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Skating, shall we? Pacific Theatre Manly 1915

The Pacific Theatre at Manly played host to various events, in what appears to be its short history. A concert was held there on Tuesday the 14th of October 1913 in aid of the Manly Methodist Church and showcased songs, a club swinging display and a violin solo ⁽¹⁾.

Mr. Bayley the Liberal candidate for Oxley addressed a meeting of electors there in August of 1914. Presided over by the Mayor, Alderman J Curtis and an apology for absence was received from the State Treasurer W. H. Barnes ⁽²⁾.

The largest and most successful fancy dress ball ever held in the district was reported by the press in July of 1914. The hall being lavishly decorated with foliage and an impressive display of bunting. This event attracted over 300 residents which gives us an indication of the size of the Pacific Theatre at Manly ⁽³⁾.

It was in 1915, and in fitting with the areas recreation status that the Pacific Theatre opened the 'Manly and Wynnum Skating Rink'. Wednesday afternoons played host to "ladies and children only", no doubt this was a more subdued atmosphere than that experienced with the men folk at the other session times, being Tuesday and Friday evenings. Admission was 1/. and skates (a good supply of which) could be hired for 6d ⁽⁴⁾.

The longevity of the skating rink is not known at this point as only the 'opening advertisement' and accompanying small news story appear in the newspaper on the 9th April 1915. The Pacific Theatre however hosted events until at least 1917 with a dance held in April of that year with music supplied by M. E. Lloyd ⁽⁵⁾.

The Pacific Theatre, it appears, was the original name for the Strand Theatre and we will have an in depth look at this in a future issue.

Sidney Weiss 2021.

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Manly and Wynnum Skating Rink.

PACIFIC THEATRE, MANLY. Admission 1/. Skates 6d.

Wednesday Afternoons Ladies Only.

Brisbane Courier, Friday 9 April 1915, page 2

- (1) Daily Standard, 18 October 1913, page 8.
- (2) Brisbane Courier, 26 August 1914, page 4. (3) Daily Standard, 3 July 1914, page 3.
- (4) Brisbane Courier, 9 April 1915, page 5.
- (5) Daily Standard, 7th April 1917, page 1.

Do you have any further info or photos?

Pacific Theatre Manly Qld

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Presidents resignation

The WMHS Inc received the disappointing news on Saturday the 9th of September 2021 of the resignation of President Sandy Liddle, effective immediately. Although Sandy had already previously indicated that she would not seek re-election and a third term in March 2022, her departure was unfortunately hastened, citing family and personal issues.

Sandy Liddle was a progressive and forward looking President who understood that the society had to embrace technological change to have a chance of succeeding into the future.

As a small token of the high esteem in which Sandy is held, flowers were sent to her with the very best wishes from all at the WMHS Inc. Thank You Sandy, you will be really missed in the role.

Acting President

The Vice President, Jan Parnell has stepped up to fill the void by Mrs Liddle's departure and it is Jan who now holds the title of President (Acting) until a replacement can be confirmed at next year's Annual General Meeting to be held in March 2022.

On the departure of her predessor Jan writes, "We are sorry to report that Sandy has found it necessary to step down from her commitments as president of our

Society for personal reasons. We wish her well and thank her for her involvement with the Society."

Jan Parnell President (Acting)



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WMHS Inc. logo is artwork of Cambridge Parade (Main st), Manly as seen in c1918, by artist Rick Morrison.

(Source Mangroves to Moorings by Merv Beitz)

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From the Editor

Welcome to the October issue number 136 of the Wynnum Manly Historical Society Inc. newsletter.

It never ceases to amaze me the way historical stories can seemingly appear from out of nowhere. Case in point, while researching the '100 Year Old News' feature on page 12, I discovered that the 'Strand Theatre' at Manly, was advertised to be auctioned. It is a lovely, informative, and now antique advertisement that gives much detail that would have otherwise been lost to the sands of time. I forwarded it

over to the everdependable Myrtle Beitz, who hadn't seen it before, and was delighted. I asked for any photos she may have of 'The Strand', and of the two that came

back, one especially caught my eye, and the subsequent research of which, can be seen on page 11 in our 'Then and Now'

And while I'm shamelessly plugging pages, a special Thanks to Dr Richard Walding for his continuing feature on the Manly War Memorial and the names contained thereon. These are my favourite pages as I often walked past the memorial and wondered about the actual lives behind those names. It makes for intriguing reading and makes the loss of life even more so tragic.

Sandy Liddle our former President, who continues to help out on this Journal, amongst her many other behind the scenes projects, applied for a grant not long before her departure from the President's role. Her successful application was for funding the eHive project, whereby digitising the resource centre assets means easier searching and thus retrieval. So a very special THANK- YOU to the Wynnum Manly Leagues Club for their

generosity, and of course our own Sandy Liddle for her foresight.

A research request came to me recently for information about the 'Car House', that is a nearby house that had a car on its roof, and another stuck to the front wall for good measure. It got me thinking about 'history'. What I just wrote is history, a moment that just passed, history is 1 minute ago, 1 hour ago' and 100 years ago. I would really like to see more recent history stories in the newsletter, in time they will be every bit as important to those that follow us, as sure as night follows

day. Newspapers are such a treasure trove of Wynnum informati past, but the Manly LEAGUES gone now.
The cl information of times past, but these are all but

The challenge with recording history is people living it seldom

think it's important enough to record their own. But even a generation or two down the line, for those that follow, will wish you would have.

Oh and back to the 'Car House', most of us in the street thought it was just an eyesore, certainly not something you would photograph. So nobody took photos of it and yet, that is what was requested. Thank goodness for Google Street View, what an invaluable tool for future generations.

Stay Safe **Sidney Weiss** Editor WMHS Inc.

Feedback Submissions **Suggestions**



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A special invite to you...

Those who enjoyed last year's end of year event at the Shire Clerk's Cottage will be pleased to know that a booking has been made for this year, on the morning of Saturday 27 November 2021. This year, as well as serving tea and coffee, hot chocolate is on the

menu. No doubt a plus for the chocoholics amongst you.

The cottage, standing beside the Shire Hall, was set on 21/2 acres of land, donated by the State Government, alongside the Wynnum Creek. On August 8 1890, a Grand Concert and a Ball were held to celebrate the completion of the buildings.

Gents paid 3/-. Ladies 2/-. Demolished in 1977, the Shire/Town Hall was replaced with today's Moreton Bay Leisure Centre. The cottage remained and, in 1984, was restored to its former glory.

Long term members will recall that one of

the Society's founding members, Jack Sands was born in this cottage. Between 1907 and 1935, Jack's father, Joseph Sands lived in this cottage. He served as Shire Clerk, and later as the local Government Engineer for Wynnum and Manly. As well as his many duties, Joe Sands found time, with the help of his three

> sons, to build a tennis court. Then his wife, Esther, or Hetty as she was generally known, wanted something for the women. A croquet lawn was constructed on the grounds of the Shire Clerk's cottage. Due to its increasing popularity, in the 1920s the lawn was moved

to its present site in Kitchener Park.

I do hope that you are able to come to the morning tea and share the fellowship of our members and friends. FULL DETAILS PAGE 4.

> Jan Parnell Vice President

Wynnum Bridge Plaque is to be corrected

Mr. Jayasiri Gunaratne, Senior Engineer Structures for Brisbane City Council, recently phoned the society with the great news that the plaque for the Wynnum Bridge in Fox Street will be corrected.

This after research by Sidney Weiss, editor for the WMHS Inc revealed several mistakes on the current replacement plaque which had been installed some 30 years ago (see newsletter 133)

Arguably the most serious of which was the incorrect spelling of Ald John Hutchinson, a major contributor to Wynnum district and founder of Hutchinson Builders (see newsletter 134).

Sidney Weiss in discussion with Mr. Gunaratne suggested the old plaque be forwarded to the WMHS Inc, the advocacy of which is being considered. The BCC Heritage department independently checked, verified and confirmed the research work done by Sid Weiss and has reportedly accepted the recommended wording for the plaque apart from one small change, that is stating "Mayor R. Russell" rather than "R. Russell Mayor".

Correspondence received by the society from the Office of the Lord Mayor of Brisbane dated 27 th September 2021 states, "I am pleased to advise your request has been supported", and "It is anticipated that the plaque will be replaced by the end of November." The letter is signed by Krista Adams, Deputy Mayor of Brisbane.

This is a wonderful outcome for the history of the area and the council is to be commended not only for its prompt decision on this issue but also its overall commitment to matters of historical importance.

Greta Bool house demolished



End of an era to see Greta Bool's old house at 55 Kamarin Street now demolished. Greta Street, Manly West was named after her (WMHS Inc Newsletter 131). Also worth noting was the use of chicken wire and cement for the outside walls, this was cheaper than wood in those hard times. Photo at right is Mercia Wilson who married Garry McKinnon. Mercia Street, Manly West is named after her.

Source: Garry McKinnon who married Mercia Wilson



The WMHS Inc welcomes its latest members...

Phil Shaw Judy Noyes

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

STOP PRESS

GENERAL MEETINGS ARE BACK!

When: Thursday 21st October 2021

at 7pm

Where: Wynnum Ambulance Auditorium, Cnr Tingal Rd & Cedar Street,

Wynnum (Entry via Cedar Street)

Speaker: Thom Blake



Topic: Frances Howard Manly's first female entrepreneur

Due to Covid 19 regulations tickets are strictly limited and you

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Membership Fees Due

Memberships run out at out the end of December. Don't forget to renew so you don't miss an issue.



Lord Mayor's Seniors Christmas Party

Wednesday 8th December 2021 Brisbane City Hall, Ann Street Entrance. Doors open 1pm. Refreshments 1:15pm. Show from 2:00pm

FREE There are 4 tickets still available.
Contact Jill

jillg01@tpg.com.au or visit the resource centre Note: Event is for over 60's

Resource Centre Report - OCT 2021

Resource Centre is open again!

We are now back to normal hours: Monday to Friday 10am – 12noon on most days of the week.

A car flying high

One of our visitors to the Room this week was seeking a photograph of the flying car in Kamarin Street, Manly West. The car was actually placed on the roof of the house. The lady was wanting to present her son with this picture as he has recently purchased the house.

If anybody remembers when, and how, the car was placed on the roof the house at 123 Kamarin Street, Manly West, or even has a photograph, please let me know.

Map of Mevelo B56/2. New Britain, Papua New Guinea.

A map has been passed on to us, prepared in 1943 by the War Department of the Corps of Engineers U.S. Army, which was amongst the personal effects of a, now deceased, person. The map shows Wide Bay, New Britain, Papua New

Guinea

In 1943 the American Army withdrew from the area and the garrison was replaced with Australian troops in 1944. A limited offensive began against the Japanese on the island, pushing eastwards towards the Gazelle Peninsula from positions previously captured by the Americans, earlier in the year. (Full details can be found through Google.)

Many place names have been written in on the map along the coastline...as well as numerous creeks. The map may be of interest to anyon e who has visited the area.

Please let me know if there is anyone who has an interest in the map.

Donations of Christmas themed goodies for the hampers to be raffled at the society's end of year celebration can be dropped offat the resource centre.



Jill Greenhill Librarian

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Resource Centre opening hours

Monday to Friday 10am - 12noon. (when possible.) Wynnum Community Centre, Room 1.08, 105 Florence Street, Wynnum.

Perhaps check with Jill, (0407 293 177) if you intend visiting us, to make sure that someone is in the Room.

When visiting the Resource Centre bring your mobile phone, as you can sign in electronically, for Qld Covid requirements.





The history of your house

We have received enquiries from two people wishing to know, or how to find out, the history of their houses.

These are the houses:

57 Cedar Street, Wynnum

This house is almost adjacent to Bay Terrace. Directly behind Ede's Hairdressing Salon and opposite the Wynnum Veterinary Clinic. The appearance suggests a Colonial Gable style, (1880s to 1890s) but very modified so that the front verandah and front roof are continuous, instead of the front verandah being attached to the house.

20 Strawberry Road, Manly West

This design may be a reproduction of a colonial style especially with the dormer windows set into the roof. Again, the roof and the verandah are continuous. Does anybody know when the land in Strawberry Road was first developed?

In this case acquisition of the Title Deeds may give some more clues.

Till next time.

Jill



Celebrate the End of the year

Morning Tea on the lawns of the historic Shire Clerks Cottage, Wynnum Saturday 27th November 2021

From 10:15am

Tea, coffee and hot chocolate. Raffles.

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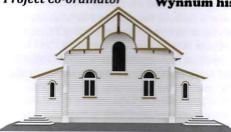
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'Keep it Local' Project Update

By Chiharu Tsurutani Project Co-ordinator

Wynnum history!



Now it's nearly the end of September. And our heritage church on Bay Terrace is still standing in the autumn sun. It means our campaign was successful, which has collected about 500 online signatures of support so far. If it was not the case, the church building would have been half way to Logan on the removal truck of BMD* by now.

In early September, Scott Power, CEO of BMD posted his view on our Facebook after learning about our campaign:

I would suggest then that you get hold of the local councillor and get him to find a site that can accommodate the building. BMD would be more than happy to move it somewhere close by.

Following that, Mr Power called us directly and requested to find a suitable location with assistance of the Brisbane City Council. We immediately asked Councillor Peter Cumming in Wynnum Manly Ward for his help and also wrote to the Lord Mayor. In the letter, we requested Drevesen Park (next to George Clayton Park, near Sea Scouts' building) as our preferred site for its visibility in the foreshore area and public access. To speed up the slow decision making process of the city council, I sought after some help from Councillor Adam Allan (LNP) from Northgate who is Brisbane City Council's Civic Cabinet Chair of City Planning and Suburban Renewal, as his comments on the church building in the local paper was very positive and supportive.

"We knew the building was of importance to the local community. We remain incredibly supportive of the land owner making sure this former church can be moved to an appropriate location not too far away from Bay Terrace. (Source: Wynnum Herald, 8 September)"

I requested Mr Allan to send his word of support to the Lord Mayor and called his office to follow up my Email. Mr Allan's personal secretary, Julie, assured me that the matter was taken care of and currently under investigation. All we can do now is to wait until we hear from the Brisbane City Council. Meanwhile, I started searching other parties who can influence the council to make a prompt decision. Legally BMD can change their mind and go ahead with whatever the plan they decided to take. However, I believe the voice of community is strong and powerful enough to change the course of their plan.

*BMD is a construction company who owns the property where the church building stands.

If you can think of a great plan, strategy to forward the process, Please contact Chiharu

projects@wmhs.org.au



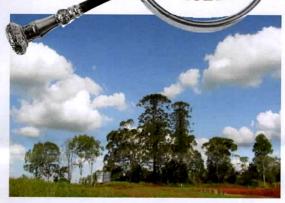
Chiharu Tsurutani

Where was I?

The two tall Bunya Pine trees planted on Manly Road, adjacent to Mayfair Shopping Centre, to mark the entrance to Hargreaves Preserving factory.

These pines are said to have been planted by John Hargreaves, founder of the factory in 1891.

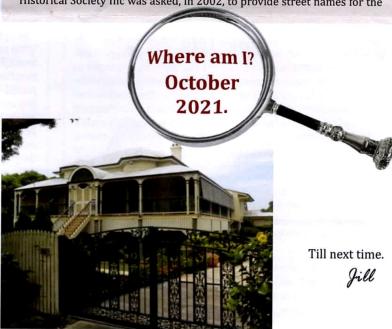
Where was I? September 2021.



John Hargreaves, born in 1845, in Farsley, near Leeds, Yorkshire came to Australia as a trained woolen mill operator. The family came to Melbourne in 1872 and John took employment in the Geelong Woolen Mills, then in a Mill at Ballarat. His wife, Hannah was making jam and preserves and selling them very successfully. They opened a small store.

In 1886 the family moved to Breakfast Creek, Brisbane and continued to sell preserves. By 1890 John was renting the property "The Springs" at Tingalpa, near Brisbane at the rate of one pound per week from Richard Ash Kingsford. The agreement included the use of the cows on the property. A small factory was soon in progress and the good quality and uniform nature of the products were welcomed by wholesalers and retailers and the business began to expand rapidly. A limited company was formed in 1921, their products including the canning of pineapples, tropical fruits, fruit juices, tomato sauce, marmalades, chutneys and beetroot.

Hargreaves sold out to Warwick Whatmore in 1936, of the Petersville group of companies, and still traded under the Hargreaves name until 1963, when Edgells took over. Simplot were the next owners. But for many years, more produce was required to remain competitive in the marketplace. The factory was sold to Silverton and the Wynnum Manly Historical Society Inc was asked, in 2002, to provide street names for the





Manly Memorial Project



Auguste Joseph Ferrari 1896 - 1918

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Special Guest Researcher and Writer

The 'Manly Project' special feature by Dr Richard Walding will continue in next months issue.

The Wynnum Manly Historical Society Inc wishes to thank Dr Walding for allowing us to print this work.

Auguste Joseph Ferrari - also

known as Joseph 'Joe' Ferrari - was born in Brisbane on 8th April 1896 to parents Auguste Ferrari and Margaret Elizabeth Ferrari (nee Bird). There are many twists and turns in his family life which need explaining, as they feature again when Joseph's effects and will are being sorted after his death.

His father Auguste was a seaman, born in 1861 in Seychelles, Africa (a part of Mauritius at the time), son of Auguste Etienne and Marie Palmyre Ferrari (nee Muratorio). Auguste was a crewmember of several ships that visited Australia. He settled in Brisbane and obtained work on ships travelling up and down the east coast of Australia - such as the Glanworth and Wyandra. Auguste was a volunteer able seaman (AB) with the Queensland Marine Defence Force and was stationed with HMQS Gayundah. He married his first wife Elizabeth Boyle in 1886 and together they had four children - Elizabeth (1887), who survived for one day, Maurice (1890), Arthur (1892) and Elizabeth Palmyre Ethel (1893). However, after an accident as a wharf labourer on the AUSN wharves in Brisbane in 1892 he was rendered permanently incapacitated and awarded £500 - a large cash settlement indeed. The following year his wife Elizabeth died and in January 1895 he remarried.

Auguste's second marriage was to Margaret Bird in January 1895. Their first child Joseph Ferrari - the subject of this memorial - was born 15 months later. They subsequently had a daughter Elsie May (b 13 February 1898) who survived for just 13 weeks, and another son Lucien Noel (b 26 December 1898). It would seem that Lucien was named after his uncle Lucien Ferrari also born in the Seychelles. Auguste's wife Margaret died during this last childbirth. Lucien was taken for adoption by Phoebe (nee Dickinson) and John McEwan at Paddington and his name was changed to Louis McEwan. The McEwans adopted another four children. Sadly, Auguste Ferrari went bankrupt in May 1902 and little is known of him after this time.

Joseph Ferrari was an officer for 5 years in Senior Cadets before becoming an apprentice blacksmith with his cousin Charles Rowbotham in Cardigan Pde, Manly. Charles was the son of Catherine Rowbotham (nee Bird) - his mother's sister. After finishing the 4th year of his training, on 29 September 1915, he enlisted in the army as a Private in 8th Depot Battalion AIF. He was 19 years old. Joseph trained and was promoted to Corporal (22 Jan 1916) then Sergeant three weeks later. Unbeknownst to him, his brother Louis (Lucien) - a painter, aged 16 years 7 months, also enlisted (telling them he was 18). Louis too had been in school cadets. He was placed with the 3rd Field Artillery Brigade (13-16 Reinforcements) and embarked almost straight away (15 Jan 1916) - well before Joseph. When Louis's cousin Harry Antcliff met him (Louis) in Egypt, Harry informed the authorities of his age and the army transferred him to the safer place of the 5th Field Bakery Unit.

Joseph finally departed Australia on Clan MacGillivray on 7 Sept 1916 arriving in Plymouth, England, two months later where he headed for Tidworth Training Camp to train for the next 10 months. This is where he did his Lewis (Machine) Gun training. Joseph was ready for overseas service and was sent to France as a Private with the 41st Battalion (A Company). He was gassed four weeks later and returned to England for treatment. Returning to France, he rejoined his 41st Bn in late October 1917, narrowly missing action against the Germans. For the next five months Belgium remained the focus of the Battalion's activities. It was rotated between service in the rear areas and the front line. When the German Army launched its last great offensive in March 1918, the battalion was rushed south to France and played a role in blunting the drive towards the vital railway junction of Amiens.

The Allied plan was to smash the Hindenburg Line - a heavily fortified zone running several miles behind the active front between the north coast of France and Verdun, near the border of France and Belgium. This formidable system consisted of six defensive lines, forming a zone some 6000 yards deep, ribbed with lengths of barbed wire and dotted with concrete emplacements (firing positions). Though the entire line was heavily fortified, its

southern part was most vulnerable to attack, and the allies decided to use these vulnerabilities to their advantage, concentrating all the force built up during their so-called "Hundred Days Offensive". This kicked off on August 8, 1918. The 41st Battalion was in the thick of it. Their task was to help breach a section of the Hindenburg Line about 90 km to the east of Amiens. They would be advancing east to Gouy (near Le Catelet) - the so-called "Green Line" drawn with green wax pencil on the map; and then advancing to a second line - the "Red Line" at Beaurevoir - a further 4 km east. This would be done under immense German bombardment from artillery, planes, riflemen, snipers, machine guns, barbed wire and asphyxiating gas.

Early in September 1918 Joseph Ferrari's battalion had several engagements with the enemy at Haut Allaines about 60 km east of Amiens as they made their way to the Hindenburg Line. He had just been promoted to Lance Sergeant and a week later to Temporary Sergeant. There were many casualties but the men were soon given 10 days to recuperate and train. Even though there was constant artillery bombardment and bombing by planes, the men engaged in gas training, marching, PT, drills, musketry, sports and so on. A second battle - the main battle - was planned for the night of the 28th September. This was to be an Australian-American operation to breached the formidable defences of the Hindenburg Line along the St Quentin Canal.

The men generally slept well that night although A and C Companies were disturbed by "Yellow Cross" (mustard) gas and had to sleep with respirators on. The morning of the 29th was misty, cool with a few light showers. There was a lot of German mustard gas lying about in the gullies. The plan was for the US 27th and 30th Divisions to breach the Hindenburg Line and then the 3rd and 6th Australian Divisions were to capture the "Green Line" further east by 9 am and then move on to the "Red Line" by 11 am, and then mop up and secure the area. The 41st battalion left their bivouac trenches at 7.15 am but were under heavy machine gun fire almost instantly. Progress was difficult and the "Yanks" (as the War Diary calls them) were not going well in their attempts to breach the line. A rolling protective barrage from the British artillery into the Green Line finished at 9.20 am and this line was taken. Joseph Ferrari's A Coy was expected to leapfrog the other companies and then proceed with the rest of the Battalion to the Red Line. They were ordered to advance but met uncut wire and more very heavy machine gun fire. The 41st moved forward about 200 yards but the fire was too intense. The A Coy commander, Lt Wilfred Secomb reported that during this "stunt" - at about 10 am - Sgt Joseph Ferrari was killed by an enemy machine gun bullet. The rest of A Coy made it to Benjamin Trench to wait for instructions.

The next morning Sgt Ferrari was buried back behind the allied line: on the left of the road to the town of Bony, about 200 yards ESE of Ronssoy, about 4 miles SW of Le Gatelet. Joseph was reported at first as being "dangerously ill" but this was quickly changed to "killed in action". It was just three weeks later that his cousin from Rockhampton, Arthur Francis Rowbotham (2627) - Charles Rowbotham's brother - was transferred from the 42nd Bn to the 41st and heard of his cousin Joseph's death. Sadly, Arthur caught influenza in the trenches and died of bronchial pneumonia in hospital a few weeks later.

A telegram notifying the next-of-kin of Joseph's death was sent to his cousin Charles Rowbotham on 16 October 1918 in Manly. Charles wasn't the next-of-kin but Joseph had earlier asked the army to tell Charles and not his grandmother (Mrs Catherine Leonard) in the event of his death. When Charles told his grandmother she died - literally. On the 12th November 1918 she passed away. Her daughter said that the news killed her. The army and family members then had to work out who was next next-of-kin, who was his beneficiary and also who should be given his medals.

Joseph's suitcase containing his overcoat, tunic, breeches, leather belt, books, wallet, keys, photos and letters had been left with a relative in England - Harry Antcliff's aunt Mrs Rebecca Morton nee Antcliff. She was a widow who had a grocers shop at 11 Appleton Road, Hale, Cheshire on the southern outskirts of Manchester, England. Her husband was crushed in an agricultural accident in 1898. They had one adopted daughter. Presumably Joseph Ferrari visited her or stayed with her while on leave in England. This is a photo (left) of Rebecca Morton standing in the doorway of her grocer's shop in Appleton Road, Hale, Cheshire. Rebecca sent all of Joseph's belongings to the Army and then after Louis



Rebecca Morton standing in the doorway of her grocer's shop

established that he was next-of-kin, they were forwarded to him as no record of Auguste's whereabouts could be found. Joseph had made several wills while in the army. At first in 1917 he left his effects and deferred pay to Annie Rowbotham, but a year later - on 21 Sept 1918, a week before his death - he changed this to his other cousin-in-law Mary Ellen Rowbotham.

There is a set pecking-order for who gets the medals. As Joseph was not married and had no children the order of precedence was: firstly the father, or if he is not alive, the mother, then the eldest living brother, then the eldest living sister. This was complicated as Joseph's father's whereabouts were unknown and his mother was dead, and no one knew that his full brother Louis was on active service in France not knowing that the army was trying to contact him.

It was almost a year later that Louis Ferrari returned from the war, arriving in Brisbane on 6th August 1919 to be discharged. He was alerted to the fact that the army was trying to pass on his medals and tried to locate his father by advertising in the Telegraph and Daily Standard (Brisbane) newspapers and in the Government Gazette - but to no avail. Meanwhile, in France, Joseph's remains were reinterred in the Villers Bretonneux Cemetery on 17 October 1919 in the presence of an army chaplain and Louis was advised. His medals were eventually sent to Louis in 1923. Louis married Ervina (nee Zieth) and they had three children: Keith Louis, Noel John and Ivy Ervina (married name Nelson). Louis passed away in 1959 and his wife Ervinaon 7 September 1957. It is unknown where Joseph's medals are now.

My thanks to Veronica Antcliff, granddaughter of Harry Herbert Antcliff.

If anyone has further information on Frank Bradbury please contact Dr. Walding.

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Wynnum Manly Methodist Order of Knights



Various Methodist Order of Knights chest shields Photos courtesy of Uniting Church National History Society





Rockhampton Methodist Order Of Knights Float, supplied by Debbie Hendry from her Grandmothers photo album. Photo courtesy of Facebook, Central Queensland Old Pictures and Yarns

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The first annual installation of the Wynnum-Manly Methodist Order of Knights, occurred at a banquet held in June of 1929 at the Wynnum Methodist Church. There were some 50 guests(1) and it is reported that the following officers were installed... Bishop, the Rev. E. G. Walker; Dean, Mr. Shelton; Knightcommander, Mr. T. Senden; Deputy Knight-commander, Mr. R. Moores; Past Knight -commander, Mr. W. R. Howard; Chief Knight, Mr. Allan Cunningham; Knight-chancellor, Mr. C. Lind; Knightcompanion, Mr. H. Taylor; Provost Marshal, L. Whitty; Marshalknight of the Entrance, Mr. D. Crellin, Knight-Minstrel, Mr. D. Moffat. Typically at 'Order of Knights' meetings, or courts as they were known, the suitably attired Knight Commander is seated at the front of the hall, to his left the Chief Knight and the Ritual Bishop to his right, to start the 'court' he knocks loudly on the table with a gavel and directs, "Officers and Companions, assist me to open this assembly". (2) Companions of the Order are flanked down the left and right hand sides of the hall, bearing cloth shields of various colours, bearing the cross, and adorned with regalia such as merit badges which could be attained for physical, social, devotional or educational achievement.

In October 1914 at a Sunday School at Hurstville, New South Wales, the Methodist Order of Knights was founded by Reverend Bray. Reportedly this was to engage young minds which were diverted away from biblical studies, being distracted and inspired by an earlier age chivalry and knights. By meshing the imagery and regalia of medieval knights with biblical teaching Rev Bray inspired and focussed young minds. Based initially on the story of The Knights of the Round Table, the group's motto was: "Live Pure, Speak True, Right Wrong, Follow the Christ the King - Else, wherefore born?" (3)

June 1917 saw the movement adopted by the Young People's Department of New South Wales and thereafter the Order spread rapidly throughout the Commonwealth. (4)

The South Brisbane District Synod of the Methodist Church held at Wynnum, reported on November 2, that there were 46 Courts of the Order of Knights with 1,200 members. Companion organisation, 'Methodist Girls Comradeship', consisted of 63 branches and a membership of some 1,400.⁽⁵⁾

Separate junior and senior divisions of the Wynnum and Manly Order of Knights are reported in November of 1932 in a newspaper story in the Telegraph which lists a description of stall and stallholders at a fete held in aid of the 'Wynnum Methodist Church Property Fund'. Produce, Junior Order of Knights, under Mr. Grimley; and a further produce stall, Senior Order of Knights, under Messrs. H.W. Robson and A.J. Scovell. (6)

A former member, Kaplan Corday, gave his recollections of the 'Order of Knights' or OK on a christian message board in 2015.....
"Did you ever belong to a Christian children's club, with uniform, badges, ranks, mottos, ideals, passwords etc.?

I belonged to the (now defunct) Methodist Order of Knights, with Pages (ages 7-14), Esquires (ages 14-21) and Knights for adults.

At the weekly meeting (Court), we wore a piece of shield-shaped white cloth with a blue cross (Regalia) around our necks (some of the senior Knights had fancy purple velvet Regalia), did some "stuff' such as reciting our motto, listening to a Bible-reading, and memorising some verses, then proceeded to the fun part of the evening, playing violent games in the church hall.

There might also have been a secret password, which I can't remember.

It seems quite quaint and touching to me now, looking back, but I don't remember taking it at all seriously at the time.

These days the idea of a religious quasi-military order for boys carries fascist overtones, but the MoK owed more to Tennyson than Franco.

It was started in 1914, in the dying stages of the Victorian and Edwardian glamorization of chivalry, by a young minister who found that his Sunday School class preferred stories of King Arthur's knights to Bible stories.

The motto was based on lines from The Idylls Of The Kings: "Live pure, speak true, right wrong, follow Christ the king. Else, wherefore born?"

There was a female counterpart, called Rays (for girls) and Comrades (for women).

Some of my friends belonged to the Church of England Boys' Society, known as CEBS, which I think had a full, navy-blue uniform and was based loosely on the Scouts.

During my twenties, I helped run the Brethren's Every Boy's Rally (EBR) at our church, which featured monogrammed forage caps, and a species of sash on which to sew various badges as they were won. There was also an Every Girl's Rally.

EBR nights were chaotic, and attracted much criticism from the church leadership over damage to property.

Looking back decades on, my hair stands on end at the potential risks to which we blithely exposed the kids, both at the church and on weekend camps, without any thought of litigation or insurance."

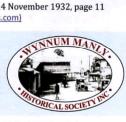
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A plaque dedicated to the Order of Knights adorns the wall of the Albert Street Uniting Church in Brisbane. It states the order lasted from 1914 until 1987.

- (1) Telegraph (Brisbane, Qld.: 1872 1947), Monday 1 July 1929, page 9
- (2) Methodist Order of Knights Ritual of First or Page's Degree (stichtingargus.nl)
- (3)140914 churchnews.pdf (parramattamission.org.au)
- (4) Border Chronicle (Bordertown, SA) 12 June 1947
- (5) The Telegraph (Brisbane, QLD) 2 Nov 1928
- (6)Telegraph (Brisbane, Qld.: 1872 1947), Monday 14 November 1932, page 11
- (7) Ship of Fools: Christian Children's Clubs (ship-of-fools.com)

Can you help?

Do you have any recollections, photos or documents relating to the Wynnum Manly Methodist Order of Knights? Please contact editor@wmhs.org.au









The former Methodist Church at 24 Ashton Street Wynnum was for sale to the highest offer recently (31st August 2021) The 7 bedroom 4 bathroom private residence. Last selling in December 2014 for \$1,075,000. As the photos above show the renovation was respectfully completed and the dwelling is really something else. Photos are courtesy of ''Place' who handled the current sale (Meagan Muir, Place - Bulimba. 140 Oxford Street.).



An early photo of the Methodist Church.

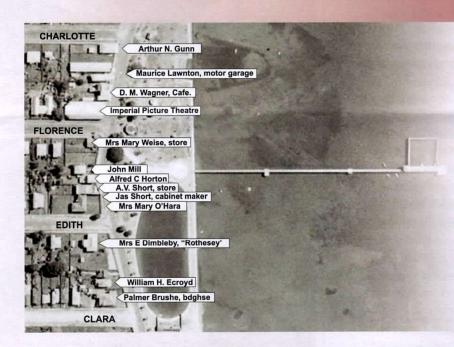
Courtesy 'A Glimpse of the Church Buildings of Wynnum, Manly
and Lota, February 2021'. WMHS Inc.



Image supplied by Myrtle Beitz

Then and Now Wynnum Wading Pool

by Sidney Weiss



WYNNUM South visitors, don't forget Groceries, Fruit, Refreshments can be had Short's Store, foot No. 2 jetty.

Telegraph, Saturday 23 January 1904, page 7

Wading pool businesses and residents

1936 Wise Directory

Darling Point 10ft. Flying Squadron's Annual Meeting

WYNNUM, August 29.

At the annual meeting of the Darling Point ioft. Flying Squadron, held at Weise's Cafe, Wynnum Central, last night, there was a good attendance of members, and the chair was taken by Mr. N. Hazeli.

Telegraph, Tuesday 29 August 1939, page 21

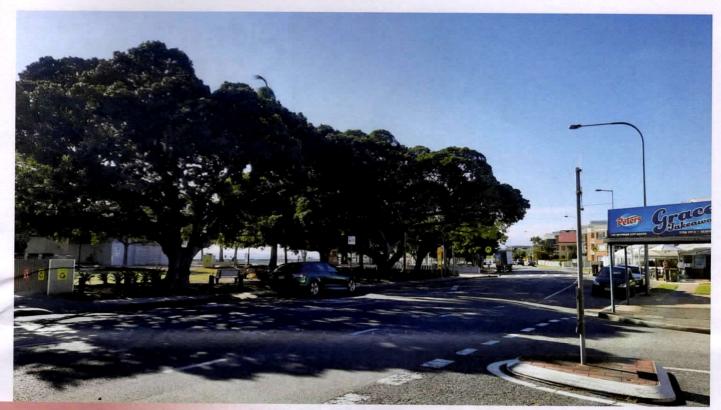


Photo by Sidney Weiss 2021

Strand Cafe, Wynnum South



Photo supplied by Myrtle Beitz

This image was long thought to be that of the Strand Cinema at Manly. Searching of newspapers of the era however has revealed a 'Strand Café' at Wynnum South. Interestingly one advertisement states this café being situated, "Esplanade, opposite jetty", while another references "Peters ice cream installed" (a sign for which is clearly visible on top of the awning at the front of the café). If the image is in fact the Strand Café at Wynnum South, my thoughts are it may well be that the pictured workmen are constructing the wading pool which was opened on the 21st January 1933.

Wynnum South, furnished rooms, Esphusic, opposite jetty. Strand Cafe, 'Phone 198.

Brisbane Courier, Tuesday 18 March 1919, page 8

TO let, Strand Cafe, fronting Wynnum South Jetty, 9 rooms, e. light, every convenience. Short, Edith-street,

Brisbane Courier, Wednesday 29 April 1925, page 13

REEHOLD. Strand Cafe, Esplanade, Wynnum South, £200 deposit balance rent, a going concern. Peters ice cream installed, double shop, large dwelling. Apply Mondure, Edith-street, Beach end.

Brisbane Courier, Monday 7 January 1929, page 22

A WINNER, why get hotel bothered, stay at Strand Cafe, Wynnum South, rooms 6s., double 12s, 6d., board if required, get all the sea breeze for nothing, 21s, permanents; Grace Pearn, Proprietress.

Telegraph, Thursday 5 November 1931, page 14

EBOAM England to Australia, no cheaper Board than at Grace Pearn's Strand Cafe, esplanade, Wynnum South, permanents 25s., week-ends 10s.; phone Wynnum 199.

Telegraph, Saturday 28 November 1931, page 14

Newsclips courtesy of Trove NLA.

OCTOBER

What was happening in our area as reported in the newspapers 100 years ago this month

1921

The eighth month in the old calendar of Romulus c. 750 BC, October retained its name (from the Latin and Greek ôctō meaning "eight") after January and February were inserted into the calendar that had originally been created by the Romans.



Max Gornik, former Heavyweight Champion of Australia. Photos: Truth, Sydney, Sunday 17 March 1940, page 25

BOXING

Tomorrow night week, heavyweights will once again provide tho bill of fare at the Stadium, the contestants being the successful northern boxer, Jerry Hansen, and Max Gornik, middle and heavyweight champion of Queensland. Hanson has been prominent in his division for some years, and has put up many good fights in Sydney. Since going to Mackay some time ago he has performed very well, scoring knock-out wins over Jack Deshong (twice), Flett, Margieson, "Hill 60," and others, and losing on points over 20 rounds to Jack Leahy. In all ho has won nine contests up there, Leahy being the only one to beat him. Gornik, now established on a farm in the Wynnum district, is a better man physically than ever before, and as he is in constant light training, and in fine nick, he may be depended on to put up a good showing against his taller and heavier opponent, though the weight difference between them will not be more than a few pounds. The preliminary to this match will be Joe Davis v Benny Hill.

Daily Standard, Brisbane Friday 7 October 1921, page 7

THE PLAGUE.

QUEEN-STREET INFECTION.

WYNNUM RESIDENT A VICTIM.

The Commissioner for Public Health (Dr. J. I. Moore) last night reported that another case of bubonic plague had occurred in the metropolitan area, the victim being a man residing at Wynnum South, and employed in the same warehouse in Queen-street as the Albion man, whose case was reported on Monday. The patient has been removed to the Wattlebrae Hospital.

Dr. Moore said that there was no mature serum available yet. The authorities had cabled to Calcutta for supplies 10 or 12 days ago, but it was doubtful if these would arrive before the serum which was being prepared in Melbourne was ready.

During yesterday 255 rats were bacteriologically examined. Only one, found at a wharf in Eagle-street, was infected with plague.

The inspector's report at tho meeting of the Windsor Town Council last night stated that to date 342 rats and 10 mice had been caught, and none was found to be

Daily Standard, 19 October 1921, page 5

POPPY WEEK ACTIVITIES.

Advantage was taken of the monthly dance of the Coorparoo sub-branch held last evening to appeal on behalf of Poppy Week. Mr. J. R. Foster (State organiser R.S.S.I.L.A.) addressed those present during the interval on tho aims and objects of the movement and as a result of his appeal a strong ladies' committee was formed. Any ladies residing in the Coorparoo Shire area who are willing to sell poppies in that district are requested to communicate with Mr. Bamford, local hon, secretary. Shire street, Coorparoo.

A poppy meeting, convened by the Mayoress (Mrs. Green) was held in the Wynnum Town Hall on Thursday evening. Mrs. Shenton occupied the chair in the absence of Mrs. Green. Mr. W. F. Forster, organiser of Poppy Week, gave an address on the aims and objects of the movement. It was . decided that the whole of those present form themselves into a committee for the purpose of selling poppies in the district. The movement is being taken up enthusiastically in the Wynnum district, and it is anticipated that the ladles' committee will be able to dispose of a large number of poppies.

Telegraph, 29 October 1921, page 7

AUCTIONEERS' NOTICES

TO PICTURE SHOWMEN AND GENERAL PUBLIC.

THURSDAY, 27th OCTOBER, at 3 p.m.

ON THE PREMISES, MANLY.

Under Instructions from the Owner.

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NOTE.—This is the only Picture House in Manly, and is now doing good lustiness: the present lease has expired, and the owners are wishful of now SELLING the Freehold.

GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR THE RIGHT MAN. EASY TERMS. Train leaves Melbourne street 1.15 p.m.

Further particulars from

J. SMALES & CO., LTD., ALBERT STREET. PHONE 3140, OR FROM J. R. WOOSLEY, AGENT, MANLY. Phone Wynnum 72. AUCTIONEERS IN CONJUNCTION.



Telegraph, Wednesday 19 October 1921, page 12

WYNNUM.

"POPPT DAY."

A Public Meeting will be held in the Town Hall, "THURSDAY EVENING NEXT, 27th Inst. at 8 p.m., in order to make arrangements for "Poppy tay" Appeal.

Mr. F. E. Forrest will address the meeting.

PHYLLIS M. GREENE.
Mayoress.

WYNNUM AND DISTRICT **EISTEDDFOD**

EMPIRE THEATRE (ON BEACH),
WYNNUM SOUTH.
OPENING SESSION, THURSDAY EVENING
NEXT, 20th OCTOBER, 1921,
At 7.30 pm. Sharp.
Chairman: Aideman J. W. Green,
(Mayor of Wynnum).

WYNNUM SHOW.

INTERESTING RING EVENTS.

The Wynnum and Manly A.H. and I. Society held its third annual district show in Russell Park. Wynnum. on Saturday, The entries and the exhibition generally compared unfavorably with those of the Toombul Society on the previous Saturday, and the general arrangements could only be described ins crude. Perhaps the fact that a change of secretary became necessary just prior to the date of the show had something to do with the incompleteness of the preparations. Judging did not commence until 1 p.m., and inadequate provision was made for the housing of exhibits. Owing probably to the system of late entries adopted, those who attended gained very little guidance from a perusal of the catalogue, which contained practically no information regarding the names of exhibitors.

The show was officially opened by Mr. W, H. Barnes, (etc)

Daily Standard, 10 Oct 1921, page 6

News clips courtesy of TROVE NLA



VINTAGE THEMED PUZZLES



What Movie? 1 point. Actor? 1 point, and Actress? 1 point.



ELECTORATE FOR A PERIOD OF THIRTY YEARS.
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ALTER HENRY BARNES M.L.A. DIED FEBRUARY 15TH 1933 TER REPRESENTING W**Y**NNUM

Who is this? 3 points

What is the local street? 2 Points

Where is this local plaque? 2 points

Email your answers to editor@wmhs.org.au or you can leave them at the resource centre

Answers for last month (September '21)

Did you score the full **10 points?**



Answer: Charlie Chaplin 3 points



Answer: Cambridge Parade 2 Points



This plaque is situated behind the Manly War Memorial at 184 Carlton Terrace Manly 2 points



Male actor is
 Humphrey Bogart,
 point
 Female actor is
 Märta Torén, 1 point
 Movie is Sirocco, 1 point





October/ November 2021

When

Where

What's On

October 16 9.30am - 2.30pm

Cost Free

Bus Stop Sales 1543 Ipswich Road Rocklea

Park at Rocklea Railway Station and shuttle buses will run to the venue.

Heritage Bus Expo

The Qld Omnibus & Coach Society will be celebrating its 25th anniversary with a Heritage Bus Expo with the largest display of heritage buses ever assembled in Queensland. This is a rare opportunity to inspect and ride upon various makes and models, built from 1917 onwards.

October 19

10am - 11am

Cost Free

Bookings essential via **Eventbrite** or by phoning 3249 4200 National Archives of Australia

16 Corporate Drive Cannon Hill

World War II sites in Queensland

Between 1942 and 1945 Queensland became a support base for the war effort in the South West Pacific. During this seminar we will discover places in Queensland that had military significance during this dynamic period, including fortifications, airfields, camps, hospitals, depots and workshops.

October 31

11am-12.30pm

Cost Free

Bookings essential via

Eventbrite

or by phoning 3364 6432

Queensland Police Museum

200 Roma Street Brisbane



Police responses to bushranging

The stories of some notorious bushrangers will be discussed but the focus of the presentation is about Frank Pearson, bushranger, killer, forger, artist, serial imposter and accountant. Pearson (aka Gordon, Lamb, Waller and Captain Starlight) narrowly escaped the noose after murdering a police officer. His death sentence was commuted to life imprisonment but after conning a priest he was released after 16 years. His subsequent exploits in Qld resulted in imprisonment at St Helena Island and Toowoomba.

November 10 12.30pm - 1.30pm

Cost \$10

Bookings essential via **Eventbrite** or by phoning 3221 4198

Royal Historical Society of Qld

Commissariat Store 115 William Street

Brisbane

Making a fresh start: Tasmanian female exconvicts in free settlement in Queensland

This presentation explores the stories of Tasmanian convict women and their families who sought to make a fresh start as "free settlers" in the colony of Queensland.

November 13

9am - 11am

Cost \$15 - \$25

Bookings essential via GSQ by phoning 3349 6072

Genealogical Society of Qld

25 Stackpole Street Wishart



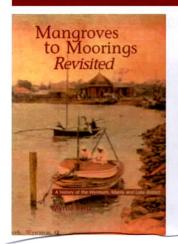
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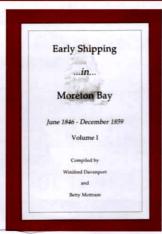
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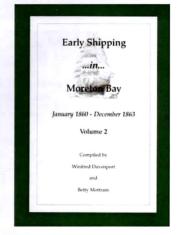
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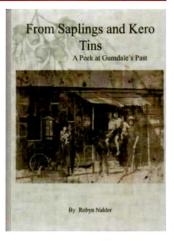
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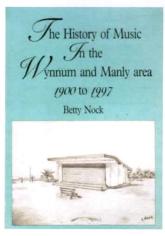
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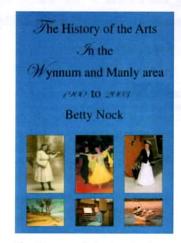
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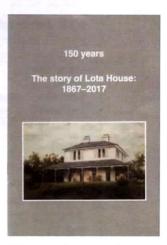
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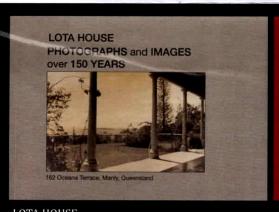


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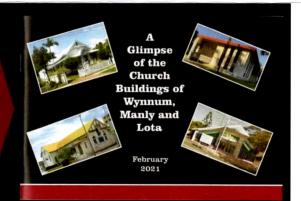
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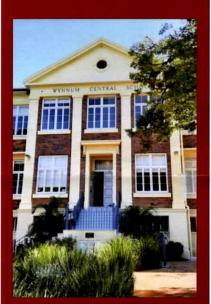


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