

MARCH GENERAL MEETING

HISTORY OF THE GUMDALE AREA ROBYN NALDER

Thursday, 16 March 2017, 7:30pm

Ambulance Museum

Auditorium

(Cnr Cedar Street and Tingal Road, Wynnum)

A gold coin donation would be appreciated.
Raffle tickets also available: \$1 each or 3 for \$2

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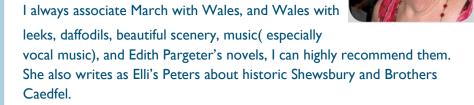
Lena McCreadie, Melva Hatchman, Margaret Collins for providing supper this month.

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Wynnum Manly
Historical Society Inc
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## **Presidents Report**

Greetings.... And welcome to our March newsletter.



The Welsh national day (a.k.a St David's Day) is 1st March. St David is the patron saint of Wales, and is said to have founded a monastic settlement in South West Wales about 550 AD. The present cathedral, built in the 12th century, is set in a grassy hollow below the town of St Davids, which is officially Britain's smallest city.

Wales has been settled since prehistoric times. Its history is shaped by many factors, including invasion, centuries of cross border raids and military campaigns as well as industrialization with the development of coal mines.

England and Wales were formally united by the act of union in 1535, which gave Wales representation in the British parliament in London. British King Henry VIII was born in Wales and became the first of the Tudor Kings. (He was the father of Henry VIII). However, it wasn't until the 20th century that Wales became a power in British politics. David Lloyd George was the first British Prime Minister to come from a welsh family background and Aneurin Beven, a miners son, became a labor minister and as such, helped to create the national health service in 1948.

The thing I most love about the Welsh is their heritage, which is steeped in song, music, poetry and legend. Their love of music derives from the ancient bards, minstrels and poets who may have been associated with the Druids. Have you ever heard the Welsh National anthem sang in the Welsh language? It is spine chilling! The male voice choirs found in many towns,

## SOCIETY TOURS IN 2017

Keep these days free!

#### Bunjurgen Estate Vineyard at Boonah on the 27 May 2017

The story of Bunjurgen Estate traces its heritage from the very early days of convict transportation to the Colony of New South Wales. John McMaugh, an Irishman, was transported and served his sentence on a series of cattle properties in the Macleay River valley, which is very close to Port Macquarie. Four generations later, a descendant of the original McMaugh family established a vineyard selection in the Teviot Valley, near Boonah in Southern Queensland in a location known locally as Bunjurgen. The property was named "Bellbrook" after the original area named by Caroline McMaugh in the Macleay Valley in 1842. A fitting historical touch. Whilst the privations of the convict era are no longer present, the hard physical work and continual demands of establishing and developing a vineyard have a contemporary parallel with John McMaugh's convict experiences of Port Macquarie 175 years ago.

## Bremer River Cruise on the 20 Sep 2017

Depart from Mowbray Park at 9:30am, returning at 3:30pm. \$65 for cruise. More details to follow. Please contact Jill (3393 3208 or jill01@tpg.com.qu) for bookings.)

villages and factories are legendary. These choir compete in festivals and eisteddfods that all celebrate the Welsh culture. I have very fond memories of hearing the Rhos Orpheus Choir (possibly one of the best choirs in North Wales) at a concert in Llan gollen, where I had an overnight stop on one occasion. I couldn't believe my luck! It was also in Llangollen that I witness the strict licencing laws in Wales!

After the concert, I came back to the hotel where their was an "Impromptu" singsong going on in the pub bar. All of a sudden, the lights went down, the bar closed and they started singing hymns in the bar. The police were in the hotel foyer and it was past closing time! My thoughts were...only in Wales would you hear hymns being sung in the public bar!

All for now, looking forward to seeing you at the next meeting, which will be the AGM.

Best wishes, Jan Parnell

# IMPORTANT NOTICE TO MEMBERS - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Wynnum Manly Historical Society Inc. is to be held on **16 March 2017**. Nominations are now being called for all positions. Nomination forms are available at the Resource Centre, at the next meeting as well as attached with this newsletter. Position descriptions are available from Jill Greenhill. Nominations closed on the **2nd March 2017**, persons nominated can be found in the Resource Centre door.

To be eligible to vote at the Annual General Meeting, you **MUST** be a financial member so please ensure your membership fees are up to date by 16 March 2017.

#### Thankyou to our sponsors...

The Society would like to thank and acknowledge Cartridge World Wynnum for its ongoing support and sponsorship.



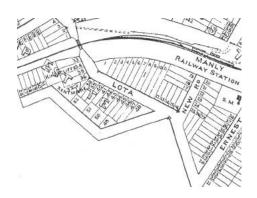
## Resource Centre Report - February 2017

The cooler weather has arrived at last and soon we will be able to switch off the five fans that have been keeping the room at a bearable temperature. Many thanks to Ian Kennedy for the loan of his spare fan.



#### House found!

Joanne Stephens was preparing for a large family re-union and researching to find the locations of where the family had lived in previous years. "Lota Road" was the clue that she was working on and had brought in to us. However the detail "Portion 77, Subdivisions 33, 34 and 35 had been overlooked in her list of the details.



The "1903 Map of Wynnum Manly" actually showed the name of the house she was searching for - "Kentmore", which was built next door to "Kingscliffe" - adjacent to the railway line in present- day Gordon Parade.

A very satisfied visitor left to go immediately to Gordon Parade to see if the house is still standing. We warned her that there may now be three small houses, one on each sub-division!

**Another Success Story** 

In the Newsletter of October 2016, I told of a lady who had re-visited Nazareth House in Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, England, the home she had left at the age of II years to be brought to Australia. A very elderly nun at Cheltenham asked this lady to find her relatives in Brisbane. In October we located the family living Camp Hill.

This week another letter had come from Nazareth House, Cheltnham - find a 'god-daughter' please. White pages gave a clue, but that number had been discontinued. But my daughter found her on Facebook, "now of South Brisbane". The god-daughter has since been located.

#### Recognition

In the Newsletter of September 2014 there was the story of Charles Arthur Stone and the Bristol Pottery at Coorparoo. Charles Stone lived in Alkoomie Street, Wynnum. This week we received an email from Timothy Roberts of Griffith Artworks, Griffith University, as follows:

"Recently Griffith University has been fortunate to receive a donation of over 200 ceramics produced in Queensland from the 1910's until quite recently. Included in this donation are two pieces of Stone's pottery, probably produced in the 1930's, namely a Grecian vase and a Bardoon vase.

As part of our research and creation of artists files, we are attempting to gather as much biographical material about our artists and companies as possible. As a result. I was wondering whether Ellen and yourself would be generous enough to share any material of your research, so that we may be able to piece together our artist file further. This will be an immense help to future scholars at the University who are looking for resources on Stone.

Please do let me know if the Society is able to help with this at all' I look forward to your response. Tim"

We will be in contact with Mr Roberts to see how we can help. Till next time, Jill

# The *Empire* was built in 1915 and burnt down in 1922. BIG FIRE AT WYNNUM

#### EMPIE THEATRE BURNED

#### **DAMAGE TOTALS £11,000**

#### --- $\sim$ ---FIREMAN'S KEEN FIGHT

When flames were observed issuing from the main staircase of the Empire Theatre buildings, Wynnum North, the property of Mr G Martin of Martinsville, Wynnum South, at about 9.30 o'clock last evening, little hope was entertained that the big block of wooden buildings upon the flank of which the theatre stood would be saved. As the result of the great efforts of the Wynnum Fire Brigade, however, this was accomplished although the theatre itself was destroyed and damage estimated at £11,000 was sustained. The fight was a hard one and the work of the firemen seemed for some time to have very little effect. The large crowd which had gathered was forced to keep back for about 60 yards by the intense heat.

#### A CAFÉ BURNED

Separated from the burning building by a lane 18ft wide was a café owned by Mr Dartnell and occupied by Mr Maniaty. The wall of these premises ignited and the flames had eaten through before they were brought under control. By this time the fire was dying out as the Empire Theatre building had collapsed in several places. The outbreak in Mr Dartnell's premises was extinguished shortly afterwards, but the contents of the café were considerably damaged by water and fire. A quantity of furniture and stock was saved through the efforts of Acting Sergeant T Donnelly and Constable Duffley, who removed articles to the value of £300.

#### HALL INSURED FOR £3,500

The upper story of the Empire Theatre building

was used as a dance hall by Miss Lilly Wallace and the ground floor was divided into two shops, occupied by Mrs Baird (stationer) and Mrs Cole Clark (confectioner). The latter business was closed two days ago and it had been intended to sell the furniture by auction today. In 1915 when the hall was erected, it was valued by the owner, Mr G Martin, at £9,000 and it was insured with the Scottish Union and National Insurance Co for £3,000. The damage to the adjoining property was estimated by Mr Dartnell at from £300 to £400 and the occupier estimated the damage to his furniture and stock at £1,200. The café building was insured with the Scottish Union Co for £500 and with the State Insurance Office for a similar amount. The property of the tenant was insured for £600 with the Scottish Union Co. The contents of the confectionery establishment were insured with the State Insurance Department for £200.

#### RAPID SPREAD OF THE FIRE

The origin of the fire remains a mystery. It commenced at the foot of the front staircase leading to the upper story and spread rapidly. The Dance Hall was not used last evening. At the rear of the main building was a shed containing an engine and dynamo, which, however, suffered no damage. At one o'clock this morning the remains of the building were still smouldering and the firemen were still engaged in playing several hoses upon it.

Brisbane Courier (Qld 1864 -1933) Friday 7 July 1922, page 5.

Transcription by Heather Langston

The EMPIRE Theatre was a two-storied building located on Wynnum South (Central) Esplanade, on the southern comer of Charlotte Street. Shops were below at ground level and a large hall on the top-storey where the films were shown. The Crown/Princess/Imperial Theatre was almost next-door on the northern corner of Florence Steet, built around 1910 and surviving until 1984. Bayside Gardens, an apartment block now stands on the corner.

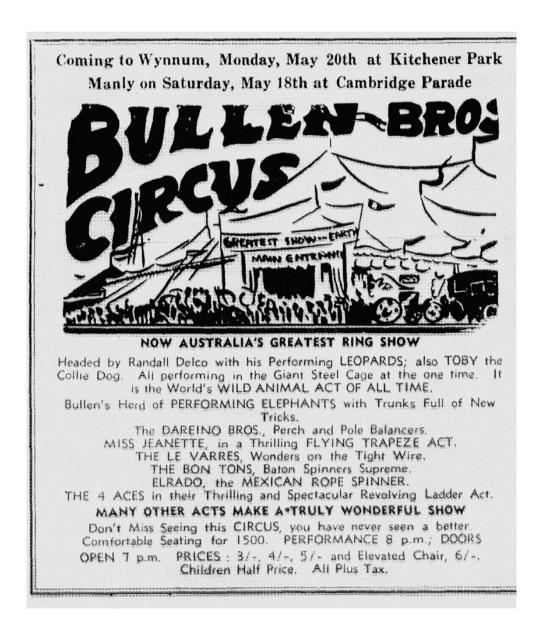


## **Entertainment in Wynnum and Manly**

#### The Circus comes to Town . . . .

This advertisement appeared in the Wynnum Herald of 16 May 1946. A circus with leopards, elephants and a dog, as well as the acrobats, trapeze artists, spinners and revolving ladders. Does anybody know where the circus could have been held at Cambridge Parade, Manly – maybe on the beach? Are there any other recollections, any photographs, of the names of other Circuses and their visits of both recent and earlier days? I believe there was a circus visit last year, based in Kitchener Park.

Jill



## **Old Town Hall** part of Wynnum's history

Story: JIM DUNN Research: MERV BEITZ

NEXT month the Waterloo Bay 50 and Over Leisure Centre, built at a cost of \$575,000 will be officially opened by the Health Minister, Dr. Edwards and will mark another step forward in the progress of the district and MANY PURPOSES its people.

and stage, activities room and other facilities is booth and what-have-you. Kianawah Hall, or town hall.

In March 1890 the Kianawah Division was divided into three wards. Wynnum Creek to Darling Point and Ward 3 Darling Point to Tingalpa Creek.

Each ward had three members, giving the Board a total of nine men and true.

#### 'HOME'NEEDED

The new board got down to business and in their wisdom decided, in April 1890, that a nade they had a good thing and on April 20, 1895, new "home" was needed.

Plans were accepted after much debate and the board agreed to J G Gross proceeding with the construction of the hall, clerk's office and clerk's residence on the reserve in Tingal Road at a cost of £820 (\$1640). Of this, the residence, still standing, was built for £255 (\$510).

Wynnum people were invited to celebrate the opening of their new Board hall and office and a grand concert and ball was organised. The Master of Ceremonies was Mr John F Buckland, MLA and prices were: Concert 2/- (20 cents) and 1/- (10 cents), ball double ticket 5/- (50 cents), gents 3/- (30 cents) and ladies 2/- (20 cents). Supper was included.

One can imagine what supper would have meant. In those days "supper" was the "works", probably prepared by a special ladies' committee.



The hall served many purposes over the The new centre with its huge auditorium years - wedding breakfasts, dances, polling It was pulled a far cry to the building it replaces, the old down in the first half of 1977 to make way for the new Leisure Centre.

That old hall saw many proposals put for-Ward 1 stretched ward to give Wynnum its bayside look. From from Lytton to Wynnum Creek, Ward 2 from Board meeting records we find that the first public bathing enclosure was constructed at Jetty No. 1 by Dart and Greene for a total outlay of £75 (\$150). This was in January 1891.

> The Kianawah Divisional Board changed its name to Wynnum Divisional Board on November 5 1892 with Mr T W Thomason as the first chairman.

> Civic fathers began to realise that in the Espla-Mr Johnston Smyth (later to become a councillor) was employed to care for the shade trees on the beach front at a yearly salary of £4/18/6 (about \$10). The records don't say what Mr Smyth did for the rest of the time.

#### SCHOOL FUNDS

It was in the hall on April 22 1895 that a well attended ladies' committee began organizing a bazaar - held in June - to raise funds for the building of the new East Wynnum (Central) School. A well attended concert held in the hall four days later raised £65 (\$130) towards the cost of the new school.

March 2017 6 The records show that Mr A Cunningham acted as MC and BUILT BRIDGE items were rendered by Mr R J Scott, Mr J Abraham, Miss E Clowes, Miss Markwell, Mr James Ferry, Mr Norris and A committee of 14 townsfolk met on February 28 1898 Misses E and L Pickett. Wynnum Central School became a to work out ways and means of raising £300 (\$600) prireality in February 1896.

#### 'DUST UPS'

They had a few verbal "dust ups" in the old hall. The move to build a bridge over Wynnum Creek saw ers, wanted their share of trade from the increasing tempers flaring. Wynnum Creek bridge issue ran hot. For many years the then coming to the "Bay" following the construction of north and south banks of Wynnum Creek were only con- the railway. nected by a foot bridge of doubtful construction. heavy rains and at high tides the low-lying areas on either side were impassable.

It should be remembered that all the foreshores in those days from Lytton to Lota were described on early maps as swampy, mangrove flats. There was no great need for any large movement near the beach.

Reclamation works in these areas brought the town fathers to the realisation that a proper traffic bridge was need-But the cost and the positioning of same did not sion and expense of the Board. meet with whole-hearted approval from the ratepayers of Wards two and three. But the ratepayers of Ward One were just as fixed about that bridge. They fought back.

vately to build a bridge.

In those days the main shopping area of the infant Wynnum was centred around the lower end of King and

The committee, being made up mostly of shopkeep-Around February 1898 the number of holidaymakers and day travellers who were

> An article in the Brisbane Courier, forerunner of today's Courier Mail, on June 14 1898 showed that the bridge was still very much a matter of public disagreement.

> Mr John Cameron was reported as saying that the bridge near the mouth of the creek

> would subtract much from the space available for small boats to shelter and stop more movement upstream.

> Eventually the bridge was completed under the supervi-

Wynnum-Redlands Herald. Wednesday 30 August 1978

Transcribed by Heather Langston

#### Coming Events, compact edition

Due to the need for AGM minutes to be published the coming events have been compacted:

- 30th March 10-11am at Wynnum Library: Kate Harbison talks about the Great Picnic and other local 'anniversary' events.
- 20th April 2:30pm at Gumdale Progress Society—737 New Cleveland Rd, Gumdale: High Tea with a difference—The Gumdale Progress Society will be having a afternoon tea with a short parade of genuine world war I ladies undergarments and depression era ladies cloths. This will also be the rerelease of the society's book 'From Saplings to Kero Tins, a peek at gumdales past'
- 26th March 12-4pm at Ormiston House: Join the friends of Ormiston House for the launch of their first photographic exhibition on how Ormiston house developed over the years.

Beitz, Myrtle	Mangroves to Moorings Revisited	2005	\$35
Davenport, Winifred and Mottram, Betty	Early Shipping in Moreton Bay: June 1846- December 1859, Volume 1	1998	\$5
Davenport, Winifred and Mottram, Betty	Early Shipping in Moreton Bay: January 1860 - December 1863, Volume 2	2002	\$5
Nock, Betty	History of Music in the Wynnum and Manly area 1900-1997	1998	\$5
Nock, Betty	History of Arts in the Wynnum and Manly area 1900-2003	2005	\$5

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## Where was I? February 2017

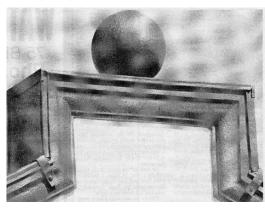


These large bright red garage doors behind the Italian Restaurant "Casa Di Louie" at 116 Bay Terrace, Wynnum were brought to our attention by Unit owners in Akonna Street. The property was formerly a Thai Restaurant, before that a Badge and Trophy shop. The bright red doors may have been in existence when Farley and Sons owned the property and ran a General and Hardware store.

The approach is in Bay Terrace, down the brick-walled alleyway south of the Italian Restaurant



## Where am I? March 2017



#### THINK YOU KNOW YOUR DISTRICT?

#### Wynnum Herald 27 May 1992

"Photographer Richard Hudd is new to the Wynnum Herald and delights in catching out the old-timers who reckon they know their way around. He has fooled a few of us, so we decided we'd put you on the spot too. Take a good look at this photograph and see how quickly you can identify it. Richard fancies himself as a poet too so we've given him his head with the caption."

This building is still standing! The newspaper article was discovered by Margaret Bulloch whilst scouring through past Heralds

Series THINGS PLACES AND PEOPLE

OF INTEREST Volume 3 No. 3

July 1922, the mayor, Alderman Greene, presided over the first meeting at the old Town Hall to plan for a future Wynnum Golf Club. At a cost of £500 55 acres known as Lovekins Paddock was chosen as the site for the future Golf Course. This photo shows Sir Matthew Nathan on the opening day of the Wynnum Golf Clubhouse in 1925.

For more of Myrtle's Early Days series...





## **Wynnum Manly Historical Society Inc**

#### Minutes of General Meeting held in the Ambulance Museum Auditorium on Thursday 16 February 2017

The meeting opened at 7.30pm. 31 members were present. 7 apologies were received. There were 3 visitors, Sian Burrows, Jill Thomas and Liz Stewart.

President Jan Parnell opened the meeting and welcomed members. She reminded the meeting of the Fall of Singapore and the bombing of Darwin on 19 February 1942.

#### **Previous Minutes:**

Minutes of Meeting of 17 November 2016 were moved by Jill Greenhill, seconded by Lyn Shanks.

#### Correspondence:

Lena McCreadie presented the correspondence for November and December 2016 and January 2017. The correspondence was accepted and endorsed at the committee meeting on Thursday 2 February 2017.

<u>Treasurers Report</u> (presented by Sandy Liddle)

BOQ A/c No 20139708 <u>1 November 2016 – 31 January 2017</u>

Opening balance at 1 December 2016

\$41,110.83

which comprises:

#### **Everyday and Grant Account**

Opening balance at 1 December 2016

\$11,476.50

(Everyday \$4,756.49, Heritage \$4,297.20, DSS \$1000.00, Lota House \$1,422.81)

Income \$335.00 Expenditure \$75.00

Closing balance at 31 January 2017

\$11,236.50

(Everyday \$4,561.49, Heritage \$4,297.20, DSS \$1000.00, Lota House \$1,422.81)

Websaver Account at 31 January 2017 (Inc. interest \$66.93) \$29,701.26

**TOTAL FUNDS AS AT 31 January 2017** 

\$40,937.76

<u>Resource Centre</u>: During the hot weather, the room has been made usable with the aid of 5 fans. Thanks to Ian Kennedy for the loan of one of them.

"Where am I" for February was a view of two bright red doors behind the Italian Restaurant in Bay Terrace. Use unknown! Member Tania Burgess is researching the cause of deaths of occupants of Hemmant Cemetery in the early days. New "Lost Brisbane 2" publication by Royal Qld Historical Society has errors in its account of Wynnum Theatres.

**<u>Tours:</u>** Arrangements are being made for a visit to Bunjurgan Vineyard on Saturday 27 May and a cruise to the Bremer River on Wednesday 20 September.

<u>Annual General Meeting 2017</u>: The meeting will be held on Thursday 16 March and additional nominations were requested for the 2017 – 2018 committee,

**Speaker:** Member, Myrtle Beitz presented the story of "Lota House over 150 years" in pictures as presented in her new publication..

<u>Raffle</u>: Janice Newland *Lucky Door prize (\$5)* was won Ian Wheeler and the *Membership Draw* (\$5) by (who can tell me?) .

The meeting closed at 8.55pm.

Many thanks to Ian Wheeler and Deb Tearle for a delicious supper.

Jill Greenhill (Minute Secretary)

#### Our Committee...

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Plaques and Memorials: Noela Stratton	33960069			

Life Members: Myrtle Beitz, Jill Greenhill, Noela Stratton Late Life Members: Merv Beitz, Jack Sands, John Davies.

Patrons: Cr Peter Cumming and Joan Pease MP. Friends of WMHS: John McIntyre

#### **General Meetings**

Afternoon set up: Col Brown, Jill Greenhill, Myrtle Beitz Welcome at Door and raffles: Ian Wheeler, Mitch Parsons

Bring and Buy: Ellen Coupland

Kitchen Co-ordinator: Margaret Mack Supper Co-ordination: Deborah Tearle

Raffle Prizes: Sandra Wheeler

**Newsletters** 

**Editor: Mitch Parsons** 

Distribution (email): Mitch Parsons
Distribution (mail out): Jill Greenhill

#### Resource Centre

Volunteers: Ian Wheeler, Ian Kennedy, Col Brown, Myrtle Beitz, Dawn Wilkins, Heather Langston, Margaret Bulloch, Ellen Coupland, Denise Cogill, Jan Parnell

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Research Enquiries: Jill Greenhill, Ellen Coupland

Tours.

Planning and Co-ordination: Jan Parnell, Jill Greenhill, Lena McCreadie, Ellen Coupland, Deb Tearle

Booklet: Jill Greenhill

Bookings: Sandy Liddle at General Meetings and Resource Centre staff each weekday

## Wynnum Manly Historical Society Inc.

#### Minutes of Annual General Meeting of 17 March 2016

held in the Ambulance Museum, Tingal Road, Wynnum.

Meeting opened at 7.50 pm, chaired by President Jan Parnell.

36 members were present and 9 apologies were received.

(Attendance sheets are held by the Membership Secretary)

**Minutes of Previous Meeting** held on 19 March 2015, as presented in the Newsletter were accepted by Myrtle Beitz, seconded by Mitchell Parsons.

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

The **Treasurer** presented a summary of the audited financial report for 2015 a copy of which is attached. The income and expenditure amongst the various activities within the Society was commented upon in detail. Due to rising costs the membership subscription for 2017 will rise from \$15 (Family \$25) to \$20 (Family \$30).

The report was moved by Sandy Liddle, seconded by Myrtle Beitz.

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

President Jan Parnell

Secretary: Lena McCreadie

Treasurer: Sandy Liddle Librarian: Jill Greenhill

Committee Members: Myrtle Beitz, Noela Stratton, Deborah Tearle, Ellen Coupland,

Sharee Cordes and Mitch Parsons.

Two committee positions remained vacant.

#### **Appointment of Auditor:**

Member Ross Hodson has agreed to audit the books for 2016.

#### **Appointment of Patrons:**

This was postponed until after the Council elections on 19 March 2016.

The meeting closed at 8.10pm.

Wynnum Manly Historical Society Inc.

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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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