

Summary of Minutes of General Meeting

of 15 July 2004 held in the Baptist Church Hall,
Corner Bay Terrace and Clara St.

Meeting opened at 7:35pm. 41 members and 4 visitors, Kevin Mohr, Trevor Jones, Paul Smith and Desley Agnoletto, were present. 11 apologies were received.

Previous Minutes of meeting of 17 June 2004, moved by Jan Aplin, seconded by Shirley Jeffries.

Correspondence, inwards and outwards, (accepted and endorsed at the committee meeting on Thursday 1 June.) was presented by Lena McCreadie and put on display.

Financial Report (at 30 June 2004) was presented by Jan Parnell.

Opening Balance: \$3,476.12 Receipts: \$1,534.01

Expenses: \$1,935.19 **Closing Balance: \$3,074.94**

Investment Account of \$14,000, matured on 30 .06 2004 and was invested for a further 60 days..

The report had been accepted and endorsed at the committee meeting on Thursday 1 July 2004.

Heritage Tour. Heather Smith gave the itinerary for the next tour which will be visiting Marburg and Rosewood on Saturday 4 September 2004.

General Business.

Thelma Hogan showed members her "Paul Harris Award" which she had recently received for meritorious community service, from Rotary.

Spot Speaker: Graham Kircher of the Commercial Vehicle Club presented an interesting insight into the activities of the club. Of particular interest was the involvement of the club in the making of the film, "Ghost Soldiers", on Bribie Island. The film should be shown later in the year.

Main Speaker: James Dean, brought the pictures from the walls of his Real Estate office at Tingalpa to the meeting. He gave a most interesting talk of experiences of the early days in his family's business, which commenced in Cleveland in 1920. He himself opened the Tingalpa office in 1973. He talked much of the district "as it used to be".

Both speakers were introduced and thanked by Mellissa Champley..

The **Lucky Door Prize** was won by Kevin Mohr and the **Membership Draw** was won by Jan Aplin.

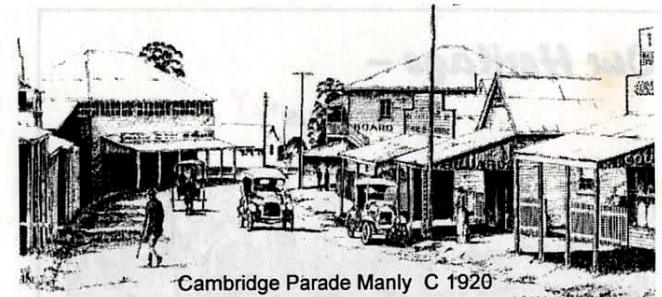
Meeting closed at: 9.15pm and members and guests retired to a delicious supper prepared by Cherrie Nicholson, Denise Magill and Shirley Houghton.

Jill Greenhill.
(Minute Secretary)

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WYNNUM MANLY HISTORICAL SOCIETY Inc.

NEWSLETTER

August 2004

Thursday 19th August at 7.30pm

in the Baptist Church Hall
(Corner Bay Terrace / Clara Street)

"Moreton Bay College"

by

Ken Waller

Spot Speaker

Jack Sands

"Burning the Bakery"

*(Our appreciation to **Oriel Handley** who will be
Introducing and giving the a vote of thanks
to the Guest Speaker)*

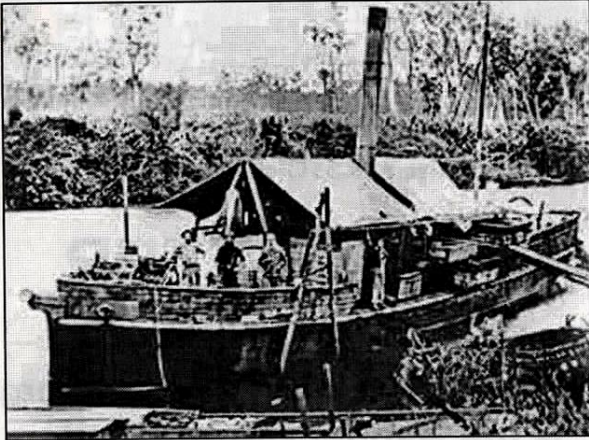
Gold Coin entry - helps cover the hire of the Hall
Bring and Buy Stall - Please bring your unwanted
gifts, cakes, fruit and vegetables to support the
Resource Centre

Appreciation to Jan Aplin, Betty Powell
and Mavis Wegner for providing **supper**

Invite a friend to attend

Our Heritage –

'SS Walrus'



When Taylor Winship left his home in County Durham, he was already a professional boat builder, mariner and shipowner. He arrived in Australia and settled in the Manning River area of the NSW North Coast in 1836.

Over a period of five years, he built seven ships ranging in size from 23 to 177 tons.

In 1849, he moved to Brisbane and due to his building skills, was contracted to build a number of Brisbane's bridges including the first one over the mouth of Norman Creek in 1856.

At Cleveland, in 1864, Taylor Winship built the paddle steamer 'Walrus' which operated around the coastal settlements of Moreton Bay.

This was the time when large numbers of sugar plantations were being established in the southern coastal areas but, initially, there were very few mills for crushing the sugar.

In 1869, the Pioneer Floating Sugar Mill Company bought the 'Walrus' and converted her into a floating sugar mill and rum distillery.

'SS Walrus' (cont)

She became a well known sight, moving from plantation to plantation along the Nerang, Logan and Albert Rivers and up the coast to the extensive area along Bulimba Creek.

The Gibsons, Porters and other local cane farmers used the services of the 'Walrus' before building their own land-based mills.

'Walrus' could crush two tons of sugar a day and also distilled rum from the molasses produced from sugar by-products.

Officially, 84,725 litres of rum were produced between 1869 and 1871 but trying to keep track of **all** the rum created such a headache for the authorities that the floating distillery ceased operation in 1871.

With the increase in land based mills and the downturn in the local sugar industry, the 'Walrus' became too costly to operate and in 1873, the floating mill closed down.

By 1884, 'Walrus' was no longer seaworthy and she foundered on the banks of the Logan River near Beenleigh Homestead.

Heather Smith

Has the style of journalism changed over the last 100 years? Here's a notice that appeared in "**The Queenslander**" newspaper on 2 January 1892:

Cloncurry, December 17

By Friday's coach Mr. William DRAKE, special representative of the Australian Mutual Provident Society, arrived at Croydon. He complained of the heat a great deal, but was not considered to be very ill till next day, when he became suddenly worse, and died at the Imperial Hotel early in the evening. His death is, I believe, attributable to heat apoplexy.

Heritage Tour Saturday 4 September



MARBURG

ROSEWOOD

Depart Civic Centre 8am Return 5.30 pm

- Discover gracious "Woodlands"
- Learn about emu farming
- Lunch in the historic Marburg Hotel
- Visit the railway yards at Kunkala

Tickets \$25 Book with Jill 3393 3208

Mark your Diary ✓

• Aug 28 – 29 History Alive at Fort Lytton
Our Society will once again have a stand at the Festival. Any members willing to give some of their time over the two days are most welcome to come and help.

• Oct 8-10 Wynnum Spring Festival
This years theme is "Wynnum Greets the World". Our Society is hoping to take part with a display.

• Oct 23-24 Darling Downs Heritage Conference

Themed, "Valuing the Past- Preserving for the Future". The Conference will be held in Toowoomba. Should individual members be interested or require a program please contact Lena McCreddie, Correspondence Secretary.

Remember our Regular Meetings . . .

Third Thursday (August 19) Baptist Hall 7.30pm
Ken Waller "Moreton Bay College"

Last Thursday: (August 26) Wynnum Library 10am

Rhyllie Winn, Brisbane Writer "When a Tree Falls"
Morning Tea

Open every Monday to Friday 10 –12 noon:
Resource Centre 7/66 Bay Tce
(Outside Public Library)