

# WYNNUM MANLY HISTORICAL SOCIETY Inc Newsletter - November 2016

## General Meeting

Thursday 17 November 2016  
7.30pm  
Ambulance Auditorium  
(Cnr Cedar Street  
and Tingal Road)

Earlier this year  
**Member Sharee Cordes**  
gained a Brisbane City  
Council Grant for an  
Oral History project  
named

## “Bayside Stories”

Sharee is going to share  
with us the outcomes of  
the project.

Entry - Gold Coin donation  
Bring and Buy Stall  
Raffle - \$1 ticket or 3 for \$2

Thank you to Margaret  
O’Neill and the committee for  
providing supper this month

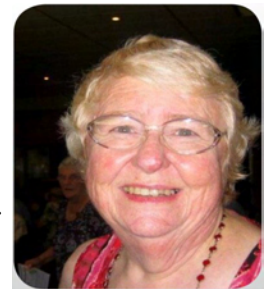
## President’s Report

Greetings.....and welcome to our November  
newsletter. This will be our last newsletter  
for 2016.

Well, we have survived our first year in our  
new location at the Wynnum Community Centre aka the old  
Wynnum Central School. If you haven’t yet visited our Resource  
Centre in its new location, I would encourage you to do so. It is  
open Monday to Friday from 10am. to 12 noon and is staffed  
by volunteers who would be happy to show you our collection  
of resource material on our local area. Jill, our librarian, has  
done a fabulous job in arranging the collection.

My connection with the building goes back to 1951 starting  
when I commenced school there in Prep. 1, with teacher Miss  
McMinn. The head teacher was Mr. Wilkinson. The school was  
founded in 1896 and the large two storey building opened in  
1949. Miss McMinn had been teaching there for many years  
and was held in great respect. There was no “mucking up” in  
Miss McMinn’s class. You did what you were told! Her  
kindness shone through, and, I would say that she was quite  
popular with the children. The whole class were upset and  
unsettled when she retired and a new teacher took over later in  
the year.

The school colours were dark blue and light blue, and we had  
no uniform in those days. A goodly percentage of the children  
(mostly the boys) went barefooted. Most of us carried our  
schoolbags on our backs and a few carried “ports”. These were  
made of compressed and waterproof cardboard or of leather. In



## MONSTER CHRISTAMS RAFFLES

As in former years we are collecting donations from members and friends for our many Christmas Raffles.

There is still time to add your donations. Any item connected with the Festive Season is gladly received!

Bring them to the Resource Room, up the steps and first door on the left, inside the old School building. The Room is open from 10.00am to 12 noon on Weekdays

Get your donations there by this Wednesday, 16 November, and buy your tickets (\$1 each or 3 for \$2).

There will still be tickets for sale at the General meeting on Thursday, when the draws will be made.

Thank you for the kind donations already received.



Are you aware that the Society is registered with the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profit Commission. So:

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Historical Society Inc. are  
tax deductible*

those days we either walked or rode our bikes to school, and the school provided a large number of bike racks for us to use. In that era, our bikes were probably our most valuable material possession. Not like these days when most of the kids have their own mobile phone and rely on parents or grandparents for transport.

Our school day started with the whole school “on parade”, and lined up in our classes. A formal “good morning” was offered and received by the teacher taking the parade. (This was either Grade 6 teacher, Mr. Perc. Garvey, or the head teacher.) Then, we saluted the flag, any notices were read out, and we marched into school in an orderly fashion. Our classes were large, usually forty or more children, and followed much the same routine each day, commencing with calling the roll. Lesson time was usually structured with breaks for “big lunch” and “little lunch”.

At lunch time the pie man was usually parked outside the top gate in Florence Street for those who were buying their lunch, or, alternately, there was a fish and chip shop across the road. A big bag of chips or half a dozen potato scallops could be purchased for the princely sum of six pence. The “Bon Ton” café down the street sold cold glasses of cordial [either orange or lime] which were very popular.

The thing that I remember most about my early years at school was the didactic teaching style and the tedious repetition of facts. Firstly the alphabet, and then the tables. Hours were spent just reciting tables or spelling. I found this boring, boring, boring!

On that note I will close. Looking forward to seeing you at the next meeting.

If I don't see you before, I would like to wish you a very happy Christmas and an exciting and fulfilling 2017.

Jan Parnell President

Thankyou to our sponsors...

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





# RESOURCE CENTRE REPORT

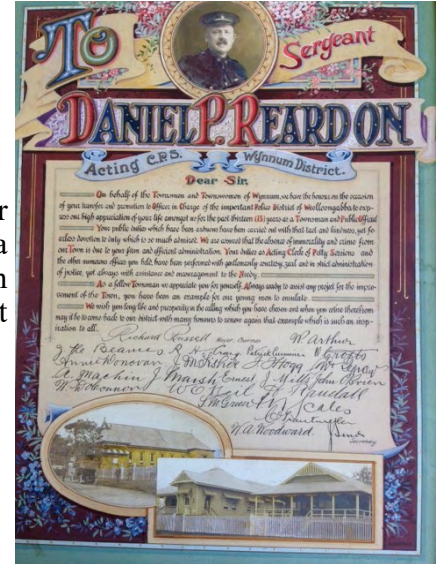
## November 2016

- *“Local Personality from the past – Policeman Sergeant Reardon*



Sergeant Daniel P Reardon

Michael Reardon visited us, in our room in the “old school”, with a donation of an illuminated presentation received by his grandfather, Sergeant Daniel P Reardon in 1920.



Daniael Reardon came to Wynnnum Police Station in 1908 and would have firstly lived in “Anakie” on Waterloo Bay Esplanade, south of Wynnnum Creek. The house is still there, now enlarged, and there is the “lock-up” in the garden.

The new Police House and Court House was built in Pine Street in 1910 - the Reardon family being the first occupants.. There were five boys and one girl in his family.



### *Christmas Hamper*

We do not have many contributions this year! There is still time for you to find a Christmas gift to add to the Raffle draws at the November meeting.

Best Wishes for the Festive Season

Till next time, Jill



This article was transcribed by Heather Langston from  
Wynnum Herald of 12 April 1967

## FIRST BANK – FIRST COMPANY

# “Wales” celebrates its 150 years

**Over the past week the staff members of the Wynnum branch of the Bank of New South Wales have been celebrating the occasion of the Bank’s 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its establishment in Australia.**

Throughout the Commonwealth, where branches of the bank are represented, over 16,500 staff members have been doing the same.

**It was April 8, 1817, after seven years of frustrating preparatory work by its founder, Governor Lachlan Macquarie, that the first branch of the bank was opened in a house in Macquarie Place, Sydney, with two officers, a porter and a paid-up capital of \$2850.**

On April 8, 1967, that same bank, Australia’s first bank and first public company, thus becomes 150 years old.

It has a staff of over 16,500, a paid-up capital of nearly \$53,000 and trading and savings bank deposits approaching \$2500 million.

It is today the largest trading bank in the whole South West Pacific area.

### FIRST ACCOUNT

Jeremiah Murphy, a sergeant in the 46<sup>th</sup> Regiment of Foot, opened the first account on April 5, 1817 (three days before the bank officially commenced operation) with a deposit of £50.

### COLONY WITHOUT MONEY

**When the British Government sent Captain Arthur Phillip with his small fleet to found a penal settlement on the east coast of Australia, it provided no bank notes for the colony because it did not think that currency would be needed in an isolated prison.**

Trade and commerce were not envisaged and it thought that the needs of the civil and military population of a little more than 1000 would be met by issues of goods from a government store.

Before long, however, the arrival of more settlers and the release of convicts brought an urgent need for some form of currency.

At first a barter system was barely sufficient, but it could not meet the colony’s expanding needs.

Thus an odd assortment of money substitutes came into use such as foreign notes, coins, government store receipts, promissory notes issued by private individuals and rum.

### The system collapsed

By various methods, Governor Macquarie tried to institute some form of financial order to prevent uncertainty and inflation.

He imported 40,000 Spanish dollars and devised an ingenious plan to prevent their leaving the colony.

He stamped out the centre of each coin and it was thus known as the “holey” dollar and valued at 5/-. The centre piece was known as the “dump” and was valued at 1/3.

**But much confusion and distrust surrounded the currency.**

When taking office as Governor in 1810, Macquarie set his heart on establishing a bank to issue reliable bank notes.

In November 22, 1816, a group of “magistrates, principal merchants and gentlemen of Sydney” met to discuss the colonial currency and resolved that a sterling medium was desirable. The meeting went on to carry resolutions to establish a public colonial bank.

A public meeting was called for December 5, open to those interested in becoming subscribers to the “Bank of New South Wales”.

Thirty names were listed as subscribers and in February, 1817, they met to approve draft rules and unanimously elected the Governor’s secretary, J T Campbell, president of the bank and chairman of its first board of directors.

### CHARTER

**Macquarie granted the bank a charter of incorporation securing the usual rights, powers, immunities and privileges of a corporate body.** The directors held their first meeting on February 12, 1817 and by April 8 Australia’s first bank was in business, opening in the house belonging to Mrs Mary Reiby, in Macquarie Place, Sydney.

When it opened for business the bank issued its own bank notes in denominations ranging from 2/6 to £5 to fill the gap caused by the shortage of “sterling” currency.

Since then the bank has weathered financial crises in the early days to emerge as one of the leading banks and companies in Australia.

### WYNNUM BRANCH

The first branch of the bank was opened in Wynnum on May 24, 1929, with the staff comprising Mr Alan Hunter as manager and Mr J D M Taylor. Mr Taylor, who is now the bank’s manager at Gympie, was born on May 5, 1892, exactly 75 years after the first deposit was made in the first office of the “Wales”.

First resident to make a deposit with the Wynnum Branch was Mrs D M S Fabian, a widow, who then resided in Carlton Terrace.

President manager of the “Wales” in Wynnum is Mr Crofton (Col) Kent and accountant is Mr Don Golden. The staff has grown to 14.

Former Wynnum managers who are still in the district are Mr W F Marsden, Mr C E Greaves and Mr George Stevenson.

# Where was I ? October 2016



This notice board is advertising the development that has been approved for the old Civic Centre site at 66 Bay Terrace, our previous home!.

Previously on the site were:

“Ingleston”, an upmarket boarding house built by the Patterson family, in 1915 on empty land in Charlotte Street (the former Library site). Our former Resource Centre would have been on Ingleston’s tennis courts that were against Bay Terrace.

A fire burnt down the building in 1947.

The land remained vacant for 10 years then the “Civic Centre” shops were built on this site. The first shop, Exton’s opened on 2 October 1958. The Public Library moved from the Municipal Hall and opened here on 1 October 1977.



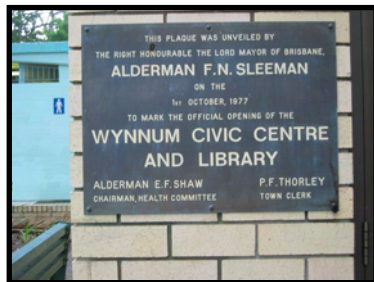
Ingleston, built in 1915



1947—Ingleston destroyed by fire



New Civic Centre 1958

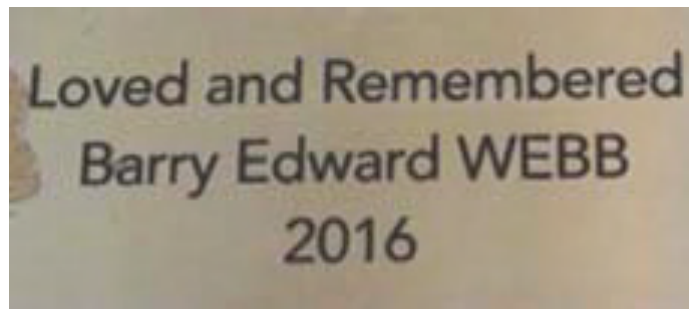


New Library 1977



1990 Heritage Carron Cannon

# Where am I? November 2016



Who was Barry Edward Webb? Let me know  
Jill

TIMBERMAN, August 1978

Transcribed by Heather Langston

**“Timberman of the month”**

## **BUNNEY SONS CARRY ON A TIMBER TRADITION**

**‘Wood IS Good’**

**HEAD of progressive timber business Albert Bunney and Sons Pty Ltd at Wynnum Central, Mr E W (Ted) Bunney attributes the progress and success of the family undertaking to the sound planning foresight of his father, Albert Bunney, founder of the firm.**

Hard work, dedication and “the customer is always right” have been keys to the solid development of the timber and hardware business established by the family in 1924.

**Possessed of extreme modesty and a retiring nature, Mr Ted Bunney gives great credit to the devotion of a knowledgeable and loyal staff for the firm’s expanding business, which he also attributes to “our many business friends.”**

Albert Bunney and Sons Pty Ltd located at 2 Ronald Street, Wynnum Central adjoins the bayside railway line for some 600 yards, with mill products ranging from huge imported Oregon logs, down to a selection of timber and fixtures to meet the demands of the handyman.

Ted Bunney, a qualified accountant, is now managing director of the four-brother business. Brother directors are C E R (Cliff) who controls the timber yard activities. F K (Ken) specializing in customer relations and sales and R A (Roy) who handles the firm’s hardware division.

Ted Bunney told The Timberman that in the early 1920s the brothers received their “Wood is Good” baptism in sawdust, stacking pailings in the yard, packing and tying fruit shooks, cleaning shavings out of the planning machine (no blowers in those days) and loading railway wagons of firewood for Brisbane.

“Usually these activities took place after school and on Saturdays and we loved every minute of it” said Ted Bunney.

Probably this early training has been the strong influence on Ted Bunney, who says “there is no substitute for work” and whose ambition is to work harder to improve the family business, both for staff and customers.

“While we have a timber business, we also deal in people” he stressed.

Ted Bunney works long hours and while he is considered an outstanding home gardener, he says “work is my hobby”.

The firm’s founder, the late Albert Bunney, commenced work with Patterson’s of Toowong in February 1907, where he gained a comprehensive knowledge of the sawmilling industry.

### **DAIRYING**

In 1918 he was transferred to Coominya, to manage Patterson’s steam-operated mill.

With a partner, Albert Bunney bought this mill in 1924 and in 1926 he acquired his partner’s interest.

When the depression hit in 1930 the family transferred to a dairy farm near Esk and while the family helped to support themselves on the farm Albert Bunney continued with the sawmill. Recovering slowly from his losses in the depression years, a timber yard was opened at Woolloongabba in the mid 1930s and in 1938 he received an offer of the Wynnum mill then owned by a Mr W Arthur.

Taking his family into business with him, he formed the present firm of Albert Bunney and Sons Pty Ltd. The company then took up the offer of the previous owner and the present industry at Wynnum Central was established.

By that time, Ted Bunney had finished his education and was working for the meat company of J C Hutton Pty Ltd. In 1941 he resigned from this company to join his brothers in the timber business at Wynnum Central.

In 1942 he enlisted in the army and after discharge in 1944 rejoined the family business in an administrative capacity and was appointed company manager in 1950.

In the meantime the company took over Mr Albert Bunney’s sawmill at Coominya and transferred it to Wynnum Central, where it remained in production until three years ago. (1975)

### **SUPPLIER**

Over the last 30 years, the Bunny Brothers have gradually changed its major activity from that of sawmilling to merchandising and processing of sawn timber. They have become major building material suppliers to the building trade of Brisbane and suburbs.

In 1969 the firm's founder, Albert Bunney, passed on to join the sawmilling fraternity on the other side and the four brothers, Ted, Cliff, Ken and Roy, who are the present directors, have been equally responsible for the continued operation of the firm.

"Today our timber business is mainly confined to receivals and distribution of all classes of timber. Supplies are drawn from mills in both Queensland and New South Wales," said Ted Bunney.

### SERVICE

"Imports of Oregon pine are made at frequent intervals, as this product is in constant demand by many clients."

"The company operates modern planning and re-sawing plants and customers, be they old or new, are assured that what they ask for they receive," said Ted Bunney. "We enjoy a most favored repeat business and we prefer business friends to customers," he stressed.

Albert Bunney and Sons Pty Ltd is one of the largest employers of labor in the bayside area of Brisbane with a staff of 75, many having served the company for more than 20 years.

Ted Bunney places great emphasis on the firm's solid organisation, efficiency and service to the building trade. Six large vehicles are used in daily delivery of orders to builders, tradesmen and home handymen.

In 1950 the Bunney business commenced the sale of builders' hardware and this section is being continually modernized and developed.

Ted Bunney told The Timberman that his father (Albert Bunney) was a foundation member of the Queensland Timber Stabilisation Board and for many years was the representative of the Brisbane Valley sawmillers on the board.

### DRYING

During World War II the Bunneys exported timber from its Coominya mill to Scotland for the construction of boat keels.

Fronting Wondall Road in the Wynnum district, the Bunneys have a large drying paddock. Timber brought into this yard is usually left to dry out for up to 24 months, depending on the species and dimensions.

Ted Bunney visited New Zealand in 1954 attending the Radiata Conference and has traveled extensively throughout Australia inspecting mills, timber yards and merchandising outlets.

## Wynnum Gas Works adjacent to Bunney's Timber Yard .



The gas company opened in 1914 under the management of Alfred Krummel, as the Wynnum and Manly Gas Lighting Company.

In 1921 the company offered to sell the land to the Wynnum Town Council, who declined the offer.

The gasometer, built in Manchester, was installed in 1924. To safeguard against gas escaping, a tank of water encircled the inner tank of gas.

In the late 1960s, when natural gas was introduced, the gasworks was absorbed into Allgas and used for storage from the 1970s to 1999.



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How many of you log-in each day to see which local building or which personality that Myrtle has put on facebook? Comments and responses come from all round the world!



**'Anaki' Wynnum's 2<sup>nd</sup> Police station  
built by Mr Kinghorn about 1893  
Mr Anderson acquired *Anaki* in 1915  
and is still in the Anderson family**

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Cambridge Parade Manly circa 1920

**Welcome to the Wynnnum Manly Historical Society website**

Copies of all the previous newsletters are available on line.



## Events in November and December

Date	Venue	Description	Booking
Sunday 20 November 2.00pm	Municipal Hall	<u>Wynnum Choral Concert</u> 90th Year Refreshments. Benefits to Red Cross	\$20 adult \$15 Concession
Daily till Sunday 20 November	State Library of Qld. Gallery 1 Level 2 and kuril dhagun on Level1	<u>Art of Skins Exhibition.</u> Explore historical contemporary artefacts, accounts and images; hear oral histories from Elders, artists and academics; and be immersed in a vivid installation of contemporary representations of the Country	Free
Daily till16 December 10am to 3pm	National Trust House	Queen's Wharf Exhibit: <u>"Footsteps on a Riverbank"</u> From Meeanjin to Queen's Wharf discover stories of the place where Brisbane began. Located in the1860's Immigration Depot converted into government offices in the 1890s, this exhibition explores the surprising number of significant events which have occurred in and around Brisbane's foremost historic precinct since the arrival of Lt Henry Miller and his convict charges in 1825.	Free

## 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. Volume 1 - June 1846 - December 1859	1998	\$5
	Volume 2 - January 1860 - December 1863	2002	\$5
Nock, Betty	History of Music in the Wynnum and Manly area	1998	\$5
	History of Arts in the Wynnum and Manly area	2005	\$5
	Postage and Packing—extra charge.		

## Committee, Volunteers and Helpers 2016 - 2017

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### 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-ordinator:	Deborah Tearle
Raffle Prizes:	Sandra Wheeler

#### *Newsletters:*

Editor:	Mitch Parsons
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#### *Resource Centre:*

Ian Wheeler,	Ellen Coupland,	Margaret Bulloch,	Heather Landston,
Ian Kennedy,	Denise Cogill,	Jan Parnell,	Dennis O'Neill,
Myrtle Beitz,	Dawn Wilkins,	Col Brown.	
<u>Research Enquiries:</u> Ellen Coupland and Jill Greenhill			

#### *Tours:*

Co-ordination by Deborah Tearle and Committee members.

Bookings are taken at the General Meetings and at the Resource Room on Weekdays between 10am and 12 noon .

# WYNNUM MANLY HISTORICAL SOCIETY Inc

## Minutes of General Meeting held in the Ambulance Museum Auditorium on Thursday 20 October 2016

The meeting opened at 7.30pm. 31 members were present. 6 apologies were received. There were no visitors.

President Jan Parnell opened the meeting and welcomed members. She reminisced about this day in the past mentioning Grace Darling, the South Sea Bubble, Lady Chatterley's Lover and other items.

### Previous Minutes:

Minutes of the meeting of 15 September 2016 were moved by Deb Tearle, seconded by Margaret Bulloch.

### Correspondence:

Lena McCreadie presented the correspondence for the previous month, September 2016. She particularly brought to member attention the donated book of post and cigarette cards with military associations. The correspondence was accepted and endorsed at the committee meeting on Thursday 6 October 2016.

### Treasurer's Report: (Presented by Sandy Liddle)

BOQ A/C No. 20139708 1 September 2016 - 30 September 2016

Opening Balance at 1 September 2016 **\$40,484.80**

which comprises:

#### 1. Everyday and Grant Account

Opening Balance at 1 September 2016 \$10,949.98

(Everyday \$5,302.79, Heritage \$4,647.19, DSS \$1,000.00

Income \$2120.35 Expenditure \$2,945.18

Closing Balance at 30 September \$10,125.15

(Everyday \$4,827.95 Heritage \$4,297.20 DSS \$1,000.00

2. Websaver Account at 30 September 2016 (Including Interest \$32.77) \$29,567.59

**TOTAL FUNDS AS AT 30 September 2016 **\$39,692.74****

### Tours:

Deb Tearle gave a report of the train trip to Toowoomba, which was enjoyed by all

### General Business:

- **Suppers:** Deb Tearle asked for help from members for the Supper Roster for 2017. A volunteer has only one turn per year and three people are on duty at each meeting
- **Membership:** fees for 2017 will be \$20 per individual or \$30 per household
- We need contributions for the **Christmas Raffle**. Please drop the off at the Resource Room in the former Wynnum Central State School.
- The **Choral Society** will be performing on Sunday 30 November 2016 in the Municipal Hall at 2.00pm.

### Speaker:

Member Carol Corless, gave us all the inside information of the Margarine Factory at Murarrie, where she was employed. The factory was officially opened in 1931 and closed down this year. Carol had produced a book of the history of the firm, for the last employees, and provided a copy for all members. Thank you Carol.

**Lucky Door Prize** (\$5) was won by Margaret Collins, the **Membership Draw**(\$5) by Jill Greenhill and the **Raffle** by Rensche Shep.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm

Many thanks to Ellen Coupland, Deb Tearle and Anne Hall for a large and delicious supper.

Jill Greenhill (Minute Secretary)



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Membership Application Forms are available from the Resource Centre at  
Room 1.08 (inside the front door) of the old Wynnum Central State School

Weekdays from 10am to Noon

Annual Membership (2017)

Individuals \$20 Households \$30

Once-Off Joining Fee \$10.00,