

WYNNUM MANLY

HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.

September 2019 Newsletter

GENERAL MEETING

Thursday
19 September
2019
 7pm for 7.15pm start

Ambulance
Museum
Auditorium

(Corner of Cedar St and
 Tingal Road Wynnum)

Speaker

Peter Ludlow

Mud—Exploring the Island and its history

Renowned local historian,
 author and speaker Peter
 Ludlow will take us on a visit to
 little visited Mud Island and
 highlight its unique history as a
 graveyard for some unfortunate
 immigrants.

Door Prize

Membership Draw

Raffle

Bring & Buy Table

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From the President

Greetings, and welcome to our September newsletter

September, the ninth month in the Gregorian calendar marks the beginning of spring in the southern hemisphere, and, of course, autumn in the northern hemisphere.

Historically the Romans named September after the Latin word *Septem*, meaning seven as the month was the seventh month until around 45 BCE when the Julian calendar reformed their time-keeping and set January 1st as the first day of the year.

The most significant event in September is the equinox which occurs around September 21-23, and marks the turning of the seasons. On this date, the sun is above the equator and casts equal light into both hemispheres so that day and night are of equal length. Here in the southern hemisphere it marks the beginning of spring. One of the poets (unfortunately I cannot remember which one) expressed it like this:-

“Grey winter has gone like a wearysome guest and behold, in repayment, September comes in with the wind of the West and the spring in its raiment.”

Other poets have also celebrated the virtues of spring as a time of re-growth and renewal, both physically and metaphorically – flowers begin to bloom, animals are born and life begins anew.

The September birthstone is the Sapphire, which is known as the wisdom stone, and represents truth, calmness and repentance and is said to strengthen intuition and protect from negativity.

The aster is September’s birth flower and is said to be linked to the goddess Venus, and symbolises love and elegance.

The Jewish festival of *Rosh Hashanah* usually falls in September and marks the beginning of the Jewish month of Tishri. This is also known as the day of Judgement or the day of Remembrance. A special festival is held with the tradition of blowing of the Shofar (a trumpet made from a ram’s horn).

I hope these ramblings and traditions are as interesting to you as to me.

I will close now with the words of D H Lawrence,

“Ethics and equity and the principles of justice do not change with the calendar.”

Best Wishes and I look forward to seeing you of 19th September 2019.

Regards

Jan

Ref: Arvissen et al “Dateline, People Places and Events” Murdoch Books, Australia 2006

Resource Centre Report

September 2019



- ***The Big Red Bucket and Blue Spade***

Everybody will have noticed the large bucket and spade mounted in the pavement of Bay Terrace at the corner of Florence Street and Bay Terrace, outside the Wynnum Shopping Centre building. But have you glanced to the ground and noticed the plaque mounted in the concrete?

A member of the public has questioned the wording of the plaque. Was the *Telegraph* newspaper involved in the beach competitions? Was the competition to build sandcastles or to create a sand garden? We have found the answers and hope that the Brisbane City Council will admit to the mistakes lying on the pavement!



Bucket and Spade, Bay Terrace, Wynnum

- ***Linfield Convalescent Home***



173 West Avenue Wynnum West

How many of you were aware that Linfield Convalescent Home existed on the corner of Haig Street and West Avenue, Wynnum?

We received a query this week from a person who wished to know the history of his family, as his great uncle once was a resident.

The great uncle had to leave the home in 1979 when the building was sold, and the Home was closed. He was moved to Southport. However, the building still stands at 173 West Avenue.

- ***Brisbane Road, Manly***

A query came in with a picture of a house in "Brisbane Road, Manly", asking for the location of Brisbane Road and if the house still existed.

The house, found at 72 Manly Road, Manly, opposite to the Roles Hill Water Towers was the home and work yard of John Hutchinson, prior to 1922. The Hutchinson builders are now one of the major construction firms in the State.



Brisbane Road Manly 1922

Till next time.

Jill

The Late Colin Brown.

Col died on 16 July 2019 and his funeral service was held in Bundaberg, where he had moved to be close to his daughter, Diana. Col's wish was that his ashes be put into Moreton Bay.

Diana will be bringing the ashes to Wynnum on

Saturday 28 September

to the end of Wynnum Central Jetty at

9.00am.



All members of the Society are cordially invited to join Diana and Col's family for the scattering of the ashes. The Eulogy, outlining Col's life, which was read at his funeral service in Bundaberg will be read again. Please bring a folding chair, if you wish.

CHRISTMAS HAMPER RAFFLE DONATIONS NEEDED



It is that time of year again when the shops have started filling the shelves with Christmas goodies and we need your assistance to start collecting donations for our annual Christmas Hamper raffles which are drawn at the November general meeting.

Any item that you would like to receive if you won any of the prizes is a good guide as to what to contribute. You never know you may be one of the lucky winners!!

Donations can be left now at the Resource Centre or at the September or October general meetings.

Big Changes to Bay Terrace in the 1950's

Today Bay Terrace is undergoing change. We look back to an article in a Wynnum Herald of 1956.

Erection of modern buildings for Bay Terrace

By MURRAY HULETT, correspondent to the Wynnum and Manly Chamber of Commerce

Rapidly expanding Bay Terrace shopping centre, which has taken on an almost completely new face in the last couple of years, shows even further signs of the fast moving times, with the proposed addition of several new modern premises which are planned to begin construction in the immediate future.

Mrs E A Boden, whose pharmacy at the corner of Edith Street was only recently modernized, plans to begin construction at once, of a block of three modern shops in brick and extending down Edith Street from the corner.

The National Bank have disclosed their intention of erecting a new and modern bank premises on the site of the existing bank in Bay Terrace.

Perhaps one of the most interesting moves is seen in the proposed erection by Mr R J Woodforth of a modern shopping arcade on the present site of their garage and workshop. The workshop, it is reported, is to be moved to the top end of Bay Terrace, adjacent to their service station.

A large emporium, erected by Messrs Charlie Mills and Sons, is now almost ready for opening on the site between the post office and Edith Street. This emporium is said to be one of the most modern of its kind in the metropolitan area.

Last week the City Council's plans were announced for an expenditure of some £6000 for the erection of divisional offices and toilet accommodation at Bay Terrace.

This suggestion was viewed with some alarm, until enquiries revealed that the proposed building is to be erected on the Akonna Street corner of the council's land on the corner of Bay Terrace and Charlotte Street.

The Chamber of Commerce fully recognises the immediate need for divisional offices and ladies' rest rooms in, or near, Bay Terrace, but are most adamant in their opinion that the place for toilet conveniences is underground.

On this site the slope of the ground lends itself admirably to this purpose and the Chamber will lose no time in drawing the attention of the council to this fact.

Further enquiries elicited the information that the council proposes to erect a block of shops on the Bay Terrace frontage of this allotment. This, in spite of the Lord Mayor's recent assurance to the Chamber that the frontage of this land would be passed back to competitive trade in the near future.

One is tempted to question the wisdom of the council entering into speculation of this nature, particularly when private enterprise is clamouring for more space on Bay Terrace.

It will be interesting indeed to ascertain just what class of business the council plans to cater for with the erection of these premises and also if the council proposes to enter into competitive trading in the Wynnum district.

Wynnum Herald 15 August 1956

Transcribed by Heather Langston

The first Arcade, *Woodford's Arcade*, was to be constructed on the site of Woodforth's garage and petrol station. This arcade was opened in August 1957. In 1958 a second arcade, *Zelda's Arcade* opened, on the opposite side of Bay Terrace, with six high class shops, constructed for Mrs Fabian. The arcade is still here today, though the shops have deteriorated in appearance, inside the arcade.

Mrs Boden, a local chemist, was to construct 3 modern brick shops on the corner of Edith Street. Today the building houses *Bare Traps Shoes*. The National Bank, originally a bakery and bread shop, is now a dentist's practice.

Most adventurous was the idea of building public toilets underground. The boarding house, "Ingleston", had burnt down in 1947, and the front garden and tennis court, facing onto Bay Terrace were to be opened as the Civic Centre in 1958. The public Wynnum Library opened on the site of the "Ingleston" building in October 1977. The toilets were to be constructed underground into the earth bank of land on which the boarding house had stood. They would have been under the new public library, where there was a steep slope down to Akonna Street. This plan never eventuated. Now the site is completely filled with the 4 storied "Enclave" residential development.

As you read the article from the 1950s you will realise that building styles are renewed every 50 – 60 years. At the beginning of 1900's buildings on the Terrace would have been constructed of timber with awnings over the footpaths. The great revival came in the 1950's with brick being the preferred as the predominant building material, though mostly shops were still of one storey. Now, post 2015, we see the growth of high-rise cement buildings – five-storied towers containing mixed residential dwellings with commercial offices and shops on the ground level.

So, now the next phase? What is your guess as to the replacement of buildings in Bay Terrace in 50 to 60 years' time?



*National Bank Bay Terrace 1952
now a 2 storied dental building*



Charlie Mills in 1950s, now Bay Terrace Apartments

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ANZAC Cottages in Wynnum

Compiled by Jill Greenhill

Introduction

ANZAC cottages were homes built by the community for the widows and families of soldiers killed in WWI and for soldiers who returned debilitated by tuberculosis. Usually the land and the materials were donated. Homes were built in all States but the greater majority were in Queensland, that is 52 Anzac cottages and 22 TB (Tuberculosis) homes.

The Cottages

The funding of the cottages is part of the Golden Casket history, the Golden Casket being a unique government-run lottery which funded Queensland's free hospital scheme.

The Queensland War Council was set up in 1915 to assist the war effort. One of its many committees was the Anzac Cottage Committee. The volunteers for this committee attempted to raise funds and attract donations of land and materials to construct houses.

Gambling was illegal in Queensland after 1895 (Suppression of Gambling Act). However licensed Art Unions were legal. The Golden Casket Art Union first went on sale in November 1916 to raise money for the rehabilitation of soldiers returning wounded from the war in Europe. There were 5 draws, before the Queensland Government took over the Art Union, and draws 3,4 and 5 raised money for Anzac Cottages. Drawer 3 was opened on 2 March 1918, ran for 5 months and sold 98,750 of the 100,000 tickets. Drawer 4 and 5 were fully subscribed and raised approximately £37,000, enough funds to build 60 – 80 homes for war widows, being used for purchasing land and materials when donated gifts needed to be supplemented.

The Anzac Cottage Committee was responsible for allocating cottages which were rented to deserving widows, and for organising repairs and maintenance when required. Rent was low, only 1/6 per week. The widow had to be of good character and remain single, not be seen drinking in public and not to have male callers. If she re-married, she vacated the cottage. If she died, only a relative capable of caring for the remaining family could move in. The land was vested in the Public Curator, upon trust in perpetuity and leased to the widow or descendant.

The first cottage was constructed by August 1917 at Enoggera.

On Friday 7 September 1917 the *Brisbane Courier* reports:- “



... Stump capping ceremony of the Anzac Cottage to be built at Wynnum on the Martinville Estate (will occur) at 4.00pm on Sunday. The Wynnum Glee Party has promised to assist, and teachers of Wynnum State Schools have signified their willingness to arrange a procession of school children to march from the Wynnum South railway station to where the cottage is to be erected. The Moreton Bay Junior Brass Band will play martial airs during the afternoon. The stump capping ceremony will be performed by the Minister for Railways (Mr J H Coyne). A special train will leave South Brisbane for Wynnum South at 2.30pm on Sunday”.

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Mr G Martin, the proprietor of the Empire Theatre, at that time, had donated the land for the building of the cottage on his Martinville Estate (near Memorial Park), Mr Meadows then offered two cleared allotments also in the Martinville Estate. Mr Brandon, of the Star Pictures, offered to hold a benefit entertainment for the fund. Proceeds from the afternoon amounted to £11/4/6. (*Brisbane Courier and Telegraph, 10 September 1917*).

By 26 November 1917 the cottage was complete and was officially opened by the Governor and handed over to a deserving widow on Sunday 1 December 1917.



This picture shows the Queensland Governor handing over the key of another Anzac Cottage to Mrs Marsden, a soldier's widow. Mrs Marsden lived in Wassell Street, Wynnum.

Our Society member, member, Ian Wheeler, on arrival to Australia, lived with his parents, at 43 Wassell Street. Their next-door neighbour was a war widow Mrs McCarthy.

The Post Office Directory from the early 1920's to 1940 list only 2 houses on the right side of Wassell Street (from Tingal Road), occupied by Mrs Marsden and Mrs McCarthy. Mrs McCarthy was listed in the telephone directory until 1962 as living at 47 Wassell Street. So there seems to have been two more of the Anzac cottages built in Wynnum, in Wassell Street, Wynnum North!

The scheme was terminated after the last three houses were constructed in 1922. However, in 1923 there was a need from the soldiers returning, suffering from TB. The balance of the fund, some £17,000, was used for this purpose. By October 1925, 52 Anzac cottages and 22 TB homes had been built in Queensland. The Queensland War Council was disbanded in 1932 and the Public Curator took over the administration of the Anzac cottages and TB homes.

The Public Curator found it difficult over time to find returned Anzacs or their descendants to occupy the cottages and the accumulated funds for maintenance and repair were running out. In 1960 the ANZAC Cottage and TB Homes Act was passed to allow the sale of unoccupied homes and 13 were sold by 1963. Some had been heritage listed. These modest houses are a remarkable part of Brisbane's heritage.

Information based on "Anzac Cottages" an article written by Carmel Black. Published in Queensland History Journal, Royal Historical Society of Queensland. Volume 24, No. 1, May 2019.

August 2019 Where was I?



This plaque is mounted on the Great Wall of Manly which is found where Wellington Street joins Falcon (formerly Spring) Street, Manly.

This Wall was built in the depression years of the 1930s to supply Relief Work for the unemployed. The Queensland Government paid the wages and the Local Authority provided the materials.



View to Wall from Esplanade, Manly



Kangaroo

Iguana

“Find the Animals!”

Look in Wellington Street to find figures of animals which were moulded in the cement of the wall during construction.



September 2019 Where am I?



Till next time

Jill

Wynnum Manly Historical Society Inc
Minutes of General Meeting held in Ambulance Museum Auditorium, Tingal Road
on Thursday 15 August 2019

Meeting opened at 7.25pm. There were 15 members present and 4 apologies.

Opening Commentss:

Acting-President, Jan Parnell took the Chair, welcomed members to the meeting and provided some interesting happenings of the 15 August in past times.

Previous Minutes:

Minutes of Meeting of Thursday 18 July 2019 were accepted by Laurima Rabe and seconded by Windy Parsons.

Correspondence:

The correspondence report was presented for July 2019. The correspondence was accepted and endorsed at the committee meeting held on Thursday 1 August 2019.

Treasurers Report

BOQ A/c No 20139708	<u>1 July 2019 – 31 July 2019</u>	
Opening balance at 1 July 2019		\$37,651.61
Income	\$ 191.52	
Expenditure	\$ 274.80	
Closing balance at 31 July 2019		\$37,568.33
Bank Account Breakup		
Everyday Account		\$ 5,218.49
Websaver(Building)Account		\$32,349.84 (including \$20.12 interest)
TOTAL FUNDS AS AT 30 June 2019		\$37,568.33

Resource Centre:

“Where was I?” this month was a photo of the plaque mounted on the Great Wall of Manly. Pictures were shown of the animals cemented into the Wall.

The Society has been asked to find the correct facts for the wording on the “Bucket and Spade” plaque in Bay Terrace, and also to find the location of the Hutchinson home in the 1920’s. (72 Manly Road Manly)

Outings: Members were asked to sign up for the visit to Amity on Stradbroke Island from Manly Jetty on Sunday 6 October 2019. Brisbane Cruises will supply morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea. Cost \$79.00.

The trip will be advertised in the August newsletter. Bookings taken at the History Room in “Old School” Florence Street, and at the August meeting.

Guest Speaker: Deborah Wheeler, a former resident of Wynnum explained the research she had recently undertaken to investigate the history of the **Kyoomba Sanitorium**, in Sugar Loaf Road, near Stanthorpe. Sanatorium opened in 1916, closed in 1935 and possessed the first bowling green in the district. Full details of the research are available in the Resource Rom.

Raffle: Mavis Wegner **Lucky Door:** Eric Sibley **Member Draw:** Laurima Rabe

The meeting closed at 8.45pm

A delicious Supper was provided by Eric Sibley, Lena McCreddie and Wendy Parsons.

Jill Greenhill (*General Meeting Minute Secretary*)

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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

Minutes

Committee Meetings: Ellen Coupland
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Newsletters

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Resource Centre

Volunteers: Ian Wheeler, Ian Kennedy, Myrtle Beitz, Dawn Wilkins, Heather Langston, Margaret Bulloch, Ellen Coupland, Jill Greenhill, Jan Parnell
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Tours

Planning and Co-ordination: Jan Parnell, Jill Greenhill, Lena McCreadie, Ellen Coupland, Deb Tearle, Myrtle Beitz
 Bookings: Sandy Liddle at General Meetings and Resource Centre staff each weekday

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

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
History of Arts in the Wynnum Manly Area 1900 – 2003	Nock, Betty	2005	\$5
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

When	Where	What's On
<p>September 11 2019</p> <p>12.30pm—1.30pm</p> <p>Cost—\$5 (includes lunch)</p> <p>Bookings essential</p> <p>Ph 0421 344 503</p>	<p>Royal Qld Historical Society</p> <p>Commissariat Store</p> <p>115 William Street</p> <p>Brisbane</p>	<p>Management of female convict labour at the Penal Station of Moreton Bay</p> <p>For 18 years the settlement of Moreton Bay was a closed penal station which saw some 2,000 convicts pass through. 144 of these were women. Tasmin O'Connor reveals something of the anomalous and elusive female convict experience.</p>
<p>September 14 2019</p> <p>10am—4.30pm</p> <p>Cost—\$25.00</p> <p>Bookings essential</p> <p>Ph 0421 344 503</p>	<p>Queensland Herbarium</p> <p>Brisbane Botanic Gardens</p> <p>Mt Cootha Road</p> <p>Toowong</p>	<p>Flora—collecting, recording, preserving and research</p> <p>Brisbane History Group are hosting this seminar featuring various speakers and including a behind the scenes guided tour to view treasures from the Herbarium's scientific collection and library.</p>
<p>September 18 2019</p> <p>10am—11am</p> <p>Cost—Free</p> <p>Bookings essential</p> <p>Ph: 3249 4200 or email</p> <p>Cara.downes@naa.gov.au</p>	<p>National Archives of Australia</p> <p>16 Corporate Drive</p> <p>Cannon Hill</p>	<p>'Kyoomba uncovered 1916-35'</p> <p>Guest speaker, Deborah Wheeler, will provide an overview of her research and publication on the Kyoomba Sanatorium near Stanthorpe. Kyoomba was established by the Dept of Defence for those service personnel suffering from tuberculosis and those who developed lung damage due to the effects of the German gas they encountered whilst serving.</p>
<p>September 27 2019</p> <p>10am—11am</p> <p>Cost—Free</p>	<p>Wynnum Library</p> <p>145 Florence Street</p> <p>Wynnum</p> <p>(above Woolworths)</p>	<p>Collecting Brisbane postcards</p> <p>In the years when photography was out of reach of the average person, postcards were the only record of the way things were. Alan McNaughton will discuss postcard collecting and postcards of Brisbane.</p>
<p>September 28 2019</p> <p>6.45pm—8.15pm</p> <p>Cost—\$25—\$30</p> <p>Bookings essential</p> <p>Ph 3393 4647</p> <p>(Not suitable for children under the age of 12 years)</p>	<p>Fort Lytton National Park</p> <p>160 South Street</p> <p>Lytton</p>	<p>Fort Lytton at night : a lost story from the Great War</p> <p>This is a theatre performance where you will be part of the show as your state-of-the-art lantern brings sound and light to the performance. Come and experience Fort Lytton as though it were still operation and be transported back in time and around the world as you follow the story of Brisbane's decorated WW1 hero Raymond Augustus Stanley.</p>
<p>September 29 2019</p> <p>11am—12.30pm</p> <p>Cost—Free</p>	<p>Queensland Police Museum</p> <p>200 Roma Street</p> <p>Brisbane</p>	<p>State Search and Rescue</p> <p>State Search and Rescue Coordinator Senior Sergeant Jim Whitehead is the guest spaker.</p>

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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
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Membership costs per year (1 January to 31 December)

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Family \$30.00

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