



Cambridge Parade Manly Circa 1920

Wynnum Manly Historical Society Inc

"Our aim is to gather and record local history before it is lost."

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NEWSLETTER

April 2022

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April General Meeting

Thursday 21 April 2022

Wynnum Ambulance Auditorium
Corner Tingal Road /Cedar Street
(Covid Restrictions apply)

7.00pm for 7.15pm start

Speaker:

Local Pharmacist

Alan Evans

Leader of Bayside Sea Scouts

Entry: Gold Coin donation

Raffle: \$2 or 3 tickets for \$5

Thank you to Lena and Ellen
for overseeing refreshments

President's Report

News letter time again and I am pleased to report that our Society is still functioning in spite of all the Covid restriction that have been imposed on us during the last 12 months.

When I was about writing this report I was attending to my stamp collection and thought what an ideal vehicle a stamp collection is for you to learn about history.

Therefore I decided to include an example to illustrate this. Recently Australia Post issued this stamp to commemorate our first woman in the Australian Parliament, Edith Cowan, in 1921. Do you realise that most of you carry a picture of Edith around with you daily? I leave you to fathom this out.



Best wishes for a healthy and happy month.

President, Jan Parnell

The Wynnum Ambulance Auditorium is used by the Queensland Ambulance Service for rest periods during their working day so **Covid restrictions are in place.** Mick Davis, Manager, Qld Ambulance Officer, Heritage and History has sent us the following Instructions:

- Unvaccinated individuals are not permitted entry to Qld Ambulance Services premises
- Sign in via Qld Covid QR code
- Masks recommended if regular seating is in place
- Hand Hygiene remains important
- Speaker can remove mask but must remain a distance from the front row
- Do not attend if you have a temperature, cough or sneeze.

Post-Easter Morning Tea Saturday 30 April 10.15am Relax in the grounds of the Shire Clerk's Cottage

We are hoping for a sunny day to mae up for the rain last time

There are still some spare seats

Cost:\$5

Book for Catering Purposes:

3393 4393 or 0431 332 207

or at the General Meeting on Thursday 21 April 2022.



Located in the “Old School Building” at Room1.08, 105 Florence Street, Wynnum
Open Monday to Friday 10.00am to Noon or by appointment. 0407 293 177)

A House not lost!



118 Berrima Street, Wynnum

Some of you may remember late member Carmel Henderson who lived at 118 Berrima Street, not far from Wynnum Creek. We had an email from the new owner of her house. The house has been moved to Dalveen, near Stanthorpe and is being renovated. Next door, on the same site is an old Butchers Shop, also undergoing renovation.

From this external view, the house possible dates from the Federation era - 1900 – 1920s An Federation Asymmetrical Bungalow with a front veranda

The right-hand side would originally have been an open veranda. On the left side, under a single gable is the master bedroom.

Arthur Postle - The Great Sprinter

Some of you may have heard of Arthur Postle. A recent visitor, to the Resource Room claimed him as her great uncle. She was seeking Arthur’s address in Wynnum. We were successful and found the address. The full story of the “Red Flash “ is told on Page 6.

Do we have any “Real Oldies” from the Wynnum Manual Telephone Exchange”?

Marjorie Smyth (Article in March Edition) would like to know if there are any more “real oldies” that worked with her in the “manual telephone exchange” in Wynnum (pre-1955). We would love to hear of their reminiscences of 70 years ago and Marjorie would love to hear from them too.

Please contact me (0407 293 177) if you can assist.

Ian - Still a member

Ian physically left us last December to live closer to his son. However he still wishes to keep in touch.

Here is an extract from a letter recently received from him.

Dear Jill,

I write to apologise for not making a formal and suitable farewell before leaving the Bayside. Things happened, and arrangements were made in some haste to effect the move.

Also, thank you for sending the latest issue of our newsletter including the valedictory item. It was a kind thought and much appreciated. I will enclose a cheque to continue my membership.

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I must also thank you and others for past associations. By the Historical Society, I personally gained some good friends – Jacks Sands, Lloyd Kelk, Percy Duke, Noela Stratton, Merv and Myrtle Beitz – not forgetting yourself and Les, a man I always admired and liked, and many others. My/our 26 years in the Bayside was a happy time, despite the inevitable parting, and some sadness. I will miss all of that and more.

I hope the Society can go from strength to strength, Covid notwithstanding, and that you, yourself, can maintain a reasonable state of health and happiness. My greetings go to any and all there present.

Best Wishes Ian Kennedy

Till next time

Jill (jillg01@tpg.com.au)

WHERE WAS I?

March 2022



“Britannia”

75 Waterloo Esplanade Wynnum

on the corner of Berrima Street

This is a good example of a Colonial Queensland house recognized by the attachment of the Verandah to the wall of house. Originally the Verandah would have encircled the house. Also there is a hip-style main roof, a pediment over the Verandah entrance, and paired posts with brackets.

(Not Federation 1900 – 1920s as roof structure is not continuous from roof to Verandah)

This is often called the Sargeant’s House.

John and Agnes Sargeant married in 1748. Their four children were all born in Leyland, 6 miles south of Preston, in northern England. (Much later Leyland was famous for producing Leyland Motors.) Their youngest son, John, had four children, all born in Preston, Lancashire.

John’s youngest son, Edward, was a brickmaker and his two youngest sons both came to Australia, Aaron born in 1830 and Levi born in 1833.

Aaron, wife Sarah and five children travelled to Australia on the ‘Sultana’ in 1862. (The first survey of land in Wynnum was in 1860.) Travelling on same ship were Joel Wilde and family (Wilde Street) and the Ashton family (Ashton Street) all early inhabitants of Wynnum. After arrival, Aaron and Sarah had five more children.

Aaron opened the ‘**Britannia Iron Works**’ in Alice Street Brisbane, a most successful enterprise. Aaron died in 1907 and his eldest son Henry, born in 1859, inherited these iron works in Brisbane.

Henry’s eldest son Aaron (Junior) was born in Kelvin Grove in 1884. He entered the Britannia Engineering works in 1908, when his father, Henry took over. Aaron (Junior) was managing director by 1932. Aaron (Junior), his children and grand children were the residents of “Britannia”, Waterloo Esplanade, Wynnum.

WHERE AM I?

April 2022



Till next time, Jill.

When there is a mention of an early jam-making factory in this district, J Hargreaves and Sons of “The Springs”, usually comes to mind. John Hargreave’s Factory first commenced producing jam in 1891.

Very few people would recall the **MANLY PRESERVING COMPANY**



A Facebook follower sent these two pictures to the Society’s Facebook page and asked for details of this Company.

A small jam factory was situated in the garden of the first large brick/stone house built on Manly Hill called Wyvernleigh. Wyvernleigh was situated on Portion 78, surveyed in September 1860, and sold to Thomas Jones in November 1862. Here Thomas built his summerhouse, a cool retreat away from the family cattle property at Barambah Homestead, near Goomeri, in the Gympie Region of Queensland.

Wyvernleigh was sold to Joseph Leuthwaite, then stayed with the Arnold family until 1909, when William Parker purchased the property. Then there were leases to various tenants, including the Anglican Church, the Harman family and the Shepherd family. A member of the Shepherd family, when reminiscing about earlier days, in a Church magazine, said the family did make preserves in a shed in the garden.

This shed was mentioned by Archbishop Duhig in his announcement in 1925, printed in the Catholic Press:

“His Grace the Archbishop has purchased a property a Manly for future church purposes. The property is situated at the corner of Ernest and Waterloo Streets, in the vicinity of Manly State School, and has a commanding view of the district, the bay and islands. The price of the property, which was owned by Mr. Parker, was in the vicinity of £1,800.00. There is a large brick and stone residence on the property, **also the factory of the Manly Preserving Company, which is to be removed.**”

Sydney Catholic Press (30.04.1925)

“Manly Parish was established in 1927, following Duhig’s purchase of the land in 1926. A hall was built when Father Butler was appointed to the Parish, **partly from the timber from the old Jam Factory** which stood on the property. Built by Mr Percy Shepherd and his assistant Mr Vince Grotty, the hall was used for dances and plays, which enabled the debt to be paid off.” *St John Vianney Church Magazine. Page 1. 7 May 2000*

An announcement was made in 1927 that Manly Fruit and Preserving Company had decided to establish a fruit preserving and canning factory at Nambour for which purpose the Olympic Hall had been purchased. “This building is situated in the centre of town near the railway station. The intention is to install a large new plant. Among the intended projects of the new venture, is the extraction of juice from the small oranges and lemons which hitherto have been unsalable in the markets. “

Queenslander (1.6.1927. page 16)

So this new secondary industry was established in Nambour. “ The Manly Preserving Company transported its whole plant to the Olympic Hall in Howard Street Nambour... The *Nambour Chronicle* reported, “not only does it save the famer a considerable amount of cases, but it also saves a considerable amount of railway freight and handling.”

The actual operations in Nambour commenced on 12 August 1927 “The first batch of pineapples was canned as part of an order of 300 cases for Western Australia”.

Backward Gance. Industries of Earlier Times (dated 29.11.2019)

At midnight on Tuesday June 26 1928, there was a

“Big Fire at Nambour”

“Midnight Blaze”

“Damage estimated at £12,000”

“Four buildings in Howard Street were destroyed by fire, early this morning. The outbreak commenced in a two-storey building, owned by an Indian, Rood Singh about 1.15am. A strong easterly breeze fanned the flames which spread towards a restaurant next door. The wind changed and the building on the other side was threatened. Despite the efforts of a bucket brigade it caught alight and flames still spread further.

There is no fire brigade in the town and the work of the bucket brigade was futile in the face of the intensity of the blaze.

Cope’s restaurant was soon alight and, a little later, a moving picture hall and the canning factory of the Nambour Preserves Company were burning.

Practically the whole of the male population of the town turned out with buckets in the cold and windy midnight and for a long time they dashed water onto Melville’s restaurant, and the building at the other end of the row, which they succeeded in saving. The other four premises, however, succumbed to the onslaught of the devouring flames and eventually the volunteer fire fighters retired from the unequal battle.

The fire had burnt itself out by 3 o’clock. The outbreak covered a frontage of 170 feet, and the flames were only prevented from spreading to another section by a pathway 15 feet wide.

The ground floor of Hoo Singh’s premises contained two shops, one of which was occupied by the owner and the other by a Brisbane firm for storing pianos.

It is understood that some of the destroyed or damaged buildings and their contents were insured.”

(Telegraph 26.06.1928. page 9)

On 28 July 1928 an Auction Sale was advertised on the site of the Nambour Preserving Company.

AUCTION SALE THIS SATURDAY

“The balance of the Company's goods.”

Nambour Chronicle and North Coast Advertiser 27.07.1928. p. 2

AUCTION SALE THIS SATURDAY.
On **NAMBOUR PRESERVING COMPANY'S SITE,**
THE BALANCE OF THE COMPANY'S GOODS.
1 Ton Chev. Motor Truck, in perfect order, well shod;
Shed for removal, with 38 Sheets of Iron.
GOOD TIMBER. Walls of wood. 1-2-h.p. Electric Motor.
20 Sheets of 6ft. Iron.
Large Quantity of Piping, Tanks, Sundries, Bolts, etc.
The Balance of the Nambour Preserving Company.
Right in Nambour, on the Nambour Preserving Company's Site.
NO RESERVE—THIS SATURDAY, 12 Noon Sharp.
G. H. THORNTON, M.C.
GENERAL AUCTIONEER AND REAL PROPERTY SALESMAN,
Nambour

In 1926, Archbishop Duhig bought the land at Manly on which the factory of the Manly Preserving Company stood, nine years after he became the Archbishop of Brisbane. This land later became the site of St John Vianney School And Church.

The Archbishop had a vision of a magnificent Holy Name Cathedral to be built in Brisbane. The foundations were laid in Fortitude Valley. The crypt was opened in 1935. The Cathedral was to be finished in the next 50 years.

WHY WAS THE CATHEDRAL NEVER BUILT?

There are many answers and excuses. What were you told?

The money ran out?

The money was lost?

Please let us hear the reason you were given, probably when you were a child.

Thank you. Jill

£1m. CATHEDRAL WAS PLANNED



HOLY NAME Cathedral, Brisbane, as proposed by Jock Francis Mennessay, Sydney architect.

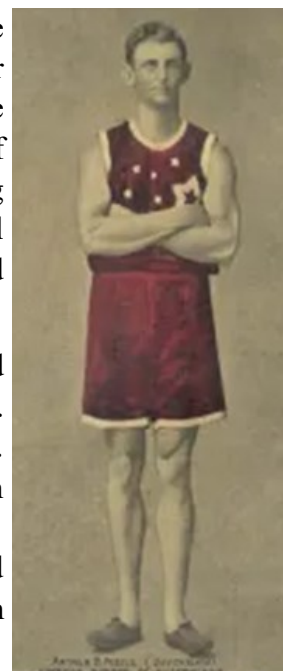
Arthur Benjamin POSTLE “The Crimson Flash” (1881 -1965)

One of Australia’s most renowned sprinters in the early twentieth century.

Arthur was born on 8th March 1881 in Springsure, near Pittsworth, Queensland. He was second of nine children of Arthur and Frances (nee Honor) Postle. Arthur Junior was educated to Grade 5 at Springsure State School, then assisted on the family farm. Arthur had shown talent in running, but his father disapproved of Arthur’s running aspirations. So his uncle Fred Postle who owned the adjoining property, cut a running track and helped with his training. Arthur competed in local athletic tournaments. He left the farm to pursue an athletics career in 1899 and became a professional runner in 1902.

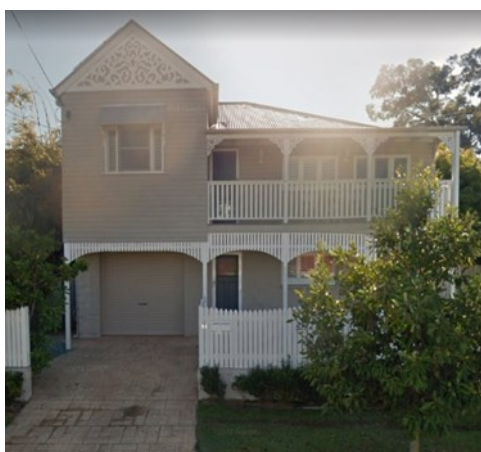
A slight person on 5’10” and weighing 11 stone, he travelled around Queensland and, in 1904 and 1905, he won championships in Charters Towers and Townsville. He continued to win in Bendigo and Sydney. He was unbeatable up to eighty yards. In December 1906 he became a champion at Kalgoorlie Gold Mine in WA when beat the Irish world champion, Beauchamp Day.

He then travelled overseas. In Durban, South Africa, in 1908, he set another world record. In England he beat Bill Growcutt and earned the name “The Crimson Flash” due to his trademark crimson running gear.



In October 1912, Postle married English woman Edna Leadbeater at Southport Lancashire England. She was the sister-in-law of Postle’s old coach, Todd. They went on to have four children. Postle retired from running in 1913.

Returning to Australia, Postle owned an auctioneering business in Memerambi, in the South Burnett region of Queensland and ran a running-shoe shop. The family moved to Gympie where he traded second-hand goods, which was an unsuccessful venture. He traded in the produce markets of South Brisbane and then became a produce farmer at Coopers Plains, Brisbane.



33 Haylock Street

In the 1930s he published his autobiography, “The Crimson Flash” in weekly instalments in a Melbourne newspaper. In 1995, the instalments were collated into a published autobiography, edited by Gary Parker.

His mother died in 1937 and his father in 1938. During WWII Arthur sold the farm at Coopers Plains and retired to Southport, then Wynnum, to 33 Haylock Street. He was a familiar sight in Wynnu Memorial Park, and on the beach, giving advice to any youngsters who cared to attend his regular coaching sessions. He continued to coach runners into the 1950s including Norma Crocker, later an Olympic gold medal winner.

Arthur fell ill on 21 April 1965 and died in the ambulance on the way to hospital.

He was inducted into the Sport Australia Hall of Fame in 1985.

Postle Street in Coopers Plains is named after him as also is a street in Melbourne.

On 20 October 1985, the “Crimson Flash” statue was erected in Pittsworth. The inaugural “Postle Gift” Professional Running Race was held at Club Pittsworth in October 2018. This event has become part of the Queensland Professional Athletics League.

What's On

Wolston Farmhouse

223 Grindle Road Wacol Qld
Sunday April 24 10am - 2pm

Lace Making Demonstration

Wander around the historic farmhouse, enjoy Devonshire tea,
Enquiries: 0404 777 260



Date	Venue	Event	Booking
Sunday 24 April 2022 9.00 am to 11.00am	View the Stonehouse at Moore in the Brisbane Valley	An event from this year's Heritage Activities. \$10 for event which includes Bus trip from Moore Hall	Enquiries: 0409 961 727
Tuesday 26 April 2022 10.30am to 12 noon	Logan Hyperdome Library 66 - 70 Mandew St Shailer Park	Stories of Australians and their boats. A touring display. Free	Enquiries: 3081 5400
Saturday 30 April 2022 9.30am to 3.00pm	12 Payne Street Auchenflower	Oral History Workshop Led by Elisabeth Gondwe \$100.00	Enquiries: 0409 635 712
Thursday 28 April 2022 10 - 11am	Wynnum Library 145 Florence Street	Wynnum Manly and the ANZACS. Local residents who served in WWI Free	Enquiries: 3403 2199
Sunday 8 May 2022 3.00pm - 6.00pm	Leaving from 147 Alice Street, City	NEW: Tales of Brisbane Boat Tour Stories of our Past	Enquiries: 0421 507 489
Wednesday 11 May 12.30pm	Commissariat Store Museum, 115 William Street, City	Lady Cilento: A Pioneer in Child and Maternal Health.	Royal Historical Society of Queensland Book: www.Eventbrite.com.au

PUBLICATIONS FOR SALE

History of Music in Wynnum Manly 1900 - 1997	Betty Nock	\$5
History of Arts in the Wynnum Manly Area 1900 - 2003	Betty Nock	\$5
Bayside Biographies. People from Wynnum Manly. 1900 -2007	Betty Nock	\$5
Mangroves to Moorings re-visited	Myrtle Beitz	\$35
Church Buildings of Wynnum Manly and Lota	Coupland and Greenhill	\$10
Early Shipping in Moreton Bay 1846 - 1859	Davenport and Mottram	\$5
Early Shipping in Moreton Bay 1860 - 1863	Davenport and Mottram	\$5

Available at Resource Room

Weekdays 10am—Noon

Email: library@wmhs.org.au

From the Committee:

A Strange Tale from our Treasurer, Geraint.

I have a heavy metal trunk, that belonged to my grandfather Samual Glossop, and came with me from England, amongst numerous packages, in 1967. The trunk followed me around several abodes and never was completely emptied. A pile of old newspapers remained on the bottom and things were continually being put on top of them

Last week I emptied the trunk. I took out the newspapers and, to my surprise, amongst them was a painting, what appeared to be a very old painting of the "Malpas Belle".



My great great uncle, George Gregory, born in Hayle Cornwall, in 1733 became a sea captain trading along the southern English coastline and up to Bristol and Cardiff. Was this his boat? The painting looked original. I checked with my cousin whose great grandfather was in charge of the Falmouth Light.

In Lloyd's Register, a copy of which was given to me by my father in 1971, Captain G Gregory captained the *Malpas Belle* from 1874 to 1879. The ship was wrecked in 1922.

Malpas is a small village in Cornwall on the River Fal at its junction with the Tresillion River. Today the remnant village is tree-covered promontory with a few dwellings and a boat ramp.

Malpas Belle 1922

The painting is presently with Manson Framers being restored.

Geraint Gregory

Project: **Restoration of Balgue's Slip**

Location: On the foreshore, opposite Penfold Parade

The Men's Shed applied for, and have received a grant to purchase the timber and associated materials to mend the slip.

Joan Peace's Office is endeavouring to get approval for a vehicle to drive on the foreshore, for the Men's Shed to commence the project.



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Peter Cumming and Joan Pease

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