

### Summary of Minutes

**General Meeting held on Thursday 20 May 2004**

in the Baptist Church Hall, Corner Bay Terrace & Clara St.

**Open:** 7:35pm. 42 members and 13 apologies.

**Minutes of Previous Meeting** held on 15 April 2004, were moved by Betty Mottram, seconded by Shirley Jeffries.

**Correspondence, inwards and outwards,** accepted and endorsed at the committee meeting on Thursday 6 May, was presented by Minnie Bowman and put on display.

**Business Arising from Correspondence:** Members were asked for any information on Keith Gisler and his community contributions.

**Financial Report** (30 April 2004) Opening Balance: \$2,896.18 Receipts: \$347.50 Expenses: \$374.34 Closing Balance: \$2869.348. Investment Account of \$14,000, invested at 2.6%, matures on 30 June 2004.

Moved by Jan Parnell, seconded by Laurima Rabe.

**New Member,** John McIntyre was introduced to the meeting **Rosie Field** from the **Port of Brisbane** presented the Society with a book of the "History of the Brisbane River".

**Resource Centre.** Jill Greenhill drew attention to the series of aerial photographs, taken in 1946 and again in 2001, provided by Ian Wheeler. The address of Jim Meehan's Signals Website was indicated

**Heritage Tour Sat 26 June.** Details given by Heather Smith.

#### General Business.

The sad passing of two members, Paul Stokes and Win Davenport was noted and members asked to sign a card for Marie Stokes and family.

Members were reminded of the Local and Family History on Sunday 30 May 2004 at Mt Gravatt.

Members sought, interested in forming an oral history group.

**Spot Speaker: Betty Mottram** kindly filled in for Graham Kircher who was unable to attend, and provided us with a reading from "Entertainment in Brisbane" by Norman Pixley, a paper originally presented to the Royal Historical Society in 1976.

**Main Speaker: Cherrie Nicholson** introduced (and thanked) **Ted Richardson** of Stella Maris. Ted, who is in charge of the Apostleship of the Sea, around the Pacific, told us of the voluntary work that is done to ease the loneliness of sea farers around the world.

**Lucky Door: M Skelton Membership Draw** I Wheeler.

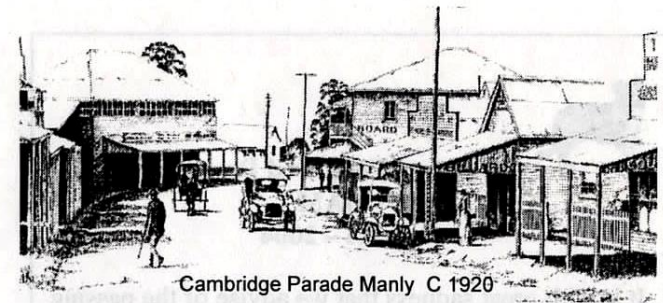
**Meeting closed** at: 9.00 and members and guests retired to a delicious supper prepared by Noela Stratton, Jan Parnell and Ian Wheeler.

Jill Greenhill (Minute Secretary)

(Full un-abridged minutes are available on request)

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WYNNUM MANLY HISTORICAL SOCIETY Inc

# NEWSLETTER

June 2004

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

## "Bishops Pharmacy"

by

Neil Bishop

Spot Speaker

"A Local"

by

Thelma Hogan

*(Our appreciation to Jack Sands who will be  
Introducing and giving the a vote of thanks  
to the Guest Speaker)*

**Gold Coin** entry - covers hire of Hall and Supper  
**Bring and Buy Stall** - Please bring your unwanted gifts,  
cakes, fruit and vegetables to support the Resource Centre  
Appreciation to Myrtle Beitz and Jan Parnell  
who will be providing your supper

**Invite a friend to attend**



**Marjorie Winifred Davenport  
OAM  
1924 – 2004**

It is with great sadness that we advise of the passing of one of our members, Winifred Davenport.

Before moving to Manly, Win grew up and went to school in the Moorooka area.

After leaving school, her mathematical and drawing talents came together when she was offered a cadetship with shipbuilders, Evans Deakin.

She completed a four year course in mechanical and electrical engineering and became Australia's first female engineer. This was later followed by a Master Mariner's certificate which was earned by working in the engine rooms of such vessels as the *SS Koopa* and the *MV Mirimar*.

Early in her career, Winifred joined the Department of Harbours and Marine where she remained until her retirement. During this time, she designed the Manly Boat Harbour, the survey ship *Trigla* and wrote the *History of the Harbours and Marine Department 1924 - 1985*.

Following her retirement, Win joined the Wynnum Manly Historical Society in 1991. She continued her research and undertook the mammoth and time consuming task of recording shipping and passengers into Moreton Bay. Two volumes had been published to date.

In 1990, Winifred Davenport, was honoured with an Order of Australia medal for her services to engineering.

**Heritage Tour  
Saturday 26 June**

**BOONAH**  **SHIRE**

Leave Civic Centre 8.00am – Return approx 5.00pm

\*Visit the Springleigh Park Markets at Boonah

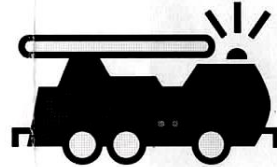
\*Enjoy home-made Morning Tea at  
Coochin Coochin Homestead

\*Browse around Templin Historic Village

\*Visit the historic Township at Kalbar

**Tickets \$25 Lunch available**

For Bookings and Enquiries contact  
Jill – Ph 3393 3208



**New Fire Station**

Following on from the article in last month's Newsletter:

The new fire station at 2006 Wynnum Rd, was officially opened on Sunday, 30 May by Chris Cummins, Minister for Emergency Services.

Paul Lucas, the Member for Lytton, presented the firefighters with the keys to a new \$550,000 fire truck.

At this stage, the fate of the old Heritage Listed station, in Mountjoy Terrace, is not known.

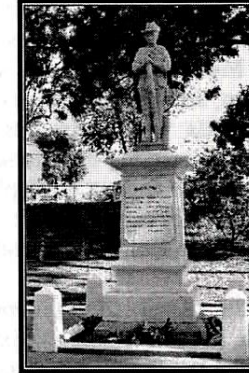
**Remember our Regular Meetings . . .**

**Third Thursday (June 17) Baptist Hall 7.30pm**  
Neil Bishop "Bishops Pharmacy"

**Last Thursday: (June 24) Wynnum Library 10am**  
Ann Westlake "Lindum School 50 yrs"  
Morning Tea

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

**Manly War Memorial**



Situated in an oval shaped amphitheatre in a park in Carlton Terrace, is the Manly War Memorial. It was unveiled in April 1921 by W H Barnes, MLA and honours the 16 local men who fell during the First World War.

The land on which the park is located was originally part of a 150 acres (61 hectares) lot bought by Thomas Jones in 1860. In 1882 the land was sold to the Arnold brothers who sub divided the land for auction.

From the late 1890s the area was designated as a water reserve and eventually formed part of the Manly Dam. It was filled in some time after 1908.

The land was never developed and was subsequently divided by a road. Although the memorial was erected in 1920, the land, which had always been considered a park, was not officially resumed until 1937.

Previously known as Manly Memorial Park, it was re-named in 1990 after Richard Russell, a Manly pioneer citizen and businessman who was elected Mayor in 1919.

It is pleasing to be able to report that John Davies is starting to improve after a long fight with illness. Although still not 100%, he certainly seems to be winning the battle. John, we send you best wishes for a speedy recovery.