

Summary of Minutes of General Meeting
of 17 February 2005 held in the Baptist Church Hall.

Meeting opened at 7:35pm with 38 members & 2 visitors.
8apologies were received.

Minutes of Previous Meeting held on 18 November 2004,
were moved by Jill Greenhill, seconded by Betty Mottram.

Correspondence, inwards and outwards, accepted and
endorsed at the committee meeting on Thursday 3 February,
was presented by Lena McCreddie and put on display.

Financial Report (at 31/01.05) was presented by Jan Parnell.

General Account: Opening Balance: \$4,190.10 Receipts:
\$1,717.16 Expenses: \$2,228.82 **Closing Balance: \$3,678.44**

Community Gambling Grant Opening Balance: \$10,170.00,
Expenses: \$3,685.80 **Closing Balance: \$6,484.80**

Investment Account of \$15,000, invested at 4.8%

Report was accepted and endorsed at the committee meeting
held on Thurs 3 February 05.

New Member, Alison Roff was welcomed to the Society.

General Business.

1. Volunteers were requested for manning a display at the
Brisbane City Council's "Foreshores and Fireflies", a
community event on Saturday 5 March.

2. Member Pat Jones has passed away.

3. The last ironing board cover made by late member Ellen
Digby is available off sale.

4. The AGM will be held at the March meeting and
nominations were called for the committee. Members were
reminded to become financial before that date.

5. **Future of Baptist Church Hall.** Recent survey was
declared null and void as suggestions were incomplete. The
developer has no immediate plans for the site. The Society
feels that no comment can be made at the present time.

Spot Speaker, Jim Meehan, gave an illustrated talk on the
opening of the Signals Museum at Fort Lytton on 14
November 2004.

Main Speakers, Jan Raymond, Alan Jeffries and Jo Toia,
provided a most interesting history of the local Savoyards
Theatrical Group from its inception in 1961. Costumes and
photographs were on display and the presentation concluded
with a song from Alan.

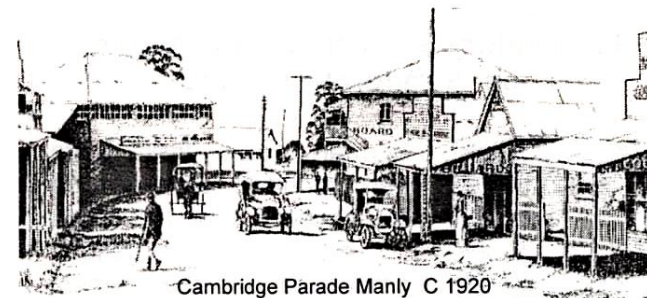
Lucky Door Prize Roy Millen Membership Draw Margaret
O'Neill.

Meeting closed at: 9.40pm and members and guests retired to
a delicious supper prepared by Ian Wheeler, Penny Macaulay
and Myrtle Beitz.

Full report available on request. Jill Greenhill

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WYNNUM MANLY HISTORICAL SOCIETY Inc

NEWSLETTER

March 2005

Thursday 17th March at 7.30pm
in the Baptist Church Hall
(Corner Bay Terrace / Clara Street)

A.G.M.

Guest Speaker

Claire Nelson

"Blue Care & Pleasantville"

Spot Speaker

Jean Stewart – "Murarrie"

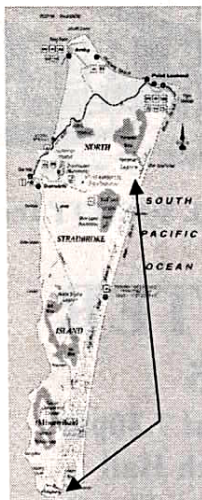
*(Our appreciation to Mellissa Champley who will be
introducing and giving the vote of thanks
to the Guest Speaker)*

Gold Coin entry - helps cover the hire of the Hall
Bring and Buy Stall - Please bring your unwanted gifts,
cakes, fruit and vegetables to support the Resource Centre

Appreciation to Lena McCreddie, Margaret O'Neil
and Shirley Houghton for providing supper

Please invite a friend to attend

16th Century Spanish Galleon sighted on Stradbroke Island?



For many years, there have been reported sightings of what appears to be the wreck of a Spanish galleon somewhere in the almost impenetrable depths of Eighteen Mile Swamp on North Stradbroke Island.

Many experts say that it's just colourful, wishful thinking but a small group of historians and archeologists has been conducting painstaking research and exploration to try to prove their theory.

Some of the evidence unearthed, on the island, includes a 16th century Spanish rapier, a bone handled dirk, a 16th century brass walking stick of Spanish or Portuguese manufacture, a red earthenware ceramic dated to 200-500 years old, a brass button and a lead plumb used by ancient sailors to gauge water depth.

According to the group's mainstay, Greg Jeffreys, we've always been taught that Captain James Cook discovered Australia. However, there are enough historic documents to make one question that theory. E.g.

- 592 BC and 553 BC – two recorded voyages to Australia by Chinese expeditions.
- 338 BC Chinese book recording details of natives using boomerangs and mentioning kangaroos
- 820 AD Arab map of coast from Eighty Mile Beach (WA) to Princess Charlotte Bay (Qld) and another depicting the Gascoyne River to Townsville. ➡



Heritage Tour Saturday 2nd April

ALLORA REGION

Depart Civic Centre 8am – Return 5pm

- Morning Tea at beautiful Moogerah Dam
- History of Darling Downs told by toys
- Lunch and Historic Tour of Allora
- Visit to stately Glengallan Homestead

Cost \$25 Lunch available

For reservations phone Jill 3393 3208

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- 1547 Vallard Atlas with a Dieppe Map showing detailed landmarks such as Waterloo Bay, Wellington Point, Cleveland, Fraser, Moreton and Stradbroke Islands.

It's also a well known fact that in the mid 1500s the Spanish established a lucrative trading empire, sailing between Manila in Asia and Acapulco in South America. For almost 300 years, dozens of Spanish galleons crossed the Pacific.

Would they have explored further south?

With the winds and prevailing currents, it's not inconceivable that a galleon, caught in a cyclone, could have been washed up on the southern Queensland shore.

If Stradbroke Island ever gives up her secret, we could see Australia's history re-written.

[Would you like to read more about this? A full article, written by Ken Vernon, appeared in the February 19-20, 2005 edition of the Gold Coast Weekender. A copy of the article is available in the Resource Centre.]

Heather Smith

2005 MEMBERSHIP FEES

Some members' still need to pay their subscription fees for 2005. Please bring your fees to the meeting on 17 March (AGM), or post to PO Box 318, Wynnum Q 4178. The Society Newsletter will only be sent to financial members after April.

Newspapers under Linoleum

Are you keeping a lookout for these old newspapers? They are most useful for providing dates, places, faces of the past.

Many Thanks.... (from the Editor)

As I have a very big year on a personal level, I will not continue on the committee this year. I wish to take this opportunity to thank the committee members for their help, and the many members who have given me support and encouragement throughout the year. I have really enjoyed producing the newsletter and bringing you a range of guest speakers. I trust that my efforts have made the meetings pleasurable. Wishing this year's committee every success.

Mellissa Champley

Remember our Regular Meetings . . .

- * **Third Thursday (Mar 17) Baptist Hall**
7.30pm Clair Nelson of 'Blue Care'
AGM
- * **Last Thursday (Mar 31) Wynnum Library**
10am Speaker and Morning Tea
- * **Mon to Fri 10 –12 noon: Resource Centre**
7/66 Bay Terrace
(Outside Wynnum Library)