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Cambridge Parade Manly Circa 1920

Newsletter

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FROM THE EDITOR

This month we are celebrating the Wynnum Manly Historical Society's 20th birthday. Hope you can come along to our birthday celebration at the October meeting. Do you know what prompted the formation of the Society and who the first members were and who the first President was? Join us at the October meeting to share in this momentous occasion, to hear Col Brown relate the Society's history over the past 20 years, and of course to indulge in some of the Society's birthday cake! It looks like being a great night.

Planning is underway for the annual Christmas break up bus tour which will be taking place on 29 November. Mark this date in your diary. Further details will be provided in the near future.

Speaking of bus tours, I am sure everyone who participated in the bus trip on 4 October will agree it was a fabulous day. Many thanks to Brian Brandenburg and Jan Parnell for organising the trip.

We are still in desperate need of donations for the Christmas Hamper which is the raffle prize to be drawn at the November meeting. We look forward to being inundated with donations at or before the October meeting!

The November newsletter will be the last newsletter published until February 2009. How about making this a bumper issue by submitting a short article for publication? Do you have any questions about the area or people from the area you would like answered? Why not jot down what you want to know and we will ask our members if they can help you out. Now is as good a time as any.

I don't know about you but I have really enjoyed reading about the committee members who have been featured in the "spotlight" section of the newsletter. Now it is your turn to share a little about yourself with other members. Please get cracking and start providing a short profile on yourself (together with a photo). The first noncommittee member profile will be appearing in the February 2009 newsletter. Drop them off at the Resource Centre or at any meeting.

Also, don't forget it is never too late to volunteer to help out with the supper roster. It is only a matter of providing a cake or some biscuits etc either home made or purchased from a shop or bakery. It would only need to be for one Thursday out of the whole year. If you can assist, please contact Myrtle who will be most grateful for your help. Details of the 2009 roster will be published in the next newsletter so you can plan ahead.

On a personal note, I was saddened to hear of the loss by fire of the J Miles & Sons factory in Pine Street. My stepdad, Trevor Davis, used to own the printing business housed in there and I spent many memorable hours there as a youngster playing "printer".

Sandy Liddle, Newsletter Editor

OCTOBER MEETING DETAILS

Thursday 16 October at 7.30pm

Ambulance Museum Auditorium (Cnr Cedar Street & Tingal Road, Wynnum)

Speaker: Col Brown

Topic: 20 years of the Wynnum Manly

Historical Society

IT'S OUR 20th BIRTHDAY!!!!

Come along and join in the birthday celebrations and listen to Col Brown tell us about the history of the Society.

Gold coin entry – covers hire of Hall and Supper.

Raffle: Tickets are \$1.00 each or 3 for \$2.00.

Bring and buy stall - Please bring your unwanted gifts, cakes, fruit, vegetables to support the Resource Centre.

Appreciation to **Betty Mottram, Dawn Wilkins and Beryl Kennedy** who will be providing your supper.

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SUPPER ROSTER TO END OF 2008

Below is the supper roster up to the end of 2008. If you are unable to oblige on your assigned date of roster, if possible, please find a replacement or contact **Myrtle** on 3396 4711.

Late life members:

Merv Beitz

Betty Mottram	3396 2971	Oct 16
Dawn Wilkins	3396 8204	Oct 16
Beryl Kennedy	3396 6399	Oct 16
Myrtle Beitz	3396 4711	Nov 20
Margaret O'Neil	3348 3123	Nov 20
Jan Bird	3396 6690	Nov 20

If you would like to volunteer to help out on supper roster, please contact **Myrtle** on **3396 4711**. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated.

MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK

URGENTLY NEEDED & REMINDER: Volunteers for audio tape transcription

Just a reminder that the Resource Centre has available for **free** loan to members the audio tapes of past speakers at the Society's meetings. If you have missed any speakers that you really wanted to hear, why not go and see Jill at the Resource Centre and borrow that tape out to listen to at your leisure.

Are there any ex-typists / secretaries out there? We are looking for volunteers to transcribe these audio tapes as well as audio tapes of oral history interviews so that a print copy can be held at the Resource Centre. A transcription machine is available for loan to anyone who can help out. If you can assist, please contact **Brian** or **Jill**.



FROM THE PRESIDENT

The trip to Toogooawah was a success. There is so much history in the Brisbane Valley. We started slowly, caught in traffic on the way to the Amberley Air Show. The Air Show only happens once every five years and that was the day! We picked up our guide, Libby DeLacy, at Goodna Railway Station. Libby lives in Toogoolawah and is a mine of information about the area. Early pioneers, bushrangers and 19th Century larrikins, the equivalent of our modern day hoons, were all part of her fascinating stories. We had our own Wynnum connection with Cribb and Foote of Ipswich. One of the Cribb ladies lived in Wynnum. Oriel Handley also told us of a link with her past. Her mother and father were married in St. Andrews Church at Toogoolawah, and the caretaker, Jocelyn, who kindly let us in, turned out to be her cousin

We had morning tea at Wivenhoe Dam. We were almost the only ones there. It is a beautiful and well kept picnic grounds, with full amenities. Bellevue Homestead was our next stop. The house was moved to its present location at Coominya when the Dam was built. The Homestead is a collection of buildings constructed at various times. The original slab hut became the servant's quarters and dining hall. The entrance to the house had a fountain and a parade ground for horses. Traders, including the local policeman, had to use the back door. The Homestead is open on the weekends and hosts John and Laurel Dingle provide refreshments including wine tasting. It is worth a look if you haven't been there or a second visit if you have.

Libby provided a quick commentary of Esk. (We were running late) Its many churches, historic houses and hotels could be well worth another look in the future. In Toogoolawah, we enjoyed a hearty country lunch at the Exchange Hotel. Then we explored St. Andrew's Church. It was built by well known architect Robin Dodds. It is a wooden building with stained glass windows and a shingle roof.

It was then on to Caboonbah Homestead. Lauris, our coach driver, kept us on time and supplied some humorous jokes on the way home. The homestead on the banks of the Brisbane River, downsteam from the Somerset Dam, is an important part of Queensland's heritage. As I stood on the verandah of the house, built on a steep hill overlooking the river, I could just imagine the day the great flood rushed down the Stanley Gorge. H.P. Somerset, who built Caboonbah, deserves to be remembered for trying to save Brisbane from the rising waters. The film "The Deluge" made by Wynnum's own actor and director, Martin Overson, is a reminder that Brisbane could once again face a great flood, as it did in 1893 and 1974.

Our next bus trip on the 29th of November will be in our own backyard. We will visit local landmarks, Fort Lytton and lunch at one of the hotels or clubs. It will be a relaxing day and a chance to catch up with the our own history.

I am looking forward to the next talk by Col Brown on the 20 year history of the Wynnum Manly Historical Society. We have so much to be proud of in Wynnum, Manly, Lota and adjacent suburbs. The area is rich in history. This is brought to life by the people who live in the district. I am always amazed by the speakers at each meeting who entertain and inform us of our heritage. I hope that the changes about to take place in the area preserve and maintain our unique way of life.

Brian Brandenburg
President

Sponsorship and support of the WMHS - Thank you to Cartridge World Wynnum



Did you know that **Cartridge World Wynnum** very generously sponsors and supports the Wynnum Manly Historical Society?

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

Don't forget - for all your toner and cartridge needs, visit or contact **Chris** at Cartridge World Wynnum.



Resource Centre address

Civic Centre Shop 7, 66 Bay Tce Wynnum

(outside entrance to Wynnum Public Library)

Resource Centre opening hours

Monday – Friday (except Public Holidays)

10am - 12 noon

CHRISTMAS BREAK:

CLOSED: 15 December 2008 to 9 January 2009 inclusive.

NEWS FROM THE RESOURCE CENTRE

- A query received this week Can anyone provide any information about the girl who fell off the Falcon Street Wall, Manly in the 1940's. There was no rail along the top of the wall and she fell at the corner of Wellington Street and Falcon (Spring) Street, the highest part of the wall. She was said to be wearing a long dress. An ambulance came to the scene of the fall. Mr W Lyell of the Manly Progress Association had a wall erect along the top of the wall after this event occurred.
- In the 1920's, children from five families living in Tingal Road, near Lockwood's newspaper and printing business, were very ill and some of them died. Lance Walmsley survived. The query was, whether anyone knows of the nature of the illness and the families involved.
- Another advertisement from the 1914 publication provided by Bruce Patterson



CRAIG & SHORT

Brocers, Provision
...and ..

[Droduce Merchants,
WYNNUM SOUTH.

ORDERS DELIVERED to all Parts of the District.

The shop was in Bay Terrace. Austin Short is a member of our society. Does anyone know anything about Mr Craig?

Jill Greenhill Librarian

OUR PIONEERS - Joseph Curtis

The Society has a continuing project, which began several years ago, to collect information on persons residing in Wynnum, Manly, Lota and District before 1912. In 1912 Wynnum became a Town in its own right and there were only a few hundred persons residing there.

This month we feature:

JOSEPH CURTIS (1855 – 1928)



Joseph was born in Chilcombe, Hampshire, England in 1855. With his mother, Louisa, and four sisters he came to Australia. He was employed as a gardener at Fernberg House, where he met Ellen HIRTON. Ellen was the governess and lived with her family, in the gatekeeper's cottage.

Ellen and Joseph were married in 1892. With three children they moved to a timber slab hut at Belmont and grew vegetables. These were taken by horse and cart and sold from Lytton to Belmont.

Leaving Belmont, the family moved to the relatively new township of Manly and setup a general store at 197 Stratton Terrace, on the corner of Cambridge Parade, which they rented from the Cosgrove family. About 1895 the family built a tea garden next to heir store, using bush timber, packing cases and timber shingles.

The first Methodist services were held in an old bush house at the rear of the store. The Teahouse went in 1906 to be replaced with a larger two storied building. The lower floor proved produce, small goods, grocery lines, hardware and maritime items. Joe was Manly's first Post Master. The family lived on the upper floor. There were four sons, Leslie, James, Ernest and Arthur and five daughters, Winifred, Vera, Esther, Ada and Edith.



Stratton Terrace. Tea Garden on the left, Store on the right About 1900.

Son Arthur delivered produce by horse and cart. Daughter Esther delivered newspapers on horseback. Ernest delivered telegrams by bicycle and daughter Vera was Manly's postmistress for many years. Daughter Edith married William Morrison Gunn who later became a Member of Parliament

Joe entered local government in 1905 and became a member of the Kianawah Divisional Board. He was elected a councilor in the new Wynnum Shire Council in 1905 and in 1911 became its chairman. He was Mayor of the Town of Wynnum in 1914 and retired from the Council in 1916. Joe also played a significant part in securing Manly State school in 1918, the militia Drill Hall (now the site of Wynnum High School Hall), Memorial Park, Manly Yacht Club and Manly Swimming Club.



Presentation to Joe Curtis from Manly Yacht Club for ".....our hearty appreciation of the valuable efforts rendered by you to the Club in the capacity of President, an office which you so capably filled during the initiatory season of the club's inauguration."

Joseph and Ellen retired to Mt Nebo and the family were running the business at Manly until the 1960's.. Joseph died in a bush fire tragedy in October 1928 at the age of 73. Ellen returned to the family home at Manly and lived with her family until she died in 1951, aged 85.

Do you have any information about a person or family who resided in the Wynnum, Manly or Lota district prior to 1912?

Jill Greenhill, Librarian



SPOTLIGHT ON ... Ian Kennedy, Vice President

People who know me also know that I am not a "local". I am however a second generation, native-born pure-bred-mongrel Australian, with familial roots in Ireland, England and Denmark – which is possibly the next best thing!

Having been born in South Brisbane in 1927, I grew up in East Brisbane where I attended the State Primary School and the Church of England Grammar School to pass the Junior Public Examination.

After a few months working in the office of Dalgety & Co, I achieved my only ambition to become a Jackeroo in the Muttaburra district of Western Queensland. This move by a 16 year old boy, who had never been away from the family circle, caused some amazement and possible trepidation to my parents!

Nevertheless I survived and, over the ensuing years, I gained quite a wide experience of the wool industry in various parts of Queensland and New South Wales. In 1954, I married Beryl Johnson from Norman Park and we spent the first years of life together on a property near Lightning Ridge.

Although you can take people out of the bush, you can't take the bush completely out of people, but we left it to move to Sydney as the only alternative place. There I joined the staff of a life assurance company and spent more years expiating past, present and possibly future sins. During that time, we acquired a mortgage and three children.

After 14 years in Oatley, I arranged a transfer to the Brisbane office and we lived in Indooroopilly. During this time, we ran a small newsagency together. I was then employed by the Australian Wool Testing Authority until I finished a career as a jack of several trades and master of some of them.

In 1996, with the mortgage discharged and the children departed, we moved to the Bayside for our older age. Once here, we joined the Wynnum Manly Historical Society and "the rest is silence".

lan Kennedy

WHERE WAS I? September 2008

The sign, "R G Patterson & Co Pty Ltd, Produce Merchants" is on the building at 89 Tingal Road, Wynnum, now occupied by "Sports Motion" Fitness Club.



Raymond Grainger Patterson was born in 1897 to John and Edythe Patterson (nee Primrose). John and Edythe were the builders of the Guest House Ingleston in Charlotte Street in 1915, and Raymond, in the Electoral Roll, is recorded as a farmer and living at Ingleston in 1921.

The Town of Wynnum Building Register has the entry on 23 September 1925 of an application by R G Patterson to build a shop on the corner of Tingal Road and Clara Street, the location of the above picture. However local residents remember the shop to be an old tin shed! Does anyone remember this tin shed? Raymond married Dorothy Esther Lavinia Myers on 10 August 1929.

He was a member of the Golf Club, the Rotary Club, Bowling Club and kindred business associations. He was a keen boating enthusiast and owned, at one time, the "Dixiana" which was taken over by the army during the war. He later built and sailed the MV "Primrose"

The produce store had a slogan, depicted on the paper bags given to customers.



"Prudent People profit purchasing Patterson's Popular Priced Premier Products" (Col Daveney)

Member, Austin Short, shares these memories with us:

"... each time I see it (the sign on the building in Tingal Road) I am transported back to a bygone era of the Wynnum District and the prominent part that Patterson's played in it. Whilst I do not claim to personally know them (the Pattersons) I have recall of seeing them carrying out their services when Wynnum was a semi rural area with people having horses, cows, poultry farms and "back yard Chooks". My father had a small poultry run at Wynnum West and later at Lota. Patterson's would deliver bags of wheat and mash for cook food and cart the boxed new laid eggs to the Egg Board. I have memories of these men carrying full bags of wheat on their shoulders into our store shed. They were probably much fitter then than the people who now use the Gym that now exist in the old building. Another memory was of them delivering loads of flour and horse feed to Mandersen's Lota Bakery where I sometimes worked during my school holidays. And in particular how proud they were of their newly acquired modern diesel powered truck. They were in a growing business then that now no longer exists".

Patterson's Egg Box (Austin Short)



Raymond Patterson died on 19 February 1956, aged 59 years and his wife Dorothy, of Stratton Terrace Manly, died in Maryborough Hospital in October 1956.

Raymond's middle name was Grainger. His mother, the former Miss Primrose, owned land around Sibley Road which was developed as the "Primrose Hill" Estate in the 1920's. In the estate there is a Grainger Street. Does anyone know the connection between the Patterson and the Grainger families?

WHERE AM I? October 2008



If you think you know where this is, please see Jill at the Resource Centre or phone 3393 3208.

REMINDER: Membership fees

Membership fees are due for renewal on or before 1 January 2009. Fees will be remaining at:-

Single \$15.00 Family \$25.00 High school student \$5.00

Envelopes for payment will be issued with the November newsletter but payments can be made prior to this time at any meeting or at the Resource Centre.

When renewing, if you have an email address, please include this so that we can forward you the newsletter in colour by email. You will still receive the newsletter in black and white print format unless you indicate otherwise.

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of 18 September 2008

(held in the Ambulance Museum Auditorium, Corner Cedar Street and Tingal Road)

Meeting **opened** at 7..30pm. 43 members and one visitor, Maggie Davidson were present. 3 apologies were received.. (Attendance sheets are held by the Membership Secretary, Noela Stratton.)

Myrtle Beitz announced the sudden death of member, Thelma Hogan.

Minutes of Previous Meeting held on 21 August 2008 were moved by Brian Brandenburg, seconded by Dawn Wilkins.

Correspondence, inwards and outwards, accepted and endorsed at the committee meeting on Thursday 4 September 2008, was presented by Lena McCreadie..

Financial Report, was presented by Jan Parnell.

General Account: Opening Balance at 1 September 2008: \$4,593.63

Receipts: \$544.65 Expenses: \$493.40 Closing Balance at 30 September: \$4,644.90

Investment Account of \$25,000

Report was accepted by Jan Parnell seconded by Jill Greenhill..

Resource Centre.

Members contributed information with regard to the mystery photograph – the sign "R G Patterson", on the brick wall of the gym in Tingal Road. Nena Robertson provided details about Jack Goopy, brother-in-law of Jim Fisher who were Proprietors of the Wynnum Hotel in 1914. Volunteers were requested to helping at the Spring Fair on 10/11/12 October..

Heritage Tours..

Brian provided details of the next tour to the Esk and Toogoolawah area, scheduled for Saturday 4 October

General Business

Brian Brandenburg discussed ideas for a celebration on 28 March 2009 to celebrate Queensland's 150 years at the Municipal Hall, Bay Terrace.

Col brown suggested that we celebrate Peter Cumming's achievement of longest local serving Local Government member. It was agreed that this could be included with the March celebrations..

Speaker, John Davies talked of previous Spring Parades, more especially when he was part of the organising committee in the 1970s.

Speaker, Gerry Cunneen gave us a history of the telephone system in Australia. He had sample phones on display and talked of the local scene. He concluding with pictures of his involvement with 4BH broadcasting from the Queen Elizabeth 2 at Fisherman Islands.

The Lucky Door Prize was won by John McIntyre and the Raffle by Alison Roff..

The formal meeting closed at 9.00pm and members and guests were provided with a delicious **supper** donated by Jan Aplin, Betty Powell and Ian Wheeler.

Calendar of WYNNUM MANLY HISTORICAL SOCIETY events

October 2008	November 2	800		February 2009
10th-12th	Thursday, 20th	7.30 pm	Thursday,	19th 7.30pm
WYNNUM SPRING FESTIVAL	NOVEMBER GE	ENERAL MEETING	FEBF	RUARY GENERAL MEETING
Where: George Clayton Park The Esplanade Wynnum		e Museum Auditorium St & Tingal Rd	Where:	Ambulance Museum Auditorium Cnr Cedar St & Tingal Rd
The festival commences at 3pm on Friday, 10th October and runs through until Sunday, 12th October.	Speakers to be advised	1.	Speakers	to be advised.
The Spring Parade (procession) will commence at the Waterloo Bay Hotel at 1pm.	Cost: Gold coin de	onation	Cost:	Gold coin donation
Thursday, 16th 7.30pm	Thursday, 27th	10am		
OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING	MORNING TEA AT	WYNNUM LIBRARY		
Where: Ambulance Museum Auditorium Cnr Cedar St & Tingal Rd	Where: Wynnum L 66 Bay Te			
Speaker: Col Brown	The names be	ehind the places		
WMHS's 20th birthday celebration meeting.	Brian Ogden from the N special guest speaker f	Museum of Brisbane is the or November.		
Cost: Gold coin donation	Cost: Free			
Thursday, 30th 10am	Saturday, 29th	ТВА		
MORNING TEA AT WYNNUM LIBRARY	CHRISTMAS BRI	EAK-UP BUS TOUR		
Where: Wynnum Library 66 Bay Terrace	Details to be	advised shortly.		
Growing up in Wynnum in the fifties				
Brian Brandenburg will be telling us about what it was like for him growing up in Wynnum in the 1950s.				
Cost: Free				

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE - Prize is a Christmas Hamper of goodies

Tickets for the Christmas raffle will be on sale at the October and November meetings and at the Resource Centre from the 17th October 2008. The raffle will be drawn at the November meeting.

Tickets are \$1.00 each or 3 for \$2.00.

We still need as many donations as you can give to make this Christmas Hamper (which is the raffle prize) the best ever. You never know you may end up being the lucky winner!

Please leave your donations at the Resource Centre before the October meeting or bring along to the October meeting. If you are unable to get into the Resource Centre and/or a meeting and would still like to make a donation or purchase tickets, please phone one of the committee and we will make arrangements to collect your donation and/or your money for the tickets.

Calendar of other events of interest

October 2008			November 2008		December 2008
Monday, 1	3th 11am – 12.30pm	Saturday, 8t	th 1pm – 4pm	Tuesday,	2nd 10am – 11am
BR	RISBANE: CITY OF FIRSTS	СОМРА	NY AND BUSINESS RECORDS		MAPS
Where:	Brisbane Square Library Theatre Auditorium Ground floor, Brisbane Square, Cnr George & Adelaide Sts		Qld State Archives 435 Compton Road Runcorn	Where:	Qld State Archives 435 Compton Road Runcorn
Presented by Museum of Brisbane in conjunction with Brisbane Square Library, Brisbane: City of Firsts is an informative talk discussing some of Brisbane's historic firsts.		world of bus seminar to be Qld State Australia and	e range of records relating to the siness and commerce. This is a joint be presented by specialist staff from Archives, National Archives of d the State Library of Qld.	the researdiscover the how to find	essential telephone 3131 7777
Cost:	Free	Cost:	Free.	Cost:	Free
Thursday,	16th 6pm	Wednesday	; 12th 10am – 11am		
THOM	MAS LODGE MURRAY PRIOR	IMAG	GE QUEENSLAND SEMINAR		
Where:	Royal Historical Society of Qld Commissariat Store 115 William Street Brisbane		Qld State Archives 435 Compton Road Runcorn		
Speaker:	Andrew Darbyshire	Queensland ArchivesSea	ves photos. Discover the new Image I service and learn how to use arch to locate images held at the State Archives.		
		Bookings es	ssential telephone 3131 7777		
Cost:	Gold coin donation	Cost:	Free.		
Sunday, 19	9th 1pm – 2.30pm	Thursday, 1	3th 1.30pm - 2.30pm		
UNCOV	/ERED: MORETON BAY PENAL SETTLEMENT	F	PIONEERS UNCOVERED		
Where:	Fox Family White Gloves Room State Library of Queensland South Bank.		Talbot Family Treasures Wall, Level 4, State Library of Queensland South Brisbane		
was estab	he Moreton Bay Penal Settlement olished at Redcliffe as a place of transportation. After some eight		Brian Randall, Heritage Collections librarian		
located on day location about the materials	e settlement was moved to a site the Brisbane River at the present on of Brisbane's CBD. Learn more Moreton Bay Penal Settlement and housed in the Heritage Collections ocument this period.	on a journe	g and listen to Brian as he takes you by through the trials and tribulations beensland's early settlers.		
Cost:	Free but bookings essential through qtix 136 246.	Cost:	Free but bookings essential through qtix 136 246.		
		Thursday, 2	Oth 6pm		
		THE W	OMEN OF NEWSTEAD HOUSE		
			Royal Historical Society of Qld Commissariat Store 115 William Street Brisbane		
		Speaker:	Carolyn Nolan		
		Cost:	Gold coin donation		

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Wynnum Manly Historical Society Inc.

Our aim is to gather and record

Membership application forms are available from the Resource Centre, Civic Centre, 7/66 Bay Tce, Wynnum.

Membership costs per year (1 January to 31 December):-

Single \$15.00

Family \$25.00

High School student

\$5.00

PLEASE NOTE: There is a joining fee of \$10.00 which covers the cost of a membership name badge.

Deadline for newsletter submissions:

By Sunday, 1 November 2008 for November 2008 issue.