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CANCELLATION: Next proposed heritage tour



Because there are so many events happening in September, and also because of a drop in support for our bus trips, the committee has decided to cancel the proposed bus tour in September. Therefore the next heritage bus tour will take place on **24 November 2012**.

However, all is not lost. Instead of the bus tour, we are organising a group booking to attend the **Ormiston House 150th anniversary gala concert** on the afternoon of **Sunday, 30 September 2012.** Full details are not yet available however a brief outline of the event is contained in the Society's Calendar of Events at the end of the newsletter.

If you are interested in attending this event, please leave your name at the Resource Centre or at the next general meeting. We will be making a group booking. It is proposed that we will arrange car pooling to pick up and drop everyone home who requires transport.

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AUGUST MEETING DETAILS

Thursday 16 August at 7.30pm

AUGUST GENERAL MEETING

Ambulance Museum Auditorium (Cnr Cedar Street & Tingal Road, Wynnum)

Speaker: Pam & Jim Ailkert

Topic: The sinking and finding of the Centaur

Gold coin entry – covers hire of venue and Supper.

Raffle: This month's raffle prize, kindly donated by Sandra Wheeler, will help you to prepared a lovely warm soup to keep you fed and warm during these cold days.



Tickets are only \$1.00 each or 3 for \$2.00.

Bring and buy stall - Please bring your unwanted gifts, cakes, fruit, vegetables, plants, etc to a meeting or leave at the Resource Centre. All proceeds from this stall go to support the Resource Centre.

Appreciation to Lyn Shanks, Deborah Tearle and Carol Astill for providing your supper this month.

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REGULAR SOCIETY VOLUNTEERS AND HELPERS

GENERAL MEETINGS: Afternoon set up: Col Brown, John McIntyre, Jill Greenhill and Myrtle Beitz

Welcome at Door and raffles:

Bring and buy:

Ian Wheeler & Noela Stratton

Jan Aplin and Carmel Henderson

Kitchen Coordinator: Margaret Mack Supper Coordinator: Deborah Tearle

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Jan Aplin, Heather Langston, Margaret Bulloch Lloyd Kelk, Jack Sands and Kate Harbison

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Booklet: Jill Greenhill

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

ORAL HISTORY: Vacant

Can you help in any way? If so, please let us know. We are always looking for willing members to help in any way possible.

2012 SUPPER ROSTER

AUGUST:	Lyn Shanks Deborah Tearle Carol Astill	3396 3792 3396 9697 3396 5481	SEPTEMBER:	Jan Aplin Anne Wenzel Jillian Mahoney	3396 4728 3399 5175 3393 1655
OCTOBER:	Lou & Anne Hall Marie Stokes Ellen Coupland	0412 634 587 3390 5832 3899 1326	NOVEMBER:	Myrtle Beitz Margaret O'Neil Deborah Tearle	3396 4711 3348 3123 3396 9697

If you would like to volunteer to help out on supper roster or would like to swap your assigned roster month to another one, please contact **Deborah** on **3396 9697**.

Your assistance is appreciated.

MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK

Deborah Tearle, Supper Coordinator

CAN YOU HELP?

Sandra Wheeler who kindly donates most of our raffle prizes is in desperate need of more **baskets for hampers**. If you can help, please leave them at the Resource Centre or bring along to Ian Wheeler at the next meeting.

She is also chasing some **small jars** to put jam in. If you have any, please bring them along to the meeting or drop them into the Resource Centre for lan Wheeler to collect.

lan Wheeler is also wondering if anyone has any old **analogue televisions** that are in working order but which are no longer wanted. If so, he would like them to send up to New Guinea. If you can help, please give lan a ring on 3396 9923 or bring along to the general meeting.

THIS MONTH IN WYNNUM IN THE YEARS ... 1910 and 1911

1910

METROPOLITAN DISTRICTS. WYNNUM, August 30.

The Wynnum Shire Council has made a start on the retaining wall along the foreshore in No. 1 Division. The stone, which is being procured from Mr. Marr's property, on Tingal Hill, is being given gratuitously. A number of men from the Harbours and Rivers Department are at work blasting the hard rock in the bed of the creek in readiness for the dredge to pick up on its return. The council is also getting a large quantity of stone from Rose Bay, in No 2 Division. It is expected that the lengthening of No 1 Jetty and the construction of a bathing enclosure at the end will be commenced early next month.

Reference

1910 'METROPOLITAN DISTRICTS.', *The Brisbane Courier* (Qld.: 1864 - 1933), 31 August, p. 6, viewed 4 August, 2012, http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article19653354

1911

METROPOLITAN DISTRICTS. WYNNUM, August 29.

The senior lady teacher at the Wynnum Central State School, Miss Merlehan, has received notice of transfer to Blackstone. It was on February 24, 1896, that the "Courier" reported the opening of the first State school in Wynnum by the head teacher. Mr. T. H. Clarke, and his assistant, Miss Merlehan, with an attendance of 77 pupils. To-day there are three fully equipped schools to meet the requirements of the district. Miss Merlehan has faithfully discharged her duties during those 15 1/2 years, and the good wishes of her past and present pupils will go with her to her new sphere.

Reference

1911 'METROPOLITAN DISTRICTS.', *The Brisbane Courier* (Qld.: 1864 - 1933), 30 August, p. 10, viewed 4 August, 2012, http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article19692043



FROM THE PRESIDENT

August 2012

Well, we seem to have survived the winter, and look forward to the advent of spring in a few weeks time. I'm not if it is part of the aging process or not, but this year, winter seems to have been more fierce than usual. Actually, to be truly objective, we can't really complain about our winters on the Bayside. At least we get lovely warm days, even if the nights and mornings are cold. When I was living in Mitchell, the nights often went down to -3°C (or more) in winter, with frosts for 30 or more days in a row. Believe me, it was not much fun being called over to the hospital on those cold nights. Why is it that babies seem to choose the middle of the night to arrive? Thankfully, those days are over, though I must admit that I did enjoy my days working out west. There is something about the pace of life,, the lifestyle and the old characters that live in the bush, that has to be experienced to be fully appreciated.

August is now with us, and 2012 seems to be coasting along. Just think – only four months to Christmas! Although the eighth month of the modern calendar, in the early Roman calendar, which began in March, August was the sixth month and hence called Sextilis, a name it retained until the year 8 B.C. when the emperor Augustus named it August in honour of himself.

In the Northern Hemisphere, August is often hot and humid. Lawns need careful attention to prevent becoming overgrown with weeds. In fact, the Anglo-Saxons called August "Weod-Monath" or "weed month". Some English and Scottish towns observe August 1 as "harvest home", a summer holiday which celebrates the bountiful produce of the season.

Of course, this stems from an old Celtic custom, which had its origin hundreds of years ago when the early Britons gave thanks to their pagan gods for a plentiful harvest.

Some historical firsts that occurred in August include:-

- 6 August 1945 Hiroshima was bombed by the US Air Force ... thus the first use of the atomic bomb.
- **15 August 1914** The Panama Canal was officially opened, thus allowing shipping vessels to bypass the much longer and dangerous trip around Cape Horn.

Best wishes.

Jan Parnell. President

ORAL HISTORY CO-ORDINATOR NEEDED

As you are no doubt aware, the late Brian Brandenburg was the driving force behind the Society's oral history projects. His passing has left us in need of a willing member to fill the role of Oral History Coordinator.

A number of committee members have a strong interest in oral history but unfortunately due to work and other commitments, are unable to take on any more roles.

We therefore would love anyone who is a good listener and enjoys talking to people or has an interest in oral history, to volunteer to help us out and keep our oral history projects going.

We are fast losing much of our history with the passing of the generations and in order to ensure that the history of the local area is gathered and recorded for future generations, we need to make sure that we tap into the knowledge of people before it is too late. We have the names of many local people who would love to tell their stories, but no-one to actually undertake the task.

So please consider putting your hand up to help out. We have modern, easy to use, equipment available and as the Society is a member of the Oral History Association of Australia (Queensland Division), you would be able to seek guidance from this Association.

NEWS FROM THE RESOURCE CENTRE – August 2012



Resource Centre address

Civic Centre Shop 7, 66 Bay Tce **Wynnum**

(outside entrance to Wynnum Public Library)

Resource Centre opening hours

Monday - Friday (except Public Holidays)

10am - 12 noon

Identification of a medal

Bernard Begley brought the sterling silver medal,(shown below) to us for identification.





Vic Lewis Trophy W&M DSSFA A Grade Premiership



(Reverse) Manly "A" 1952 R. Rose

Bernard Begley suggested that the initials may stand for,

"Wynnum and Manly District State School Football Association"

but has not found any evidence of the existence of such an organisation.

He does not think that the W & M is related to the local meat transport company, but cannot confirm that this is not so.

A letter from an on-line reader of our newsletter.

"Hello. I hope you can help me. My name is Laurette McGugan and I was hoping you might have an email address for Maria Bellas (nee Coronis) or pass on my email address to her.

I lived in Atherton in the late 1950s for about a year while my Dad worked on the Tinaroo Dam up there. At the Atherton State School I met Maria Coronis and we became good friends. (We were probably only about 9 or 10 years old then.) I often visited her Dad's bakery in Atherton with Maria, and my first dog (Pal) was from Maria's dog's litter. I have very fond memories of Maria, her Mum and Dad, and Atherton and would love to be in contact with Maria again. I now live in Brisbane (Alderley) after living for quite a while in Bundaberg and Sydney.

When I searched in Google for Coronis and Atherton I came across an article about George Coronis (Maria's Dad) in the May 2008 publication of the Wynnum-Manly Historical Society's newsletter. Hence my email to you. Thank you in anticipation. Sincerely Laurette McGugan"

Laurette's letter has been forwarded on to Maria Bellas.

Information:

Bill, a visitor to the Resource Room recently told us that there is a shed at 828 New Cleveland Road, Gumdale which he and his father built from timber and iron that they acquired from the burnt-out Star Theatre in 1958.

Kianawah Park, Tingalpa

We have received a query about the park, on the Wynnum Road, on the Brisbane side of the Tingalpa Hotel, where cricket now played. A visitor wished to know the history of the park, the particular interest being as to whether an American camp was based there during WWII. Does anybody know?

Resource Centre Volunteers

Do you have a spare morning a month, or a fortnight or a week? Volunteers in the Resource Centre have been sadly depleted since last Christmas. Brandenburg and Sherley Williams and Minnie Bowman has now decided to retire.

The Room is open from 10am to noon from Monday to Friday. We aim for an open door for members and the community to come and visit us. We collect many donations from the community and provide information on lost relatives, houses and past events. Or there may be a job where you can assist.

BUT you do not have to know all the answers, just listen and make notes which will be passed on to those who do know, or used as a query in the newsletter.

We need a few more volunteers. Please contact Jill (3393 3208) or see her at the Resource Centre or at a meeting. Thank you.

> Till next time, Jill Greenhill Librarian

WHERE WAS I? July 2012



Fig Tree Point at Lota



Charles Robert Roff and Isabella Clark Ridley married in Queensland in 1889 and produced ten children between 1890 and 1905. The family first appeared in Burnside Terrace, Wynnum in the Commonwealth Electoral Roll of 1913. Charles was listed as a Clerk. Their eldest son Russell opened a shop in Bay Terrace opposite the School of Arts, (now Municipal Hall) then moved over the road, adjacent to the Hall, to a shop with a garden where he grew produce to sell. The seventh child Sidney Edgar Roff was also a store keeper in Tingal Road.

The youngest of Charles's ten children was Forrest Mitchell Roff, born in 1905. He was a carrier by trade and married Edna May Stewart in 1934. Mark Roff was their grandson. He married and moved to Middle Rock, NSW. Mark became very sick with a heart problem and cancer. At the age of 39 years, on 9 November 2004, he walked out to sea, never to be seen again. His parents wished for a memorial to his memory to be placed near the water.

Thank you Alison for the above information.

WHERE AM I? August 2012



Where can you see this plaque and who was Margaret Moores?

Let me know!

Jill Greenhill, Librarian.

Sponsorship and support of the WMHS - Thank you to Cartridge World Wynnum



Did you know that **Cartridge World Wynnum** very generously sponsors and supports the Wynnum Manly Historical Society?

The Society would like to thank and acknowledge Cartridge World Wynnum for its ongoing support and sponsorship.

Don't forget - for all your toner and cartridge needs, visit or contact **Chris** at Cartridge World Wynnum.



Bruce Harris (photo taken c1909)

My Harris family were "late" arrivals in Wynnum – not arriving until around 1926/1927. My grandfather, ${f Bruce}$ **Harris**, was born at Woodend, Ipswich in 1876¹. In 1909, he married May Maria CROMPTON at Oxley². They had 9 children namely Raymond, Ida, Olive, Alfred, Eunice, Dorothy, Neita, Mervyn and Norman.

Bruce Harris was the son of Alfred Frederick Harris and Janet McIntyre³. He had 8 siblings however it appears that he was the "black sheep" of the family and other researchers of this line have known nothing of him or his family until contact was made with them.



May Maria Harris (nee Crompton) (photo taken c1957)

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Following their marriage and prior to moving to Wynnum, Bruce and May lived at Oxley Creek⁴. It is not known exactly when Bruce and May came to live in Wynnum however it is believed to be sometime in 1926/1927 but it was most certainly prior to February 1928 when my father, **Mervyn James Harris**, was born in St Kilda Hospital, Wynnum⁵. At this time, the family was living at Clara Street, Wynnum⁶.

On 29 April 1926, my great grandfather, Alfred Frederick Harris, who normally resided at Oxley, died at Edith Street, Wynnum⁷. He was subsequently buried in Ipswich Cemetery. I have yet to establish who he was visiting or staying with in Edith Street at the time of his death. Was it his son or were there other Harris relatives already residing in Wynnum? I note the early electoral rolls does record some Harris names.

Alfred left a Will which was witnessed by James P Knight, Blacksmith, Edith Street, Wynnum South, and Robert C Symes, Edith Street, Wynnum South. Does anyone know of these people?

It is known that in 1929, Bruce and May were living at Mary (now Berrima) Street, Wynnum8. Their youngest child, Norman, was born in St Kilda Hospital in September 1930. By 1931, the family was living at 67 Edith Street, Wynnum⁹. The house they lived in was situated near where today stands the block of shops incorporating Coralie's Cakes and a couple of other vacant shops. The house was owned by Sylvia Dart's father. The Dart family lived 2 houses away from the Harris family in Edith Street. According to my aunt, Dorothy Shenton (formerly Wilson nee Harris), Sylvia Dart married George Sands, the brother of Jack Sands.



Site of where Harris residence was situated in Edith Street, Wynnum (Photo taken 2012)

Apparently the house where the Harris family lived in Edith Street was moved when shops were constructed on the site. The house was moved to the corner of Mercia and Kamarin Streets, Manly. When in Edith Street, it was a high set however when it was moved, it was divided into two halves and kept at ground level.

Queensland Birth Certificate of Bruce Harris

Queensland Marriage Certificate of Bruce Harris and May Maria Crompton.

Queensland Birth Certificate of Bruce Harris.
 Ascertained from Commonwealth Electoral Records.

Queensland Birth Certificate of Mervyn James Harris.
 Commonwealth Electoral Roll 1928.
 Queensland Death Certificate of Alfred Harris.

Commonwealth Electoral Roll 1929. Commonwealth Electoral Roll 1931.

My dad, Mervyn (the second youngest child of Bruce and May), recalled some of the other residents living near them being **Edwards**, **Friez**, **Colpin**, **Green**, **Rowbottom**, **Hughie**, **Kelk** and **Thornton**. He also vividly remembered the **Mendis** family (who lived a few doors away and subsequently opened a jewellery shop in Edith Street) as always making very hot Indian curries for the family. Their tip was to always have a glass of milk with the curry!

At one stage, my grandfather, Bruce, was a labourer with the council and drove the council's horse and dray. My father once told me that he recalled racing down Edith Street to meet my grandfather on the Esplanade at the end of the work day and then getting a ride back home in the dray.

The younger children of Bruce and May, including my father, attended Wynnum Central State School. The school register in 1934 (the year my father commenced school) shows Bruce Harris' occupation as *Butcher*. My dad could not recall Bruce ever being a butcher but believes he may have been a boner at the meatworks.

Tragically, my grandfather passed away in June 1934 when my dad was only 6 years of age. He is buried in the old section at Hemmant Cemetery. My dad recalled the day when his father was taken to hospital. He was coming home from school and saw the ambulance and wondered what was wrong and thought "Gee, a bit of excitement". Little did he know that would be the last time he would see his father. Bruce Harris was transported to Royal Brisbane Hospital suffering from bronchitis. The story my dad recalls is that the hospital had him near a window and it started to rain and he got wet. There apparently were no nurses around him and he contracted pneumonia and passed away. This coincides with Bruce's death certificate which states one of the causes of death as "Lobar pneumonia" 10.

As you can imagine, times were very hard for May trying to raise the family after my grandfather's untimely death. I'm told by my aunt, Dorothy (who is now the only surviving child), that Sam Green of the Star Theatre was incredibly good to the family and that he held a charity night to raise funds to assist my grandmother.

Following my grandfather's passing, my grandmother, May, continued to reside in the house in Edith Street until the late 1950s. According to my father, she moved from Edith Street into a rented flat at 177 Tingal Road (opposite the RSL and next door to her daughter, **Ida Hambrook nee Harris**) in about 1958.

However, May became crippled with Parkinson's disease and the family had to move her into a nursing home. She lived in this nursing home until she passed away in 1965. This was the Novello Convalescent Home at The Esplanade, Manly. This building still exists today and is now known as "Rose Bay Lodge".



Rose Bay Lodge, The Esplanade, Manly (formerly Novello Convalescent Home) (Photo taken 2012)

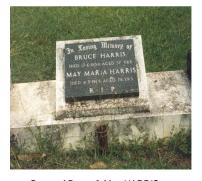
Being Presbyterian, some of Bruce and May's children married at the Wynnum Presbyterian Church including:-



- Ida, who married **George Hambrook**, in May 1931
- Dorothy, who married Norman Wilson, in January 1945
- Neita, who married John McInnes, in August 1952; and
- Mervyn, who married Shirley Whiting, in August 1956.

Old Presbyterian Church, Bay Terrace, Wynnum (photo courtesy of Myrtle Beitz)

May Maria Harris (nee Crompton) died in 1965 and is buried with her husband, Bruce, in the old section at Hemmant Cemetery.



Grave of Bruce & May HARRIS at Hemmant Cemetery

WYNNUM SOUTH, FRIDAY, JULY 18, 1941

J. LITTLE AND CO.

The splendid drapery and mercery establishment known as Little's on Bay Terrace, Wynnum Central, is recognised by this district's shoppers as a store which is at all times dependable and where they receive quality goods at most reasonable prices.

Mr. J. Little established this highly esteemed business fifteen years ago, and under his guidance it has become one of the leading establishments of its kind in this area. He is a man of long experience in the soft goods trade and is thus able to please a greater percentage of his clients by supplying just the right type of goods at prices they are prepared to pay.

A comprehensive selection of ladies' ready made frocks, dress materials, children's wear and millinery is always on display. There is a range of new winter materials in gay and colourful patterns to delight the most discriminating and exacting tastes. Little's men's wear section is one of the most complete in this district, and contains everything the well-dressed man or boy requires.

Little's business dealings with the people of this centre have won them widespread favour. Mr. Little has been constantly aware of the need to satisfy every one of his many clients, and so the store's service has been of a consistently high standard. It is quality goods really low prices, and the most courteous service which has made Little's a popular trading centre among both the womenfolk and men folk of Wynnun and Manly.

Littles is closely associated with the leading fashion houses of the Commonwealth and the buying is done by the principal himself. He is informed of the latest styles and fashions in time to be among the first to present them to the shopping public of this centre.

For a completely new outfit this winter, if you go along to Littles' you will have a most

comprehensive selection to choose from. And the courteous staff of local assistants will willingly help you to choose that which is going to make you one of the best dressed men or women in town. The telephone number of Littles is 141.

Mr. J. Little is an earnest supporter of any movement for the progress of the district. He is a member of the Chamber and takes an active interest in bowls.

S.SMITH

THE FAMILY BAKER

Among the more outstanding bakeries of this area, is that of S. Smith's in Stratton Terrace, Manly, which has gained a reputation for turning out high-quality products. During the decade that he has controlled this baking business, Mr. Smith has catered to a widening clientele in a manner that has evidently given complete satisfaction, for the business to-day enjoys a greater share of patronage than ever before.

The standard of the Family Baker is the best grade of all ingredients, which are mixed and baked under clean, hygienic conditions, under the principal's supervision.

Mr. Smith specializes in the making of health breads. These include Cerevite, which, of course, needs no recommendation, and his "Glyx" which is full of vitamins. Of great importance also is his Snow White Cottage Loaf, a bread which gives all the virtues of the white loaf, while adding such advantages as longer freshness, and additional vitamin value.

A keen sportsman, Mr. Smith takes an active interest in fishing and boating.

THE BRISBANE TO CLEVELAND RAILWAY

This is a presentation, prepared by the late member and past President, Graham Brown and delivered at the meeting of Wynnum Manly Historical Society in July 2003.

Some of us have travelled by train to Brisbane for many years and never knew how or when the stations received their names. So I will start at the beginning when the Government of NSW was considering railways in what is now called southern Queensland.

The first reference that I can find in relation to the railways in the northern districts of NSW, was on the 1 September 1855, when Mr. Hood, MLA of Talgal Station on the Darling Downs, moved in the Assembly that an Address be presented to the Governor - in - Council, praying that his Excellency_would be pleased to place on the estimates for the year 1856, the sum of £3,000 (\$6,000) for the purpose of obtaining a survey and estimate for the construction of a tram road from the head of navigation of Ipswich to the Darling Downs and hence by way of Warwick and Tenterfield to New England. It was pointed out to Mr Hood that he had previously spoken against such a proposal and had promoted petitions praying such a scheme should not be sanctioned. Recognising the position he was placed in, Mr Hood wisely withdrew his motion and nothing further was heard of his extraordinary scheme to divert trade from Brisbane for some time.

The next reference to the Brisbane to Cleveland railway is when surveyors were sent from England in 1856. Their primary project was to find a suitable railway line from Brisbane to the Darling Downs and also to inspect the land between Ipswich and Cleveland.

When Queensland was separated from NSW in 1859, the survey to Cleveland was abandoned and Ipswich became the terminal in 1865.

The extension from Ipswich to Brisbane was completed 1876.

Hopes for a Cleveland line was raised when a line from Oxley to Wooloongabba was suggested. In 1881 a railway line to Fort Lytton was suggested and this line could be extended to Cleveland.

John Buckland, the M.L.A. for Bulimba, in parliament on the 2 Oct. 1882, moved that money be placed in the supplementary estimates for a survey of a railway line from South Brisbane to Cleveland via Hemmant, which was a large sugar cane growing area, and Fort Lytton. He also mentioned the railway could serve the Apollo Candle Company's factory and the Meat Freezing Company's works on the way to Fort Lytton. Both of these factories were close to the Brisbane River.

Additional surveys were made in 1885 and 1886. One survey following close to the Brisbane River to Fort Lytton, then turned south east to run close to the shores of Waterloo Bay. Another survey went through Belmont and Grassdale to Cleveland, which was shorter but the terrain was less suitable for a railway.

The final survey submitted to parliament in 1886 avoided major earth works, kept away from the Brisbane River and with suitable grades could also serve Coorparoo and was within two miles of Fort Lytton. It could serve Wynnum, Manly, Wellington Point, Burnett's timber mill near Ormiston, to terminate at Cleveland.

The passage of this Bill through parliament was not smooth. Some politicians complained about the expense. One politician, a Mr. Hamilton, the M.L.A. for the Cook electorate, said in parliament, "the main characteristic of Fort Lytton was its mosquitoes while Wynnum was a mud hole where three people resided."

Tenders were called and a contract was let to Mr G C Wilcock on the 1 May 1888 for £91-0-0 (\$182,000) for 20.5 miles in the final survey. Steel bridges were to be built over Ipswich, Logan and New Cleveland Roads and across Bulimba, Lota and Tingalpa Creeks, Sutton and Co. gaining the iron and steel bridges contract.

The single track Cleveland railway was completed on time and was officially opened on the 1 November 1889. The train service started with a train leaving Cleveland at 07.a.m. and 3.30 p.m. each day with extra trains at 11.45 a.m. and 7.25 p.m. on Saturdays. On Sundays there were three trains in each direction with an extra two trains terminating at Wynnum. I wonder what Mr. Hamilton thought of his mud hole now.

This line was single track with trains passing at Mooraree and Wynnum. Because the main train terminal at Stanley Street near the dry dock was already congested with South Coast and Corinda trains, it was decided to terminate the Cleveland line at Wooloongabba. The passengers could continue to the city by the Metropolitan Tram and Investment Companies horse tram. The original stations were Logan Road, Coorparoo, Mooraree, Hemmant, Wynnum, Manly, Waterloo, Birkdale, Wellington, Ormiston and Cleveland.

In 1908, the State Treasurer was the Hon. W H Barnes, M.L.A. in the Moore government and he had a personal interest in the Cleveland line because it ran through his electorate. With the result the Commissioner for Railways was very responsive to his requests. A train running late could throw the whole service into confusion. So the Hon. Barnes raised the matter in parliament in April 1908.

In November 1908, a team of surveyors were engaged to prepare plans for the duplication of the line as far as Manly. Beyond Manly the population was so sparse that the extra track would not be required. Lack of money in the treasury held the duplication up until 1910 – 1911.

The duplication from Park Road to Mooraree was nearly completed before the end of 1911 and, on the 18 December 1911, the Commissioner for Railways approved the use of the new line on Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day only. As the new line was only ballasted, a speed of 15mph was imposed.

Unfortunately the navvies went on strike and these plans had to be abandoned. This section of the line did not open until June 1912.

Duplication of the line between Hemmant and Manly was completed before the section between Mooraree and Hemmant because the bridge over Bulimba Creek had to be completely rebuilt. The duplication of the railway was completed on the 4 November 1913.

Melbourne Street station was named after a major road nearby, later to be named South Brisbane Station. It was opened in 1891 and the Cleveland trains terminated there.

Vulture Street Station was named after a nearby street, Vulture Street. This street was named after a warship, the "Vulture". Gloucester Street station was named after a nearby street.

Park Road_Station was also named after a nearby street.

Logan Road never had a siding although some fruit used to be unloaded there. When the electric trams came, people from Holland Park and Camp Hill areas would tram to Logan Road Station, and then go by train to Wynnum or Manly for a day beside the seaside. This became so popular that at holiday time extra staff had be sent to Logan Road Station to issue tickets to the large number of passengers travelling to the Bayside. In 1917 Logan Road Station's name was changed to Buranda, named after a large home in the area.

The next station is Coorparoo, named after the suburb through which the railway line runs. This area was first called Coorparoo, this being the aboriginal name for the area, which means, "The home or place of the mosquito". When Old Cleveland Road was first being surveyed, a small creek in the area was named "Coorparoo". When a state school was being formed, the school committee wanted to name the school the man who donated the land for the school, Samuel Stevens. But he disliked the name. At a meeting held in the home of Frederick Wacker on the 22 March 1875, it was resolved that the name of the proposed primary school should be "Coorparoo". It cannot be the call of the turtle dove because the first pair of these doves was not released until 1901. That is some 26 years after the Coorparoo primary school was named.

Norman Park Station was provided after a petition of the local residents. The station was to be located half way up the hill to Morningside. But the railways department thought the early steam engines would have trouble climbing the hill from a standing start. So the station was located at the bottom of the hill.

The next station is Morningside named after the suburb. The suburb's name comes from the fact that the rising sun shines on the surrounding hills, indicating that the suburb is on the morning side of Brisbane.

In January 1910, the Weedon family requested a nearby station to serve their estate. Cannon Hill Station is named after the Weedon family residence. Cannon Hill was officially opened on the 15 July 1910.

Tingalpa was a proposed name of a station at the Creek Road crossing. During construction of the railway line, the name was changed to Mooraree and the station site moved half a mile closer to the Queensport Meat Works. When duplication of the railway was under way in September 1907, the name was changed to Murarree, which is aboriginal, meaning "sticky".

In 1902, Birt and Company built a meat works beside Bulimba Creek, so a siding was built so meat workers could travel to work. This siding was built in May 1910 and named Buruda. In May 1929 the name was changed to Doboy. It was considered that Doboy came from the aboriginal name "Dubee", meaning "mudcrab". It is also thought that it could have come from Doughboy, which was the name for damper cooked by Americans, who had a rum distillery on the banks of Bulimba Creek in the 1860's.

Hemmant Station was named after the suburb in which the station is located. This area was originally called Bulimba Creek. In 1865 the name was changed to Doughboy Creek and in 1876 it was changed to Hemmant to honour William Hemmant M.L.A. who was Treasurer in the Palmer Government.

Lindum Station was established in 1894 and is named after Mr Kelk's residence. When a large land sale was advertised at Lindum at the opening of the railway line, Lindum Station was called "Lindum junction" station. This auction of land advertised a "free special train with a free luncheon for all".

Wynnum North Station was opened in 1914. This caused some confusion with three stations adjoining with Wynnum in their names. One writer to the newspaper suggested the name "Kidston", because the station was where Mr Kidston, President of the Land Council and an ex Premier of Queensland, arrived for the train to stop when he went to the city to work. The Wynnum Town Council suggested "Tingal" or Tingal Hill". The PMG thought that this would be confused with Fingal Head and suggested "Wynnorth" or "Northwyn". And so it raged on until April 1932 when the Railways Department decided to wait and see. They are still waiting to see.

Wynnum Station was named after the local suburb. It is aboriginal for the pandanus tree which used to abound in the area. Wynnum Station had a siding where large quantities of fish were railed to the fish markets at South Brisbane.

Wynnum South Station was opened in 1898. In April 1932 in response to a request from the Wynnum South Chamber of Commerce, the change of the name "Wynnum South" to "Wynnum Central" was approved.

Passengers, who bought tickets to Wynnum South, having passed through Wynnum North, were inclined to think they had reached their destination when the next station was Wynnum. Fortunately the Station Master was able to direct most of them back on the train before allowing the train to depart.

In 1947 a train service was added on Saturday nights to run from Wynnum to Manly about the time the pictures ended. It was discontinued in 1950.

In 1897 Manly became the most important station when the trains terminated there. Later a turntable was provided to change the direction of the train engine. This turntable was removed in 1971.

Lota, which was named after W. D. White's residence was opened in 1911. It had a platform at ground level, which was raised in 1956.

Ransome's Siding was requested by Mr C.H. Ransome in October 1909, to handle the timber and fire wood he was cutting in the area. In August 1912, Ransome's Siding was moved half a mile towards Lota to allow a new area to be logged.

Only a few passengers used the train past Manly, so Waterloo Station was closed in 1890. It was reopened in 1917 when the P.M.G. objected to the name "Waterloo". South Lota was suggested, but Mr Thorne, a resident and former owner of the land being subdivided had his name perpetuated in the name "Thornside".

Stops were also made at Badgen, named after the home of Mr McDonald who lived and farmed in the area. One of Mr McDonald's sons was the originator of the famous Palms Chutney, named after the palm trees at the front of the house. He eventually changed the name of the house to "The Palms". Bagden railway station has been removed and relocated to the Redland's Shire Historic Village in William Ross Park, Cleveland and used by the Redlands Spinners and Weavers group.

Birkdale, named after the home of George Randall of car speed trap fame. He had two sons, Richard and John. Richard was an artist and a selection of his work was presented to the Brisbane City Council. John had a son who was to be Sir Richard Randall, Secretary to the Treasury. His signature can be found on some of our decimal currency notes when they were first issued.

Wellington was renamed Wellington Point in 1902. This station was closed in 1953.

Ormiston Station was named after the Hon. Louis Hope's sugar plantation. It was here that the trains' engines could take on water. Halts were also made at Barinia between Ormiston and Raby Bay in 1937. At Raby Bay, intending passengers at night signalled their desire to board the train by moving a red slide in front of a white light attached to the waiting shed. This station was opened in 1914.

At Cleveland, the train terminus was called Cleveland West. When the line was extended nearly a mile towards Cleveland Point in December 1897, it was called Cleveland. Cleveland West was renamed Cleveland Central in 1925.

We have travelled the full length of the Brisbane to Cleveland railway. Some of us have travelled this line many times. Now when you travel on the train on this line you will understand when and how some of the stations received their names.

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Wynnum Manly Historical Society group visit

to

Historic Ormiston House

150th Year Gala Celebration Concert

Sunday 30 September 2012

"A spectacular afternoon of entertainment on the lawn of Ormiston House by stars of Opera and Musical Theatre to celebrate 150 years of colonial history".

Gates open at 11.00am Concert 12 noon – 4pm

Cost \$25

(We will book and prepay as a group)

Featuring Scottish Pipes and Drums, local musicians, wide range of musical entertainment and historical displays.

BYO: picnic lunch and/or afternoon tea. BYO: alcohol. Or purchase sandwiches, soft drinks, tea/coffee and biscuit on site.

BYO: folding table/chair.

We suggest car pooling to Ormiston. Do you need a seat or do you have any spare seats?

BOOK at August General Meeting or at the Resource Centre

Bayside Garden Club



We have seats available on our trip to BUNDABERG in October - Mon 15 to Thurs 18

HIGHLIGHTS:

- 🖷 Travel via Eumundi & Childers
- 🖷 Tour Bargara area
- Bargara Berries
- Bundy Rum Visitors Centre
- Tour to 1770 & Agnes Waters
- Hinkler Hall of Aviation
- Visit Local Gardens
- Mamino Ice Creams
- M Brooklyn House, Howard-Devonshire Tea
- Lunch at Yandina Historical House
- Stay at Park Lane Motel, Bundaberg
- All meals included
- Fun & friendship

Cost: \$700.00 p/p Twin Sha

Single Supp. \$150.00

Full payment by 28 Sept

For more information see Jill Greenhill

Wynnum Manly Historical Society Inc.

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING 19 July 2012

(held in the Ambulance Museum Auditorium, Corner Cedar Street and Tingal Road)

The meeting opened at 7.30pm. 44 members were present and 9 apologies were received.

Visitor, Dennis Astill was present.

President Jan Parnell welcomed member Penny McAulay, after her six year stay in the country, and Lena McCreadie, on her return from Scotland. Jan then told us of other important events that occurred on 19 July throughout time, including the history of the Tour de France cycle race.

New member: Mim Carrington was welcomed to the Society.

Minutes of Previous Meeting held on 21 June 2012 were approved by Debbie Tearle seconded by Jan Aplin.

Correspondence inwards and outwards, for June 2012, was presented by Lena McCreadie. The correspondence had been accepted and endorsed at the committee meeting held on Thursday 5 July 2012.

The Financial Report. As Sandy Liddle was not present, the report will be available in the August newsletter.

Resource Centre:

The mystery photo was taken under a seat at Fig Tree Point at Lota. Alison Roff is going to provide information about Mark Roff, which will be printed in the next newsletter.

Future plans for the Wynnum Hotel were shown - a five storey building containing 43 units and 6 shops. Prepared letters of objection were distributed to those members who wished to object to the proposed development.

Tour:

The next tour is being planned for either Saturday 29 September or 6 October 2012 to the Toowoomba district.

General Business:

<u>Future of Wynnum Central State School</u>: Lena and Jill attended a meeting to which was invited a representative of the Brisbane City Council. \$400,000 is to be spent in 2012 – 2013, to audit the condition of the brick building and make any alterations and repairs as necessary. Public consultation as to the future use of the building will be at the end of 2012.

Spot Speaker: Jill Greenhill told the story of the origin of the Wynnum Honour Board

Guest Speaker: **Anne Peterken** looked into the characteristics of the kings of England prior to Henry VIII in an attempt to account for his need to take six wives in order to protect the "Tudor dynasty".

The **Lucky Door** Prize (\$5) was won by Peter Hughes, the Membership Draw (\$5) by Peter Hughes and the raffles by Neville Watson and Marlene Engstrom

The meeting closed at 9.00pm and members and guests were provided with a delicious supper by Minnie Bowman, Nena Robertson and Christina R-Westhouse.

Jill Greenhill. Minute Secretary

MICROFICHE AND MICROFILM RESOURCES HELD BY WMHS

Do you know that the Wynnum Manly Historical Society holds the following resources in the Resource Centre for members to use for free? The friendly volunteers on duty will be more than happy to assist you with use of the equipment.

Microfiche		Microfilm I	
Aldine History of Queensland	1888	Wynnum Herald	12.01.1946 – 12.07.1967
Births Deaths & Marriages in Queensland Pioneer Index Federation Index	1829 – 1889 1890 – 1914	Queensland State Electoral Rolls	1860 - 1910
Commonwealth Electoral Roll Wynnum Manly Hemmant	1903 – 1989 1903 – 1982		
Peter Spicer's Moreton Bay Diaries	1828 – 1949		
Queensland Post Office Directories	1868 – 1949		
Queensland Government Gazette	1859 – 1869		
Queensland Land Records	1856 – 1859		
St Helena Diary	1897 – 1910		

RESOURCES FOR SALE

For those of you who cannot make it into the Resource Centre, below is a list of books which the Society has for sale. If you would like to purchase any of these books, please contact **Jill Greenhill**. Some of these authors offer a part donation to the Wynnum Manly Historical Society from book sales to Society members. This is a good way to help support your Society.

Author	Title	Publication year	Cost
Beitz, Myrtle	Mangroves to moorings revisited	2005	\$ 35.00
Beitz, Myrtle	A quick tour around Wynnum, Manly, Lota	2006	Donation
Davenport, Winifred & Mottram, Betty	Early shipping in Moreton Bay: June 1846 - December 1859, Volume 1	1998	\$ 10.00
Davenport, Winifred & Mottram, Betty	Early shipping in Moreton Bay: January 1860 – December 1863, Volume 2 (2nd ed)	2002	\$ 10.00
Nalder, Robyn	From sapling to kero tin: A peek at Gumdale's past	2004	\$ 15.00
Nock, Betty	History of music in the Wynnum and Manly area 1900-1997	1998	\$ 5.00
Nock, Betty	History of arts in the Wynnum and Manly area 1900-2003	2005	\$ 5.00

SHIRTS AND BADGES

Why not own a smart maroon WMHS polo **shirt** - only \$22. Or a maroon WMHS **spray jacket** - \$35.00. Or a maroon WMHS warm fleecy **zip up jacket** for winter - \$35.00.

Polo shirts in all sizes available now in the Resource Room so come and try one on. .

Do you have the new badge -\$10.

Contact Jill (3393 3208) to order.

Calendar of WYNNUM MANLY HISTORICAL SOCIETY events

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August 2012	2	September 20	12	October 2012		
Thursday, 16th	7.30pm	Thursday, 20th	7.30pm	Thursday, 18th	7.30pm	
AUGUST GENERA	L MEETING	SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEETING		OCTOBER GENER	AL MEETING	
Where: Ambulance Muse Cnr Cedar St & T		Where: Ambulance Mu Cnr Cedar St &	useum Auditorium & Tingal Road	Where: Ambulance Mu Cnr Cedar St &	seum Auditorium Tingal Road	
Topic: Sinking and Centaur Speaker: Pam & Jim Ailker	finding of the	Topic: TBA Speaker:		Topic: TBA Speaker:		
Visitors welcome.		Visitors welcome.		Visitors welcome.		
Cost: Gold coin donation		Cost: Gold coin donati	on	Cost: Gold coin donation	on	
Thursday, 30th	10am	Thursday, 27th	10am	Thursday, 25th	10am	
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Where: Wynnum Library 66 Bay Terrace		Where: Wynnum Libra 66 Bay Terrac		Where: Wynnum Librar 66 Bay Terrace		
Speaker: TBA		Speaker: TBA		Speaker: TBA		
Topic:		Topic:		Topic:		
Cost: Free.		Cost: Free.		Cost: Free.		
		Sunday, 30th	11am-4pm			
		VISIT ORMISTOI 150TH ANNIVERSAR	N HOUSE			
		Where: Ormiston Hous 277 Wellingtor Ormiston	•			
		To mark Ormiston House spectacular afternoon including opera and m pipes and drums, y historical displays is bein	of entertainment usical theatre, Scottish oung musicians and			
		Bring a chair or blanket available or bring your ov	Refreshments will be wn picnic.			
		Cost: \$25.00				



We now have a Facebook page? Search for **Wynnum Manly Historical Society** and "**Like**" us and check out all the photos being uploaded.

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Calendar of other community events of interest

August 2012	September 2012 October 2012	
Thursday, 16th &	Monday, 10th 10.30am – 2pm	Tuesday, 23rd 10am – 11am
Saturday, 18th 10am – 11.30am	FAMILY HISTORY SEMINAR	ARCHIVES SEARCH
MAKING AUSTRALIA HOME WITH DIFFICULTY Where: National Archives of Australia	Where: Wynnum Library Guest presenter: Lady Mary Teviot from the	Where: Queensland State Archives Compton Road Runcorn
16 Corporate Drive Cannon Hill Discover how the government tried to control Chinese migration to Australia. The records	UK. 2 sessions – you can attend one or both. 10.30-11.30 Underused sources for family history research.	This seminar provides researchers with an introduction to our searchable catalogue <i>ArchivesSearch</i> which can be accessed online or in the Public Search Room at Queensland State Archives.
available at NAA reveal how difficult it was sometimes for Chinese people to settle here. Cost: Free	1pm-2pm Kill or cure: Medicine in the 19th century. Cost: Free but BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL.	Cost: FREE. Bookings phone 3131 7777.
Bookings: Phone 3249 4226 or email brisbane.events@naa.gov.au	Bookings phone 3403 2199	
Sunday, 19th 1pm – 4.30pm	Thursday, 13th 10.30am - ?	Wednesday, 24th 6pm - ?
THE MAYNE INHERITANCE HERITAGE TOUR	A SHORT HISTORY OF FLYING BOATS AND THEIR OPERATION IN BRISBANE	DOES HERITAGE HAVE A FUTURE?
A young Irish farm labourer who became a council alderman, property owner and a suspected murderer. Meet the author of <i>The Mayne Inheritance</i> and visit "Moorlands", the old family home. Cost: \$40.00 (includes afternoon tea and guide). Bookings essential on 3365 5423 or email medalum@uq.edu.au.	Where: Miegunyah House Museum 35 Jordan Terrace Bowen Hills Guest speaker is Dr Graeme Nicholson. Further details available by phoning 3252 2979. Cost: \$12.00 includes morning tea. Bookings phone 3252 2979.	Where: State Library of Queensland South Bank. Come along and enjoy a lively panel discussion with Queensland identities national broadcaster Richard Fidler; author and social commentator Benjamin Law; journalist Kathleen Noonan; author, feminist and educator Dr Dale Spender AM; and facilitator Dr Kate Evans about the relevance of heritage in the digital age.
		Cost: Free. Bookings essential on 3840 7768.
Saturday, 25th 2pm – 4pm BRISBANE'S RUBBITY DUBS! Explore the place of 'pub' and 'club' in the evolution of Brisbane society from colonial times to the present day.	Wednesday, 15th & Saturday, 19th 10am-11.30am ARCHIVAL ANECDOTES: STRANGE AND UNUSUAL RECORDS Where: National Archives of Australia 16 Corporate Drive Cannon Hill	
Cost: \$10.00 Bookings essential: Phone 3403 8470.	This seminar looks at some of the more unusual records discovered in the NAA collection. Cost: Free Bookings: Phone 3249 4226 or email brisbane.events@naa.gov.au	
Saturday, 25th 10am – 3.30pm	Sunday, 30th 10am – 11.30am	
CELEBRATING OUR HERITAGE Where: Commissariat Store Museum 115 William Street Brisbane. This seminar traces the beginnings of the state's heritage protection as well as highlights different aspects of heritage and includes examples of successful adaptive re-use of heritage buildings.	BRISBANE'S HISTORIC SHOPPING & BUSINESS PRECINCTS This is a walking tour to enable you to bask in the shopping experiences of times past. Appreciate historic facades and beautiful arcades and buildings. Cost: \$10.00. Bookings essential on 3403 8470.	
Cost: \$10.00		

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Deadline for newsletter submissions: By Sunday, 9 September 2012 for September 2012 issue.

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