

# WYNNUM MANLY

## HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.

### March 2019 Newsletter

#### GENERAL MEETING

**Thursday**  
**21 March 2019**  
7pm for 7.15pm start

### Ambulance Museum Auditorium

(Corner of Cedar St and  
Tingal Road Wynnum)

#### Speaker

### Lisa Herbert

ABC Journalist & author

#### ***The bottom drawer book***

The Bottom Drawer book is an after death action plan. Hear how Lisa came up with the idea for the book and what it is all about.

#### Door Prize

#### Membership Draw

#### Raffle

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#### DATE CLAIMER

**Tuesday 21 May 2019**

**Society tour to Port of  
Brisbane**

## President's Report

A few weeks ago, I met up with a friend at the Brisbane City Botanical Gardens. What a delightful area! It has been many, many years since I last visited the gardens and I had forgotten what a calming, tranquil setting this area is. We are certainly very fortunate to have so many green spaces in our city. It made me a little curious on how we inherited this wonderful legacy from our founding fathers. So, I decided to do a little bit of digging and with thanks to good old "Google" I was able to find a little information such as: the Brisbane City Botanic Gardens is home to the world's first cultivated Macadamia nut tree, which still stands today. It was planted in 1858 by Walter Hill, the first curator of the botanical gardens. The seeds from which the tree was grown came from bushland near Gympie and helped kick-start Australia's first plant industry, according to the National Trust of Australia.

I also found that plans had been drawn up some years prior to Separation to subdivide this area into twelve blocks which were respectively numbered 39 to 50 inclusive. These blocks were to be intersected by three additional streets running parallel to Alice Street. They were equivalent in area to that of a present-day city block, e.g. a similar area to that bounded by Queen, Albert, Elizabeth and George Streets.

Those streets running parallel to Alice Street were to be respectively named Blanche, Maude and Eclipse Streets, while George Street was planned to extend right through the present Gardens area to the river bank opposite the South Brisbane Railway Coal Wharves.

However, on the granting of Separation from New South Wales in 1859, and the consequent foundation of the Colony of Queensland as it was then called, the newly constituted Government abandon the plan, and the Government (House) Residence and Parliament House were built on the western side of the area. The name "North Quay" is the only remaining link from the original separation plan from New South Wales.

The Botanical Reserve was actually designed by the New South Wales Government as an ornamental town square the size of a city block with George Street running through the centre of the area.

Walter Hill, the Colonial Botanist and Curator of the Botanical Reserve was appointed at the end of 1855. He was given the sum of 500 pounds by the New South Wales Government to purchase rare and valuable plants. However, he soon realised that six acres was not only too limited but it was unsightly, it being then deprived of the present beautiful river frontage.

At his suggestion, the Reserve was increased to 28 acres in 1865. A further ten acres were added to the garden area in 1866, which now aggregates to about forty acres.

One of the first actions of Walter Hill was to plant the now magnificent bunya trees which skirt the riverside walk. A great deal of experimental and acclimatisation work was carried out by him in connection with cotton, sugar cane, arrowroot, ginger, indigo, allspice and many others he considered likely to suit the cool and temperate zones of Queensland. Thereafter, he journeyed in the tracks of the pioneers and obtained many valuable specimens of plants and trees.

Much has been accomplished in the first one hundred and fifty years of the Brisbane Botanical Gardens. It is especially opportune to ponder, compare and evaluate the strivings of Walter Hill (as well as his successors) who, from the small six acre, Botanical Reserve carved from the original native scrub of Brisbane Town, reclaimed, developed and beautified the Brisbane City Botanic Gardens as they are nowadays.

Can I recommend a visit next time you are looking for somewhere calm and green in the city.

Till next month.

Deb Tearle.

*Many thanks to "Google" for the fascinating facts in the above article.*

## Bookings now open —Tuesday, 21 May 2019 for Port of Brisbane tour

*Bookings are now being taken for the Society's next planned tour. This one is a visit to the Port of Brisbane including morning tea and a short introductory talk at the Mission to Seafarers.*

*We will then embark on a one hour mini bus tour of the Port of Brisbane (with commentary). Lunch will be at the Port of Brisbane Café whereafter we will return to Wynnum.*

*Further details will be announced shortly.*

*Names of those interested are now being taken. If you are interested in coming along but require transport to the Port, could you please ensure you mention this when putting your name down. If you are coming by private transport and have spare seats available, could you please let us know.*

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Everybody knows of the Hairdressing shop on the corner of Cedar Street and Bay Terrace, opposite the Municipal Hall and over the road from the Veterinary Clinic.

Here is an article found in the Wynnum Herald of 13 March 1996 about the original owner, her family and the Shop.

## EDE'S SALON – GREAT TRADITION CARRIES ON

School EDE'S Salon has moved three times in 60 years.

The original shop bore the name D. Skillington after Doris Skillington, who opened a hair dressing salon in Bay Terrace in 1933.

Doris married Stan Ede in 1933 but the shop was still D. Skillington when their advertisement appeared in the first issue of the Wynnum Redlands Herald in 1946.

Sometime between then and 1955, when the shop moved to Tingal Road, it became Ede's Salon.

About 23 years ago it moved to its present site Bay Terrace address.

A couple of years before, young Kaye Rabe began working for Edes and later bought the shop.

This year Kaye, now Kaye Nutley, celebrates her 21<sup>st</sup> year as owner.

Kaye invited former Ede's Salon apprentices or staff to call in.

The shop is still very much family oriented and some clients have been coming in since it opened.

"So many people say they enjoy coming in because they find the standard of work excellent and the atmosphere friendly and relaxing," Kaye said.

Kay's sister Lynne has worked there for 20 years.



Back when . . . Stan Ede in front of the salon in its early days.

Natalie started there as an apprentice and Natalie has been there for four years.

Kaye has been heavily involved in the social and cultural side of bayside life for years. And is presently known as co-ordinator of the Spring Parade Queen Quest for 10 years.

She is also a Savoyards committee member and PR person, and Ede's Salon is the booking office for Savoyards shows.

Ede's does hair styles, wigs and make-up for Savoyards shows and for many years has been the official hair stylist for the Lions Miss Personality Quest shows.

*Wynnum Herald Wednesday 13 March 1996*

*Transcribed by Dennis O'Neill*

### Series HARBOUR MILESTONES 2

When reclaimed land became available for lease in Manly Harbour, members of the Moreton Bay Trailer Boat Club were able to build a 6-lane boat ramp and a security fence around the property. Members are gathered here on the northern side of WM Gunn Jetty railings (just seen in the background).

For more of Myrtle's Harbour Milestones series see

<https://www.facebook.com/wynnumhistory/>



1973 working bee of members of MBTBC for club ramp

# Resource Centre Report

## March 2019



- ***A positive case for Ancestry DNA***

Recently we were asked to find the biological parents of a visitor's deceased mother (adopted). It was a first for our resource room research and daunting until she said she had received results back from Ancestry DNA testing. Using the highly matched contact data we were able to find and verify her Mum's biological mother. It was a different case with the father, however it was possible for the lady to find the father's surname through the DNA.

We are kept busy with family history enquiries and find it gratifying to see them leave happy.

Thank you Ellen

- ***Relatives in Margaret Mann (Marr) Home***

This query was from a researcher who was seeking to find evidence of an uncle in Coorparoo and Margaret Marr Homes. Here is our reply:

"The original Methodist Children's Home was at Indooroopilly and opened mid 1910 in the building "Robgill" and named the "Queen Alexandra Home for Children". This home only held 10 children and filled very quickly. In mid-1911, "Hatherton" was purchased at Coorparoo and the children were all transferred to this new "Queen Alexandra Home for Children".

In early 1923 John Fyfe Marr offered 17 and a half acres of land at Wynnum as a gift to the church, and asked for a boys' home to be constructed on the land. The home was dedicated to his late wife, Margaret Roberts Marr and was built in Tingal Road Wynnum and officially opened on Saturday 1 March 1924. So your Uncle would have been about 11 years in age.

I am not sure if any records were preserved of the boys living in the home. If any, I feel that they would be with the previous Methodist, now Uniting, Church.

The home has now gone and housing estates fill the land. We did get a couple of the streets in the Estate named after previous Superintendents of the Home, Lahey and Saunders.

If you do find any records of the occupants of the Home, we would be very pleased to hear from you."

- ***A 1951 car standing on Wynnum Esplanade . . . . and . . . . the Nuns' Bathing Box.***



If you look carefully in the centre, just to the right of the tree, where it starts to branch, you see the Nuns' bathing box, (a little shed) with the Nuns' bathing enclosure to the right. To the left of the Box is the Jetty leading out from the foreshore.

*Till next time.*

*Jill*

The outstanding building, finally known as Rose Bay Lodge, had stood on the waterfront at Manly since the 1920's. The building was put to many uses but now, unfortunately, has been replaced with new modern homes. The building was found at 379 The Esplanade Manly.

These articles are from the *Wynnum Herald* of 2008 and 2010.

## “Start your own piece of history”

If the walls of Rose Bay Lodge could talk there would be many a story to tell.

The historic home, built in the 1920's, has had several owners and uses.

It is now on the market with the potential to become many things ranging from a magnificent family home or a B&B to a backpackers hostel.

The two-storey Queenslander sits on a 809sq m block on the Esplanade and commands a magnificent view of Manly Harbour.

During World War II it was home to US soldiers when it was operated as Rooms to Let.

From the 1960s to 1970s it was an aged care facility called the Novello Nursing Home and from 1988 to 2006 it was a level three care 28-bed facility known as Sailview.

At present it is an 18-bedroom facility with rented rooms called Rose Bay Lodge.

The house has been divided into bedrooms which are furnished and has living areas on both levels.

There is a commercial kitchen created when it was an aged care facility and it has a large pantry and laundry with coin-operated machines.

The property has an extensive fire alarm system and separate demountable office.

There is a large shed in the yard and room for several cars in the driveway.

### Experienced hands in charge

Geriatric nurse Susan Whitehead and her husband Ray are experienced hands at aged and mental health care.

The owners of Manly's Sailview Hostel, have bought another low care home, the former Helena Mylne Nursing Home at Lota, renamed it Bayside Lodge.



Mrs Whitehead, an enrolled nurse, has a long history of aged care and is hoping to cater for retirees who cannot afford a bond or hefty buy-in fees.

The lowest purpose-built building at Lota can accommodate 46 residents in 22 twin-share rooms with shared ensuites.

Mrs Whitehead is planning on housing low-care retirees in one section and mental health residents in another.

The former Helena Mylne Nursing Home was operated by the Queensland Country Women's Association (QCWA) as a 20-bed nursing home.

*Wynnum Herald* 03.10.07 / 05.05.2010



*The site of Rose Bay Lodge today*

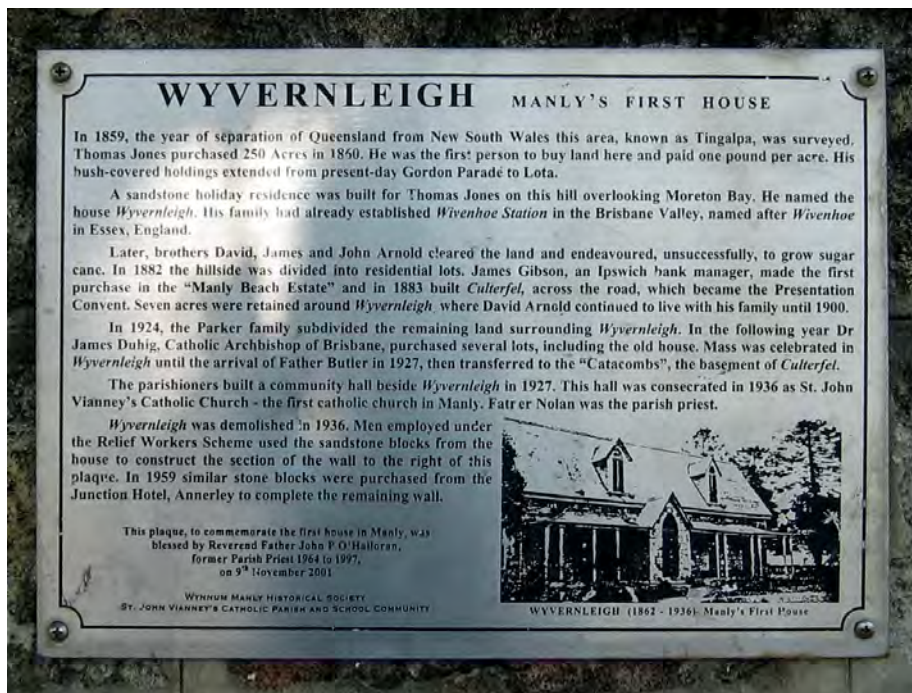
# February 2019 Where was I?



This seat has recently been installed on Wynnum North Esplanade, adjacent to Alkoomie Street. The plaque remembers the Castner and Greenhill families, well know fishing families from Wynnum Creek. The instigator for this seat to be placed was member Fay Sheriff, (nee Castner.) Thank you Fay.

Just behind the seat to the north side of Alkoomie Street is a small cottage called "Bondi" which was bought by fore-runners of the Caster family in 1925. The cottage remains flanked by newly built modern homes.

# March 2019 Where am I?



Till next time

Jill

**Wynnum Manly Historical Society Inc**  
**Minutes of General Meeting held in Ambulance Museum Auditorium, Tingal Road**  
**on Thursday 21 February 2019**

Meeting opened at 7.20pm. There were 23 members and 1 visitor, Chishara Tsurutani, present and 4 apologies.

**Previous Minutes:**

Minutes of Meeting of Thursday 17 November 2018 were accepted by Eric Sibley and seconded by Heather Langston.

**Correspondence:**

The correspondence report was presented for December 2018 and January 2019. The correspondence was accepted and endorsed at the committee meeting on Thursday 7 February 2019.

**Treasurers Report**

BOQ A/c No 20139708	<u>1 December 2018 – 31 January 2019</u>	
Opening balance at 1 December 2018		<b>\$37,589.50</b>
Income	\$1187.74	
Expenditure	\$2674.00	
Closing balance at 31 January 2019		\$36,103.24
Bank Account Breakup (as at 3 January 2019)		
Everyday Account	\$ 4,910.06	
Websaver(Building)Account	\$31,193.18	
<b>TOTAL FUNDS AS AT 31 January 2019</b>		<b>\$36,103.24</b>

**Resource Centre:** "Where was I?" this month was a photo of the new seat on Wynnum North Esplanade, dedicated to the Castner and Greenhill families. Near to the seat is a small cottage that was purchased by early members of the Castner family in 1926.

**Outings:**

The cruise up the Brisbane River to the junction with the Bremer River, held in January was a most enjoyable trip.

A trip is being planned for a visit to the Mission for Seafarers and Port of Brisbane on Tuesday 21 May. More details next meeting.

**General Business:** Myrtle Beitz suggested that we sort out and donate items to take to the Mission for Seafarers. Crew from the ships visiting the Port are grateful for items that they can take home for their families.

Volunteers are sought to help with the meeting suppers for 2019,

**Main Speaker:** Caylie Jeffery's talk was entitled "Under the Lono". She spoke of the finds whilst renovating her house in Milton. There were 6 layers of lino and money and bank books in a space formerly occupied by an old cooker. The owners of the Bank Books were investigated and slowly a picture of time was built up of the life of the house. "Under the Lino" is the title of the book that Caylie has written documenting her experiences, and those of others in renovating an old house.

**Raffle:** Heather Langston                      **Lucky Door:** Alan Burrill    **Member Draw:** Jan Aplin

The meeting closed at 8.45pm

A delicious Supper was provided Ellen Coupland and Eric Sibley.

Jill Greenhill (*General Meeting Minute Secretary*)

## Our Committee and Volunteers..

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Patrons: Cr Peter Cumming and Joan Pease MP.		

### General Meetings

Afternoon set up: Jill Greenhill, Myrtle Beitz, Eric Sibley  
 Welcome at Door and Raffles: Jan Parnell, Lyn Shanks  
 Supper Co-ordinators: Eric Sibley, Ellen Coupland  
 Raffle Prizes: Committee

### Newsletters

Editor: Mitch Parsons / Sandy Liddle  
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### Resource Centre

Volunteers: Ian Wheeler, Ian Kennedy, Myrtle Beitz, Dawn Wilkins, Heather Langston, Margaret Bulloch, Ellen Coupland, Denise Cogill, Jan Parnell  
 Research Enquiries: Jill Greenhill, Ellen Coupland

### Tours

Planning and Co-ordination: Jan Parnell, Jill Greenhill, Lena McCreadie, Ellen Coupland, Deb Tearle  
 Bookings: Sandy Liddle at General Meetings and Resource Centre staff each weekday

## Publications for sale

Wynnum Community Centre, Room 1.08, 105 Florence Street Wynnum Mon to Fri 10am to Noon, or  
 Wynnum Manly Historical Society, PO Box 318, Wynnum Q 4178, or  
 Wynnum Manly Historical Society Librarian: [library@wmhs.org.au](mailto:library@wmhs.org.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
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Mangroves to Moorings - Revisited	Beitz, Myrtle	2005	\$35
Story of Lota House	Beitz, Myrtle	2017	Donation
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



<b>When</b>	<b>Where</b>	<b>What's On</b>
<p>March 13 2019</p> <p>12.30pm—1.30pm</p> <p>Cost: - Free but bookings essential if staying for lunch after which costs \$5</p>	<p><b>Commissariat Store Museum</b></p> <p>115 William Street</p> <p>Brisbane</p>	<p><b>We'll show the World " Expo 88? By Jackie Ryan</b></p> <p>A shiny 1980s amalgam of cultural precinct, shopping mall, theme park, travelogue and rock concert, Expo 88 is commonly credited as the catalyst for Brisbane's 'coming of age'. So how did an elaborate and expensive party change a city forever?</p>
<p>March 24 2019</p> <p>10am—3pm</p> <p>Cost—Free</p>	<p><b>Redland Museum</b></p> <p>60 Smith Street</p> <p>Cleveland</p>	<p><b>Heritage &amp; Harmony Fiesta</b></p> <p>Celebrating Redlands multicultural community with a fun packed day of entertainment for all the family. Interactive displays will bring the heritage of the Redlands alive.</p>
<p>March 28 2019</p> <p>10am—12 noon</p> <p>Cost: Free</p>	<p><b>Cleveland Library</b></p> <p>Bloomfield Street</p> <p>Cleveland</p>	<p><b>Local history : coffee and conversation</b></p> <p>Come along on the fourth Thursday of each month to share your Redland Coast stories and photos, and to hear and see the local history items that the library has already collected..</p>
<p>March 30 2019</p> <p>1pm—2pm</p> <p>Cost: Free</p>	<p><b>Wynnum Library,</b></p> <p>145 Florence Street</p> <p>Wynnum</p>	<p><b>Matthew Condon.</b></p> <p>Join Matthew Condon, investigative journalist, for a fascinating talk about his new book <i>The Night Dragon</i> which shines a light on a chilling chapter of Australia's criminal past and the devastating legacy left in its wake.</p>
<p>March 31 2019</p> <p>11am—12.30pm</p> <p>Cost: Free</p>	<p><b>Queensland Police Museum,</b></p> <p>200 Roma Street</p> <p>Brisbane</p>	<p><b>Thomas James Heaney : A Queensland Police Officer Remembered with Rob Cohrane</b></p>

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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

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