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NEWSLETTER

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August General Meeting

THURSDAY 21 August 2025

6.45 pm for 7.00pm start

Wynnum Ambulance Centre
Corner Tingal Road / Cedar Street

Jim Groutsch
will speak about

"The Queensland Services Heritage Band Association"

The QSHBA supports seven
permanent ands. Jim will detail
the work of the Association. Raffle

Lucky Door

Refreshments

Gold Coin Donation

Visitors welcome

James Groutsch

Jim was born in Tasmania. He has formal qualifications in Engineering and set up his own company. But that is in the past!

Jim is now a world-wide wanderer and has been in Wynnum for seven months. He is a musician, and has teamed up with Paul Jones of the Queensland Heritage Service Bands and spends part of his time in mending the musical instruments upstairs in the Service Bands Room in Wynnum Community Centre.

Jim will be bringing a unique ancient Tuba said to have been present in the Boer Wars.

Supper After Meetings

For the past many, many years, Lena McCreadie has co-ordinated the preparation and serving of the Supper. We are extremely grateful for her years of service, and sorry that she is unable to continue in 2026.



We will be needing a Volunteer to purchase the tea, coffee, sugar, milk and biscuits (Coles Voucher) and organize for some helpers to serve on the night of the meeting.

Please, somebody come forward and volunteer so that we can continue with the social time at the end of each meeting.

See Ellen Coupland, or any member of the Committee if you and/or a friend can help. Thank You.

Good News!

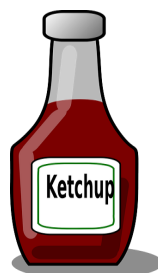
The Society has obtained a Grant of \$699 from the Wynnum Manly Leagues Club.

The money will be used towards the upcoming digitization Project.

Bring and Buy this month.

Next Thursday, 21 August 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

August 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)

Recently we became the Owner of an original Land Sale Poster from 1933:-

Lota Park Estate

For Sale on the Ground

15 April 1933 at 2.00pm

122 park-like Allotments

Splendid Level Sites

NO RESERVE

Adjoining LOTA Station

Handy to the Beach

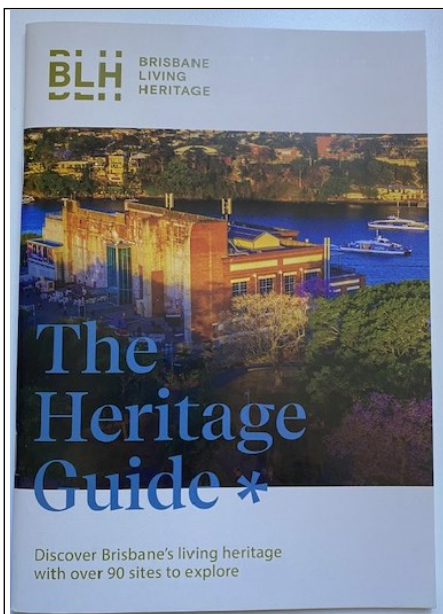
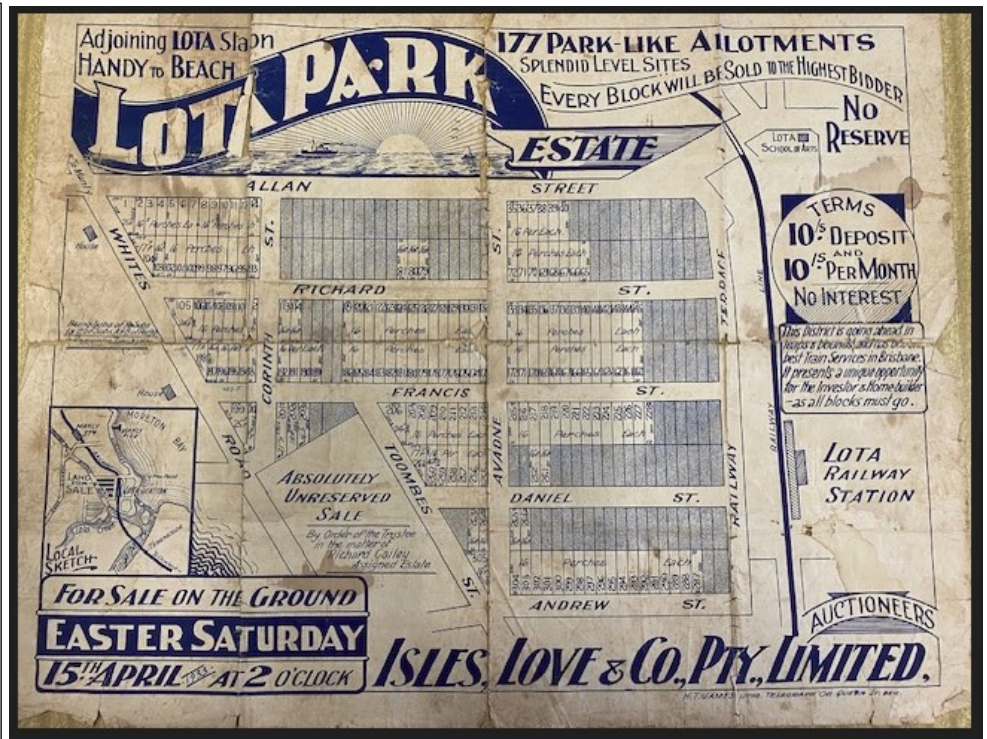
Terms: 10/- Deposit and

10/- per month

NO INTEREST

By Order of the Trustee in the matter of Richard Gailey. Assigned Estate.

Can you find the Lota School of Arts



We have received the latest copy of

Brisbane Living Heritage Guide Book 2025/26.

"90 sites to Explore"

There are plenty of Guides available.

Collect a copy from the Resource Centre

Austin
Short
Zohn
Beeston
Smith
Pound

Genealogists!

Are any of these surnames connected to your family?

We have received multiple records, BUT they need sorting.

Any Offers??



Who is this Lady?

The photo was amongst papers donated to the Resource Centre.

Please let me know

Jill.

Open Days for 2025

For those persons who are seeking information, but are unable to visit the Resource Room on weekdays, the following dates are when the Centre will open over a weekend.

The hours will be from 10am to Noon.

Saturday 30th August 2025

Saturday 1st November 2025

What was That? July 2025



The Mango tree at the corner of Bay Terrace and Berrima Street was reputed to have been planted by the son of the first owner of the Waterloo Bay Hotel.

Sadly the tree was not pruned regularly and grew out of proportion.

The branches became unsafe and the tree was removed in 2021

2021



Where was I? August 2025



Chis Seymour has kindly prepared a summary of the talk delivered by Greg Alexander at the July Meeting 2025

Redland Museum

At the July meeting, Myrtle Beitz introduced Doug Alexander, President of the Redlands Coast Museum. Doug's talk was entitled "*Origin and Growth of the Redland Museum*".

Doug started his talk by noting that Myrtle's late husband, Merv Beitz, was the first life member of the Redland Museum.

Doug said that the Redland Museum, as it was originally called, opened in 1972, with a small single building set up as a working blacksmith shop. At first the museum concentrated on old vehicles and farming machinery – in line with Redland's early importance as a farming area.

Seven building extensions have added greatly to the museum's size, and the collection has expanded to a wide variety of items – now numbering over 20,000 artefacts, documents and images. There are more than 240 members and more than 50 active volunteers. The blacksmith shop is still present and still operational and run by volunteers.

Included in the artifacts is an axe head which was found buried in the Cleveland showgrounds immediately behind the museum. The axe head was found to be a British Royal Navy axe manufactured between 1680 and 1720. How it ended up in Cleveland is a mystery – possibly it was traded with Aborigines.

On another slide, Doug showed a photo of a large metal bowl. One of the first crops grown in the Redlands was sugar cane. In 1868 Captain Louis Hope opened the first commercially successful sugar cane mill in Australia. The bowl was used to boil the cane for sugar extraction.

Another slide showed the museum's Cobb and Co coach. Cobb and Co achieved success with their coaches designed for Australian conditions, and their system of frequent change stations for the horses. The coach in the museum was used in 1988 to run from Melbourne to Cairns.

Doug explained the origin of the Australian expression "telling a Furphy", meaning a rumor, false report, or improbable story which is presented as fact. The Melbourne company J. Furphy and Sons supplied water carts to the Gallipoli campaign in WW1. Soldiers would gather round the carts and tell their stories. Doug showed a slide of a water cart with the company name prominently displayed.

Doug commented that a current challenge is how to attract people and especially young people to the museum and compete with computers, smart phones, internet access and video games. The museum rebranded itself this year as the Redlands Coast Museum. One initiative being actively pursued is an increased emphasis on events. For example, in August the museum will celebrate the 80th anniversary of Victory in the Pacific showing how the Redlands area contributed to World War 2.

The Redlands Coast Museum is located at 60 Smith Road in Cleveland. It is open seven days a week from 10 am to 3:30 pm. Admission is \$12 for adults, \$8 concessions and free for children.



Thank You Chris.



Founders Day - Moreton Bay College - Tuesday, 29 June 2025.

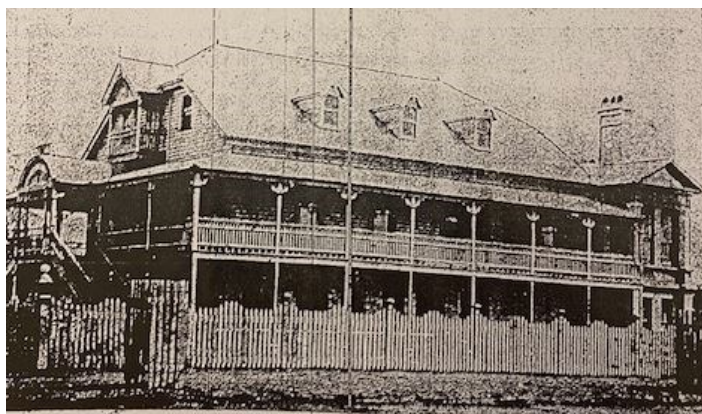
Moreton Bay High School for Girls. 1901

Founders Day is an Annual Celebration. This year, 2025, marks 124 years since the school's establishment on Bay (Street) Terrace, Wynnum in 1901, between Florence and Charlotte Streets.

Key highlights of the celebrations included formal speeches, a special ceremony, performances by students, lunch and a cake.

Special Highlight in 2025 was the presentation of the Moreton Bay College Medal to Emily Hielscher, an old girl, recognizing her contribution to mental health research. The Year 12 students, who started in prep were also honoured, by each receiving the Greene Sister's Medal recognizing their 13 year commitment to the College.

Councillor Alex Givney was present, photo'd here together with Dr Mary Coupland, (Mathematics) from Sydney. Mary is a great niece of the founding Greene Sisters.



Here are Mary's words:

"On July 29th 2025 I was delighted to be able to accept the kind invitation of Moreton Bay College to attend their service for Founder's Day. My Great Aunts, Misses Alice, Anne, Helah, Elsie and Hilda Greene were the original founders of the School which opened in 1901.

The day was special for many reasons. It was an opportunity to meet Mrs Jo Matherson, the new Principal, and to admire the progress made in building excellent premises on what is still thought of as the 'new' site of the school. Most importantly, the day brought back happy memories as we watched and listened to the current 'Bay Girls' during the Founders Day Service. The music and dramatic performances of the girls was excellent. I'm sure the Aunts and more recent staff, including Miss Oriel Handley, would have been very pleased."

Mary attended Moreton Bay College for High School up to Junior and did the last two years of High School at Somerville House.

When asked if she remembered seeing the Greene Sisters she said, as a very young girl, she remembers going to their home, at 'Woodlands' (corner of Wynnum Road and Stradbroke Avenue) with her Mum, Mrs Zoe Coupland, nee Greene, (Zoe's father, Harold, was the youngest of the eleven Greene children). Zoe did the shopping for the elderly Aunts, who were long retired from teaching.

Mary's elder brother, John, mowed their grass and helped in the garden. She also remembered the many Fairs/Fetes held in the grounds of 'Woodlands' to aid Indian Charities. Mary, her sister Neredah and brothers John & Denis would dress up and sell coconut ice, which their mother had made. The Indian connection was strong as Harold and his wife Phyllis lived in India and Zoe, her sister Joan, and brother John were all born there.

The Green(e) Family In Australia

Moreton Bay High School for Girls was built by father John Iley Green, and brothers Samuel and John, for five of the family's unmarried daughters. Looking at the illustration above, the school building appears to be located in front of their residence in Bay (Street) Terrace, Wynnum. The original intention was to take in boarders, commencing with thirty.

Father **John Iley Green**, a professional builder, born in Bridport, Dorset in 1839, emigrated to Brisbane in 1889 accompanied by his daughter **Mary Greenham Green**, born 1868 in Bridport. John had bought land in Bay (Street) Terrace, Wynnum by 1891. Wife **Ellen Webber Greenham Green** arrived from England with eight of their children in 1892. Daughter **Mary** married in 1893. Unfortunately in 1905 John died with a fractured skull as a result of fall onto a lighter from Dominion Wharf, South Brisbane.

Five daughters were involved with the running of the school. Eldest daughter **Alice Jane Alison Greene** born in Bridport in 1863, trained in London as a science teacher and worked in Cardiff, before coming to Wynnum in 1892. In Australia, she was employed in Rockhampton Grammar School before running a school in Tenterfield, then returning to Wynnum in 1901 to become Principal of Moreton Bay Girl's High School.

Anne (Eliza) Alison Greene, born in 1869, in Bridport, had trained as a teacher in London. She set up a music school in Wynnum, believed to be the first in Queensland. But her love was Art and she returned to Europe in 1911 for further studies. In 1924, she set up a "studio" in Paris. On one of her trips back to Wynnum she introduced 'Eurhythmics' to the pupils, a 'lady-like form of gymnastics'.

Ella (Helah) Greene, qualified in the Violin from the London College of Music. In the school she taught the violin and cello and managed all the domestic arrangements. She was well liked by the boarders.

Elsie Gertrude Greene, held a BA degree from London and was the English, Maths and French teacher. And the youngest daughter was **Hilda Greene**, born in 1881, in Cardiff, South Wales, whose ability to teach music brought Moreton Bay Girls High School into prominence. In 1937 Hilda took an ambitious holiday, a return flight to England!

Sons, **Samuel Greene**, and **John William Greene** were builders by trade. The brothers built the family "Woodlands" (2333 Wynnum Road), which became the home of their mother and sisters, and "Cooroona", John's own home (2311 Wynnum Road) and many other projects. **Samuel** became the first Mayor of the fledgling Town of Wynnum in 1913. He bought the Star Theatre in 1924 and the "The Waterloo Bay Leader" newspaper in the 1940s. At the age of 83, in 1958, he suffered a fatal accident riding his motor bike.

John served in WWI, enlisting at Hampton Court in 1915. He served on the local council, being Mayor from 1921 to 1924 and Lord Mayor of Brisbane from 1931-1934. He supported many local sporting and service Clubs, and many organisations. John died in 1959. His ashes are scattered at Mt. Thompson.



The sisters adopted the Green(e) surname in 1895 due to another "Green" Girls School, existing in Tenterfield,

"Moreton". Building was relocated from Bay Terrace, Wynnum and rebuilt at Pullenvale in the mid 1980s.

Information from Ellen Coupland.

The Australian Wilderness Society has evolved from the Tasmanian Wilderness Society. In 1976, a major campaign developed, originating from a small group of concerned citizens, to help save the Franklin River. Eventually, in 1983, the Federal Government stopped the Tasmanian Hydro-electric Commission's plan to build a dam, and the river system was saved. This action gave encouragement and hope. Finally, government was taking community requests seriously. During the following years more individual Wilderness Societies have formed.



In 2017, a few dedicated environmentalists met to promote awareness of the local natural environment and formed the **Bayside Wilderness Society (Queensland)**. The group has supportive and dedicated leadership and regular visits from members from Queensland Wilderness Society Head Office (West End). Members embrace the areas of Lytton, Wynnum, Manly, Lota, Tingalpa, and the Redlands. Local endeavours are, albeit 'backyard' and, as in all connectedness, adhere towards 'global' interest within our immediate Bayside area.

The Society's interests are affiliated with nationwide interests. Our intent is to enlighten the local community. We engage in conversation at the Manly Markets. We gather support for local issues, then follow-up with the pertinent correspondence to local politicians.

A few of the projects, here in Bayside, include door knocking to promote environmental issues. We are concerned with the ongoing destruction of our fragile native forests. We help with tree planting, with clean-up events on Wynnum Manly beaches and on surrounding Moreton Bay Islands. We help place Glider nesting boxes. We support Koala conservation. We are concerned with the preservation of the mudflats for the feeding grounds of migratory shorebirds (Ramsar Convention).

Once a month, we have a local walk, one of 'Dave's Wild Walks'. We refer to ourselves as the "*Bayside Babblers*" and usually wind up in a local coffee shop to discuss our wildlife findings.

Our goal is to increase environmental awareness and engagement to help protect wildlife, the planet, and future generations.

Please come and join us on the second Monday of the month.

Wynnum Community Centre, (Old State School) 105 Florence St, Room 2.02, from 6pm -7pm.

(Lift to Second Level. Turn right and walk to end Room).

"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).

For Volunteers there are three 2 hour- slots:

10:00-12:00 / 12:00-2:00 / 2:00-4:00

If you are happy to help for two hours on the day, please contact Chiharu on 0432154741.

You will have an opportunity to look around displays from other history groups and government organizations.

You might learn something new about the history of Brisbane!

What's On!

August / September 2025

Date	Event	Venue	Booking
Wednesday 20 August 2025 12.30 to 1.30pm	"Islam in South East Queensland" presented by Zerrin Afza. UQ.	Commissariat Store, 115 William Street, City.	Royal Historical Soc. Qld Lunchtime Lecture. \$10
Saturday 23 August 2025 2.30pm	"Growing Up in Amity House in the 1970s" by Ruth Graham	Uniting Church 53 Merthyr Road, New Farm.	New Farm and Districts Historical Society. (Includes AGM) \$10 cash incl Afternoon .Tea
Saturday 23 August 2025 10 - 2pm	"Open Day" Genealogical Society of Queensland. (GSQ)	25 Stackpole Street, Wishart.	Free. Displays. Speakers. Food. Start your family history search!
Thursday 28 August 2025 10 - 11am	"A Murderer comes to Wynnum" by Jennifer Duke.	Wynnum Public Library 145 Florence Street, Wynnum. (Below ground Parking).	Free. Book: 3403 2199
Wednesday 10 September 2025	"Queensland, New Guinea colonization, and the 50th Anniversary of Papuan Independence" by Geoff Keating.	Commissariat Store, 115 William Street, City.	Royal Historical Soc. Qld Lunchtime Lecture. \$10
Sat/Sun September 2025 10 am to Sunset	Annual "Quandamooka Festival 2025". <i>Celebrating Culture, Country and People.</i>	(New) Arts and Cultural "QUAMPI " Centre" 14 - 18 Ballow Road, Dunwich.	Free. Register on line: <i>quandamookafestival. com.au</i>
Your choice of date.	"Submariners' Walk Heritage Trail" The Australian and US Submarine Base in WWII.	Capricorn Wharf, Teneriffe. 1km stroll along the Brisbane River.	Commence at Teneriffe Ferry Terminal.

PUBLICATIONS FOR SALE

"Stroll along the Foreshore."	WMHS Publication	Donation
"Ride around Wynnum, Manly and Lota."	WMHS Publication	Donation
Mangroves to Moorings re-visited	Myrtle Beitz	\$35
Lota House: Photos over 150 years	Myrtle Beitz	\$15
Story of Lota House 1867 - 2017	Myrtle Beitz	\$ 5
Church Buildings of Wynnum Manly and Lota	Coupland and Greenhill	\$10
Early Shipping in Moreton Bay 1846 - 1859	Davenport and Mottram	\$ 5
Early Shipping in Moreton Bay 1860 - 1863	Davenport and Mottram	\$ 5

Available at the
Resource Room
Weekdays 10am-Noon
Email:
jillg01@tpg.com.au

Wynnum Manly Historical Society Inc

Minutes of General Meeting held in Ambulance Auditorium, 35 Tingal Road, Wynnum
on Thursday 17 July, 2025

Meeting Opened at 7.00pm

There were 21 members present, 11 apologies and 1 visitor, Ian Curtis.

Committee member, Tom took the chair, welcomed everybody and acknowledged Country.

Robert Pook was welcomed as a new member. Danny presented "Wynnum Manly in Years gone By": a Court Case in July 1925.

Previous Minutes: Minutes of previous meeting of Thursday 19 June 2025 were accepted by Ellen Coupland and seconded by Flo Schulz.

Treasurer's report: (Danny)

All accounts:

At 01 June 2025: \$39,922.87

At 30 June 2025 \$40,044.86

Each a/c at 30 June 2025

Everyday \$ 5,045.90

Web Saver \$ 1,745.13

Fixed Terms \$33,253.83

TOTAL \$40,044.86

Financial Report presented by Danny, was seconded by Myrtle.

Correspondence Report: (Elma) Report was presented for June 2025 which had been accepted and endorsed at the committee meeting held on Thursday 10 July 2025.

Publicity: (Chiharu) Chiharu updated members on the progress of funding for Alex's publications, "Wandering through Wynnum" and "Meandering through Manly". Coles (\$100 for Suppers) and Bunnings (\$200 for Raffles) have donated gift cards.

Technology: (Chris) The Society has signed up with WIX for 2 years to host our Website

Resource Centre: (Jill) "Where am I"? this month was the large Mango Tree at the corner of Bay and Berrima Street, chopped to the ground in 2021.

Friends of Hemmant Cemetery: (Tom Schulz) Due to lack of support this group has been disbanded for the present time.

Presentation: Doug Alexander provided an illustrated account of the history of the development of the Cleveland Museum, from 1970 using Norm Dean's original idea. He emphasizing the full active programs run for all age groups. The Society was given two books providing a time line of development over the last 50 years. The Society promised to visit the Museum!

Lucky door: Kylie Alcorn

Raffle (donated by Lena): Peter Cumming

Meeting closed at 8.14pm and members were invited to partake of refreshments aided 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



for their ongoing
encouragement and
support

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

Meetings: 6.45pm for 7.00pm. 3rd Thursday of the Month (except December and January)
in Queensland Ambulance Auditorium, Cnr. Tingal Road and Cedar Street, Wynnum

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