsters of the Great Depression era who refined their marksmanship skills using rats as the target.

Jack recalls regularly bagging good catches of the rodents and handing them over to the authorities in exchange for what was then a sizeable reward.

But there was a darker side to Jack's boyhood bounty hunting expeditions.

The price on dead rats was the direct result of a 1900 outbreak of bubonic plague in Brisbane, an epidemic which claimed 219 lives during the next decade.

The first plague victim, a Woolloongabba van driver, had regularly carried goods from a Brisbane wharf which medical examiners of the day found to be the home of plague infested rats.

Subsequent cases of plague in Spring Hill, Wickham Terrace, Red Hill and Paddington were believed to be due to wharf rats using an old and defective sewer as a "highway", infecting other rat communities in the course of their travels.

As the plague gathered momentum "tent hospitals" were established at Colmslie and Lytton to quarantine victims.

Jack said it was a sad fact that a government plan to clean up towns and eradicate the disease had initially met with opposition from the ill-informed, many of whom believed that Brisbane's Chinese population was responsible for the epidemic.

A clean up campaign was well under way by 1902 and a bounty placed on rats was still in force more than 20 years later.

Jack said many of those who died from the plague lie buried on Gibson Island, but no memorials mark the site because "nobody knows where they were buried."

He said medicine had come a long way since the turn of the century when people also regularly died from illnesses such as diphtheria, tuberculosis (known in the early days as consumption), tonsillitis, appendicitis, pneumonia and a throat infection called quinzey.

"In the case of serious illness or an operation there was always what we called a "three-day crisis," Jack said. "If the patients rallied to survive the first three days their chances of recovery were good."

Jack said blood transfusions such as the one given to his brother-in-law were unbelievably primitive.

"The blood donor would be put into a bed alongside the patient and blood would be collected by opening the donor's vein, collecting the blood and passing it literally into a vein in the patient," he said.

"This actually happened to my brother-in-law following an amputation. Both the patient and the donor lived for many years afterwards."

As a founding member of the Wynnum Manly Historical Society, Jack gives regular talks at clubs, libraries and schools "when I'm invited."

And he may be just joking when he describes himself as "a living relic", but metaphorically speaking, the description is superb.

That is if you take the dictionary's definition of a relic as "something treasured for its past associations."

And as far as Wynnum is concerned, Jack's association goes back a long way and his memories are a historical treasury.

Wynnum Herald 12th March 1997

(Transcribed by Heather Langston)



Jack Sands—his memories are a historical treasury

Medical Care in Wynnum Manly

The early Wynnum citizens had the services of nurses and midwives who travelled from home to home as required. Small "Hospitals" followed, for example, the six-bed St Mary's Hospital on Bay Terrace, the maternity services at St Kilda. These premises were really nursing homes where the early doctors visited their convalescing patients.

The first chemist shop was owned by Thomas and Chater, next door to Reeve House (now Ray White) in the early 1900s. The early chemists imparted much medical advice. The Ambulance Movement started in Wynnum in 1915.

Not until the 1950's was the need recognised for a fully equipped hospital in Wynnum. In 1955 "Bill" Gunn, (State Member, 1944 – 1966) reports in the *Herald* as follows:

"Proposed Wynnum Hospital sites inspected"

The first step in recognition of Wynnum's claim for a hospital has now been achieved, said Mr W M Gunn yesterday. In company with members of the South Coast Hospitals Board he made a thorough inspection of the district to secure a suitable site for hospital purposes.

Many excellent sites were inspected and Mr Gunn is now awaiting the Board's decision as to the most favoured.

Board members present for the inspection included Dr A Pye (Brisbane General Hospital; Mr Coll assistant Under Secretary of Department Health and Home Affairs; Mr Mahoney, manager Brisbane General Hospital; Mr P Hanion and Mr Bryan.

Queensland is the only State that has held fast to its free hospital scheme, said Mr Gunn. Free hospital and medical services introduced by a Labor Government many years ago are a traditional and integral part of the government's policy and to spread hospitals throughout the length and breadth of the State.

The ever-increasing population throughout the State and particularly the Greater Brisbane area has called for further expansion of our hospital programme. The Queensland Government in keeping with its progressive medical policy and to meet the requirements of Greater Brisbane established a most modern hospital at South Brisbane.

The structure will provide accommodation for a further 716 beds, at a cost of £4,000,000 and is expected to be completed in the very near future, will no doubt, in conjunction with the Brisbane General, provide adequate accommodation for Brisbane's requirements.

The time has now arrived said Mr Gunn to implement the policy set down by the government six years ago when it was decided to establish hospitals in and around the more populated districts within the Greater Brisbane area at the time.

Mr Gunn emphasised the necessity why Wynnum should receive priority over other contemplated units to be built, pointing out that a hospital built at Wynnum would serve not only the local population of approximately 30,000, but also the Cleveland, Redland Bay and surrounding districts.

HOSPITAL SITE ?

A roundsman of the Chamber of Commerce reports that the Brisbane and South Coast Hospitals' Board representatives were very interested in properties in the vicinity of Wagner's Corner last week. It is understood that the area of land sought is approximately four acres.

Moves have been made by the Chamber to secure a visit from the Lord Mayor as early as possible to ascertain the new council policy and intentions in regard to improvements in our districts. "

Wynnum Herald 01.06.1955 page 01

With change of Government in 1966 came the statement "No decision has yet been reached by the State Government on the establishment of a public hospital in Wynnum" *Wyn Her. 24 August 1966*

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However on the 30th October 1966 a loan was approved by the Government for the establishment of a hospital in the area. Six years later on 9 December 1972 a reserve of land, formerly owned by the Education Department was set aside for the development of the hospital in Whites Road, Lota. Nine years later Sir William Knox was present when earthworks for building officially commenced on 5 August 1880, for a forty-bed secondary hospital. The first parent admitted was Mrs Marie Petersen on 18 January 1982.

But thirty years later, in 2011, Ambulances officers are instructed not to deliver patients to Wynnum Hospital. We learnt that \$13.6 million was given to Redlands Hospital on February 1 2012 and Wynnum Hospital was closed on 31 October 2012.

Five years later, “**Gundu Pa**” has arrived, not a hospital, but “ a new frontier for health on the Bayside”, and built on the site that was considered for a hospital in 1955.



You are warmly invited to Gundu Pa's Community Day

Saturday, 7 October 2017
10.00 am – 2.00 pm
Cnr Wynnum Rd & New Lindum Rd, Wynnum West

- Preview our new community health services
- Tours of the Health Centre
- Free children's activities
- Free Sausage Sizzle

Come along to celebrate what we have achieved together.

Authorised by R Bigalla, 90 Torquay Crescent, Tingalpa QLD 4173

Compiled by Jill Greenhill

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June 2019 Where was I?



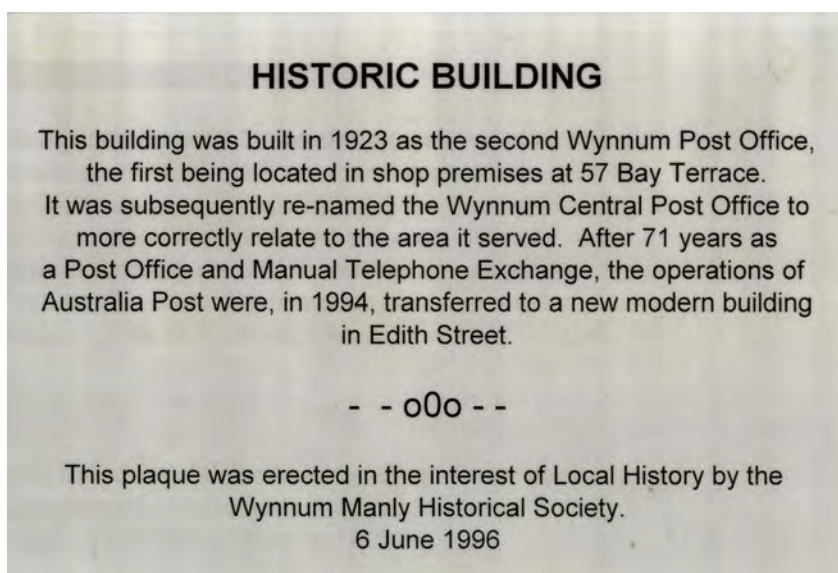
The park on the Lower Esplanade at Darling Point, fairly close to Darling Point School was named after Bob Drevesen.

Bob was listed in the 1978 Queen's New Year Honours list for outstanding Community Service. His interest in sailing commenced at the age of 10 years, racing model yachts. He was one of the founding members of the Imperial Junior Sailing Club, in 1928, which became the Darling Point 10' Flying Squadron in 1930. He assisted in building Sabots for the Darling Point School and instructing children to sail them. Bob was a member of the Lions Club and the Lota Pensioners' League where he organised activities for the "oldies".



Bob Drevesen

July 2019 Where am I?



Till next time

Jill

Wynnum Manly Historical Society Inc
Minutes of General Meeting held in Ambulance Museum Auditorium, Tingal Road
on Thursday 20 June 2019

Meeting opened at 7.25pm. There were 24 members present, one apology and visitor, Janet Bown.

Vice-President's Comments:

Jan Parnell gave some interesting information of happenings on this day many years ago. These included the crowning of Queen Victoria in 1838, the birth of author, Catherine Cookson in 1906, Errol Flynn in 1909 and Nicole Kidman in 1967.

Previous Minutes:

Minutes of Meeting of Thursday 17 May 2019 were accepted by Carole Astill and seconded by Ellen Coupland.

Correspondence:

The correspondence report was presented for May 2019. The correspondence was accepted and endorsed at the committee meeting held on Thursday 7 June 2019.

Treasurers Report

BOQ A/c No 20139708	<u>1 May 2019 – 31 May 2019</u>	
Opening balance at 1 May 2019		\$37,729.24
Income	\$ 630.04	
Expenditure	\$ 527.86	
Closing balance at 31 May 2019		\$37,544.42
<u>Bank Account Breakup</u>		
Everyday Account	\$ 6,238.29	
Websaver (Building) Account	\$31,306.13	
TOTAL FUNDS AS AT 31 May 2019		\$37,544.42

Resource Centre:

"Where was I?" this month was a photo of the plaque mounted at Drevesen Park, Lower Esplanade, Manly. Bob was recognised in the Queen's New Year's Honours List in 1978 for outstanding community Service. He started sailing at the age of 10 years with model yacht racing at the Darling Point basin, then crewed for his father. He helped form the Imperial Junior Sailing Club in the 1928. This Club became the Darling Point 10' Flying Squadron in 1930. Bob helped the Darling Point School with the building and sailing of Sabots.

The air conditioner has arrived in the Resource Centre and its first use was to heat-up the room for the last committee meeting.

Outings: Members were asked to indicate if there was interest for a visit to Redlands Museum in August. Another option was a boat trip, either to Bribie (Koopas Trail) or a cruise in Moreton Bay in October. Support was given for both suggestions, but more so for a boat trip.

General business:

The recent death of Shirley Jeffries on 19 June 2019 was announced. Shirley was, a former very enthusiastic member of the Society.

Guest Speaker: **Matthew Wengert** introduced the topic of the 1919 Spanish Flu, which he called a pandemic, that is, a world-wide event. Over 15,000,000 persons died from the start in 1918, more than the number of deaths from the two World Wars. Matthew explained the strict quarantine conditions imposed as soldiers brought the disease back from Europe, when returning home after WW1. People were jailed in Queensland for crossing the border from NSW and not observing the Quarantine rules.

Raffle: Jill Greenhill

Lucky Door: Laurima Rabe

Member Draw: Chiharu Tsurutani

The meeting closed at 8.45pm

Jill Greenhill (General Meeting Minute Secretary)

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Friend of Society: John McIntyre		
Late Life Members: Merv Beitz, Jack Sands, John Davies.		
Patrons: Cr Peter Cumming and Joan Pease MP.		

General Meetings

Afternoon set up: Jill Greenhill, Myrtle Beitz, Eric Sibley
 Welcome at Door and Raffles: Jan Parnell, Lyn Shanks
 Supper Co-ordinators: Eric Sibley, Ellen Coupland
 Raffle Prizes: Committee

Minutes

Committee Meetings: Ellen Coupland
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Planning and Co-ordination: Jan Parnell, Jill Greenhill, Lena McCreadie, Ellen Coupland, Deb Tearle, Myrtle Beitz
 Bookings: Sandy Liddle at General Meetings and Resource Centre staff each weekday

Publications for sale

Wynnum Community Centre, Room 1.08, 105 Florence Street Wynnum Mon to Fri 10am to Noon, or
 Wynnum Manly Historical Society, PO Box 318, Wynnum Q 4178, or

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
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
Mangroves to Moorings - Revisited	Beitz, Myrtle	2005	\$35
Story of Lota House	Beitz, Myrtle	2017	Donation
Lota House. Photographs and Images over 150 Years	Beitz, Myrtle	2017	\$15
From Saplings to Kero Tins A Peek at Gumdale's Past 2nd Ed.	Nalder Robyn	2017	\$15

When	Where	What's On
<p>July 10 2019</p> <p>12 noon—1pm</p> <p>Cost—Free</p> <p>Bookings essential on phone 3221 4698</p>	<p>Royal Historical Society of Qld</p> <p>Commissariat Store</p> <p>115 William Street</p> <p>Brisbane</p>	<p>Town Hall by Denver Beanland</p> <p>Join Denver Beanland as he talks about Brisbane's Town Hall and its historical past.</p>
<p>July 14 2019</p> <p>9.30am—2.30pm</p> <p>Cost—\$60 BYO lunch and water</p> <p>Bookings essential bd66@optusnet.com.au</p>	<p>Fort Lytton Jetty to St Helena Island</p> <p>NOTE: Tour is NOT suited to those unable to walk a few kilometres over rough ground.</p>	<p>Tour of St Helena Island</p> <p>Join Belinda Daly as she takes you on a tour of St Helena Island with a difference. She is personalising the tour and taking participants to parts of the Island not generally included on the usual tour. Cruise from Fort Lytton to St Helena and return on board the <i>Lady Brisbane</i>.</p>
<p>July 20 2019</p> <p>1.30pm—4.45pm</p> <p>Cost—\$25.00</p> <p>Bookings essential</p> <p>Ph: 3397 2020</p>	<p>Queen Alexandra Community Centre</p> <p>Old Cleveland Road</p> <p>Coorparoo</p>	<p>Stephens Shire Heritage Bus Tour</p> <p>The bus tour will encompass historic Annerley, Dutton Park, Fairfield and Yeronga which were part of the Stephens Shire prior to 1925. Many of the historic homes were erected in the late 1880s and early 1900s and are heritage listed.</p>
<p>July 21 2019</p> <p>9.30am—3pm</p> <p>Cost—\$60.00</p> <p>Bookings essential</p> <p>Ph: 3252 2979 or http://tiny.cc/vwbf8y</p>	<p>Miegunyah House Museum</p> <p>35 Jordan Tce</p> <p>Bowen Hills</p>	<p>Women stepping forth – stories from Qld women</p> <p>Six speakers will be exploring stories of women who led by example in the fields of arts, education, law, medicine and the environment.</p>
<p>July 25 2019</p> <p>10am—11am</p> <p>Cost—Free</p>	<p>Wynnum Library</p> <p>145 Florence Street</p> <p>Wynnum</p> <p>(above Woolworths)</p>	<p>Wynnum Manly in anniversary years</p> <p>In 1889 the railway line to Cleveland opened. This precipitated a jump in population in the Wynnum-Manly area. Come along and learn about the events of this year and other 'anniversary' years in the local area.</p>
<p>August 3 2019</p> <p>10am—12 noon</p> <p>Cost—Gold coin donation</p> <p>Enquiries 3366 4621 or ahs.secretary@bigpond.com</p>	<p>BCC Ashgrove Library</p> <p>Amarina Ave</p> <p>Ashgrove</p>	<p>Brisbane's early roller-skating rinks</p> <p>Andrew Darbyshire will be giving a presentation to Ashgrove Historical Society about the early roller-skating rinks in Brisbane.</p>

Wynnum Manly Historical Society Inc.

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Wynnum Manly Historical Society Inc.
Our aim is to gather and record local history before it is lost.

Membership application forms are available from the Resource Centre
at the Old Wynnum Central State School.

Membership costs per year (1 January to 31 December)

Single \$20.00

Family \$30.00

High School Student \$10.00

PLEASE NOTE: There is a joining fee of \$10.00 per person.



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