

Summary of Minutes

General Meeting held on Thursday 17 October 2002

The President opened the meeting at 7.35 pm. Bill Tegner introduced five visitors and ten apologies were received.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING were confirmed.

BUSINESS ARISING: Local History Centre: Room has been used twice already for meetings and is almost ready to be opened.

CORRESPONDENCE: 25 pieces of correspondence had been received, most important of which were Peter Cumming acknowledging request to name a local area in honour of Merv Beitz; and notification from QALFHS that our public liability insurance can be renewed for \$300. There were 5 pieces of outwards correspondence, mostly thanks for assistance.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Heather Smith (as Acting Treasurer) indicated that the opening balance was \$3545.15; income of \$882.65, expenditure of \$1380.50, which with unrepresented cheques leaves a closing balance as at 30 September 2002 of \$3494.68. Heather moved report be adopted, seconded Myrtle Beitz.

PROJECT: To help defray costs associated with setting up the new Civic Centre room, a Hugh Sawrey numbered print is being raffled. Tickets are \$1 each and members are asked to take five tickets home to sell to friends with money to be returned to next meeting when the raffle will be drawn.

CHRISTMAS COACH TOUR: Saturday 30 November.

GENERAL BUSINESS: The President commented that the Spring Parade had been a most successful event. Our combined entry with the Queensland Ambulance Museum was awarded a ribbon as the Best Exhibit – a real thrill for the Society. Mrs Stratton indicated that this would not have been possible without the sterling support of Joan and Nev Schumann through the loan of their vehicles

The **Lucky Door Prize** was won by Shirley Dodd and the **Membership draw** went to Joan Klose.

SPEAKER: Niles Elvery on "How to correctly conduct Oral History Interviews". Included in his advice were some tips on the mark of a good oral historian as well as ideas to stimulate discussion including "sounds, smells, food and images". Bill Tegner thanked Niles for his talk

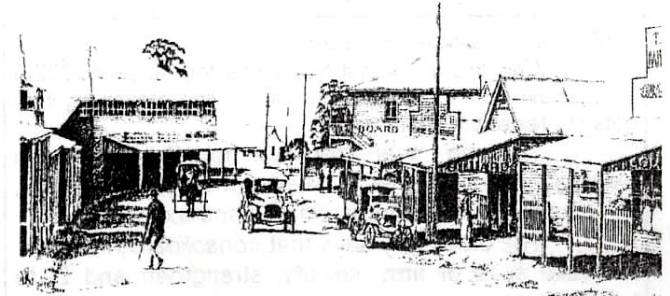
The President **thanked** the members who set up the room, welcomed members at the door, and provided the supper.

The meeting closed at 9.00 pm. Cherrie Nicholson Secretary

(Full un-abridged minutes are available on request.)

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Cambridge Parade Manly Circa 1920

WYNNUM MANLY HISTORICAL SOCIETY Inc.

NEWSLETTER

November 2002

General Meeting

Thursday 21 November at 7.30pm

in

Baptist Church Hall

(Corner Bay Terrace / Clara Street)

Life member

Jack Sands

will discuss the topic

“Is History Important Today?”

Jack will show how history gives a record of the past which will help to handle the present and to design for the future.

Gold Coin Entry to cover hire of Hall and Supper

Remember to bring your unwanted gifts, cakes, fruit, vegetables for the **Bring and Buy Stall**.

All proceeds support the purchase of Library materials.

Appreciation to Myrtle Beitz and Shirley and John Davies who will be providing your **supper**

• Please invite a friend to attend

A Message from the President

Well, this is our last Newsletter for the year 2002. I don't know what the connection is, but the greyer my hair gets the faster the years go.

Thinking over the last months from the Society's point of view it seems that, paradoxically, the Society has both consolidated and expanded.

The dictionary says that *consolidate* means 1. to make solid or firm; solidify; strengthen and 2. to bring together compactly in one mass or connected whole; unite; combine. It seems to me that both these functions have occurred within the Wynnum Manly Historical Society Inc. In addition, our direction or purpose for existing has been better defined. We have been made to think about this and the answer, *FIRST WE RECEIVE AND THEN WE GIVE*, is the crux of our Society.

Expand is defined as 1. to increase in size, scope, volume 2. to spread (as a bird does its wings) 3. to express in fuller form or greater detail; develop. Again, our Society has achieved these three things. 1. We have a net increase of seven members over this time last year; 2. we have occupied our own Local History Centre and 3. more of our members are researching more subjects and we are gearing up to record more oral histories that are crying out to be done.

Being human, we have had our sorrows and our illnesses but these will be overcome and we have had our celebrations too. It seems that more empathy has grown amongst members as they start working closer together. One regret is that, for a variety of unavoidable reasons, newer members do not get to know our members of longer standing and their wonderful qualities. These are the people who started our Society and gave it such a solid base. It is imperative that this be preserved.

Your President and Committee wish you the Compliments of the Season. May this year's festivities be bright and merry and all your dreams come true.

Noela Stratton

Wynnum Choral Society Inc. presents "MUSICALE"
Wynnum Municipal Hall. 26 Nov. 7.30pm. 3396 2551

Enjoy an evening of musical entertainment and support the Australian Red Cross (Wyn/Mnly Branch).

Christmas Heritage Tour Saturday November 30

(Departing 8.30am. Return 4.30pm. Civic Centre)



We will visit **Boggo Road Gaol**
built in 1903, specifically for women!



We will see the historic places in
Bulimba.



We will enjoy a **BBQ lunch.**



We will tour the winery at
Mount Cotton.

**Tickets \$20.00 (All inclusive). Phone Jill on
3393 3208 or make your reservation at the
November Meeting**

The Society periodically receives numerous enquiries concerning **St Kilda's Hospital.**

Does anyone have any information, or photographs . . . or dates or names of staff members . . ., etc.?

In 2003 we will be looking for volunteers who can spare 2 hours a week, . . . or month or . . . when free, to staff our room in the Civic Centre. Please, will you be able to help? See Jill or Phone 3393 3208. Thank you.

How good is your memory? (Answers overleaf)

In which year was:

- *the first electrified train introduced on our local rail service?
- *the paying of income tax by instalments introduced?
- *the Australian-owned oil factory (Ampol) opened at Lytton?

Internet Browsers . . .

See early pictures of Cleveland and Brisbane, taken by William Boag, a travelling 19th century photographer at: www.slq.qld.gov.au
Select "What's New", then "On Line Exhibitions" then "Boag Photographic Collection". We have his book in our library.

Our Heritage Listed Places:

Wynnum Wading Pool

In the early 1930s, the Depression years were upon us and in order to help those worst affected, the Government implemented the Unemployment Relief Scheme which generated work projects for the unemployed.

As part of this Scheme, the Brisbane City Council initiated several construction projects in the Wynnum/Manly area. One of these was the Wynnum Wading Pool which was built in 1932. The Council provided the tools and materials and the State Government provided the labour.

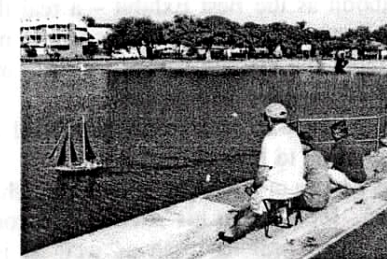
Very little excavation was required in the formation of the pool. A concrete sea wall was constructed beyond the high water mark and the other sides were also lined with concrete. It has a natural, compacted clay base which is now covered with sand. The pool is oval in shape and measures 128 metres x 54 metres with a depth of approximately 750 mm in the centre.

It is a tidal pool with three concrete pipes, situated along the sea wall, through which seawater enters at high tide. Floodgates retain the water during low tide. Each pipe has a mesh covering, which prevents marine life from entering the pool. During the fortnightly maintenance programme, the pool is cleaned out and fresh sand is brought in.

The Wynnum Wading Pool has been described as "... a rare example of early wading pool technology of this type in Queensland."

The pool has been extremely popular with both locals and visitors since 1932. When the weather is a bit too cool for swimming, model boats often adorn this safe, sailing lagoon.

Today, the surrounding parkland includes numerous shady trees, picnic tables, BBQs, toilets and showers, a playground, white sand Pandanus Beach and the Wynnum Jetty. H.Smith.



Remember our Regular Meetings . . .

Third Thursday (Nov 21) Baptist Hall 7.30pm

Life member: Jack Sands as advertised

Last Thursday (Nov 28) Wynnum Library 10am

Member: Jackie Butler "Friends of Tingalpa Cemetery"

First Thursday (Dec 5) Baptist Hall 10am—noon

Join in with the Baptist Church's Christmas party.