## **Summary of Minutes of General Meeting**

18 November 2004

Meeting opened at 7:35pm, with 41 members and 4 visitors. 11 apologies were received.

Minutes of Previous Meeting (21.10.04) were moved by S Simmons, seconded by M. Courtenay.

Correspondence, inwards and outwards, accepted and endorsed at the committee meeting on Thursday 4 November, was presented by Lena McCreadie and put on display.

Matters arising from Correspondence. Members were told of the Memorials Restoration Grant and asked to provide suggestions for a possible application by the Society.

Financial Report as at 31 October.

Receipts: \$929.19 Opening Balance: \$3,710.56

Expenses: \$449.65 Closing Balance: \$4190.10

Community Gambling Grant of \$10,170.00.

Investment Account of \$15,000, invested at 4.8%, matures on 27 November 2004 (90 days).

The report was accepted and endorsed at the committee meeting held on Thurs 7 Oct 04.

New Member, Sydney Lawrence was welcomed

Resource Centre. A certificate of appreciation to Richard Russell, former Mayor of the Town of Wynnum has been given to the Society for safe keeping by Peter Cumming.

Heritage Tour. Sat 27 Nov. A few seats remain.

General Business.

- 1. Future of Baptist Church Hall. Pastor Peter van Donge explained that the Church Council wish to gauge community opinion before moving the old church to the new Church site in Kianawah Road. Over 40 of the members present supported the move, but the opinion of all members should be sought. Cherrie Nicholson suggested that, if the hall is moved, a plague should be erected on the present site of the hall. If desired the Society could be accommodated in the new Church Hall on the new site in Kianawah Road.
- 2. Jim Meehan thanked members for their support at the opening of the Signals Museum at Fort Lytton on Sun 14 Nov 04.
- 3. Volunteers were sought to assist at the Australia Day display on Wed 26 Jan 2005 and in the removal of the 'kerosene tin hut' from Green Camp Road to Gumdale.

Spot Speaker, Doug Gilshenan, spoke of the history of Legacy in Australia.

Main Speaker, Brian Connolly, provided a history of the Returned Services League in Australia and anecdotes from Wynnum and Manly Branches.

Door Prize - Gwen Gilshenan Members Draw - Myrtle Beitz. Meeting closed at: 9.40pm and members and guests retired to a delicious supper prepared by Margaret O'Neill, Lena McCreadie and Myrtle Beitz.

Jill Greenhill. (Minute Secretary)

(Full un-abridged version of minutes is available on request)

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WYNNUM MANLY HISTORICAL SOCIETY Inc.

# **NEWSLETTER**

February 2005 Thursday 17th February at 7.30pm in the Baptist Church Hall (Corner Bay Terrace / Clara Street)

## **Guest Speaker**

Savoyards Theatre Group "Forty years history of Savoyards"

(Our appreciation to Laurima Rabe who will be introducing and giving the 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 Penny McCaulay and Ian Wheeler for providing supper

Please invite a friend to attend

## Wynnum Baptist Church Hall



In 1910, a small group of Wynnum Baptists began to meet weekly, at the Shire Clerk's Cottage before moving to the Shire Hall

By 1912, a Committee was authorised to look for land upon which to build a church. Three adjoining lots were available – two facing Edith St (presently the site of the *Copper Cat Coffee Shop*) and the other facing Florence Street. All three were purchased for a total of £60. Later, the Florence St lot was sold for £50.

A plan, submitted by Mr Figgis, was accepted and tenders were called. The father of Shire Clerk Joe Sands, John Sands Snr, was a city building contractor. He was asked to supervise the construction but due to problems with the contractor, John Sands Snr ended up building the church himself. This small square building only had three windows down each side. It was opened and dedicated on Saturday 21 December 1912.

Later extensions increased the number of windows to five and a vestry and small hall were added

In 1930, wealthy business man, member and local resident, Edward Humphreys and his wife Catherine, offered the church two allotments on the corner of Bay Tce and Clara St.

There was no way that they could afford to build a new church so it was agreed no move the old building, around the corner, to the new site.

Jack Sands described the move:

"It was an inspiration to watch the small team of very capable workmen shift this timber building which had been built in 1912 and added to in four parts over nearly 20 years. They braced the building with steel rods, put it on a huge trailer and



Depart Civic Centre 8.00 am - Return 5.00 pm

- Morning Tea at beautiful Moogerah Dam
- History of Darling Downs told by toys
- Lunch and Historic Tour of Allora (See the Mary Poppins House)
- Visit stately Glengallan Homestead

Cost \$25

## **Update on Baptist Church Hall**

At our last meeting in November 2004, the Society was given the news that the Baptist property on the corner of Bay Tce and Clara St had been sold.

As a result of sending out survey forms to all members, important additional information has been obtained.

Under the circumstances, we have declared the survey nul and void.

A full update will be provided at the next meeting.

shifted it in two parts with a primitive motor truck which was so old that it had solid rubber tyres. They had to load the back of the truck with timber stumps to weigh it down sufficiently to get enough traction for the haul. And a man went ahead cutting the electric power lines in Bay Terrace to get sufficient clearance. The two buildings were then fitted together on site and opportunity was taken to modernize the front "

The building is now 92 years old and of significant historical interest in the district. The Brisbane City Council has listed it as being of "Heritage Interest".

Heather Smith

### Historical Society Committee 2005

Members are hereby advised that nominations for positions within the Committee for the Wynnum Manly Historical Society are now open.

Positions include – President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, Committee member (up to 6 positions).

Nominations will be displayed at the Resource Centre until the Annual General Meeting. Should more than one nomination be received for any position, an election shall be held at this time, in accordance with the Society's Constitution.

All financial members are eligible to be nominated for positions.

Financial members present at the A.G.M are eligible to vote in the instance of an election. The A.G.M will be held on 17<sup>th</sup> March.

#### Can you help?

The Guardian Angels Parish is compiling a book for their Centenary Year - 2005. They are looking for information, photos and short stories about the church, school or previous and current parishioners and students.

If you can help, please contact: Shane Morgan Ph 3901 0761 or Sharren Ludlow Ph 3348 2772

#### AUSTRALIA DAY - THANKS ...

Thank you to all those Members who gave up their time on Australia Day to help out at the Society's display. We had many people visit and show interest throughout the day. Lots of interesting stories were told also. Long after the official closing, our tent was still full!

#### Remember our Regular Meetings . . .

Third Thursday (February 17) Baptist Hall 7.30pm Savoyards – History of Theatre Group

Last Thursday: (February 24) Wynnum Library 10am Morning Tea

Open every Monday to Friday 10 -12 noon:

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