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Wynnum Manly Historical Society Inc

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NEWSLETTER

February 2025

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February General Meeting

THURSDAY 20 February 2025

6.45 pm for 7.00pm start

Wynnum Ambulance Auditorium
Corner Tingal Road / Cedar Street

"Auntie Becky"

(Rebecca Thomson)

will talk about her family history
in Wynnum.

She is the Chairperson for the
Winnam Aboriginal and Torres
Strait Islanders Corporation,
whose mission is

"Excellence in quality care
services that contribute to the
cultural wellbeing of Our
People."

Raffle

Lucky Door

Refreshments

Gold Coin Donation

Visitors welcome

MEMBERSHIP FOR 2025

Memberships were due for renewal
on 1 January 2025.

No rise in fees for 2025.

Individual - \$25 pa. Household - \$40 pa.

\$15 for Newsletter if you prefer a printed copy.

We hope that everybody will renew their
membership.

Either seal the **cash in an envelope** and write your
details on the front:

- Hand in at the February 2025 meeting OR
- Hand in at the Resource Centre , open Monday
to Friday 10am to Noon.

OR

- Pay into the Bank of Queensland
BSB: 124 012
Ac/No.: 20139708
Ac/Name: Wynnum Manly Historical Society
Reference: Your Name and 'Sub 2025'

Aunty Becky

(Rebecca Thomson)



Rebecca was born and raised in Wynnum,
parents being Archie and Edna Newfong (nee
Crouch). Her mother, Edna represented Qld
in Ladies Cricket and her father, Archie, was a Queensland
boxing champion, a jockey in the first Stradbroke handicap
and a keen foot runner.

Rebecca has been a Community Elder serving on many
environmental, educational and community committees and
is presently the Project Manager for a brand new Aged
Care Facility at Lota.

The Next Bring and Buy is on
Thursday 20 February 2025.

*Plenty of time to make some Jam, Chutney,
Preserves*

*To sort out your unwanted Books
(Fact or Fiction).*

Thank you for your contributions in 2024.

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

Most items: \$1 or \$2 or \$3 . . .



Resource Centre

February 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)

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 22 nd March 025
Sunday 29 th June 2025
Saturday 30 th August 2025
Sunday 2 nd November 2025

New Residents - History of Their Home.

A senior lecturer (UQ) enquired about the origin of their home in Alkoomie Street. The house had been moved in 2003 from the south east corner of Akonna and Charlotte Street, Wynnum Central.

We have photographs taken when the house was moved - the former home of “Mr Sam” Irvine of Irvine’s Commonwealth Store - one of the first stores in Bay Terrace, opened in 1901.

When directed to Bronwyn Herbert, formerly an Irvine, the enquirer already knew members of that family.

Recent Queries:

We have received several emails, over the holiday months, requesting information about **St Kilda’s Hospital** and the associated doctors.

The Hospital was located on the south east corner of Kingsley Terrace and Picton Parade, Wynnum and was mentioned in *Trove* around 1919, when advertised for sale as a going concern.

Business was brisk until the 1950s and early 1960s, before most of the maternity cases were moved to the Women’s Hospital in Bowen Hills.

The Hospital was closed, sold and divided into two neighbouring residences, which were moved apart onto two individual lots where they stand today.

All the hospital records were destroyed and the Society is slowly collecting information from persons who were born, or received minor surgery, there.

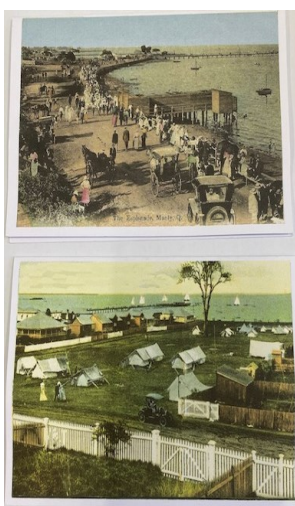
If you were treated at the hospital, please let us add you to the Register.

Please Send Research Queries to
jillg01@tpg.co.au

Till next time

Jill Greenhill (Information Officer)

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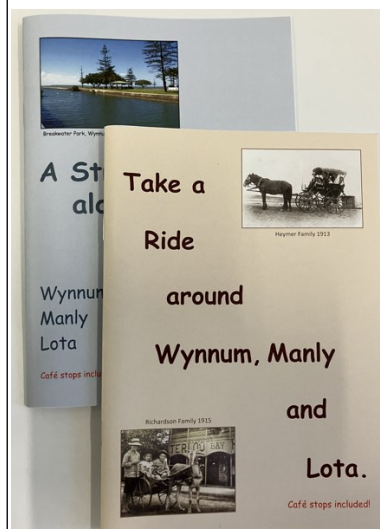
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Bundles of 6 Cards for \$10.

Wynnum Manly Historical Society Inc. Book Marks



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Bundles of 6 for \$10

Wynnum Manly Historical Society Inc. Guided Tours



Donation, please.

Available in the Resource Room and at the February 2025 meeting

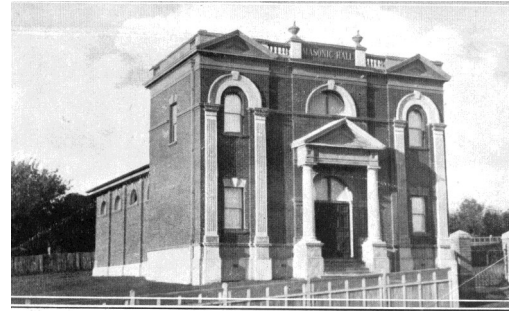
Where was I?

November 2024



The former **Masonic Lodge**
5 Tingal Road, Wynnum.

The internal staircase.



MASONIC HALL, TINGALL ROAD, WYNNUM SOUTH

The Wynnum Lodge was originally formed in 1894, under the Irish Constitution. The inaugural meeting, to consider the formation of a new Masonic Lodge in Wynnum, was held in Misses Greene's, Moreton Bay Girl's High School, on 18 January 1913 being attended by nine Brethren with apologies recorded for three extra.

The decision was made that "A Lodge working under English Constitution be formed in Wynnum and that Albert Lodge 2344 EC be asked to recommend the petition. The Foundation Fee of £3/3/0 was set, with Initiation Fee of £7/7/0, Affiliation Fee £1/1/0 and Annual Dues of £2/2/0.

The Albert Lodge sponsored the proposal on 17 February 1913 and the ceremony of Consecration was performed in the Alice Street Temple. Queensland Times reported that some 275 Brothers witnessed a most impressive Consecration ceremony, followed by the installation Ceremony by Worshipful Brother A Corrie, District Grand Master.

The offer of a room, free of rental, was accepted for meetings from Miss Greene of Moreton Bay Girl's High School.

In April 1916 the meeting place was moved to the School of Arts, Wynnum South.

In August 1919, members of the Moreton Lodge No. 3680EC, made a momentous decision to build a Masonic temple in the area. A parcel of land occupying four allotments was purchased. The first meeting was held in the building in November 1920 and consecration was on 19 February 1921.

After some financially difficult years, a considerable loan was sought in 1922. To maintain payment on the building, the Wynnum Masonic Hall Investment Company was founded in 1924. But the Depression years were too severe and in 1938, the United Grand Lodge of Queensland (UGLQ) took over the mortgage on the hall, thus assuming control of the temple. This control reverted back to the Wynnum Lodges in 1956, when the title deed was transferred to Moreton Lodge as "trustees for the combined Masonic bodies meeting in Wynnum Temple."

The Wynnum Temple served as a meeting place, allowing it to function as a Masonic Lodge with 5 Craft Lodges, until its sale in 2022.

Where am I?

February 2025



Till next Time

Jill

Here is a summary of the presentation given by Speaker Eric Laakso on Thursday 21 November 2024, prepared by President, Lucy Laakso.

Louie's Barber Shop: 50 years of haircuts

When we advertised our November 2024 speaker topic on Facebook, it was clear from the comments that Louie's Barber Shop in Wynnum is a very well-loved business. 'The only place for the best hair cut' was one comment. So we felt very honoured when Matthew – the current owner/barber – joined us on the night. Eric Laakso presented the highlights of the first 50 years...

'Louie's Barber Shop' opened in the Edith Arcade in Wynnum in 1974. It was Matthew's Dad – Elias (nicknamed 'Louie') – who established the business. Elias, his wife Theofania and their children Matthew (14) and Helen (11) had recently moved from Greece to Australia.

Louie was a trained hairdresser so he knew just what to do: for starters, he bought a secondhand Takara barber chair and had the shop window decorated by a signwriter. The shop has been updated over time but the original signwriting remains today.

Over the years, Louie's Barber Shop has operated alongside many other tenants in the Edith Arcade: camera centre, newsagent, Singer sewing machine shop, snack bar, book and comic exchange, and a plastic flower shop to name a few. They have come and gone but Louie's Barber Shop has remained.

In the early days, Louie was offered a tenancy at the (then) new Carindale shopping centre which opened in 1979. Fortunately, Carindale's loss was Wynnum's continued gain: Louie's Barber Shop remained in Edith Arcade.

Louie's children – Matthew and Helen – followed in their father's footsteps and trained as hairdressers. For a short while in the 1990s, all three worked together at Louie's Barber Shop.

Louie retired in the 1990s and his son, Matthew, has operated the business since then. Unfortunately, Elias ('Louie') passed away in 2020; Theofania is in care due to ill health.

Matthew estimates that Louie's Barber Shop has completed over 250,000 cuts since opening. Clients have included politicians from across the spectrum: the late Tom Burns, Ron Boswell, Ross Vasta, Paul Lucas and Peter Cumming.

We celebrated the 50 year anniversary with a big birthday cake and three cheers for a much-loved Wynnum business: Louie's Barber Shop.

Until next time...



Thank you Lucy for your interesting report.

The Former Baptist Church, Wynnum. 1912 - 2003

In 1912, land (2x16 perch lots) was bought in Edith Street (afterwards 'Copper Cat') for £40. The church was initially constructed, as a small plain timber building costing £250, with three windows on each side wall. "Very small indeed and unlined, humorously called the "butter box" because of the square shape". In 1916, as the congregation had grown, the side walls were expanded to house five windows on each side wall. During the 1920's a bigger and better site was sought. In 1925 the church was further extended, at a cost of £450,. The new wing contained a Sunday School Hall, forming a T-shape on the plan, with the new wing having gable ends which were married to the main roof, with a pair of valleys.

But the Church never lost the vision of securing a Bay Terrace site so that the building could stand as a witness in the busy street of the town. But the land was too expensive. In 1930 two church members donated land on the corner of Bay Terrace and Clara Street.

The church in Edith Street was cut into two pieces for removal to the new site. The building was braced with steel rods, put on a huge trailer and moved with a primitive truck, so old that the tyres were solid rubber. The timber stumps were loaded onto the back of the truck to provide enough traction for the haul. A man led the way, temporarily cutting the electric power lines in Bay Terrace to obtain sufficient clearance.

Refurbishment occurred on the new site. The central porch was replaced with two side porches and concrete steps. The gable was dressed up with dummy buttresses and a boxed gable built of timber and asbestos cement. In all, relocation and refurbishment cost about £650.

After 1930 additions included a projecting kitchen wing at the back, an access ramp and store rooms on the southern side and a small detached hall at the back.

In 1963 the land and house behind the church were purchased on the corner of Akonna and Clara Streets. The house was used for a Sunday School. In 1975 the house was demolished and replaced with new brick church building. The original old church building was used as a church hall.

In 2003, the Church bought a larger site in Kianawanh Road, Wynnum West and a new modern church building was constructed.

Our Pioneers - Now resting in Hemmant Cemetery

George FEIGE Junior (1870 - 1950) and Mary Louisa FEIGE (nee HENNESSY) (1877 - 1961)

I came to live in Wynnum in 1991 in a newly constructed house in Alkoomie Street. The house was built on the site of the house of grandfather, George FEIGE (Junior) and grandmother Mary Louisa FEIGE (nee HENNESSY). George and Mary's 12th child, (out of 13), named "Jack" FEIGE, lived next door.

I was filled with tales of wonder! The FEIGE family should be millionaires because of all the land they once owned at Breakfast Creek. But the land was lost! I found out that George FEIGE Junior came to Wynnum around 1901, from Breakfast Creek to a very well paid job with the Wynnum Shire Council. He had married Mary Louisa HENNESSY in "the home of the bride" in 1897. The dates showed that this marriage took place just one week before their first son was born, (but this is not talked about in the family)! "Jack" FEIGE's comment, when I, a Pommie outsider, found out this fact from records on the certificate was, "There are things in the past that you do not look for!! "Jack" regarded his mother, Mary FEIGE, as a "saint".

From George FEIGE Junior and Mary L. HENNESSY's wedding certificate I found that Mary L. HENNESSY's father was John HENNESSY of Breakfast Creek. When checking with the family, I was told again, "You do not talk about him, he was no good. At one time, he was a bushranger".

But I continued looking and obtained John HENNESSY's marriage certificate. He had married Margaret SEEDS of Gladstone. I now knew that John HENNESSY's parents were Thomas HENNESSY and Mary FRALY.

Martin FRALY was a convict, a second offender, who arrived in Brisbane on 8 April 1835 from Sydney. His daughter Mary FRALY, came out from Ireland in 1844, married to Thomas HENNESSY and joined her father, Martin FRALY, at Breakfast Creek, where Martin FRALY purchased land on 8 November 1845. (The Inheritance).

This rang a bell! In the book, "*Early Brisbane. The First Thirty Years*" by Ross Johnston, on page 81, one finds "Martin Frawley, an ex-convict of Breakfast Creek". Slightly different spelling, but the person in question.

So then began a couple of years research into the origins and lives of convict Martin FRALY, his daughter Mary HENNESSY (nee FRALY), Mary's son John HENNESSY and John's daughter Mary Louisa HENNESSY, who became Mary Louisa FEIGE.

George FEIGE Junior was son of Johann George FEIGE Senior, a butcher who arrived in the "*Beausite*" from Hamburg in August 1866. George Snr married Mary Louise WELLER, (of Wellers Hill renown). Mary had also travelled with her family on the "*Beausite*". George Snr and Mary FEIGE's second child was George FEIGE (Junior), born in 1870 at Haigslea. George (Jnr) became a labourer and "Jack-of-all Trades" and the family moved around. George (Jnr) was at Breakfast Creek when he married Mary HENNESSY.



George FEIGE (Junior) and Mary (nee Hennessy)

A position arose, with the Wynnum Shire Council in 1903 requiring a "Sanitary Officer" to operate the sanitary truck around the Wynnum district. George Jnr obtained the job and came to Wynnum with wife Mary and his growing family. They firstly lived at the Corner House Roundabout (named later) as an early dump was located in Preston Road near Wynnum Creek. After the formation of the Wynnum Town Council in 1912 the horses used for drawing the Sanitary Wagons were kept at the Pound on the edge of present day Kitchener Park. The family lived in a rented house for many years in Alkoomie Street, then George Junior purchased the property in April 1937. The land was large enough to accommodate a stable, for the horse and trap, as well as a cow. And vegetables were grown.



Monumental. C.3.31

On Sundays, George Jnr and Mary, dressed in their best clothes, would take a ride in their horse and trap around the district. George was partial to "Cock Fighting", (highly illegal) and bred birds for that purpose. His grandsons took the cow up to Farmer Schmid's bull in Pritchard Street to be serviced. If no calf eventuated, George would claim the fee to be returned.

George Jnr died on 10 September 1950 in Rosemount Hospital aged 80 years. Mary continued to live in Alkoomie Street with her unmarried daughter Lily and youngest son Frederick, with son Jack living next door. Mary died in 1961 in Morningside Nursing Home, aged 88 years.

Also in the grave is Harold Leslie FEIGE was the second child of George Jnr and Mary, born in 1899 at Breakfast Creek. Harold was employed at a meat works and was in a relationship with Elsie Sedgwick who had a daughter Winnie Paton.

Visit: Our Local Heritage Places



A Walk in Hemmant Cemetery

500 Hemmant Tingalpa Road, Hemmant

Unfortunately our walk in Hemmant Cemetery, was postponed to a later date. We will keep you posted.

See inside Wynnum's Shire Clerks Cottage during Market Days



241 Tingal Road, Wynnum

Saturday 2 April 2025

Saturday 21 June 2025

Saturday 16 August 2025

Saturday 18 October 2025

Saturday 6 December 2025

Wynnum Heritage Ambulance Station

33-35 Tingal Road, Wynnum

Open by Appointment:

Booking: 0407 117 916.

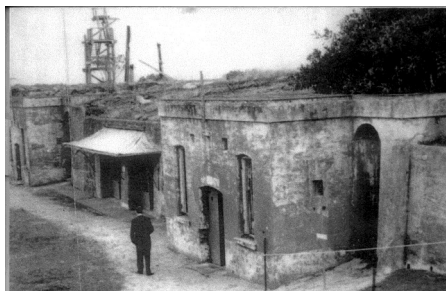
Fort Lytton National Park

160 South Stret, Lytton

Open Sundays 10am to 4.00pm Free entry

Mondays to Saturdays By appointment: \$7.35 / \$4.05

Ph. 3393 4647.



Gumdale Historical Museum

737 Old Cleveland Road, Gumdale

Open: Usually once a month on Saturday morning.

Check gumdaleprogresshall@gmail.com

for days and opening times.



What's On!

February / March 2025

Date	Event	Venue	Booking
Sunday 16 Feb 2 - 3pm. Tues 11Mar 10am	"Say our Name." Australian South Sea Islanders.	Level 2 Qld Museum Kurilpa Cnr. Grey and Melbourne Sts South Bne.	Phone 3403 2199 for further dates. Free. Open till 13 July 2025.
Friday 21 Feb 10 - 11am	"Search and Discover: Start researching at the National Archives."	National Archives of Australia. 16 Corporate Dr	Free. Book:32494200
Sunday 23 Feb 1.30 - 4.00pm	Seminar on 200th Anniversary of Settlement.	GT125 Lecture Theatre, St Joseph's College, 285 Gregory Tce, Spring Hill	Bne History Gp AGM. Free. Enq:0408 732 207 (Paul)
Thurs 27 Feb 10-11am	"All aboard the Cleveland Train." Volunteers from Redland Museum	Wynnum Public Library 145 Florence Street Wynnum	Free. Book: 3403 2199
Sun March 9 10.30- 12.30pm	"Reading for Reconciliation" (Aboriginal Issues and History)	Brisbane Square Library 266 George St City	Free. Book:3403 4166
Wed 12 March 12 - 1.00pm	"Gathering - Robert Ah Wing" Aboriginal Language and Culture.	Queen Street Mall Stage	Free. Brisbane City Council.
Wed 12 March 12.30 - 1.30pm	"Jardine and Vidgen Families"	Royal Qld Historical Society Commissariat Store 115 William St City	Members Free. Non-members \$10. Enq: 3221 4198
Thurs 13 March 10.30 -12 Noon	"History of Moreton Bay at War" Peter Dunn OAM	Bribie Island Seaside Museum 1 South Esplanade Bongaree	Free. Morning Tea. Book: 07 6433 2596 for catering purposes.
Thurs 27 March 10-11am	"Researching the History of your house."	Wynnum Public Library 145 Florence Street Wynnum	Free Book: 3403 2199

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

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Wynnum Manly Historical Society Inc

Minutes of General Meeting held in Ambulance Auditorium, 35 Tingal Road
on Thursday 21 November 2024

Meeting Opened at 7.09pm

There were 35 members present and 7 visitors, with an apology from Michael Beard.

President Lucy Laakso took the chair, welcomed everybody and acknowledged country. She acknowledged all present and introduced Kylie Alcorn a new member who gave a presentation about her Wynnum business.

Previous Minutes: Minutes of previous meeting of Thursday 17 October 2024 were accepted by Darren Sibley and seconded by Glenda Pokier.

Treasurer's report: (Danny)

All accounts:		Each a/c at 31 October 2024	
At 30 September 2024:	\$37,096.14	Everyday	\$ 2,700.46
At 31 October 2024:	\$37,384.08	Building	\$ 2,683.62
		Fxd. Term Deposit	\$32,000.00
		TOTAL	\$37,384.08

Correspondence Report: (Elma) Report for October 1 - 31 2024 was accepted and endorsed at the committee meeting held on Thursday 14 November 2024.

Resource Centre: (Jill) Updated everyone on what has been happening at the Centre.

Where Am I? (Jill): Internal stairs at the Masonic Hall. Jill gave an short history of the hall.

Website: (Chris): Website is an ongoing concern but all working correctly.

Guest Speaker: Members Eric and Sue Laakso told the story of Louis Barber Shop which is celebrating 50 years of trade in Edith Arcade, Wynnum. A cake was cut to mark the occasion.

Outings/Activities: (Chris) A small group visited St John's Cathedral today, Thursday 21 November 2024.

Publicity: Chiharu is promoting Christmas cards and calendars, made by Chris, around the district.

General: Tom and Danny showed pictures of the old Baptist church now residing at Iona. Renovations are almost complete and proposed Open Day is on Sunday 9 February 2025 and Blessing on Thursday 13 February 2025.

Christmas Raffles: Flo, Valentina (2), Margaret Collins (3), Myrtle, Duncan, Rosy, Elma, L Laakso(2), Chris, Tom, Danny, Tracey(2), Geraint (2) Lorraine, Ian Patterson, Darryn Sibley.

Meeting closed at 8.45pm.

Members were invited to partake of Christmas supper supplied by members and served by Lena and Ellen, assisted by Margaret and Lorraine.



"We acknowledge the Traditional Owners - the Quandamooka People - and the land on which we operate. We pay our respects to Elders, past and present."

Wynnum Manly Historical Society Inc

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Committee: Lucy Laakso, Elma O'Toole, Danny Fitzpatrick, Jill Greenhill, Myrtle Beitz, Ellen Coupland, Chris Seymour, Tom Schultz and Chiharu Tsurutani.

Bank of Queensland at BSB:124012. Society Everyday A/C 20139708 or Resource Centre A/C 21781280.

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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