



Cambridge Parade Manly Circa 1920

# Wynnum Manly Historical Society Inc

*"Our aim is to gather and record local history before it is lost."*

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### March General Meeting

**THURSDAY 19 March 2026**

6.45 pm for 7.00pm start

**Wynnum Ambulance Centre**  
Corner Tingal Road / Cedar Street

## Ian Patterson

will tell us about the

## History of St Helena Island.

St Helena Island National Park is a Heritage Listed island situated in Moreton Bay, off the coast of Wynnum Manly.

Originally intended as a Quarantine station the construction opened as a penal settlement in 1867 and eventually closed as a prison Farm in 1932.

Ian will look at the early history of the penal settlement. Also he will look at the history of several prisoners incarcerated at St Helena as a result of the Australian Shearer Strike of 1891.

Raffle.

Lucky Door

Refreshments

Gold Coin Donation

Visitors welcome

### Ian Patterson

Our member, Ian completed his PhD in Leisure Studies at the University of Oregon, USA in 1991.

He worked as a Senior Lecturer at Griffith University between 1991 and 2000. He was Associate Professor in the School of Business (Tourism) at the University of Queensland, between 2001 and 2015.

He has published over 100 publications in textbooks, book chapters and peer reviewed journal papers.

### Annual General Meeting 2026

will be held at this evening  
**Thursday 19 March 2026**

Nomination forms for membership of the Committee are in the Resource Centre and will be at the March meeting.

### Have you paid our annual fee for 2026?

There are just a few "regulars" that we would be sorry to lose.

See Bank Details are at the bottom of page 8. No rise - still \$25.



### **Bring and Buy this month.**

**At Meeting. March 19 2026.**  
We always welcome home-made items, jams and chutneys, biscuits and cakes.  
Small portions. Most items: \$2 or \$3

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)

## Haylock Street Manly is popular!

This street has recently been mentioned in several queries ranging from house histories, to residents, and to the actual Haylock family

Michael Haylock contacted the Society. Michael’s, great, great, grandfather, Albert Nelson Haylock and wife Marion Amelia (nee Lessmann) were the first residents in the street around 1907. Thus the street was named after them. Albert was a bread carrier delivering to the homes in the district, by horse and cart. Albert remained an employee of David Webster’s Bakery for forty two years.

The mother of Albert’s wife Marion Amelia (nee Lessmann), was Mary Ann Bunyan, a relative of John Bunyan who wrote “Pilgrim’s Progress”. Also, Marion Amelia was a descendant of Sir Christopher Wren, who built St Paul’s Cathedral .

The Lessmann Family c.1885.

Marion Amelia (on the left)



## Benjamin’s Pharmacy was in the news.

Jack requested the history of the pharmacy as he was trying to track down a “mate” who once worked there.

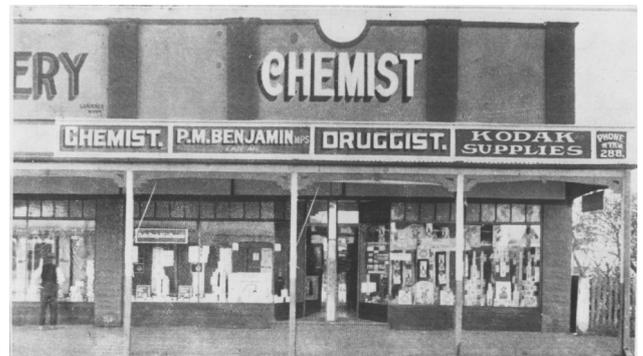
Phil Benjamin returned from service in WWI to train as a doctor but switched to Pharmacy.

His shop was opened in Bay Terrace in 1924 and did a roaring trade though the 1920s.

Ron Robbins, an ex RAAF Gunner, joined the business after WWII and remained in the shop until the late 1980s.

Phil Benjamin died in 1960, but the pharmacy kept the same name. However when pharmacist Peter Evans joined Ron Robbins in 1985, the name was changed to Wynnum Day and Night Pharmacy. The pharmacy then joined the AMCAL business group.

Alan Evans, father of Peter Evans, purchased the Bay Terrace business and moved his pharmacy to Bay Terrace with his son. However that pharmacy has now re-located to 154 Florence Street, associated with the Coles Building, trading as Wynnum Day and Night Chempro Chemist.



## Weekend Open Days for 2026

For those persons who are seeking information, but are unable to visit the Resource Room on weekdays, the dates when the Centre will open from 10am to 12 noon are  
**Saturday 21 March 2026**  
Saturday 27 June 2026  
Saturday 29 August 2026  
Saturday 1 October 2026

## *Thank you to members!!*

We have found two volunteers to help in the Resource Room. Krystle is coming in on Mondays and Sabina will come on Fridays.

We will have somebody “on hand” at 10.00am, until 12 Noon “to open up and keep the door open”, to talk to any visitors, to note their queries, to accept their contributions and to help with the filing of incoming information.

Many thanks  
Jill.

## Where was I? February 2026



82 Andrew Street, Wynnum.

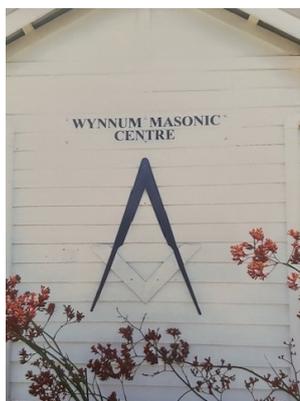
Originally the Wynnum Christadelphian Ecclesia, built by Henry Steele in the 1930s, and formally opened in post-war 1946. There were additions to the rear of the building, in 1960.

Due to falling congregations, the church closed in 1996. The building was heritage-listed by the Brisbane City Council in 2004. In 2020 the building was used as a Community Centre for the local South Sea Islander peoples..

In 2025 the building as opened as a Masonic Centre.

*On 17<sup>th</sup> May 2025 Most Worshipful Brother, Jeffrey Robert Harper AFSM, Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of Antient, Free and Accepted Masons of Queensland. opened and dedicated the new Masonic Centre. (Antient – the old fashioned spelling of Ancient.)*

Artifacts from many lodges are in the building. Lodges mentioned are 154 Wynnum Lodge, 226 Moreton Lodge 29 March 1913, 235 Tuscan, 447 Pacific Lodge 1955, and 450 Kianawah.



## Where am I? March 2026



Till Next time

Jill

Here is a precis of the talk given to Society by member Bruce Pattison,  
at the General Meeting of 19 February 2026.

### **The Rescue Boat “*Dauntless*”.**

At the February meeting we welcomed member Bruce Pattison who, with the aid of a slideshow, shared his wealth of knowledge and practical experience during the lifetime of the “*Dauntless*”.

Bruce was a young lad when he accompanied his father to the boat yard to see the progress in the building of the boat for the Darling Point Sailing Club.

In the afternoon of 29 August 1948, there had been a tragic boating accident off St Helena and four young lives were lost. As a result of this accident, in September 1948 the local Wynnum Manly community formed the Waterloo Bay Resue Association. Funds were raised to acquire a 28 foot boat, to be used entirely to rescue boats and crews in distress on the Bay.



“*Dauntless*”

The boat was built at the local boat yard of Nichols Bros in Fox Street. The new boat slipped into the waters of Wynnum Creek from the Nichol’s slip and was towed around to Wynnum beach to be hauled up on to land with a trolley. Here the final fitting-out was completed.

The official launch was held on 23 July 1955. The christening ceremony was conducted by Mr. A G Barrett on behalf of the Waterloo Bay Rescue Association. The boat was handed over to Mr. C Scott, Secretary of the Darling Point Sailing Squadron for operation by the Squadron who were to supply the Skippers and the crews. After sea trials the *Dauntless* was commissioned on 24 September 1955 to work alongside the Water Police with search and rescue operations.

In 1962 Bruce first crewed the boat, at the age of 16 years. He recalled that on 6 March 1963 the “*Dauntless*” was invited to join the police escort for visit of the Royal Yacht “*Britannia*” along the Brisbane River.

A second rescue boat the “*Zest*” was manned by former members of the Merchant Navy, RAN and RAF. The “*Zest*” operated out of Cabbage Tree Creek at Sandgate.

The addition of a two-way radio in 1963 greatly assisted the service. And a new diesel motor was needed by 1964.

Bruce first skippered a boat in 1970. Skippers and crews worked in a voluntary capacity and were available 24 hours a day. Bruce gave many examples of the times he was out on the Bay. Many rescues were at night and in bad weather.

In 1978 Coastguard members, constructed a building on the north arm of the new Manly Harbour using voluntary labour. This new facility was officially opened on 6 October 1979.

The “*Dauntless*” was decommissioned in September 1994 after 40 years service, having had approximately 2804 hours at sea and rescuing 1437 people and approximately 550 vessels.

The late Col Brown compiled the above figures from the “*Dauntless*” log books, which are now held in State Library.

Thank you Bruce.



Would anybody be able to date this photograph and add some names to the faces?

Photo provided by former member, Wendy Smith.

# Reconstruction of Wynnum Jetty shelved by City Council

The jetty at Wynnum North, near Wynnum Fish Depot, because of its bad state of repair, has been closed for several months.

Local Brisbane City Council alderman, Mr. G. F. Clayton, brought this matter to the attention of the Council early last year, and it was decided to allocate £8000 for the reconstruction of the jetty.

Despite continued representations by Alderman Clayton on this work, the jetty is still in its derelict and dangerous condition.

The last report from the Town Clerk to Alderman Clayton reads: "I refer to your memorandum of November 7, 1960, wherein you requested that consideration be given to the reconstruction of the Wynnum North Jetty, but regret to inform you that funds are not available in the budget for the current financial year for the reconstruction of the jetty. Your request will, however, be considered when budget for the coming year is being finalised."

Alderman Clayton, commenting on this matter, said that he was most disappointed, as he had made

many requests to have this jetty reconstructed.

When the provisional estimates were presented to Council last June, the sum of £8000 was allocated for the commencement of the reconstruction of the Wynnum North Jetty.

The amount was reduced to £4000 when the 1960-61 budget was presented to Council on September 23, and would still have been enough for a commencement to be made on this work.

When the works schedule for 1960-61 was presented to Council, the £4000 allocated for this work was transferred to the Sandgate electorate.

"It is most unusual when funds have been allocated for a ward to be transferred to another ward. Only in special

circumstances is this done. In my opinion, the transfer of this fund was done for political purposes only, in an attempt to try to improve the C.M.O. vote in the Sandgate electorate at the forthcoming municipal election to be held in April," said Alderman G. F. Clayton.

*Wed Jan 11 1961*

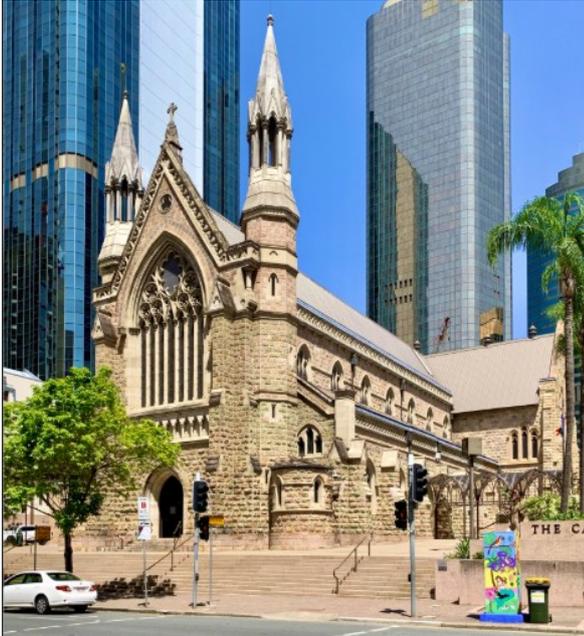
1961 Wynnum missed out!

Reconstructed Jetty was built at Shorncliffe with funds originally allocated to mend Wynnum No. 1 Jetty.

### **Church of St Stephen**

A neo-Gothic building that houses many treasures. The first church in Queensland (1850), now St Stephens Chapel, adjoins the Cathedral. Art and History are revealed during guided tours of the complex.

Tours: Monday to Friday 10.30am



### **City Botanic Gardens**

Explore Queensland's oldest heritage garden, established in 1828. Enjoy this tranquil green oasis surrounded by beautiful old trees, on the bank of the River and just minutes from the city centre.

Free Guided Walks: Mon - Sat 11am and 1pm

Alice Street, City.



## **Enjoy an Historical Visit to the City.**

### **Museum of Brisbane**

Museum of Brisbane (MoB) is central to conversations about the evolving life of Brisbane, its histories and contemporary cultures. Housed within the iconic Brisbane City Hall, MoB celebrates through exhibitions, workshops, tours and talks.

Level3, Brisbane City Hall, King George Square.

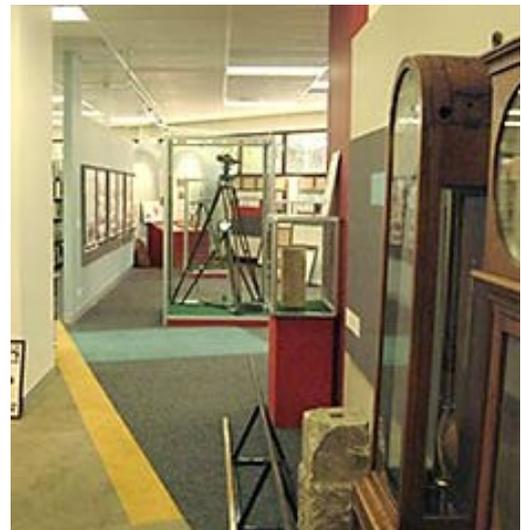


### **Museum of Lands, mapping and Surveying**

The Museum showcases a range of displays, videos and interactive resources detailing how land exploration, mapping and surveying was critical to the planning and development of Queensland.

Ground Floor, 317 Edward Street, City.

Mon. - Fri. 9.30am - 4pm. Free.



# What's On!

# February/March 2026

Date	Event	Venue	Booking
Sunday 8 March 2026. 1.45 - 4pm	“Celebrating Scottish Heritage in early Queensland.” Dr Heather Blasdale Clarke.	“Miegunyah House”. 35 Jordan Terrace Bowen Hills	\$15.00 (Non members. Incl A.Tea)  <i>For Brisbane Living Heritage.</i>
Wed 11 March 2026. 12.30 - 1.30pm	“Brisbane’s Rosemount Hospital. Its Chequered Story.” Ass. Prof. Cliff Pollard.	Royal His Soc Qld. Commissariat Store 115 William Street, City.	Register interest on Humanitix.  Queries: 3138 8005
Thurs 19 March 2026. 11 - 12.30pm	“The Art and Craft of Historic Book Binding.”	Qld State Archives. 435 Compton Road, Runcorn	Book: 13 74 68
Tues 24 or Fri 27 March 2026. 10am	“Australia in Focus. Australia’s Story thro’ the camera lens.”	Australian National Archives. 16 Corporate Drive, Cannon Hill.	Book. Eventbrite or Archives on 3249 4200
Thurs 26 March. 10 - 12Noon	“Tea with History” How wedding fashions have changed over the years.	Sandgate and District Historical Society and Museum. 150 Rainbow Street Sandgate.	\$15 Book: 3869 2283 (Wed 9-1.30pm)  <i>info@sandgatemuseum.com.au</i>
Thursday 26 March 2026. 10 –11am	Local History: “Wonderful Women of Wynnum.”	Wynnum Public Library 145 Florence Street Wynnum	Free. Book: 3403 2199.
Until Sunday 31 March 2026. 10-2pm	“Family Picture Hunt” Picture Hunt Trail.	Redland Coast Museum 60 Smith Street Cleveland.	Children free, Adults \$12. Concess. \$8. Ph: 32863 494
Wed 9April 2026. 12.30-1.30pm	“The Work of Colonial Botanist, Frederick Manson Bailey.”	Royal His Soc Qld. Commissariat Store 115 William Street, City.	\$10 (Non Members)

## 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

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, 35 Tingal Road,  
Wynnum on Thursday 19 February 2026

Meeting Opened at 7.05pm

There were 20 members and 6 visitors present. 13 apologies were received.

President Lucy Laakso took the chair, welcomed members, new members and visitors and acknowledged country

Eric Sibley advised that Darryn is a member of Nundah Historical Society an area where his mother's ancestors once lived.

Peter Cumming mentioned that the "blue house" has been refused demolition.

Sue Laasko presented what was happening in Wynnum 100 years ago.

Previous Minutes: Minutes of previous meeting of Thursday 20 November 2025 were accepted by Flo Schulz and seconded by Ian Patterson

Treasurer's Report: (From Danny)

All accounts at 31 January 2026:	Everyday A/C	\$ 7,128.76
	Building A/C	\$ 1,925.13
	Fixd.Term Deposit	\$33,989.94
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$43,043.83</b>

Correspondence (Elma) Report for Jan/Feb correspondence had been accepted and endorsed at the Committee meeting held on Thursday 5 February 2026. and are available for perusal.

Publicity: (Chiharu) Reported that the cards and calendars sold well before Christmas. She is working with Brisbane City Council (Cnr Alex Givney) and other suburban groups, on the Wynnum Heritage Trail.

Liaison: Tom has given our meeting dates to Iona and perhaps in the second half of year we may have one or two meetings at "Lindumere". He is also working with Myrtle in the hiring of speakers to June 2026.

Resource Centre: (Jill) St Kilda hospital records, collected by the Society over 20 years are being entered into a data base by member Duncan Morrison.

An enquiry was received from by architectural firm for history of the fish markets. "Where am I?" picture was of 82 Andrew Street Wynnum - the church building is now the masonic centre for Wynnum, opened in May 2025.

Speaker: Member Bruce Pattison provided an interesting presentation of rescues on Moreton Bay with the Waterloo Bay Rescue Association boat, the "Dauntless."

Lucky door: Denise Magill. Raffle: (donated by Kylie Alcorn): Rosie Crouch.

Meeting closed at 8.32pm.

A thank you to Flo Schultz for preparing and serving refreshments to members and visitors.



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

We thank our Patrons,  
Joan Pease



and  
Alex Givney



for their ongoing  
encouragement and  
support

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Bank of Queensland at BSB:124012. Society Everyday A/C 20139708, Resource Centre A/C 21781280. plus 2 Fxd-Term.

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

Resource Centre: Room 1.08, 105 Florence Street, Wynnum Q 4178

Open Weekdays 10am - Noon (Excl. Public Holidays)

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