

## Summary of Minutes

General Meeting held on Thursday 19 August 2003

**Meeting opened:** 7:35pm

**Minutes of Previous Meeting** were approved.

### Treasurer's Report:

Opening balance as at 31 July 2003 was \$4,183.33. Income was \$1,025.99 and expenditure was \$864.25. This, including un-presented cheques, left a balance of \$4,345.07. Report was approved

### NEW MEMBERS:

Jeff Rickertt and Ian Wheeler were introduced.

### RESOURCE CENTRE:

Thanks were extended to Kate Harbison for the loan of photos of Manly Centenary Celebrations for tonight's displays.

### HERITAGE TOUR:

Members were urged to book for tour on Saturday September 27 to the Mary Cairncross Park and Kenilworth Arts Festival.

### GENERAL BUSINESS:

Peter Cumming supports the naming of Beitz Place at Manly. Historical information is being sought for 92 Kingsley Terrace. The Spring Fair is being held 10 – 12 October 2003. Open Day at Janoah Gardens on Sept 6 2003. Birthday greetings were extended to Mavis and Jack Sands.

### SPEAKERS:

Spot Speaker, **Ian Kennedy** who talked about his childhood holidays in the "Wilds of the Redcliffe Peninsular". Main Speaker, **Ron Schmidt** came from Woombye to tell us about the Manly Centenary Celebrations, 20 years ago. The celebrations took 2 years to prepare and included volunteers from every sector of the community.

**Lucky door:** Dennis O'Neil

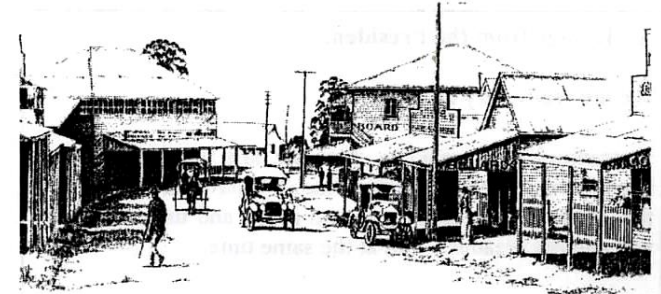
**Membership Draw:** Col Brown

**Meeting closed:** 9:30 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

## September 2003

**Thursday 18 September at 7.30pm**  
**in the Baptist Church Hall**  
(Corner Bay Terrace / Clara Street)

**Local Author**

**Peter Ludlow**

will tell us of his latest book

**"Moreton Bay Letters"**

and the restoration projects on

**Peel Island**

**Member**

**Eris Powell**

will explore the history of the

**Manly Kiosk**

**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 Jan Aplin, Mavis Wagner and Betty Powell who will be providing your supper

**Invite a friend to attend**

### A Message from the President . . .

We are really very puny.

Astronomically speaking, over the last few years we've been having a most eventful time. We have had a comet, a few eclipses of both the sun and moon and unusually both wet and dry weather – not at the same time.

Just a few of weeks ago we had the closest look at Mars that will be possible for 60,000 years –if the Earth and Mars stay in the same orbits they now occupy. When you think about it that's a couple of ice ages and reciprocal periods of warming.

Some months prior to the Mars announcement, we were told of an asteroid heading our way that could collide with Earth. As this event is 800 years in the future I'm sure the majority of us immediately forgot about it.

BUT on 3<sup>rd</sup> September came a far more relevant-to-us announcement. You must surely all know that The Second World War broke out on 3<sup>rd</sup> September. Besides, that date is also my brother's birthday. On this day of 2003, our worthy daily newspaper had a headline stating *Earth Faces Asteroid hit in 2014*.

This rock is about 1.2 kilometres wide and the strike is predicted to occur on 21<sup>st</sup> March. The probability of its hitting Earth is one in 909,000. We are told that the risk of impact is likely to decrease as more information is collected. The newly discovered asteroid is known as 2003 QQ47 and has a mass of approximately 2,600 million tonnes. This is only ten and a half years away. I was planning to be still around then and I'm sure many of you were too.

Perhaps by then the Society will be able to afford to charter a Jumbo and we could arrange to continually circumnavigate the Earth until it is safe to land – if there is any Earth left on which to land

We really are very small bikkies.

Noela Stratton.

## Next Heritage Tour

Saturday

# 27 September 2003

Depart Civic Centre 8.00am. Return 5.00pm

- \*Climb the Conondale Range to Mary Cairncross Park to view the Glasshouse Mountains and have morning tea
- \* Travel down the Mary Valley to KENILWORTH's Festival Country Markets, Exhibitions, Scarecrow Competition, Cheese Factory
- \* See a silversmith at work
- \* View working machinery at the local museum

**Tickets \$20.00 (Bus and Museum Admission)**

Lunch available

**Bookings: September meeting. Contact Jill 3393 3208**

Again, a plea for information about . . .

### St Kilda's Hospital

When did the hospital open . . and close? Were you a patient there, or were your children born there? Do you remember the dates and the Doctors and Nurses in attendance? Does anyone have a photograph of the original building? Ask your friends and neighbours to help. We need to collect information about the institution that may help to answer some of the queries that are received in the Resource Centre.

Thank you.

Jill 3393 3208

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

In which year was:

- 1st Moreton Bay Girl Guide Company formed?
- Culterfel occupied by the Presentation Sisters?
- Wynnum Manly Sewerage scheme completed?

### Our Heritage Listed Places:



### Hemmant Community Church

In 1859, the area around Hemmant was opened up to farming and much of the land along Doughboy (Bulimba) Creek and the Brisbane River was soon taken up for sugar growing.

Families would often gather under a tree for their Sunday church services. Such was the case with the Hemmant and district's Wesleyan Methodists. In 1865, tenders were called for the construction of a church at Church Hill. In November 1866, "...a modest, 19<sup>th</sup> century timber gothic-style church..." was officially opened. This is the second oldest church in the district and also one of the oldest in Brisbane.

The original bellows organ and pews were all carried down the river, from Kangaroo Point, in dinghies.

The Hon. Angus Gibson MLC, son of William Gibson of the sugar pioneering family, was a preacher and trustee of the property for 50 years.

Some of the pioneering families such as the Kelks, Gibsons, Miles, Uhlmanns and Yeos, who have long been associated with the church and district have had one of the church's fourteen leadlight windows dedicated to them.

Following the amalgamation of the Methodist, Presbyterian and Congregational churches in the 1970s, the church operated as the Hemmant Uniting Church but due to a decline in numbers of the congregation, the building was closed in 1988.

With the threat of demolition a distinct possibility, the local community banded together to save the building. Considerable restoration was undertaken before the re-opening of the non-denominational Hemmant Christian Community Church.

### Remember our Regular Meetings . . . .

**Third Thursday:** (September 18) Baptist Hall 7.30pm:

Peter Ludlow on Moreton Bay Eris Powell "Manly Kiosk"

**Last Thursday:** (Sept 25) Wynnum Public Library 10am:

Local Speaker. Morning Tea

**Monday to Friday 10 – 12 noon:**

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