

WYNNUM MANLY HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.

May Newsletter

May General Meeting

Madame Mallalieu

Professor Peter Roennfeldt

A talk on an inspiring musician and her legacy for Queensland. Madame Mallalieu lived in Wynnum for a time in Crown St.

Thursday, 19th May, 2016,

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

Thankyou to Margaret Collins, Wendy Parsons and Rensche Schep for providing supper this month.

Presidents Report



Greetings.....and welcome to our May newsletter. Thanks to those who supported our bus trip on the 30th April, and a big thankyou you Doug and Debbie who took care of all the organization. It was an interesting day and we certainly had an enjoyable time. For most us it was our 1st ride on the Gold Coast light rail link, which was a lot of fun. The scenic drive back via Canungra was most enjoyable.

It is with sadness that I report the recent death of our past president and longtime member, Percy Duke. Percy was in his late nineties and was a longtime resident in the area, having attended school in Wynnum West.

This month marks the 120th anniversary of the first car show at Londons Imperial institute. The display included ten models of "Horseless Carriages" as they were then called and they caused quite a sensation for the Londoners of that time.

Last month I forgot to mention a most significant event for all theatre lovers – the 400th anniversary of the death of playwright, William Shakespeare on the 23rd April 1616. This is the traditional date for both his death and his birth (in 1564) One wonders at the coincidence that this is also St Georges day, the national day of England (quite an appropriate day for such a significant English poet, playwright and actor to be born and die).

Shakespeare wrote his first major play, "Loves Labour Lost" in 1588, but it was only staged in 1594. His first performed play was "Henry VI – Part One" around 1589 and his last "Henry VIII" was staged in 1613. He married Anne Hathaway in 1582. They had three children, including twins.

I've always appreciated Shakespeare's very fine understanding of human nature. He really had his finger on the pulse of the society in which he lived and his wisdom comes through in all his writings. I will conclude with some of his pearls of wisdom.

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Society Tours in 2016

Keep these days free!

Waterway Tour in June or July

with Brisbane Cruises "Lady Brisbane"

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\$79 for Cruise, Morning Tea, Lunch and coach trip back to Fort Lytton.

We have choice of 2 trips (depending on tides)

Saturday 25 June 2016 departing Fort Lytton at 9.00am

OR

Sunday 24 July 2016 departing Fort Lytton at 9.30am

Please contact Jill (3393 3208 or jill01@tpg.com.au) for details

Saturday 17 September 2016

STEAM TRAIN TO CARNIVAL OF FLOWERS

We hope to board an old steam train and travel, up the range, via beautiful Spring Bluff, to Toowoomba.

Lunch will be ordered in the Railway Dining Room. We will view the Spring Parade, maybe see a few gardens before returning to Brisbane by coach.

We are waiting for the Heritage Train Society to finalise their program, so that we can book a carriage or the Society.

President's report continued...

From "Hamlet"

"Give thy thoughts no tongue" (In other words don't reveal what you are thinking, or as my grandma used to say "You can't go to jail for what you are thinking".)

"Neither a borrower or a lender be"

"This above all – to thine own self be true"

From "Julius Casaar"

"There is a tide in the affairs of men which, taken at the flood, leads on to fortune; Omitted, all the voyage of their life is bound in the shallows and in miseries"

From "King Lear"

"Come not between the dragon and his wrath"

"How sharper than a serpents tooth it is to have a thankless child"

From "Macbeth"

"I think our country sinks beneath the yoke;

It weeps, it bleeds;

And each new day a gash is added to her wounds"

On that note, I will close, with my very best greetings.

Look forward to seeing you at our next meeting,

Jan Parnell.

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Resource Centre Report – May 2016.



- *Resource Centre Progress*

Most days we are now receiving a few visitors, as old friends seek us out. The room has had its first re-arrange to make more room around the table. The temperatures are normal and even the use of fans is rarely needed, which is good as the second ceiling fan although declared broken, has not yet been replaced by the Council. Great festivities are planned for Saturday 28 May 2016 to celebrate the opening of the new Wynnum Public Library in Florence Street. The Library has its official opening on Tuesday 24 May and we believe that the small “park”, to which the large Fig Tree was towed, will also be named at the same time.

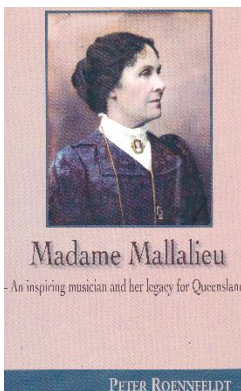
Remember when the the new sign-board sits on the top step outside the front door of the old Wynnum Central State School, the Resource Room is open. So, please, come and visit us. If you cannot manage the steps, enter the ground floor door in Florence Street, follow the signs to the lift, go to Floor 1 and we are diagonally across from the lift, adjacent to the old front doors of the school.

- *Annual “History Alive” at Fort Lytton*

June is here again and our annual display in the Dining Room at Fort Lytton. This year on Saturday and Sunday 11 and 12 June we are seeking volunteers to man our display, for a short while, then be free to spend time roaming around the exhibits, ranging from Roman, Viking, Medieval, Colonial and Worl War 1.

More than 400 re-enactors and historians portray and display 2000 years of history. See the sights and sounds of times gone past. If you volunteer to help you will gain free entry to the event! Contact Jill (3393 3208 or jillq01@tpg.com.au).

- *Donation to the Society*



Professor Peter Roennfeldt will be visiting us shortly to talk about one of the finest early organists in Queensland. Madame Mallalieu, as Mrs Whitmore, lived on the corner of Crown Street and Petersen Street, Wynnum, with a magnificent view over the Bay. Her house “Cotherston” is marked on the 1903 map of the district. We thank David and Marilyn Mackie for the donation of this book

- *The Extension of Whites Road*

We thank new member, Trevor Thomas, who has undertaken some research for us, in attempting to find the year when Whites Road was extended from Lota to Manly Road. He and his wife visited the Brisbane City Archives and found the two ‘Refedex’ maps, one of 1985 and the other of 1987 (1986 was missing!!) The road was there in 1987 but not in 1985. Does anybody remember the first time that they drove along this road?

Till next time, Jill

VALE PERCY DUKE

We are sorry to announce the passing of Percy last weekend. Percy joined the Society in 1993 with his late wife Beryl and was President for two years from 1998 to 2000.

Percy and the late Merv Beitz were related as they both had the same Great Grandfather, Carl Frederick Beitz, born in 1826 in Germany. Carl's eldest son, also Carl Frederick Beitz, born 1856 was Merv's grandfather and Annie Mary, born 1868, Carl's fifth child was Percy's grandmother



Sharee Cordes receiving the Community History Grant of nearly \$7000 on behalf of the society at Brisbane City Hall. To hear more about what this grant will be used for why not come hear Sharee speak on Thursday May 26th at the Wynnum Library.

Supper Roster		
March	Margaret Collins	3396 3150
	Melva Hatchman	0403 838 913
	Lena McCreadie	3393 4393
April	Laurima Rabe	3348 8037
	Deborah Tearle	0407 629 180
May	Renske Schep	0412 044 167
	Margaret Collins	3396 3150
	Wendy Parsons	3207 3592
June	Jan Aplin	3396 4728
	Christine Stevens	3396 9174
	Melissa Champley	3893 3121
July	Rosin Burrell	0423 241 921
	Nena Robertson	3396 2524
	Need help	
August	Lyn Shanks	3396 3792
	Carol Astill	3396 5481
	Wendy Parsons	3207 3592
September	Margaret Bullock	3396 3230
	Jilian Mahoney	3393 1655
	Marie Stokes	3893 3363
October	Ellen Coupland	3899 1326
	Anne Hall	0412 634 587
	Deborah Tearle	0407 629 180
November	Myrtle Beitz	3396 4711
	Margaret O'Neil	3348 3123
	Need help	

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A School for Wynnum?

Part 3

In February's Newsletter we learnt about the acquisition of the land, in March, the first pupil. April gave a report of the building workers of the new brick building. This month we follow the development of the school from the opening of the modern building in the 1940's to the 1980's

Jill Greenhill

Part 4

1940 to 1980's

The first Parents and Citizens Association was formed on 11 February 1944. The meeting was sponsored by the Head Teacher, Mr Derrington and 11 parents attended.

In August 1944 the Parents and Citizens Association applied for a new building.

Progress was slow and in February 1945 the Association approached Mr WM Gunn MLA to see if plans for a new building could be drawn and part of the building started to relieve congestion in the infant classes. Mr Gunn had already approached the Minister but he agreed to have another try. Due to his persistence approval was given on 15 March 1945 to prepare and plan a plan of 17 rooms and a preliminary cost of 6 rooms for infant classes. On 29 April an amended plan was drawn to provide nine classes.

In November 1946 the **Foundation stone was laid and on 2 November 1946** and building of the new school commenced. This building provided employment for the local tradespeople of the area and generally boosted the economy. There was a sense of enthusiasm in Wynnum's close-knit community.



"Foundation Stone"

The former drainage problems re-emerged in the digging of the foundations. The late Les Greenhill was an apprentice on site for the first phase of the building and part of the second phase.



In a talk given to the Wynnum Manly Historical Society in 1995 he remembered when the foundations collapsed at the end of the building of the first level. There was no heavy machinery in the 1940's, all earth digging was by hand. Men could be digging for an 8-hour shift. The new trench was 30ft deep and the walls timbered to reduce the chance of a further collapse.

The entire building was constructed with the use of only one electric power drill and a petrol driven circular saw. Huge hardwood timbers were cut precisely with cross cut saws and hoisted to the roof with a hand winch and a block and tackle. Each brick was cut with a bolster and lump hammer. Most workers brought their own tools with them and had them serviced on site. Construction continued for five years.

First phase of Wynnum Central State School, completed on 24 December 1948

The first phase was completed on 24 December 1948 and the building officially opened on 5 February 1949 by the Hon H A Bruce MLA Minister for Public Instruction assisted by Mr W M Gunn MLA, Member for Wynnum Manly. Daily attendance in January 1949 averaged 633 students, less than in the 1930's, but now only catering for Grades 1 to 5 as Wynnum Intermediate and High school had been opened in 1941.

Bernard Mahoney was the Head Teacher and great festivities were arranged for the official opening. Bicycles were festooned with crepe paper, some with red, white and blue strips threaded through their spokes. There were square dancers, fancy dress parades, precisions movement groups and the choir produced an acetate play-back record of the school song, "Excelsior".

The second phase of the building was completed and opened in 1953 and any superfluous buildings, eg the original play shed, were removed. The School Association convinced the Department to retain the original timber buildings and they remained until demolition in 2015, after the school had closed. Seating and storerooms were added in 1953 under the new building to provide a dry lunchtime retreat.



Part of Memorial Gates placed in Florence Street
Memorial gates were installed and opened on 10 October 1954 at the Florence Street entrance to honour the former pupils of the school who were killed in the wars overseas. The fountain and stone, previously dedicated to those who died in the 1914 -1918 war was removed from the Charlotte Street side of the school and placed at the front of the new building. A flagpole was added in 1955. The Memorial Gates have been moved to the new Wynnum State School in Box grove Avenue after 2012.

The 1950's and 1960's were known for the spectacular fetes held in the school grounds. Roy Mahoney, son of Bernard Mahoney, and member of staff 1950 – 1957 and 1962 – 1964, trained the boys in precision gymnastics.

The girls demonstrated precision, skilled performances with pine-turned clubs, painted bright colours, which were fitted with wires, batteries and coloured cellophane for spectacular for night time club swinging performances.



The Drum and Fife Band, founded in 1931, was still performing, but by 1960 girl players stood alongside boys in the previously all-boys band and the peaked caps had been traded in!

This new modern school did not have a dedicated library in 1955, just a reading room, often used for other purposes. In 1965 Karl Volker was the new school principal and immediately began creating a "place where children do not want to leave". Soon the room had tripled in size. There were rotating magazine stands, book displays and large landscapes on the walls. When Mr Volker retired in 1975 the Library was named after him.

The need for a Special Education Unit was not recognised until 1985, when an unofficial Wynnum Central State School Project was established, but with no funding. Special Education teacher, Elizabeth Marshall scrounged around for tables and chairs and had the support of the two infant teachers, Lena McCreadie and Doreen Wilson. The following year the Unit received \$800 to build up Staff and materials.

To be continued next Month

Jill Greenhill
4 May 2016

TIME TRAVEL THE EASY WAY

VIKINGS - KNIGHTS - NAPOLEON'S TROOPS - QUEENSLAND COLONIALS - WWI
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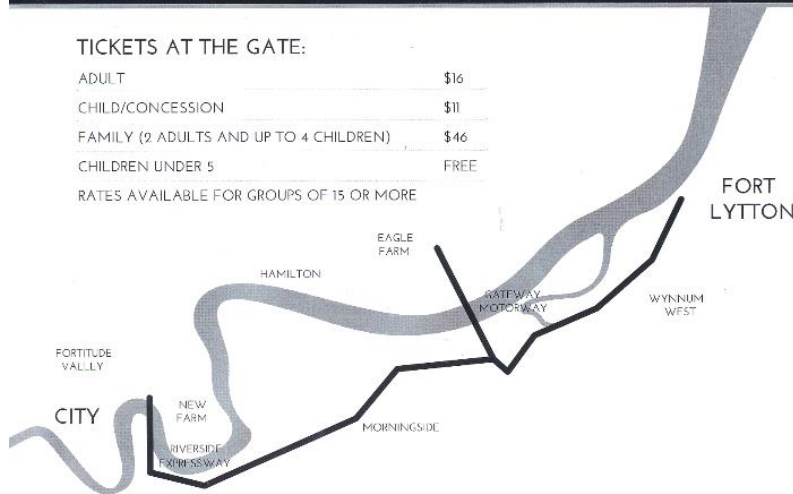
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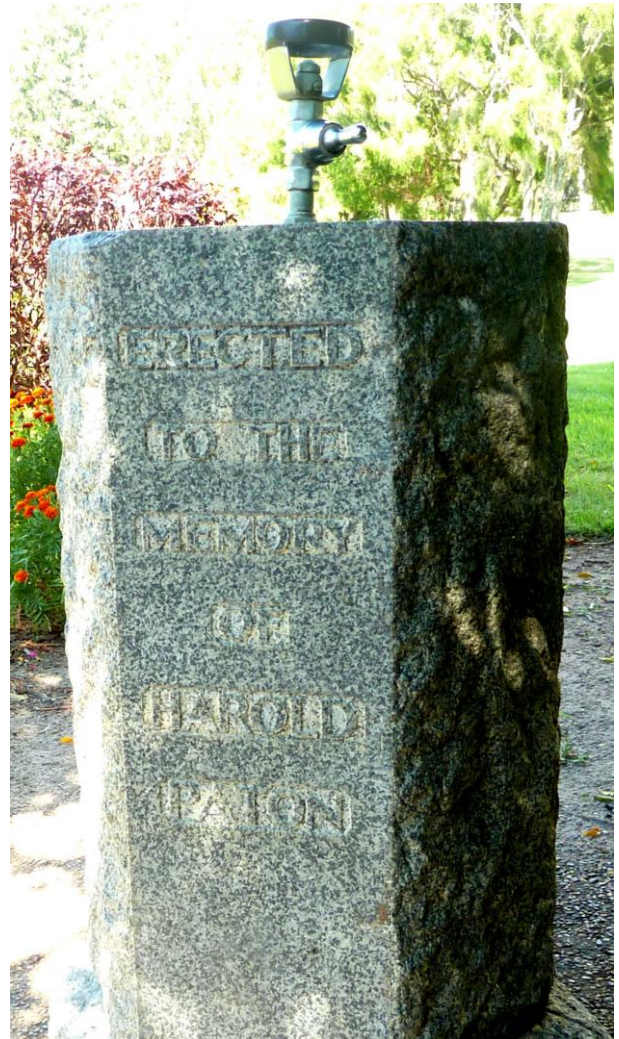
Beitz, Myrtle	Mangroves to Moorings Revisited	2005	\$35
Davenport, Winifred and Mottram, Betty	Early Shipping in Moreton Bay: June 1846- December 1859, Volume 1	1998	\$5
Davenport, Winifred and Mottram, Betty	Early Shipping in Moreton Bay: January 1860 - December 1863, Volume 2	2002	\$5
Nock, Betty	History 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

Where was I ? April 2016

Where am I ? May 2016



Wynnum North Esplanade. The Shelter Shed was re-built for the Community in 1991 by the local Rotary club. The plaque is mounted on the inside seaward side of the rafter supporting the roof .



Series EARLY DAYS

Volume 6 No. 17

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



Photo taken in the 1920's of a shop operated by butchers, E. V. Newman & Co. Phone No 91, at the corner Stratton Terrace and Cardigan Parade, Manly. At that time meat delivery to the houses was made by the horse and cart.



Wynnum Manly Historical Society Inc

Minutes of General Meeting held in the Ambulance Museum Auditorium
on Thursday 21 April 2016

The meeting opened at 7.30pm with 34 members present and 7 apologies were received. Two visitors, Fay Smith and Pam Bishop were welcomed.

President Jan Parnell remarked that besides the Queen being 90 years old so was Fidel Castro and Marilyn Monroe would also have been the same age.

New member: Trevor Thomas was welcomed.

Previous Minutes:

Minutes of Meeting of 18 February 2016, were accepted by Jill Greenhill, seconded by Noela Stratton.

Correspondence: Presented by Lena McCreddie. This correspondence was accepted and endorsed at the committee meeting held on Thursday 7 March 2016.

Treasurers Report:

The report was presented by Jill in the absence of Sandy

BOQ A/c No. **20139708** **1 March 2016 – 31 March 2016**

Opening Balance at 1 March 2016 \$35,749.16

which comprises:

Everyday Account

Opening balance at 1 March \$3,948.43

Income \$478.65 Expenditure \$1300.90

Closing Balance at 31 March 2016 **\$ 3,126.18**

and **Websaver Account** at 31 March 2016 (Inc. Interest \$44.74) \$31,848.47

TOTAL FUNDS **at 31 March 2016** **\$34,974.65**

This report was presented and approved at Committee Meeting on Thursday 3 March 2016.

Resource Centre: (Jill) "Where was I?" this month featured the well weathered plaque, set on the inside of a shelter shed on Wynnum North Esplanade. Rotary Club of Wynnum Manly had re-built the shed in 1991 for the local community.

Access to the Community Centre for the week of the 26 April will only be from Charlotte Street.

Tours: Members were urged to book for the forthcoming tour to the Gold Coast for Saturday 30 April, leaving from the Civic Centre at 8.00am. Go cards are needed.

General Business:

On 22 April there will be a talk and morning tea at Ormiston House at 10.00am

The Choral Society will hold a concert on 15 May at 2.00pm in the Municipal Hall to celebrate their 90th birthday.

Member Shirley Jeffries has fallen and broken her leg. She is undergoing rehabilitation at an Aged Care facility at Burpengary

Speaker:

Myrtle gave an illustrated talk on the history of the third oldest house in Manly, Culterfel, which is still standing and recently has been sold. The grounds have been subdivided but the home is being renovated.

The **Door Prize**, was won by Neil Bishop, the **Raffle** by Noela Stratton and the **Members Draw** by Gary Parsons. The meeting closed at 8.35pm. A delicious supper was served by Laurima Rabe and Deb Tearle.

Jill Greenhill (Minute Secretary)

Our Committee...

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Regular Volunteers and Helpers

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
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 Research Enquiries: Jill Greenhill, Ellen Coupland
 Mail: Jill Greenhill

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

Events May			
Date	Venue	Description	Booking
Thursday, May 26, 2016, 10am - 12pm	Wynnum Library (the new one!)	WMHS oral history project Wynnum Manly Historical Society is beginning a new oral history project. They are aiming to capture representative stories from a cross section of our local society. These will be turned into digital stories and made available in a variety of ways. Come along and learn about the project and how you can be involved. Presented by Sharee Cordes, Oral History Consultant and WMHS member. Bookings essential.	Bookings required. Phone Wynnum Library on 07 3403 2199 to reserve your place.
June 11 - June 12 10am - 4pm	Fort Lytton National Park	History Alive: A Journey Through Time	https://www.trybooking.com/Booking/BookingEventSummary.aspx?eid=176079 Various prices \$8 - \$40 for a family
April 22 - August 28	Museum of Brisbane	Facing World War One: Stories of loyalty, loss and love. Featuring new work by Facing Australia, experience intimate and untold stories from the First World War that reveal the daily reality and emotional impact on the loved ones left behind in Brisbane.	Free
May 15 9am-1pm	Newstead House	Little Historians Festival. Discover how we lived in early colonial days - pre-electricity and enjoy the grace and charm of Brisbane's oldest surviving residence, Newstead House.	https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/little-historians-festival-tickets-21189502372 \$7-\$21
June 4 - June 11 10am- 3pm	The Embroiderers' Guild, QLD Inc. 149 Brunswick St Fortitude Valley	The Embroiderers Guild, Queensland inc. Exhibition "A World United in Stitches" An exhibition of embroidery from members of The Embroiderers' Guild, Qld.	\$10 includes catalogue and refreshments
April 17- May 21 9am-3pm	Queensland Military Memorial Museum 28 Church St. Fortitude Valley	Heroes Too - An Exhibition on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders at War Run as part of the National Trust Heritage Festival 2016, 'Heroes Too' is an exhibition that highlights the significant contributions made by these 'forgotten' diggers and the opportunities that military service opened up for them upon returning to a civilian life.	\$5
April 20 - December 31. 2pm-4pm	Chermside Historical Precinct, 61 Kittyhawk Drive, Chermside	First Ashore: The 9th Battalion in World War One. Visit the First Ashore Display to discover details about the "Fighting Ninth" Battalion of WWI. Men from the 9th were first ashore at the Gallipoli landing on 25 April 1915.	Free

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
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Membership costs per year (1 January to 31 December)

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

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