

## Summary of Minutes of General Meeting

20 August 2004. Baptist Church Hall, Cnr Bay Tce/ Clara St.

Meeting opened at 7:35pm.

51 members and 2 visitors were present. 3 apologies received  
**Previous Meeting Minutes**, moved by Thelma Hogan,  
seconded by Gil Long.

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

**Financial Report** (at 31 July) was presented by Jan Parnell.  
Opening Balance: \$3,084.94 Receipts: \$54.38  
Expenses: \$184.35 **Closing Balance: \$3,054.87**

The Investment Account of \$14,000, will mature on 29  
August 2004, when it will be re-invested at a higher rate and  
increased by \$1000 from the working account.

The report had been accepted and endorsed at the committee  
meeting on Thursday 3 August 2004.

**Resource Centre.** Members were invited to participate in  
"History Alive at Fort Lytton on Sunday 29 August 2004.

**Heritage Tour.** Heather Smith urged members to book for  
the next tour on Saturday 4 September 2004.

### General Business.

Fundraising "Fashion thro' the Ages" will be held at Lota  
House on Saturday 25 September. More members were asked  
to help with the supper to reduce the load of a few people. The  
oral history group has commenced and suggestions were  
sought for suitable topics.

Col Brown announced Jack Sands birthday on Tuesday 17  
August and the meeting sang "Happy Birthday".

**Spot Speaker: Jack Sands** spoke of the first fire brigade in  
Wynnum in 1921 and amused us with the tale of the sticky  
dough that resulted from the fire at the bakery in Berrima  
Street

In the absence of **Main Speaker** Ken Waller, **Oriel Handley**,  
who has a long association with Moreton Bay College, kindly  
read his speech. We learnt much more about the five Greene  
sisters. Both speakers were introduced and thanked by  
Mellissa Champley.,

The **Lucky Door Prize** was won by Oriel Handley and the  
**Membership Draw** was won by Marlene Engstrom.

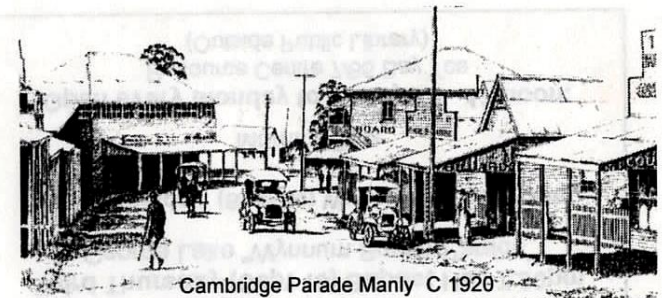
**Meeting closed** at: 9.15pm and members and guests retired to  
a delicious supper prepared by Jan Aplin, Betty Powell and  
Mavis Wegner.

Jill Greenhill. (Minute Secretary)

(Full un-abridged version of minutes is available on request)

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WYNNUM MANLY HISTORICAL SOCIETY Inc

# NEWSLETTER

September 2004

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm  
in the Baptist Church Hall  
(Corner Bay Terrace / Clara Street)

**"Wynnum Spring Festival"**  
by  
**George Lake**

After the guest speaker, members are most  
welcome to share their memories of this much  
loved Wynnum tradition.

*(Our appreciation to Mellissa Champley who will be  
Introducing and giving the a 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 Minnie Bowman, Eris Powell  
and Ian Wheeler for providing supper

**Invite a friend to attend**

## Tangalooma Wrecks

The Tangalooma Wrecks consists of 15 hulks, 2 kilometres north of the Tangalooma resort. The Department of Harbours and Marine commenced the scuttling of the vessels to form a small craft anchorage in July 1963. They were scuttled in the following order:

1. **Maryborough** 535 tons and 186 feet, was an Iron hulled bucket dredge built in 1885 in Maryborough. She was scuttled in July 1963.
2. **Remora** 1045 tons and 213 feet, was a twin screw suction dredge built in 1912 in Elbing, Prussia. She was scuttled in August 1963.
3. **Bream** 350 tons and 145 feet, was a Hopper barge, built in Maryborough 1887. She was also scuttled in August 1963.
4. **Dolphin** 350 tons and 145 feet, was also a Hopper barge, built in Maryborough 1887. She was also scuttled in August 1963.
5. **Kookaburra** 27 tons and 58.4 feet, was a steam anchor launch, built in Brisbane in 1933. She was Scuttled in August 1963.
6. **Iceburg** 285 tons and 127 feet, was an iron screw steamer built in Brisbane by J W Sutton of Kangaroo Point. She was scuttled in 1963.
7. **Platypus II** was a steel screw steamer and bucket dredge built by Walkers Ltd of Maryborough in 1927. She was scuttled in 1966.
8. **Seal** 643 tons and 174 feet, was a hopper barge built in 1927 by Walkers Ltd of Maryborough. She was scuttled in December 1966.
9. **Pelican** 100 tons and 66 feet, was a tug built in Canada/USA in 1944. She was scuttled in December 1967.
10. **Stingaree** 350 tons and 145 feet built in 1887 by Walkers Ltd of Maryborough. She was scuttled in December 1967.
11. **Morwong** was built in Adelaide 1925. She was a suction dredge (no. 4) and served in Darwin during WW II. She was scuttled in April 1973.
12. **Uki** 545 tons, was built in Glasgow 1923. She was a coastal cargo vessel and was scuttled in 1976.

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## St Helena

Known to the Aborigines as No-gun, the island of St. Helena covers an area of 214 hectares and is probably the most attractive of all the Bay islands.

For a short time in the early days it did duty as a quarantine station. Later, prisoners from the prison hulk Proserpine moored at the river mouth, were transported to and from the island daily. On May 14<sup>th</sup>, 1867, it was appointed Queensland's main penal settlement although the first batch of 140 prisoners did not occupy the new buildings until January of the following year.

In 1869 a sugar mill was built and sugar grown for many years. The crop, however, gave too much protection to potential escapees and was ultimately replaced with potatoes and Lucerne. By 1873 there were 300 prisoners on the island, mostly long-term inmates.

In 1934 St. Helena gave way to Boggo Road and many of the buildings were removed. It is said that only one man ever succeeded in escaping from the island, and that was in November 1924. He was last heard of in New Zealand.

The name St Helena originated in 1828 when a native nicknamed Napoleon by the troops was imprisoned there. Today the island is held under lease from the Lands Departments and is being developed as a tourist center. A charge is made for visiting the remains of the cells and other ruins.

Joshua Peter Bell (1988)  
Moreton Bay and How to Fathom It

**13. Bermagui** 402 tons and 142 feet, was a twin screw steamer (Bar Boat) sand carrier built in Ayr, Scotland and was scuttled in April 1976.

**14. Groper** 738 tons and 200 feet, was a twin screw triple expansion steamer, bucket dredge built in Paisley, Scotland and was scuttled in April 1982.

**15. Echeneis** was a suction dredge built in 1954 by Walkers Ltd of Maryborough. She was scuttled in June 1984.



**Heritage Tour  
Saturday 27th November**

**CHRISTMAS  BREAKUP**

Depart Civic Centre

- Details in a future newsletter
- Lunch provided free of charge

Mark your Diary ✓

- Sept 25 "Fashion through the Ages"

Fundraising event for our Society. For the low price of \$10 watch a fashion parade from days gone by and enjoy afternoon tea at Lota House. Raffle held on the day. Lucky door prizes. Prepaid tickets necessary.

- Oct 8-10 Wynnum Spring Festival

This years theme is "Wynnum Greets the World". Our Society is taking part with a display. **Help from members throughout the three days will be greatly appreciated.** Please see Jill as she urgently needs to draw up a roster to cover the whole weekend.

**Remember our Regular Meetings . . .**

**Third Thursday (Sept 16) Baptist Hall 7.30pm**  
George Lake "Wynnum Spring Parade"

**Last Thursday: (Sept 30) Wynnum Library 10am**

Morning Tea

**Open every Monday to Friday 10 –12 noon:**

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