



GENERAL MEETING

**Sunday 15 July
2018
at 1.15pm**

Wynnnum Library

(Meeting Room 1)

145 Florence Street,
Wynnnum
(Enter by the lift)

“Brisbane Burning”

by

Sharyn Merkley

Sharyn has written a book on the fires in Brisbane in 1864 that destroyed almost seventy businesses and houses in Queen, George, Elizabeth and Albert Streets. She writes

Door Prize

Membership Draw

Raffle

Thank you to

*Jill Mahoney, Jan Aplin and
Nena Robertson for
providing Afternoon Tea*

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Presidents Report

July is here, whether we are ready or not! I am not sure about you but I can now certainly identify with the saying “it is all down-hill from a certain age” time gains a downward momentum and passes very quickly, all the little chores I put off for a couple of days all of a sudden require doing now!!! Birthdays that were a few months away are now looming very close.

Doug and I are enjoying the school holidays with our grandsons and even though they are growing up (again) so quickly, they are still happy to spend their vacations with us while their mum and dad are at work. I know a time will come, and I fear not too far away when it won't be cool to spend time with the grandparents. My hope is that it will be later rather than sooner.

Recently I was invited to attend a Service of Thanksgiving, celebrating the announcement of Seafarer Centre of the Year award. This year ‘The Mission to Seafarers Brisbane’ took out this prestigious award. The seafarers centre was voted the best centre, not only in this country but in the world. The past president attended a ceremony in Geneva, Switzerland where the announcement was made. What an amazing accomplishment for a small local centre here at the Port of Brisbane. Congratulations to all who both run and support the Centre.

The service was held at the Seafarers Centre at the Port. I have not been out that way for a couple of years and the changes that have happened over that time are amazing. The amount work that has been carried out and continues to be done had me in awe. The reclamation of so much land and the construction of more facilities continues to also amaze me. Like most of you, I remember going by boat down the river to Bishop Island or going fishing over towards Mud Island with not much habitation around. So, so much different now I wonder how much longer it will be before this ‘man made peninsular’ reaches St Helena?

The jobs created both directly and indirectly must certainly be contributing to the local economy, which depending on your “leaning” has to be a good thing. So much change happening right on our door step which unless you had the need to visit the port, we locals are oblivious to it.

The port authority run one-hour tours around the port complex twice a week and there is a Cafe located on the 7th floor of the Port Office .There is also a Balcony on the Rooftop level, offering spectacular views of the Port and surrounding Moreton Bay Islands. It would make an interesting short tour for the members of the society, the only catch is these tours only run on Tuesday and Wednesday. But it is food for thought for the future or if you have visitors in town and are looking for somewhere to close-by to visit.

Which is a perfect segue to remind everyone of our up-coming bus trip to Sandgate museum and Redcliffe on Saturday 25 August. Please let Jill know as soon as possible if you are intending to be part of this bus trip.

Till next time.

Deb Tearle

Do you know the Origin of the name given to Rickertt Road?

Andrew Rickertt was granted a timber licence in 1878. He operated a timber getting business. He had a bullock team to cart the timber from anywhere in the bush, even as far as Mt Cotton.

The timber was carried to rafting ground in Molle Road and floated to the mouth of the Brisbane River and up to Brisbane.

Andrew lived in Green Camp Road and Rickertt Road was named after him.

Rickertt Road Bridge

Building a bridge across Tingalpa Creek was first raised in 1890. Then in 1919 the suggestion was made for the bridge to run between Lota and Birkdale. With the formation of the Greater Brisbane Council in 1926, a bridge was then planned but became a low priority.

In 1937 a barge ran between Lota and Thorneside. In 1946 again the building of a bridge was raised.

In 1960 the building of the bridge from Rickertt Road to Quarry Road was decided and became more urgent as the railway line was terminating at Lota. Construction was approved in 1961. The tender was put out in 1968 and work began in 1970.

The new bridge was opened in April 1970. The cost was \$280,000.00 The bridge was named the EGW Wood after Ernest Gaden Western Wood, the Local Shire Chairman.


The road on the Brisbane side, connecting to Rickertt Road, still had to be constructed!

Jill Greenhill

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The Society would like to thank and acknowledge Cartridge World Wynnum for its ongoing support and sponsorship.

The society would like to thank Joan Pease, state member for



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The History of the Bank

Westpac has a long and proud history as Australia's first and oldest bank. It was established in 1817 as the Bank of New South Wales under a charter of incorporation provided by Governor Lachlan Macquarie. In October 1982 it changed its name to Westpac Banking Corporation following the acquisition of the Commercial Bank of Australia. When the bank opened its doors for business the first employee was Joseph Hyde Potts. As a porter and servant, he received a weekly ration from the King's stores and an annual salary of 25 pounds.

The 1800s

This was a challenging time, beginning with a serious loss in 1821 when it was discovered that the Bank of NSW's Chief Cashier had stolen half its subscribed capital, none of which was ever recovered.

The Bank's major expansion began in response to the gold fever in 1851 when it saw an opportunity to set up gold-buying agents in response to the needs of miners and merchants. It had grown from a single office in Sydney to a network of 37 branches by 1861.

The 1900s

The crash of the New York stock market on Black Thursday, 24 October 1929 signalled the start of the depression in the international market. The first significant sign of this in Australia came in January of that year, when Alfred Charles Davidson became general manager.

Davidson advocated a bold initiative to adjust the exchange rate on London downwards from par to £A130 = £100stg in 1931. This helped soften the impact of the depression on Australia and spark the ailing economy into recovery.

Following the acquisition of the **Commercial Bank of Australia**, in October 1982, the name **Westpac Banking Corporation** was adopted and the bank expanded rapidly in the 1980's. However, as a result of the economic downturn at the end of the decade, Westpac declared a loss of \$1.6 billion for the financial year ended 30 September 1992.

From 1993 to 1999, under the leadership of Robert (Bob) Joss, Westpac underwent a substantial rejuvenation program and then instigated a number of acquisitions in Australia and New Zealand to expand its retail footprint in markets where it was underweight, acquiring

1. Challenge Bank Limited, Western Australia in 1995
2. Trust Bank New Zealand in 1996
3. Bank of Melbourne in 1997

The 2000s

Westpac began the new century as a principal sponsor of the very successful Sydney 2000 Olympic Games.

Continued

In 2002, the bank began a strategic reshaping commencing with the sale of its longstanding iconic finance company, Australian Guarantee Corporation Limited (AGC) to GE Australia.

In the same year, we began to expand our wealth management business with the acquisition of:

1. Rothschild Australia Asset Management
2. Parts of BT Financial Group
3. 51% of Hastings Funds Management Limited, moving to 100% ownership in 2005.

In 2008 Westpac merged with St George Bank Limited, resulting in a much larger multi-brand Group. The effective date of the merger was 1 December 2008. On 1 March 2010 The Westpac Group commenced operating as a single authorised deposit-taking institution (ADI) and the legal entity St George Bank Limited was deregistered. From that date St George Bank became an operating division within The Westpac Group.

On 25 July 2011 Westpac Group, through its operating division, St George Banking Group, launched the Bank of Melbourne.



Westpac, Bay Terrace Wynnum in 2015

Source: Internet June 2017

Our Local Wynnum Banks

Would anybody be able to supply any information, pictures, employee names, etc. of the former Bank of New South Wales, the former Commercial Bank and today's Westpac Bank in Wynnum, and Manly.

Any contributions would greatly received to help in compiling the history of our for our local scene.

Resource Centre Report - June-July 2018



- *Wynnum Manly Workers' Club "up-lift"*



The management of the Wynnum Manly Workers' Club in Bognor Road Tingalpa are looking for historical events, neighbourhood fables, former owners, and any occurrence that could be incorporated into an upgrade of the club.

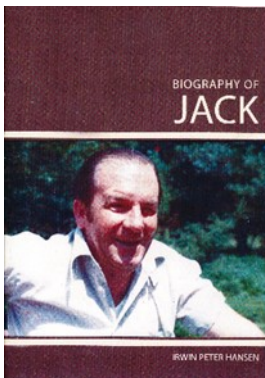
Here is an advertisement from the "Wynnum Herald" of 30 August 1972. The Club was originally designed as a social Club with people subscribing to build up capital to construct the Club.

Does anybody remember what was located on this ground. Was there a farm? Was the land for adjustment? Did the land flood? Who were the owner/s? Has anyone first-hand knowledge and experiences within the Club?

Please let me know.

- *Two new books have been received in the Resource Room.*

"Biography of Jack" Compiled by his daughter Maree

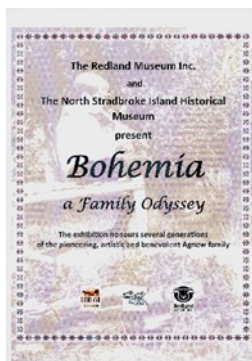


Irwin Peter Hansen, second son of farming migrants, Scandinavian and English, re-named himself as "Jack" when he was 5 years of age. He studied hard, the only one in his family to do so, and became a doctor. As a student he had survived working as a punter for Jack Gormley.

On qualifying, his residency was accomplished at the Mater Hospital Brisbane. He came to Wynnum and by 1956 had his home and sole practice at 10 Manly Road.

For more interesting facts of Jack's life in Wynnum, his second marriage, his cattle properties come and find the book in the Resource Centre.

- **"Bohemia. A Family Odyssey"** Produced by Redland Museum



The family of Philip Peters Agnew, Philip Palmer Agnew his son and grandsons Garnet and Noel Agnew all enjoyed their art and performing. Their lives, their occupations and examples of their artwork are included in this Odyssey.

Rick Thomason and Sandra Collins presented the Society with this book after their presentation at the last General Meeting in May.

Till next time Jill

“WYNNUM'S FIRST HOSPITAL GOES“

An article written in 1965



*St Mary's Hospital, Bay Terrace Wynnum
on south east corner of Edith Street*

“With the demolition last week of the old residence next to the new Commercial Bank of Australia Ltd., there disappears from the scene the building in which many of to-day's residents and business men caught their first breath of life.

This building was actually Wynnum's first hospital “St. Mary's” an institution of ten beds, which took in maternity and general cases in the days of Dr Ross and Matron Florence Clerk.

It was also the home of present day old resident Mrs Bert Fuller, of 99 Esplanade, Manly, who is a daughter of the late Matron Clerk.

Mrs. Fuller recalls there were very few buildings in Wynnum of that day.

“There were no houses in Florence Street or Edith Street, this was just one big paddock and from the hospital verandah I could see the overhead railway bridge that existed at that time at the bottom end of Edith Street.

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As I recall Wynnum there were only a few stores in Bay Terrace, Irvines (general store), Gregory's mixed business, Birchley's groceries, Uhlmann's butchery, Wilson's shoe store, Craig and Short's grocery store, Brown's pharmacy, Wright's smallgoods.

“On the beach side of Bay Terrace the shops were fewer, but in those days there was St. Mary's Hospital (next to the new Commercial Bank of Australia), Mrs McBean's drapery store, Bill Blatchford's lumber yard and Peel's fruit shop, now on the present site of Mr J A Wood's jewellery and watchmaker's shop.”

“Up where the Mt. Carmel Convent now stands there was a vacant paddock where, on Guy Fawkes' night, the local community gathered to light a giant bonfire and let off their fireworks” Mrs Fuller said. Mrs Fuller said her mother and family came to Wynnum about 1905 and at that time Matron Clerk was the district nurse.

“The P.M.G. Block of land was offered to my mother for £90 at that time and I always recall her saying “I don't have that sort of money.”

Mr and Mrs Fuller left the district for a number of years, but returned and have resided in Wynnum since 1949.”

Interview with Mrs Fuller

Source: Wynnum Herald 3rd March 1965

Transcribed by Heather Langston.

Publications for Sale

Contact:

Wynnum Community Centre, Room 1.08, 105 Florence Street Wynnum M-F 10am to Noon, or
 Wynnum Manly Historical Society, PO Box 318, Wynnum Q 4178, or
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Early Shipping in Moreton Bay June 1846 –December 1859 Vol 1	Davenport, Winifred and Mottram, Betty	1998	\$5
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How many of you have climbed the Story Bridge?

The heritage-listed cantilever bridge was opened in 1940 and was tolled until 1947. John Douglas Story was an influential public servant who strongly advocated for its construction. The bridge carries the Bradfield Highway from Fortitude Valley to Kangaroo Point.

A safe journey as one is tied onto the rail!

Series Fort Lytton and Quarantine Station

For more of Myrtle's places and people of interest series...

<https://www.facebook.com/wynnumhistory/>



Series FORT LYTTON AND QUARANTINE STATION No 8

This 1963 photo shows the Watch Tower. The six-pounder twin quick firing guns to its R
 It was 1963 the Oil Refinery took over the area.

This 1963 photo shows the Watch Tower. The six-pdr twin quick firing gun to its R



Where was I? May 2018



Staircases in the district were a feature of “Where Am I?” in the past and here we add yet another staircase to our collection.

This is the main staircase in “Kingscliffe” the large house next to the railway line at 60 Gordon Parade, Manly.

The house is reputed to be the fifth oldest house still standing in the district and was built around 1889. One of the early occupants was Thomas Watson Thomason with his family, who opened the first chemist shop in Bay Terrace Wynnum (Site near the present Ray White Office).

Diana and Peter Chalk recently kindly invited the Society to afternoon tea and to view the old house .

June-July 2018

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Jill

Wynnum Manly Historical Society Inc
Minutes of General Meeting held in Meeting Room 1, Wynnum Library
on Sunday 19 June 2018

President Deborah welcomed everybody and opened the meeting at 1.30pm. 22 members were present and 4 visitors, John Wakeley, John Godfrey, Fay Smith and Pam Bishop.

The committee had decided, due to the falling attendance on Sunday afternoons that meetings from September 2018 onwards would again be held in the Ambulance Auditorium, corner of Tingal Road and Cedar Street commencing at 7.00pm for a 7.15pm start.

Previous Minutes:

Minutes of Meeting of 20 May 2018 were accepted by Myrtle Beitz and seconded by Ellen Coupland.

Correspondence:

Secretary, Lena McCreddie presented her correspondence report for May 2018. The correspondence had been accepted and endorsed at the committee meeting on Thursday 7 June 2018.

Treasurers Report

BOQ A/c No 20139708	<u>1 May 2018 – 31 May 2018</u>	
Opening balance at 1 May 2018		\$36,408.06
Everyday Account		
Income	\$65.00	
Expenditure	\$60.00	
Closing balance at 31 May 2018		\$5,493.77
Websaver Account at 31 May 2018 (Inc. interest \$32.37)		\$30,951.66
TOTAL FUNDS AS AT 31 May 2018		\$36,445.43

Resource Centre:

The Society puts together the information collected concerning particular topics into individual books, depending on the frequency the information is sought and the amount that has been collected. One such booklet is needed for "Dirty George" and his photographs. Contributions were called for from anyone who possessed or knew of persons that possessed the photographic work of "Dirty George".

The new "Café Newsletter" called "Wynnum View", in which the Society has a mention was shown to the audience, as well as a newspaper commemorating the funeral of Victoria, donated to the Society.

Photos of the 2018 History Alive at Fort Lytton, in June were screened.

Outings: Members were asked to sign up for the outing to Sandgate on Saturday 25 August 2018

Speaker: Member Myrtle Beitz gave an illustrated talk on the history of Fort Lytton, including information on the encampments, Charles Kingsford Smith and early flying on Clunes Flats.

The **Lucky Door prize** (\$5) was won by Gerry Cunneen, the **Membership Draw** (\$5) by Anne Hall and the **Raffle** by Marie Stokes.

The meeting closed at 2.40pm.

Many thanks to Eric, Lyn and Ellen for providing afternoon tea.

Jill Greenhill (*General Meeting Minute Secretary*)

Our Committee and Volunteers..

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Friend of Society: John McIntyre

General Meetings

Set up: Jill Greenhill, Ellen Coupland and Lena McCreadie

Welcome at Door and Raffles: Jan Parnell, Lyn Shanks

Afternoon Tea and Kitchen Co-ordinator: Eric Sibley

Raffle Prizes: Committee

Newsletters

Editor: Mitch Parsons

Distribution (email): Sandy Liddle

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Resource Centre

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

Research Enquiries: Coordinated by Jill Greenhill, Ellen Coupland

Tours.

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

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

When	Where	What's On
July 11 2018 1230-130pm	Commissariat Store 115 William Street Brisbane, QLD 4000	The Sydney Mail (train) and the inter colonial/interstate railway Greg Hallam is a professional historian, member of the PHAQ and has been employed by Queensland Rail for nearly 20 years. He is also a member of the RHSQ.
July 22 2018 10:30 am—4:00 Cost: Adult \$7, Concession \$5	Ormiston House 277 Wellington Street Ormiston, Queensland 4000	Rolls Royce Concours D'Elegance Come along and see the fascinating show of all ages of Rolls Royce cars on the lawn of the house, on this special car club day. You can enjoy a Devonshire Tea on the verandah, inspect the house, and wander around the beautiful grounds. You can also bring your own picnic if you wish. The best time to view the cars will be from 11.00 – 2.00 pm.
July 26 2018 10 – 11am Book-ings essential	Wynnum Library 145 Florence Street, Wynnum 4178 (above Woolworths)	Wynnum Manly anniversaries for 2018 In 1918, Archbishop Duhig bought 100 acres in Wynnum North for £5000. This was to become Nazareth House. Learn about this and other significant anniversary events in the Wynnum Manly area with Local History Librarian, Kate Harbison.
July 29 2018 11-12:30pm	QPS Headquarters 200 Roma Street Brisbane	Curator Lisa Jones on Policing Moreton Bay 1842 - 1859

Quandamooka Festival

Saturday 21st July 2018

Wynnum Wading Pool, Wynnum Esplanade



Wynnum Manly Historical Society Inc.

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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
at the Old Wynnum Central State School.

Membership costs per year (1 January to 31 December)

Single \$20.00 Family \$30.00 High School Student \$10.00

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