



Cambridge Parade Manly Circa 1920

# Wynnum Manly Historical Society Inc

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## NEWSLETTER

## July 2023

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### July General Meeting

### THURSDAY 20 July 2023

7.00pm for 7.15pm start

Wynnum Ambulance Auditorium  
Corner Tingal Road / Cedar Street

Speaker is

## Tom Schulz

### “The Breed Apart”

Tom Schulz was General Secretary of the Bacon Factories' Union of Employees, Queensland (BFUE). Since his retirement Tom produced his book called “The Breed Apart”. His talk will cover the many and varied people who worked in the thriving food processing industries in the southeast suburbs of Brisbane. The Wynnum Manly area was the dormitory for food processing companies on Brisbane's south, including abattoirs, tanneries, fruit and vegetable canning and smallgoods production.

### Bring and Buy !!

Raffle

Lucky Door

Refreshments

Gold Coin Donation



Former Office of the Bacon Factories Union of Employees, Qld, on corner of Tingal Road and Southwick Street.

This was a disused General Store with an attached residence, when purchased in 1985 by the Union from the Stanley family, to create its own office premises.

The building was renovated by local builder Terry O'Shea (dec'd) and opened in 1986 by Tom Burns MLA. Tom Schulz was Union General Secretary(1981-2013) during this time.

Around 2010 the Union sold the building and vacant land next door to adjoining neighbour, Barry Myatt. The Union continued to use the premises for several more years on a rental basis. A shadow of the Union's original signage can be seen high on the front of the building.

The Union left the building in mid 2010 for the old Jennings Complex at Lindum, then to Bay Terrace and finally ceased operations in 2022.

### Remember

**Bring and Buy at Meeting on Thursday 20 July**



Books Swap or \$1  
Preserves . . .  
Cakes and Biscuits . . .  
Bring some cash!!!



### Remember

**Trip to Coochiemudlo**

Sunday

16 July 2023



See page 5.

Located in the “Old School Building” at Room 1.08, 105 Florence Street, Wynnum.

## Family Reunion.

Advance Notice: For members of the **Marshall, Preston, Woolmer, Wixon or Schmidt families.**

There will be a family reunion on the Easter Weekend 2024. (Saturday and Sunday 30th and 31st March 2024.)

The venue is the TEE BAR Hall (Between Biggenden and Maryborough).

There are free camping grounds. No power, but with showers and toilets.

More details contact Kathy Hunt : (kathyqf15@bigpond.com) Kathy Hunt on Facebook

These families settled in the Fraser Coast area, arriving around 1800s

The organisers would love to see as many descendants as possible to “Share, Share, Share”.

## Removal of sand from beach at Lota

There is very little sand at Lota, and sand was removed in the past, as described in the this article from the *‘Brisbane Courier’* in 1925.

Alan Lining, an old Society member, found this article whilst researching his mother’s family, the Harris family, who emigrated to Brisbane in 1925 and settled in Lota soon after. They lived at the corner of Richard Street and Railway Parade. The land was resumed by the government for the Lota School in 1950.

The baths at Manly opened in 1926. Here we see that the Council, instead of buying the sand from South Brisbane, were saving money, by stealing the sand from Lota.

## **REMOVAL OF SAND AT LOTA.**

Explaining the reason why sand is being removed from the beach at Lota, to which attention was drawn in yesterday’s “Courier,” the Mayor (Alderman W. A. Jolly) stated yesterday that the council was building baths at Manly, and that the sand was in proximity to the work. If the council did not get it there it would have to buy it at South Brisbane, at a very heavy cost. There would not be much more taken away as the job would soon be finished.

Tuesday 24 November 1925. *Brisbane Courier*. Page 4

Till next Time. Jill.

## **WHERE AM I ? JULY 2023**



## WHERE WAS I? June 2023



75 Berrima Street  
Wynnum



The hotel was built in 2 parts, the oldest section, at the north eastern end, with the first floor balconies, was built by George Gibb in 1889. George, the son of a mariner, was born in Cornwall, England in 1842. He started work as a tool boy in a granite stone yard, where he learnt the trade of a granite cutter.

George, brought his family to Moreton Bay on the “*Fiery Star*”, landing on 20 November 1863. With no work, and the financial crisis of 1866, the family returned to Cornwall. George travelled to America arriving in Boston in 1868 and found work, granite cutting for Public Buildings. However, the weather was too severe, and the family returned to Cornwall. They set sail again, on the sailing ship “*Great Queensland*”, for Maryborough, Queensland and landed on 18 November 1875.

George was aware of the plans to build a rail link between Brisbane and Cleveland and in May 1889 he bought a piece of land in Wynnum near the proposed rail line to build a hotel. By 7 November 1889, the South Brisbane Licensing Courts declared, “the house is complete and ready for occupation.” The rail link also opened in November 1889. The new colonial-style hotel was able to capitalise on the influx of holiday makers and day trippers visiting this district.

Due to ill health George sold the hotel in March 1892 to Sarah Jane King. William Dennis O’Connor purchased the hotel in 1898 and he remained the owner until his death in 1950. In 1918, he commissioned architect George Henry Addison to design the prominent two-storey extension, the younger part of the hotel towards the south west. The bar was located downstairs, and there was accommodation upstairs.

Today, if you enter the hotel through the front door between the two halves of the building, and turn sharp left, you enter the Bar. Pause, and on the right you will see a very prominent sign for “KENO”. Above this sign is the faded glass lighthouse.

I think that this wall behind the bar may have originally been to the outside of the building. In the 1960s an extension was added behind the Bar where one finds the Games Room and where again one can view the other side of the Lighthouse.

The question remains “What is the significance of the lighthouse?”



**Here is the summary of the presentation given to the Society by speaker, Chris Pearce at the Society's meeting, held on Thursday 15 June 2023, kindly written by President, Lucy Laakso.**

**“The true story of the Moreton Bay castaways 1823”  
Research by Chris Pearce**

*In preparing this short summary of Chris's presentation, I acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the lands described and pay my respects to Elders past and present.*

At the time of our June 2023 meeting, the Winter cold was starting to bite outdoors. Luckily for us, we enjoyed the warmth of good friends – old and new – and a welcoming meeting space at the Wynnum Ambulance Auditorium.

Chris Pearce was our guest speaker in June 2023 and his topic was “The true story of the Moreton Bay castaways 1823”. Eagle-eyed readers will have identified that it's the 200 year anniversary of the castaways' journey and indeed they came past what we know as Wynnum-Manly on 25 May 1823; thanks to valued member – Glenda – for identifying this during our meeting.

And so, to the castaways. Readers may have heard of Parsons, Pamphlett and Finnegan previously. As Chris explained, though, there was a fourth member of the initial party – Thompson. More on him shortly.

On 21 March 1823, the party of four set sail on the Hawkesbury River in NSW to collect timber. What was meant to be an overnight trip turned into a much longer journey. Shortly after setting sail, their boat was swept offshore in unfavourable weather. For 12 days, they battled the elements: the rainwater they saved for drinking water was spoiled by seawater and so they had to open the rum stores. After 12 days, the weather cleared and they hoisted sail.

They sailed north west, bound for what they thought was Sydney. They had no compass and their physical and mental condition worsened. After about 20 days, they saw land – it was probably Cape Byron. Around this time, Thompson died. The party of four was now a party of three and they continued to sail north to find somewhere to land.

Eventually, they identified a freshwater creek – it was Spitfire Creek at Mulgumpin / Moreton Island. Pamphlett, as the strongest swimmer, was charged with swimming to shore to fill a storage vessel with freshwater and then swimming back to the boat. Alas, on making it to shore, he was very weak; he drank freshwater but could go no further. His fellow travellers eventually guided the boat through the waves and to the shore.

The castaways slept little during a rainy night. In the morning, they discovered that their boat had broken up and only a few items, including flour, survived. After about 25 days at sea, with very little to eat, the castaways were in poor physical condition but – believing that a couple of days of walking would take them to Illawarra/Sydney – they set off along Mulgumpin / Moreton Island.

The castaways' first of many encounters with the Traditional Owners was at the northern end of Mulgumpin / Moreton Island; the encounters became more frequent as the castaways continued their trek around the area, believing every step took them closer to Sydney.

Having made it to the southern end of Mulgumpin / Moreton Island, the castaways built a fire. This attracted the attention of the Traditional Owners on Minjerribah / North Stradbroke Island, who crossed the passage by canoe. In the time that followed, the castaways made it across to Minjerribah / North Stradbroke Island and stayed with the Traditional Owners at what we know as Amity Point; the visit lasted ten days before the castaways decided to restart their journey to Sydney.

They made their own canoe and disagreements among the three ensued. There must have been some success, though, because the castaways made it to Peel Island and then to Ormiston, arriving in the dark.

In a decision they probably came to regret (given the number of creeks along the coast), the castaways ditched their canoe and set off on foot. Passing through what we know as Wynnum-Manly, they continued on and were probably the first folk of European descent to see Maiwar / the Brisbane River.

The castaways ate little food – mostly fern root. More than three weeks after leaving Maiwar / the Brisbane River, they found two canoes in what we know as Oxley Creek; the names of Canoe Reach and Pamphlett Bridge in that area are historical references to the castaways' journey.

The castaways reached Redcliffe on 30 June 1823. Records of their activities between July and September 1823 are somewhat sketchy but they ended up on Yarun / Bribie Island. In the months that followed, they went their separate ways at times, each spending time with the Traditional Owners. It was on 29 November 1823 that Pamphlett and his Aboriginal companions were greeted by the sight of John Oxley sailing toward them. Finnegan arrived the following day, to be met with the same news that Pamphlett had received: they were some considerable (!) distance from Sydney. Pamphlett and Finnegan set sail with Oxley and his crew; they showed him Maiwar / the Brisbane River and then continued on to Sydney. On his return to the area, Oxley located Parsons.

Hearing Chris's presentation, there seems little doubt the castaways owed their lives to the Traditional Owners of the area: Parsons, Pamphlett and Finnegan were sheltered and fed during their journey. In his book, Chris writes that – on meeting Oxley – Pamphlett and Finnegan ‘could not speak highly enough of the local Aborigines who had been most kind and generous since their unplanned arrival on Moreton Island in April’.

Thank you to Chris for giving us a detailed presentation on the castaways' journey. Members of our Society can read a copy of Chris's book – ‘Through the Eyes of Thomas Pamphlett: Convict and Castaway’ – which is available at our Resource Centre.

Until next time... Lucy Laakso (President)



**The Society is proposing to visit the Annual Flinder's Day Re-enactment on Sunday 16 July 2022**

*Indicative timing for a WMHS outing to Flinders Day 2023 (Coochiemudlo Island):*

8.15am	Meet at Wynnum Ambulance Auditorium if car-
8.30am	Carpooling departs (36 min drive to ferry terminal)
9.15am	Arrive ferry terminal
9.30am ferry departs	Victoria Point to Coochiemudlo Island
9.40am	Arrive Coochie
10.20am	Assemble at memorial flagpole
10.25am-midday	Speeches then re-enactment
12.45pm ferry departs	Coochie to Victoria Point
1pm	Carpooling departs (36 min drive to Wynnum)
1.45pm	Depart Ambulance Auditorium

*Ferry fares: adult fare for return trip \$12; concession card holder \$6. Pay onboard using EFTPOS.*

*There are markets being held on Coochie on the day. They start at 9am and finish at 1.30pm. If you'd like to visit the markets, then please use your own transport to and from Victoria Point (rather than carpooling).*

*Please let the Society know if you are interested in joining the outing. Jill - At Resource Room. Lena - 3393 4393*

*Memories . . . .*

Former member, Alan Lining, now unable to attend meetings, sent in this contribution . . .

“Returned Soldiers Fair on the Beach at Manly” *Saturday 14 December 1952*

Alan recalls,

*“I remember watching this display which included the firing a Vicker’s machine gun opposite the intersection of Cambridge Parade and the Esplanade, near the old fig trees. Dummy mortar bombs were fired over the road to the area now devoted to picnics. Then this was a salt pan which was inundated on Spring tides. Smoke flares were fired out onto the mud flats.*

*That night parachute flares, fired by the mortars out to sea, illuminated the area. The highlight of the night was the arrival of a Lincoln bomber which flew low over the bay. A searchlight, located near the old cannon, illuminated the bomber. This continued for some ten minutes, or so.*

*A simple enjoyment for many people, myself included*

*There was a minimum of controls over the good natured crowd and a few signs advising against going onto the area where the mortar bombs would land.*

*Regards Alan Lining*

**Does anybody have memories that we all can share?  
Contributions very welcome!**



## OUR LOCAL ACHIEVERS:

Again our Tuesday morning clipping expert, Margaret Bulloch, finds us a story . . . .

### Profile

Story by Nance Haxton

Photo by Mike Pratt

*Wynnum Herald 24 November 1993 p.4*

Fairy Godmother watches over record Eisteddfod

# Show time is just as exciting for parents

Children wait excitedly backstage at the Waterloo Bay 50 and Over Leisure Centre as their parents help them remember their lines by miming every word.

It is another year at the Wynnum Manly Junior Eisteddfod and **DAPHNE RAYMOND** is guaranteed to be behind the scenes somewhere, making sure the whole event goes as planned.

Local theatre stalwart for more than 40 years, Mrs Raymond has been the convenor of the eisteddfod and fairy godmother to thousands of children since 1972

She organizes the entire speech and drama section, wading through hundreds of entries every year and formulating them into sections.

This year the eisteddfod received 1600 entries, a record.

Now 70, Mrs Raymond is still as active as she was at 20 years ago and gives no thought to retirement,

"I'll never give up the theatre," she said.

Mrs Raymond's association with drama productions in the Wynnum area began in 1953 when she became interim director of Mercury Theatre. She was appointed permanent director the next year, and stayed in that position until 1983, handing over to Cec Rubetzke.

In 1972 Mrs Raymond started the Mercury Youth Theatre with the late Bev Hester.

**' . . . the children are happy, and that is of first and foremost importance'.**

She continues to direct the annual pantomime for the group, including this year's production, Dick Whittington and his Cat.

She still teaches speech and drama today after starting in the mid 1950s.

"It's very tiring but very rewarding, Mrs Raymond said.

"We have a very good motto, we say that winning is a bonus but the idea is to pace yourself to excel.

"I feel as if I'm a long lost grandmother.

I find it's wonderful because, as I get older, it keeps the brain active and in touch with the younger generation."

Mrs Raymond has arthritis but refuses to let that stop her from being with the people she loves the most - children.

She leads an active lifestyle, going to aqua aerobics once a week, teaching two days a week and rehearsing with the Mercury Youth Theatre a further two days.

"I'd love to join other things in University of the Third Age but I don't have the time with all these youngsters," she said.

Wynnum Manly Eisteddfod can now boast, with the Brisbane Eisteddfod, to be one of the biggest in Queensland.

With me, is an organising thing, you have to see that the students are well taken care of and at ease.

"endless sections have to be planned and timed, and you have to see that the adjudicator is comfortable and well fed.

Her husband Arch helped backstage at the eisteddfod until his death two years ago.



# What's On

Date	Event	Venue	Booking
Fri June 30 to Mon 31 July 2023.	U3A Redlands 25th Anniversary Year "Shine a light on Learning". Exhibition.	Redland Museum 60 Smith St Cleveland.	\$10 Admission to Museum Mon - Fri 10am - 3.30pm
Sat/Sun 15/16 July 2023. 9 - 5pm	"Brisbane And Suburbs Open House Program". An annual event.	Open "Brisbane Open House" in Google for full program. Increased locations this year.	Small fee per location.
Sat 15 July 11.45-12.45pm	"Stroll through Cleveland" Local History Walk	Meet at Cleveland Cemetery 53 - 71 Wellington St, Cleveland	Free. Book at Redlands City Council or Redlands Library on 3829 8999
Wed 26 July 10 - 11.00am	Guided Tour of Storage Facilities. National Commonwealth Archives (Qld).	16 Corporate Drive Cannon Hill.  Parking.	Free. eTicket from Eventbrite.
Sunday 23 July 10 - 11.30am	"Sugar Industry in the Redlands" (Show and Tell.) Bob Wearne	Redlands Museum 60 Smith Street Cleveland	Book. bookings@redlandsmuseum.org.au Concess. \$13 (incl M .Tea)
Thurs 27 July 10 - 11am	"Wynnum at War" by Brian Rough	Wynnum Public Library 145 Florence St Wynnum	Free Book: 3403 2199
Sunday 13 August	"The Other Diggers" The Womens Land Army (Excerpts from Play) 80th Anniversary of Birkdale Community Hall	Redlands Museum 60 Smith Street Cleveland	Book. 3286 3494
Saturday 26 August 10am - 6pm.	"Cosplay meets Steampunk" Fair. Food. Drinks. Entertainments. Games. Bands.	In grounds of 'Wynnum Community Centre'. Grounds around the old brick school building situated at 105 Florence St Wynnum	Free

## 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
Lota House: Photos over 150 years	Myrtle Beitz	\$15
Story of Lota House 1867 - 2017	Myrtle Beitz	\$ 5
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 the  
Resource Room  
Weekdays 10am -Noon  
Email:  
jillg01@tpg.com.au

**Wynnum Manly Historical Society Inc**  
Minutes of General Meeting held in Ambulance Auditorium, Tingal Road  
on Thursday 15 June 2023

**Meeting opened** at 7.25pm

There were 24 members present, 4 apologies and 1 visitor, who has decided to join us.

President, Lucy Laakso took the chair, introduced herself, welcomed everybody and invited the visitor, now member to introduce himself. She invited Ellen to talk about the newly introduced Bring and Buy stall, just for books, craft and preserves and cakes all for cash.

**Previous Minutes:** (Jill)

Minutes of Meeting of Thursday 18 May 2023 were accepted by Ellen Coupland, seconded by Glenda Pokarier.

**Treasurer's Report:** (Report from Jill- A/Geraint)

Cash Management A/C No. 20139708.    Bus Web Saver A/C No. 21781280.    Term Investment A/c 23366345.

All Accounts:

Balance at 1 May 2023: \$30,543.95	At 31 May 2023:	\$29,798.47
	Everyday A/C	\$ 7,652.92
	Building A/C	\$ 7,145.55
	Fixed Term (to 23/11/23)	<u>\$15,000.00</u>
		<b>\$29,798.47</b>

Jill presented the **Correspondence report** for Lena from 1 to 31 May. The correspondence was accepted and endorsed at the committee meeting held on Thursday 1 June 2023.

**Resource Centre:** (Jill)

The answer to the question, "Where am I", was inside the Waterloo Bay Hotel, Berrima Street looking at a lighthouse that was set in a clear window pane, between the Bar and Activity Room in the extension of the hotel in Berrima Street. The extension was added to the hotel in 1918. At that time this window pane may have been an outside window of the new extension to the hotel. Origin of window is still unknown.

**Outing** -Coochie Mudlo. Saturday 16 July 2023. Propose to see the re-enactment of the Landing of Flinders. Drive to Victoria Point to board the ferry. Re-enactment is at 10.00am. There will be Market Stalls on the island.

**Guest Speaker**, Chris Pearce has been researching the Journey of the three Castaways for many years. They left Sydney 200 years ago to collect timber from Illawarra and return to Sydney. A storm arose and the convicts were swept well away off course and landed on the beach of Moreton Island. Author, Chris Pearce is trying to find funding for the production of a film of the Castaway's journey.

**Lucky Door:** Myrtle Beitz

**Raffle (Donated by Lena):** : Myrtle Beitz

Meeting closed 8.30pm and members were invited to partake of refreshments, aided by Ellen Coupland and Lena McCreadie.

We thank our Patron, Joan Pease, for her ongoing encouragement and support

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Committee: Lucy Laakso, Lena McCreadie, Geraint Gregory, Jill Greenhill, Myrtle Beitz, Ellen Coupland, Chris Seymour.

Meetings: 7.00pm for 7.15pm. 3rd Thursday of the Month (except December)  
in Queensland Ambulance Auditorium, Cnr Tingal Road and Bay Terrace Wynnum

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