



WYNNUM MANLY

HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.

October Newsletter

GENERAL MEETING

**Thursday 18th
October
2018**

7pm for 7.15pm start

**Ambulance
Auditorium**

(Corner of Cedar St and
Tingal Road Wynnum)

Speaker

David Ellis

Immediate Past-
President of the
'Mission to Seafarers'
Port of Brisbane

will tell us of the

**History of the
Seafarers Mission
over the last
126 years**

Door Prize

Membership Draw

Raffle

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Presidents Report

Hello Everybody

Reading through the archives of the Wynnum Manly Historical Society, I note this month we are celebrating the Society's 30th birthday. So, I hope you can come along to our birthday celebration at the October meeting. As I write this I am not sure what prompted the formation of the Society and who the first members were and who the first President was. But I intend to ask a few questions of the committee at our next committee meeting and I to share the information with you all at the October meeting. We will have a 30th birthday cake so I hope you can make it along to the October meeting on Thursday 18th at 0715 pm to join in the celebrations.

So much has been happening over the last month, especially for me, with school holidays. Our two grandsons come to us over the holidays (I think they look after us now rather than the other way around, as it was when they were younger) The eldest grandson is a big of a "tech head" so any computer, netflix or iPad issues we have, he is on hand to sort them out for us. This time the problem was with "google photos" we needed to set up "SOMETHING" so we could download the holiday photos from our daughter and her family who are taking a year off to travel the world. Ten minutes and it was all done as well as all the updates I should have been doing since last holidays!! Technology is a wonderful thing if you have a "tech boy" on hand, and he doesn't eat much!!

We have also enjoyed a visit from my brother-in-law and his family from Melbourne. Richard's wife and children are originally from Thailand and this is the first time the two children have visited Brisbane. Consequently, we have been out and about acting as tourist guides, doing things we don't normally do, like taking the City Cat from Bulimba to St Lucia and back to South Bank. Wondering why we don't do this more often, we have a beautiful river and comfortable public transport to explore it by. Also, the free city centre loop buses with stops along the route include QUT, Botanic Gardens, Queen Street Mall, City Hall, Central Station, Riverside and Eagle Street Pier. Why don't I use them more often instead of waiting for visitors??? We also took the Stradbroke Flyer across the bay from Cleveland to Dunwich and back just for a gentle boat ride. Then caught the train back to Wynnum North. So much so close and not

very expensive and right on our door step. I guess it takes visitors to remind us what we have.

Well that all for this month, I look forward to seeing you at the October meeting to celebrate our 30th Birthday.

Till next time.

Deb Tearle

Bremer River Junction Day Cruise

For the last two years we have endeavoured to reach the Bremer River Junction.

Cruises are sparse as there must be a suitable high tide and sufficient passengers!

There is a cruise sailing from Hamilton on **Sunday 20 January 2019**, past Indooroopilly, Jindalee and Moggill to the mouth of the Bremer River and return. Wonderful mansions and new developments feature on this cruise. The flood recovery from 2011 is mostly complete, only a few reminders remain.

If we can collect **ten** names of persons interested in a river trip next January, we can book a Maxi-Taxi to get us to and from Mowbray Park.

Cost \$67 which includes Morning and Afternoon Tea and a BBQ lunch.

We need to collect a deposit (\$30.00) now, if you are interested, as we will have to make a booking before Christmas to reserve tickets for the "Lady Brisbane".

Jill: 3393 3208 or jillg01@tpg.com.au

Lord Mayor's Seniors Christmas Party

Thursday 6 December 2018 at 12.30 pm, Brisbane City Hall

An exciting variety Concert, with Refreshments, under the glittering dome of Brisbane City Hall's Main Auditorium.

We have been allocated a FREE table for 10 persons.

Put your name on the list. Jill 3393 3208 or jillg01@tpg.com.au

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The Story of Woodforth's Arcade

This was the first arcade built in Wynnum at Bay Terrace, on the site of Woodforth Garage, located between Clara and Edith Streets, opposite the old Post Office. The garage had moved away in 1951 to the corner of Bay Terrace and Berrima Street.

The foundations of the arcade were laid in early 1957. There were to be seven shops of modern design of brick construction. The contract for the building was with Jenkins and Day, who had recently finished the Boden building (Baretraps today) and were presently constructing the new Council Chambers (Civic Centre, now demolished for development of "Enclave") further north along Bay Terrace.

Design plans were prepared by Mr Reg. E Wood, a local engineer and draftsman. Brickwork was executed by Mr Jack Clune of Waterview Avenue, plumbing by Mr Huysing of Wynnum Road, Cannon Hill, painting by Mr P A Thomas of Morningside and electrical installations by Hamilton and Parker of Cannon Hill. Plasterers were Mr P Hiscock and Son of Manly West and Sign Writing was by Mr H Bone of Gordon Parade.

The official opening was held on Thursday 15 August 1957 at 9.30am with Mr W M Gunn, MLA as the official visitor. The occasion was said to mark:

“ another milestone in the development of the Wynnum business community. This new development demonstrates the faith in the future of the district that has long been the foremost in the minds of some prominent citizens and business men, a faith that they have prepared to back with solid bricks and mortar, which will stand as a monument to their enterprise and courage.”

On opening day there were six businesses trading:

W Lamond, Real Estate Agent
 Christian's Delicatessen and Snack Bar
 Simond's Fruit Shop
 Alfreda Millinery
 Murray, Barber shop and
 Carousel Frock Salon.

The Carousel Frock Salon

The Press advertised the Salon as:

“A dazzling merry-go-round of fashion, a wide and varied range presented for the approval of the womenfolk the teenager, the business girl, the matron.

Under the direction of Miss Isobel Deacon, who is most charming and helpful and has a wide range of experience, more recently in a leading city salon. With Miss Deacon's experience in the field she is well suited to advertise and help in all matters dealing with fashion.

The charming Carousel motif, incorporated into the decorative scheme is most colourful and pleasing.”

Isobel Deacon, the daughter of a lawyer met Sybil Jennings, daughter of a chartered accountant in 1953 when both were employees of a Brisbane Central Business Development Real Estate agency. They parted each to take up new positions, both coincidentally in retail fashion.

In 1956, after an apprenticeship into fashion at trendy Malouf's of Queen Street, Sybil Jennings decided she had learnt enough to open her own store, a pretty little shop, named "Julie Ann" opposite the Many Hotel. Meanwhile Deacon had served her apprenticeship at "Arlette", also in Queen Street and was opening a fashion shop in Wynnum. (Continued overleaf)

The two went into partnership. "Julie Ann", the shop in Manly was sold and the duo spend the next 11 years in Wynnum. Their store was named "Carousel" referring to the merry-go-round of fashion and opened in Wood-

forth's Arcade in 1957. They expanded and relocated twice. They opened another store at Morningside and one at Mount Gravatt.

By 1967 all the shops were sold and the partnership moved to the Gold Coast, re-surfacing in Surfer's Paradise.

Two years later "Carousel" came to Brisbane City in part of the refurbished Mathers store in Queen Street. In 1976 they had the chance to snap up a whole floor of Mathers and "Big Girls" is born, the first showroom in Queensland specialising in smart fashions for the larger woman.

This move changed Carousel for ever and the duo became merchants of larger sizes exclusively. When they retired in 1992 they had outlets in Toowoomba, Queen Street and Surfer's Paradise. The pair had known each other for 50 years, shared a house since 1969 and had a common interest in Jaguar cars.

ARCADÉ at the Smarter End of Bay Terrace

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After 7 years in retirement on the beachfront at Mermaid Beach, they launched Sybil's Mermaid Beach Big Girl Fashion Boutique because they saw the need, as the man who bought "Carousel Gold Coast" had closed his store.

2001 saw the purchase of the heritage-listed White Horse Hotel building in Ruthven Street, Toowoomba, dating back to 1866. The cost at auction was \$850,000. It was here that they had established the Toowoomba "Carousel" store in 1989.



Isabel and Sybil and the White Horse Hotel Toowoomba

Sybil Joyce (Nellie) Jennings died of cancer in 2007.

Compiled by Jill Greenhill

Resource Centre Report - October 2018



- *Gift from Joan Pease*

We add to our collection a book presented to us by Joan Pease, Member for Lytton, containing many beautiful photographs

"100years of Queensland Parliament".

Thank you Joan.

- *The "Carousel" Ladies*

Lloyd Jones an architectural researcher at the University of Queensland is working on a project on the architect Robin Gibson who is best known as the architect of the Queensland Art Gallery and Queensland Performing Arts Centre.

Lloyd had read an article on the women who started the clothing store Carousel, and that they first opened in 1957 in Wynnum. The street awning was said to be to be designed by Robin Gibson.

From research through newspapers, and the knowledge of locals, "Carousel" was located at the rear of the Woodforth Arcade, the first arcade in Wynnum built in 1957. The shop did not have a street frontage. (See story on pages 3, 4 and 6)

- *Shop on corner of Gordon Parade and Kingsley Terrace*

In the Resource Centre Report of August 2015, we were seeking information about this shop.

In August 2018 Patricia Maher noticed the request online, and sent us this reply from Welby, New South Wales:

"There were three shop keepers between 1940's and 1960's. They may have owned or rented the property. Mr and Mrs Powell were there in the 1940's. As there were seven of us in the Maher family the Powells often gave us free loaves of bread. In the 1950's Alan and Crystal Turner were in the shop. They left the shop when Allan successfully ventured into Real Estate in Wynnum and they moved into a house in Boswell Terrace.



Chick Ruthven and his wife took over in the 1960's. However In the 1960's Cash and Carry stores were developing, marking the end of the Corner Store. The Ruthvens returned to their home town of Hornsby.

There were several accidents on that corner in those days. People were not as road aware as they are today. There were no line markings on the road and no Give Way signs. In one accident a utility hit a car and a garden pitchfork was thrown out and embedded itself 2 – 3 inches into the wall of the shop, evidence of which may still be there today. I (Pauline Maher) was the youngest of six at 68 Kingsley Terrace and part of my chores was to visit the shop. Not many people had refrigeration in the 1950's so as dessert was being served I had to run to the shop with a bowl for scoops of ice cream."

Till next time.

Jill

Ronald James Woodforth (1897 – 1958)

Ron's parents, James Frederick and Rosetta (nee Bolt) were married on 12 August 1896. Their eldest son, Ronald James Woodforth was born on 25 July 1897 at Newstead, Brisbane.

Ron's father, James, was a painter. The family resided in Jane Street, Breakfast Creek. In 1899 James was a coachpainter of Commercial Road Newstead. Four children followed the birth of Ron. They were daughter Doris Ireen Rosetta (1900), then Norman Sydney (1903), Pearlie Margaret May (1907) and James Maitland Thomas (1910). After the family had arrived at Wynnum, Lenton Brisbane was born in 1913.

The family came to Wynnum in 1911, when Ron was 14 and James and Rosetta's first address was Water Street (now Colina Street in front of the Croquet Club). The next address was at "Mintacute" in Chestnut Street in 1917, then "Mena House" in Pine Street in 1921.

The eldest son of the family, **Ronald James**, served an apprenticeship with the local Cycle Works, then started his own motor and cycle works in the Mors Building in Florence Street, Wynnum in 1920. In 1922 he acquired premises opposite, on a site that was part of Wynnum Central School. Also in 1922, Ron married Gladys Lydia Sibley. Son Kenneth James was born in 1924, daughter June in 1925 and son Ronald Hedley in 1927. The family lived in Gibb Street.



In 1928, Ron moved his business from Florence Street to Bay Terrace, between Edith and Clara Streets, opposite the Post Office. He built a new garage on part of the land, the flower garden, of the Kerr family.

Mr and Mrs Kerr were the grandparents of member, Nena Robertson and they lived at 150 Bay Terrace. After Mr Kerr died his flower garden was tended for a while by his son and then Ron Woodforth had the use of the land. Six years later, in 1934, Ron purchased this property, which later would become Woodforth's Arcade. His previous premises, in Florence Street, said to be an old shed, were purchased by the Education Department and used for the teaching of manual arts.

In 1951 Ron built a new modern service station on the tennis court on the south eastern corner of Berrima Street and Bay Terrace opposite the Waterloo Bay Hotel. This garage became the location of a Ford sub-dealership in 1953. In 2008 this property was known as Pitstop Garage.

Ron Woodforth

Ron's business moved again, to a new spacious workshop facing Bay Terrace on the corner of Berrima Street. In 1958 extensive additions were added to provide a larger workshop and showrooms, which later became Bayside Mufflers, and now new units have been constructed on the land.

Ron was Past Master of Tuscan and Kianawah Lodges and a member of Conclave Lodge, Joseph of Aramathea and the Order of the Eastern Star. He was a foundation member of Kianawah Lodge. He died in August 1958, the year that his Arcade, the Woodforth Arcade, was opened.

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Wynnum Community Centre, Room 1.08, 105 Florence Street Wynnum M-F 10am to Noon, or
Wynnum Manly Historical Society, PO Box 318, Wynnum Q 4178, or
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The End-of-Year Break-up is rapidly approaching



Our November meeting will be the last meeting for 2018.

Please help to make this a special evening by donating to our Christmas Raffles.

All donations of treats for the Raffles would be gratefully appreciated (especially the Chocolate ones)

Please bring your donations along to the October meeting or drop them in at the Resource Centre (Old Wynnum Central School)

Thank you



Membership for 2019

Our Financial Year ends on December 31 2018

Membership Fees are due on January 1 2019

Members \$20 Households \$30 High School Student \$15

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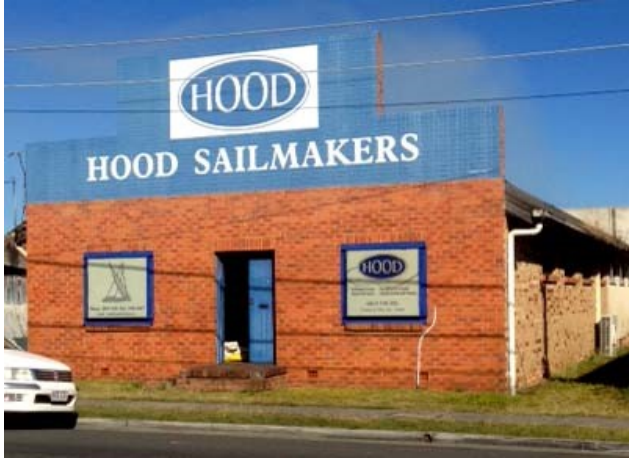
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In this tidy and organised boot-makers' and saddlers' shop the prisoners faced back to the camera. Prisoners were never photographed 'face on' This photo taken in 1912

Boot makers' and saddlers' shop



September 2018 Where am I?



124 Glenora Street Wynnum September 2018

124 Glenora Street Wynnum.

The first clothing factory in Wynnum was opened here, in 1951, by the Kenwick family.

Father, John Kenwick, and his wife Vera rented a house in Chestnut Street around 1911, before buying land in Manly where they and their family lived in a tent until they could afford to build a house. John worked as a clothes cutter in Brisbane, then in 1916 set up his own clothing factory in South Brisbane.

The business moved to Glenora Street in 1951 with John's three sons, Stan, Cec and George in charge of operations.

October 2018 Where am I?



Till next time

Jill

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When	Where	What's On
October 21 2018 10:30 am—1:30pm Cost: Adult \$35 Bookings Essential call: 0457 675 137 or email administrator@ormistonhouse.org.au	Ormiston House 277 Wellington Street Ormiston, Queensland 4000	Spring High Tea Enjoy a scrumptious high tea with all the elegance of yesterday on the wide verandah of historic Ormiston House overlooking Moreton Bay. There will be a delicious selection of sweets and savouries on tiered plates, served with your choice of coffee or speciality tea. Enjoy a glass of champagne on arrival and live entertainment on the historic grand piano!
October 25 2018 10-11am Bookings essential	Wynnum Library 145 Florence Street, Wynnum 4178 (above Woolworths)	Local history: The war to end all wars One hundred years ago, on the 11th of November 1918, the War to end all wars finally ended. The lasting peace they hoped for did not eventuate, but the memories remain. Come along and celebrate the peace and the good things that came from that long conflict - the poems, the songs and the stories that we still love today.
October 25 2018 10-11am Bookings essential	Wynnum Library 145 Florence Street, Wynnum 4178 (above Woolworths)	Meet Liz Harfull Join best-selling author Liz Harfull as she explores previously untold stories about a selection of community cookbooks and the unsung women who put them together. Forget celebrity chefs. The books that truly reflect what most Australians cooked and ate at home for more than 100 years were put together by people you have never heard of, all in the name of helping others. Community cookbooks have raised millions of dollars for thousands of causes, since what is regarded as the first Australian example was released in Queensland in the 1890s. Based on original research, <i>Tried, Tested and True</i> combines wonderful stories with carefully selected recipes and illustrated with rare photos and vintage advertisements.
October 28 2018 12:30 am—2:30pm Cost: Adult \$7, Concession \$5, Children 5-12 \$2	Ormiston House 277 Wellington Street Ormiston, Queensland 4000	Disney comes to Ormiston House Ignite your child's imagination with an afternoon featuring Disney music, song and dance by the outstanding students of the Griffith University Queensland Conservatorium, the Queensland Ballet, Collusion Music and many local performers. Come dressed as your favourite Disney character and experience the magic! You will enjoy great music from vocalists like Ashleigh Denning and Oliver Samson, some exciting and award-winning choirs from Redlands Eisteddfod, a treasure hunt in the grounds, face painting, fairy floss, snow cones, ice cream and hot dogs!
October 28 2018 11-12:30pm	QPS Headquarters 200 Roma Street Brisbane	Tracing Your Indigenous Family Tree with Cathy Franklin

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 \$20.00

Family \$30.00

High School Student \$10.00

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