

### Summary of Minutes

#### General Meeting held on Thursday 16 September 2004

Meeting opened at 7:35pm. 39 members and 1 visitor was present. 9 apologies were received.

**Minutes of Previous Meeting** held on 19 August 2004, were moved by Eris Powell, seconded by Betty Mottram.

**Correspondence, inwards and outwards**, accepted and endorsed at the committee meeting on Thursday 2 September, was presented by Lena McCreadie and put on display.

**Financial Report** (as at 31Aug) presented by Jan Parnell.

Opening Balance: \$3,054.87 Receipts: \$941.33

Expenses: \$1001.50 Closing Balance: \$2,994.70

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

The report was accepted and endorsed at the committee meeting on Thursday 3 August 2004.

**New Member.** Paul Smith was welcomed and provided a synopsis of his life and interests.

**Resource Centre.** Jill Greenhill thanked members for the support at 'History Alive' Fort Lytton on Sunday 29 August and then sought members to look after the displays at the Spring Fair on 9-11 October 2004. Members were asked for any information on the Jackson family of Manly.

**Heritage Tour.** Heather Smith urged members to book for the Christmas Tour to be held on Saturday 27 November, destination is in preparation.

#### **General Business.**

Myrtle Beitz encouraged members to support the society and attend "Fashion thro' the Ages" at Lota House on Saturday 25 September 2004.

**Main Speaker, George Lake**, introduced by Mellissa Champley, told of his early days in Wynnum Manly leading to his association with the Spring Parade in the 1960 - 1970's. Gerry Cuneen played part of a tape of the Spring Parade in 1985.

The **Lucky Door Prize** was won by Doug Gilshenan and the **Membership Draw** was won by Jan Aplin.

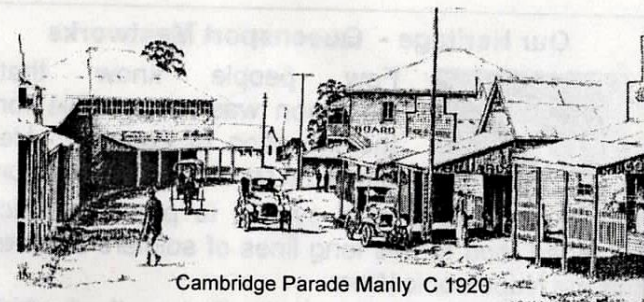
**Meeting closed at:** 9.05pm and members and guests retired to a delicious supper prepared by Eris Powell, Ian Wheeler and Minnie Bowman..

Jill Greenhill  
(Minute Secretary)

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

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WYNNUM MANLY HISTORICAL SOCIETY Inc

# NEWSLETTER

## October 2004

### Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October at 7.30pm

### in the Baptist Church Hall

### (Corner Bay Terrace / Clara Street)

Guest Speaker

## Hugh Lunn

**Author, Journalist and three-time  
National Walkley Award winner**

*(Nela Straton will be introducing and giving the a 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 Dawn Wilkins, Betty Mottram  
and Beryl Kennedy for providing supper

**Invite a friend to attend**

## Our Heritage - Queensport Meatworks



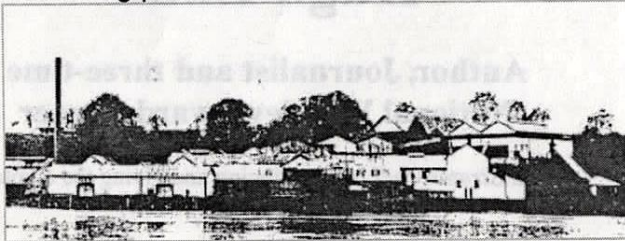
Few people know that Napoleon was responsible for the invention of canning. He offered a reward to the inventor

of a system to preserve much needed food for his long lines of soldiers involved in the Napoleonic Wars.

A Frenchman developed the first method which involved large, fragile, glass jars, but it wasn't long before the British came up with the idea of using tin cans.

Australia became the first country to develop a commercial canning process and we also built the world's first freezing works in Sydney in 1861. In 1879, 40 tons of frozen meat was successfully shipped to London.

The Hemmant area was first settled in 1859 and became a thriving farming district due to its rich soil and easy access from the river. Other industries soon developed and in 1881, the Queensport Meatworks became Brisbane's first processing plant.



A number of reporters were brought down to the works, by steamer, to view the canning plant and the freezing chamber that was in the process of being built. A Haslam 'dry, cold air' machine was ready to be installed and put into operation as soon as the building was completed. This was supposed to be a rather daring experiment, as the Bell-Coleman process was the more, well known system.

It wasn't intended that fresh meat be sent overseas from Queensport, but cold storage was



## Society Receives Grant

We have just received notification that our application for a grant of \$10,150 from the Gambling Community Benefit Fund has been successful.

We will be purchasing a number of items including PO Directories, National and State Electoral Rolls, Business Registers and a Microfiche reader with printer.

These invaluable research materials will be made available to members of the general public as well as Society members.

## ❓ CAN YOU HELP ❓

City Hall is calling for items, stories, or fond memories from people of Brisbane to help commemorate its 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Post cards with full details are available from Jill.

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considered necessary for the local trade. The plant was owned by the Queensland Freezing & Food Export Co. Ltd. And was able to treat about 50 head of cattle a day

The next two owners were the Graziers Meat Export Company and then the Baynes Bros.

In addition to slaughtering for its chain of 50 city and suburban shops in Brisbane, Baynes Bros. began to build an export trade. They had some good contracts with the Netherlands India Government and high quality salt beef was sent up to Java, in casks, for army supplies. In 1929, the plant was sold to the Angliss Group.

Heather Smith



## Heritage Tour Saturday 27th November

## CHRISTMAS BREAKUP

Depart Civic Centre 8.00 am

- Details at next meeting
- Lunch provided free of charge

## Mark your Diary ✓

- **Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> Oct Green Day Display**

This shall be held at Lota opposite "Bart's" Seafood. 10am to 1pm. Our Society will be taking part with a display. If you are able to spare some time, please see Heather.

- **Signals Museum opening**

Colonel Ian Willoughby has invited members to the grand opening of the Signals Museum at Fort Lytton on Sunday 14 November at 11am. All are welcome. Enquiries: Jim Ph 3890 1379

## FEEES DUE

\$ Membership fees are due by 1<sup>st</sup> January \$  
\$15 single \$25 family

## Remember our Regular Meetings . . .

**Third Thursday (October 21) Baptist Hall 7.30pm**  
Hugh Lunn – Author and Journalist

**Last Thursday: (October 28) Wynnum Library 10am**  
Morning Tea

**Open every Monday to Friday 10 –12 noon:**  
Resource Centre 7/66 Bay Tce  
(Outside Public Library)