

Resource Centre Report

April 2021



- **Temporary closure of Resource Centre**

Due to the complete lack of parking facilities for the last couple of weeks, the Resource Centre has been temporarily closed

Originally we were just told that a landscaped carpark was being constructed.

However added to this project was the laying of large sewer pipes from the Florence Street entrance through the side drive way and into the rear parking areas. Very large man-high holes and trenches were dug, so even the walkway from the temporary carpark was not assessable to the building.

So lately we have not seen many visitors

One query has come by phone.

- **Green or Greene**

The Greene family are well known in this district.

Sammy Greene was the first Mayor of the Town of Wynnum in 1913 and 1917. And Sam purchased the Star Theatre in 1924.

His brother John William (Bill) was also Mayor of Wynnum from 1921 to 1925 and later, in 1931, he was elected Lord Mayor of Brisbane.

Their sisters, the "Greene Sisters" opened Wynnum Girls' High School (later Moreton Bay College) in Bay Terrace in 1901.

However before the family came to Australia their surname was Green. Newspapers indicate that when they were advising their Girls' school in Wynnum, there was another Green School advertising in Brisbane. This may have been the reason for adding the "e" to their surname.

Till next time, Jill (library@wmhs.org.au)

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Remembering the BURKE brothers from Wynnum



Photo of John Dalton Burke courtesy of State Library of Queensland

John Dalton BURKE (b 1892 - a Bookkeeper by occupation) and his younger brother, **William** (b 1894 – a Cooper by occupation) were the sons of **John and Minnie (nee Smythe) BURKE**. They also had another brother, **James** (b 1899) and sister, **May** (b 1897). John, Minnie and the family resided at “Beaumont”, Gibbs Street, Wynnum. Father, John, had been a Police Constable stationed at Wynnum from 1900-1903.

John Dalton BURKE, being the older brother, was the first to enlist for WW1 service on 18 October 1915. He embarked at Brisbane on 21 October 1915. John saw service in France where he was wounded in July 1916 but remained on duty. He however suffered a more severe shrapnel wound to his left thigh whilst in Belgium in October 1917 and was invalided to England before returning to his unit. He was eventually sent back to Australia on board the *Soudan* arriving back in Australia on 30 June 1919 and was subsequently discharged medically unfit on 26 August 1919.

After his return, John once again took up residence with his parents at Wynnum and worked for the Public Service in Brisbane. He married **Mary Eileen FRENEY** on 18 March 1929 but they never had any children.

John and Mary ended up residing in Rabaul, Papua New Guinea, where John worked for the New Guinea Administration. John was still there during WW2 (Mary having returned to Australia) and he was captured and became a civilian internee of the Japanese. He was placed on board the prison ship **Montevideo Maru**. In what has been termed by many as the worst maritime disaster in Australian history, the ship, which was carrying more than 1,000 prisoners, was sunk by an Allied submarine unaware the ship was carrying Allied prisoners. All prisoners on board died including **John Dalton BURKE**. It was not until after the war that the deaths of the men on the ship were revealed when evidence was found in Japan.



Photo of the Montevideo Maru taken before WW1 when it operated as a passenger and cargo vessel travelling mainly between Asia and South America (courtesy of National Archives of Australia)



Menin Gate

Younger brother, **William BURKE** (b 1894—a Cooper by occupation), enlisted for WW1 service on 9 February 1916. Before embarking, he was granted 2 days leave to visit relatives at home in Wynnum to say goodbye before he embarked the *Boorara* in Brisbane on 16 August 1916. This would sadly be the last time he would get to see his family in Australia although it is probable that he may have seen his brother, John, when they were both in England at one time during the war.

William was killed in action in Belgium on 7 June 1917 and has no known grave. His name appears on the Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial in Belgium.

Both brothers received the 1914/15 Star medal, British War Medal and Victory Medal.

Information obtained from Queensland Births Deaths Marriages Index; Australia Electoral Rolls; National Archives of Australia; State Library of Queensland, Commonwealth War Graves Commission.



One of the panels of names of missing dead at Menin Gate

National Servicemen's Memorial Darling Point

The word *Nasho* was added to the Australian language by National Servicemen. National Service Day is commemorated on 14 February - the day on which the last Nasho completed his service obligation.

Between 1951 and 1972, 287,000 young Australian men were called up in two separate schemes (the First Scheme 1951-1959 and the Second Scheme 1965-1972) for compulsory training in the Navy, Army and Air Force. 212 of these died on active service in Borneo and Vietnam. National Service was part of Australia's defence preparedness for thirty years.

The Bayside has its own National Servicemen's Memorial which was dedicated at 2pm on 28 June 2009. The site at Darling Point was selected by the then President of the National Servicemen's Association of Australia, Bayside Branch, Ken Edwards, due to its eastern aspect towards the rising sun (the same rising sun as on the badges of the slouch hats worn by those the memorial honours) looking across Moreton Bay with a symbolic pine tree close by.

It is a memorial to Vietnam veterans including four bayside servicemen, Privates Kenneth Gant, Raymond Kermode, Ian Kingston and Joseph Ramsay, who died during active service in Vietnam.

The dedication ceremony included a parade of National Servicemen and Cadets led by the National Servicemen's Memorial Pipes and Drums. The family of the four bayside servicemen who made the ultimate sacrifice were guests of honour.

The memorial is made of a granite tablet on a raised black granite slab. Funding for the memorial came from grants from the Department of Veteran Affairs, Queensland Government, Brisbane City Council, Metropolitan Funerals and Wynnum Manly Leagues Club.

Former Bayside Branch President, Ken Edwards, says that "Anzac Dawn services held at this Memorial are most symbolic with the first light of dawn and the rising sun across the waters of Moreton Bay and the sounds of "The Last Post" resonating across the Bay".



Turning of the first sod – Don Zerner, Ken Edwards, Joe Dvoracsek and Derek Firth



Information sourced from The National Servicemen's Association of Australia Inc. 2015, *Nasho History – a brief history of National Service in Australia* <https://www.nashoaustralia.org.au/History.htm>, the Wynnum Herald, Ken Edwards.

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Lest We Forget—World War 1 Soldier Warders

(written by Belinda Daly, 26 April 2020)

William Landrigan and **Patrick Staunton** both began their new career as warders at St Helena P.E. on the 4th and 6th April 1916. (1) Their experiences were quite different. William spent 1914 to 1916 only in Rabaul with the 3rd Battalion before being discharged, while Patrick was part of the 5th Light Horse from 1914 to 1915, when he was sent to convalesce in hospital due to Influenza and chronic bronchitis. (2) **William Landrigan**, previously a labourer in NSW, went on to have a long career in the Prison service, transferring to Brisbane Prison in 1921 and retiring there a Senior Warder in 1945. (1) **Patrick Staunton** resigned from St Helena P.E. in March 1917 in tandem with fellow Warder/ Soldier Edward Heathcock and headed from new adventures as a member of the Mounted Police Force in the Northern territory. (1) It was here Patrick died after falling off a cliff and breaking his neck.



Despite surviving the war, George Gilbert died suddenly on St Helena Island after only 8 months working as a warder.

Image of his headstone in Toowong Cemetery sourced from 'Find a Grave'.

William Galloway was a baker in the prison on St Helena from 26/3/10 until 1/2/1912. (1) I was introduced to him in 2019 by one of his relatives who informed me of his involvement in WWI as part of the 3rd Pioneer Battalion from February 1916 until September 1918. Most of his campaign was in France, in amongst intense fighting, where he paid the ultimate price by being killed in action and buried in the Roussoy cemetery.

Seeing his Will in amongst the military papers online is sobering as it makes us, 100 years distant in time, realise that the soldiers were asked to face their mortality in very real ways by creating Wills before they left Australian shores. (2) The list of effects that he had with him when he died also made his experiences more personal – and I wonder what small memories and items any of us would take with us into a battlefield.

Effects received from the field.
ONE PARCEL (sealed) containing:-
 2 Discs, Letters, Photos, Religious medallion,
 Religious book, Wallet, Post Cards, Watch (damaged),
 4 Foreign Coins, 1 Flag, Lock of Hair in Locket,
 Purse, 2 Brass souvenirs, 1 Fountain pen, Crucifix,
 Golliwog, 6 Farthings.

Effects from William Galloway, returned home to his family. Source: Ancestry.

George Clifford McLaren Gilbert was a soldier who I can find no war records of at all. The only reason I know of him as a Warder/ Soldier is because he found employment as a warder at St Helena P.E. upon his return, beginning at the age time as William Landrigan and Patrick Staunton. His was a promising but short career, as he unexpectedly died on the island in November 1916, affording the following remark from the Comptroller General of Prisons, Charles Pennefather in his 1916 Annual report:

'Besides the extra probationary warders appointed, vacancies caused by deaths, resignations etc. were filled by probationers, in nearly all cases returned discharged soldiers, to whom preference is given. Probationary warder Gilbert, a returned soldier and a promising young officer, also died during the year.'



Headstone of Lance Corporal William Galloway in Roussoy Cemetery, France. Image from Fay Carbis.

The final warder I'll make mention of is **George William Gray**. As part of the 9th Battalion, he was a part of the Gallipoli campaign, wounded on the 10th May 1915. Surgeons reported:

'Bullet completely severed the posterior interosseous nerve where it emerges through the supinator bravis. He has paralysis of the muscles supplied by this nerve.'

A later medical board found... 'loss of power and extension of the fingers of the left hand due to the bullet fracturing the left radius.' (2)

Out of all the war stories I read through yesterday, it was George Gray's that struck me the most. This young 22 year old suffered severe damage to his forearm, which resulted in permanent nerve and muscle damage, rendering the use of this arm to about half of its capacity. Having previously been a Drayman, this is not conducive to further employment. He was pensioned off by the Army at the age of 23. (2) Yet following all of this, George became a temporary Warder at St Helena Penal Establishment on the 18th May 1916 and later was transferred to Stewarts Creek near Townsville where he later resigned. (1) Despite his lifelong injuries, George had no choice but to find a way forward.



George William Gray was invalided out at the age of 23 due to injuries he suffered at Gallipoli. When repatriation of the Australian Imperial Force was completed in 1920, 264,000 men and women had returned to Australia, of whom 151,000 were deemed "fit", and 113,000 "unfit" (3)



Lest We Forget. Image: Dan Anderson.

References:

- (1) Warders' dates of appointment book—H M Penal Establishment/Gaol, St Helena, Queensland State Archives.
- (2) Ancestry Military records, ancestry.com.au/cs/militaryrecords
- (3) Australian War Memorial. <https://www.awm.gov.au/wartime/article2>

SEAFOODS RESTAURANT EXPANDS IN TINGAL ROAD

The confidence of a husband and wife team in the future of the Wynnum and Bayside districts has more than been borne out with the announcement this week of the completion of improvements and extensions to their seafoods restaurant which they first opened in Tingal Road four years ago.

The couple are Lex and Bernice Grierson-Jones who first opened the doors of their Sunshine Seafoods Restaurant in October 1972, when they took floor space in the re-modelled "Clayton House" and their plans to establish a restaurant with a difference has more than surpassed their expectations.

Lex and Bernice set out a menu which they believed would tempt the palates of the people; they enlivened the interior décor with furniture of the colonial style and wall to wall carpet which added a touch of colour and quietness to the restaurant.

That their menu was popular was proven in a very short time and the crabs, oysters, scallops and prawns which were added to the regular fish listings became so much a part of the regular meals of many residents who visited the restaurant to have a meal or take home the items they fancied.

The step taken by Lex and Bernice Grierson-Jones was not the case of entering a field which was new to either of them.

Both had been associated with the catering business, Lex being a qualified chef who followed his profession in England for 20 years and for three years previously the couple had established themselves as the Sunshine Caterers.

Through the service they gave to the district at functions for which they were entrusted with the catering arrangements, they gained a reputation for dependability. Undoubtedly the experience gained in this venture stood them in good stead in the management and running of their Sunshine Seafoods Restaurant which has combined quality seafoods with excellent service in the district now for over four years.

Their first tempting treat which proved popular and still is, was the "Fisherman's Basket" – a selection of butterfly prawns, oysters, fish pieces and Tasmanian sea scallops, while there was a great demand for their prawn cocktail, prawn cutlets and lobsters.

They did not forget that in every community there are people who do not like a fish menu and they set about this problem by putting on special T-bone steak meals, cooked to the customer's own particular liking.

Today, the exclusive seafoods are listed on the menu as well as other types of meals in order to offer a satisfactory selection for every individual customer's liking.

The founders and proprietors of the restaurant, Lex and Bernice, are still very active in the business and continue to run their Sunshine Seafoods Restaurant along personal lines – they know their customers and their needs.

Mrs Mary Smalley has been appointed as manager and is assisted by Mr Arch Phoenix, both of whom having had extensive experience in the restaurant business over a period of years.

These new extensions have almost doubled the seating capacity within the restaurant, while the whole complex – dining rooms, Functions Room and right through to the kitchens, has been airconditioned.

The decorations and décor leave the customer with no doubt in mind that the premises cater for foods from the sea – the nets of the fishing boats are strung around the walls, there are monster crabs and lobsters 'caught' in the mesh and on occasions mermaids have been seen sitting, quietly, talking to and petting their finny friends from the depths.

And whoever heard of a fish shop with velvet wallpaper and colourful curtains? Well, "Sunshine" has it all in the 'wet' seafoods take-away section that has been specially laid out and equipped with modern refrigerated counter which gives customers a clear view of the fish they can buy to take home and cook for themselves.

Besides accommodation for single meals, tables for two, or the quick business hour lunch for people working in the district, "Sunshine" caters for the whole family with special tables which can be set up as one unit.

And the kiddies have not been forgotten, for on the family side of the business there is an abundance of high chairs for toddlers who like to sit up to the table with their adults. So this is the place where the whole family can come in and sit down to a meal or dinner without the preparation worry falling upon the shoulders of the womenfolk in the home It's their 'day off' from kitchen chores, which they appreciate.

As the occasion arises and special fish have been landed and flown in, a 'Specials Board' has been set up in the restaurant to let customers know the added selection they will have, quite apart from the regular menu listing.

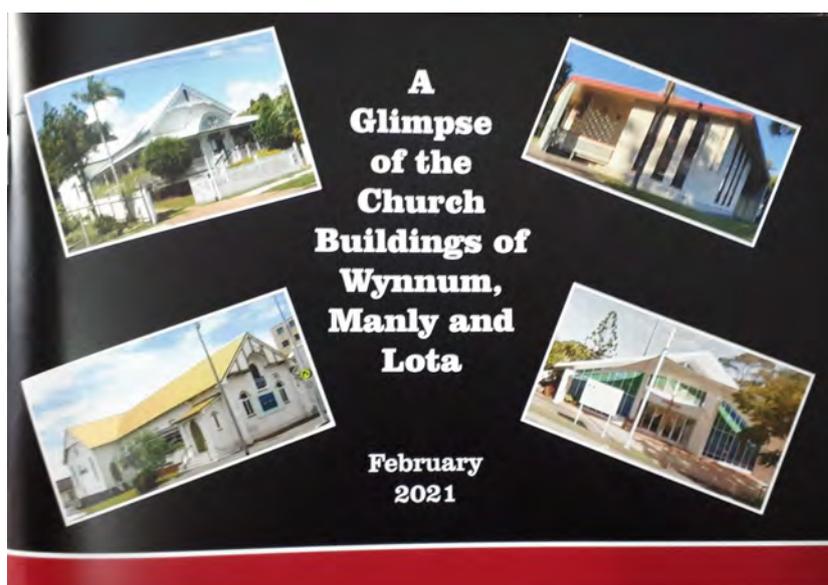
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NOW AVAILABLE—NEW SOCIETY PUBLICATION

Now available to purchase is the latest publication by the Wynnum Manly Historical Society.

It provides a brief summary and image of the church buildings (past and present) in Wynnum, Manly and Lota. Are there more you can think of? Let us know once you have read the book.

Cost is only **\$10.00** and is available from the Resource Centre (when it reopens), at our General Meeting on 15 April 2021 or by phoning Jill on 0407 293 177 or email library@wmhs.org.au



Publications for sale

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Email— Wynnum Manly Historical Society Librarian: library@wmhs.org.au

Early Shipping in Moreton Bay June 1846 –December 1859 Vol 1	Davenport, Winifred and Mottram, Betty	1998	\$5
Early Shipping in Moreton Bay January 1860 –December 1863 Vol 2	Davenport, Winifred and Mottram, Betty	1998	\$5
From Saplings to Kero Tins A Peek at Gumdale's Past 2nd Ed.	Nalder Robyn	2017	\$15
A glimpse of church buildings in Wynnum, Manly & Lota	Wynnum Manly Historical Society (Editor Jill Greenhill)	2021	\$10
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
Lota House. Photographs and Images over 150 Years	Beitz, Myrtle	2017	\$15
Mangroves to Moorings - Revisited	Beitz, Myrtle	2005	\$35
Plum Blossom : a transition of one's life (fiction)	Maree, Jeannette	2020	\$24.95
Story of Lota House	Beitz, Myrtle	2017	Donation

Where was I? - March 2021



The Philatelic Council of Queensland presently owns this Hall which stands at 188 West Avenue on the corner of Coolcrest Avenue, Wynnum.

The Bayside Christian Family Church, associated with the Apostolic Church of Australia, first met in Lota School of Arts in 1952 They built this brick church at 188 West Avenue which was opened in 1961.

On 5 June 1987 the building was sold to the present owners, the Philatelic Council of Queensland.

The Bayside Christian Church moved to a new building at 287 Preston Road in 1992, built by Ernest Day and son Ross with the help of voluntary labour from the parishioners. In 2015, the church was re-named Intenciti – “.Intentional about our City”

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Till next time,
Jill

Wynnum Manly Historical Society Inc

Minutes of General Meeting held in Ambulance Museum Auditorium, Tingal Road on Thursday 18 March 2021

Meeting opened at 7.35pm.

There were 11 members present and 2 visitors, Catherine Dominski and Denise Pagett. 5 members were present via Zoom, Alan and Roisin Burrell, Fay Sheriff, Toni Baroni (from Sydney) and Wayne Weldon (from Bundaberg) There were 3 apologies.

Opening Comments:

As both President, Sandy and Vice President Jan were unable to attend, Jill Greenhill took the Chair.

Everybody was welcomed and reminded of the Covid personal distancing, there being a cross on every other seat.

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

This was the first meeting since February 2020. March 2020 meeting was prepared but could not be held. Sandy McDonald of the Manly Hotel was to speak. Unfortunately we will not be able to invite Sandy this year as the hotel is to be sold.

Correspondence:

The correspondence was presented by Lena and had been accepted and endorsed at the committee meeting held on Thursday 4th February 2021.

Treasurer's Report: (Geraint Gregory)

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Opening Balance at 1 February 2021	\$32,389.55
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Income: \$41.68

Expenses: \$22.50

Closing Balance at 28 February 2021	\$32,308.73
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which comprises

Everyday Account \$5,842.89 **Websaver Account** \$26,465.84

Resource Centre: (Jill Greenhill)

Due to the closure of the Florence Street entrance and the rear carpark, access to the Community Centre is very difficult, being only by the pedestrian front door. Parking is not possible. A new landscaped car park will eventuate after the laying of a new much larger sewerage system.

The "Where am I" photo was of the Philatelic Hall on the corner of West Avenue and Coolcrest Street.

Tours/Outings:

After the morning tea held at the Shire Clerk's Cottage for the break up in November 2020, the committee is asking for suggestions of other venues that are local, so easily accessible. Also maybe we could join with another organisation for a day out..

The **Annual General Meeting** for 2021 was held between 7.54pm and 8.09pm

Speaker:

Verena McGowan has taken 5 years to write a book about the story of her life, which she has called "The Girl from East Berlin". Verena was 4 years old when her family escaped from East Berlin and 9 years old when she emigrated to Melbourne, Australia. Thence the family arrived at an ex-army camp at Woodside, Adelaide but finally settled at Ballarat, Victoria. Verena suffered physical, mental and sexual abuse from her father. She has battled with cancer. She hopes her book will give people inner strength to accomplish great things despite all setbacks.

Raffle Prize: Margaret Bulloch

Lucky Door Draw: Myrtle Beitz (Re-donated)

The meeting closed at 8.40pm and the members and visitors partook of a drink and packet biscuits

Jill Greenhill (*General Meeting Minute Secretary*)

UPCOMING EVENTS

(note COVID restrictions and safe measures are in place for all advertised events and bookings with the organisation concerned are ESSENTIAL)

When	Where	What's on
<p>April 14 12.30pm-1.30pm</p> <p>Cost Free (but numbers limited)</p> <p>Bookings essential via Eventbrite or by phoning 3221 4198</p>	<p>Royal Historical Society of Qld</p> <p>Commissariat Store Museum 115 William Street Brisbane</p>	<p>The pipe organs of Gympie: Acquired during the gold rush</p> <p>This talk features the 4 renowned pipe organs that came from some of the best builders in England in the late 1890s. They were ordered by the 4 major Gympie churches and are still in use today, remaining basically unaltered.</p>
<p>April 17 4.30pm-8pm</p> <p>Cost \$15 adults (concessions and family passes available)</p> <p>Bookings essential ph 3351 1776</p>	<p>Brisbane Tramway Museum</p> <p>50 Tramway St Ferny Grove</p>	<p>A night at the Museum with trams</p> <p>This special night run acknowledges the 52nd anniversary of the closing of Brisbane Tramway System. Enjoy the atmosphere of trams running at night-time. Displays in the restoration building of trams and a trolley bus will also be available to view.</p>
<p>April 18 3pm-4.30pm</p> <p>Cost Free</p> <p>Bookings essential via email or ph 0407 116 919</p>	<p>Balmoral Cemetery</p> <p>Cnr Wynnum & Bennett Rds Morningside</p> <p>Meet at the Hill top shelter in the cemetery. BYO water, hat, sturdy shoes and sunscreen</p>	<p>Dedication of war graves and headstones</p> <p>The Friends of Balmoral Cemetery are having a short walk and dedication of war graves and headstones recently completed for WW1 veterans previously buried in unmarked graves at Balmoral Cemetery.</p>
<p>April 20 10am—11am</p> <p>Cost FREE</p> <p>Bookings essential via Eventbrite or Ph 3249 4200</p>	<p>National Archives of Australia</p> <p>16 Corporate Drive Cannon Hill</p>	<p>The stories of WW1 and WW2 war brides</p> <p>Many Australian women moved overseas in order to marry their beloved soldier, and a large number of women also migrated to Australia to marry their Australian serviceman. This history covers both WW1 and WW2.</p>
<p>April 25 11am—12.30pm</p> <p>Cost Free (but numbers limited)</p> <p>Bookings essential via Eventbrite</p>	<p>Queensland Police Museum</p> <p>200 Roma Street Brisbane</p>	<p>Queensland Police and the Great War effort</p> <p>Dr Anastasia Dukova talks about some of the personal, police and war service stories and histories of Queensland police officers who left active police duty to volunteer in the AIF. Of the 199 who volunteered, 30 did not come home..</p>
<p>April 25 12pm-1pm</p> <p>Cost FREE</p> <p>Bookings essential via Eventbrite or ph 0466 922 259</p>	<p>Anzac Square Memorial Galleries</p> <p>Anzac Square 285 Ann St Brisbane</p> <p>Entry through double brass doors beneath Shrine of Remembrance</p>	<p>The history of Anzac Day</p> <p>Learn about the origins of Anzac Day and the history of Anzac Day commemorations. The talk draws from State Library of Qld's digital collection of military stories, diaries, letters, photographs and artefacts and includes a tour of Anzac Square Memorial Galleries.</p>

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