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Wynnum Manly Historical Society Inc

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

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NEWSLETTER

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September General Meeting

THURSDAY 18 September 2025

6.45 pm for 7.00pm start

Wynnum Ambulance Centre Corner Tingal Road / Cedar Street

Michael Jullyan will speak about

"Restoration of the Masonic Lodge Hall in Tingal Road"



Lucky Door

Refreshments

Gold Coin Donation

Visitors welcome

Michael Jullyan

Michael has spent 37 years in the construction industry. He has been a registered Architect for 30 years and a Company Director since 1989. He is now Director of 'Think Tank Architects' which is located in Bay Terrace.

In 2007 Michael became a Building Sustainability Assessor enabling him to assess and report on the energy efficiency of a building.

In 2018 Michael was selected as National Winner, from the Urban Development Institute, for the Master plan development of Sanctuary Cove.



Christmas is coming!!
Only one more meeting before our November Beak-Up and the MONSTER SOCIETY RAFFLES.

Again please can we ask for your support?

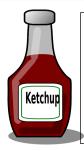
Please sort out all things Christmas . . .

. . .a Christmas gift, Christmas food, Christmas decorations . . . anything that you could donate. We will be collecting at the September and October meetings and any time at the Resource Centre Room in the Old School, 105 Florence Street, in - Room 1.08.

Society Christmas Cards and Calendars These will be available soon.

2026 Membership Fees.

Fees are due on 1 January 2026 \$25 individual. \$40 Household. NOTE - A BARGAIN - No rise in Price. Pay now, before you forget in the Festive Season! (Bank Details at bottom of Page 8)



Bring and Buy this month.

Next Thursday, 18 September 2025.

We always welcome home-made items, jams and chutneys, biscuits and cakes. Small portions. Most items: \$2 or \$3 We hope you can contribute . . .

Resource Centre

September 2025

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)

History of our Newsletters



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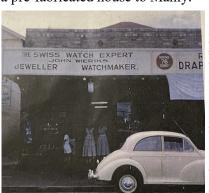
Normally News letters are listed in Volumes (by Year), then by Issues (by Month) So the number of this newsletter is Series 3

Volume 17 Issue 6

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Manly's Dutch Residence and Wynnum's First Swiss Jeweller

Visitor, Anna, who resides at Benarkin, a small locality on the D'Aguilar Highway, near Blackbutt, came to see us recently. She had come back to check on her childhood home at 25 Ernest Street Manly. Anna chatted about her childhood. With the unrest in Europe in the early 1950's, after WW11, her father, John Wieriks, left Holland to live in Australia, and brought his family and a pre-fabricated house to Manly.



76 Florence Street, Wynnum

The house was erected. Basically the grooved vertical poles of the house were positioned and set into the slope. Then the horizontal boards were slotted into the grooves.



25 Ernest Street, Manly

Anna boasted that her father, John Wieriks was the first Swiss Watch Expert in Wynnum and commenced business in a small shop in Florence Street, very near the Star Theatre. Then in 1957 the business was moved "up the street" to 76 Florence Street, a larger shop, now occupied by "Raptor Games".

John sold the business to Jim McCarthy's father in 1962. Jim moved the business to 63 Edith Street in 1967. When Jim died in 2000, his son Brad took over, until the shop closed in 2006.

John bought and built on a rural property at Benarkin. His son built there too and now so has Anna. The family all live on the same property.

Last Open Day for 2025

For those persons who are seeking information, but are unable to visit the Resource Room on weekdays, the last date in 2025 when the Centre will open over a weekend is **Saturday 1st November 2025.** 10am to 12 noon.



The mystery is solved . . . thanks to Alex. Ald. Sallyanne was opening the Gibson Island Treatment Plant.

What was I? August 2025



Location:: Wellington Street and Spring Street (too many Spring streets in Greater Brisbane. so renamed Falcon Street) Manly.

Originally there was a steep embankment between the streets and little room for the cars.

A retaining wall was needed, but due to the devastating financial depression in the late 1920s to 30s the project was far too expensive and dropped from the works program year after year.

In the 1920s and 1930s very many people were out of work. In 1932 - "Relief Work" was introduced.

The State Government paid the wages according to the needs of the men. A married man with children obtained more days of work a week than single man with no family. The scheme was monitored by police.

The Local Authority (Wynnum/Manly) provided the materials and tools.

In 1933, the idea for this large embankment was conceived and designed by District Engineer Joe Sands and signed off by Brisbane City Council Architect, Eneas Fraser Gilchrist.

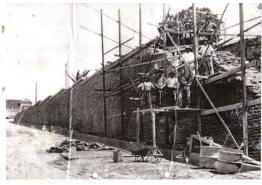
Council Engineer Joe Sands, father of former founding member Jack, supervised the building of the wall.

Height at highest point of the wall is 23 m and width at base here is 2.8m.

This retaining wall was hand-built of the local blue basalt stone from Lytton Quarry, packed in with concrete and pointed with plaster, using only a petrol driven concrete mixer. Animals - Boomerangs Kangaroos, Emus and heads were crafted in the plaster, but many have now eroded away over time. One of the artists was said to be Leopold Sticher who created 10 to 12 different figures on the Wall.

The Wynnum Manly Historical Society mounted an interpretive sign on the wall on 1st July 1997.

The Wall was added to the Queensland Heritage Register on 5 October 1998.



Where am I? September 2025



Here is a summary of the presentation given to the Society by speaker James Groutsch at the General Meeeting of 21 August 2025 written by Ellen Coupland.

The Queensland Services Heritage Band Association

Our August Guest Speaker was Jim Groutsch, a musician and, 'mender of instruments'! Jim's talk was well attended and his passion for bands was evident.

He spoke of his personal experience and historical interest in the Queensland Services Heritage Band Association, which supports five permanent bands. This was done with enthusiasm, humour and a photographic presentation. Credit was given to the Jones family for generations of leadership and expertise, with Paul Jones being mentioned as the current President and Musical Director.

Those present on the night, will not have forgotten the little girl called "Monty' aged 4 who came with a member, took one look in the band room and walked around with a smile touching the many instruments. She still attends band practice and surely proof that capturing a child's interest very early can lead to an ongoing allegiance in the music field.

Jim is surely a valued member of the band with his interest in the welfare and progress of band members.

Queensland Services Heritage Bands Association. Written by Pearl Miller

This year, 2025 is the 20th Anniversary of the founding of the Queensland Services Heritage Band Association (QSHBA). QSHBA was founded by Band Master Paul Jones, out of the love for the illustrious history of the Light Horse Regiment. Paul was the former curator of the light Horse Regiment Museum at Enoggera Army Base. Paul's Grandfather, 3121 Thomas Jones, a Trooper of the 5th Light Horse and ANZAC Mounted Division, AIF, was also a musician in the ANZAC



Mounted Division Band.AIF. Three of the instruments played in the ANZAC Mounted Division Band, a euphonium, E flat tuba and a bugle have been refurbished and put back into service with QSHBA.

The first public performance back in 2005 included backing up famous Normie Rowe at the Piazza in South Bank, in collaboration with the Logan City Band. Since then, QSHBA has grown to seven bands in their own right, keeping Band Master Paul "Flat out like a lizard drinking water". The bands include The Light Horse Heritage Band (in full uniform), The Show Band in white Mess Jackets, The Rock Band, The Bayside Youth Band, Bayside Drums and the Adult

Starter Band, all in signature polos shirts and hats.

Thanks primarily to the local and state and federal governments QSHBA has been the recipient of numerous grants for instruments, uniforms, community programs, transport to country town gigs and more. In return QSHBA has made the Bayside proud with numerous awards, not the least of which is the Brisbane Arts and Culture Award of 2023 presented by Lord Mayor Adrian Schrinner. There have been multitudes of Eisteddfod and Online Comp Awards and many letters of appreciation from Organisations, like the Red Cross for doing a fund raiser for flood relief, or towns that called on the band for Memorial Services and Gala Events, sometimes under the guise of the Star Wars Band, or the Bumble Bee Band at certain Festivals such as such as the Toowoomba Flower Festival or Stanthorpe Apple and Grape Festival.

The Bands have played Cathedrals, RSLs, local Clubs, Marches and Parades, parks and markets near and far, including Brisbane's very own Ekka. ANZAC Day of course starts early with dawn services, then a march either in Brisbane City or a country town like Laidley, Nanango, Tenterfield, Russell Island, Woombye and Wondai or a bigger center like Tweed Heads, Caboolture, Caloundra and several more, often followed by a concert at the local RSL. Other memorial events such as "Victory in the Pacific" and "Nurses Remembrance" ceremony at St. Johns Cathedral were worthy venues. In 2023, our premier bugler Derek Miller kicked off the city ANZAC Day Parade in Brisbane City before the Governor, the Premier and the TV Cameras. No stranger to notoriety Derek featured on the front page of the Courier Mail when he led an ANZAC Day Ceremony for the locals in his driveway during covid.

The "piece de resistance' is the end of year Bayside Carols which is fully organised by Paul Jones and QSHBA. With a cast of thousands (so it seems) taking to the stage from 2 to 8 nm. There are bands of

cast of thousands (so it seems) taking to the stage from 2 to 8 pm. There are bands of every genre, solos, dance troupes, story tellers and the Man in Red himself to fill the crowd of usually about 4000 with the joy and community love of the Christmas Season. For the kids there is free rock climbing, face painting, giant slides, food carts and more...ending with the Grand Finale for the year...the Fireworks! This takes about six months to organise and many prayers for the weather on the day.

Our logo: As a matter of interest...The centre piece is our Commonwealth Countries international symbol of civilian community musicians. The two swords symbolise our defence heritage, whilst the boomerang symbolizes the heritage of our country which supports us and is the internationally recognised icon of Australia and our indigenous heritage. This is all surrounded by our name and symbolizes our all inclusive ethos.

So it is Onward and Upward into a new decade! We are looking forward to larger quarters than we currently have at the Wynnum Com munity Centre, possibly in the same building and maybe a trip to Shanghai China to compete there if sponsorship is

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found. New members are always welcomed into the QSHBA Family, no matter your age or skill level. Registration fee is a mere \$220.00 for the first year ,which will get you instrument hire, lessons, and gigs to perform, For more information contact qshba@topshowmusic.com.au or ring 0418 740 919. You can also catch us onfacebook.com/qshba.

An enquiry came in this month regarding the former Margaret Marr Home built in Tingal Road in Wynnum in 1923. The enquirer was seeking information about his father who had attended Wynnum North State School and lived at the Home.

Early Children's Homes operated by the Methodist Church in Queensland.

In November 1909, Mrs D R McConnell offered her property "Robgill", at Indooroopilly as a gift to the church to be used, either as a children's home, or any other philanthropic or benevolent purpose that the conference may determine. This property became the first home for children, named the <u>Queen Alexandra Home for Children</u>, and was opened by the Methodist Home Mission Society, in 1910. The home was controlled by the Queen Alexandra Committee, which reported annually to the Annual Conference of the Mission Society.

In six months "Robgill" was filled with six children. In mid-1911, "Hatherton" was purchased at Coorparoo and the children were all transferred to this new "Queen Alexandra Home for Children". By 1921 there were 118 children under care and another home for boys over nine years of age was needed.

Margaret Marr Home for Boys, Tingal Road, Wynnum.

In early 1923 John Fyfe Marr offered 171 acres of land in Tingal Road, Wynnum for the establishment of a home for boys at Wynnum. Mr Marr requested that any such home be dedicated to the memory of his late wife, Margaret Marr. Mr Marr also donated £1,575 towards the establishment of the home.

In 1923 the Stump Capping Ceremony of the new building was held and the inaugural meeting of the Margaret Marr Memorial Home Ladies Committee was held on 4 December 1923. The large bungalow, costing £3,100, provided accommodation for the Master, the Mistress and ten boys. The official opening was performed by the



Governor of Queensland, Sir Matthew Nathan, on Saturday 1 March 1924. A plaque was affixed to the front wall of the building. Mr John F Marr presented the memorial to his wife, in the form of Memorial Gates.

Margret Marr Memorial Home showing the Lahey Wing. 1927.

Mr and Mrs Little were employed as first Superintendents. In order to provide for fifty boys a new wing of two floors was added to the eastern side of the building at a cost of £4,646. The extension section was named the John Lahey wing and was officially opened by Mr W A Jolly CMG, Lord Mayor of Brisbane on 23 March 1927.

During WWII the staff and boys, under the control of Mr and Mrs E W Lewis were moved out to a disused private hospital at Proston, a rural town in the South Burnett Region, 280km north west of Brisbane, and were there from 12 February 1942 to 23 April 1945. During this time Royal Australian Air Force used the building as barracks for the staff of Radar Station Number 23, located at Lytton..

There was a change of policy in 1958 towards housing children in Cottage Homes instead of Institutional Homes. Between January 1965 to December 1987 two new Group family Homes were built at Wynnum on an elevated corner of the Margaret Marr property overlooking Moreton Bay. One was named "Lewis" in honour of Mr and Mrs E W Lewis who served as Master and Mistress of the Margaret Marr Home from 1 April 1934 to 30 June 1952. The other was named "Tainton", after Rev J Tainton who served as Director of the Methodist Church Welfare Council from 27 November 1958 to 31 December 1964. Lewis" and "Tainton" were officially opened by Mr G.F.R. Nicklin, MM,MLA, Premier of Queensland, on 14 October 1967.

In 1973 two new Family Homes were opened, "Saunders" and "Lahey" to replace the original building. The name "Lahey" commemorated the "John Lahey" wing opened in 1927. The name "Saunders" was in honour of the late Sidney Redvers Saunders of Wynnum whose bequest, for the use and benefit of the Margaret Marr Memorial Home, made possible the building of this home.

The last boys lived in the cottage homes until 1985. The houses remained vacant until the early 1990's when they were demolished and the land sold to a developer for a housing estate. Petersen Street was extended and two cul-de-sacs were surveyed and named Lahey and Saunders Streets.

In May 1995, Wynnum Manly Historical Society unveiled a plaque near the location of the original front gates of the Margaret Marr Home in Tingal Road, Wynnum, commemorating the former home and the RAAF Radar Station.



On the closure of the Family Group Homes and the sale of the land to developers, the rock and plaque were moved a short distance away to small park on the corner of Tingal Road and the new extension of Petersen Street. The pathway behind the plaque leads up to the original back entrance of the Margaret Marr Memorial Home, recognised by the white pillars, in Petersen Street.



"Brisbane 100 – One City together"

This year, 2025, marks the 100th anniversary of the establishment of the City of Brisbane. Twenty local government areas, (including the Town of Wynnum) were amalgamated as a result of the City of Brisbane Act 1924, which came into effect on 1 October 1925.

History groups will occupy a precinct in the Sherwood Room, which we are referring to as the "History Hub". The Hub will contain professional designed displays/signs and posters to tell the story of the creation of Greater Brisbane and major milestones since.



Our Society will have items on display and would greatly appreciate your support as volunteers. The role of volunteers will be to answer questions that visitors may have about the old Shires and the subsequent history of the areas.

The Event will be held on

Wednesday 1st October 2025 in the Brisbane City Hall from 10:00 am till 4:00 pm in the Sherwood Room (Ground Floor).

On Tuesday9 September 2025, the new Federal Member for Bonner, Kara Cook, visited the Resource Centre.



Kara spent a friendly half hour chatting to committee members, Ellen, Jill and Tom.



Kara says:

"Seniors Month Expo"

"It is not long to go until my Annual Bonner's Expo being held on

Tuesday 21 October 2025

from 9.00am to 12 noon

during Seniors Month at the

Waterloo Bay Leisure Centre.

This is a great opportunity to hear from local organisations and services about everything that is on offer for our Senior;s community. from grants and discounts to service providers and events and more.

What's On!

August / September 2025

Date	Event	Venue	Booking
Saturday 20 September 2025 1.30 - 2.30pm	"Immigration in Australia from 1788 onwards" GSQ presentation	Fairfield Public Library. Fairfield Gardens Shopping Centre, Fairfield Road.	Free. Book:3403 8615
Tuesday 23 September 2025 11.00 am	"Queen's Wharf Precinct Heritage Tour"	Commissariat Store, 115 William Street, City.	\$20 RHSQ Event Ph: 3221 4198 for more information.
Thursday 25 September 2025 10 - 11am	"Wynnum Jetties" 143 years of History. Wynnum Manly Historical Society.	Wynnum Public Library 145 Florence Street, Wynnum. (Below ground Parking).	Free. Book: 3403 2199
Wednesday 1 October 2025	"Brisbane 100 - One City Together".	Sherwood Room City Hall Ann Street Entrance.	Free. Displays. Acivities
Saturday 4 October 2025 2.00 - 8.30pm	"Moon Festival" Moon is Full. Colour, Music and Tradition	China Town Mall Fortitude Valley	Food Stalls. Stage performances.
Wednesday 8 October 2025	"Themes of Colonisation" Twin Tyrannies and More.	Commissariat Store, 115 William Street, City.	Royal Historical Soc. Qld Lunchtime Lecture. \$10
Until Friday 14 November 2025 11.00 - 3.00pm	"Stories thro' Time." Living culture, enduring connections. Exhibition. University of Qld.	Anthropology Museum (Right-hand end of Forgan Smith Building) Mansfield Place Roundabout.	

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Mangroves to Moorings re-visited	Myrtle Beit	tz \$35
Lota House: Photos over 150 years	Myrtle Beit	z \$15
Story of Lota House 1867 - 2017	Myrtle Beit	
Church Buildings of Wynnum Manly and Lota	Coupland and Green	hill \$10
Early Shipping in Moreton Bay 1846 - 1859	Davenport and Mottr	ram \$ 5
Early Shipping in Moreton Bay 1860 - 1863	Davenport and Mottr	ram \$ 5

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Wynnum Manly Historical Society Inc

Minutes of General Meeting held in Ambulance Auditorium, 35 Tingal Road, Wynnum on Thursday 21 August 2025

Meeting Opened at 7.03pm

There were 26 members present, 6 apologies and 5 visitors

Lucy welcomed everybody and acknowledged Country.

A query was asked as to whether the home which was the old fire station had been sold. Sue Laakso gave her newspaper update on what happened in Wynnum 100 years ago.

Previous Minutes: Minutes of previous general meeting of Thursday 17 July 2025 were accepted by Chris Seymour and seconded by Glenda Pokarier.

Treasurer's Report:

As at 30 June 2025 \$40,044.86 Everyday Account \$ 4,875.83 Building Account \$ 1,815.13 Fixed Terms \$ 33,253.83

Correspondence Report: (Elma) Report was present at the Committee meeting on 14 August and was accepted and endorsed.

\$ 39,944.79

TOTAL

Publicity:(Chiharu) gave a PowerPoint presentation on what is happening for the 100 year celebrations of Brisbane city.

Technology: (Chris) Everything is up to day with the website

Resource Centre: Where am I? This month was a carving of a kangaroo on the Great Wall of Manly.

General Business: Flo Schulz has offered to do the supper at the general meetings. Lena McCreadie will retire at the end of 2025.

Chris reminded everyone that his presentation of the first Wynnum Council meeting will be held at the Wynnum Library on 27 September.

Sue Laakso put a suggestion to the Committee that the original plan for Wynnum South Jetty, built in 1884, which is printed on linen should be framed and perhaps on display at the Wynnum Manly Ward Office.

Guest speaker for September - Michael Jullian, Architect for Think Tank, talking about the former Masonic Hall.

Friends of Hemmant Cemetery: Tom advised that everything is at a standstill.

Presentation: Jim Groutsch gave a presentation on the Queensland Services Heritage Band Association.

Lucky door winner: Flo Schulz

Raffle: (Donated by Lena) Fred Walker

Meeting Closed at 8.45pm

Members and Visitors were invited to partake of supper, provided by Lena, and served by Ellen Coupland and Flo Schulz.



"We acknowledge the Traditional Owners - the Quandamooka People - and the land on which we operate. We pay our respects to Elders, past and present."

We thank our Patrons, Joan Pease



and Alex Givney



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Bank of Queensland at BSB:124012. Society Everyday A/C 20139708, Resource Centre A/C 21781280. plus 2Fx-Term.

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