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Wynnum Manly Historical Society Inc

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NEWSLETTER

February 2023

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February General Meeting

THURSDAY

16 FEBRUARY 2023

7.00pm for 7.15pm start

Wynnum Ambulance Auditorium

Corner Tingal Road / Cedar Street

Lord Kitchener's Visit to Wynnum

Researched by Member
Chris Seymour.

Raffle
Lucky Door
Refreshments
Gold Coin Donation

Masks are optional, but Ambulance Officers frequent the building and have direct contact with the local hospitals.

Kitchener's Visit to Wynnum

By the side of Tingal Road stands a stone monument commemorating the visit by Lord Kitchener to Wynnum in January 1910. At the time Kitchener was the most famous soldier in the British Empire.

Kitchener spent two days in Wynnum, reviewing Queensland Troops camped at Lytton. Instead of the expected parade on day 2, Kitchener ordered the troop, including cavalry and artillery, to rise at 2.00am and march to Capalaba, where they were to defend against an invading army that had landed at Cleveland.

Come and hear more about the life and times of Lord Kitchener.

2023 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

will be held on

Thursday 16 March

in the Ambulance Auditorium.

We need more help both from new Committee Members and from Volunteers. Please collect a form and fill it in. Talk to one of the present committee to find out how you can assist.

Membership Fees for 2023

were due on 1 January 2023

No rise !! \$25.00

**Please pay at the
February General Meeting
or deposit in**

Bank of Queensland

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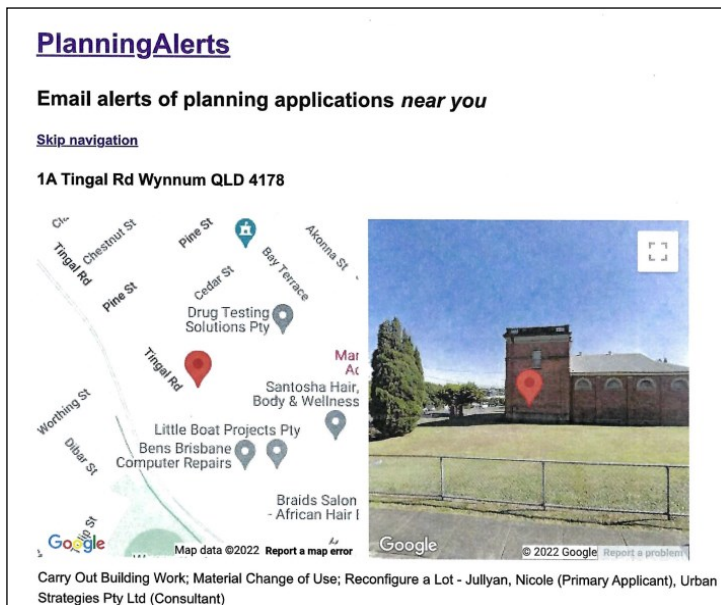
Thank you. Geraint Gregory Treasurer

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 Happy New Year to all our Members and Readers. Since we last met, there have been happenings occurring in the local area. Here is one of them:

Former Masonic Hall, 1A Tingal Road Wynnum

Recently an application for building changes at the Masonic Hall in Tngal Road was received by Brisbane City Council..



Freemasonry, as a fraternity, was officially established in Queensland in 1859 under the control of Grand Lodges in England, Ireland and Scotland.

Freemasonry promotes the development of personal character, supports extensive and varied charities, acknowledges a non-political but patriotic lifestyle and allows for free expression of religious beliefs amongst its members.

The Wynnum Lodge was originally formed in 1894, under the Irish constitution, but not until 1919 did members decide to build their own meeting hall. The titles of the land passed to Henry Clarke and Arthur Dickens, as Trustees. A Bill of Mortgage for £1,500 was drawn up with the Bank of New South Wales in July 1920 followed by an additional £3,000 in December 1920.

The Georgian Revival-style temple hall was designed and constructed in 1920 by Veritable Worship F J Wilkes, who was himself a Freemason. The cost was £4,000.

Many rumours have been circulating over the last few months as to the fate of the building. Will there be a conversion to a residence? Perhaps there may be a new reception centre? Will the adjacent spare land be used for development of private residences?

Volunteers are needed to help to keep the Resource Room door open!

We lost Ian Kennedy, our Wednesday Man, at the end of last year. Ian had served as a dedicated volunteer for 20 years. Our Thursday Volunteer is no longer able to help. You do not have to be an expert in the historical knowledge of the district. Just have 2 hours (10am—Noon) once/twice/three of four times a month, to open the door and be ready for visitors.

If you do not know the answer to their query, smile, take down their request and contact details. The query can be answered later.

Please come and see me, if you have a little time that you can spare.

Till next time . . . Jill

WHERE WAS I?

November 2022



The photo shows a clean-up taking place inside Roles Hill No. 1 Water Reservoir, on Roles Hill, Preston Road, Manly.

In 1919 an agreement was made with the Wynnum Town Council and the Queensland Government to fill a reservoir with water from Somerset Dam, through the Brisbane Water Mains, for £25,000. The reservoir was to be situated on Roles Hill, the highest point in the district.

Herbert W H Roles owned the land. He was a schoolteacher at the old Normal school, Edward Street, Brisbane. He left teaching to join the firm of Smellie & Co. Engineers. Later, with a few friends, he founded the “Engineers Supply Company of Australia”. He had built a large house for his parents and himself at Belmont.

In 1906 Herbert purchased 8 acres of land on the heights of Manly from Mr Connolly, Manly Station Master, for £150.00. He is said to have moved the family and the home from Belmont to this site in Manly.

In 1919, the Wynnum Town Council Water Board purchased 3 acres of Mr Roles’s land for a water reserve on which the large tanks now stand. Land was acquired from part of the wedge between Preston

Road and Daisy Road. Land along Daisy Road and Brisbane Road was surveyed and sold as house blocks. The old house from Belmont was re-located to the two acres that remained. And Herbert lived in his house until his death. The first Reservoir “Roles Hill No. 1 Reservoir” was planned in 1921 together with a pumping station and brought into operation in 1928.

Roles Hill No. 1 Reservoir is in and above ground, constructed of re-in forced concrete, with landscaped stepped embankments. A flat lawn is on the top, with 4 vent pipes. Only the top edges of the side wall are visible and on Preston Road the edges are concealed in part by a porphyry retaining wall. The top edge has porphyry signage “Roles Hill”, now partially obscured by vegetation. The reservoir was cleaned out every two years. The water was run out. The silt then settled on the floor and was hosed away along channels in the floor. Gum boots, brooms and hoses are seen in the June 1969 photo above.

WHERE AM I? February 2023



Till next Time

Jill

At the Society's meeting held on Thursday 17 November 2022, Lucy Laakso kindly recorded a summary of the talk entitled

“Wynnum Golf Club – 100 Years”

Researched by Member – Michael Beard

2022 was a year of centenary celebrations for the local Wynnum Golf Club (or WGC). At our November 2022 meeting, Society Member, and also WGC Member, Michael Beard spoke about some of the highlights of WGC's first 100 years.

Brisbane residents started playing golf in the late 1800s. It was the arrival of Governor Lord Lamington – a keen golfer – in April 1896 that helped promote the game in our city.

It wasn't until 1921 that community members here in Wynnum resolved to establish a golf course in the Wynnum-Manly area. Shortly thereafter – on 19 July 1922 – a meeting was held at the Wynnum Town Hall and the Wynnum Golf Club was formed, with the then Mayor of Wynnum (Ald. John Greene) as the Club President.

Within months, the site for the golf course had been chosen: a piece of swampy land known as Lovekin's Paddock (or Lovekin's Estate), which was part of the WGC site as we know it today. The Wynnum Town Council bought the land and granted WGC an initial 21 year lease. Wynnum Golf Club's nine hole course was opened on 29 March 1924 by the then President of the Queensland Golf Association (and WGC Member) Mr JW Brook. At the opening, Mr Brook spoke very highly of golf and also of our beloved Wynnum-Manly when he said, 'that it was fast becoming recognised that any community desiring to be acclaimed progressive must have a golf course and that the district was to be congratulated on being thoroughly up to date.' Well played, Wynnum-Manly!



*WYNNUM Golf Club. Opening Ceremony 1924.
Lord Mayor, Ald J Greene - Centre, Front Row.*

An imposing two storey timber clubhouse was constructed and it was opened by His Excellency the Governor of Queensland Sir Mathew Nathan at a gala event on 14 February 1925.

In subsequent years, additional land was purchased and the nine hole course became a standard 18 hole course. Manual labour – volunteered by humans and the WGC's resident Clydesdale horse 'Larry' – was invaluable in the early development of the course. The 18 hole course was opened officially by the then Lord Mayor of Brisbane (Ald. Roberts) on 15 September 1928. In 1929, the cost of an annual membership at WGC was two guineas.



Club House Today

Since its opening, the course has been upgraded a number of times, including for layout, greens, irrigation and drainage.

Wynnum Golf Club is listed on the Brisbane City Council's Local Heritage Places website as a place of local heritage significance (relevant criteria: historical, representative, aesthetic, social). WGC is the third oldest championship course in Brisbane (after Brisbane Golf Club and Royal Queensland Golf Club).

From a piece of swampy land to the beautifully landscaped and wildlife-friendly course we know today, and from 91 members in 1924 to more than 1,400 today, our local Wynnum Golf Club has had a successful first 100 years. Happy

Birthday to Wynnum Golf Club!

Until next time...

Thank you, Michael, for an informative presentation.

And thank you Lucy for this interesting and informative report.

Until next time...

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*“Tingalpa” or “Stratford House”,
56 Mountjoy Terrace Wynnum*

Alfred Charles Jeffery purchased the site in 1897. He named his new residence “Stratford House”. He left to visit England in 1916 and did not return.

The Paton family purchased the house. William Paton was a well known Brisbane Contractor. The parents died in the 1940’s and left the property to their three spinster daughters. When the last of the sisters finally passed away in 1980, the house had fallen into rack and ruin, as there had been funds available for maintenance. The house stood empty for 9 years, then was purchased and much of the surrounding land was sold off.

Colin and Yvonne Dell purchased the property in 1989 and spent \$750, 000 on renovations.



What is the “Blame Game”?

When something goes wrong, often one protects oneself and blames somebody else.

The pointing finger is often an indication of a person playing the “Blame Game”.

Playing the Blame Game does not move very far towards the solution.

A Blame Game will do nothing to bring about a constructive solution.

Playing the Blame Game does not help with morale or help resolve the problem.

Rather than playing the Blame Game, give new energy, impetus and hope towards attaining the required goals.

The Truth of Australia Day

26 JANUARY



This is information that all Australians need to know. Especially those who believe the day has connections with how anybody has been treated. People should learn the true facts before opening their mouths and uttering falsehoods.

This information should be taught in all Australian schools:

- Australia Day does not celebrate either the arrival of the First Fleet nor any invasion.
- The First Fleet arrived in Botany Bay on 18th January 1788.
- Captain Cook did not arrive in Australia on the 26th January. The landing of Captain Cook in Sydney happened on the 28th April 1770. However Captain Cook's landing was included in the Australian bi-centenary celebrations of 1988. Sydneysiders decided that Captain Cook's landing should become the focus of the Australia Day commemoration.

The 26 of January is the day that Australians received their independence from British Rule.

- Sadly, the importance of this date for all Australians has begun to fade and now a generation later, it is all but lost. The media as usual is happy to twist the truth for the sake of controversy.
- Australians of today abhor the behavior of former British governance towards the Aborigines, the Irish and many other cultures around the world.
- So after the horrors of WWII, Australia decided to fix it. We became our own people.

The *Nationality and Citizens Act*, came into existence in 1948. On 26th January 1949, all people living in Australia, including Aborigines, were first called "Australians" and allowed to travel with Passports as Australians, and not British subjects. We became free to make our own decisions. This new Act gave Aboriginal Australians the full protection of Australian Law.

Before 1949 we were called "British Subjects" and had to travel on British Passports and fight in British Wars.

The 26th January is the day that celebrates the implementation of the Nationality and Citizenship Act of 1948. On this date every year, new Australians receive their citizenship. It is the day which celebrates the implementation of freedom and protection for the first Australians and gives all Australians, old and new, the right to live under the protection of Australian Law, united as one nation.

What was achieved on 26 January 1949 is something for which all Australians can be proud.

Therefore all Australians should be taught the real reason why we celebrate Australia Day on 26 January.

In one way or another, we are all descendants of Australia, ALL OF US. So, we should ALL be celebrating and giving thanks for the freedoms, the lifestyles and the opportunities which we currently enjoy, thanks to the strength and perseverance of our ancestors.

Peter Lee

What's On

Date	Event	Venue	Booking
To Sunday 5th March 10 - 4.00pm	“The Great Aussie Backyard” The evolution of the backyard. Exhibition.	Redcliffe Museum 75 Anzac Avenue Redcliffe	Free
To Sunday 26th February Wed-Fri 10-4 Sat-Sun 10-3	“The 80’s” Exhibition and Activities.	Bribie Island Seaside Museum 1 South Esplanade, Bongaree	Free
Closes 15th February Wed and Fri 9.00 - 4.30pm	“Patents, Trade Marks and Designs.” Exhibition.	National Archives (Qld) 19 Corporate Drive Cannon Hill 4170	Free
Friday 17th February	“Dancing in Fetters.” Concert. Convict music and dance. Drinks and Nibbles.	Commissariat Store 115 William Street, City.	\$30. Book Www.eventbrite
Thursday 23rd February 10-11.00am	“History of Moreton House” Petersen Street, Wynnum. (Once the finishing school for Moreton Bay College)	Wynnum Public Library 145 Florence Street, Wynnum	Free. Book 3403 2199
To Sunday 23rd April Opens 10.00am	“Air” Work of 32 renowned Australian Artists	GOMA (Gallery of Modern Art) Stanley Place, South Brisbane	\$18 Concession 3840 7303
Sunday 19th March 9am-2pm	“Heritage and Harmony Fiesta” Multi Cultural Event	Redland Museum 60 Smith Street Cleveland	Free. Limited tickets trybooking.com 3286 3494
Daily 10am - 5pm	“Making Place” 100 views of Brisbane. Captures the City’s soundscapes.	Museum of Brisbane Gallery 1. Level 3 City Hall	Free

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
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Wynnum Manly Historical Society Inc
Minutes of General Meeting held in Ambulance Auditorium, Tingal Road
on Thursday 17 November 2022

Meeting opened at 7.20pm. Covid regulations were followed. – spacing of chairs.

There were 27 members present, 1 apology and 4 visitors, Michael Twigg, Daryn Sibley, Kelly Steel and Ian Tanner.

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

Christine Johns received her membership badge. All members that contributed to the 11 Christmas Raffle Prizes were thanked.

The passing of Laurima Rabe was announced. Her family date back to 1882. The early Win-em Drinks and then Patterson's Produce were run by her family for many years.

Previous Minutes: (Jill)

Minutes of Meeting of Thursday 20 October 22 were accepted by Jill Greenhill, seconded by Eric Sibley.

Treasurer's Report (Geraint Gregory) 1 – 31 October 2022

BOQ Ac/Nos. 2019708 / 21781280

OPENING Balance on 1 October 2022 \$29,638.07

Income \$ 342.22

Expenditure \$ 83.00

CLOSING Balance on 31 October 2022 \$30,040.80

which comprises: *Everyday Account*; and *Websaver Account*

Correspondence:

Lena presented the correspondence report for October 2022. The correspondence was accepted and endorsed at the committee meeting held on Thursday 3 November 2022.

Resource Centre: (Jill)

The answer to the question, "Where am I", was inside the No. 1 Roles Hill Reservoir on Roles Hill, Manly. Reticulated water did not come to the Bayside until 1928 and this above and below storage tank was the first Reservoir built on the highest point in the district. Views of the other three reservoirs were shown and the Turncock' cottage.

Peter Cumming will find out if the water reservoirs are still in use.

Speaker: Michael Beard presented an illustrated account of the history of golf in Queensland and the development of Wynnum Golf Course over the last 100 years.

Raffle: The 11 raffles, donated by Members were drawn, and won as follows:

1. Mavis Wegner 2. Ian Wheeler 3. Margaret Bulloch 4. Myrtle Beitz 5. Lesley 6. Chris Seymour 7. Bridget . 8. Sue Laakso 9. Janice Newlands 10. Eric Sibley 11. Michael Twigg.

Meeting closed 8.30pm and members were invited to partake of the Christmas fare that they had kindly provided, aided by Ellen Coupland and Lena McCreadie.

A/President: Jill Greenhill

Minute Secretary: Jill Greenhill

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)
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