

Summary of Minutes

General Meeting held on Thursday 15 May 2003

Meeting opened at 7.35pm

**MINUTES of previous meeting** were approved.

**BUSINESS ARISING:** Society's comments on planned development of the Manly Boat Harbour have been forwarded to the Consultants.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Balance at 30 April was \$3,021.36. May Income was \$1,712.52 and expenditure was \$391.39. leaving a balance of \$4,342.49. Report was approved.

**RESOURCE CENTRE:** Thanks were extended to all who have manned the centre. More volunteers would be appreciated.

**COACH TOUR:** Tour to Toowoomba will leave from Civic Centre at 8.15 am sharp on Sat 17 May. Next tour will be July 19 to Stradbroke Island.

**GENERAL BUSINESS:** For 4 months, our Society will be one of ten Societies in a special Local History display at the **State Archives**, Runcorn. The official opening is on Wednesday, June 11 from 11.45 – 12.30pm. All members are invited to attend.

**Ambulance Museum.** A special tour for members will be conducted on 14 June at 9.30am by David Lloyd, President of the Local Ambulance Committee and Curator of the Museum. Feed back will be welcomed.

**Suppers:** Penny McAulay volunteered to organise suppers while Margaret Mack is away.

**SPEAKERS:** **Jack Sands** gave a very interesting talk about the origin of Gunter's Chain, an important instrument used to measure distance and area since 1620.

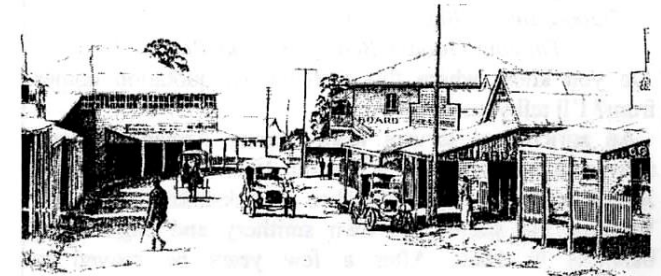
**Julia Ponder**, dressed as a servant of the time, told us about how Ormiston House today is run by volunteers, like herself.

The **Lucky Door Prize** was won by Betty Mottram and the **Membership Draw** by Jan Parnell.

**Meeting closed:** 8.37pm Kay Bond (Secretary)  
(Full un-abridged minutes are available on request.)

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Cambridge Parade Manly Circa 1920

WYNNUM MANLY HISTORICAL SOCIETY Inc.

# NEWSLETTER

## June 2003

**Thursday 19 June at 7.30pm**  
**Baptist Church Hall**  
(Corner Bay Terrace / Clara Street)

## “WATERLOO BAY LEISURE CENTRE”

History of the first 25 years  
told by

Secretary

### LEN CODE

**“Bail Up” at Gympie in 1869**  
Written by Craig Edgman and spoken by  
Betty Mottram

Gold Coin entry - covers hire of hall and supper  
Bring and Buy Stall - Bring your unwanted gifts, cakes,  
fruit, vegetables to support the Resource Centre  
Appreciation to Kay Bond and Penny McAulay who will be  
providing your supper

**Please invite a friend to attend**



### A Message from the President . . .

*"Good, Better, Best, Never let it rest,  
Till your Good is Better and your Better - Best."*

Do you know where this well-known quotation comes from? I'll tell you.

An agricultural servant from County Armagh, Ireland arrived in Melbourne on 1<sup>st</sup> March 1841. One of his sons, John Furphy was apprenticed to a blacksmith at Kyneton, Victoria. He started his own smithery and engineering business in 1866. After a few years he moved to Shepparton.

In the days of early settlement, one of the largest problems was how to transport water. Prior to 1878-80, all water, whether for domestic, commercial or stock uses, had to be carried in containers loaded onto a horse-drawn sled. This method was superbly difficult and inefficient.

Between the years 1878 and 1880, with the aid of his newly-installed furnace, John Furphy developed the water cart. When filled, the cart weighed about one ton which was a fair load for a good horse. It was carefully balanced over the axle to give good weight distribution for the horse whether the tank was empty or full.

The water cart quickly became well-known and well used throughout Australia. During World War I the troops, in whatever situation they were, had to have water and water had to be carried in something – Furphy's water carts were the answer. The drivers of the carts, as well as supplying water, were the troops' only source of news, but their stories were notoriously unreliable.

A question about this news: *Is that fair dinkum mate?* was mostly answered with: *I dunno, she's a Furphy.*

It is obvious that the Furphy family believed and still believes in the motto at the beginning of the column. These words were placed on the cast iron end of every tank. Water carts are still produced today, being adapted to suit many diverse uses both in Australia and other countries.

There must be something in genetics after all. Five generations and one hundred and sixty years ago when people were leaving their homes to go to strange lands, dreaming of a better place for their children and their children's children, not all succeeded. But the Furphys did and are still succeeding. Also on the tank end, in Pitman's shorthand was, *"Water is the gift of God. Beer and whiskey concoctions of the Devil. Come and have a drink of water."*

Noela Stratton, President.

(PS. How do I know all this? We are distantly related - very distant.)

## Heritage Tour Saturday 19 July 2003

Across the Bay to  
**Stradbroke Island**  
(Depart Civic Centre 8.00am. Return 5.15pm)

Learn about the sandmining.

Enjoy Morning Tea at Brown Lake with  
Aboriginal Elder, Margaret Iselin

Visit Community Club, Amity for Lunch  
(BYO or Lunches available \$4.00 - \$8.00)

Look for Whales at Point Lookout

Browse through the Museum and St Mark's  
Church at Dunwich

**Tickets \$20.00 (Bus, Barge and Admissions)**  
**Bookings: At June meeting or contact Jill 3393 3208**

### RANSOME and THORNESIDE

C H Ransom of Wooloongabba requested from the Clerve-land Shire Council to remove trees on the by-roads, but the permission was refused. However he found access to timber from other sources because he obtained permission for the trains to stop at the Waterloo siding to collect firewood and timber. Waterloo was renamed **Ransom's Siding** and, in August 1912, the siding was re-located between Tingalpa and Lota Creeks, remaining in use until 1931. Waterloo station was re-opened in 1917 and renamed **Thorneside** after William Thorne, who owned the land in the area, which was up for auction at that time.

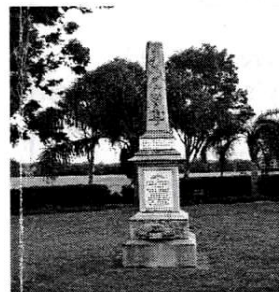
#### How good is your memory? (Answers overleaf)

In which year was:

- \* personal Income Tax first imposed in Queensland?
- \* blessing of corner stone of Catholic Church in Bay Tce?
- \* the Kelk Memorial unveiled at Lindum?

### Our Heritage Listed Places:

#### The Anning Memorial



For many years there was great uneasiness and a number of skirmishes and small wars between the British Colonies and the independent Dutch-Afrikaner (Boer) Republics of southern Africa. When gold and diamonds were discovered in the Boer Republic of Transvaal, in the 1880s, the desire, of

both parties, to control southern Africa intensified to such an extent that, on 11 October 1899, the Boers declared war on the British.

At that time, Australia was still made up of six separate colonies and, being part of the British Empire, all states offered to send contingents of troops to the war in southern Africa. Initially, most Australians actively supported the war and there was no shortage of enthusiastic volunteers.

Australian troops mainly served in mounted units and were known as *Imperial Bushmen*. They were well respected and valued for their ability to 'ride and shoot'. When the 5th Queensland Imperial Bushmen Contingent departed for southern Africa on 6 March 1901, it took an 18 year old Hemmant man with it – Private John Harry Anning.

Although he was quickly promoted to the rank of Lance Corporal, John Harry Anning was, unfortunately, killed in action, just five months later, on 6 August 1901, at Kopjesfontein. (Lord Kitchener and General Botha signed a peace treaty ending the war on 31 May 1902.)

Family and friends of John Harry Anning commissioned monumental mason, William Busby of Toowong to design and construct a memorial to him. It was unveiled during a 'welcome home' party for all soldiers at the old Aquarium Hall at Hemmant in March 1903.

This monument has a special significance. Not only is it one of only a few Boer War Memorials in Queensland, it is a rare example of one dedicated to a single soldier. Heather Smith

#### Remember our Regular Meetings . . .

**Third Thursday:** (June 19) Baptist Hall 7.30pm:

Len Cole "Leisure Centre" Betty Mottram "Bail Up, Gympie"

**Last Thursday:** (June 26) Wynnum Public Library 10am:  
Local Speaker and Morning Tea

**Monday to Friday 10 - 12 noon:**

Resource Centre 7/66 Bay Terrace (Outside Public Library)