



Cambridge Parade Manly Circa 1920

# Wynnum Manly Historical Society Inc

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**NEWSLETTER**

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## June General Meeting

**Thursday 16 June 2022**

7.00pm for 7.15pm start

Wynnum Ambulance Auditorium  
Corner Tingal Road /Cedar Street

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

## Some Heritage Places of Wynnum Manly – a Quiz

How well do you know the heritage places of  
Wynnum and Manly?

Come along and hear

## Heather Richards

Local History Librarian at Wynnum Library.

Discover the history of some special places  
including a school, a convent, a memorial, a  
church, a fountain and some beautiful  
houses.



Raffle  
Lucky Door  
Refreshments  
Gold Coin Donation

Masks are voluntary but the Ambulance Officers  
have direct contact with the local hospitals.



*Baptist Church, Bay Terrace. June 1 2022*

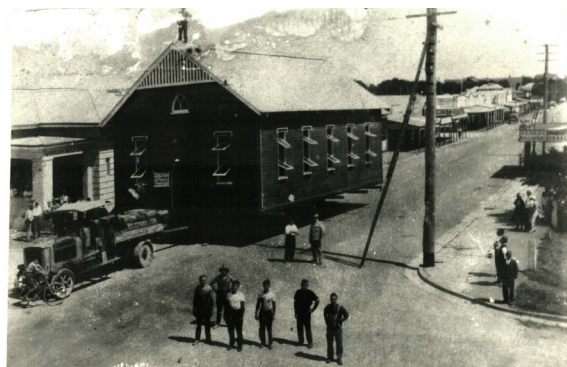
Father Twigg, the Principal of Iona College  
came to the May General Meeting.

He told us that the heritage section of the church  
is to be removed to the College in the next 3/4  
weeks. All the added extensions will be removed.

In 1930 the church was moved from Edith  
Street to the present site balanced on a long low  
lorry. Father Twigg said that the move to Iona  
College would differ from its original move in  
1930. (Flat-Pack perhaps?)

On arrival at Iona College the building will add  
to teaching spaces, maybe as a Performing Arts  
classroom.

We are pleased that the Church has remained in  
the District



*Baptist Church moving along Bay Terrace 1930.*

Located in the “Old School Building” at Room1.08, 105 Florence Street, Wynnum

Open Monday to Friday 10.00am to Noon or by appointment. 0407 293 177)

## A local Fire

“Bob” phoned, and then dropped in last week to collect a copy of the picture of a large fire in Wynnum. Who remembers the blaze of 5th March 1998 in Tingal Road, opposite the Shire Clerk’s cottage?



The historic ice works was ablaze!

Bob owned the paint shop on Tingal Road to the right of the picture and wanted to prove that the fire did not originate in his paint shop. His shop was still standing and the intensity of the fire was behind his shop and to the centre of the picture.

Bob went away very satisfied with the service he received and left a generous donation.

## Search for relations in Wynnum/Manly

Chris in Townsville is searching for his wife’s relations. He already knows that **Robert and Margaret Hight** are listed on the Electoral Roll in Wynnum from 1903 to 1928 in Mary (Berrima) Street.

Their children were John, Matthew, Robert Junior William Agnes and Violet. The name of their house, on some of the Rolls was “Violet Cottage”.

There were four sons to carry forward the family name. Do you or any friends or neighbours have a Hight in their family tree.

## Give Away storage Boxes)

The boxes were donated to us by Speaker Tom Blake.

However we have not found a use for them.

Maybe someone could make good use of them.

Size: 18cm deep x 30cm high x 40cm wide.

Grey plastic material. Well fitting lid.

Contact Jill. Email [jillg01@tpg.com.au](mailto:jillg01@tpg.com.au)



## WHERE WAS I?

May 2022



“Overleigh”

**67 Glenora Street, Wynnum Q 4178**

On corner of Coreen Street.

The land was purchased in 1922 by James Maxwell Fisher, Licensee of the Wynnum Hotel, and his wife Sarah.

James’s father William, was born in 1835 in Scotland. He was a station master. James’s parents and elder siblings came to Australia from Scotland in the Vernon in 1863. William was persuaded by his sister to come to Australia as there were opportunities for him with the railways which were just being constructed in Qld.

Work with the railways did not eventuate and William worked for William Pettigrew Timber Mill in Brisbane. James (Jim) Maxwell, William’s youngest son was born in 1867 in Australia. The family purchased Portion 234 at Pullen Creek in 1871 and called their home Pullenvale. (This cottage was moved to the Brookfield Show ground in 2004.) William died of typhoid in 1873, 8 years after arriving in Australia. Jessie, his wife ran the Pullenvale Post Office. She worked hard and successfully, farming her land and bringing up four children.

Jim, the youngest son, became a salesman for his older brother John James, who had begun a sewing machine business in Brisbane. Jim met his future wife Sarah Goopy in the lace shop at the top of Queen street. They married in 1897 and raised 2 daughters and one son, Edwin Maxwell Fisher.

In 1912 James and his family came on holiday to Wynnum. By 1914 James and his brother-in- law, Jack Goopy were running the Wynnum Hotel. Jack was previously the cook on the SS Koopa, famous for her sea trips to Redcliffe and Bribie. James’s elder brother, William, owned land in Wynnum with Mr Roles of Roles Hill. Jim bought his brother-in-law, Jack Goopy, out of the hotel and became the sole owner.

In December 1922, Jim and Sarah acquired the property on the corner of King and Creek Street. An application was made on 23 August 1926 by Vincent Stanley Goodman, an optician of Wynnum to build a brick residence. Notable Brisbane architect, E P Trewern was the architect and the building, a high quality building, was to cost £1,700.00. Builders were Tilby and Crick. The original landscaping included the palm trees were planted in 1927 and a fountain built by stonemason Harold Thurlow senior.

Jim’s eldest daughter Mavis Clare married Vincent Goodman in 1927. They lived in Overleigh but were divorced in 1936. The title deeds transferred back to Sarah Fisher. Jim and Sarah Fisher retired from the hotel business in 1940 and moved up the road into 67 Glenora Street. Various members of the Fisher family lived in the house until the 1990s.

The leadlight window with the coloured glass (right end of the building) was in the bar of the original Wynnum Hotel in 1912. When there were renovations at the hotel in 1938 the window was moved and reinstalled at 67 Glenora Street. This is when the verandah, along Coreen Street was enclosed for security purposes..

The present owners have grown high hedging along the street boundaries and now the house is barely visible from the road.

## Where am I? June 2022



Jill  
Librarian

## My Life as a Vet in Wynnum Manly

Presented to Society by James Murray on Thursday 19 June 2008.

I will start off by saying that I feel I am here under slightly false presences . Perhaps my best qualification is that, at one stage, I owned two of the oldest properties in the area – one being the house that we lived in, originally owned by Dr Cormack, who I believe was the first doctor in the area and the second being the shop on the corner of Bay Terrace and Cedar Street that served as the first bakery, and is now where the Veterinary Hospital is.

I was born in New Zealand and lived there until I was eighteen. Although I lived in Brisbane for four years while I was attending University, it was not until I purchased the practice here in Wynnum that I first visited Wynnum so I'm a relative newcomer (1970). Having purchased the practice from John Beames, I lived with my wife and young family in the house above the surgery for about eighteen months before buying our own home in Kingsley Terrace. This house had been used as a rented house for some years when we purchased it, and had been somewhat neglected. The lawns, if you could call them that, were grass which actually reached up to head height. There was a track about eight inches wide that wended its way from the street up to the house. The front hedge consisted of lantana, which was three metres high and extended out across the footpath on to the street. In fact what attracted us to the house was that the only thing you could see from the street was the chimney tops.

My wife had always hankered to have a house with a fireplace because she had bought a brass fender at a second-hand shop in New Zealand and we had carted it all round New Zealand and across to Australia – she eventually got a fireplace to put it in. It was a fine old house, and we were pleased to be able to restore it to something like its original state. We sold it in 1975, and I note that subsequent owners have made substantial modifications to it since then, but it is a fine old house and it still stands there with its view out across the Bay. The other building is on the corner of Cedar Street and Bay Terrace, and was constructed by Webster's Bakery of Brisbane in the early 1900s as a distribution centre for their bread. They then subsequently developed it into a residence with a fully operational bakery attached, and from there they supplied bread to the residents of Wynnum. When we did the development of the Veterinary Hospital, the remnants of the ovens were still evident in 1978.

When Webster's relocated to Berrima Street, the premises were operated as a general store and various families owned the business. Some of you here may remember the Cronins, the Lockies, the Dorries and the final owners were the Smiths from whom we purchased it.

I want to go now into the history of veterinary practices in Wynnum, and as far as I am able to ascertain, the first veterinarian in Wynnum was John McDonald Beames from whom I purchased the surgery in Bay Terrace in 1970. John has passed on now – over time he had other veterinarians such as David Mayo and David Paxton who worked with him in the clinic in Bay Terrace. Round about 1968, Peter Ferguson who was the son of Bob Ferguson, the Real Estate agent, graduated as a veterinarian and set up practice in Cambridge Parade in Manly. After a relatively short time, Peter married and as tends to happen to Veterinarians (I'm a New Zealander but I married a Brisbane girl and moved to Brisbane) he married a Victorian girl and he finished up in Victoria. Subsequently Peter came back here but operated a newsagency and he also owned Harvey World Travel agency here in Wynnum – he operated that for some time.

Another vet called John Krall (sp?) subsequently set up practice in the premises vacated by Peter in Manly and in 1973 John and I entered into partnership and combined the two Wynnum and Manly practices into one entity but still operating out of separate premises. We subsequently purchased the shop on the corner of Cedar Street, and we refitted it as a veterinary clinic. While the additional space enabled us to provide a number of additional services, the age and the configuration of the building still imposed some restrictions. We were however able to close the two previously occupied premises and we operated from the one facility.

Donald MacKenzie who many of you may know joined us as an assistant upon graduation, and he subsequently purchased John Krall's interest in the practice so Donald became a partner with me and John Krall moved out. It is interesting that Peter Ferguson should move on to other areas other than veterinary science. John Krall has done the same – he went back to University and did a law degree and he is now practising as a solicitor in Surfers Paradise.

In 1978, we commenced redevelopment of the site, and we built veterinary hospital on the area behind the shop while continuing to operate from the old wooden building.

That's the building under construction at the back.

The building work was carried out by Barry Moore who now operates as a property surveyor as Barry Moore Building Inspections. Barry did a great job to be able to work around the situation to construct that building while we were still operating in old premises. Over a weekend, we moved all equipment, fittings and supplies across from the old building into the new building and commenced operation on the Monday morning.

On that weekend we operated our normal Saturday morning consultation, and we finished about 1pm. Then between 1pm on Saturday and Sunday evening, we moved everything across and set it all up, and opened the doors on Monday. You might guess we were not all bright-eyed and bushy-tailed when we started on the Monday morning.

We then demolished the old shop and built the car park and garden area.

The new premises were constructed as a fully compliant veterinary hospital with all facilities – waiting room, 3 consulting rooms, pharmacy, kennels, cattery, emergency treatment area, radiography area, operating theatre, recovery room, office, showers, toilets and staff amenities. At the time it was one of three veterinary hospitals in Queensland – obviously more have come on line since that time. Other vet practices in the area that some of you may be aware of – Bill Upton, he practised at Corner House for a period of time and then has subsequently relocated, and he and his wife now practise at Capalaba as Upton and Upton. Christine Kidd set up a practice in Wondall Road in the shopping centre across from the Leagues Club, and she then built the Manly Road veterinary hospital opposite Silky Oaks. The Wynnum Bayside veterinary surgery was set up later on Preston Road.

So that's a bit of the history of people who have practised in the area, and I would just like to spend a little time commenting on veterinary practice in general. When I graduated in 1963, at that time small animal practice, which is the main practice in urban areas, revolved mainly around routine procedures such as de-sexing, spaying, castrations, a certain amount of emergency work from animals being run over by cars, and the usual everyday illnesses. It was a continuing frustration to practitioners like



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myself who were fresh out of veterinary school with all this new knowledge and facilities available to us to find that we had to regularly deal with epidemics of diseases such as distemper and feline enteritis, which were entirely preventable. There were first-class vaccines available to prevent those diseases but there were very few animals who were being vaccinated, and every twelve months or so, there would be an epidemic which went through and these terrible diseases would go through the population. It was very difficult to treat with a very high death rate – it was highly frustrating when you know they were entirely preventable.

There were also new procedures for surgery. There were pinnings and platings which were also available but were not able to be used. We were very much constrained by owners' inability or lack of preparedness to pay for vaccinations or treatments. So that was the situation at that time which I've said could be quite frustrating.

During the sixties the major feature was the emergence of heartworm. Heartworm when I graduated in 1963 was unknown. It didn't exist in Queensland. During the period of about 7 years it reached the situation where just about every dog that was exposed to mosquitoes, certainly by 1970, every dog to the vet had threatened heartworm and it was a very high percentage of dogs that had suffered from heartworm and it was a major part of practice.

Today there is an available a wide range of therapies and treatments from cancer treatments, which were totally unheard of when I graduated, to things like carbon fibre implants for damaged tendons and things like that. Race horses that rupture tendons, which would have ended their racing career years ago, now have these carbon fibre implants put into them and they come back and race sound as a bell afterwards.

There is a wide range of modern technologies now available. Conditions which were considered untreatable 30 years ago can now be resolved. Also there's been a marked change to the community's attitudes to companion animals.

A couple of things have come into that and it's interesting to contemplate upon them. Back in the 60s, it was common for people to pick up a family pet by way of the kids coming home from a school fete with a puppy that they got for 50 cents. And that was unfortunately the true value that the family assessed the animal at. You know if it cost 50 cents and if a vaccination was \$10 which was exactly 20 times what the animal cost, animals failed to be vaccinated. The cost of the vaccine didn't bare a natural relationship to the cost of the animal.

In this day and age it's not uncommon, in fact it's quite common, for people to pay six, seven or eight hundred or fifteen hundred or two thousand dollars for caring for their pet. The vaccinations now cost \$80 but in relation to \$1000 pet a vaccination of \$80 to protect a life is a mere bagatelle. The good part about it is that to a large extent we've done away with these epidemics of things like distemper and feline enteritis.

The major thing that I noticed during my time was this change in attitude, and it's interesting to think that veterinary practice should be influenced by one major innovation and I doubt that many of you can even think what that major innovation was. It was the contraceptive pill and people from the 60s and into the 70s when they married, instead of having a child within the first twelve months, they were able to plan their families and they were able to plan their careers and put off having a family for four or five or ten years or whatever it is and they would get a cat or a dog. This would be a surrogate child and the situation changed from the veterinarian trying to talk people out of having an animal euthanized, say for example if it were involved in an accident. They would bring the dog in and when I first graduated you would talk the people into having the animal treated and the broken leg repaired or whatever it was, to the other extreme where if you were to suggest that euthanasia might be an alternative you were met with the most unfortunate response from these people. "You want to kill our baby". So the whole attitude changed and that was because of the contraceptive pill.

The other funny thing that I'd like to comment upon is I was amused over the past few months listening to people musing on whether we were going to have a recession or whether we were going to have inflation and what was the effect that the American economy was going to have on this country and what the ANZ employment survey shows as to whether there are more jobs or fewer jobs and business confidence was etc., etc. - trying to map out the state of confidence of the population at large. The easiest and simplest way to find out how the community is travelling is to go along and have a look at the turnover figures from the local veterinary clinic. If you stop and think about it when you go to the doctor yourself – of people who go to a doctor's surgery probably only one in a hundred has a chance of dying – most people go along because they got a heavy cold, like me, or a dose of bronchitis - you're feeling pretty miserable, you want to be reassured that you're not going to die. You want something to take away the aches and pains in the joints, dry up the nasal discharge and make you feel a bit more comfortable until the time that you recover. In actual fact if you didn't go to the doctor, you'd probably be pretty miserable for twice the period of time but you would recover.

This is exactly the same as most of the animal conditions. Most of the treatments are treatments that alleviate the pain. We make them feel comfortable. We make sure they don't get any worse until the natural process takes over, and the animal recovers in three or four days. If the animal doesn't get treated, it suffers a certain amount of pain and discomfort, and it probably takes ten or twelve days or a fortnight but it probably will recover. Whether the animal is treated or not is directly impacted upon by how the family is travelling at this moment.

While I was in practice it was very easy to chart the financial well-being of the community by whether or not the animal got taken to the vet. They may wait until next week to see how the animal goes. Thank You for listening.



## UZBEKISTAN CALLING

Members, semi-retired Professor Ian Patterson and his partner Dr Chiharu Tsurutani are on a six month contract at the University of Tourism in Uzbekistan and loving it.

Here they are attending a wedding there.

# Where were you in 1955?

Lota was a thriving little suburb in the 1950s with many local businesses. Mr O'Neill, the Butcher was at the shop on the corner of Macdonald and Hines Streets. Mr Naumann, the Baker, was in Macdonald Street across from Mr O'Neill. Bart's shop sold Fish and Chips on the Esplanade. The Lota Post Office and Newsagent were found near the railway line. Stitcher's shop was in Orallo Street, Anderson's shop was on the foreshore. In addition there was a general grocery and sweets shop in Richard Street opposite the bottom of the school yard owned by the Bannister family.

One had choice of three denominations. There was a Methodist Church in Ambool Street, now a residence. The Presbyterian Church was, and still is, functioning in Oceana Terrace. The Anglican Church of St Agnes opened in 1957 but was removed to the grounds of the 'Church of Resurrection' at Alexandra Hills in 1994.

The Lota School of Arts was standing on the site now occupied by the PCYC (Police and Citizen's Youth Centre). Visiting film shows were well attended.



Years 5 and 6 at Lota State School in 1955

*(Printed in the Wynnnum Herald" 2001)*

In 2001, the Lota State School 50th anniversary celebrations were in the early stages of planning. The organizer of the event, Cherrie Nicholson, hoped that this photograph, placed in the Wynnnum Herald, would jog people's memory and contribute to numbers at the big reunion which was scheduled for September 2002.

*(Wynnnum Herald of 7 November 2001).*

Now, 70 years later, can anybody recognize themselves or any of their friends in this photo.

Can anyone recall name the teacher or any of the pupils?

# What's On

Date	Venue	Event	Booking
Saturday 28 May 2022 2.30pm	Merthyr Uniting Church Centre, 52 Merthyr Road, New Farm \$10 (incl Afternoon Tea)	"Famous Business : Brown and Broad"  (Located on Breakfast Creek Road near Gasometer)	Enq: 0409 498 403  (New Farm and Districts Historical Society)
Sunday 19th May 3.00 - 5.00pm	Balmoral Cemetery	Inaugural Balmoral Art Month  BAM! BAM!  Learn about grave symbols. Try sketching	Enq: 0407 116 919
Saturday 9 July 2022  \$30	New Farm - "Half circling the Peninsular"	Historical Walking Tour: Homes and Gardens. Guide: Gerard Benjamin  View locations of note for their architecture and social history.	Booking: Evenbrite.com.au Enq: 0409 498 403
Closing Wednesday 13 July 2022 10-5pm daily	Museum of Brisbane Level 3 City Hall 64 Adelaide Street Hall. Free	"Making Place: 100 years of Brisbane"  Extreme changes are predicted over the next decade	No booking required.
Saturday 16 July 9.25 - 1.00pm \$36.00	Commissariat Store, 115 William Street City	"Centenary of the abolition of the death penalty in Queensland."  6 Speakers	Evenbrite.com Royal Historical Society of Qld. Enq. 3221 4198
Wednesdays 11 - 2pm and Sundays 3-6pm	Jetty at Edward/Alice Streets. City	"Tides of Brisbane River Tour"  \$120	Book: 3339 0800
Sunday 21 August 2022 4.00pm	Old Windsor Council Chambers  Cnr Lutwvche Rd and Palmer St Windsor	"The Mapping of Queensland"  Desmond Diggles  Free	Enq: 0401 802 980

## PUBLICATIONS FOR SALE

History of Music in Wynnum Manly 1900 - 1997	Betty Nock	\$ 5
History of Arts in the Wynnum Manly Area 1900 - 2003	Betty Nock	\$ 5
Bayside Biographies. People from Wynnum Manly. 1900 -2007	Betty Nock	\$ 5
Mangroves to Moorings re-visited	Myrtle Beitz	\$35
Church Buildings of Wynnum Manly and Lota	Coupland and Greenhill	\$10
Early Shipping in Moreton Bay 1846 - 1859	Davenport and Mottram	\$ 5
Early Shipping in Moreton Bay 1860 - 1863	Davenport and Mottram	\$ 5

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Resource Room  
Weekdays 10am -Noon  
Email:  
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## Wynnum Manly Historical Society Inc

Minutes of General Meeting held in Ambulance Auditorium, Tingal Road  
on Thursday 19 May 2022

**Meeting opened** at 7.30pm under Covid regulations – spacing but masks now not compulsory.

There were 19 members present, 4 apologies and 5 visitors, Wallis Vinson, Michael Twigg, Daryn Sibley, Lucy Laakso and Michael Saunders and speaker Keith Boulton.

### Opening Comments:

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

### Minutes: (Jill)

Minutes of Meeting of Thursday 21 April 2022 were accepted by Jill Greenhill, seconded by Eric Sibley.

### Correspondence:

The correspondence report for April was prepared by Cathy Kolinski and Assistant Secretary Lena McCreadie for April 2022. The correspondence was accepted and endorsed at the committee meeting held on Thursday 5 May 2022.

### Treasurer's Report (Presented by Geraint Gregory ( 1st – 30th April 2022))

BOQ Ac/No. 2019708

OPENING Balance on 1 April 2022 \$29,128.66

Income \$ 730.98

Expenditure \$ 680.00

CLOSING Balance on 30 April 2022 **\$29,179.64**

which comprises: Everyday Account: \$7,341.68 and Websaver Account \$21,837.96

### Resource Centre: (Jill)

The house in question “Where am I”, was the “Fisher’s House” at 67 Glenora Street, Wynnum. The ground was purchased in 1922 by James Maxwell Fisher, Licensee of the Wynnum Hotel, built on by his son-in-law, Vincent Goodman in 1926. An expensive house, later occupied by Jim and his wife Sarah in retirement.

**General Business:** There was no general business.

**Speaker:** Myrtle introduced speaker, Keith Boulton, Honorary Member and Volunteer of the Queensland Museum, Southbank. Keith began his working life as a mechanic with Hornibrook’s in Brisbane and later worked around the world. Keith has a keen interest in all things marine and told us of some of the wrecks in Moreton Bay and around the mouth of the Brisbane River.

**Raffle:** The raffle, donated by Lena McCreadie, was won by visitor Wallis Vinson.  
The Lucky Door prize was won by Geraint Gregory.

Meeting closed 8.45pm and members were invited to partake of refreshments served by Ellen Coupland and Jan Aplin.

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

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Committee: Jan Parnell, Lena McCreadie, Kathy Golinski, Myrtle Beitz, Ellen Coupland, Mitch Parsons, Chiharu Tsurutani.

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