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NEWSLETTER

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August General Meeting

THURSDAY 17 August 2023

7.00pm for 7.15pm start

Wynnum Ambulance Auditorium
Corner Tingal Road / Cedar Street
Speaker is

Brian Rough

“Too Bloody Old: The Home Guard in WWII”

Brian Rough is an independent Brisbane historian and writer. He worked as an historian and heritage officer within local government and has been actively involved with community history organisations and local museums for more than three decades.

Brian was Historian in Residence with the Sunshine Coast Council in 2022-23 where his research topic was *Breaking through the clouds of war: living through World War II on the Sunshine Coast*. In 2020 Brian was the recipient of the Lord Mayor's Helen Taylor Research Award for Local History for the project *Capturing Brisbane: the City's first photographers 1855 to 1901*.

Bring and Buy !!

Raffle

Lucky Door

Refreshments

Gold Coin Donation

News from the Committee

We thank former **Councilor Peter Cumming** for his service to our Society over many, many years, particularly for the use of the photocopier. We wish him a relaxing retirement and all the best for the future.

We welcome new **Councilor, Sara Whitmee**, who has accepted the offer of being a Patron of the Society.

Grant Approval:

The Society has been successful in obtaining a grant to print two new booklets:

“A stroll along the Foreshore” and
“Discovery Driving Tour”.

Visitors to the district will be able find their way around and take home swritten memories of thei visit.

Welcome Back:

Members **Chiharu and Ian** have returned to Wynnum after working for an academic year in the northern hemisphere in Uzbekistan. They will have many tales to tell!

Saturday 26 August. “Steam Punk and More”

Wynnum Community Centre (Old Wynnum School in Florence Street) 10am - 5.00pm

The Resource Centre will be open between 10am and Noon. Why not drop in?

Sunday 27 August. Guardian Angels School

“Angels on the Oval” Annual School Fete

Come and find the Society Stall!

Thank you to all our members who have helped to set up the stall, and then have made purchases

Remember

Bring and Buy on Thursday 17 August 2023



Books Swap or \$1
Preserves . . .
Cakes and Biscuits . . .



Bring some home-made items
and some cash!!!

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)

Proposed Lota Toll Bridge. 27 June 1931. Telegraph.

We thank former member Allen Linning for providing us with the story of this “Proposed Lota Toll Bridge.



“In April 1923, a well-attended meeting, held at Lota, broached the subject of a bridge over Tingalpa Creek to connect Wynnum and Cleveland in the interests of the progress of the two shires. This picture shows the plan of this Bridge, mooted in 1923, which was warmly welcomed by locals. A small boat harbour was also proposed. Approvals of the plans were given in June 1932 by the Marine Board and the Planning Committee of the Brisbane City Council.

Mention of the bridge was made again in 1924 but, compared with the formation of Greater Brisbane in 1926, the bridge became a low priority. One tender was received by the Main Roads Commission in 1932 asking for the right to construct a bridge over Lota Creek and collect tolls from the traffic using it. Premier (Mr Moore) signed an agreement with Messrs. Reinhold, ND Wagner of Brisbane to construct the bridge and thereafter giving them a franchise for the collection of tolls for a period of 40years. Nine pence was prescribed as the maximum toll.

A barge was still operational between Lota and Thorneside in 1937. Then the War came.

In 1946 construction of a bridge was again suggested. The bridge was never built. October 1947 saw the adverse decision regarding the building of a traffic bridge over Lota Creek. The Press of Wednesday 14 April 1948, reported the following statement from the City Council Works Committee:

“ . . . again considered the proposal to build a bridge, costing more than £20,000 between Lota and Thorneside. Because of the shortage of materials, the project will be left in abeyance for at least another three weeks.”

In June 1950 the Brisbane City Council listed seven major bridge proposals. A new bridge at Lota, connecting Lota and Thorneside was seventh on the list.

The location of a more direct route from Wynnum to Cleveland was decided in 1960. Rickertt Road, Ransome was to be linked to Quarry Road, Thorneside by a bridge over Tingalpa Creek. The matter became more urgent, as the Brisbane to Cleveland rail line was terminating at Lota. In December 1961, construction of a bridge over Tingalpa Creek was approved. A tender was accepted in 1968 and work commenced on January 1970”.

The bridge opened in April 1970 as the “EGW Wood” Bridge (Ernest Gaden Western Wood, “Dick”, Local Shire Chairman). The cost was \$280,000. The road on the Redlands’ side to Cleveland was the first to be widened and completed (around 2010). The road on Brisbane side still had to be widened and re-constructed. This work was finally finished in 2022.

WHERE WAS I ? JULY 2023



Jill (Librarian)

Old Government House, Brisbane

Society Member, Michael Beard, recently attended a guided tour and wrote this article for our newsletter.

“After Queensland achieved separation from New South Wales in 1859 one of the first acts of Queensland's new Parliament was to provide a suitable residence for the colony's inaugural governor.

Old Government House was designed by the newly-appointed Government Architect Charles Tiffin with construction starting in October 1860. The design incorporated a number of adaptations to the ‘Greek revival’ style to suit South East Queensland’s semi-tropical climate. The building was completed by Joshua Jeays in May 1862 at a total cost of £17,000 using large quantities of sandstone, which was floated down the Brisbane River from Goodna, as well as volcanic rock (known as porphyry) from Windsor, red cedar, hoop pine and cast iron.



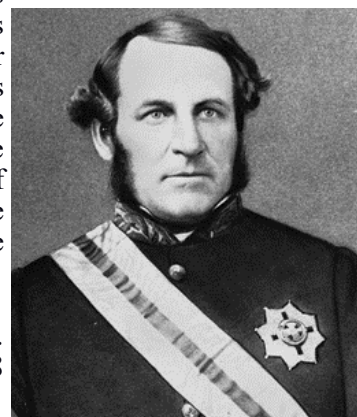
Government House, ca. 1869. Image courtesy of John Oxley Library.



wooden huts scattered throughout the bush’. At the time Old Government House was a bold exemplar of the new colony's potential prosperity.

Queensland's first Governor, Sir George Bowen, took up residence in May 1862. Governor Bowen was the first of eleven governors to live in the house over its 48 years of service as a vice-regal residence.

Sir George Bowen



In December 1909 the announcement was made that Old Government House would no longer be used as the Governor’s residence (in favour of a new location – Fernberg – in Paddington which the government bought in 1911 and which today continues to serve as Queensland's Government House).

Following this decision, in 1910, Old Government House, along with its surrounding grounds, became the campus site for the recently established University of Queensland and remained so for the next three decades.

From 1945, the unsuitability of the site, saw the University of Queensland progressively move out to its current home at St Lucia whereupon the Queensland Institute of Technology (QIT), which later became Queensland University of Technology (QUT) moved in. QUT used Old Government House for classes until the 1960s.

Old Government House is located within QUT’s Gardens Point campus and is open to the public. A visit offers a fascinating insight into early colonial life in Queensland. Now listed on the Queensland Heritage Register, Old Government House affords an ideal opportunity for visitors to learn about the history of one of Queensland's most important heritage buildings.

More information about Old Government House and the House Museum, the building’s history, Queensland’s past governors, opening hours and tours, can be obtained by either visiting the QUT website or by simply searching for ‘Old Government House, Brisbane’ in Google.



Thank you Michael.

Here is the summary of the presentation given to the Society by speaker, Tom Schulz at the Society's meeting, held on Thursday 15 June 2023, kindly written by President, Lucy Laakso.

At our July 2023 meeting, we welcomed 'one of our own' as the speaker – Society member Tom Schulz presented on the many and varied people who worked in the thriving food processing industries in the southeast suburbs of Brisbane. We were happy to welcome a number of Tom's friends and former colleagues to our meeting, too (hopefully future Society members – hint, hint!)

To begin, Tom mentioned that our local area was the dormitory for the food processing companies on Brisbane's southside. Many members at our meeting had relatives who had worked in the meat processing industry locally.

Tom had a very helpful map that showed the 12 food processing centres south of the Brisbane River / Maiwar. Tom explained that only 5 are still operating and lamented the loss of a significant number of jobs over the years. In many cases, a local family might have had three generations work at a local food processing centre.

To lighten the mood, Tom played an old television ad for KR Darling Downs and that prompted many at the meeting to sing along! (Are you signing along now, even as you read this?)

Darling Downs Bacon Co-operative Association Limited (later, KR) was founded in 1911 and operated factories in Toowoomba and Doboy. Tom showed a photo of Doboy in 1951. KR also owned the wetlands across from the Doboy factory, with the wetlands offering valuable habitat to a Cattle Egret colony. The Doboy factory had its own railway station, which meant workers could travel to and from work by train. The Doboy station closed in 1992 when the Doboy factory closed; 500-600 jobs were lost over a 4-5 year period.

Tom went on to tell us about other food processors – Dandy (Murarrie factory) and Hans (Colmslie factory). The Murarrie factory closed in 1998 (300 jobs lost) and the Colmslie factory closed in 2011/12 when operations moved to Wacol.

Tom observed that the KR Doboy, Dandy and Hans operations each had their own 'character'. In the case of KR Doboy, it had its own time – Tom said that 'Doboy' time was always 10 minutes ahead! Apparently, 'Doboy' time helped workers because it aligned with the train timetable. Hans Colmslie produced the world's largest salami (a true record breaker, apparently!) The record breaking lunch meat had to be trucked around Brisbane and – alas – eventually it broke up and had to be disposed of.

Tom concluded his presentation with comments on the development and achievements of the Bacon Factories' Union of Employees, Queensland (of which he had been General Secretary).

Thank you to Tom for giving us a presentation on the local food processing industry. Members of our Society can read a copy of the associated book – 'A breed apart: the history of the Bacon Factories' Union of Employees 1946-1996', by Bradley Bowden – which is available at our Resource Centre.

Until next time... Lucy Laakso (President)



Christmas is coming!!!

Councilor Sara Whitmee has offered 15 FREE tickets to the Society to attend the Brisbane City Council Seniors' Christmas Party to be held in City Hall on **Thursday 7 December 2023**.

Refreshments are served from 1 - 1.45pm (Savories, Pastries and Cakes) followed by a spectacular Concert (2.00pm to 3.15pm)

A great afternoon out! Contact Lena (0431 332 207) or any member of the Committee for a ticket.



The Society visited the Annual Flinder's Day Re-enactment on Sunday 16 July 2022



Arrival of "Matthew Flinders"



Raising of the
Using a Sextant

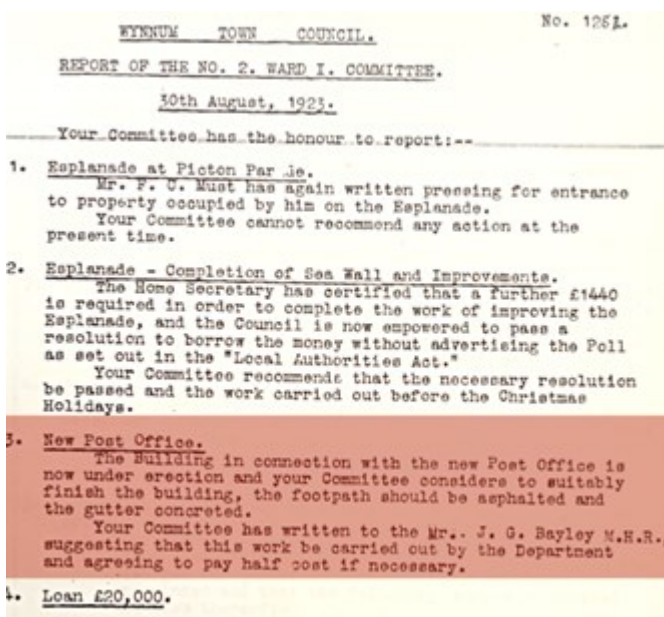


On Sunday 16 July 2023, some Society members went along to the Flinders' Day re-enactment on Norfolk Beach at Coochiemudlo Island. The event was hosted by the Coochiemudlo Island Heritage Society. As part of the event, the Heritage Society emcee acknowledged the Traditional Owners of the area and their extensive history and continuing connection to Country. The re-enactment of Flinders' landing was under clear Winter skies and attached are some photos, along with a short note produced by the Heritage Society.

Photos by Chris Seymour

100 years ago

Minutes of Wynnnum Town Council 30 August 1923



Former Wynnnum Post Office

155 Bay Terrace Wynnnum Central (1923 - 1995)



"The building in connection with the new Post Office is now under erection and your Committee considers to suitably finish the building, the footpath should be asphalted and the gutter concreted.
Your committee has written to the Mr. J. G Bayley M.H.R. suggesting that this work be carried out by the Department and agreeing to pay half cost if necessary."
From: Wynnnum Town Council. Report of the No.2. Ward I. Committee.
30 August 1923.

OUR LOCAL ACHIEVERS:

Again our Tuesday morning clipping expert, Margaret Bulloch, finds us a story

Profile **KEN BARTON**

Wynnum Herald 24 November 1993

One of Wynnum's most respected businessmen, Ken Barton died earlier this month after etching himself as one of the backbone pioneers of business in Wynnum.

The community worker with a passion for his sport, work and cars, died at the age of 76 after a long battle with cancer.

He had been a Wynnum resident for 68 years.

Mr Barton was one of a handful of men credited with building up business and an identity for the area to take it from one of the back block suburbs of Brisbane to its relaxed, upmarket lifestyle image of today.

Russell Kennard Barton came from humble beginnings, the third son of a family of six children born in Toowoomba.



Ken Barton 1949

In 1923 the Barton family moved to Waterview Steet, Wynnum Heights and Ken Barton attended Wynnum Central State School and then St Lawrence's College in Brisbane.

He soon built himself a reputation as a keen sportsman. He was a competition tennis player and member of the three-times premiership winning A grade Wynnum Imperials Rugby League side.

As a young man he had a passion for cars and pestered his friend to get him a job at Wynnum's Austral Motors.

He finally gained an apprentice motor mechanic position but left it for the air force when World War II started.

Mr Barton quickly rose to Flight Sergeant and served in Papua New Guinea.

It was during the war that he met and married dance instructor Dolly Weiss, whose family also had settled in Wynnum.

The couple bought their first home for £75. They had three children, Loyola, Douglas and Raymond (now deceased).

After the war Mr Barton still kept his passion for cars and, with friend Alf Giles, a wheelbarrow full of tools and a backyard of a home in Walnut Street, the pair established their first business – G and B Motors.

In 1946 they set up shop in a service station leased from Shell at 106 Tingal Road, Wynnum.

Two years later the men had raised enough money to buy land across from the Waterloo Bay 50s and Over Leisure Centre (not far from the present site of Doug Barton Holden).

Mr Barton's son Doug said he could remember his father working tirelessly to build up his business, sometimes from 7am one day to 4am the next day.

In the following years Giles and Barton bought and sold real estate in the area, finally ending up at the present Tingal Road site in 1972. Son Doug joined G a& B Motors in 1973 and was appointed dealer principal in 1981.

John Harrison joined the men and business expanded to attract people from throughout Brisbane.

In 1978 Giles sold his interests. Mr Ken Barton retired from the business in 1981 to make way for Doug to join with John Harrison. Doug later bought out Harrison.

In 1982 Doug purchased the business and changed the name to Doug Barton Pty Ltd, trading as Doug Barton Holden.

Ken died on 2 February 1991.

AND THE STORY GOES ON

In 1992 the Mitsubishi franchise was added to the existing Holden site

In 2001 Mark Beitz joined the company. He became general manager in 2004 and dealer principal in 2007.

A major dealership renovation took place in 2006 giving to the business "State of the Arts" facilities. These facilities were opened by the late Peter Brock.

There was a rename to "Barton's Bayside" in 2007. 2009 saw Mark Beitz become director and shareholder of Barton's Motors P/L. Doug Barton retired in 2017.

What's On

Date	Event	Venue	Booking
Sunday 13 August 2.30 - 4.30pm	“The Other Diggers” The Womens Land Army (Excerpts from Play) 80th Anniversary of Birkdale Community Hall	Birkdale School of Arts H 101 Birkdale Rd. Birkdale	\$10.00 Book. Includes Tea/Coffee 3286 3494
Saturday 26 August 10am - 6pm.	“Cosplay meets Steampunk” An extraordinary realm of fantasy and imagination. Fair. Food. Drinks. Games. Entertainments. Bands.	In grounds of ‘Wynnum Community Centre’. Grounds around the old brick school building situated at 105 Florence St Wynnum	Free. History Room will be open from 10am - Noon.
Sat/Sun 26/27 August 9-5pm 9-4pm	Redlands Model Railway Show	Redlands Museum 44 Smith Street Cleveland	Concession \$5.00 which includes entry to Museum.
Wednesday 30 August 3 - 4pm	‘Reading for Reconciliation’ Improve your knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal / Torres Strait Islander histories.	Mitchelton Library 37 Heliopolis Parade Mitchelton	Free. Book. 3403 7410
17 th March to Monday 2nd October 2023	“Dinosaurs of Patagonia” See the world’s biggest dinosaur.	Level 3 Qld Museum, Cnr Grey and Melbourne Sts Southbank	Concession \$23 (varies) Buy Tickets qm.t.qtix.com.au
Saturday 16 September 11am - Noon	“A glimpse at the history of the suburbs. Highlights from our local Pioneering Past” Caroline Hamilton.	Mt Ommaney Library 171 Dandenong Road, Mt Ommaney	Free. Book. 3407 7010
Tuesdays Thursdays Fridays. 10.30am	Old Government House 1860’s Governor’s Mansion One hour Tour.	2 George Street City. RECOMMENDED.	Free. Book. 3138 8005 Chic Café.
Wednesday 13 September 12.30-1.30pm	“How Brisbane celebrated in 1923” Tamsin O’Connor	Commissariat Store 115 William Street Brisbane	Free (Members) 3221 4198 info@queenslandhistory.org.au

PUBLICATIONS FOR SALE

History of Music in Wynnum Manly 1900 - 1997	Betty Nock	\$ 5
History of Arts in the Wynnum Manly Area 1900 - 2003	Betty Nock	\$ 5
Bayside Biographies. People from Wynnum Manly. 1900 -2007	Betty Nock	\$ 5
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, Tingal Road
on Thursday 20 July 2023

Meeting opened at 7.25pm

There were 24 members present, 4 apologies and 6 visitors.

President, Lucy Laakso took the chair, introduced herself, welcomed everybody, (almost a full house), and commented on the trip of 16th July to the Flinder's re-enactment at Coochie.

Father Twigg gave an update of the moving of the Baptist Church to the grounds of Iona College and announced that the official re-opening will be at a school celebration in January 2024.

Sue Laakso provided a newspaper snippet of happenings in the district 100 years ago.

Previous Minutes: (Jill)

Minutes of Meeting of Thursday 15 June 2023 were accepted by Flo Schultz seconded by Ellen Coupland.

Treasurer's Report: (Report from Jill- A/Geraint)

Cash Management A/C No. 20139708, Bus Web Saver A/C No. 21781280 and Term Investment A/c 23366345.

All Accounts:

Balance at 1 June 2023: \$29,798.47	At 30 June 2023:	\$30,068.10
	Everyday A/C	\$ 7,832.05
	Building A/C	\$ 7,236.05
	Fixed Term (to 23/11'23)	\$15,000.00
		\$30,068.10

July 17 2023. Geraint Gregory, after a couple month's overseas has decided to resign from the position of Treasurer and Membership Secretary and to go travelling in Australia.

Correspondence report (Lena)1st to 30 June 2023. The correspondence was accepted and endorsed at the committee meeting held on Thursday 6 July 2023.

Resource Centre: (Jill)

The answer to the question, "Where am I", will be provided next month, due to computer problems. The lift in the Community Centre is out of action until mid-August.

Outing - Coochie Mudlo. Saturday 16 July 2023. A few members travelled to Coochie. The re-encatment was a fair walk from the Ferry. The weather was perfect.

Guest Speaker. Ton Schulz provided a run-down of the food and food processing enterprises that were operating in this district and gave the history of each. There were many closures occurring over the years.

Lucky Door: Janice Newlands

Raffle (Donated by Lena): Tony Turner

Meeting closed 8.30pm and members were invited to partake of refreshments, aided by Ellen Coupland and Lena McCreadie.

We thank our Patron, Joan Pease, for her ongoing encouragement and support
We welcome Councilor Sara Whitmee who has agreed to become our new Patron

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Meetings: 7.00pm for 7.15pm. 3rd Thursday of the Month (except December)
in Queensland Ambulance Auditorium, Cnr Tingal Road and Bay Terrace Wynnum

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