

WYNNUM MANLY HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.

June Newsletter

June General Meeting

The Wassell Brothers – Early Pioneers of Queensland

Jill Greenhill

Thursday, 17th June, 2016,

7:30pm

Ambulance Museum

Auditorium

(Cnr Cedar Street and Tingal Road, Wynnum)

A gold coin donation would be appreciated. Raffle tickets also available: \$1 each or 3 for \$2

*Thank you to
Jan Aplin and Melissa
Champley for providing
supper this month.*

Presidents Report

Due to Jan being unwell and in hospital this month she was unable to prepare a report. However as you may remember, last month our past president Percival Duke died. Below Ian Kennedy has provided a tribute to his life.



PERCIVAL DUKE 1917-2016

Percy Duke died in the Wynnum Aged Care Facility, better known by its older name of "Pleasantville" on the 1st May 2016. He was 99 years plus 2 days in age.

To many people, especially to older members of W.M.H.S., his passing was the end of an era – the last of a trio of Jack Sands, Lloyd Kelk and Percy Duke – all good friends for most of their lives and supporters of our Society.

Percy was born the 29th April 1917 and for the first six years, lived with his family on a farm near Flagstone Creek in the Lockyer District. He attended the local school and 88 years later, returned to preside at its 125th anniversary as the oldest pupil.

When his father died the family moved to his grandparents farm on Wondall Road and he re-commenced school at Wynnum West in 1924. Many years later, Percy took a prominent part in the 75th anniversary celebration of that school. Having passed the State Scholarship Exam, he attended Brisbane State High School for one year. The current economic state then saw him leave and commence work as off-sider to a truck driver, locally and around Brisbane and he gained his driver's licence at age 17. 80 years later, he reluctantly handed in his licence.

Having an interest in mechanical engineering, Percy read widely on the subject and learned much, before enlisting in the A.I.F in 1941. He trained as an instrument fitter and aircraft predictor and then saw long service in the army workshops at Brigade level. Postings were in Townsville, Port Moresby, Gonar Bura, Moreton Island and Borneo. During that time Percy was "Mentioned in Dispatches" and became a Warrant Officer and R.S.M of his unit before his discharge in 1946. Returning to Wynnum West, he married his local girl, Beryl Carter and they had three children. For over 60 years the family home stood in Sibley Road, Wynnum West.

Society Tours in 2016

Keep these days free!

Waterway Tour on 24 July 2016

Cruise to the Gold Coast

with Brisbane Cruises "Lady Brisbane"

Depart from Fort Lytton and cruise down through Moreton Bay and amongst the islands of Southern Moreton Bay to Southport.

Admire beautiful clear waters, pristine white sand peaceful waterways abundant wildlife, prestigious homes and resorts. We meander through over 300 uninhabited islands. We sail through the exciting Broadwater, passing "Seaworld" with the active "volcano", Tippler's Resort, the Sovereign Islands, Couran Cove and Jumpinpin Channel. You may see wildlife such as dugongs, dolphins, black swans and turtles. Your expert Captain will entertain you with a knowledgeable commentary for the duration of the cruise. Return to Fort Lytton by coach.

\$80 for Cruise, Morning Tea, Lunch and coach trip back to Fort Lytton.

Departing Fort Lytton at 9.15am
Please contact Jill (3393 3208 or jill01@tpg.com.au) for bookings.

Saturday 17 September 2016

STEAM TRAIN TO CARNIVAL OF FLOWERS

We hope to board an old steam train and travel, up the range, via beautiful Spring Bluff, to Toowoomba.

Lunch will be ordered in the Railway Dining Room. We will view the Spring Parade, maybe see a few gardens before returning to Brisbane by coach.

We are waiting for the Heritage Train Society to finalise their program, so that we can book a carriage or the society can make a booking.

Percy re-commenced civilian work with Martin Engineering in Taringa, staying 18 years and rising from Fitter to Manager and Director. As a specialist in diesel engineering, he saw the installation of electricity generating units, factory machinery and water and sewerage plants across country Queensland from Torres Strait south to Northern N.S.W. With the later advent of rural electricity some units are kept today as monuments and museums.

In 1967 he started his own engineering business in Wakerley and continued that to retirement in 1984.

Having been a member and President of the Institute of Diesel Engineers, he was also active in community affairs including Probus, Meals on Wheels, PCYC hydrotherapy pool and Wynnum Manly Historical Society, of which he was President for 2 years. The Wynnum Manly Rotary Club awarded Percy a Paul Harris Fellowship for his community service.

During their long life together, Percy and Beryl travelled widely in Australia and to New Zealand and Norfolk Island. He also made two visits to India in connection with his business while importing diesel engines.


Beryl died in 2009 leaving Percy to soldier on in Sibley Road, maintaining his home and vegetable garden from which he was a generous donor to family and friends. Failing health caused his removal to the nursing home for the last months of life, leaving his children, Lance, Yvonne, Janelle and their families.

Many people regret the passing of Percy Duke who, at the same time, are thankful for his well spent and respected long life.

Compiled by Ian Kennedy
May 2016

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Resource Centre Report – June 2016



- *Fruit Grower in Manly Road*

Lynette McCollum, of Cooktown, is seeking information about the block of land that was owned by her father. Ivan Sydney Wickham was born around 1893. He was listed on the Electoral Roll as being on the property in 1915, aged 22 years, at Manly Road Manly. He married late in life and remained at the same address with his wife, daughter Lynette and her older sister until his death in 1946.

On Saturday 8 December 1905, land in the "Pineapple Estate, Manly" was auctioned in five and twelve acre lots. The land bordered the left side of Manly Road, between the Water Towers and Manly West State School.

Can anybody assist with any further information?

- *Manly in War Time*

Jacki Clark, a teacher librarian, is seeking information about Manly in the war time. She is interested especially in Manly waterfront.

Do we have, amongst our members, persons who were here in the 1940's. Can they remember how the waterfront may have changed and how life was different in those days? Did cars disappear during the war? Any more comments would be welcome.

Contact Jill (3393 3208 or jillg01@tpg.com.au)

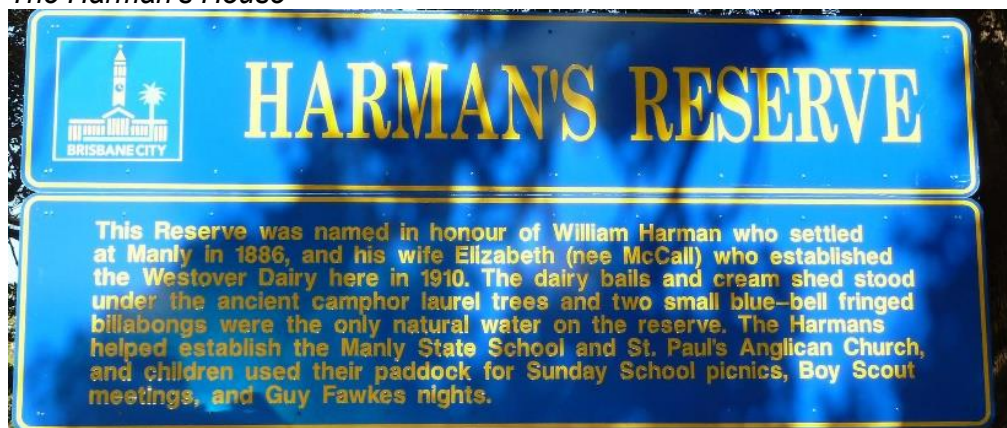
- *"The Radar Girls"*

Cheryll Robertson emailed the Society to ask for a copy of the above poem. If you turn to page 196 of "Mangroves to Moorings – Re visited" (Beitz, Myrtle 2005), the poem is there.

Were you aware of the warning given out by the WAAF operators on Lytton Hill on the night of 14 May 1943? They observed a foreign object before the hospital ship "Centaur" was sunk by a torpedo, fired from a Japanese submarine. Their warning was ignored.

If you do not have your own copy of "Mangroves to Moorings – Re visited" (Beitz, Myrtle 2005, the complete history of Wynnum, Manly and District (\$35), come and see us in the Resource Room, Room 1.08, inside the front door of old Wynnum Central State School, 10am – Noon on weekdays.

- *The Harman's House*



Mark Nancarrow visited us seeking photos of the Harman's house in Harman Park Reserve in Manly. We are not aware of any photographs of the house. We directed Mark to the signboard in Harman Street for the history of the Harman pioneers.

Have you visited this Reserve? A permanent Brisbane City Council "BushCare Group" is clearing the weed vegetation and replanting with natives around Ju-Nu-Juna Creek which flows (after plenty of rain) through the Park.

Till next time, Jill

Sixty years ago, the residents of Wynnum were alarmed at the proposed development plans proposed for Bay Terrace public toilets, shops and Council Offices.

Here is an article, written for the Wynnum and Manly Chamber of Commerce and published in the Wynnum Herald of 15 August 1956

What will be proposed for future development in sixty years time - 2076!

Erection of modern buildings for Bay Terrace

By MURRAY HULETT, correspondent to the Wynnum and Manly Chamber of Commerce

Rapidly expanding Bay Terrace shopping centre, which has taken on an almost completely new face in the last couple of years, shows even further signs of the fast moving times, with the proposed addition of several new modern premises which are planned to begin construction in the immediate future.

Mrs E A Boden, whose pharmacy at the corner of Edith Street was only recently modernized, plans to begin construction at once, of a block of three modern shops in brick and extending down Edith Street from the corner.

The National Bank have disclosed their intention of erecting a new and modern bank premises on the site of the existing bank in Bay Terrace.

Perhaps one of the most interesting moves is seen in the proposed erection by Mr R J Woodforth of a modern shopping arcade on the present site of their garage and workshop. The workshop, it is reported, is to be moved to the top end of Bay Terrace, adjacent to their service station.

A large emporium, erected by Messrs Charlie Mills and Sons, is now almost ready for opening on the site between the post office and Edith Street. This emporium is said to be one of the most modern of its kind in the metropolitan area.

Last week the City Council's plans were announced for an expenditure of some £6000 for the erection of divisional offices and toilet accommodation at Bay Terrace. (Became the Civic Centre). This suggestion was viewed with some alarm, until enquiries revealed that the proposed building is to be erected on the Akonna Street corner of the council's land on the corner of Bay Terrace and Charlotte Street.

The Chamber of Commerce fully recognises the immediate need for divisional offices and ladies's rest rooms in or near Bay Terrace, but are most adamant in their opinion that the place for toilet

conveniences is underground. On this site the slope of the ground lends itself admirably to this purpose and the Chamber will lose no time in drawing the attention of the council to this fact.

Further enquiries elicited the information that the council proposes to erect a block of shops on the Bay Terrace frontage of this allotment. This, in spite of the Lord Mayor's recent assurance to the Chamber that the frontage of this land would be passed back to competitive trade in the near future. One is tempted to question the wisdom of the council entering into speculation of this nature, particularly when private enterprise is clamouring for more space on Bay Terrace.

It will be interesting indeed to ascertain just what class of business the council plans to cater for with the erection of these premises and also if the council proposes to enter into competitive trading in the Wynnum district.

Wynnum Herald 1956.08.15

Transcribed by Heather Langston

Supper Roster

June	Jan Aplin	3396 4728
	Melissa Champley	3893 3121
July	Rosin Burrell	0423 241 921
	Nena Robertson	3396 2524
	Need help	
August	Lyn Shanks	3396 3792
	Carol Astill	3396 5481
	Wendy Parsons	3207 3592
September	Margaret Bullock	3396 3230
	Jilian Mahoney	3393 1655
	Marie Stokes	3893 3363
October	Ellen Coupland	3899 1326
	Anne Hall	0412 634 587
	Deborah Tearle	0407 629 180
November	Myrtle Beitz	3396 4711
	Margaret O'Neil	3348 3123
	Need help	

A School for Wynnum

Part 5

The Final Years

School enrolments had grown steadily after opening of the school in 1896 and peaked in 1962 with over 1200 children and an average daily attendance of 1224 persons. After 1962 numbers began to decline and within three years the average attendance was 926 persons. Between 1965 and 1996 the number reduced to 150 pupils.

The sixties were years of social revolution. Young adults began moving away from Wynnum, unlike their parents. The community was aging. New housing estates were developing in outer parts of the district to house the younger adults. New schools were built to accommodate the new families in the growing suburbs. Manly West School opened in 1958 and Wondall Heights School in 1968.

Finally in 2010 Wynnum Central, Lindum and Wynnum North State Schools were closed. Their pupils were provided with a new larger and more economic school in Boxgrove Avenue, Wynnum State School. However this new school was not ready for use in the 2011 school year, so all the primary students attended Wynnum North State School in 2011. In 2012 the new school was ready.

The "Old Building" and Playing Fields



"The destruction yesterday of a clump of trees at Wynnum Central State School to make way for an oval has angered local residents . . . Wyn Her. 14.01.1978

On 13 January 1978, bulldozers moved into the grounds of Wynnum Central State School and began the demolition of some of the trees. The Parents and Citizens Association said they needed a space for a Sports Oval.

Works department felled six trees, including camphor laurels and silky oaks. However trees were left standing around the edges of the area.

Miss Felicity Taylor, 21 who lived opposite the school said the felling of the trees was unnecessary. "They

added to the beauty of the school and gave shade to the children. Many were over 50 years old", she said.

Around 2012 Brisbane City Council purchased the Wynnum Central School and grounds from the State Government. Many community "consultations" were held to determine the future use of the buildings and land. Many local inhabitants favoured the retention of the park as a green space in the heart of Wynnum. A residential housing tower was suggested for the site of the old tennis courts.

Finally the grand plan emerged. This was the first scheme of its kind undertaken by the City Council. There was to be a partnering between the City Council and the commercial world. Woolworths would be granted the use of part of the playing field land for the building of a new store but also to be included in the construction was a Brisbane City Council Suburban Library. Unfortunately the "park" area was reduced in size. A new narrow strip of

turf has been laid between the Woolworths building and the old brick school building. Formal opening of this building was on Saturday 25 May 2016 by Lord Mayor Quirk.

The timber school buildings were demolished around 2014. The brick building remains as the "Wynnum Community Centre". The building was renovated, a lift installed, painted and electronic doors and security installed. The official opening by Lord Mayor Quirk was on Saturday 28 November 2015.

The building houses nine Community-based organisations on annual leases and other rooms for daily rental as required. Members of the Wynnum Manly Historical Society are found on the left, just inside the front door, every weekday, between 10am and 12 noon. When the Society is in attendance the front door of the Centre is open. Please do come in!



The picture shows the front door of former Wynnum Centre State School, showing the two plaques: the opening of the Community Centre on 28 November 2015 and the laying of the Foundation Stone for the school on 2 November 1946. In the foreground is the top of the WW1 Memorial dedicated in March 1918. The rest of the Memorial has been moved to the new Wynnum State School in Boxgrove Avenue.

Jill Greenhill

June 2016

Resources for sale at the Resource Room

Beitz, Myrtle	Mangroves to Moorings Revisited	2005	\$35
Davenport, Winifred and Mottram, Betty	Early Shipping in Moreton Bay: June 1846- December 1859, Volume 1	1998	\$5
Davenport, Winifred and Mottram, Betty	Early Shipping in Moreton Bay: January 1860 - December 1863, Volume 2	2002	\$5
Nock, Betty	History of Music in the Wynnum and Manly area 1900-1997	1998	\$5
Nock, Betty	History of Arts in the Wynnum and Manly area 1900-2003	2005	\$5

Where was I? May 2016



Wynnum Golf Course.
Members and dignitaries at the unveiling of the Harold Paton memorial on the ninth tee.

Where am I? June 2016



Jill Greenhill, librarian

Series EARLY DAYS

Volume 8 No. 11

For more of Myrtle's Early Days series...



This photo shows workmen before the completing of Ingleston's Boarding House, Cnr Bay Terrace and Charlotte Street Wynnum in the early 1900's. On this corner was one of the first lawn tennis courts. Sadly fire claimed this building in 1947.



Wynnum Manly Historical Society Inc

Minutes of General Meeting held in the Ambulance Museum Auditorium on Thursday 19 May 2016

The meeting opened at 7.30pm with 29 members present and 5 apologies were received.

In the absence of President Jan Parnell, Jill opened the meeting, and, under Jan's instruction, gave a precis of the life of William Shakespeare who was born, and died, on 23 April, 400 years ago.

Previous Minutes:

Minutes of Meeting of 21 April 2016, were accepted by Mitch Parsons, seconded by Deb Tearle.

Correspondence: In the absence of Lena the correspondence was presented by Jill. Items were accepted and endorsed at the committee meeting held on Thursday 7 April 2016.

Treasurers Report: (Sandy)

BOQ A/c No. 20139708	1 April 2016 – 30 April 2016	
Opening Balance at 1 April 2016		\$34,974.65
which comprises:		
<u>Everyday Account</u>		
Opening balance at 1 April		\$3,126.43
Income \$1,190.20 Expenditure \$875.00		
Closing Balance at 30 April 2016		\$ 5,941.38
and <u>Websaver Account</u> at 30 April 2016 (Inc. Interest \$42.05)		\$29,390.52
<u>TOTAL FUNDS at 30 April 2016</u>		<u>\$35,331.90</u>

This report was presented and approved at Committee Meeting on Thursday 7 April 2016.

Resource Centre: (Jill) "Where was I?" was the Harold Paton Memorial drinking fountain at Hole 9 of Wynnum Golf Club.

The new Wynnum Library is opening for business on Tuesday 24 May 2016. Official opening will be on Saturday 28 May at 10.30am by Mayor Quirk.

Tours: Members were to choose if they preferred to cruise to the Gold Coast, via the Moreton Bay Islands and the Broadwater on Saturday 26 June or Sunday 24 July 2016. Cost will be \$79.00, travelling with "Brisbane Cruises" from Fort Lytton. Passengers will be returned by coach, from Southport to Fort Lytton.

General Business:

A Cancer Council Morning Tea will be held at Wondall Gardens on 28 May 2016.

Speaker:

Professor Peter Roennfeldt of Griffith University gave an illustrated talk on the life of Madame Mallalieu, the first female organist in Queensland, who owned a summer house in Wynnum. The family had an outstanding view of Moreton Bay from the house, "Cotheson", on Tingal Hill, located on the corner of Petersen Street and Crown Street.

The Door Prize was won by Bruce Pattison and the Raffle by Ellen Coupland.

The meeting closed at 8.35pm. A delicious supper was served by Margaret Collins, Wendy Parsons and Rensche Shep. Jill Greenhill (Minute Secretary)

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Patrons: Cr Peter Cumming and Joan Pease MP.

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Regular Volunteers and Helpers

General Meetings

Afternoon set up: Col Brown, Jill Greenhill, Myrtle Beitz

Welcome at Door and raffles: Ian Wheeler, Mitch Parsons

Bring and Buy: Ellen Coupland

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Supper Co-ordination: Deborah Tearle

Raffle Prizes: Sandra Wheeler

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Tours.

Planning and Co-ordination: Jan Parnell, Jill Greenhill, Lena McCreadie, Ellen Coupland, Deb Tearle

Booklet: Jill Greenhill

Bookings: Sandy Liddle at General Meetings and Resource Centre staff each weekday

Events May			
Date	Venue	Description	Booking
June 30 10-11am	Wynnum Library	Ormiston House and Louise Hope: Ormiston House was built between 1858 and 1865 by Captain Louis Hope as part of his large sugar plantation. Join Ormiston house historian Jessica Stroja as she shares the story of this iconic house.	Free. Bookings essential.
June 19,26 July 3, 10 11-4pm	223 Grindle Road, Wacol	Discover the Wolston House Story Hidden in the bustling fringe of Brisbane's outer suburbs is Wolston House, the oldest surviving residential farmhouse in the district.	Adult \$8.80, Concession \$5.50
July 7 10-11am	Wynnum Library	Meet Richard Carroll: Join Richard Carroll as he discusses his historical novel, <i>Turrwan</i> . Set in and around the Moreton Bay Penal Colony in 1837, Tom Petrie, aged six, arrives with his family and grows up in the harsh environment of the colony. He befriends the local Aboriginal people, the Turrbal, falls in love with the daughter of a tribal leader and is torn by the conflict between the two communities. The tale is a coming-of-age adventure and love story based on the real-life figure of Tom Petrie and set against the historical background of colonial Australia.	Free. Bookings essential.
July 9 12-2:30pm	Wynnum Library	Sixty Minute Shakespeare Delight in performances of the Bard's best-loved plays <i>Julius Caesar</i> and <i>The Tempest</i> by the 4MBS Shakespeare Troupe. Each play will be abbreviated into a one hour performance with a 30 minute interval.	Free. Bookings essential.
Until August 28	Museum of Brisbane	Facing World War One: Stories of loyalty, loss and love. Featuring new work by Facing Australia, experience intimate and untold stories from the First World War that reveal the daily reality and emotional impact on the loved ones left behind in Brisbane.	Free
Until Dec 31. 2pm-4pm	Chermside Historical Precinct, 61 Kittyhawk Drive, Chermside	First Ashore: The 9th Battalion in World War One. Visit the First Ashore Display to discover details about the "Fighting Ninth" Battalion of WWI. Men from the 9th were first ashore at the Gallipoli landing on 25 April 1915.	Free

Wynnum Manly Historical Society Inc.

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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 \$15.00

Family \$25.00

High School Student \$5.00

PLEASE NOTE: There is a joining fee of \$10.00 per person.

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