

### Summary of Minutes of General Meeting

held on 20 October 2005 in the Baptist Church Hall,  
Corner Bay Terrace and Clara St, Wynnum.

Meeting opened at 7:35pm.

37 members & 4 visitors present. 8 apologies received.

**Minutes of Previous Meeting** held on 15 September were moved by Jill Greenhill, seconded by Dennis O'Neill.

**Correspondence, inwards and outwards**, accepted and endorsed at the committee meeting on Thursday 6 October, was presented by Lena McCreadie and put on display.

**Financial Report** (as at 30 September) was presented by Jan Parnell.

**General Account:** Opening Balance: \$5,088.30  
Receipts: \$1,373.82 Income: \$425.70 **Closing Balance: \$5827.47**

**Brisbane City Council Grant** (held for Myrtle Beitz) B/F \$1790.10 Expenses: \$7209 Closing Balance: \$2215.80  
**Investment Amount** of \$15,000

Report was accepted and endorsed at the committee meeting held on Thursday 6 October 2005.

**Resource Centre.** Thanks were extended to those who helped with the Society's exhibit at the Spring Fair.

**Heritage Tour.** The final tour for the year will be on Saturday 26 November to the Tweed and includes a cruise on the river.

**General Business** - Noels Stratton invited members to renew their membership for 2006. Members were asked to contribute a little extra for a Christmas and farewell supper at the November meeting.

**Spot Speaker,** Heather Smith gave an overview of the Society's new website.

**Main Speaker,** Lindy Salter, author of a book told us of the lives of the waves of settlers on South Stradbroke Is.

**Lucky Door Prize** was won by Marlene Engstrom, the **Raffle** by Neville Watson and the **Membership Draw** by Lyla Feige.

**Meeting closed** at: 9.00pm and members and guests retired to a delicious supper prepared by Dawn Wilkins, Betty Mottram and Beryl Kennedy. Jill Greenhill

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Cambridge Parade Manly Circa 1920

WYNNUM MANLY HISTORICAL SOCIETY Inc.

## NEWSLETTER

### November 2005

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

#### Guest Speaker:

**Cathy Goodwin**  
"Cambridge Parade"

#### Spot Speaker:

**Heather Smith**  
"Edward George Earle Bulwer-Lytton"

**Gold Coin** entry - covers hire of Hall  
**Bring and Buy Stall** - Please bring your unwanted gifts, cakes, fruit, vegetables to support the Resource Centre.  
Thanks to Myrtle Beitz and Margaret O'Neill who will be providing your supper.

**Please invite a friend to attend**



## The 'Grotto'

While guest houses and camping sites were common around Wynnum Manly in the early nineteenth century, one holiday spot in particular is remembered by the relatives of those who spoke fondly of the 'Grotto'.



Recollections of the Grotto describe it as an old house built before 1900 situated at the bottom of Falcon Street. The Grotto however was not a luxurious guest house, but a sailor's retreat, with many renting the house for the weekend while sailing off Manly. While facilities in the Grotto were a fair bit more primitive than nowadays, the boys and men that visited the house on weekends were able to create all the necessary comforts through inventive means.



Where a beer fridge would be a necessity in present times, in the early 1900s the men made do with tying string to the bottle necks and placing them in an old ship's tank full of water.

It is obvious also from the recollections that visitors to the house enjoyed creating a bit of mayhem.

One story demonstrating this is that of the notice above a phone in the toilet that read "if no paper ring the house". Ringing this phone caused many a new member a shock when those in the house pushed a button that then proceeded to slightly electrocute the toilet user through wires connected to the seat.



Jack Sands

## Membership Fees

Don't forget, subscriptions are now due. Could you please complete the details on the little plastic bag and return with your payment.

## Craft Soiree



Sandra Wheeler and some of her 'crafty' friends are having an afternoon showing of quite a variety of different crafts.

There will be a gold coin entry fee which will be donated to the Wynnum Manly Historical Society.

Members and guests are will be welcome to go along and enjoy a Christmas Afternoon Tea.

Saturday, 27th November 2005  
1.30 pm - 4.30 pm  
13 Niebling Place, Manly West  
RSVP: 23rd November 2005  
Ph 3396 9923

## Christmas - New Year Break For Resource Centre

Our Resource Centre will close down for a few weeks over the Christmas break from:

Friday 16 December 2005 to  
Monday 17 January 2006.



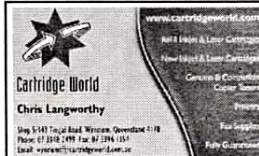
## Bring a Plate...



This is our last meeting for the year and the last one in the Baptist Church Hall. Therefore, we would like to ask members to bring along a small plate of Christmas goodies

to share for Supper.

Please come along and help us bid farewell to the old hall.



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## Heritage Tour Sat 26 November

### Northern NSW & Gold Coast

Depart Civic Centre 8.00 am - Return 5.00 pm



- Take an History Cruise down the Tweed River
- Feed the birds
- See exotic fruit and plants
- View the Memorial to 'Centaur'

**Cost \$25**

(Lunch additional)

Bookings: at Resource Centre or  
Contact Jill Greenhill Ph 3393 3208

## Resource Centre - October 2005

### Donations

- Wm Dartnell's Shop on Esplanade 1920's
- Photos of Nazareth House, late 1940's
- Roles Hill Water Towers in construction
- 80 year celebrations of Croquet Club

### Queries

- St Helena
- Soft Drink Factory
- Hargreaves original house
- Wm Kidston and Wynnum

## Remember our Regular Meetings . . . .

**Third Thursday: 17 November 2005**

Baptist Church Hall 7.30pm:

**Last Thursday: 24 November**

Wynnum Public Library 10am: "Savoyards"

**Resource Centre: Mon to Fri 10 - 12 noon**  
7/66 Bay Terrace (Outside Wynnum Library)