

WYNNUM MANLY

HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.

March 2020 Newsletter

GENERAL MEETING

Thursday
19 March 2020
 7pm for 7.15pm start

Ambulance Museum Auditorium

(Corner of Cedar St and
 Tingal Road Wynnum)

Guest Speaker

Sandy McDonald
 (from Manly Hotel)

Cheers to 50 years

This year the McDonald family celebrates 50 years since it took over the **Manly Hotel**.

Join Sandy McDonald when he recounts the last 50 years of this iconic Hotel.

Door Prize

Membership Draw

Raffle

Bring & Buy Table

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From the President

Greetings, and welcome to our March Newsletter.

I wonder if others are feeling that 2020 is moving along quite quickly. On the 31 March, one quarter of 2020 will have gone for good. Perhaps it is a sign of the ageing process that one would consider the progression of time in individual blocks of days, hours and even minutes. One wonders how much has been achieved in a particular time frame. Perhaps this practice should be left to the experts.

Continuing on with the theme of UNESCO World heritage sites in Australia, I decided today to look at a Queensland- the Great Barrier Reef. This site was added to the World Heritage list in 1981.

The Great Barrier Reef is listed as a site of remarkable variety of fauna and flora. It is the world's most extensive stretch of coral reefs. The great diversity of its fauna reflects the maturing of an ecosystem that has evolved over millions of years.

The site contains a huge range of species. These include over 1,500 species of fish, about 360 species of hard coral and 5000 species of mollusc plus sea anemones, marine worms and crustaceans. About 215 species of birds are found in its islands and cays. The reef system extends up to Papua New Guinea and is comprised of some 2900 individual reefs which cover more than 20000 square kilometres. Just think! This amazing phenomenon is right on our doorstep. How lucky are we?

The site includes major feeding grounds for the endangered dugong and nesting grounds of world significance for four species of marine turtles, including the endangered logger-head turtle. Given the severe pressure on these species elsewhere, the Great Barrier may be its last stronghold. It is also the breeding area for the hump-back and other whale species.

Another World Heritage site located in Queensland is the Riversleigh Fossil site near Winton. This was listed as a World Heritage site in 1994, and has increased our understanding of the diversity of Middle Cenozoic Vertebrates in Australia. These fossils span an evolutionary period of 20 million years. They also provide the first record of many distinctive groups of living mammals living in Australia, including the unique and now extinct Australian mammal such as the "marsupial lion".

All for now. Don't forget the Annual General Meeting on Thursday 19 March, when the committee will be elected for the coming year.

Best Wishes Jan

Resource Centre Report

March 2020



- **Member produces a book of his heritage**

New member Sid Weiss has presented the Society with a large and impressive book outlining his family history.



I will bring the book to the next General Meeting.

- **Family Photographs**

We have been given a set of family photographs that were left in a library book. Some of them have a name or more on the back.

“Valda” or “Val” occurs most often in the photos. In 1946 she was 18 years old, so was born about 1928. At 19 years old she is pictured wearing a fur coat. She had a friend, or sister, Muriel. Maybe she was married to Les. Les had a grandfather “Grandpa Earnshaw”. The family dog was called Buffy.

Come and look at the photographs. Hopefully somebody may be able to identify the family.

And remember to always write identification, location and the date taken on the back of all your photos or in your computer!

- **Former Lindum Baptist Church in Kianawah Road**

No longer a church, the building is still standing and is used by “Help Enterprises” a group that cater for the care of disabled people.

Mandy, a staff member visited us recently, searching for information and early pictures of the church, which, she understood is now 100 years old.

There will be an open celebration day later in the year to which any members of the Society, who have an association with the former church, or are just interested, are welcome to attend.



Till next time, Jill

A letter from *The Herald*

11 October 2018

WYNNUM CBD'S REAL PROBLEM

While lack of parking has always been a problem in Wynnum CBD, if the area is attractive people will come. (West End?)

The real problem has always been fragmentation. There are shops on Edith and Florence Streets but no link in the middle of the block and Florence Street does not have a full street of shops, making a walk around the block disappointing.

The Waterloo Bay Hotel is gearing up for a cinema district, but who will walk down there past the Funeral Home(s) on Bay Terrace, and nothing on Tingal Road?

Thousands of people drive to the beautiful Wynnum waterfront every weekend but there is no connection to the CBD and no reason for people to walk the two blocks, since everything is closed (on Wynnum's busiest days.)

And what about the "elephant in the room"? The biggest property in Wynnum CBD is the old Wynnum Central State School and it is so under-used that the Government should "please explain".

I personally have been inside once, to a vaccination catch-up clinic. What else is in there?

Why hasn't it been made into a community hub and connection between various streets?

Even the Library maintains archaic hours and closes on Sundays so keen readers will go to Carindale, and again it has no links to the surrounding area.

So much potential is lost due to a lack of municipal planning,

Mary McLaren

Society Comments: Changes have occurred in Wynnum since the time that this letter was written. The Brisbane City Council had decided that Wynnum was to become a high- density population area. Slowly the tower-like apartment buildings are appearing along Bay Terrace and the surrounding streets.

But will these buildings, and maybe the shops beneath them, improve the attractiveness of Wynnum?

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The Heers Family of Manly

As you travel along Wondall Road from Wynnum, just before you reach Wondall State School you will see a small park, on the left side of the road - Heers Park. The name Heers conjures up thoughts of roses.

Here is an article from a Wynnum Herald of 1957

His Roses a Monument

A man whose quality roses made the Wynnum district a by-word with Australian horticulturists has died at his Manly home. He is **George Henry Heers** 84 of Wondall Road.

Born at Rocklea on January 24, 1873, Mr Heers spent his early life at Fernvale and Ipswich and commenced work with Cribb and Foote, of Ipswich. He was well known for his sporting abilities, taking prominent parts in cycling, foot running, football and cricket.

In 1907, Mr Heers entered the Department of Agriculture and Stock as dairy inspector at Rockhampton and in 1908 was transferred to the grading staff with headquarters in Brisbane.



Clifford Heers

A resident of Manly, he was a keen member of the Manly Yacht Club, being one of the founders and secretary, he also participated in the sailing with his own yacht, "The Psyche". In 1919, Mr Heers acquired land in the district, on which he settled and his two sons established a rose nursery. In 1927 he became senior trading inspector in the Department of Agriculture and Stock and in 1935 was appointed director of dairying, which position he held up to his retirement in 1939 after which he managed the Pacific Nurseries for his sons.

Always a rose lover and a successful exhibitor of roses, his experience of over 45 years was an asset to the firm and during this period he wrote numerous articles on this subject. He took an active part in the business until his health failed three years ago.

His straight-forwardness and sincerity of purpose was appreciated by many who came in contact with him throughout his life. He is survived by his widow, two sons and five daughters, five grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Wynnum Herald 14 August 1957



BAYSIDE SEA SCOUTS

INVOLVEMENT OF ALAN EVANS

In August of 1952 my parents moved to Wynnum from Laidley where I had been a cub and scout.

I joined Bayside Sea Scout Troop soon afterwards and so began an association of approximately 25 years with Bayside Group. Lance Chew and Don McAdam were the leaders.

Over time I had the privileges of being Patrol Second, Patrol Leader and eventually Troop Leader.

At age 15 I advanced to Senior Sea Scouts and we met at the home of Group Scoutmaster Skip Smith.

I obtained the Queen Scout award which was presented to me by my father Gerwyn Evans who was District Commissioner.

I had the privilege of being the first Queen Scout in Bayside Sea Scout Group.

Some years later, under the leadership of Senior Scoutmaster John Browne, a number of Senior Sea Scouts obtained this award.

At age 18 I became Assistant Scoutmaster with Barry Pastorella as Scoutmaster. Barry's son Kim had a long involvement with the Group going right through all sections to eventually become a leader. As my father's Scout name was Eagle I chose the name Eaglet. Just recently one of the scouts of that era referred to me by that name on Facebook – about 45 years later.

I eventually became Scoutmaster with a great team of 3 other leaders – John Winn, Morrie Friend and Ces Kenney. Skip Petfield was Group Scoutmaster at the time.

Over time the Group expanded to 2 Cub Packs, 2 Troops, Senior Scouts and a Rover Crew. Scout headquarters decided we should be 2 Groups so the other one was called Darling Point Sea Scout Group. In time this went back to one Group.

Some years later I became Group Leader and eventually called it a day after many enjoyable years of association. Belle Woods was the first Cub Pack Leader and others involved over the years were Shirley Jones, Joan Klose, Heather Gillespie (who married Allan Davies, son of Bill Davies, who was Chairman of the Group Committee when the Land Ship building was obtained), Phyllis Browne (wife of John), Kathy Winn (wife of John) and Malcolm Kilpatrick.

Other Scout leaders were Col Clarkson, Ray Barnes, Bob Jaffrey who came up through Scouts, Ken Gallimore who was a Rover and Stan Kilpatrick who spent many years with the Group. As Group Leader I was given his name as a possible leader and he became one after a visit. I was invited to his send off a few years ago.

Phil Melbourne was a Rover Leader.

Stan Cosby and Geoff Murrell were other Group Leaders.

When I joined we met at the Boat Repair Shed not far from Manly Baths and some short time later the Group acquired the old National Bank building on Bay Tce Wynnum. This was moved to Darling Point and excess timber sold off so it did not end up costing a lot. Reg Cossart was Bank Manager at the time and he was also Assistant District Commissioner. Quite a few years later the building was raised and Patrol Cabins and Boat Storage built in underneath.

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The Lions Club donated four aluminium canoes to the Group and these were widely used and greatly appreciated. Other boats were a Sabot, 16' skiff which became a motor run around, and an old Life Boat. Norman Park Rovers donated a boat they had built to our Rover crew.

I had Pharmacies in Wynnum and Cleveland and a number of parents of the boys became customers. Some years ago in the last Pharmacy I had in Cleveland two sets of parents were in at the same time and Dr Bob Jaffrey was in a short time later. What a privilege. The role was reversed when Lance Chew came in one day. He had been my Scoutmaster. .

TOUR SUGGESTIONS

(Please Note: The Society is not affiliated with these tours—they are merely provided for your interest. Bookings must be made through the advertised details)

Tuesday 10 March 2020

WALKING TOUR—5pm—7pm

Queen's Wharf : Past, Present and Future

Queen's Wharf, the birthplace of Colonial Brisbane, is currently undergoing significant changes. Join Blair Allsopp as he delves into the heritage and hype surrounding this fascinating area of George and William Street, Brisbane City. What was the original purpose of these heritage buildings and what will they be used for in the future.

There is special after hours access to the scale model of the Queen's Wharf project to gain an insight into how the old and the new will be co-existing.

Bookings essential. Phone 0498 382 899 . Meet at 41 George Street, Brisbane.

Cost: \$18.00—\$25.00

Saturday 14 March 2020

BRISBANE to GOLD COAST: 300 Island sheltered water cruise from Brisbane to the Gold Coast. CAPTAIN'S SPECIAL only \$85 per adult* (reduced from \$105 per adult)

Price includes: *6 hour cruise,

*Freshly baked muffins, tea/coffee for morning tea,

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February 2020 Where was I?



Memorial Cairn 1929

Kitchener Memorial 1992



This cairn dedicated to Earl Kitchener and his visit to Wynnum in 1910, was unveiled on December 7 1929, along with the opening of the first RSSAILA (RSL) Hall in Tingal Road.. The cairn replaced a Memorial Stick supposedly marking where Kitchener stood for the march-past of the troops.

When the new RSL building was built and then extended in 1963 the cairn was demolished and the marble inscription lost.

Years later the marble plate was found under rubbish in a private property. A new Memorial was built on the opposite side of Colina Street and unveiled by Lord Mayor, Jim Soorley on 2 May 1992.

March 2020 Where am I?



Till next time

Jill

Wynnum Manly Historical Society Inc.

Minutes of Annual General Meeting of 21 March 2019

held in the Ambulance Museum, Tingal Road, Wynnum.

Meeting opened at 7.45pm, chaired by President Deb Tearle.

25 members were present and 3 apologies were received. (Attendance sheets are held by the Membership Secretary)

Minutes of Previous Meeting held on 15 March 2018, will be presented in the April Newsletter to be accepted and seconded.

President, Deb Tearle presented her annual report. She thanked the members of the committee for their willing contributions and of all of the ordinary members who gave of their time to make the club success. She commented on the Club's activities during the past year and mentioned those of the coming year.

The **Treasurer's Report**, a summary of the audited financial report for 2018 was presented. A detailed report from the Treasurer, who unfortunately was absent, of income and expenditure amongst the various activities within the Society, was available for perusal.

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

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

President	Deborah Tearle
Vice President	Jan Parnell
Secretary:	Lena McCreadie
Treasurer:	Sandy Liddle
Librarian:	Jill Greenhill

Committee Members: Myrtle Beitz, Ellen Coupland, Mitch Parsons, Eric Sibley and Carole Astill.

Appointment of Auditor:

Ross Hodson has agreed to audit the books for 2019.

Appointment of Patrons:

Peter Cumming, Councillor for Wynnum Manly and Joan Pease, State Member for Wynnum accepted invitations to become Patrons of the Society.

Peter thanked the Society for its contribution within the life of the community and presented the Society with \$300.00.

The meeting closed at 8.10pm.

Wynnum Manly Historical Society Inc
Minutes of General Meeting held in Ambulance Museum Auditorium, Tingal Road
on Thursday 20 February 2020

Meeting opened at 7.20pm. There were 21 members present and three visitors, Suzie Gregory and Pam and Maurice Gunter.

Opening Comments

President, Jan Parnell took the Chair, welcomed members to the meeting and provided some interesting facts about St Valentine with over a billion cards produced world-wide. There was a Priest called Valentine who married couples in the street.

Induction Sidney (Sid) Weiss

Previous Minutes

Minutes of Meeting of Thursday 21 November 2019 were accepted by Jill Greenhill and seconded by Wendy Parsons.

Correspondence

The correspondence report was presented for December 2019 and January 2020. The correspondence was accepted and endorsed at the committee meeting held on Friday 7 February 2020.

Treasurers Report

BOQ A/c No 20139708	<u>1 December 2019 – 31 January 2020</u>	
Opening balance at 1 December 2019		\$36,815.00
Income	\$ 132.74	
Expenditure	\$1,868.05	
Closing balance at 31 January 2020	\$35,079.69	
<u>Bank Account Breakup</u>		
Everyday Account	\$ 2,648.82	
Websaver (Building) Account	\$32,430.87 (including \$22.74 interest)	
TOTAL FUNDS AS AT 31 January 2020		\$35,079.69

Resource Centre

"Where was I?" this month was a photo of the cairn, unveiled in 1929 in front of the new RSSILA (RSL) building in Tingal Road honouring Earl Kitchener's visit in 1910. The cairn was demolished when the RSL building was extended to Colina Street in 1963. A new memorial to Earl Kitchener was unveiled on May 2 1992 by Lord Mayor Jim Soorley, located a short distance away across the road.

Members were shown the Wynnum Divisional Board Minute Book dating from 1898, donated to the Society by former Councillor Eric Shaw.

A photo of a 'late colonial gabled cottage' in Melville Terrace was shown and the owners (from Switzerland) had visited the Resource Room recently.

AGM for 2020 and new committee nominations

A plea was made to the audience for a new Treasurer for 2020 and Geraint Gregory agreed to be nominated. Members were asked to consider working on the new Committee or volunteering help at the meetings. The empty supper roster was circulated for volunteers to sign up.

Speaker Member Geraint Gregory gave a most interesting, amusing and informative presentation of his early life in England, which included time through WWII. We were entertained with sound effects, sirens giving warning of air raids, songs and music of the times as well as photographs and the narration. Geraint was ably assisted by his daughter, Suzy who played the violin at the conclusion of the talk.

Raffle Lena McCreddie **Member Draw:** Jan Parnell **Door Draw:** Lyn Shanks

Meeting closed at 8.50 and members were provided with a delicious supper by Eric Sibley.

Jill Greenhill (*General Meeting Minute Secretary*)

UPCOMING EVENTS

When	Where	What's On
<p>March 22 2020</p> <p>10am—2pm</p> <p>Cost—Free</p> <p>Enquiries—Ph 3286 3494</p>	<p>Redland Museum</p> <p>60 Smith Street</p> <p>Cleveland</p>	<p>Heritage and Harmony Fiesta</p> <p>Come along to the Redland Museum for a free community event. Heaps of activities and interactive displays. There will be folk dancers, Redland City Band, School choirs, belly dancers, Punch & Judy show, vintage vehicles, Brazilian drummers and much more. Food and drink available for purchase.</p>
<p>March 22 2020</p> <p>2pm</p> <p>Cost—\$20</p> <p>Bookings essential</p> <p>Ph: 3844 5361</p>	<p>Qld Maritime Museum</p> <p>412 Stanley Street</p> <p>South Brisbane</p>	<p>A search for a picture that brought his forebears to Australia—by Harley Stanton</p> <p>On the last voyage to Moreton Bay in 1862 the Conway brought some 400 immigrants to Queensland. Among the passengers were ancestors of prominent Queenslanders including Queensland State Development Minister Cameron Dick and his brother Milton Dick, Federal Member for Oxley. Another early immigrant on the Conway was John Healy, who served as Councillor and Mayor of Warwick from 1875 through 1890. Twenty years on, Harley Stanton still hasn't found an image of the Conway, a three-masted clipper ship, but it was far from wasted effort. The search has culminated in a stylish volume: <i>My Cathedral in the Sea – A History of the Conway</i>.</p>
<p>March 26 2020</p> <p>10am—11am</p> <p>Cost—Free</p>	<p>Wynnum Library</p> <p>145 Florence Street</p> <p>Wynnum</p>	<p>The history and maintenance of Moreton Bay's Peel Island</p> <p>Join Peter Ludlow as he discusses Peel Island's history and its future when it will be placed under the full control of the Quandamooka People.</p>
<p>March 29 2020</p> <p>11am—12.30pm</p> <p>Cost—Free</p>	<p>Qld Police Museum</p> <p>200 Roma Street</p> <p>Brisbane</p>	<p>Archaeology on the Frontier—Native Police Camp Research</p> <p>Professor Bryce Barker of the University of South Queensland is the guest speaker.</p>
<p>April 2 2020</p> <p>5.15pm -7pm</p> <p>Cost—Free</p>	<p>Banco Court</p> <p>QEII Courts of Law</p> <p>Level 3, 415 George Street</p> <p>Brisbane</p>	<p>The three Queenslanders: Griffith's plan for the United Provinces of Queensland</p> <p>Professor Greg Taylor will explore Sir Samuel Griffith's plan of 1890-92, when he was Queensland Premier, to divide Queensland into three provinces to create the United Provinces of Queensland. This startling idea would have changed the map of Australia as we know it, with each new province entering the federation as a separate State.</p>

Our Committee and Volunteers..

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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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Resource Centre

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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

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 Wynnum Community Centre (formerly the Wynnum Central State School building), .Florence St, Wynnum

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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