

Summary of Minutes

General Meeting held on Thursday 21 November 2002

The meeting opened at 7.30 pm.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING were confirmed on motion of Gerry Cunneen, seconded by Betty Mottram.
BUSINESS ARISING: Local History Centre: We are hoping to hold an official opening of the room early in the New Year.

CORRESPONDENCE: The Secretary advised that 12 letters had been written and 7 received. The offer from Peter Cumming to address a meeting on Brisbane 2010 was put to the meeting with the majority indicating they wish to hear from Mr Cumming. Cherrie moved that correspondence be accepted, seconded by Myrtle Beitz.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Treasurer indicated that closing balance as at 31 October 2002 of \$3239.41. Eris Powell moved report be adopted, seconded Shirley Jeffries.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT: Jill indicated that the Shire Cottage was not yet heritage-listed and she sought membership approval to submit an application for this to occur. (Granted).

ORAL HISTORY REPORT: Marion Maw indicated that she would be inviting all members next year to become involved in undertaking an oral history project and encouraged participation.

PROJECT: Fishing Industry: The President indicated that she has commenced discussions with the BCC regarding an appropriate memorial to the industry.

GENERAL BUSINESS: There was no general business. The **Lucky Door Prize** was won by Jim Meehan and the **Membership draw** went to Shirley Jeffries. The President thanked everyone for their support of the raffle of the Hugh Sawrey print which was drawn, with the winner being Steve Taylor of Wynnum North.

SPEAKER: As Graham Brown was unable to attend, founding member Jack Sands provided a very stimulating dissertation on "Is history important today?", amazing many of the audience with the evidence that Chinese and Egyptian explorers had been on Australian shores long before Captain Cook "discovered" Australia in 2003.

The meeting then closed at 8.55 pm.

Cherrie Nicholson Secretary

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

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WYNNUM MANLY HISTORICAL SOCIETY Inc.

NEWSLETTER

February 2003

General Meeting

Thursday 20 February at 7.30pm
in

Baptist Church Hall

(Corner Bay Terrace / Clara Street)

The original "*Duyfken*" landed on Cape York
Peninsular in 1606, 164 years before Captain Cook
charted Australia's eastern coastline.

"The Voyage of the *Duyfken*2"

Speaker - Julie Milne,

the ship's cook on the voyage from
Australia to Holland in 2001.

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.

Please invite a friend to attend

A Message from the President

Welcome to the first Newsletter of the New Year.

I hope that everyone had a pleasant and relaxing Festive Season.

Everyone, that is, except the committee. It's been business as usual for us. As you read the notice on the next page, our very own Historical Society Resource Centre is due to be opened on Saturday 22nd February at 10 am. We hope to have an impressive, but short, ceremony so make sure that you are there and become part of history.

By the time you read this Newsletter, our signs should be in place – one on the wall of the Civic Centre facing Bay Terrace and the other under the awning, visible on exiting the library.

The project involving the Fishing Industry has taken a sudden leap forward – from the Society's point of view, that is. Work started on repairing the top of the sea wall near the Wynnum Creek launching ramp and we had great fears for a day or two for the safety of the headstock of No.1 Jetty. We have since been assured that it will remain in good order, also that our ideas for marking the position of No.1 Jetty, commemorating the Fishing Industry and the replacement of the fish-cleaning bench will be looked at in conjunction with those of the BCC for the over-all refurbishment of the launching ramp and car parking area.

Don't forget that your annual fees are due. It makes it much easier for the committee if they are paid early in the year. The usual envelope is enclosed with the Newsletter for your convenience.

I can assure you that first speaker of the year will maintain the high standard to which we have become accustomed. I look forward to seeing you all on the evening of 20th February.

Noela Stratton

All Members are cordially invited to the Official Opening of the Society's Local History Resource Centre on Saturday February 22nd 2003 at 10.00am



Volunteers . . 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, can you help? See Jill or Phone 3393 3208. Thank you.

The **Annual General Meeting** of the Society will be held on **Thursday 20 March 2003 at 7.30pm** in Baptist Church Hall, Cnr Bay Tce / Clara St. All positions will be declared vacant. Nomination forms are included in this newsletter.

How good is your memory? (Answers overleaf)

In which year was:

- *the Digger Memorial installed at Ferguson Place, Manly?
- *the Brisbane River first entered by John Oxley?
- *the first shop opened in King (Glenora) Street, Wynnum?

Internet Browsers . . .

Do you live in a "Queenslander" ? If you go to www.qmuseum.qld.gov.au/features/qldhouse you may be able to identify your house.

Please, have you completed an entry in "My House" for the Society's records? See Jill Ph: 3393 3208

Our Heritage Listed Places:

Wynnum Fire Station



Prior to the introduction and widespread use of electricity, everyone had to be on the alert for the possibility of fire which was, most often, caused by the use of candles, kerosene and wood stoves.

A reliable water supply was a major problem in the Wynnum/Manly district and if fire did break out, household rainwater tanks and a volunteer bucket brigade were the only hope anyone had of trying to save their home or business.

It wasn't until 1921 that Wynnum received a town water supply but within five months, the Wynnum Fire Brigade was up and running.

Three blocks of land, in Mountjoy Terrace (opposite Wolsey Parade), were purchased and a temporary fire station was constructed the following year.

In 1928, Wynnum became part of the Metropolitan Fire Brigade Board's district and this 'temporary' station continued operating until a new one was opened, at the same location, on 25 May 1938.

It is a two-storey fibro and weatherboard building designed by the architectural firm of Atkinson and Conrad. The ground floor area is used for every day operations whilst the upper floor has a three bedroom residence for the Chief Officer.

This is the second oldest fire station building in Brisbane and is the only one, from the 1930s, that is still fully operational.

Unfortunately, it is now infested with white ants and borers and the Queensland Fire and Rescue Service is planning to construct a new Station by September 2003.

Land has been bought on Wynnum Road at Wynnum West, adjacent to the Wynnum Plaza shopping centre.

The Wynnum Fire Station was heritage listed in 1999.

Heather

Remember our Regular Meetings . . .

Third Thursday (February 20) Baptist Hall 7.30pm
Julie Blake and life on the Duyfken II (as advertised)

Last Thursday (February 27) Wynnum Library 10am
Local Librarian, Kate - "The Australian Invasion of England"

From Monday 24 February . Weekdays 10 –12 noon
Society Resource Centre 7/66 Bay Terrace -Outside Library