

Summary of Minutes

General Meeting held on Thursday 19 June 2003

Meeting opened: 7:35

Minutes of Previous Meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Opening balance, as 31 May 2003, was \$4,342.49. Income came to \$376.72 and expenditure totalled \$1,400.56. This, including un-presented cheques, left a balance of \$3,698.65. The Investment Account was reinvested on 22 May for a further 45 days.

New Members: Shane Waters was welcomed to the Society. Kerry Lugg, unfortunately, was absent.

Resource Centre:

A computer chair has been donated by **Gil Long**. New acquisitions were available for inspection before being placed in the Resource Centre

Heritage Tours: The tour, to Stradbroke Island, will be on Saturday 19 July 2003

General Business:

The Society will not be using the storage room at Stella Maris in the next financial year.

10 members of the Society, attended the official opening of the display, *History in your Back Yard*, by Paul Lucas at the State Archives, Runcorn on Wednesday 11 June.

17 members toured the Qld Ambulance Museum on Saturday 14 June and **David Lloyd**, the Museum curator thanked the Society for the feedback provided.

Congratulations were extended to David Lloyd, Thelma Hogan and Len Code who had recently been awarded the Centenary Medal for their service to the community.

Thanks were extended to **Penny McAulay** for organizing supper while Margaret Mack is on holiday.

Speakers: **Betty Mottram**, read us an interesting account, called "Bail Up" which proved that bushranging was alive and well in Qld in 1869 especially in the Gympie area.

Len Code, secretary of the Waterloo Bay Leisure Centre, told us of the history and activities of the centre, opened in 1978, and about to celebrate its 25th Anniversary.

Lucky Door Prize: Clair Lloyd

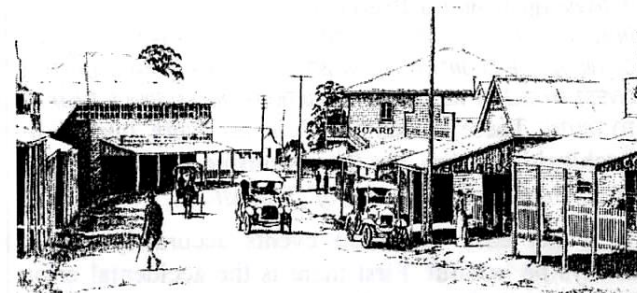
Membership Draw: Mavis Wegner

Meeting closed: 9.30pm Kay Bond (Secretary)

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

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Cambridge Parade Manly Circa 1920

WYNNUM MANLY HISTORICAL SOCIETY Inc.

NEWSLETTER

July 2003

Thursday 17 July at 7.30pm
in the Baptist Church Hall
(Corner Bay Terrace / Clara Street)

“CONSTRUCTION OF THE CLEVELAND LINE”

By Member

GRAHAM BROWN

Thelma Hogan

will tell of the exciting find of the WWI
plaques, originally mounted in Memorial Park

Gold Coin entry - covers hire of Hall and Supper
Bring and Buy Stall - Bring your unwanted gifts, cakes,
fruit, vegetables to support the Resource Centre
Appreciation to Cherrie Nicholson, Shirley Houghton and
Denise McGill who will be providing your supper

Please invite a friend to attend

A Message from the President . . .

IN ALL OTHER OFFICES OF LIFE I PRAISE A LOVER OF HIS FRIENDS AND OF HIS NATIVE COUNTRY, BUT IN WRITING HISTORY I AM OBLIGED TO DIVEST MYSELF OF ALL OTHER OBLIGATIONS AND SACRIFICE THEM ALL TO TRUTH. These words by *Polybius* were quoted by Archibald Meston on the frontispiece of his 1895 book *Geographic History of Queensland*.

It is not easy to record events accurately and to always be truthful. First there is the accidental error. Then there is the quote from another source which has not been adequately checked and verbal information from memories which have become blurred by the distance of years. These errors occur usually despite the good faith of the author.

Now we come to the absolutely unforgivable – the skewing, falsifying and omission of some facts, e.g. telling a part truth, in order to achieve a deliberate purpose. This occurs at all levels from the highest positions of government and corporate rule to the lowliest interactions between ordinary people.

A prime example of this is the mystery of King Richard III who, in the mid 15th Century, was supposed to have assassinated his nephews to enhance his claim to the English throne. It is only in the last quarter century that deeper research is revealing that he was probably innocent and that history of that period was written by the opposing side. Such is the power of the written word that for over five centuries an otherwise wonderful king has been vilified.

And what of today and the horrific debacle which has occurred in world events. It is irrelevant which person or group is the base cause. It happened solely because of the lack of truth and it is suspected that the truth was manipulated so that a specific purpose could be achieved. How will this episode be recorded in history?

When writing and recording for our Society, let us be very aware of the possible consequences of our writing. Let us have the courage to tell the truth.

Noela Stratton.

Heritage Tour Saturday 19 July 2003

Across the Bay to

Stradbroke Island

(Depart Civic Centre 8.00am. Return
5.15pm)

There are a few seats still available.

Tickets \$20.00 (Bus, Barge and Admissions)

Bookings: At July meeting or Contact Jill 3393 3208

The next Heritage Tour will be on

Saturday 20 September 2003

Keep the day free!

Another fact from the 1500's . . .

Most people got married in June because they took their yearly bath in May and still smelled pretty good by June. However they were starting to smell so brides carried a bouquet of flowers to hide the body odour.

The **Brisbane City Council's Heritage Register** is an important cultural heritage contribution to the city of Brisbane. It ensures Brisbane's cultural heritage is protected for the enjoyment of future generations. The register is still being compiled and Wynnum, Manly and Lota are included.

Can you suggest any places, residences, trees etc. that are significant to the local history of our area. The Society has been asked for its suggestions. Do you have any ideas?
Jill Greenhill 3393 3208

How good is your memory? (Answers overleaf)

In which year was:

- the death of Jane Duckett-White recorded?
- a two-tier bandstand erected at Wynnum South?
- the Mercury Theatre founded?

Our Heritage Listed Places:

Lota House



Situated on a hill above the Esplanade at Lota, is the Georgian styled Lota House, the oldest surviving residence in the area.

By the time former Irish emigrant, William Duckett White, acquired land at Lota, he had amassed a pastoral empire with numerous holdings between Beaudesert and the coast as well as town properties at Beenleigh and Southport.

Between 1860 and 1863 he purchased several adjoining lots at Lota until the Lota Estate, named after his wife's home in County Cork, Ireland, covered about 350 acres.

Portion 79, Parish of Tingalpa was acquired on 21 November 1860. It was subdivided and in 1863, Lota House was built on Subdivision 2, which comprised 93 acres 2 roods 38 perches.

While overseeing the construction of their new home, the White family lived at "Wyvernley", the first house in Manly.

Lota House has been described as a two-storeyed brick building, plastered white, with wide stone verandahs and a roof of dark grey slates. William's wife, Jane, was responsible for designing the extensive gardens. On 29 October 1867, William transferred the land to Jane.

Following WD White's death in 1893, the house was rented to various tenants and soon fell into disrepair but in 1908 his grandson, William Duckett White, acquired the property. He extended the home and undertook renovations. From 1911, he started subdividing the property until only 10 acres around the home remained.

In 1913 Graham Mylne, the son of WD White's daughter, Helena, purchased the house from his cousin. The family resided there until Graham's death in 1958. They sold the property to the Anglican Church in 1960.

Heather Smith

Remember our Regular Meetings

Third Thursday: (July 17) Baptist Hall 7.30pm:

Graham Brown "Cleveland Line" Thelma Hogan "Memorial Plaques"

Last Thursday: (July 31) Wynnum Public Library 10am:

Annabel Lloyd of the City Archives. Morning Tea

Monday to Friday 10 –12 noon:

Resource Centre 7/66 Bay Terrace (Outside Public Library)