



Cambridge Parade Manly Circa 1920

Wynnum Manly Historical Society Inc

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NEWSLETTER

March 2023

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March General Meeting

THURSDAY

16 MARCH 2023

7.00pm for 7.15pm start

Wynnum Ambulance Auditorium
Corner Tingal Road / Cedar Street

Remembering Nazareth House

**"God and the Devil wore
the same robes"**

Research by
Tess Rowley

Raffle
Lucky Door
Refreshments
Gold Coin Donation

Masks are optional. The Ambulance Officers have direct contact with the local hospitals.

Speaker: Tess Rowley

Tess has written many children's books, guided by her lifelong work in the area of child and family support. These include "Hands are for Holding", "My friend Gordon" and her award winning, "Everyone's Got a Bottom".

Her short adult story, "The Girl who wanted to Paint the Moon" was published as part of the 2018 Hope Literary Prize.

In 2019, Tess received the Lord Mayor's Australia Day Award for community service and contribution to children's literature.

"Remembering Nazareth House" is her first major adult work.

2023 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
will be held tonight
Thursday 16 March
in the Ambulance Auditorium

Thank you Members

With the help of the band of volunteers at the February Meeting, the clearing up went well. We thank you for your support and we hope you will continue to assist, after the evening meetings.

Membership Fees for 2023

There are still a few outstanding renewals

No rise !! Still \$25.00

Please pay at the

Tonight

or deposit in

Bank of Queensland

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A/c Name: Wynnum Manly Historical Society

Thank you. Geraint Gregory Treasurer

Located in the "Old School Building" at Room 1.08, 105 Florence Street, Wynnum
Open Monday to Friday 10.00am to Noon or by appointment. 0407 293 177)

The Dumb "Cop"

There was great excitement last November (2022) when a "Dumb Cop" was located in a front garden on Manly Esplanade. The structure was thought to be from the centre of the 5 roads that meet at the Corner House, as there are 5 red reflectors embedded into its surface. These reflect in car headlights at night to indicate the presence of adjoining roads. The 5 roads meeting at that point are Wondall, Preston (twice) West and Worthing Streets. Mr Greg Ison wished to give his "find" to the Society.

BUT HISTORY REPEATS ITSELF:

Recorded in this Newsletter Nos.128 and 129 of February and March 2021 is the story of an object being dug up in a drain way alongside Preston Road, a cement dome with 5 red reflectors mounted on the cement.

"Mr Greg Ison found this object, during his working days, when digging out a drain in Preston Road, near the Corner House. This smooth carved rock (50cm across) is now in his front garden in Manly." He is asking the Society what the object might be?"

After two years, Mr Greg Ison has decided to give away his "Dumb Cop", offering the Society, the ownership. We recommended that he approach Redlands Museum, which has plenty of space and does collect artifacts. We are not a Museum and do not have the space. The "Dumb Cop" has not yet been collected by Redlands Museum.



Wynnum Police Station

A former Wynnum Policeman (26.09.66 - March 1971) asked for photos of the Police Station and Court House back in the 1960s and 1970's, to show to his grandchildren. We sent this photo. Here is his response.

Hi Jill

Thank you so much for those photographs. The first one shows the building with an open front verandah. I think when it first became a police station after the station on the Esplanade near Wynnum Creek was closed, the police officer lived in the house and that would have been in the years around 1910. The stairs were also to the right hand side of the house.

The stairs were running parallel to the building up to the front door on the right. This was a small porch and the counter area for dealing with the public.

The building certainly stood the test of time although even when I was there, its age was showing in more ways than one. The same applies to the building used as a court house. Whenever it was utilised by magistrates or Justices of the Peace, it was a bit like stepping back in time.

While I cannot remember the precise date of leaving Wynnum Station, it was in March 71. I resigned from the force the following year and went to much greener pastures.

I think one of the biggest surprises I ever had was when I was sworn into the Police and was stationed at Wynnum because I had done most of my growing up there after my family and I came out from England and settled in Charlotte Street in 1952. The fact that I went to school in Wynnum and knew so many of the younger folk and belonged to a youth organisation during my teens, didn't really make my job any easier.

I sincerely thank you for your efforts here. These pictures are at least something I can show to my grandchildren and even to my adult children. I guess I am getting old and nostalgic reminiscences have been ignited by my grandchildren asking questions about those times in my life.

Again, Thank you so much.

Kind Regards, Roger Green"



Police house prior to 1971

WHERE WAS I? February 2023

Former Wynnum West Baptist Church

2124 Wynnum Road

(Opposite Chandos Street)



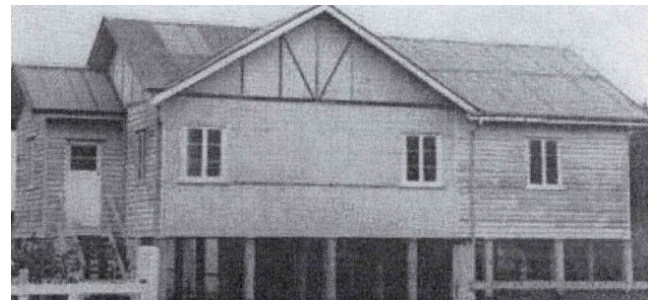
In the 1920's, Farmer, Mr West, gave part of his farm to the Baptist church. Using free materials and donated volunteer labour, Wynnum West Baptist Church was built and opened debt free.

In 1969 Wynnum West Baptist Church was closed and the building sold for use as a residence. The congregation moved to the Bayside Church of Manly Lota, at 61 Whites Road, Manly West.

Wynnum West Baptist Church 1920s to 1969

The Baptist Church of Manly Lota closed in 1976.

The site became overgrown. Remains of the Church may be on the site.



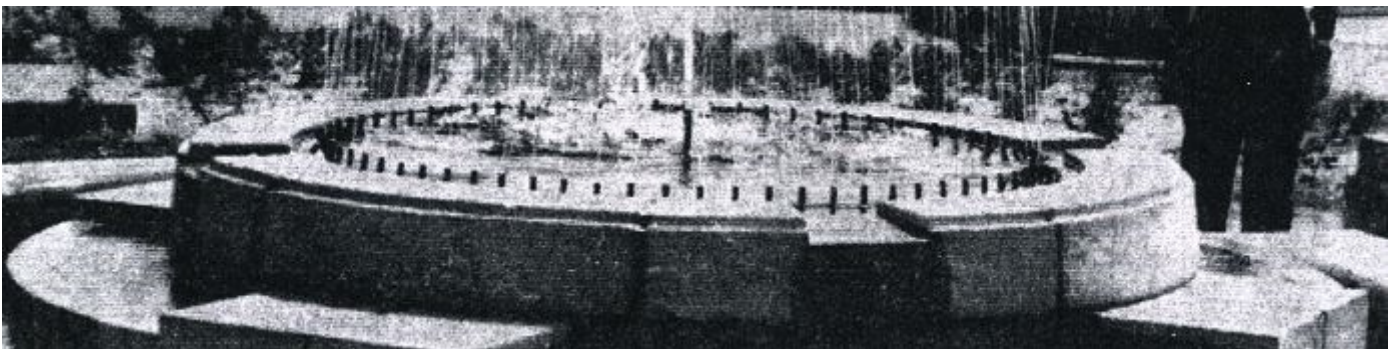
Bayside Church of Manly Lota, 61 Whites Road, MW

The congregation became part of the brick-faced Bayside Baptist Church at 562 Wondall Road, known as the "Eastside Community Centre".



Eastside Community Centre Opened 1976

WHERE WAS I? March 2023



At the Society's meeting held on Thursday 16 February 2023, Lucy Laakso kindly recorded a summary of the talk entitled

Earl Kitchener: His visit to Wynnum in 1910

Researched by Member – Chris Seymour

The Summer break seemed to have flown by, 2022 was already history and now it was our first general meeting for 2023. Society Member Chris Seymour delivered an interesting session on 'Earl Kitchener (1850-1916): His visit to Wynnum in 1910'.

For context, Chris showed us a photo of the memorial by the side of Tingal Road, which marks the spot from which Kitchener reviewed Queensland troops on 3 January 1910. From there, Chris took us through Kitchener's early life, military service and then brought us back to Wynnum.

Horatio Herbert Kitchener was born on 24 June 1850 in County Kerry, Ireland. He was the third of five children; their father – a retired colonel of the British Army – reportedly didn't believe in blankets for the children and instead sewed newspapers together for bedclothes!



Memorial in Tingal Road, Wynnum

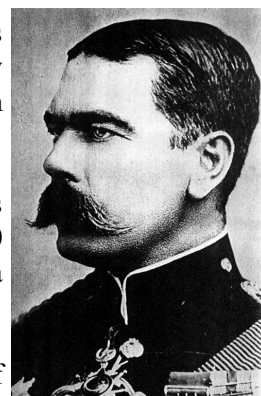
Kitchener himself went on to serve in the French Army, British Army, Egyptian Army and Indian Army; along the way, he became fluent in multiple languages.

His term as Commander in Chief of the Indian Army ended in 1909 and he was invited by Australia and New Zealand to review their military. Halfway through an extensive trip across the world in 1910, Kitchener arrived in Brisbane (Moreton Bay) on 1 January 1910. A dinner was held that evening at (Old) Government House, with many political luminaries in attendance.

On 2 January 1910, Kitchener was driven to Lytton, where 3,000 troops were camped. The troops were in for a great surprise: Kitchener dispensed with the parade planned for the following day and instead ordered that the troops rise at 2am, march to Capalaba and oppose a fictitious invading force which had 'landed' at Cleveland and was 'marching' on Brisbane. As we know from the wording on our local memorial, Kitchener stationed himself at Wynnum and reviewed the troops as they returned. Reportedly, Kitchener was unimpressed with some elements of the day and some of the troops were so incensed at the surprise exercise that they refused to salute to Kitchener when marching past. Surely a career limiting move!

During our meeting, Chris showed some wonderful footage of the Kitchener visit and it was very endearing to see children dashing about, along with one leash free dog who seemed very excited by the event. What say you – does footage (rather than photos) make history seem just that bit closer? A personal preference, I'm sure.

Before leaving Australia on 15 February 1910, Kitchener wrote a lengthy report on his findings, with many of the recommendations implemented thereafter. Shortly after his 1910 world tour, World War 1 broke out. Kitchener was onboard the HMS Hampshire when it hit a mine on 6 June 1916. His body was never found.



Horatio Herbert Kitchener

(Disclaimer: It is acknowledged that there may be debate in some circles about Kitchener's actions and legacy. Wynnum Manly Historical Society Inc and its officeholders and members, the author and this article are not contributing to any such debate and are not to be represented as doing so.)

And thank you Lucy for this interesting and informative report.

Until next time...

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The mouth of the Brisbane River was shallow and dangerous, So in 1909 the “Bar Cutting” was dredged. The spoil was dumped to the southern side of the river mouth. By 1912 an artificial island had grown, 2 metres above high water and 17 hectares in size. First known as Hercules Bank, then Dredge Island, the final gazetted name was Bishop Island. Captain Bishop was in charge of the dredge, “Hercules”. Soon vegetation appeared. Hulks were sunk on the western side to prevent erosion. In the 1930’s Jim Crouch from Bulimba leased the island and floated buildings down the river, a kiosk and a dance pavilion.

Bishop Island is no more, being buried during the development of the Port of Brisbane.

Origin of the Port of Brisbane

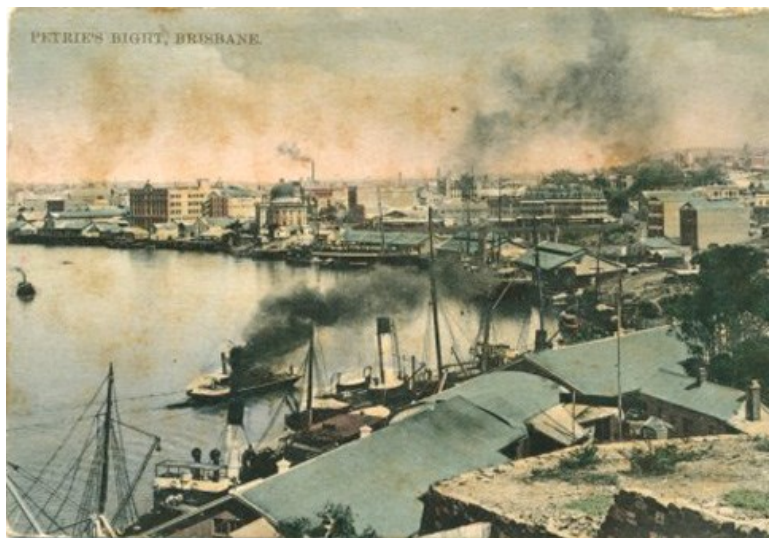
Free settlement came to Brisbane Town in 1842. At the entrance of the river there was a sandbank and a rock bar, almost exposed at low tide. Ships moored in Moreton Bay. Cargo and passengers were loaded onto ‘lighters’ to travel up the Brisbane River to the site of the developing town of Brisbane.

The sand was dredged and the rock bar blasted for larger vessels to enter the river. Wharves were constructed on the river banks of North and South Brisbane.

The river was dredged and even larger vessels were able to reach Hamilton where wharves were built along the northern bank of the river. These wharves closed in 2006 and operations moved downstream to the new port.

In 1974 the decision was made to construct a purpose built port for Brisbane and the site was chosen at Fisherman Islands on the southern bank of the river. Much filling was required as the land was low and swampy. The last 50 years of development have seen great growth and Brisbane changing from a river port to a deep water facility.

In 2004 a 4.6 km rock wall was closed to encircle a new reclamation site out into Moreton Bay which will enable the Port to accommodate 14 to 16 wharves.



“My Mum”

My Mum, the late Joan Graham lived in Manly.

Her daughter, Julianne de Silva sent us these photographs from Melbourne.

“I am attaching the photographs I mentioned. The first photograph is from a Debutante party; my late mother, Joan Graham from Manly, appears at the far left of the group and I seem to recall Mum telling me that the person cutting the cake was her school friend, Pam Mengel. It would be interesting to know if any of your members recognise the other “debs”.

The second, rather staged photograph was taken at Wynnum Library, where Mum first worked as a Library Assistant. She appears at centre right. n.b. on the verso, someone has dated this photograph May 1952, however, from the somewhat illegible desk calendar, it appears to be open at Thursday the 10th, but May the 10th, 1952 was not a Thursday, so the date is disputable!”



“Mum also appears in a similar photograph (third from the left) which was provided to the Courier Mail by the Wynnum-Historical Society for its 2018 article”.

With kind regards

Julianne de Silva, Melbourne 25/02/23

Mechanics Institutes/School of Arts Movement

Originally called “Mechanics Institutes”, the School of Arts movement commenced in Glasgow, Scotland in 1799 to provide facilities for working people to study and attend educational lectures. The movement reached Australia in 1829 with the opening of the Van Diemen’s Land Mechanics Institute. This was followed in 1833 with the Sydney Mechanics’ School of Arts’. Brisbane School of Arts was established in 1849.

In 1890, the *Brisbane Courier* reported, “that steps to be taken with a view to the erection of a School of Arts in Wynnum”. (09.09.1890)

The initial meeting for the planning for the erection of a School of Arts in Wynnum was 26 February 1911 and the building was opened in 1913. From 1926 the building was known as the Municipal Hall.

After 20 years, the building was considerably enlarged and contained Wynnum’s first public library with 7,300 books. Also there was a reading room, containing newspapers and periodicals for the use of members.

The Wynnum District Municipal Library was moved on the 1st October 1977 from the Municipal Hall to a new modern library building at 66 Bay Terrace opened by the Lord Mayor Of Brisbane Alderman F N Sleeman.

The latest move of Wynnum Library was in 2016, to the upper storey of a larger modern building at 145 Florence Street, Wynnum. The former site at 66 Bay Terrace has been redeveloped as residential units (“Enclave”).



Wynnum Municipal Hall - Today

What's On

Date	Event	Venue	Booking
Wednesdays 10 - Noon. Sundays 3 - 5pm.	"Tides of Brisbane" Historical Boat Trip	City Botanic Gardens River Hub. Corner Edward and Alice Streets	\$85. Book: 3339 0800 Museum of Brisbane.
Select Fridays and Saturdays 10.30- Noon (Max 10 People)	"Brisbane Walking Tours - Past and Present"	Meet in Ground Floor City Hall. A 1.2 km walk. Finish in Museum of Brisbane, Floor 3, City Hall.	\$20 +Booking Fee 3339 0800
Sunday March 12 or Saturday 26 March \$	Brisbane to Gold Coast Day Cruise. 6 hour Cruise. Returned to Brisbane by Bus.	Brisbane Cruises From Commercial Hub, Hamilton Pontoon. 449 Kingston Smith Drive.	Book: 3630 2666 900am. \$109.00
Thursday March 30th 10.00	"Finding Female Voices" Presented by the Genealogical Society of Qld	Wynnum Public Library 145 Florence Stret Wynnum	Free. Book on 3403 5946.
Tuesdays 4 April. 12 Noon to 1pm	Lord Mayor's City Hall Concerts "One more Time - a Journey through Jazz".	City Hall, Adelaide Street City	Free. Concert every Tuesday. See BCC website.
Saturday April 15 2023 7 - 9.00pm	"Paranormal Investigation". Discover the haunted heritage of Wolston Farmhouse. Light Refreshments	Wolston Farmhouse 16+Only. 30888133 23 Grindle Road, Wacol.	\$45.00 Book National Trust on line. Age 16+
Tuesday 18 and Friday 21 April 2 - 5pm	"Those who served" Discovering Service records in the collection.	National Archives 16 Corporate Drive Cannon Hill	Free. Book Eventbrite
Sunday 28 May	"Brisbane Crime and Criminals"	Ground Floor Conference Room Qld Police Headquarters 200 Roma Street City	Brisbane History Group: 3368 1828.

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

Available at the
Resource Room
Weekdays 10am -Noon
Email:
jillg01@tpg.com.au

Wynnum Manly Historical Society Inc
Minutes of General Meeting held in Ambulance Auditorium, Tingal Road
on Thursday 16 February 2023

Meeting opened at 7.20pm

There were 27 members present, 1 apology and 4 visitors,
Jill Greenhill took the Chair in the absence of President, Jan Parnell
New members were introduced – Father Michael Twigg and Daryn Sibley

Previous Minutes: (Jill)

Minutes of Meeting of Thursday 17 November 22 were accepted by Jill Greenhill, seconded by Eric Sibley.

Treasurer's Report: (Report from Geraint)

Cash Management A/C No. 20139708, Bus Web Saver A/C No. 2019708 and Term Investment A/c 23366345.

All Accounts:

Balance at 1 December 2022	\$30,312.92	Everyday A/C	\$ 7,698.69
at 1 January 2023	\$30,232.00	Websaver A/C	\$ 7,641.17
at 1 February 2023	\$30,339.86	Fixed Term (to 18/11/2023)	<u>\$15,000.00</u>
			\$30,339.86

Correspondence:

Lena presented the correspondence report from November through to January 2023. The correspondence was accepted and endorsed at the committee meeting held on Thursday 2 February 2023.

Resource Centre: (Jill)

The answer to the question, "Where am I", was looking at the Baptist Church building in Wynnum Road, opposite Chandos Street, now a private house. The church materials were all donated and the church opened debt free in the 1920s. The congregation moved to Whites Road in 1969, then in 1976, to Eastside Community Centre in Wondall Road where they worship today.

Speaker

Member **Chris Seymour** presented a very well researched account of the life of Kitchener, of the various posts he held around the world as he rose in seniority in the army. Included were film clips of his time in Wynnum and Fort Lytton in 1910.

Meeting closed 8.30pm and members were invited to partake of refreshments, aided by Ellen Coupland and Lena McCreadie.

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

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Meetings: 7.00pm for 7.15pm. 3rd Thursday of the Month (except December)
in Queensland Ambulance Auditorium, Cnr Tingal Road and Bay Terrace Wynnum

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