



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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October General Meeting **THURSDAY 16 October 2025**

6.45 pm for 7.00pm start

Wynnum Ambulance Centre
Corner Tingal Road / Cedar Street

Tess Rowley
will tell of
the History of the
Wynnum Choral Society



Gympie Eisteddfod 1938

Lucky Door
Refreshments
Gold Coin Donation
Visitors welcome

Tess Rowley

Tess was born and lives in Brisbane. She left school at 15. She studied at QUT (Queensland University of Technology). She worked in child protection.

Tess expanded her love of writing into some incredible resources for children about 'hard to talk about' topics. These books have sold around Australia and overseas.

We have met Tess previously when she visited us to talk about her first book for adults, which was produced in 2002, 'Remembering Nazareth House'.



Christmas is coming!!
Only one more meeting before our
November Beak-Up and the

MONSTER CHRISTMAS RAFFLES.

Again please can we ask for your support?
Please sort out all things Christmas . . .
. . . a Christmas gift, Christmas food, Christmas
decorations . . . anything that you could donate.
We will be collecting at the October meeting and
any time at the Resource Centre Room in the Old
School, 105 Florence Street, in - Room 1.08.

Society Christmas Cards and Calendars

Samples will be available at the
October Meeting .

2 cards for \$3.00

Let us know your favourite!



2026 Membership Fees.

Fees are due on 1 January 2026

\$25 individual. \$40 Household.

NOTE - A BARGAIN - No rise in Price.

Pay now, before you forget in the Festive Season!

(Bank Details at bottom of Page 8)



Bring and Buy this month.

Next Thursday, 16 October 2025.

We always welcome home-made items,
jams and chutneys, biscuits and cakes.

Small portions. Most items: \$2 or \$3

We hope you can contribute . . .

Resource Centre

September 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)

Lindum Post Office

A visitor came to us asking about the Post Office in Lindum. She believed that she lived in the building, which she had purchased in Upland Terrace, Wynnum.

One of our members, an old resident of Lindum, drove along Uplands Terrace and picked out the building, which was at the correct address.

We learnt that the Post Office originally stood on the corner at the junction of Sibley Road and Kianawah Road. The Post Office building was moved when the present Service Station opened on the site.

The question now is does anybody remember when the Post Office was no longer there or when the Service Station was built.

Please let me know.

Wynnum RSL Women's Auxiliary

Members of today's Women's Auxiliary are reviewing their past history ready for their 75th Anniversary in March 2027.

The purpose of the RSL Auxiliaries is to support veterans and their families by fund raising, community engagement and direct welfare assistance. They help organize ANZAC Day and Remembrance day, they sell poppies,. They make home visits to veterans. And much more.

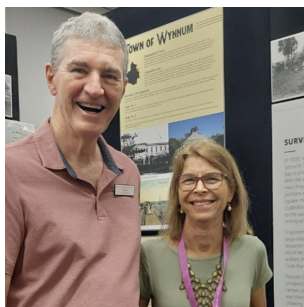
Earliest mentions have been found back in a Daily Mail of 1923 when the Wynnum Town council Lady Mayoress, Mrs J. Greene was the Auxiliary's Patron.

Is anybody able to help? No records of their activity can be found between 1948 to 1952.

Brisbane - 100

1 October 1925 - 1 October 2025

City Hall



Danny and Anne



Ian



The organising Team with Chiharu

Last Open Day for 2025

For those persons who are seeking information, but are unable to visit the Resource Room on weekdays, the last date in 2025 when the Centre will open over a weekend is

Saturday 1st November 2025. 10am to 12 noon.

Elma, our Secretary, is now forwarding more of the incoming general correspondence to all members of the Society. **If you do not wish to receive these extra Emails please inform Elma (secretary.wmhs@gmail.com).**

Elma will remove your name from the list.

PLEASE do not hit "Unsubscribe" for then everybody will lose that publication.

What was I? September 2025

On Lota Foreshore, just south of Fig Tree Point.



The Mudflat Arts Group

A Community Environmental group founded by Charles and Pat Zuber in the 1990's. First meetings were held in the PCYC (Police Community Youth Club) in Lota. Drama workshops were held in May 1990.

A notice appeared in the Press on 14 November 1990. The group had received a grant of \$33,720 from Federal and State Governments for a sculpturing project.

The BCC (Brisbane City Council) supported the project with a landscape Architect and professional artist from the Urban Design Department. The project aimed to show the need for mangroves and mudflats to maintain the ecological balance of the foreshore.

The artist, Nikki Raffin, attempted to get in touch with the elements and represent the relationships of earth, sea and the spirit of the land.

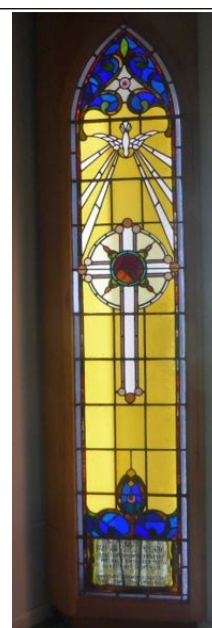
In April 1991, the group of Nikki Raffin, Pat Zuber of Mudflat Arts, BCC Urban Designer, Jim Stevens and the BCC Landscape Artist visited the site on Lota foreshore. School children were involved. Visits to the foreshore inspired their artwork and essays.

The construction was erected on a filled part of the Lota foreshore, previously a salt pan, aimed at "Discovering the Foreshore of Wynnum and Manly."

The actual sculpture, named "**Moon Dance 2**" depicts the Lota foreshore made up of jetties, moorings, boats, wildlife and mangroves all related to Moreton Bay.

Where am I? October 2025

(Provided by Christine Johns)



Here is a summary of the presentation given to the Society by speaker Michael Julyan at the General Meeting of 18 September 2025 written by Chris Seymour.

The Wynnum Masonic Hall and Its Repurposing.



The September meeting featured architect Michael Julyan. In introducing Michael, Myrtle Beitz was left uncharacteristically speechless because of his many accomplishments.

Michael's talk was about the Wynnum Masonic Hall which was constructed in 1919 and opened in 1920. Michael had been contracted by the Masonic Society to review all their buildings in Brisbane. When it became obvious that the Wynnum building would be surplus to their requirements, Michael expressed an interest in acquiring the building. After some negotiation he was able to reach agreement with the Masonic hierarchy.

The building is heritage listed, which means that there are restrictions on how both the exterior and interior can be remodeled. Michael said that he had had lengthy negotiations with the Brisbane Council on what he can and what he cannot do to the building in his efforts to convert it to a dwelling place.

The building is said to be in the Georgian Revival style. But in truth it is really a mixture of styles. Even the columns on the front façade of the building are in two different styles. The structure is built with brick. But it is not the traditional cavity wall construction method. It is built with a solid brick construction.

This construction presents a challenge when installing plumbing and wiring. The original building had external bathroom facilities. In the conversion three internal bathrooms have been added, with concealed plumbing and wiring. Michael did not disclose how this miracle had been achieved.

Many parts of the building were in a bad state of repair. The floor coverings have been pulled up to reveal the original wooden floor.

One of the principal features of the building is the large meeting room on the ground floor. It was laid out in the traditional manner of a masonic meeting room, with a very high ceiling and a central. This will essentially be retained intact, and will function as a lounge and kitchen.

High above the hall, there is an extra floor which originally was used for dining after the formal meeting. But the members apparently got tired of climbing the stairs and an outside annex was added. Michael said that the annex (and the external bathroom) will be removed and are not part of the heritage listing. The upper floor has been turned into bedrooms.

Michael noted that there had been four objections to their development plan. Two of these were over parking issues. One of them was a generalized objection to the building as part of a satanic society.

Michel said that so far the restoration had cost \$1.7 million and he expects the final bill to top \$2 million. When asked whether he will sell it when the renovation is complete, he said no, when it is complete he will keep it, but not live in it. He plans to rent the building as a dwelling.

Thank you Chris.



Internal Staircase

Commemorating 100 Years of Brisbane City Council

The centennial of Greater Brisbane was commemorated on October 1st 2025 in the Sherwood Room at Brisbane City Hall. Volunteers were present from many local history groups and other organisations such as Museum of Lands, Mapping, and Surveying, the Police Museum and RACQ. The groups had provided information about the different suburbs in the form of videos, posters and slide presentations. First Nations History was also evident by having Auntie Becky as a speaker, together with the display of digital art and Virtual Song line which showed what Brisbane looked like before the white settlement.

Wynnum Manly Historical Society (WMHS) committee member Chiharu Tsurutani was part of the organising committee for this event, which was well attended. Chiharu, assisted by her partner Ian, had worked very hard to ensure a high standard in the display material. Other WMHS members were present to represent WMHS and explain details to visitors. Former Lord Mayor Sallyanne Atkinson also attended.

Lord Mayor Adrian Schrinner gave an interesting 20 minute speech. He noted that the idea of a unified council had first been floated 30 years before it finally took place. Two earlier bills to accomplish the amalgamation had failed to pass through the Queensland Parliament in 1917 and 1922.

The final measure amalgamated two cities, six towns and twelve shires into one city. The first meeting of the new council was in March 1925. On October 1st 1925 the councils for the 20 previous authorities were shut down and Brisbane City Council took over all their duties and responsibilities. The number of Councilors had been reduced from more than 130 to 20. The amalgamation met some opposition. The authorities most opposed were the towns of Sandgate and Wynnum.

William Jolly was the first Mayor of the enlarged city. Then, as now, Councilors were divided along party lines, unlike most councils in Queensland. Mayor Jolly represented the non-Labor group. He was elevated to Lord Mayor in March 1930 after the Queensland Parliament passed legislation and King George V gave the royal approval.

Brisbane is the largest local government council by population in Australia with 1.3 million residents. By comparison the council for the City of Sydney serves just 288,000 residents. Other states have not followed Queensland's example of amalgamating councils.

As a result, five of the ten largest councils in Australia are in southeast Queensland.

The Lord Mayor expressed pride in the fact that Brisbane is a community-oriented city, as evidenced by the fact that this event was proposed and developed by community members.

Thank You Chiharu Tsurutani and Chris Seymour



Photograph of the first meeting of the Council of the City of Brisbane (Greater), 18 March 1925 The Right Worshipful Mayor, Ald. W.A. Jolly.
John Oxley Library, State Library of Queensland



***“Cambus Wallace”* 1,651 ton iron barque.**

On 3 September 1894 the ship *Cambus Wallace*, buffeted by strong winds, was wrecked at Jumpinpin on the ocean side of an isthmus connecting North and South Stradbroke Island, about 24 kilometres north of Southport. Thomas Welsby, who arrived on the scene soon after, described the result, ‘In less than twenty-four hours the *Cambus Wallace* had become broken, torn, and smashed beyond all recovery, nought remaining to be seen but heavy breakers spuming

over a sand embedded vessel beneath the ocean’s waters, and above those waters a deck broken mizzen mast.’ [Telegraph 9 February, 1929 p12](#).

This was a merchant ship, without passengers, on its maiden voyage, so the victims of the ferocious seas were six crew who were buried on Stradbroke Island. The rest, in a terrible state, were brought to Brisbane on the government vessel, *Miner*. Great sympathy was extended to the twenty-one survivors and money was raised to assist them. In the [Brisbane Courier 5 September 1894 p5](#) the dead and the living seamen were named.

Attention soon focused on the goods the Scottish vessel brought to Queensland. At a time when food processing and manufactured materials were desirable, but not made here, the treasure could have been a rich booty for the unscrupulous. Several insurance companies were interested and Customs soon put a guard on the cargo liberally littered along the Stradbroke Island beach. Goods, except for the dynamite, were brought to Brisbane for auction. The decision was made to blow up all the explosives in the sand. This action is considered likely that the dynamite explosion, undermining rock beneath the sand, combined with ferocious waves to break through the isthmus which joined them. Today North and South Stradbroke are separated by a body of water as a result.

A query came to us during last month. Diver, Ben Cropp, in 1969, recovered some whiskey bottles branded “Piper’s Blend” from Stradbroke Island and displayed them in the Shipwreck Museum in Port Douglas. Now that Museum is closed. The enquirer is seeking the fate of the whiskey, The cork is marked with the words. “Pipers Blend.”

BONNER SENIORS EXPO

Pop in for a quick visit or stay as long as you like

Tuesday 21st October
Waterloo Bay Leisure Centre
9am-12pm

Our free Seniors Expo is all about celebrating our seniors in Bonner. Come along, meet some friendly faces and explore local groups and services designed to support you.



What's On!

August / September 2025

Date	Event	Venue	Booking
Saturday 18 October 2025 2.30 - 4.00pm.	"Truth Telling' with Aunty Denise Adams and Uncle Bill Lemson. How Wynnum and Winnam have shaped my Life over the past 73 years.	Wynnum Public Library, 145 Florence Street, Wynnum.	Free. Book: 3403 2199.
Tuesday 21 September 2025 11.00 am.	"Queen's Wharf Precinct Heritage Tour".	Commissariat Store, 115 William Street, City.	\$20 (incl. entry Museum). RHSQ Event. Ph: 3221 4198 for more information.
Tues 21 and Fri 24 October 2025 10 - 11am.	"50 Years of Independence". Showcasing Papua New Guinea Collections.	National Archives of Australia, 16 Corporate Drive, Cannon Hill.	Free. Enq: 3249 4200.
Wednesday 22 October 2025 2-4pm or 5-7pm	"Talk to a Planner ." Draft Wynnum Centre Suburban Renewal Plan".	Wynnum Community Centre, 105 Florence Street, Wynnum.	Free. Also Sat 25 October 9.30 - 11.30am.
Sunday 26 October 2025 10.00 - Noon	"Backstage Pass. Behind the doors of a Brisbane Icon".	Freemasons Ann Street Memorial Centre. 311 Ann Street , City.	Ph:3229 3533.
Sunday 26 October 2025 12.30pm - 4.30pm	"More Icons of Brisbane". Six people who have made significant contributions to life and landscape of Brisbane.	GT 125 St Joseph's College, 285 Gregory Terrace, Spring Hill.	\$ 15. Members \$10. Organised by Brisbane History Group. Enq: 3368 1828.
Thursday 30 October 2025 10 - 11am	"Manly in the 1920's".	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

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 18 September 2025

Meeting Opened at 7.05pm

There were 25 members present, 11 apologies and 5 visitors.

President Lucy Laakso took the chair, welcomed everybody and acknowledged Country. An apology from Alex was read stating that Ben her husband was slowly recovering and she hopes to give an update on the Heritage Trail at next month's meeting. An apology was received from Glenda Pokarier who advised her husband had passed away and his funeral is being held on Friday 19 September 2025.

Sue Laakso presented Wynnum Manly news from 100 years ago.

Previous Minutes: Minutes of previous meeting of Thursday 21 August 2025 were accepted by Chris Seymour and seconded by Sue Laakso

Treasurer's report: (Danny)

All accounts:

At 31 Jul 2025: \$39,944.79

At 31 Aug 2025: \$40,748.36

Each a/c at 31 Aug 2025

Everyday \$ 5,679.40

Building \$ 1,815.13

Fixed Term \$33,253.83

TOTAL \$40,748.36

Correspondence Report: (Elma) Report was presented for August 2025 which had been accepted and endorsed at the committee meeting held on Thursday 11 September 2025.

Resource Centre: (Jill) This month the "Where Am I" *Moondance II* erected by Mudflat Arts Inc. on the foreshore at Lota.

Publicity: Chiharu gave an update on what is happening for 'Brisbane 100' to be held on 1 October 2025 in City Hall.

General Business: The vandalised fallen soldier statue which was in a park at Manly has been restored and will be standing tall at Iona College. This was an initiative of Fr Twigg.

Guest Speaker: Michael Jullian and his restoration and repurposing of the Masonic Lodge Hall on Tingal Road.

Lucky door: Elma O'Toole **Raffle** (Donated by Lena): Robert Pook

Meeting closed at 8.25 and members were invited to partake of refreshments served by Flo Sculz.



"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 2Fx-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

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