

### Summary of Minutes of General Meeting

held on 18 August 2005 in the Baptist Church Hall  
Meeting opened at 7.35pm.

36 members and 1 visitor present. 12 apologies rec'd.  
(Attendance sheets held by the Membership Secretary).  
**Minutes of Previous Meeting** held on 21 July 2005,  
moved Sandy Liddle, seconded John Jones.

**Matters arising from minutes** – Mt Petrie plane crash  
memorial interesting with bi plane flyover the highlight..

**Correspondence, inwards and outwards**, accepted  
and endorsed at the committee meeting on 4 August  
presented by Lena McCreddie and put on display

**Matters arising from correspondence** – The BCC  
grant referred to meant that all other grants had to be  
applied for first and this was last resort.

**Financial Report** (as at 31 July 2005) presented by Jan  
Parnell.

General Account: Opening balance – \$4970.15; Inc  
\$477.39; Exp \$758.90 **Closing Balance \$4452.38**

Grant held for Myrtle Beitz: \$15,000.00 less \$6000  
spent – balance now \$9000.

Investment Fund \$15,000

Report accepted & endorsed at committee meeting held  
on Thursday, 4 August 2005

**Resource Centre** – See Jill about photo Judith Wynn  
brought in if anyone knows what it is of. Thank you to  
John Davies for donating photo of old Town Hall. Article  
provided to Society of Sir Edward Lytton and his home,  
Knebworth. 2 uni students need assignment assistance  
with something not yet heritage listed but that could be.  
See Jill with ideas.

**Tour** – On 24 September to Yarraman & Blackbutt.

#### General Business

1. Reminder about Myrtle's book launch on 20 August..
2. Col Brown asked about George Coronis? Who is he?

**Spot speaker**, Myrtle Beitz, with Merv's reflections on  
softball in the Wynnum/Manly/Redlands area..

**Main speaker, John Davies**, provided wonderful talk  
on Wynnum's 3 jetties which were not only fun places  
but also working jetties..

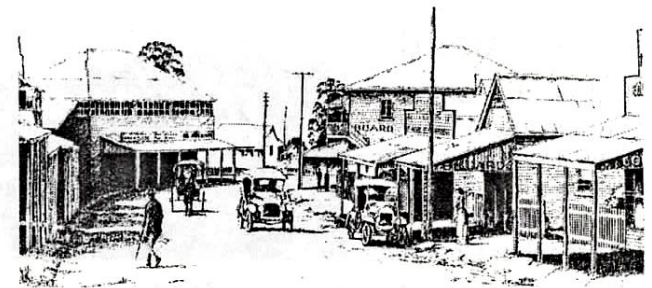
**Lucky Door Prize** Beryl Kennedy, **Membership Draw**  
Gordon Brown, **Raffle** John McIntyre..

**Meeting closed** 8.40pm - members & guests retired to  
supper prepared by Sherley Williams, Lena McCreddie,  
Cherrie Nicholson.

Sandy Liddle

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WYNNUM MANLY HISTORICAL SOCIETY Inc.

# NEWSLETTER

## September 2005

Thursday 15 September at  
7.30pm

### Guest Speaker:

**Col Brown**

“Local Government and  
Political Personalities”

Assisted by: Jill Greenhill

**in the Baptist Church Hall**  
**(Corner Bay Terrace / Clara Street)**

Gold Coin entry - covers hire of Hall

**Bring and Buy Stall** - Please bring your unwanted gifts,  
cakes, fruit, vegetables to support the Resource Centre.

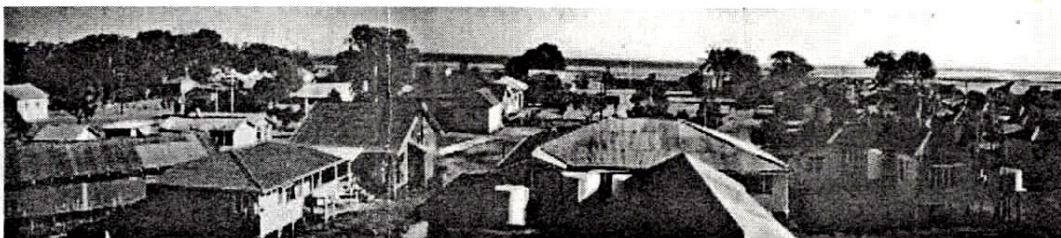
Thanks to Jan Aplin, Betty Powell and Jan Bird who will  
be providing your supper.

**Please invite a friend to attend**



## Peel Island -

Before the arrival of Europeans in Moreton Bay, Peel Island was known to the aborigines as Tukrooar or Chercuba.



Its 519 ha were insufficient to support a permanent tribe, but its abundance of marine life was a source of much feasting by visiting tribes.

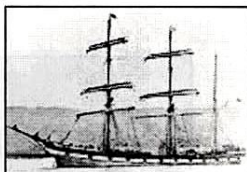


During his voyage of exploration in July 1799, Matthew Flinders, in the "Norfolk", sailed into Moreton Bay. Instead of naming the Islands, he numbered them from one to six.

Peel was simply called "Island Number Five".

It was John Oxley who, in 1824, named it Peel's Island, after British statesman Sir Robert Peel.

European migration in the mid 19th century brought contagious diseases such as cholera, typhoid, whooping cough, smallpox, measles, and consumption - outbreaks of which could decimate whole communities.



Quarantine facilities were first established at Dunwich on Stradbroke Island in 1850 but in May 1874 the Quarantine Station was moved to nearby Peel Island.

Peel's qualities were well suited to segregation: it had its own supply of fresh water; timber for fuel; it was small enough to maintain control of its inmates and was surrounded by shark infested water to prevent escapes; it was close to Dunwich for supplies and for medical supervision from the Superintendent of the Benevolent Asylum; it was close to the main shipping channel into Brisbane; and had a deep water anchorage for the quarantined vessels.

By 1904, Dunwich was very overcrowded. Some relief was obtained by transferring 40 of the strongest male patients to the quarantine buildings at Peel Island. From 1910 until 1916, the Inebriate Asylum operated from the island. When the inmates returned to Dunwich, the wooden buildings were demolished.

But of all its exiles, Peel Island will be mostly associated with its leprosy patients. For them, their internment was not just for weeks or for months, but was for years or quite often for a lifetime.

In 1893 the Government introduced the Leprosy Act. This made Leprosy a notifiable disease where the unfortunate patient was obliged by law to be segregated for treatment in designated lazarets.



By the 1950s the patient numbers gradually fell until in 1959 the place was closed down and the remaining nine patients were transferred to the South Brisbane Hospital.

Although leprosy had been cured on Peel, its stigma still remained and the Government's efforts to sell off the empty buildings as a fitness camp or resort were unsuccessful. Thirty years were to pass before the public's curiosity overcame its fear.

In 1993 the Queensland Government decided to gazette the Lazaret as a Heritage area and the rest of the island a future National Park.

Heather Smith



**Vale: Lorna Maud Johnston**



It is with great sadness that we advise the sudden passing of our member, Lorna Johnston, on 19 August 2005.

We send our condolences and our thoughts are with her family and close friends.



## Heritage Tour Sat 25 September

### Yarraman & Surrounds

Depart Civic Centre 8.00 am - Return 5.00 pm

- Travel through majestic forests
- View the Tarong Power Station
- Overlook an open-cut coal mine
- Tour the Heritage House
- Yarraman Historical Society

**Cost \$25**

(Country Roast Beef lunch additional)

Bookings: at Resource Centre or  
Contact Jill Greenhill Ph 3393 3208

### Resource Centre - August 2005

#### Donations

- Bob Murrie of St Helena
- Local Residents (Selected Streets)
- Key to state Electoral Rolls
- Hardwick's on the Esplanade

#### Queries

- School Assignment - Early Wynnum
- University Assignment- Corner House Fountain
- Gumdale - Early History
- Aboriginals of Moreton Bay

### Remember our Regular Meetings . . . .

**Third Thursday: 15 September 2005**

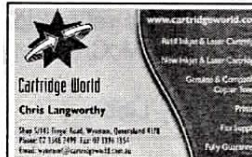
Baptist Hall 7.30pm:

**Last Thursday: 29 September** Wynnum Public Library

10am: Jack Sands—The Burning Bakery

**Resource Centre: Mon to Fri 10 - 12 noon**

7/66 Bay Terrace (Outside Wynnum Library)



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