



Cambridge Parade Manly Circa 1920

Wynnum Manly Historical Society Inc

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NEWSLETTER

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August General Meeting

THURSDAY 18 AUGIUST 2022

7.00pm for 7.15pm start

Wynnum Ambulance Auditorium

Corner Tingal Road / Cedar Street

**(Full Covid restrictions apply as this is a
live Ambulance Centre)**

Peter was unable to join us in July as he had contacted Covid. So we are pleased to welcome him this month.

Peter Ludlow The Exiles of Peel Island



White Male Patient Huts 1955

Raffle
Lucky Door
Refreshments
Gold Coin Donation

Full vaccination and masks please, as the Ambulance Officers have direct contact with the local hospitals.

New BMD Headquarters for Old Baptist Church Site



BMD has grown to be a powerhouse in the construction sector in Australia. But its origins are locally based. The group was founded by Mick Power in 1979. A national group of companies engaged in engineering design, construction and land development, for clients in the urban development, transport infrastructure and resources and energy sectors.

The purpose-built Headquarter building in Cambridge Parade, Manly was vacated four years ago for a site at the Port of Brisbane.

The original development application for this site was submitted to Brisbane City Council (BCC) in 2010. This was the first application for the redevelopment of Bay Terrace Wynnum.

The 2010 plan has had slight amendments. There will be two buildings. The Headquarters will be in the 5/6-storey building. The second 3-storey residential building is designed for short-stay accommodation for tourism and business purposes. Also will be found a shop, a food/drink outlet and 3 basement levels.

The V-shaped roofing beams on the ground floor leading off Bay Terrace recognize the site where the old Baptist church once stood.

So, this is the site where we should suggest that a plaque be mounted to remember days gone by.



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)

House History

A visitor came in recently wanting to find information about her new home at 112 Walnut Street, Wynnum. For once, the house was listed in our records. The house was “Noela Stratton’s House”, where Noela spent her life as Noela Charlton.

Noela names the house, “Kianga”, and said the house was built by Atkin of Walnut Street.

On the Title Deed, Catherine Atkin, wife of William Henry Atkin purchased the land on 29 April 1901. Noela’s grandmother, Marie Charlton, purchased the property in 1911.

Noela’s father, Albion Charlton, appears on the Title Deed on 8 October 1925, as owner of the property. His mother, Marie (nee Scott) died on 27 March 1928.

The house was built between 1880s and 1905 identified by the verandah roof being attached to the walls of the house – a stepped roof of the Colonial period. There is a front gable, probably over the main bedroom. On the gable, the bay window construction has sash windows, which were used until 1916. The verandah was not restricted to the street-facing wall of the house, but continued on the left side of the building to form an L shape around the house.

Noela Stratton was a long-time member of the Society, joining in 1991. She was President between 2002 and 2004, the time when we initiated the Resource Centre, in a shop outside the old Wynnum library, which was demolished (in 2014). Noela passed away on 3 August 2021.

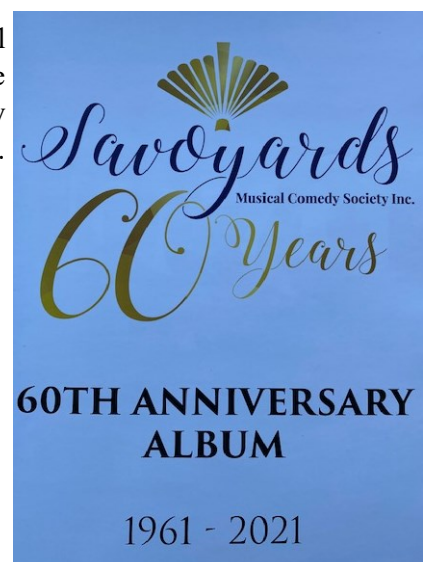
(See Newsletter No.135 September 2021.)



Savoyards—60 Years

Mrs M Hope-Lewis suggested the concept of a musical theatre group in March 1961, whilst making a speech at the AGM of Mercury Theatre. On 30 May 1961 an inaugural meeting ratified the constitution and adopted the name. On 7 June 1961 Savoyards was born.

Over the last two years, Janet Raymond, daughter-in-law of the well known Daphne Raymond has compiled a book of photos right from the first show. We have been given a copy - a page of photos for every production, the venue and the date. On display at the Resource Centre. Come and see!



WHERE WAS I?

July 2022



“Woodlands”

2333 Wynnum Road
Wynnum.

Timber building with a tiled roof.

A large and comfortable home built in 1911 on the corner of Brisbane (Wynnum) Road and Stradbroke Avenue. The house was constructed for a Solicitor, the Honourable Magnus Jensen, by John and

Sam Greene, sons of John Iley Green, who died 1905. The house was too distant for Mr and Mrs Jensen and they moved closer in to Brisbane. John William Green purchased the residence in August 1913 for his widowed mother and his unmarried sisters. The sisters continued to live here after their mother died in 1931. Elsie, the artist, returned from France and died here in 1954. Brother Sam moved in from 1954 to 1958, after his wife died. Alice Green, the Principal of Moreton Bay College, died here in 1966 and sister Hilda was the final occupant dying aged 92 years in 1976.

There was a considerable amount of land around the house. Land facing Stradbroke Avenue was gifted by the sisters to the Asia Pacific Christian Mission, formerly the China Inland Mission, when the missionaries were expelled from China. A residence was built to house the children of the Missionaries while they attended high school.

You may have noticed a “Woodlands” sign on a driveway to the right of the main house in Wynnum Road. In 1971 the Congregational Church used part of the gifted land to build the “Homes for the Aged - Woodlands Scheme”, alongside and behind the house to Stradbroke Avenue (2 double units and 10 single units). The cost of the construction was \$110,000 which included a \$2 for \$1 subsidy from the Commonwealth. A subsidy of \$500 from the State Government was used to furnish each individual unit

The house “Woodlands” was advertised being for sale as a private residence in 1984 and 1992, (and maybe since!)

Where am I? August 2022



Jill
Librarian

At the July 2022 General Meeting of the Society, Lucy Laakso kindly recorded the following summary:

Heather Richards (Local Heritage Officer at Wynnum Library)
presented a Quiz
‘Wynnum Manly Heritage Places’

Our July 2022 meeting was held on a wet and cold night on the Bayside. The competitive spark soon warmed us up, though, when our guest speaker – Heather Richards – facilitated.

Heather presented a series of photos on the screen and posed the question ‘Who am I?’ Each photo showed a small part of the mysterious place, with some sort of distinguishing features providing a clue.

First cab off the rank was ‘**Manly State School**’, with our local councilor and patron, Peter Cumming, guessing correctly. There were many former MSS students in the room and Heather went on to show photos taken of the school during different eras. We remarked on the changes to the school over the years but marveled at the beautiful character of the original buildings still standing today.

Standing nearby, ‘**Culterfel**’, or the Sisters of Presentation Convent, at 26 Kooralgin Street Manly (near St John Vianney’s) was our next test. In its early life, it was the home of a bank manager and then a grazier before becoming a convent. There was general agreement from the room that the property has been beautifully restored.



Place number 3 was the former ‘**Wynnum School of Arts**’ (219 Bay Terrace Wynnum). Heather told us the building was developed in 1913, with Brisbane’s first School of Arts having been founded in 1849. Star pupil Peter Cumming guessed place number 3 correctly

and added his own fun fact: it’s one of the most heavily booked halls in Brisbane.



Back to Manly and place number 4 was ‘**Richard Russell Park**’ – the home of the Manly War Memorial. The park was renamed to be ‘Richard Russell Park’ in 1990 and is listed on the Brisbane Heritage Register and the Queensland Heritage Register.



Place number 5 was the former **Wynnum Methodist Church**, now a private home, in Ashton Street. Heather explained to the meeting that the building is a fine example of Carpenter Gothic style architecture.

Place number 6 was what we locals think of as the ‘**Corner House**’ fountain (which is now a planted out garden bed in the middle of the roundabout). Originally, the fountain was the Old City Hall Fountain before it was relocated to the Preston Road roundabout. Peter Cumming said that, in more recent history, the fountain was reportedly switched off because local louts had added detergent to the fountain, which had the unfortunate outcome of spraying bubbles on passing cars on windy days! There was consensus that the fountain-now-garden bed, and the fairy lights in the surrounding palm trees, are a very pleasant welcome to our area.



Place number 7 was ‘**ANZAC Cottage No 48**’, located at 128 Dibar Street, Wynnum. This cottage was one of just 38 houses, built after World War I, using voluntary labour, under a special scheme, to be homes for war widows and their children.

Place number 8 was the **Waterloo Bay Hotel** in Berrima Street, built by George Gibbs and opened in 1889. to coincide with the opening of the railway line through Wynnum/Manly.



And the final place was the former **Wynnum Fire Station**, in Mountjoy Terrace which has been beautifully restored and converted to a private residence.

If you’d like to read more about these, and other, heritage places, why not visit the Brisbane City Council ‘Local Heritage Places’ website: <http://heritage.brisbane.qld.gov.au/> Entering a simple search term of ‘Wynnum’ produces a number of search results and usually a photo; click on ‘history’ or ‘statement of significance’ to learn more. All in all, Heather had us exercising our grey matter on a grey night in Wynnum Manly. And what fun we had! Thank you, Heather. Until next time...

Lucy Laakso

The Macadamia Tree

A summary of “Who discovered Macadamias?
from Queensland History Journal, The Royal Historical Society of Queensland. Vol 24 No, 12. February 2022.

“The only native Australian Plant that has become an international food.”

The story of the macadamia tree has evolved from its use by the Aboriginals, through the early settlers, to the modern developments of today.

Overview of the Macadamia Tree:

The tree grows in isolated patches, in sub-tropical rainforest and in lowland rainforest on the east coast of Australia. The tree does not survive in the Tropics. In colder climates the tree may provide excellent shade cover, but does not produce flowers and fruit. Trees take 10 to 15 years to mature and to produce a maximum yield of fruit.

Over time the boundaries of the patches of trees shrank. With the arrival of Europeans, the boundaries declined further due to fires and clearing of properties for farming and urban development.

Macadamias were coming close to extinction. In 1870 the Government introduced a legislation to protect them.

Four species have been identified

1. *Macadamia tetraphylla* (Rough-shelled Bush Nut)
Found northern NSW, from Richmond River to South of Beenleigh.
2. ***Macadamia integrifolia* (Smooth-shelled Queensland or Bauple Nut.)**
Found northwards from Beenleigh up to Mt Bauple and around Maryborough.
3. *Macadamia ternifolia* (Gympie or Maroochy Macadamia)
Small and intensely bitter nut.
4. *Macadamia jensii*. (Small inedible kernel)
Discovered in 1980s in Bulburin Park, north of Gin Gin.

History:

Nut shells have been found in Aboriginal middens. However the question is still asked as to whether the Aboriginals realised that the nuts were edible. They were regarded as a treasure food and used for trading with the Europeans in the 1860s. *Macadamia ternifolia* was regarded as being poisonous because of the intensely bitter taste.

In July 1828 Fraser and Cunningham reported they had found a new plant on the banks of the Enoggera Creek (Newmarket). They named this tree *Castanospermum austral*, the “Native Moreton Bay Chestnut tree” or “Spanish Chestnut” or “Blackbean”. More trees were found in headwaters of the Logan and Albert River. Cunningham noted that the Aboriginees roasted the nuts, maybe for easier digestion.

Ludwig Leichardt 1843 Lived at Durundur, near Woodford. He described leaves of *Macadamia ternifolia* as an “unknown new species”. The specimens that he collected however remained in storage until 1860.

Walter Hill (1819 – 1904) trained as a botanist in Edinburgh and Kew Gardens, London. He came from Scotland to Sydney in 1852 and joined the gold rush, with little success. He took part in exploratory expeditions. In 1855 he became Superintendent of the Brisbane Botanical Gardens. After the separation of Queensland from New South Wales in 1859 he became the Queensland Colonial Botanist. (PTO)



Macadamia integrifolia Queensland or Bauple Nut

Baron Sir Ferdinand von Mueller came to Adelaide in 1848. By 1853 he was the Victorian Government Botanist. He became well known in Australia for his advancements in science. Mueller met Walter Hill in the Glasshouse Mountains. They noted the ‘unnamed plant’ in the forest south of the Pine River.

At the Philosophical Institute of Victoria in 1857, Mueller introduced 32 new plants. Nothing had a claim to fame. They were just novelty plants. Included was *Macadamia ternifolia* which he named after John Macadam Esq MD, the Institute’s Secretary. John Macadam was a Scotsman, a Medical Doctor and a Lecturer in Scots College. He was an MP, PMG and Secretary of the Burke and Wills expedition. He is said to have invented Australian Rules Football game. He died at 38 years never having tasted a macadamia nut. (This is not John McAdam, who pioneered macamised road building.)

In 1858 Hill was the first person to grow a macadamia tree from seed. The “Walter Hill Tree” still stands in the City Botanical Garden. Hill was unaware that the fruit was edible, being more concerned with the propagation of the plant. The fruit of the tree, was and is today the smooth shelled *Macadamia integrifolia*. He asked his assistant to carefully remove the thick shell. Hill did not know that the inside of the shell contains a fungicide that protects the kernel from mould when germinating.

Hill joined the Queensland Acclimatistaion Society in 1862. The Society aimed to recognize, grow and distribute potential commercial plants. Some of the plants that they assessed were sugar, tobacco, grapes, wheat, tannin from trees, tea and later macadamias.

Hill became inordinately proud of the tree, and its edible nut, describing it as ‘one of God’s gifts to Queensland’. With characteristic energy Hill began germinating macadamia seeds with the intention of distributing the plants. He grew them in metal cans. He rowed out to ships anchored in the Brisbane River, requesting the captains to take these plants, as well as others, to their destinations, ports even overseas. He gave plants to friends and sent them to Botanic Gardens in other colonies.

In 1869 and 1870, accounts of the edible macadamia were reported in an English newspaper, “*The Gardener’s Chronicle and Agricultural Gazette*”. These accounts were illustrated with drawings of the nut and kernel. Plants can only tolerate light frosts so they would only have survived in England, if grown in hot houses.

For 100 years all macadamia plants were called *Macrodamia ternifolia*.(Gympie Nut).

Not until 1956 did Lindsay Smith, the Queensland Government Botanist, separate the 3 known species and now there are 4 species.

In the early 1800s the *Macadamia* tree was rather insignificant, growing hidden within the rainforest. Once named by von Mueller in 1857, then grown and promoted by Hill in the 1860’s, the fruit became recognised.

Firstly trees were grown in gardens, then in Botanic Gardens and then in small orchards. During the twentieth century the growing of the macadamia tree and harvesting of the nuts, came from obscurity to form a commercial Australian and international industry.



Macadamia integrifolia

(Flower of the Smooth-shelled Queensland or Bauple Nut.)

Jill.

What's On

Date	Venue	Event	Booking
Saturday 6 August – 22 Jan 2023 10-5pm Free	Gallery Level 1 Qld State Library Stanley Place South Brisbane	“Queensland to a T” Qld culture, 1950 - 2016, as reflected in the humble tea towel.	sql.qld.gov.au
Sunday 15 August 2022 10 - 3pm Free	Commissariat Store RHSQ 115 William St City	Book Fair (Members sale on Saturday 14 August 2022	Queenslandhistory.org/ events/
Thursday 25 August 2022 10 - 11am Free	Merv Beitz Room Wynnum Library 145 Florence St Wynnum	Dr Sandra Delaney “Waking the Languages on Quandamooka country”	Book on 3403 2199
Sunday 21 August 2022 4.00pm Free	Old Windsor Council Chambers Cnr Lutwvche Rd and Palmer St Windsor	“The Mapping of Queensland” Desmond Diggles	Enq: 0401 802 980
11 June to Sunday 9 October 2022 10 - 3pm Free	Redcliffe Museum 75 Anzac Ave Redcliffe	“It’s Personal” Exploring identity thro’ appearance. Everyday men and women apply lotions, groom their hair to pre- sent themselves to the world. How technology, social attitudes and politics have shaped the products we use.	Free Exhibition. 3480 6700.
18 June to Sunday 6 November 2022	Museum of Brisbane Level 3 City Hall 64 Adelaide Street, City	“World of Wonder” Margaret McKenney, Jewelry Designer. A celebration of the World’s rarest gems.	info@museumof Bris- bane.com.au \$12
	21 - 23 October 2022 Redcliffe Dolphins RL Club Cnr Klingner/Ashmole Streets. Redcliffe	“Sands of Time” Local and Family History Conference	c/o Redcliffe Historical Society For full details go to: sandsoftime.org.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

Available at the
Resource Room
Weekdays 10am -Noon
Email:
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Minutes of General Meeting held in Ambulance Auditorium, Tingal Road
on Thursday 21 July 2022

Meeting opened at 7.25pm. Covid regulations were kept – spacing of chairs.

There were 17 members present, 6 apologies and 2 visitors, Daryn Sibley and Father Michael Twigg.

Opening Comments:

Jill Greenhill took the Chair in the absence of President, Jan Parnell.

Lucy Laakso and Glenda Pokarier received their Society name badges.

The Baptist Church still stands in Bay Terrace, the only building now left on the site. Father Twigg outlined where the building would stand when it reaches at Iona College.

Previous Minutes: (Jill)

Minutes of Meeting of Thursday 16 June were accepted by Jill Greenhill, seconded by Geraint Gregory.

Correspondence:

Lena presented the correspondence report for June. The correspondence was accepted and endorsed at the committee meeting held on Thursday 7 July 2022.

Treasurer's Report (Geraint Gregory) 1 – 30 June 2022

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OPENING Balance on 1 June 2022 \$29,989.49

Income \$ 199.43

Expenditure \$1,131.00

CLOSING Balance on 30 June 2022 **\$29,057.92**

which comprises: Everyday Account: \$7,103.08 and Websaver Account \$21,954.84

Resource Centre: (Jill)

The house in question "Where am I", was the "Woodlands, 2333 Wynnum Road, Wynnum. The house was built in 1911 by the Greene brothers, John William and Sam for the Hon Magnus Jensen. The Jensen family needed to be nearer to Brisbane so the Greene family purchased the house for their widowed mother and unmarried sisters. The property remained with the family until the 1970s. The extensive grounds were gifted by the Greens to Church Missions and the Congregational Church and used for residential charitable developments.

General Business: There was no general business.

Speaker: The intended speaker, Peter Ludlow, had contacted Covid. So **Heather Richards** from Wynnum Library, (who had to cancel due to ill health in May), provided a **Heritage Quiz** relating to buildings in Wynnum and Manly. There were 8 places for the audience to recognise in Wynnum Manly, helped with a few clues.

Raffle: The raffle, donated by Lena McCreadie, was won by Eric Sibley.

The Lucky Door prize (\$5) was won by Father Twigg, who donate the money back to the Society.

Meeting closed 8.35pm and members were invited to partake of refreshments provided and served by Ellen Coupland and Lena McCreadie.

We thank our Patrons for their ongoing encouragement and support
Peter Cumming and Joan Pease

We thank our sponsor - Cartridge World, Tingal Road, Wynnum.

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

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