

WYNNUM MANLY

HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.

September Newsletter

GENERAL MEETING

**Thursday 20
September
2018**

7pm for 7.15pm start

**Ambulance
Auditorium**

(Corner of Cedar St and
Tingal Road Wynnum)

“From Day One”

by
John Harper

of the

**Moreton Bay
Trailer Boat Club**

John will tell us
the history of the Club
from the very first day.

Door Prize

Membership Draw

Raffle

*Thank you to
Anne and Lou Hall,
and Margaret O'Neill
for providing supper*

*Donations of \$2 and over to the
Wynnum Manly Historical
Society Inc are tax
deductible.*

NOTE: Change of Meeting Day and Venue

Back to Third Thursday of the Month - **Thursday 20 September**

Ambulance Auditorium, Cedar Street 7pm for 7.15pm start

Presidents Report

A couple of weeks ago I celebrated my birthday, as a surprise I was given notice to be ready one Saturday morning by 0900 to pack warm as I was going away for the weekend. This done, we set off to destination unknown! Where we ended up was at Stanthorpe on the Granite Belt.

It was quite a cool and wet weekend so our first stop was at one of the local wineries for lunch, then as we had two “designated drivers” I was able to enjoy a few samples of the local brews.

One of the stops we made was at the Stanthorpe Heritage Museum. There are ten heritage buildings on site, with over 20,000 artefacts in the extensive collections. Pastoral, mining, farming, orcharding and wine growing industries have contributed to the regions diverse and colourful past. The ‘Make-Do’ Collection which comprises hundreds of items crafted by the region's forebears to fulfil a specific need from materials at hand was truly an amazing collection.

I also learnt Stanthorpe was founded by the many people from different countries who came to mine tin in the second half of the 1800s. Prior to the discovery of tin the area was mostly pastoral runs. For a time, the area was one of the largest alluvial tin mining field in Queensland. I also learnt the name Stanthorpe literally mean “tin town’ in Latin.

When the price of tin fell many of the miners turned to farming. With the cooler climate it was suitable for growing cooler climate fruit and vegetables. It was a local Catholic priest, Father Davadi who encourage the growing of grapes to produce alter wine. The idea caught on and with a high percentage of the settlers coming from an Italian background, wine was produced for personal use. A tradition which continues to this day.

After WWI, every discharged member of the armed forces was entitled to apply for land and financial assistance. This initiative allowed new areas to be opened for settlement as well as placing willing and suitable settlers on the land. At the same time, it aimed to provide employment as well as the necessary support for the many discharged servicemen who had served their country.

The Stanthorpe shire was one such area selected for settlement and around 17,000 acres was set aside in the parishes of Pikedale and Marsh. One of the reasons for choosing the Stanthorpe area was because of its' cool dry climate, which was suitable for Service Personnel recovering from mustard gas exposure. Eventually, more than seven hundred returned soldiers were allocated blocks in what became known as the Pikedale Soldier Settlement. Within this wider settlement, a number of locations were named by those returning servicemen in honour of famous battlefields, no doubt including some where they had fought. Eventually supported by a branch railway line, they included the settlements of Amiens, Messines, Bapaume, Passchendaele, Bullecourt, Pozieres and Fleurbaix. This rail line, known as the Amiens line, was opened in June 1920, with construction costing around forty thousand pounds and operated for some fifty-four years. The official opening was performed by HRH the Prince of Wales who was visiting Australia at the time. When these returned soldiers first arrived as settlers, these places must have seemed peaceful, after spending long periods fighting on French and other European battlefields.

An important reminder of those first soldier settlers, is the little Anglican Church of St Denys, Amiens, dating from 1923, named for the patron saint of France. Adding to its importance and significance, at the time of the dedication of the church, Amiens Cathedral in France gifted an altar cloth as well as related altar ornaments in honour of the contribution of Australian soldiers during the war.

Can I recommend a visit to Stanthorpe Heritage Museum if you are staying or even passing through the area? It is certainly a place I intend to revisit along with some more of the wonderful wineries in the area.

Till next time.

Deb Tearle

Bremer River Junction Day Cruise

For the last two years we have endeavoured to reach the Bremer River Junction.

Cruises are sparse as there must be a suitable high tide and sufficient passengers!

There is a cruise sailing from Hamilton on **Sunday 20 January 2019**, past Indooroopilly, Jindalee and Moggill to the mouth of the Bremer River and return. Wonderful mansions and new developments feature on this cruise. The flood recovery from 2011 is mostly complete, only a few reminders remain.

If we can collect **ten** names of persons interested in a river trip next January, we can book a Maxi-Taxi to get us to and from Mowbray Park.

Cost \$67 which includes Morning and Afternoon Tea and a BBQ lunch.

Please indicate now, if you are interested, as we will need to reserve tickets for the "Lady Brisbane".

Jill: 3393 3208 or jillg01@tpg.com.au

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



We thank Joan Pease
Member for Lytton
and the members of her office
for the monthly printing
of our Newsletter

PEEP INTO OUR PAST

From: "Wynnum Herald" Wed 27 September 1978

Swimming with women a hot issue at Wynnum

Story JIM DUNN Research MERV BEITZ

AUSTRALIANS today have become blasé at the sight of pretty girls in what is now commonly referred to as string bikinis. Walk along any famous Gold Coast or Sunshine Coast beach at the height of summer and you will see hundreds of our long limbed, lovely Australian lasses taking the sun and the water.

The Granite Beach set hardly raises a ripple, even on television. But there was a time when mixed bathing raised more than an eyebrow. It raised pure hell to say the least.

Wynnum which was a well-known Brisbane watering resort around the early 1900's and owed its growth in no small measure to its "bathing facilities".

SEAL

Today's civic fathers have set the seal of approval on mixed bathing and the image of the glorious Australian beach girl.

Why, an octogenarian gentleman regularly uses a bevy of bikini clad beach beauties to publicise the delights of the coast in Melbourne and other southern cold climes.

Regularly, each summer we have a spate of Miss Sun Girl, or Miss Beach Belle or whatever.

Today these lovely young ladies are acclaimed for their anatomical attributes by all and sundry.

A win in one of these beach beauty quests ensures the winner a quick ride to affluence with modelling contracts, lump sum cash prizes and instant media fame.

BATTLE

Back in January, 1913 at Wynnum the question of bathing between the sexes rose its ugly head.

Wynnum, as a "watering place par excellence", was caught up in the battle.

The community was somewhat divided.

There were plenty for and plenty against.

Letters to the Editor of the Brisbane Courier, forerunner of today's Courier-Mail, waxed hot and strong on the issue.

There was plenty of tut-tutting, frowns and downright cussing on the issue.

The blue-stockings brigade poured hellfire and brimstone on those who indulged in "mixed bathing". Those indulgences, if they can be called that, retaliated in kind.

One erstwhile citizen got off this missive to the Courier.

"As I am only a stranger here I would like to ask why mixed bathing is not allowed at most if not all the seaside resorts around Brisbane.

"I was at Wynnum on New Year's Day when a few couples were seen bathing together and a person seeing this "terrible crime" walked on to the jetty and made a notable fuss about the "crime".
Signed: Somebody's Husband.

The same day the Courier presses ran hot with this gem - under the heading "Mixed Blessings".

"Sir, hitherto I have been an advocate of the above as being as capable of affording as pleasant a means of social intercourse as dancing or any other social gathering. But my attitude towards mixed bathing has been very much altered by the conduct of a number of young fellows at Wynnum South during the Christmas and New Year holidays."

SWIMMING

"The actions of some of the male persons (it would be a misnomer to call them men) were disgusting and brutish in the extreme.

"Entering the water in regulation costume some of them would drop their hose as soon as they were in sufficiently deep water and then act after the manner of brutes and approached females who were bathing. These being without protection were the more easily attacked.

"Several girls who had been unable to escape from these barbarians, were in such a fix that they certainly would have been insulted had there not been at hand several men from the Senior Christian Brothers College, who were swimming in the same place and who, being chivalrous gentlemen, rescued and protected the young ladies till they reached a place of safety (some with bathing costumes nearly torn off them).

MORALS

The writer continued:

"For the sake of the morals of the rising generation I think it is in the interest of parents to do all in their power to have mixed bathing strenuously regulated, even if the pleasure of a self-controlled majority should be diminished."

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The writer signed himself or herself “An Eight Years Resident.”

Despite the letters, Wynnum people called it a Brisbane-inspired plot and continued to bathe, mixed or not.

Wynnum knew it was on a good thing and publicity re mixed bathing did not do the old town any harm.

Actually, the gawkers came in their thousands to see what all the fuss was about, some to openly ogle the young lasses along the esplanade which was then coming into its own.

In 1909 council struck a special “Esplanade Improvement Rate” of one penny in the pound on all properties in the shire.



*Bathing enclosure at the end of No 1 Jetty
About 1910*

“WYNNUM BECOMES A TOWNSHIP”

Wynnum selects the first Mayor

TOWN POLL

On **November 19, 1912**, the Shire of Wynnum became the Town of Wynnum.

Nominations for the election to elect nine aldermen was called in January 29, 1913 and the poll took place on February 4, 1913 with the Clerk Mr J Sands acting as returning officer. Property owners only had the right to vote.

A total of 2471 votes were cast in the three wards. Candidates filling the first three places were elected.

These names went in to the history books as the first Wynnum Town Council Aldermen:

No. 1 Ward: CHB McKay, WJ McFadden, Johnston Smyth

No. 2 Ward: George Heymer, E. Mcnaught, Sam Greene

No. 3 Ward: Alf E Chave, Ed B Port and Joseph Curtis.

Sam Greene, who won the third and last position in Ward 2 by only one vote, was selected at the first meeting of the new Wynnum Town Council to be the first Mayor of Wynnum.

So even if Sam won the Mayoralty by only one vote, he left his mark on Wynnum, even to this day. He was the owner and operator of the Star Theatre which was packed to capacity every Saturday night. The theatre was built in 1915 and owned by Sam after 1924.

Sam was a member of the Greene family – builders and contractors. They were responsible for many of Wynnum’s early buildings, the best known being Moreton Bay Girls High School, opened and conducted by four of Mr Greene’s sisters in 1901.

Wynnum Herald

Wed Sept 27 1978

Transcribed by Heather Langston

Resource Centre Report - August 2018

- *Society Receives a Grant on 8th August 2018*



We thank the Wynnum Manly Leagues Club for their kind donation towards the 2019 Historical Calendar, which is now in preparation.

*From left:
Myrtle, Jill and Lena*

- *Wynnum Telephone Exchange*

The exchange was “cut-over” from a manual to an automatic telephone exchange in December 1955 . The “Number, Please” Telephone Girls lost their jobs!

In 1955 the old cables catered for 1580 subscribers. With automation, the new cable had an initial capacity to cater for 2100 subscribers but could be extended to accommodate 7200 lines. The project cost £5,600.00.

Marjorie Smyth (nee Reese), once a “Number Please” girl, and husband John, called in this week to donate two photo albums featuring the Ex-Telephonist re-unions. The 25th Anniversary was in November 1980 held at Petrie Mansions and the 40th Anniversary in December 1995 held near the Wynnum Wading pool. A banner made for the occasion is now in our possession.

Come in and look at the photographs. You may recognise somebody there!

- *Members of the Crouch family re-visit Wynnum*

Len Crouch, his wife (in a wheelchair) and three daughters filled the Resource Room last Tuesday. The family was having a few nostalgic days in Wynnum, visiting relatives and going through our old photographs. They now live in Adelaide and Victoria.

Len’s grandfather was George Shillington Crouch of the famous Crouch fishing family and his father was Edgar Crouch. We learnt that the most recent Crouch house to disappear from St Catherines Terrace was cut in half and taken to Eumundi. The daughters have promised to add to our records and visit again next year.

- *Return to evening of the Third Thursday in the month General Meetings (7pm for 7.15pm start)*

We have found that attendance did not increase, as had hoped, for the Sunday afternoon meetings, so we are returning to our old venue, now with a new driveway and a wall of glass-windows instead of the tilt-a-doors. The “Bring and Buy” stall will return – fresh fruit and vegetables, biscuits ,jams, home-made cakes . . . are all very popular. Remember proceeds go towards the upkeep of the Resource Room in the former Wynnum Central State School.

Till next time. Jill

The Kenwick Family and their Association with Wynnum.

Erasmus Kenwick was born in Handsworth, Birmingham, England in 1827. He and his wife, Elizabeth (nee Hawkes) had thirteen children. Erasmus was a jeweller and the family were living in the famous jewellery quarter of Birmingham which is where his son Erasmus Henry Kenwick was born in 1862. Erasmus Senior died in Birmingham in 1896.

Erasmus Junior was not a jeweller, but a labourer and at the age of twenty **emigrated to Australia around 1881/82** because on the 4 November 1882 he was married in Maryborough, Queensland to Anne Katherina Petersen. Anne Katherina had arrived in Australia in 1874, aged eight years, with her family from Denmark.

Erasmus Junior and Anne Katherina produced daughter Elizabeth on 4 May 1883 in Hervey Bay. Three more children were born, all around Hervey Bay and Maryborough, by 1889, when their father Erasmus Junior died, at the age of 27 years.

Anne Katarina was married again in 1890 to a fellow countryman Charles Roseneus Thompsom of Elsinore, Denmark and she produced nine more children.

John Kenwick was the eldest son Erasmus Kenwick Junior and Anne Katarina and he was 5 years old when his father died. The family left the Maryborough/Hervey Bay district, as all his step-siblings were born in Brisbane.

John married Vera Thompson of Goulburn, NSW on 22 February 1911 in Brisbane and the couple rented a house in Chestnut Street, Wynnum. First son, born in 1911 died in 1917.

John and Vera took the plunge and bought a piece of land in Stradbroke (Peranga) Street, high above Manly Station. All they could afford was a tent, in which they lived until, firstly a tin shed, and then a house was built. There were seven children.



*Tent home of the Kenwick Family
in Stradbroke (Peranga) Street*

John was a clothing cutter by trade and was employed by Josephson and Sons P/L in Brisbane. In 1916, at the age of 32 years, he set up his own business opposite the Plough Inn in Stanley Street, South Brisbane. (That site is now part of Southbank.) He then moved further along Stanley Street into the Simco Building, opposite the Ice Works.

In 1951 the business moved to 124 Glenora Street Wynnum and opened as "J Kenwick and Sons. Clothing Manufacturers". Father, John, would have been 67 years old!

Sons joining John were Stan (Stanley John, born 1912), Cec (Cecil Victor Unwin born 1915) and George (George born 1917). All three sons, when providing articles for the Wynnum Herald, boast of opening the first clothing factory in Wynnum, no mention of their father John who founded the business.

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Stan, who began life in the tent in Stradbroke (Peranga) Street, died in 2013 aged 101 years.

Cecil, had joined his father in the clothing firm in South Brisbane in 1929. During the Great Depression of the 1930's he travelled to find adventure out-west. After serving two years in Papua New Guinea in WW11 as a machine gunner, he served two years on the island of Bougainville. On returning home in 1944, he was immediately recalled to Bougainville for another two years. Cecil died in 2016, also aged 101 years.

George and his wife Joan married in 1941 and lived in Peranga Street. George served in New Guinea during WWII. Both he and wife Joan were keen indoor bowls players at the Buffalo Hall in Tingal Road with the Incapacitated Servicemen and Women's Association. George died in 2000, aged 97 years.



*124 Glenora Street
Wynnum
Stan, Cecil and
George
Post 1951*

The clothing factory in Glenora Street was sold in the early 1990's and continued functioning as such for a few years. The building still stands advertising "Hood Sailmakers".

Jill Greenhill



Series Story of St Helena

For more of Myrtle's Story of St Helena
<https://www.facebook.com/wynnumhistory/>

Series STORY OF ST HELENA
No 12

The Chief Superintendent was in charge of the entire Island and was allowed to bring his family to this residence and garden tendered by prisoners. The house embraced a magnificent view of Moreton Island. The very large garden with exotic trees contained three fountains. The garden beds were edged with coral.

Superintendant's house and garden



August 2018 Where would I have been?



St Peter's Anglican Church in Charlotte St.

The first Anglican services for the district were held at Christ Church Tingalpa in 1868. By 1890 Wynnum had a visiting priest once a month, with the meeting in the Kianawah Divisional Board Hall in King (Glenora) Street.

In 1892 the decision was made to start a church building fund. The plan was ready in 1897, the Foundation Stone laid in 1898 and the church building opened in 1899.

In 1923 the building had been turned 90°, for the entrance to face Charlotte Street and ready for the sides to be extended to accommodate a larger congregation

September 2018 Where am I?



Till next time

Jill

Wynnum Manly Historical Society Inc
Minutes of General Meeting held in Meeting Room 1, Wynnum Library
on Sunday 19 August 2018

Meeting opened at 1.25pm and Vice President Jan Parnell welcomed the 21 members were present and visitor, Michael Beard.

Previous Minutes:

Minutes of Meeting of Sunday 15 July 2018 were accepted by Jill Greenhill and seconded by Heather Langston.

Correspondence:

As Secretary, Lena McCreadie was sick, Jill Greenhill presented her correspondence report for July 2018. The correspondence had been accepted and endorsed at the committee meeting on Thursday 2 August 2018.

Treasurers Report

BOQ A/c No 20139708	<u>1 July 2018 – 31 July 2018</u>	
Opening balance at 1 July 2018		\$36,278.54
Everyday Account		
Income	\$ 47.00	
Expenditure	\$ 0.00	
Closing balance at 31 July 2018		\$ 5,344.03
Websaver Account at 31 July 2018 (Inc. interest \$32.24)		\$31,013.75
TOTAL FUNDS AS AT 30 July 2018		\$36,357.78

Resource Centre: “Where was I?” this month was of a photo of St Peter’s Anglican Church, Wynnum taken after the enlarging of the building, which occurred in 1924. In 1923 the building had been turned 90°, for the entrance to face Charlotte Street and ready for the sides to be extended to accommodate a larger congregation.

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Outings: Unfortunately the tour to Sandgate and Redcliffe on Saturday 25 August 2018 has been cancelled due to lack of support.

Brisbane Cruises is advertising a cruise up the Brisbane River, as far as the junction with the Bremer River, on Sunday 20 January 2019 which the Society is suggesting taking bookings for those members and guests that are interested. Only on certain tide conditions is a boat able to reach this tributary of the Brisbane River.

General Business: Heather Langston suggested that the Society donate \$1,000.00 to the Farmers’ Drought Appeal. Discussion followed mainly in the concern that all the money did reach the needy farmers. The final decision will be made by the committee.

Speaker: This month, Daley Donnelly, Park Ranger from Fort Lytton talked of recent happenings and finds on St Helena Island. These included the renovation of the Superintendent’s house, an early painting of the island, a pair of animal horns and the tombstone of John Alexander MacDonald.

The next meeting will return to the previous venue, in the Ambulance Auditorium, corner of Tingal Road and Cedar Street, on Thursday 20 September at 7.00pm for 7-15pm start.

The **Lucky Door prize** (\$5) was won by Jillian Mahoney, the **Membership Draw** (\$5) and the **Raffle** by Peter McMahan.

The meeting closed at 2.30pm. Thanks to Lena McCreadie, Oriana Charlton and Margaret Collins for a delicious Afternoon Tea.

Jill Greenhill (*General Meeting Minute Secretary*)

Our Committee and Volunteers..

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General Meetings

Afternoon set up: Jill Greenhill, Myrtle Beitz

Welcome at Door and Raffles: Jan Parnell, Lyn Shanks

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Raffle Prizes: Committee

Newsletters

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

When	Where	What's On
September 16 2018 10:30 am—4:00 Cost: Adult \$25 (includes Devonshire tea Bookings Essential)	Ormiston House 277 Wellington Street Ormiston, Queensland 4000	Jerry Coleby-Williams Garden Tours Join the highly trained and well recognised Jerry Coleby-Williams as he takes guests on a tour of the beautiful Ormiston House Gardens. Soak up the atmosphere as you view the gardens and their historic connections through Jerry's eyes. Enjoy a Devonshire Tea on the Ormiston House verandah against the backdrop of the beautiful grounds and sparkling bay. Discover the horticultural significance of the gardens and hear Jerry explore their ongoing importance.
September 22 2018 100pm-300pm Bookings essential	Wynnum Library 145 Florence Street, Wynnum 4178 (above Woolworths)	Home Preserving and sugar free jam Interested in making your own jams and preserves? This workshop will demonstrate safe and easy ways for preserving at home, including making low and no sugar jams. Presented by Green Living Australia.
September 27 2018 10-11am Bookings essential	Wynnum Library 145 Florence Street, Wynnum 4178 (above Woolworths)	Local history: Wynnum Women Cassandra Pulver has been researching and interviewing Wynnum women in a fascinating oral history project. Come and hear about the project and the women who make Wynnum what it is today.
September 30 2018 11-12:30pm	QPS Headquarters 200 Roma Street Brisbane	OIC S/Sergeant Pam Leech about POLAIR

Publications for sale

Contact:

Wynnum Community Centre, Room 1.08, 105 Florence Street Wynnum M-F 10am to Noon, or
Wynnum Manly Historical Society, PO Box 318, Wynnum Q 4178, or
Wynnum Manly Historical Society Librarian: jillg01@tpg.com.au.

Early Shipping in Moreton Bay June 1846 –December 1859 Vol 1	Davenport, Winifred and Mottram, Betty	1998	\$5
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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	Don ation
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

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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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