

WYNNUM MANLY

HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.

February 2019 Newsletter

GENERAL MEETING

Thursday
21 February 2019
 7pm for 7.15pm start

**Ambulance
 Museum
 Auditorium**

(Corner of Cedar St and
 Tingal Road Wynnum)

Speaker

Caylie Jeffery

Author of book

Under the Lino

Come and hear Caylie tell us about the writing of the book and about the Under the Lino Community Project.

See page 2 for book details.

Door Prize

**Membership Draw
 Raffle**

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President's Report

Welcome to a new year. I hope you all enjoyed the festive season. It does seem so long ago now.

Our thoughts go out to our fellow Queenslanders who experienced devastating flooding in the past few weeks. Now returning to their homes to salvage what remains of their possessions and to clean up the mud and debris. So soul destroying. Also, fellow Australians in the southern states who have experienced bush fires, some who have nothing to return to. We certainly live in a land of extremes.

In mentioning the North Queensland flooding situation, members of the society enjoyed our first society outing of the year. A cruise on the *MV Lady Brisbane*, cruising the Brisbane River to the mouth/junction of the Bremer River passing Indooroopilly Island, Lone Pine, Seventeen Mile Rocks and the suburbs of Westlake, River Hills and the Moggill Car Ferry. We saw wonderful mansions some of which had experienced flood damage in the 1974 floods while some newer properties experienced flood damage in the 2011 floods. As well we witnessed new developments along the Brisbane River. One that springs to mind is the floating Brisbane Riverwalk, part of which, you may remember was washed away during the 2011 flood. It was a lovely day on the water (if not a little on the warm side). I am sure I speak for all of the members who went on the cruise, when I say we had lovely time and were well looked after by all of the crew. To top off the cruise, member Bruce Paterson came away with a prize after answering one of the competition questions posed by the Boat's Captain during the cruise. Congratulations, Bruce. The committee is also making preliminary plans for a couple of more tours for the year so if you have any thoughts on destinations you would enjoy visiting, please let the committee know. One of the major hurdles for tours is the cost associated with bus hire, which can be anything between \$750 - \$1000.

It looks like the Society has a busy year ahead and Myrtle has already been hard at work arranging speakers for our meetings. Myrtle's first speaker for this year is one I am truly looking forward to, **Caylie Jeffery**, author of the book ***Under the Lino***. The Under the Lino Project is a Brisbane-based community research project revolving around three 1940-50s bankbooks and money that Brisbane writer Caylie Jeffery, found underneath the lino flooring of her 1912 Queenslander in Milton. I do hope members as well as visitors come along to our February meeting to hear Caylie speak. Should you have any topics or speakers you would like to hear presented at one of our meetings, I know Myrtle would welcome your contacts and ideas.

Our first meeting for the year is on Thursday 21st February commencing at 7.15pm at the Wynnum Ambulance Museum Auditorium, corner Tingal Road and Cedar Street Wynnum. Eric, our Supper coordinator will be looking for volunteers for the supper roster, so it you can help out sometime through the year, by bringing a plate, I know Eric will be pleased to add your name to the roster.

Jill is also looking for volunteers for the Resource Room. The room is open 10am – 12 noon Monday to Friday, so if you can spare two hours once a week/fortnight or month I know Jill will be pleased to have your assistance. Have a chat with Jill at the meeting or drop her an email to let her know of your availability.

Thursday 21st March is our Annual General Meeting so if anyone is interested in nominating for a committee position, nominations are now open. Further details and nomination forms are contained in the newsletter. Please consider helping out the Society. It is a great way to have a say in the running of the Society. No experience is needed but enthusiasm is more than welcome.

I look forward to seeing everyone at our first official meeting of the year.

Deb Tearle

February speaker—Caylie Jeffery : Book—*Under the Lino*

“When Caylie and David Jeffery renovated the house on the busiest terrace in Milton, they had no idea what treasures they would find secreted inside. The intriguing discovery of 1950s money and bank books hidden under 60 years of old lino had Caylie turning to social media for help.

Who were Arthur and Eleanor Webster? Why were they hiding so much money? Who was Muriel White? Why was her bank book hidden in Milton when the address in the back said, “Bristol Street, West End”?

The trail of evidence leading from that dilapidated Queenslander revealed many secret stories ... fraud, missing gravestones, theft, brothels and murder”.

Jeffery, C., *Under the lino*, back cover.

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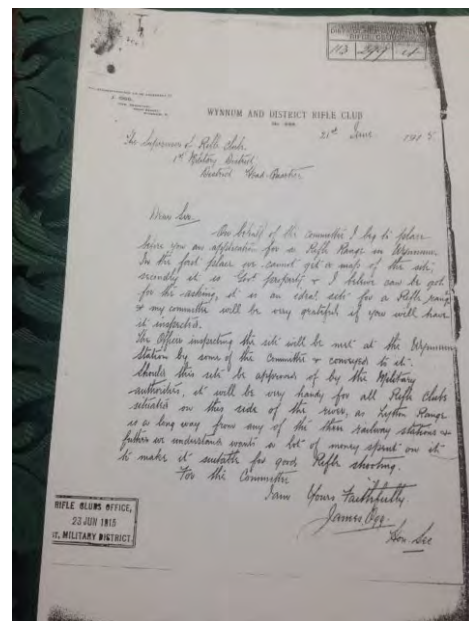
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Joan Pease,
Member for Lytton
and the members of her
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for the monthly printing

Rifle Range at Wynnum

Again we have a find in amongst Col Brown's collection. Here is copy of a letter, dated 12 June 1915, to "The Supervisor of Rifle Clubs" applying for a Rifle Range at Wynnum.

The Supervisor of Rifle Clubs 21st June 1915
 1st Military District
 District Head Quarters
 Dear Sir,
 On behalf of the committee I beg to place before you an application for a Rifle Range in Wynnum. In the first place we cannot get a map of the site, secondly, it is Govt property and I believe can be got for the asking, it is an ideal site for a Rifle Range and my committee will be very grateful if you will have it inspected.
 The Officer inspecting this site will be met at the Wynnum Station by some of the committee and conveyed to it. Should this site be approved of by the Military authorities, it will be very handy for all Rifle Clubs situated on this side of the river, as Lytton Range is a long way from any of the three railway stations and further we understand wants a lot of money spent on it to make it suitable for good Rifle shooting.
 For this Committee
 I am yours faithfully,
 James Ogg
 Hon. Sec



The Range was planned to stretch from the "Grassy Esplanade" near Prospect Street through a pathway made in the mangroves, past Crab Creek and Whyte Island to "Targets on a Raised Gallery".



Diagram of Range through the mangroves at Wynnum North

(Prospect Street on the mid-right side. Targets on the top left corner.

The Wynnum and District Rifle Club amalgamated with the Belmont Rifle Club.

A letter dated 30 June 1933 from E M Ralph (Commandant 1st District Base) to The Secretary Military Board, Army Headquarters, Melbourne states that the Wynnum Rifle Range is no longer required and the target machines and all serviceable appointments are to be moved to Belmont Range, which is on Commonwealth Property. It is suggested that the Permissive Occupancy over the Rifle Range at Wynnum be cancelled, as from 30 June 1933, to which date the rental has already been paid.

Series

HARBOUR MILESTONE 1

There is a lone fisherman in the shallows in this section of the Esplanade at Manly. This new road created after Duckett White donated land to the Lota Reserve and to Lota Creek. No retaining walls, but there is a narrow footpath at the water's edge. Earlier William Duckett White had fenced to the water's edge. He guarded his oyster patch with gusto by day and by night.

Series HARBOUR MILESTONE 1

No 11

c1920—Lone fisherman in the shallows at the Esplanade at Manly.



For more of Myrtle's Harbour Milestones series see <https://www.facebook.com/wynnumhistory/>

Publications for sale

Wynnum Community Centre, Room 1.08, 105 Florence Street Wynnum Mon to Fri 10am to Noon, or Wynnum Manly Historical Society, PO Box 318, Wynnum Q 4178, or Wynnum Manly Historical Society Librarian: library@wmhs.org.au

Early Shipping in Moreton Bay June 1846 –December 1859 Vol 1	Davenport, Winifred and Mottram, Betty	1998	\$5
Early Shipping in Moreton Bay January 1860 –December 1863 Vol 2	Davenport, Winifred and Mottram, Betty	1998	\$5
History of Music in the Wynnum Manly Area 1900 -1997	Nock, Betty	1998	\$5
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Mangroves to Moorings - Revisited	Beitz, Myrtle	2005	\$35
Story of Lota House	Beitz, Myrtle	2017	Donation
Lota House. Photographs and Images over 150 Years	Beitz, Myrtle	2017	\$15
From Saplings to Kero Tins A Peek at Gumdale's Past 2nd Ed.	Nalder Robyn	2017	\$15

Resource Centre Report - February 2019



A happy and healthy New Year to everyone.

We re-opened on Monday 14 January and with the aid of two ceiling fans, two floor fans and windows and door open, we are keeping moderately cool every day.

- ***Col Brown's Collection***

Volunteers continue to sort-out Col Brown's collection of newspaper cuttings, black books of articles, lists of happenings. Thank you Col.

We have found some very interesting information. One newspaper showed a picture of St Mary's Hospital, on the corner of Stratton Terrace and Nelson Parade, now long gone. A block of Units now sits on the site. Other items will be appearing in the newsletter.

- ***An original document and plan***

The Department of Transport has been reducing the size of its archives and a member of staff noticed that one packet for disposal was a letter from the Wynnum Divisional Board written in December 16th 1897. As the Staff member lives in Manly, the packet was delivered to us last week.

We now have, on yellowed paper, in spidery handwriting, the original request from the Wynnum Divisional Board to the Chairman of the Marine Board asking permission to build a new "East Wynnum Jetty" (Wynnum Central Jetty) between Florence and Edith Streets "being about, being about 200' longer than the present structure." There is also a bathing enclosure on the plan.

The plans are hand drawn on vellum and, though appear to be water stained, are quite readable.

This has confirmed the date of the re-building of No. 2 Jetty, which again was replaced in about 1958 with the rock-built groyne that we have today.

Jill Librarian

St Mary's Nursing Home Manly

This excerpt is taken from an interview between a reporter from the Wynnum Herald and Maeve McBride, on 4 July 1984.



St Mary's Nursing Home, viewed from Nelson Parade

St. Mary's, a magnificent building, is situated at the corner of Stratton Terrace and Nelson Parade, Manly, but most of the property and frontage of the nursing home faces Nelson Parade. The Nursing Home has been home to Matron Maeve McBride and former wartime pilot husband Jim since 1962. Extensions were added in 1966.

The McBride's home adjoins the property.

There is a view over the Darling Point end of the Esplanade and during summer bay breezes waft through the rooms. The sun warms the front verandah of the nursing home itself and residents were able to sit out and enjoy the warmth. According to Matron, it is home to a happy bunch of elderly folk who still retain a great sense of humour and esprit de corps despite advanced years.

Extended.

Matron, Maeve, and her husband bought the property in January, 1962, and extended the premises in 1966. A grandmother of 10 and mother of four sons, Maeve is a former Sydney girl who trained at the Mater Hospital on Sydney's North Shore and at the Royal Brisbane Women's Hospital.

Before coming to Manly she was Matron of Beenleigh private hospital and had done a stint at the Tully District Hospital in North Queensland. She was also was in the Merchant Navy as a Sister on a Union Line boat.

Although Matron was trained in Sydney, she was born in Lismore, completed her education in New South Wales at a school in the Blue Mountains. She married an Englishman born in Singapore and who had joined the Royal Air Force, trained in Canada as a pilot and then served in India during World War II.

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Commenting on her time in Beenleigh, Maeve said that they had operated a dairy farm called Tanah-Merah which was Malaysian for red soil. This name has now been incorporated as a suburb of Beenleigh.

When St Mary's opened in 1962, it did so with 16 beds. It now boasts 28 beds and a staff of 35.

Average age of the residents was about 80. Like other district nursing homes fees were set by the Federal Department of Health.

Matron is the registered proprietor with the Federal and State Health Departments. Husband Jim does the paperwork and buying.

When not looking after residents and the home, Matron said she saw a great deal of her family, including grandchildren. Sewing, reading and fishing were listed among her "past-times".

She fished in Moreton Bay and the Broadwater. Each morning Matron goes for a walk along the Manly Foreshore and watches anglers trying their luck.

A Happy Home

Demand for beds at the nursing home was always high but St Mary's set a policy of preference to local Wynnum-Manly and district people. Visiting hours were unlimited between 8.30 am and 7.30 pm Relatives were very caring and visited nursing homes regularly.

Recreational officers offered arts and crafts for residents which gave them plenty of mental stimulation. Commenting on this, Matron commented that there was a false impression that people did not care about the sick and elderly. This was far from the case.

One of the biggest activities was a word building game and there was a competition each week among a number of nursing homes, including St Mary's. Each week a word was selected and residents had to make up as many words as possible from it. Dictionaries were not allowed and there was a half hour time limit. "It's a lot of fun", Matron said.

There also was a great spirit among other nursing homes. "A nice friendly atmosphere exist between all our local nursing homes," Matron said.

"A number of our residents were taken to the Moreton Bay Nursing Care Unit today to see and hear the Military band give a performance," Matron said. The RSL Harmonica Band visited St Mary's from time to time to give concerts. The Salvation Army Band and the Wynnum-Manly Citizen also played for residents. Each year the home staged a Melbourne Cup party.

Matron said. "We celebrated Wynnum's centenary just recently and always find the Seagull can give us a chance to celebrate a win," she said.

When Prince Charles and Lady Di were married we had a Royal Wedding party which was quite a riot."

*From Col Brown's Collection
Wynnum - Redlands Herald 4 July 1984.*

Transcribed by Heather Langston

November 2018 Where was I?



A flock of plastic birds, constructed from used plastic bottles and mounted in the corner of Rose Bay, near the Manly Picnic Sheds, last October 2018. The display is named “Flock” and was created by Claire Tracey and Annique Goldenberg. This temporary art installation, representing a flock of birds in flight over the wetlands, celebrates the 20th anniversary of the Narashino Agreement, which protects habitats for migratory birds flying between Brisbane and Narashino, Japan. Made from plastic bottles collected in Brisbane, the birds in the flock move in harmony with the wind and the waves and will gently glow at night.

February 2019 Where am I?



Till next time

Jill

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO MEMBERS

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

21 March 2019

The Annual General Meeting of the Wynnum Manly Historical Society Inc. is to be held on **21 March 2019**. 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 **7 March 2019** whereafter the nomination forms will be on display in the Resource Centre

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 21 March 2019.

NOMINATION FORM – 2019

The Secretary
 Wynnum Manly Historical Society Inc
 PO Box 318
 WYNNUM Q 4178

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 21 March 2019.

Dated this _____ day of _____ 2019

Proposer's signature _____

Secunder's signature _____

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JANUARY SOCIETY OUTING—MV LADY BRISBANE CRUISE UP BRISBANE RIVER TO BREMER RIVER JUNCTION

Following in the “wake” of John Oxley, members and guests of the Wynnum Manly Historical Society travelled to the junction of the Brisbane and Bremer Rivers on the beautiful timber vessel, *MV Lady Brisbane*, and return on Sunday, 20 January 2019. Although it was a very warm day, it wasn't too difficult to find a spot on the boat where we could find a cooling breeze. We were well cared for during the trip by all members of the crew.





Wynnum Manly Historical Society Inc
Minutes of General Meeting held in Ambulance Museum Auditorium, Tingal Road
on Thursday 15 November 2018

Meeting opened at 7.20pm. There were 26 members and 4 visitors, Jane Cross, Phoebe Johnston, Doug Teale, Geraint Gregory, Alan and Roisin Burrell and 3apologies.

Previous Minutes:

Minutes of Meeting of Thursday 20 September were accepted by Nena Robertson and seconded by Lena McCreddie.

Correspondence:

The correspondence report was presented for October 2018. The correspondence had been accepted and endorsed at the committee meeting on Thursday 1 November 2018.

Treasurers Report

BOQ A/c No 20139708 1 October 2018 – 31 October 2018

Opening balance at 1 October 2018 **\$35,574.34**

Everyday Account

Opening Balance at 1 October 2018 \$ 5,419.42*

Income \$198.20

Expenditure \$176.65

Closing balance at 31 October 2018 \$ \$6,520.73*

*Includes \$1010.00 Leagues Club Grant

Websaver(Building)Account at 31 October(Inc. interest \$31.71 \$31,106.87

TOTAL FUNDS AS AT 31 October 2018 \$35,627.60

Resource Centre: "Where was I?" this month was a flock of plastic birds, constructed from used plastic bottles and moored in the corner of Rose Bay near the Manly Picnic Sheds last October 2018. The display is named "Flock" and was created by Claire Tracey and Annique Goldenberg. This temporary art installation represents a flock of birds in flight over the wetlands. It celebrates the 20th anniversary of the Narashino Agreement, which protects habitats for migratory birds flying between Brisbane and Narashino, Japan. Made from plastic bottles collected in Brisbane, the birds in the flock move in harmony with the wind and the waves and will gently glow at night.

Outings:

We will be joining *Brisbane Cruises* on a ride up the Brisbane River, as far as the junction with the Bremer River, on **Sunday 20 January 2019**. Cost for day is \$67.00. Only on certain tide conditions is a boat able to reach this tributary of the Brisbane River. 20 persons have booked so far and a maxi taxi will be ordered from Wynnum Community Centre to and from Mowbray Park..

Interested persons and visitors were asked to sign-up and pay \$30 booking fee before the end of November..

General Business: Volunteers are sought to help with the meeting suppers for 2019,

Spot: Myrtle Beitz showed her presentation of "40 years of the new St Peter's Anglican Church in Wynnum", together with accompanying music.

The following people won 17 Christmas Raffles, filled with donations from members:

Myrtle Beitz, Doug Teale, Evana Charlton, Janice Newland, Carol Astill, Alan Burrill, Gary Parsons, Eric Sibley, Mavis Wegner, Wendy Parsons, Geraint Gregory and Phoebe Johnston

The meeting closed at 8.45pm

Our Committee and Volunteers..

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Life Members: Myrtle Beitz, Jill Greenhill, Noela Stratton

Friend of Society: John McIntyre

Late Life Members: Merv Beitz, Jack Sands, John Davies.

General Meetings

Afternoon set up: Jill Greenhill, Myrtle Beitz, Eric Sibley

Welcome at Door and Raffles: Jan Parnell, Lyn Shanks

Supper Co-ordinators: Eric Sibley, Ellen Coupland

Raffle Prizes: Committee

Newsletters

Editor: Mitch Parsons

Distribution (email): Sandy Liddle

Distribution (mail out): Jill Greenhill

Resource Centre

Volunteers: Ian Wheeler, Ian Kennedy, Myrtle Beitz, Dawn Wilkins, Heather Langston, Margaret Bulloch, Ellen Coupland, Denise Cogill, Jan Parnell

Research Enquiries: Jill Greenhill, Ellen Coupland

Tours.

Planning and Co-ordination: Jan Parnell, Jill Greenhill, Lena McCreadie, Ellen Coupland, Deb Tearle

Bookings: Sandy Liddle at General Meetings and Resource Centre staff each weekday

When	Where	What's On
February 20 2019 11am—11.45am Cost: Free	State Library of Queensland, Southbank, Brisbane.)	Home : a suburban obsession guided exhibition tour Get an insider's glimpse of the stories behind the <i>Home: A suburban obsession</i> exhibition. It's a chance to learn about this amazing photographic collection and how it is being used in creative ways..
February 23 2019 9.45am—5 pm Cost: - Free but bookings essential Ph: 0423 761 278	Mayne Medical Building Lecture Theatre 288 Herston Road Herston	Brisbane: Spanish flu pandemic 1919 Brisbane History Group are holding an all day seminar with interesting speakers talking about the Spanish flu pandemic which struck Brisbane in 1919. Buses to Herston bus stop on Inner Northern Busway is recommended way of travel. Routes 66, 330, 333 and 340 stop there.
February 28 2019 10am—12 noon Cost: Free	Wynnum Library Florence Street Wynnum Queensland	Wharfie Join Lesley Synge, author of <i>Wharfie</i> , as she discusses the life of an Australian waterside worker for 40 years, Wal Stubbings.
February 28 2019 10am—12 noon Cost: Free	Cleveland Library Bloomfield Street Cleveland	Local history : coffee and conversation Come along on the fourth Thursday of each month to share your Redland Coast stories and photos, and to hear and see the local history items that the library has already collected..
March 13 2019 12.30pm—1.30pm Cost: - Free but bookings essential if staying for lunch after which costs \$5	Commissariat Store Museum 115 William Street Brisbane	We'll show the World " Expo 88? By Jackie Ryan A shiny 1980s amalgam of cultural precinct, shopping mall, theme park, travelogue and rock concert, Expo 88 is commonly credited as the catalyst for Brisbane's 'coming of age'. So how did an elaborate and expensive party change a city forever?

Wynnum Manly Historical Society Inc.

PO Box 318

Wynnum QLD 4178



Wynnum Manly Historical Society Inc.
Our aim is to gather and record local history before it is lost.

Membership application forms are available from the Resource Centre
at the Old Wynnum Central State School.

Membership costs per year (1 January to 31 December)

Single \$20.00

Family \$30.00

High School Student \$10.00

PLEASE NOTE: There is a joining fee of \$10.00 per person.



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