

# WYNNUM MANLY HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.

## November Newsletter

### November General Meeting

#### Trivia Quiz and Christmas Party



Thursday, 19th November,  
7:30pm

Ambulance Museum  
Auditorium

(Cnr Cedar Street and Tingal  
Road, Wynnum)

A gold coin donation would be appreciated. Raffle tickets also available: \$1 each or 3 for \$2

*Could everyone please bring a small plate of food to share.*

*Appreciation to Myrtle Beitz and Margaret O'Neil for the supper.*

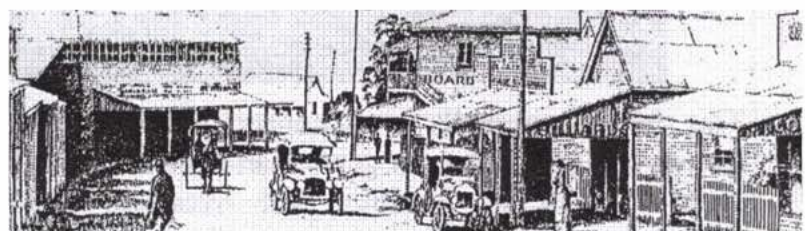
### Presidents Report

Greetings... and welcome to our November newsletter. This will be our last newsletter for 2015.

What a memorable year it has been - in some ways for the wrong reasons. We have had episodes of terrorism on Australian soil, passenger jets coming down resulting in the loss of many lives, war raging in many countries, and millions of people seeking refuge and a safer place to live. One's heart just aches seeing all those people streaming into Europe from their war torn homelands, because they cannot meet their basic safety needs. I consider that, too often, we in Australia take these basic survival needs for granted.

On the positive side, we have seen our Queen Elizabeth II reach a significant milestone, when, on 9<sup>th</sup> September 2015 she became our longest serving monarch. On that date, she celebrated her 23,226<sup>th</sup> day on the throne attending the opening of the Scottish Borders Railway. This line is the longest domestic railway to be built in Great Britain for more than a century. I really admire our Queen. Already the oldest sovereign in British history, on 21<sup>st</sup> April 2016, Elizabeth II will become the first of our monarchs to occupy the throne in her tenth decade.

While longevity is a great personal achievement for a monarch, it is not necessarily a marker of their success. Queen Victoria's reign spanned 63 years and 216 days. In that time the British Empire expanded.



## Supper Roster 2016

Our supper co-ordinator, Deb Tearle would like to thank everyone who has contributed to suppers this year and wish all members a happy and safe festive season.

**Could everyone who is able to help out with supper next year please contact Deb and let her know so that she can plan the roster.**

Contact can be made via [douganddebtearle@gmail.com](mailto:douganddebtearle@gmail.com), 33969697 or 0407 629180.

*If everyone takes a turn it means you only have to be available for one meeting a year.*

Members on roster so far for February 2016 are...

Eris Powell, Wendy Smith and Ian Wheeler



However, in her latter years she became almost reclusive, and certainly did not have the enthusiasm of her great great granddaughter. Henry III lasted 56 years, but had precious little to celebrate. He failed in his attempts to invade France and Sicily, then, a dreadful war with the English barons erupted, that saw Henry deposed by his brother-in-law, Simon de Montford. Henry V, on the other hand, reigned 9 years and 163 days. In that time he won at Agincourt and conquered France as well. Therefore, it's all very well to live to a ripe old age, but, one will ultimately be judged by one's achievements, however long one reigns. So far, I consider that our Queen Elizabeth II has shaped up very well.

On the local front, things are moving slowly towards our taking up occupancy in the Wynnum Central School building. I attended a meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> October where we were told that the building should, hopefully, be accessed by 16<sup>th</sup> November. There will be a site meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> November and the official opening on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> November. This will be a public meeting, so you all are invited to attend on that day to inspect our new premises.

In closing, I would like to wish you all a very happy Christmas season and a happy, healthy and fulfilling year ahead. As someone once said,

“The Christmas spirit that dies with the dried-up Christmas tree is just as worthless”.

Therefore, let us move into the new year with optimism, love and tolerance. And may we see peace on earth and good will towards each other.

My very best wishes, Jan Parnell.

## Christmas Hamper

It's that time of year again!

**Donations for our  
Christmas Hamper**

will be gratefully received.

Please bring your donations of goodies for our Christmas hamper along to the Resource centre prior to the November meeting.

## Resource Centre Report – November 2015.

### • Do we have any Debs, from the 1960's?

"With the Debutante Ball on next Saturday, debutantes are busy with the final practices. Here some of the debs are watching Mrs Dolly Barton demonstration a curtsey during a practice at "Shangri-La". The girls will be presented to Monsignor English."

*Wynnum Herald. 15 July 1964*



### • Corner House

Recently we received a request for memories of the Corner House to be used by Sue Margetts in making a scrapbook for her mother-in-law, Doreen Margetts who is 80 this month.

Doreen Dickman and her sister Nerida used to catch the bus at the Corner House and here she met her future husband, John Arthur Margetts. John, and brother Leonard grew up at 26 Carnation Street and Doreen and John brought up five boys at 25 Shepherd Street Wynnum North

Doreen now lives in Chinchilla but John passed away in 2003.

Does anybody remember the family?

### • Relatives of Charles and Bessie Abrehart. (Newsletter November 2014).

A family group photograph was sent to the Merv Beitz Room from Pakenham Victoria, seeking identifications for the members of the family.

This week, we find that we have the great granddaughter of Charles and Bessie Abrehart living here in Wynnum Manly. Who would like to be connected?

### • Mr Tingal and his four daughters

This information came from a local Cabbie:

A long time ago a Mr Tingal lived in Wynnum.

He had four daughters, Charlotte, Florence, Edith and Clara . . . . .

Thank you Ean Roff

Till next time, Jill

## Dreams in the Past



*Ingleston Corner at crossing of, Bay Terrace and Charlotte Street. 1947 – 1955*

In 1957 the corner of Bay Terrace and Charlotte Street was an empty site, left after the burning of “Ingleston” boarding house in 1947. The City Council owned the land - Ingleston Corner..

A head-line announcement was made the Herald of 6 February 40,000 was to be built on the site. There would be thirteen shops to let, 37 squares of office space on the first floor and Council offices. This was the first building to be erected under council policy of decentralizing its offices.

Local opinion was not happy. The Chamber of Commerce requested underground toilets. There were already plenty of better and larger shops in Wynnum. Why not build a fine modern civic hall on the site to accommodate local groups and events. The existing Municipal Library Hall was inadequate and could become the Council offices . . . .

The 1957 report:

### Council Shops for Bay Terrace

#### Will they build them 20 feet back?

Specially reported by Murray Hulett

**Headlines in the daily city press yesterday announced that the City Council proposed an immediate start on their new building to be erected on the council owned block at the corner of**

**Bay Terrace and Charlotte Street.**

“The total cost of the building, which is expected to be completed by the end of

the year, is estimated at from £30,000 to £40,000” the report states.

The health committee chairman, Ald. Gregory, was quoted as saying that “There would be 13 shops for letting

and 37 squares of office space for letting on the first floor, in addition to council offices; £9000 available for expenditure before the end of June is to be spent on stage one, which will comprise six shops for letting and two for temporary council offices and a women's rest room and toilet. The whole block will be the first to be erected under the council policy of decentralizing its offices.

I have no quarrel at all with the erecting of the rest rooms and toilet proposal, although the chamber of Commerce and every civic minded citizen has long advocated their provision, but underground as is the case in most other civilized communities.

For the council to enter into a competitive field with the progressive and enterprising business community, who have already built the shopping centre of Wynnum into one of, if not the finest, in the Brisbane area, is too utterly ridiculous to contemplate.

Applications are even now before the council as many others have in the past months, for site approval for modern and spacious business premises, of a far larger and more commodious type than the council can ever hope to provide in their thirteen.

Many have been rejected or subjected to such ridiculous conditions as to make their erection an impossible investment.

Lucrative offers have been made to the council in the past for this site for business purposes and many suggestions for its use have been put forward by the Chamber of Commerce, but all to no avail.

Some months ago, a suggestion was put forward

for the erection of an Olympic pool and recreation reserve in the area known as the Blacks Camp. A council official at the time said that the idea, while laudible, was laughable to even think that such moneys could be found by the council; £40,000 would provide two such areas with a much more lucrative result to the council and far more benefit to the community as a whole.

Another point that has more merit than a block of shops for letting is the erection of an adequate civic hall for the district; £40,000 would provide a fine modern hall on this site.

One that would have every conceivable stage and accommodation facility and serve as a great source of encouragement to the local theatrical bodies, musical societies and other commendable district movements not forgetting a first class youth club.

The existing Municipal Library Hall, which is totally inadequate for such a large

district could readily be converted into spacious municipal offices, with space to cater for every requirement in this regard.

For £40,000 or much less, such a project could well be a far better source of revenue than the proposed "shops for letting".

Does the council seriously contend and it looks like £40,000 worth of contention, that it will attract serious minded business folk, willing to provide good, solid capital in a business venture and tie themselves to the council as their landlords in a shop that, as one of 13 on the site could never hope to be, of a sufficient size as to offer anything like the types that local business houses have in mind and that the size of the district demands.

The Herald  
Wednesday 6 Feb 1957

Transcribed by  
Heather Langston



*The Early Civic Centre, looking towards Bay Terrace and Irvines. Opened in 1958*

**Another former local identity who served on the Brisbane City Council, representing Wynnum and Manly, for twelve years . . .**

**“Bill” Howard**

**DEATH OF EX-ALDERMAN**

The death was announced yesterday, following a long illness, of Mr Willie Russell Howard, of 15 Seventh Avenue, Coorparoo and formerly of Wynnum.

An engineer by trade, the late Mr Howard was at one time manager of the Wynnum Fish Depot and Ice Works, but is better known for the work he undertook for the district's betterment when elected as a C.M.O. Alderman to the Brisbane City Council in 1940 – an office he held until 1952.

Whilst a member of the City Council, the late Mr Howard was chairman of the Health Committee for a period of 11 years. He was known for his singleness of purpose and for being one to come straight to the point in any business matters he dealt with, having no time whatsoever for trivialities. His energies were always directed to the improvement of the district in which he lived and worked.

**FOUNDED RESCUE ASSOCIATION**

It was back in 1948, after a boating fatality in which four young lives were lost, that the subject of these lines called a meeting from which was to be formed the Waterloo Bay Rescue Association and eventually, the building of the rescue launch “Dauntless”,

which, since 1955, has carried out excellent work in the saving of lives in Moreton Bay.

Of the many activities the late Mr Howard associated himself with, a few to recall included his being a Past President of the Wynnum Bowling Club and a life member of Mt Gravatt Show Committee. He was also Past Master of the Masonic Order and Methodist Church.

For 26 years the late Mr Howard was actively associated with the Wynnum Ambulance, having been appointed to the committee in 1927. In 1931 he was elected treasurer and later in 1936 became deputy chairman and State Executive representative. The following year he was elected chairman and continued this office until January 1953, when he shifted residence.

For a time the late Mr Howard left the district to reside in Bundaberg, but his interest in the Bayside district never waned. For all the good he did for the development of the area, the memory of the public is, unfortunately very short and like many others before him, his works are forgotten.

One project which he fathered and which should be



recognised today was the clearing and reformation of the old unkempt Hemmant Cemetery into the beautiful grounds of the present “Garden of Rest” on the same site.

The late “Bill” Howard was 75 years of age at the time of his death and the condolences of many in the district have been extended to the widow and family who survive. The funeral service took place in the East Chapel at Mt. Thompson Crematorium today (Wednesday 24 July 1963), at 12.30 pm.

*Wynnum Herald* 24.07.1963 Page 01

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# Do you remember life before the arrival of sewerage?



Advertisement: *Wynnum Herald 26 August 1964*

Sewerage arrived in Wynnum Manly in September 1964.

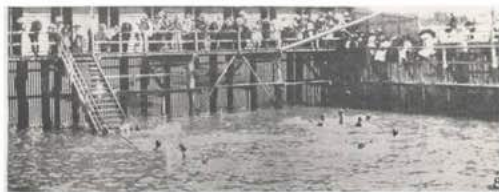
The Lind Family were local builders and their hardware shop still exists today in Singer Street. Is anybody able to contribute information about the Lind family?

## Series BEFORE AND LATER

No 55

If only we still had the Tidal Baths!

For more of Myrtle's Before and Later series...



Top L: Moreton Bay school Lessons c1910

Top R: State school Swimming classes 1920 's

Lower L: Barnes Memorial in foreground looking to jetty in the 1930's

Lower R: Cyclone damage 1954



WYNNUM CENTRAL, SHOPPING BOON, W. B. BARNES MEMORIAL AND JETTY

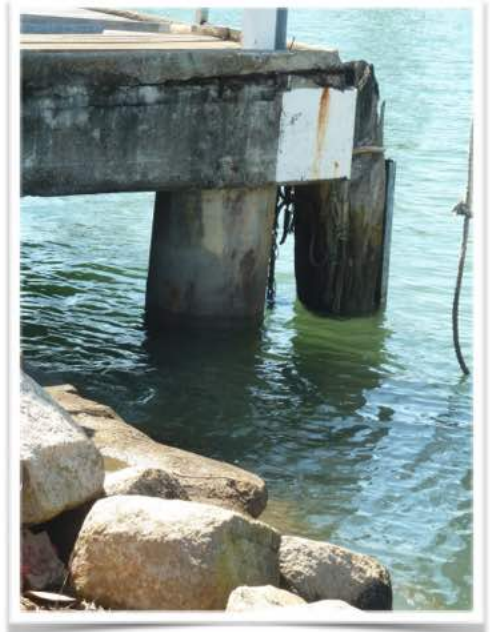
## Where was I? October 2015



A badly eroded bollard at Wynnum Fish Market on Wynnum Creek.

Concrete bollard (to the left) now holds up the landing deck.

Fish market on creek



## Where am I? November 2015





## Wynnum Man Leading the Way in Cancer Research

Professor Philip Hogg, the son of Lloyd and Dawn Hogg, grew up in Wynnum where he attended Wynnum High School. He is now a leading biochemist based in Sydney and has just been appointed as the Chair of the Translational Cancer Research for Sydney Catalyst and the NHMRC Clinical Trials Centre at the University of Sydney.

Professor Hogg originally started his career researching proteins, and their role in blood clotting as part of his Cardiac research. He discovered a new type of chemical modification of proteins that changed the way the cells metabolise glucose. This led to thinking about possibilities for this as a type of treatment to shut off energy production in cancer cells.

Professor Hogg's research then turned to this area. The new drug that was developed from his molecule was originally tested on mice with positive results. Trials in the UK showed an improvement in many of the patients. Now an Australian trial is being undertaken with 22 patients in Sydney and Melbourne. The research has received over \$3.75 million of funding from Cancer Council NSW and the NSW Cancer Institute.

This type of treatment is most likely to be effective at treating pancreatic, brain and ovarian tumours, but Professor Hogg warns that there is still the possibility that the toxic effects of the treatment may be too great for patients, or that the treatment may pass through the blood too quickly to be effective.

The head of the Cancer Institute NSW, Mr David Currow, said that, "this is 20 years worth (of research) and we do need to pay tribute to researchers like Phil staying the distance".

Let's hope that his research is successful in fighting this terrible disease.

Wynnum is very proud of you, Professor Hogg!

### Are you interested in..

- ♦ Listening to people tell their stories?
- ♦ Learning how to record an oral history interview?
- ♦ Helping to transcribe interviews?
- ♦ Learning more about using your iPad?
- ♦ Gaining confidence and support to interview people?
- ♦ Learning to make a digital story on your iPad?
- ♦ Or just finding out about the oral history project?
- ♦ Meeting regularly in a cafe over coffee

If you answered yes to any of these questions, you should join our new  
**Oral History Project team**

Please contact Sharee to register your interest ph:0408 232158 or [Sharee.cordes@gmail.com](mailto:Sharee.cordes@gmail.com)

# Birkdale/Thorneside Community History Project Community Meeting

Help us to discover the history of Birkdale and Thorneside

Contribute to bringing the history of Birkdale/Thorneside to light. We are especially interested in 1970s - 2015!

Bring an object, photo or story to share on the night in our **Pop-up Museum**

**Tuesday 24th November 2015**  
**Birkdale School of Arts**  
 101 Birkdale Road, Birkdale  
 6pm - 8pm  
 Light supper provided

**All welcome**

[birkdalecommunityhistoryproject.org](http://birkdalecommunityhistoryproject.org)  
A project of the Birkdale Progress Association with assistance from Redland City Council

## Birkdale/Thorneside Community History Project

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Do you have a memory of, or connection to the suburbs or Birkdale or Thorneside?  
 We would love to hear from you!

Elisabeth Gondwe (North Stradbroke Island Historical Museum) and our own Sharee Cordes in association with the Birkdale Progress Association and Redland City Council are conducting a history of these suburbs. We are on the lookout for photos and stories from Birkdale and Thorneside - the history of the original settlers right through to what happened yesterday.

Through this project we aim to give people opportunities to connect with others in their community and share their stories.

Do you have a story? Please contact Sharee, ph. 0408232158 or [sharee.cordes@gmail.com](mailto:sharee.cordes@gmail.com)  
 Or visit our website [www.birkdalecommunityhistoryproject.org](http://www.birkdalecommunityhistoryproject.org)

## Snippets from a Brisbane Baby Boomer's Diary

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**The popular Boom Baby returns to Wynnum Library in November - playing the songs you loved!**

**They will perform "Snippets from a Brisbane Baby Boomer's Diary". A musical journey through Brisbane in the fifties and sixties.**

**No bookings required but please bring your tapping feet!**

**Thursday November 26th  
 10 am  
 Wynnum Library**

<i>Events November</i>			
Date	Time	Location Name	Event Name
12 <sup>th</sup> November	10am-11am	QSA Lecture Theatre 2	Find your First World Soldier Seminar
15 <sup>th</sup> November	2pm-3pm	Newstead House	Celtic Pipes: Concert on the western lawn of Newstead House.
17 <sup>th</sup> November	2pm-3pm	Webinar	Will and Intescacy records: These records can be very useful to family historicans seeking clues about family connections and administration of estates.
until 22 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	10am-5pm	Infozone, Lvl 1 State Library	Nikon-Walkey Press Photography Exhibition: See the biggest stories of the past year through the lenses of Australia's best photographers.
26 <sup>th</sup> November	10am-12pm	Wynnum Library	Boom Baby performs "Snippers from a Brisbane Baby Boomers Diary: A musical journey through the 50'sand 60's.
3 <sup>rd</sup> December	6pm-7:50pm	Wynnum Library	Family History up Late
6 <sup>th</sup> December	10:15-11:15am	Roma Street Railway Station	Steam Train Sunday: Take in the views of Brisbane behinds a steam locomotive. Cost: \$25 Adult, \$22 Concession, \$15 Child
7 <sup>th</sup> December	1:30pm-3pm	Wynnum Library	Who do you think you are?: Bring your family history project and join a group discussion to find answers to your family history questions.
10 <sup>th</sup> Dec-19 <sup>th</sup> Dec		Bribie Island Library	Transforming Tindale: A thought provoking journey into the Tindale Collection, what it means to aboriginal people and it's place in Queensland's history.
13 <sup>th</sup> December	10:10am-12:10pm	The Workshops Rail Museum	Catch the Christmas spirit with a festive return steam train journey to historic Grandchester station. Bookings essential. Cost: \$27 Adult, \$25 Concession, \$13 Child
until 21 <sup>st</sup> Feb	10am-5pm	Level 1 State Library	Walan Giiny(Strong Heart): Walan Giiny is a mixed media display of Aboroginal and Torres Strait Islander artists living with disability.

### *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: June 1846- December 1859, Volume 1	1998	\$5
Davenport, Winifred and Mottram, Betty	Early Shipping in Moreton Bay: January 1860 - December 1863, Volume 2	2002	\$5
Balder, Robyn	From Sapling to Kero Tin: A Peek at Gumdale's Past	2004	\$15
Nock, Betty	History of Music in the Wynnum and Manly area 1900-1997	1998	\$5
Nick, Betty	History of Arts in the Wynnum and Manly area 1900-2003	2005	\$5

## Wynnum Manly Historical Society Inc

### Minutes of General Meeting held in the Ambulance Museum Auditorium

**on Thursday 15 October 2015**

The meeting opened at 7.30pm with 29 members present and 5 apologies were received. Three visitors, Kathy Davies, T Lynn and Shirley El-rez were present.

President Jan Parnell reminded us of many happenings of the past that occurred on this date.

Minutes of Meeting of 17 September 2015, accepted by Noela Stratton, seconded by Myrtle Beitz.

**Correspondence:** In the absence of Lena, Ellen presented the correspondence for September. This correspondence was accepted and endorsed at the committee meeting held on Thursday 1 October 2015.

**Treasurers Report:** Band of Qld A/c No. **2013 9708** **1 – 30 September 2015**

Opening Balance	at 1 September 2015	\$36,704.55
which comprises:		
<b><u>Everyday Account</u></b>		
Opening balance at 1 September		\$ 5,242.02
Income	\$633.25 Expenditure	\$1,317.55
Closing Balance at 30 September 2015		<b>\$4,613.66</b>
and	<b><u>Websaver Account</u></b> at 30 September 2015 (Inc. Interest \$102.48)	\$31,509.07
<b><u>TOTAL FUNDS</u></b> <span style="float: right;"><b><u>at 30 September 2015</u></b></span>		<b><u>\$36,122.73</u></b>

This report was presented and approved at Committee Meeting on Thursday 1 October 2015.

**Resource Centre:** (Jill) “Where was I?” this month featured an eroded bollard at the Fish Market building on Wynnum Creek.

**General Business:**

- Myrtle urged members to vote for the name “Fig Tree Park” for the new park being established in Charlotte Street.
- Dennis O’Neill suggested that the Society be involved in the naming of the creeks and drains in the Lytton, Hemmant area as reported in a recent Wynnum Herald.
- Noela would like Wynnum Central to be re-named to the former name of Wynnum South. The meeting was not in agreement.
- The Choral Concert is being held in the Municipal Hall on afternoon of Sunday 15 November. Entry is \$15.

**Speaker:**

David Gibson, author, editor and former manager of Newstead House gave an amusing recollection of events places and people of the past throughout Queensland

The **Door Prize** , was won by Jan Aplin, the **Raffle** also by Peter Hughes and the **Members Draw** by Mitch Parsons.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm. A delicious supper was served by Marie Stokes, Anne Hall and Ellen Coupland.

Jill Greenhill. Minute Secretary

## Our Committee...

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Late Life Members: Merv Beitz, Jack Sands		
Patrons: Cr Peter Cumming and Joan Pearce MP.		Friends of WMHS: John McIntyre

## Regular 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-ordination: Deborah Tearle

Raffle Prizes: Sandra Wheeler

### Newsletters

Editor: Sharee Cordes

Printing: Ian Wheeler

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Distribution (mail out): Jill Greenhill

### Resource Centre.

Volunteers: Ian Wheeler, Ian Kennedy, Noela Stratton, Dennis O'Neill, Col Brown, Myrtle Beitz, Dawn Wilkins, Heather Langston, Margaret Bulloch, Rensche Schep, Ellen Coupland.

Research Enquiries: Jill Greenhill, Ellen Coupland

Mail: Jill Greenhill

### Tours.

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

Booklet: Jill Greenhill

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

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*Wynnum Manly Historical Society inc.*

Our aim is to gather and record local history before it is lost.

Visit us online at: [www.wmhs.org.au](http://www.wmhs.org.au)

*Membership due soon....*

*Your membership of the Wynnum Manly Historical Society is due for renewal on  
December 31st.*

*Why not get in early and pay this now - nothing to worry about at the busy end of year  
time them!*

*Single \$15    Family \$25    School student \$5*

*Joining fee \$10 for new members.*