

WYNNUM MANLY HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.

February Newsletter

February General Meeting

The Wynnum - Stradbroke Island Connection

*Illustrated with items
from the NSIHM
collection.*

**Elisabeth Gondwe,
Ethnographer, North
Stradbroke Island
Historical Museum**

Thursday, 18th February, 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**

*Thankyou to Ian Wheeler, Eris
Powell and Wendy Smith for
providing supper this month.*

Presidents Report



Greetings...& welcome to our first newsletter for 2016. I do hope that you had an enjoyable break and are ready to face whatever 2016 has to bring. In any case, I hope that you all have a happy and fulfilling year ahead and most of all hope that we see peace, tolerance and consideration for others in this fragile and volatile world that we live in. I love reading some of the words of our great statesmen. I consider that Abraham Lincoln had the right idea, when, in 1865, at his Second Inaugural Address, he said:

"With malice toward none; with clarity for all; with firmness in the right, as God gives us to see the right, let us strive on to finish the work we are in: to bind up the nation's wounds; to care for him who shall have borne the battle, and for his widow and his orphan, to do all which may achieve and cherish a just and lasting peace among ourselves, and with all nations."

By the time our meeting comes, our resource centre should be fully operational. The big move took place on Friday 29 January, and Jill and some volunteers have been setting everything up. Thanks to all who have helped out. It is very much appreciated. I do hope that you all will come and visit the new rooms in the Wynnum Central Community Centre, and make use of the many resources that are there.

On a sadder note, I have to advise members of the death of one of our early members, John Davies on Wednesday 3rd February. John joined the Historical Society in 1989 and was President 1991-1992. We plan to have some more information about John in our next newsletter. He was one of our life members as well.

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Society Tours in 2016

Keep these days free!

Saturday 30 April 2016

GOLD COAST LIGHT RAIL

We will travel to down the coast to Southport for Morning Tea, have a ride on the Gold Coast Light Rail to Broadbeach, then be picked up and taken for Lunch.

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.

AN EXTRA OUTING

A group of members are considering joining one of **Brisbane Cruises** for their trip through Moreton Bay Marine Park to the Broadwater. Dates which suit the tides are Saturday 25 June and Sunday 24 July.

This is a calm water cruise, down to the Gold Coast via the Islands of Moreton Bay, to Southport. The boat passes 300 islands, various resorts and white sandy beaches. Price includes a return coach from Marina Mirage to Brett's Wharf Hamilton.

\$79.00 Price includes Cruise, Morning and Afternoon Tea, BBQ Lunch and return coach fare.

Please talk to Deborah (3396 9697) who has first-hand experience, Jill (3393 3208) or any member of the committee if you are interested in joining this cruise.

President's report continued...

I wonder how many of you, like myself, have been glued to the TV over the last few weeks watching tennis - both the Queensland games and then the Australian Open. There have been some brilliant games and it is very good to see how these top athletes handle the game. Their athleticism and agility is just amazing and is refreshing to watch.

Although an early form of tennis must have been played in the time of Henry VIII, the game as we know it was invented in Wales in 1873 by Walter C. Wingfield, and has steadily risen to become one of the most popular of international sporting events. The most prestigious tournaments include Wimbledon, the US Open (formerly known as Forest Hills), the French Open, and the Australian Open.

Wimbledon Championships was the first to start in 1877, and this was followed by the US Open in 1881, the French Open in 1891 and the Australian Open in 1905. Initially, it was men only in all of these venues and women were introduced several years later. Wimbledon in 1884, US Open in 1887, French Open in 1897, and finally in Australia in 1922. Australia has produced some very good tennis players over the years, both in the women's and men's categories. Names such as Rod Laver, Ken Rosewall, Roy Emerson, Margaret Court and Yvonne Goolagong come to mind.

All for now, looking forward to seeing you at our next meeting on 18th February.

Best wishes,
Jan Parnell



Mixed doubles on the tennis courts at Wynnum, Brisbane, ca. 1925

John Oxley library, 5681 Views of Regional Queensland.

Resource Centre Report – February 2016



- *At last – We have moved?*

The old Resource Room is empty, waiting for a good vacuum out, before the keys go back to the City Council.

At 7.00am on Friday 29 January, the Removalists came, and, in one and half hours, all the contents of the Room were packed into their 2 vans.

The Removalists missed Florence Street and came driving across the newly laid turf fronting onto Charlotte Street, to the back of the former school.

(The latest rumour indicates that the new turf is not part of the future park, but intended as a future car park. So there will only be a very small strip of park adjacent to the old Fig Tree. There is a petition circulating asking for the newly grassed area to be included into the park. Though we need car parking space we hope that members will sign for extended parklands.)

By 11.30am all was unpacked but overflowed the smaller space that we have been allocated. We will have to downsize!

By noon on Sunday 31 January Ellen and I had unpacked most of the many, many boxes. We can now see the floor carpet again, but items are just placed on the flat surfaces and will take many months for all to be fully organised again.

So, please, excusing the chaos, come and visit us in the old School Office. Enter the ground floor door in Florence Street, follow the signs to the lift, go to Floor 1 and we are diagonally across from the lift, in the old school office, adjacent to the old front doors of the school.

- *The Haines Family*

Edith wrote to the Society, seeking information about the Haines family.

Alfred Haines lived at Colmslie. He had two sons, one was a blacksmith, the other son a greenkeeper.

During the period, 1912 to 1934, there was a blacksmith shop in the Morningside area trading as “P. Haines, General Blacksmith”. Another shop is said to be at Bulimba.

Can anyone assist Edith to trace her family? Please let me know.

- *Our connection with Toowoomba*

Peter Cullen of Toowoomba Historical Society is researching the history of Westbrook Reformatory, and wrote enquiring as to the location of Reformatory Hill in the Wynnum area. We provided Peter with the following information.

“Long-term prisoners lived on the hulk “Proserpine” moored at the mouth of the Brisbane River, whilst they built the prison on St Helena Island. The prison was completed in 1867. The hulk was then used to house the “Reformatory Boys”, boys suffering from neglect who gained the reputation of being boys with a criminal past. James W Wassell was the Superintendent in charge. The boys were given some education, learned a trade and they helped to build a Reformatory building on Signal Hill. They moved there, from the hulk, in 1881. The reformatory closed in 1899 and, after a short stay in South Brisbane, the boys were moved to Westbrook, near Toowoomba, in 1900. ”

Peter has promised to send us his research findings on Westbrook Reformatory.

Till next time, Jill

Supper Rosters

Welcome to 2016, I hope everyone had a happy and safe festive season, most importantly you were able to find a cool spot on those very humid days. The end of January and February are the only times I wish I was living somewhere with cooler temperatures, but on the whole we do live in a wonderful country, not to mention the best place in country (my personal opinion).

We all enjoy our supper after each of our meetings thanks to some of our members who are willing to volunteer their services and bring along a plate of goodies (or two) and help out serving tea, coffee or cold drinks and then help out washing up at the end of the evening. Thank you to all who volunteer to do this at one meeting per year, your fellow members appreciate your time and effort.

As you can see we have spaces in our supper roster for 2016. Can you help, just one evening per year is all we need. If you can help, please give me a call on 3396 9697 (leave a message) and let me know which month would suit you. I know members would be happy to swap months around.

Would you also check your contact detail are correct, if not please ring or email and let me know so I can make the changes for our next newsletter.

Deborah Tearle

February	Ian Wheeler Eris Powell Wendy Smith	3396 9923 3348 3087 3396 4508
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August	Lyn Shanks Carol Astill Wendy Parsons	3396 3792 3396 5481 3207 3592
September	Margaret Bullock Jillian Mahoney	3396 3230 3393 1655 3893 3363
October	Ellen Coupland Anne Hall Deborah Tearle	3899 1326 0412 634 587 0407 629 180
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A School for Wynnum?

The Land

In 1892, local residents applied for a provisional school. The application was rejected. A School Building Committee was formed and re-applied again in 1894. Again rejection, as Lytton school was in the vicinity.

Mr Falkiner, Secretary of the Building Committee renewed the application one month later on 26 July 1894. His argument was as follows:-

“Since May 1890 the number of residencies has increased in the district, from 37 to 134. Within the past nine months 22 house have been completed and 10 are now in the course of construction.
A Wesleyan Church has been built and a site secured for the Church of England.
We have a commanding Divisional Branch Hall, used for Church services, SundaySchool and Freemasons.
Railway trains have increased from one each night and morning to seven each way daily.
The Lytton State School is outside the division.”

The response of the Minister of Education was:-

“ . . .there’s no sense in building a new school in Wynnum and leaving the Lytton School empty.”

On 15 November 1894, one and a half acres were purchased (Portion 58 Lots 266 -275 and 283 - 287) for school purposes at £10 per subdivision.

However the Minister approved the purchase of this 1½ acres of land between Charlotte Street and Florence Street, from C J W South (£50) and A Jeffer (£125). The Works Department paid £135 and the School Building Committee provided £35.

A School Building

The Works Department were very keen to move Lytton School to this site which would cost £350 rather than build a new school at an estimated cost of £655

In August 1895 a meeting of the Lytton, Wynnum and Manly residents voted unanimously against the removal of the Lytton School to Wynnum. 27 Lytton parents, representing 42 pupils, petitioned the Minister not to move Lytton School

For the building of a new building, money was needed from the community. The Ladies Committee of the Kianawah Divisional Board were ardent fundraisers running Bazaars and Concerts. When £65 had been collected building began and the first building was constructed in 1895.

The School opens

On 24 February 1896, first Headmaster, Mr Frederick Henry Clarke (Feb 1896 to August 1906) opened the school to 80 pupils. The average attendance for the rest of the year was 85.

Emma Snelling, aged 15 was the first student enrolled.

(First Instalment) Jill Greenhill

At the November 2015 Meeting, during the Trivia questions, the audience queried the commencement of the Meal-on-Wheels service. The Trivia Master had a typing mistake in the answers! 1976 should have read 1967. My humble apologies.

FIRST WEEK'S OPERATIONS SUCCESSFUL

The first week of operations by the Meals-on-Wheels Committee has been highly successful, with all teams working without a single hitch.

This was reported by the Hon. Secretary Mrs Iris Brewer, who also said the recipients of the meals had adjusted themselves to the routine.

Local medical men have commented favourably on the services being rendered by the Meals-on-Wheels Committee. Much of the credit for the smoothness of running the kitchen at St Oswald's Hall is due to the committee provisioner, Mrs M McQuillan, who attends daily and gives instruction on procedure to the volunteer ladies.

Mrs McQuillan has advised team leaders to be present in the kitchen at all times, especially from next month onwards, when teams would be expected to take over the complete running of each day's work. Having a team leader in the kitchen means there will be four persons present week day instead of three as at present.

Mr Ron Schmidt, who is the temporary roster officer, commented that cooks were still required for some teams during the balance of the April roster (announced in the Notices section of this issue of the "Herald"). Mr Schmidt said he would be pleased to hear from anyone who is prepared to fill in the roster as a cook.

To assist cooks and cook aides in the running of the kitchen, Wynnum Gas Company will conduct a cooking demonstration at a Morning Tea to be held in St Oswald's Hall, Prospect Street, Wynnum North on Tuesday April 20 at 10.00a.m. St Oswald's Ladies will assist on this occasion and proceeds will go to the Hall Improvement Fund. All interested residents are invited to attend.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Refrigerator donated by Quota Club.

Previously acknowledged \$1074.30.

Recent Donations: Reedmans \$10, Ministers Fraternal \$30, Mrs A Lewis \$1, St Oswald's Women's Guild \$20, Mr Rbinson \$1, Mrs Stratton \$1, Mr and Mrs Johnstone \$2, Manly Hotel \$17.50, Fisher's Hotel \$17.50, L Love \$3.

Donations of goods and services:

Wynnum and Manly Quota Club 12 cu ft refrigerator

Albert Bunney and Sons, all timber and fittings for cupboards:

Wynnum and Manly Apex Club, labour in painting kitchen walls and cupboards.

Source: Wynnum Herald Wednesday 12 April 1967

Where was I? November 2015



A row of crayons at the door of Guardian Angel's School, Bay Terrace.

Does anyone know who designed the structure and its date of origin?

Where am I? February 2016



Wanted

Does anyone have a working, but “now-not-used”, **SMALL Vacuum Cleaner**, that you could lend/donate to the new Resource Centre?

The carpet is dark in colour and shows up every speck of dust and dirt, requiring very regular cleaning.

Series EARLY DAYS

Volume 1 No.20

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



This photo shows a large number of happy bathers at Manly in the 1920's. Men were wearing the one piece costume while the ladies were sure to have their “neck to knee” outfits. Very long dresses and sunshades were in vogue with the ladies, children were wearing hats while in the water. The upper part of the photo shows the long arm of Wellington Point.

Wynnum Manly Historical Society Inc

Minutes of General Meeting held in the Ambulance Museum Auditorium

on Thursday 19 November 2015

The meeting opened at 7.30pm with 35 members present, 10 apologies and one visitor Fay Smith.

President Jan Parnell welcomed all present to the Christmas Meeting.

This being the Christmas Meeting, there was no opening business meeting. (See Financial Statement below)

The assembled company sat in seven circles and, complete with answer sheets, embarked on a Local History Trivia Competition, judged by many to be rather hard!

The festive raffles, made up with goods donated by members, were won as follows:-

1. Gerald Cunneen
2. Wendy Smith
3. Col Brown
4. Mavis Wagner
5. Lloyd and Raylee Kelk
6. Gary Parsons
7. Carole Astill
8. Jill Mahoney
9. Noela Stratton

The Door Prize was won by Margaret Collins

A festive supper was set up by Myrtle Beitz, Deb Tearle and members of the Committee.

Meeting closed at 9.30pm.

Jill Greenhill (Minute Secretary)

Financial Statement for 1 – 31 October 2016

BOQ A/c No. 20139708	1 October – 31 October 2015	
Opening Balance at 1 October 2015		\$36,122.73
which comprises:		
<u>Everyday Account</u>		
Opening balance at 1 October		\$ 4,613.66
Income \$390.05 Expenditure \$374.82		
Closing Balance at 31 October 2015		\$ 4,572.95
and		
<u>Websaver Account</u> at 31 October 2015 (Inc. Interest \$48.23)		\$31,613.24
<u>TOTAL FUNDS at 31 October 2015</u>		<u>\$36,186.19</u>

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Late Life Members: Merv Beitz, Jack Sands, John Davies.		
Patrons: Cr Peter Cumming and Joan Pearce MP.		Friends of WMHS: John McIntyre

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

Kitchen Co-ordinator: Margaret Mack

Supper Co-ordination: Deborah Tearle

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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

Coming Events

Date	Time	Location Name	Event Name
10 th Feb to Apr 17	10:30am-4:00pm	Miegunyah House Museum, Bowen Hills	Bibles and Baptisms Exhibition (only open Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays)
12 th Feb to 28 th Feb	1:30pm or 7:30pm	Spring Hill Reservoir	West End to Broadway in the Reservoir
16 th February	1:30pm-2:30pm	Wynnum Library	Meet Janita Cunnington: When she was a little girl, a rundown weatherboard house on the edge of the Noosa River was an object of romance and mystery for Janita Cunnington. Decades later, it was the inspiration for her debut novel, The River House.
19 th February	10am-2pm	Spring Hill Reservoir	Underground Re-discovered: Special viewing of Springhill underground reservoir, constructed in 1882.
24 th February	9:30 am	Wynnum Library	Our Shipwreck Coast: Shipwrecks are a major part of our maritime heritage and have been described as time-capsules, reflecting particular moments of our past. Did you know that shipwrecks in Moreton Bay played a very important role in determining the future of Cleveland in the mid-19th century? Come along to this Local History and Heritage Presentation and learn about the fascinating history of our very own Shipwreck Coast. Bookings essential call 38438010
25 th February	10am-12pm	Wynnum Library	Introducing Decimal Currency: Decimal currency was introduced 50 years ago on Valentines day. Com and learn about our old and new currency and watch the adds that explained it to the population .Bookings Required.
25 th February	6-7pm	Wynnum Library	Meet Duncan Richardson: Duncan Richardson's talk 'Beyond Distinguished gentlemen: Some Hidden voices from Brisbanes past'. The presentation focusses on Brisbane in the 1860s and 1870s and follows a train behind the biographies of colonial politicians to the local papers of the day and into the lesser known sources such as diaries and letter which preserve alternative voices. Bookings required.
28 th February	2-3pm	Sandgate & District Historical Society and Museum	Kathleen & Leanard Shillam - their lives and art
3 rd March	6-7:50pm	Wynnum Library	Family history up late

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO MEMBERS – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. November 2008

The Annual General Meeting of the Wynnum Manly Historical Society Inc. is to be held on 17 March 2016. Nominations are now being called for all positions. Nomination forms are available at the Resource Centre, at the next meeting as well as below. Position descriptions are available from Jill Greenhill. Nominations close on 3 March 2016 whereafter the nomination forms will be placed on the Resource Centre door.

To be eligible to vote at the Annual General Meeting, you MUST be a financial member so please ensure your membership fees are up to date by 17 March 2016.

NOMINATION FORM – 2016

The Secretary
 Wynnum Manly Historical Society Inc
 PO Box 318
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We _____
 and _____
 hereby nominate _____
 for the position of _____
 on the Management Committee of the Wynnum Manly Historical Society Inc for the
 purpose of elections to be held on Thursday 17 March 2016.
 Dated this _____ day of _____ 2016
 Proposer's signature _____
 Seconder's signature _____

I, the above named nominee, agree to accept this nomination.

Nominee's signature

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
Balder, Robyn	From Sapling to Kero Tin: A Peek at Gumdale's Past	2004	Sold Out
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

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Membership...

Have you remembered to pay your membership for 2016?

Membership can be paid to our treasurer Sandy at meetings or at the resource room.

***Single \$15 Family \$25 School student \$5
Joining fee \$10 for new members.***