



Cambridge Parade Manly Circa 1920

Wynnum Manly Historical Society Inc

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

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NEWSLETTER

March 2024

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February General Meeting

THURSDAY 21 March 2024

6.45 pm for 7.00pm start

Wynnum Ambulance Auditorium
Corner Tingal Road / Cedar Street

Speaker and Member

Michael Beard

who will

talk about his experiences

whilst attempting to find out about the
history of his house and the life stories
of its former owners.



98 Carlton Terrace
Manly

Lucky Door
Bring and Buy
Refreshments
Gold Coin Donation
Visitors welcome

Michael Beard - Our Speaker

Michael completed his full-time military service in the Royal Australian Navy in 2014 after a naval career spanning nearly 31 years. He continued on a part time basis as an officer in the Naval Reserve for the next 8 years. Michael finally retired in June 2022. He does, however, still engages through the Naval Reserve as a nationally qualified mediator, in helping resolve workplace conflict within the Defence environment.

March News from the Committee

Membership Dues for 2024

Fees were due on **January 1 2024** .
\$25 per individual, \$40 per household
\$15 if under 15years.
(No Rise!)

A few members have not yet renewed their membership. Please put you fee in a named envelope and bring to the March monthly meeting , or see Banking Details on Page 8.

Annual General Meeting for 2024

Today—Thursday 21 March 2024

All committee positions will be declared vacant.
We need your help!

We need a Treasurer and new committee members to assist with the running of the Society.

Nomination Forms are at the Resource Centre and will be at the March Meeting.

Thank you to all our members who have contributed to the Bring and Buy stall, and then have made purchases.

Next Bring and Buy. Thursday 21 March 2024.

Interesting Books, (Fact or Fiction). Swap or pay \$1



Preserves . . .

Cakes and Biscuits . . .

Craft. Cards Bring some home-made items and some cash!!!

Most items \$2

Located in the “Old School Building” at Room 1.08, 105 Florence Street, Wynnum.

Open Monday to Friday 10.00am to Noon or by appointment. (0407 293 177)

A successful Find!

- ***Can You Help?***

See below - The Shire Clerk’s Cottage

- ***A Lucky Find.***

The grand daughter of the late Mrs Nancy Weston visited the Centre searching for information regarding her grandmother who worked for “Radio Cabs”.

Here is Mrs. Nancy Weston, photographed by the “Wynnum Redlands Herald”, hard at work.

Full story on page 6. “Radio Cabs form part of Wynnum’s History.”
Mrs Nancy Weston

Wynnum Redlands Herald Wed May19 1976



- ***Seeking Information.***

Owen Genat, the Assistant Project Manager for the Royal Australian Artillery Historical Company (REEHC) in Victoria, emailed us for details of the “Clifton Cannons”.

The 12 Cannons arrived in Brisbane on board the immigrant ship “Clifton” on 7 April 1862 as a gift from Queen Victoria, to assist in the defence of our new colony.

We have a leaflet listing all 12 guns, their number and their locations, which has been forwarded to Owen.



Wynnum Central Park. Cannon No. 60756. Cast in 1800 in Scotland.

Help Required



The Shire Clerk’s Cottage, in Tingal Road, is under the wing of the neighboring Leisure Centre. The Leisure Centre Committee has asked for assistance in helping to supervising visitors to the Cottage during their Saturday Morning Market Days.

The Committee would welcome a person being in the cottage on duty, to welcome, explain, answer questions, take follow-up questions, oversee the visitors.

Market Saturdays will be held on 20 April, 15 June, 17 August, 19 October and 7 December 2024.

Knowledge of the history of the cottage will be available on a give-away leaflet.

Please contact me if you can help. Jill (0407 293 177)

Proposed “Friends of Hemmant Cemetery Group”



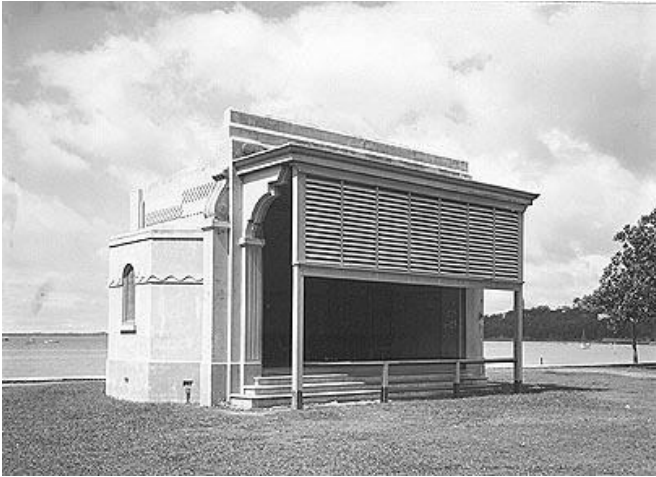
A group of interested people met in the Community Church at Hemmant on Sunday morning of February 25 2024.

Member Darren Sibley will be asked to outline decisions proposed, decisions made and forward plans at the next History Society meeting on Thursday 21 March 2024.

We hope that this will be a successful venture and that the Historical Society can assist, maybe in the research of the lives of our Pioneer settlers.

Jill

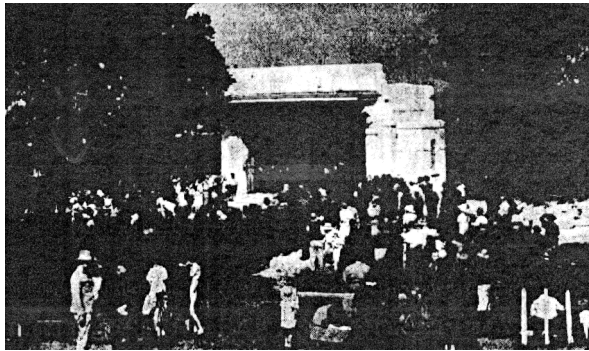
February 2024. Where was I?



The Bandstand was built in 1936 and stood on the foreshore of Manly Esplanade between Cambridge and Cardigan Parade .

As the mortar perished, probably due to the proximity to the sea water, the structure became dangerous and was demolished in 1963.

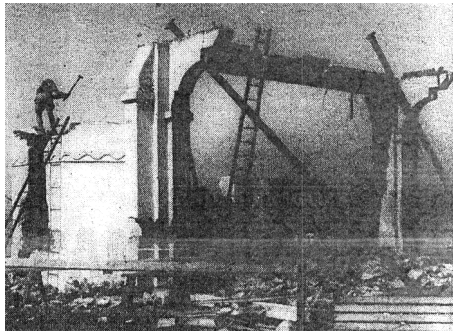
Seven years later Brisbane City Council constructed a new Bandstand between the Upper and Lower Esplanades of Wynnum. A Band Group contributed \$5000, half of the construction costs .



1936



1963



1971



March 2024. Where was I?



Till next time

Jill

Here is a summary of the presentation given to the Society by speaker Fr Michael Twigg at the last General Meeting held on Thursday 15 February 2024. kindly written by President, Lucy Laakso.

Fr Michael Twigg: Lindum lives on



At our February 2024 monthly meeting, we were honoured to have one of our valued members speak to us. Fr Michael Twigg – most recently of Iona College – told us about his memories of our local area and his deep and abiding love of Lindum.

Fr Twigg opened his talk by acknowledging Country and paying his respect to the Traditional Custodians of our local area.

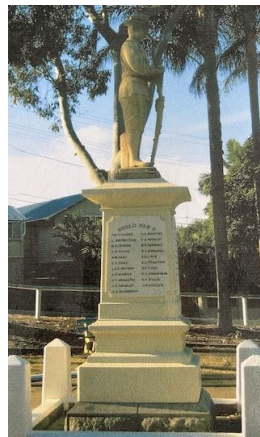
Fr Twigg's talk covered a number of aspects of Lindum's history. Another of our valued members – Daryn Sibley – had contributed to the research and shared some of his own anecdotes during the talk.

Fr Michael told us about the European agricultural history of Lindum: pineapples, sugar and grapes were grown in the area. Coincidentally, a grape called 'Iona' was grown in the area well before the 1950s opening of Iona College. The College cares for a number of very long lived mango trees on its grounds. The trees were originally planted by the Queensland Acclimatisation Society and are estimated to be around 160 years old. One has to wonder how many mangoes the trees have produced in that time!

Did you know Lindum train station was a leader when it came to passenger safety? Fr Twigg told us that Lindum was the first train station in Australia to have the yellow safety line installed on the platform. As we all know, the Lindum train station is closed at the moment for major renovations. Fr Twigg told us about a letter to the newspaper editor back in 1930, which suggested that changes be made to the Lindum railway crossing to save problems later on. Over the years, Lindum residents persisted with their calls for an upgrade to the crossing.

Fr Twigg showed us a 1922 photo of the Manly War Memorial and reminded us about the 1990 vandalism of the statue of the soldier. Said soldier was located in a Council depot and Iona College commissioned refurbishment; currently, the soldier is 'recuperating' (being refurbished) in Adelaide and will be returned to our local area soon.

Manly Memorial



Fr Twigg told us about his concerted effort to ensure the suburb name of 'Lindum' does not disappear from records. For starters, it's back on Google maps! Fr Michael is leading the charge to ensure that the suburb name continues to be recognised by different government departments. Our Society supports Fr Twigg in his efforts to retain the suburb name of 'Lindum'.



Towards the end of his presentation, Fr Twigg showed us some beautiful photos of the Iona College grounds. Readers will recall that the former Wynnum Baptist Church building (more than 110 years old) was relocated to the school grounds and is being refurbished. We look forward to attending the 'opening' ceremony once the refurbishment work has been completed.

Bay Terrace Baptist Church arriving at Iona College. 28 April 2023

Thank you very much to Fr Michael Twigg for his terrific presentation. While Fr Twigg is relocating to Western Australia for the medium term, we look forward to remaining in close contact.

Thank You, Lucy

From “Tin Shack” to “Laggan House.”

In the Depression years of the 1930s, nothing was thrown away. Early dwellings of the Bayside were built of any materials that came to hand – saplings cut from the bush, hessian bags, packing cases and fruit and kerosene tins. The walls consisted of flattened metal tins, nailed onto a sapling frame. The roof was either second-hand corrugated iron or of the same construction as the walls. Inside, hessian bags often covered the walls. Floors were dirt or covered with wood from packing cases. Holes were cut in the walls for windows and each covered with a timber flap which was pushed outwards and propped open with a stick. Furniture was home-made and simple. Bathing was a family affair in a tub, babies first, then grandmother, then the family with the dirtiest person last. The water was then used on the vegetable patch.



Tin Shack at 235 Green Camp Road 2005

In 2005 a group met at 235 Greene Camp Road with the purpose of saving a reminder of the earlier days - a “Tin Shack” home of the 1930’s Depression years. The site where the tin shank stood was being cleared for residential development. The building was to be carefully de-constructed, then the parts re-located to the grounds of the Gumdale Progress Hall, 8 km away at 737 New Cleveland Road, Gumdale. Here the building would be reconstructed and used to house a social Museum of household items of the earlier days.

Members of the Gumdale Progress Association Wynnum Historical Society and Kay whose family owned the land spent the first day removing all the vines that had covered the building.

Robyn Nalder, Jill Greenhill and Kay Halford clearing the site in 2005.



Why Laggan House?

Constance (Con) Laggan had served in WWI in the Royal Navy’s ship HMS India which was sunk. Con was reported as missing whilst spending eighteen months in a prisoner of war camp in Norway. So a very surprised and happy family saw him return home. The Laggan family came to Australia from Scotland in 1926, Con, Margaret and children James, Joseph and Jessie. Margaret (Peg) was born soon after arrival in Australia.

The Laggan family lived firstly in Red Hill and Con worked for Evans Deakin, Rocklea as a boiler maker. He had learnt his trade at the Clyde shipyards in Scotland. They moved to Moorooka. and then, Con lost his job at the start of the 1930’s Depression, so the Laggan family came to Gumdale and lived in the “Tin Shack” in Green Camp Road on land belonging to Mr Halford. The family saved and put a deposit on land in



Rebuild 2006

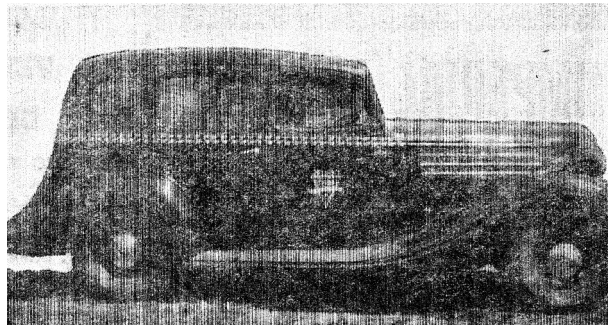
New Cleveland Road where Con built another Tin Shack. Con was secretary of the Grassdale Progress Association and a hard worker for the good of the community.



On Saturday 2 March 2024, Lucy Laakso and Jill Greenhill were among those invited to the naming of the reconstructed Tin Shack, now Gumdale Museum. “Laggan House” is a reminder of the family who lived within its walls during the 1930’s. Sue Pook, daughter of Peggy Nunn (nee Laggan) performed the opening ceremony when a beautifully carved named plate was unveiled.

Sue Pook , whose mother lived in the “Tin Shed”, unveiling the nameplate.

Radio Cabs form part of Wynnum's History . . .



The business of phoning or calling a cab from the footpath of a city or suburban street is just a part of every day living in these modern times, but few people realize that the history of a local taxi service originated in the Wynnum-Manly-Lota district just after World War I back in 1920.

That business today is the Wynnum Radio Cabs organisation whose white vehicles with their green name insignia on the doors are known to thousands of people, not only in the Bayside, but from all over Brisbane.

It was from the Manly railway station that Mr Richard Russell senior first offered a transport service to the residents of the district with a horse-drawn carriage driven by his sons Messrs. Richard and Tom Russell.

Wynnum Central railway station was serviced by Mr George Heymer senior, also using carriages and horses which were driven by his sons.

At the Wynnum railway Mr Tom McKee picked up passengers who lived in the southern part of the then sparsely settled area.

Then as the motor vehicle came into being, Mr Tom Russell junior, Mr Alf Heymer junior and Mr Jack Paten obtained Fords and Overlands to cover their 'runs' while Mr Jack Paten put on the road a luxurious Willys Knight – at that time in the 1920's and still resides at Prospect Street, Wynnum North – the ultimate in taxi cars.

As time moved on more modern sedan vehicles were purchased, telephones installed in the homes of the taxi proprietors who operated seven days and nights a week.

After Mr Jack Paten retired from the car hire business, Messrs. Alf Heymer and Tom Russell kept on the roads, while from time to time other men tried entering the car hire field but then long hours worked for small returns eventually forced them out.

THE FIRST REGENT

Towards the end of 1938 Mr Alf Cante bought a Regent cab – a 1935 Terraplane Sedan and plied for hire in the Bayside districts.

Alf's venture was successful and was taken over by his father, Mr Bill Cante and brother, Mr G Cante while Alf returned to his trade as a butcher at Manly and Wynnum Central.

Then in 1950 their taxi business was taken over by Mr Harry Pulley who added this business to his existing taxi service and again about 1951 the then owners amalgamated their taxi businesses with Messrs. Parker and Wallace.

All the cars were fitted with two-way radios, an office and base was set up at Scales Building at the corner of Florence Street and Tingal Road and Wynnum Radio Cabs came into being with Messrs. Noel Scales and Bill Ansell, both taxi owners, becoming the directors.

CAME BACK

After relinquishing his butchering interests in 1958 Alf Cante went back into the taxi hire business and in 1962 he acquired the ownership of Wynnum Radio Cabs from Mr J Russell junior.

Alf increased the taxi fleet from 13 cars to 20 and offered a 24 hours daily service.

Today Alf Cante still owns one taxi unit and also drives occasionally while John Russell junior is still with the company.

In an interview with "The Herald" this week the delegate stated that all Wynnum Radio Cabs are owned by local owner-drivers.

"Our cabs are for local people for the convenience at all times and should we be hired to travel to other districts our cabs return immediately to their Wynnum base for further service for our Bayside public."

"We still have with us members who have given 15 years and more of service to the people of our district through the Wynnum Radio Cabs. There are others who have been with us for up to 10 years."

"Since Wynnum Radio Cabs came into being it has progressed from a small handful of men to a company that now employs a staff of 42 men and women all of whom reside in the Wynnum-Manly and surrounding district. The staff consists of owners, drivers and radio operators."

"In recent years Wynnum Radio Cabs have extended their services to cover the Redland district. This has been brought about by Capalaba Cabs proprietor John Lean and Cleveland Cab Merv Barrett joining the Wynnum Radio network."

"I have no hesitation in stating that as the years go on Wynnum Radio Cabs will continue to progress with our district – time has proven our service to be the best that can be offered – our history goes back to the old days of 1918 and the knowledge gained through hard experience down the years has been passed on to those who keep the familiar and popular radio cabs on the road today in 1976."

"Wynnum Radio Cabs extend thanks to all their customers for their loyal support over the years."

MARTIN GILL

Manager, Wynnum Radio Cabs and Ascot Taxis.

What's On! October - November 2023

Date	Event	Venue	Booking
Second Sunday of every odd month	Family History Technology Group	ZOOM by Genealogical Society of Qld	Details: 3349 6072 Tue - Fri 10 - 3pm Sat 12 - 4pm
Sun 24 March 10.30 - 11.30am Free	"Heritage and Harmony Fiesta 2024". Dancers, Entertainers and Workshops	Redcliff Museum 75 Anzac Ave Redcliff	Enq: 3286 3494
Sun 24 March 10.30-11.30am	"Serving our Nation: Women and WWI".	ANZAC Memorial Galleries 285 Ann St, beneath Shrine of Remembrance.	Free Book: 0466 922 259
Tuesday 26 March 1 - 4pm	Family History Group. All welcome.	Brackenridge Library Bracken/Barrett Sts Brackenridge	Ph:3667 6060
Select Tuesdays 9.30 -12 Noon \$35	"History on the Hill" Organised Walk. Mill on Wickham Terrace, Brisbane. Uneven terrain, staircases and uphill walking.	Contact bookings@museumofbrisbane.co.au	Ph: 3339 0800
Friday, 22 March 2024 10 - 11am Free	"After the War. The war was over, but the impact remained." Talk:	National Archives. Cannon Hill 16 Corporate Drive Cannon Hill	Book: 3249 4200
Until April 4th 2024 MF 9am- 8pm SS 10am-5pm	"Purpose Built Architecture for a Better Tomorrow" Exhibition	State Library of Qld Stanley Place South Brisbane	Book for a free Tour: 3840 7666.
Thursday 4 April 10 - 11.30am	House Histories. Exploring Architectural Styles and Maps. Resources available	Auditorium 2 State Library of Qld Stanley Place, S Bne.	Free

PUBLICATIONS FOR SALE

History of Music in Wynnum Manly 1900 - 1997	Betty Nock	\$ 5
History of Arts in the Wynnum Manly Area 1900 - 2003	Betty Nock	\$ 5
Bayside Biographies. People from Wynnum Manly. 1900 -2007	Betty Nock	\$ 5
Mangroves to Moorings re-visited	Myrtle Beitz	\$35
Lota House: Photos over 150 years	Myrtle Beitz	\$15
Story of Lota House 1867 - 2017	Myrtle Beitz	\$ 5
Church Buildings of Wynnum Manly and Lota	Coupland and Greenhill	\$10
Early Shipping in Moreton Bay 1846 - 1859	Davenport and Mottram	\$ 5
Early Shipping in Moreton Bay 1860 - 1863	Davenport and Mottram	\$ 5

Available at the
Resource Room
Weekdays 10am-Noon
Email:
jillg01@tpg.com.au

Wynnum Manly Historical Society Inc

Minutes of General Meeting held in Ambulance Auditorium, Tingal Road
on Thursday 16 February 2023

Meeting opened at 7.08pm

There were 27 members present, 2 apologies and 9 visitors, Doug Tearle, Margaret Twigg, Colleen Geary, Sara Whitmee, Muzzie Herbert, Danny Fitzpatrick, Mauzz Daniel and Daniel and Dabe Lowe. President, Lucy Laakso took the chair and welcomed everybody. Some of the visitors introduced themselves. Note was made of the closure of the Majestic Cinema. A group is being proposed, Friends of Hemmant Cemetery.

Sue Laakso presented 3 events that occurred in Wynnum/Manly 100years ago in 1924.

Previous Minutes: (Jill)

Minutes of Meeting of Thursday 16 November 2023 were accepted by Glenda Pokarier, seconded by Sue Laakso.

Treasurer's Report: (Jill)

Cash Management A/C No. 20139708, Bus Web Saver A/C No. 21781280 and Term Investment A/c 23366345.

At 1 January 2024: All Accounts: \$37,793.67

At 31 January 2024 Each A/C : Websaver A/c: \$ 9,260.29. Building A/c: \$13,548.28
Fxd Term Deposit: \$15,000.00 **TOTAL \$30,808.57**

Membership fees for 2024 are now overdue. (\$25 for individuals, \$40 for a household)

Correspondence Report (Lena) Report was presented for the period December 1 2023 to January 31 2024. The correspondence had been accepted and endorsed at the committee meeting held on Thursday 8 February 2024.

Resource Centre: (Jill) This month, the "Where am I" photograph was a view of the former Band Shell built in Manly, in the 1930s. The structure became dangerous in the 1960s and was pulled down. Replacement came about in 1971 in Bandstand Park, when a band group provide half of the building costs with the City Council.

Main Speaker, Father Michael Twigg entertained us with stories of his youth spent in West Wynnum, Linum and Hemmant, all in the same house. He provide the story of Iona Boys College from a farm house in 1957 to the present day. We wished him well on his new experience in Western Australia and gifted him with a map of Lindum.

Lucky Door Prize: Bruce Patterson

Raffle (Donated by Lena): Danny Fitzpatrick

Meeting closed 8.45pm and members were invited to partake of refreshments, aided by Ellen Coupland, Lena McCreddie and Margaret Collins.

Jill Greenhill (Minute Secretary)

We thank our Patron, Joan Pease and Councilor Sara Whitmee,
for their ongoing encouragement and support.

"We acknowledge the Traditional Owners - the Quandamooka People - and the land on which we operate.

Wynnum Manly Historical Society Inc

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Committee: Lucy Laakso, Lena McCreddie, Jill Greenhill, Myrtle Beitz, Ellen Coupland, Chris Seymour.

Bank of Queensland at BSB:124012. Society Everyday A/C 20139708 or Resource Centre A/C 21781280.

Meetings: 6.45pm for 7.00pm. 3rd Thursday of the Month (except December and January)
in Queensland Ambulance Auditorium, Cnr Tingal Road and Bay Terrace Wynnum

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