



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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November General Meeting

THURSDAY 20 November 2025

6.45 pm for 7.00pm start

Wynnum Ambulance Centre
Corner Tingal Road / Cedar Street

SEA & SAND

BUT NO SURF!

"What an old tiny black & white photo can tell you about a family holiday in Manly during the late 1930s".

Told by
Christopher Johns



**MONSTER CHRISTMAS
RAFFLES.**

Lucky Door

Refreshments

Gold Coin Donation

Visitors welcome

The Johns Family

Christine Johns and her late husband Ron retired to the Wynnum Manly area in 1996. Christine had an abiding interest in history and researched the family history of herself and Ron. One day she found a small black and white photo of Ron as boy holidaying in Manly. Christine's son Christopher will tell the story on behalf of the family.

2026 Membership Fees.

Fees are due on 1 January 2026
\$25 individual. \$40 Household.

NOTE - A BARGAIN!

- No rise in Price.

We hope you will join us in 2025
Pay now, before you forget in the
Festive Season!

(Bank Details at bottom of Page 8)

Society Christmas Cards and Calendars

Again available at the
November Meeting .
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First Open Day for 2026

For those persons who are seeking information, but are unable to visit the Resource Room on weekdays, the first date in 2026 when the Centre will open over a weekend is
Saturday 21 March 2026. 10am to 12 noon.

Resource Centre

November 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)

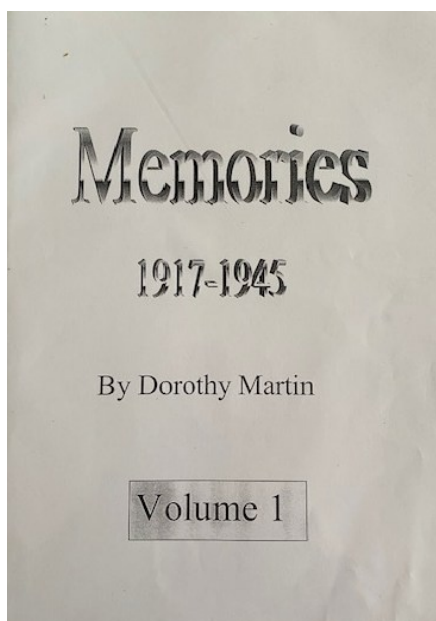
The Late John Nock - Local Artist

John was well known, about 20 years ago, for his drawings of local scenes around Wynnum, Manly and Lota.

Bernadette from the Sunshine Coast visited us last week, to bring in items from her late mother's collection of historical material.

These cards were sent by John and Betty Nock every Christmas to Bernadette's family. There are 8 designs in all.

If you are interested, come and see them. There are spare copies.



The late Dorothy (Dot) Martin (nee Potts) was born in Clara Street, Wynnum on 16 October 1917. She lived in Clara Street and then Preston Road, Wynnum until she was 5-years old. Her parents, Thoms William and Caroline Elizabreth Potts (nee Wyburn) then moved to Main (now Gainsborough) Street, Moorooka. Dot's early schooling was gained at Rocklea and Junction Park State Schools.

Dot married Harold Bennet in 1941, then Stanley Martin on 9 December 1944.

From 1939, when Dot was 22 years old, and working as a typist, she was living at 47 Pansy Street, Wynnum. Stanley Martin joined her there.

Dot's daughter-in-law, Janet Martin, not wishing to dump these "Memories", sent this book to us, through new members Sharon and "Patti".

October 2025

Holiday Reading:

HISTORICAL FICTION BUT ALL THE CHARACTERS WERE REAL.

Mary Bligh is no shrinking violet. After a horrific six-month voyage from Britain, she proves as strong willed as her bloody-minded father, the newly appointed Governor William Bligh.

The pair immediately scandalise Sydney with their personalities, his politics and her pantaloons. When three hundred armed soldiers of the Rum Rebellion march on Government House to depose him, the governor is nowhere to be seen. Instead Mary stands defiantly at the gate fighting them back with just her parasol. Despite being bullied and betrayed Mary remains steadfast, even when her desperate father double-crosses her yet again in his last ditch attempt to cling onto power. But will Mary turn out to be her father's daughter and deceive him in pursuit of her own dreams and ambition.

The book can be forwarded to Wynnum Library in a few days. Classification: 823.92





Stained Glass Windows located in
Bayside Uniting Church
420 Wondall Road, Manly West

New church was opened and dedicated
on 16 November 1991



In 1889, the first church was built in Wynnum in Wilde Street, by the followers of the Wesleyan faith. That church, now a private residence, was soon far too small for the congregation. In 1901 the Wynnum Methodist Church was opened nearby in Ashton Street, Wynnum. Over time several local methodist churches were built, namely The Springs in 1916, Lota, in 1920, Manly West in 1953, Sibley Road in 1957). But the Methodist Church with these stain glass windows was Manly Methodist Church, opened in 1904 at 163 Kingsley Terrace. The church land was located between from Melville to Kingsley Terrace. All these smaller Methodist/Uniting churches were closed to be amalgamated into the Bayside Uniting Church in 1991. These windows from Manly Methodist Church were dedicated to the memories of the Gode family, and to Joseph Curtis, a local store keeper and community worker.



The Iona College War Memorial and Digger Statue Restoration



Just outside this building, on the grassed area between the two paths leading to the administration building, is the site for the new Iona College War Memorial.

Construction on the War Memorial will begin shortly, creating a place of reflection, education, and gratitude for those who have served our country.

A key element of the memorial will be the Lone Pine, generously donated by Iona College Old Boy Phillip Armstrong (Class of 1995).

Memorial Lone Pine trees like this one are seeded from specimens taken from the original Lone Pine in Gallipoli – the site of one of the fiercest battles of World War I, the Lone Pine Cemetery of fallen Anzacs, and the annual Anzac Day service at Gallipoli.

The centerpiece of the Iona War Memorial will be the recently restored digger statue, which formerly stood atop the Manly War Memorial on Cambridge Parade until it was destroyed by vandals in 1992.

In partnership with the Manly-Lota RSL, Brisbane City Council and the Queensland Government, Iona undertook the task of restoring this important part of our local history.



After almost a year of work and care by expert stonemason and Iona Old Boy Dan Gill (Class of 1990), the Digger returned to Iona in time for this year's Anzac Day service on the 110th anniversary of the Gallipoli campaign.

The Manly War Memorial

A heritage - listed memorial at 184 Carlton Terrace, Manly, City of Brisbane, Queensland.

The land was originally purchased by Tom Jones in 1862, then sold to the Arnold brothers in 1882, who subdivided the land for sales. From the late 1890's the area was designated as a water reserve and eventually formed part of Manly Dam. The land was never developed and subsequently divided by Ferguson Street. The land was always considered a park and was not officially resumed until 1937.

The memorial was unveiled by Walter Henry Barnes, member of the Queensland Legislative Assembly, on 5 March 1921. The memorial was built of Helidon brown freestone on a base of Enoggera granite, with a statue of Carrara marble and honours 16 local men who fell during WW1. In 1992 the statue was pulled from the pedestal and the head broken off. A concrete replica was mounted in 2007. The broken original statue was found in Lota Depot in 2013. Listing in the Queensland Heritage Register was on 21 August 1992. (See page 6)

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



At our October meeting author Tess Rowley gave a talk, in her delightful English accent, about the Wynnum Choral Society. The Society was founded in 1926, and will therefore celebrate its centenary next year.

Tess was accompanied and assisted by the current conductor of the choir, Esme Gray. The first conductor was Bob Allison who served in this capacity from 1926 until 1961. Esme joined the choir in 1959. The second conductor was Mona Wilson. Esme succeeded Mona in 1965.

Also important to the choir are the répétiteurs who provide the musical accompaniment. Noted répétiteurs include Muriel St George-Grambauer, Thea Gray and Margaret Agnew.

In the early days members of the choir were mostly men. Activities of the choir were interrupted by World War II, as many members joined the armed forces. Sadly some of these members failed to return, reducing the post war membership. Today the majority of members are women.

Activities of the choir were also interrupted by the pandemic in 2020.

Tess recited two poems which she had written herself. One of these, an anthem, and sung by a choir in Wellington New Zealand and by the Wynnum choir. However, Tess declined to sing her work. The second poem was about retirement.

The current repertoire of the Choral Society covers many styles – musical theatre, sacred songs, folk songs, ballads, opera and modern – and they perform two Variety concerts yearly, in May and November. Net proceeds of these concerts are donated to local charities. The next concert will be on Sunday 10 November. Tickets are \$20.our October meeting author Tess Rowley gave a talk, in her delightful English accent, about the Wynnum Choral Society. The Society was founded in 1926, and will therefore celebrate its centenary next year.

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Thank you Chris.



2001 - 75th Anniversary

“When Wynnum had a King - Joe Sands.”

In October 1917, Wynnum Mayor, Sam Greene, was dismissed as mayor by the Full Court of Queensland. The mayor and his construction company had been accused of improperly profiting from council contracts.

When the council met to elect a new mayor only six of the eleven remaining councillors attended. Possibly the absentees were protesting the dismissal. The Town Clerk, Joe Sands, said that six members did not constitute a quorum, which required a majority of members. The members present overruled him, claiming that with only eleven remaining members, they did indeed have a quorum. They elected a mayor, but directed the Town Clerk to seek the opinion of the Local Government Minister to resolve the quorum issue.

Meanwhile a Manly ratepayer group petitioned the Local Government Minister to dismiss the entire council. The Minister agreed with the ratepayers and in December dismissed the entire council.

Joe Sands was given the task of administering the town until a new council could be elected. Newspaper columnists dubbed Joe Sands as the “King of Wynnum”. Cartoonists had a field day imagining how King Joe would go about his duties.

In the subsequent February elections, all twelve of the previous councillors stood for re-election. There must have been a degree of dissatisfaction with the council because only three were re-elected. However, among the three was Sam Greene, apparently unscathed by the allegations against him.

Contribution from Chris Seymor



Jack Sands, the son of Joe Sands was a Founder Member of this Society. As a boy his home was the Town Clerk's Cottage and he had an ear to all the Council business.

Jack's interpretation of this newspaper cartoon of his father, when acting as “King of Wynnum” relates to an incident on the night of 18 September 1917, when Sammy Greene assaulted Alderman John Reginald Woosley.

... blood was flowing from his upper and lower lip and defendant threw him into a pool of water.”

(*Daily Standard*. 7 Dec 1917, p 3.)

Woosley brought a claim to the Civil Court against the Mayor Sam Greene and Jack believed this was why the mayor was ousted.

However the mayor was not dismissed. Mr Fahey for the defendant, thought it was the most trivial and trumpery case ever brought to the District Court. A sum of £3 had already been paid in damages, and £2/9/0 costs, which Mr Foley considered amply met the case.

Remembrance Day at Iona College. November 11th 2025.



The restored Digger, originally mounted on the Manly War Memorial, now stands again in the grounds of Iona College, Lindum.



Father John Scheman is pictured with Iona College students. To the left can be seen the Iona College Performing Arts Centre, built in 1997 and 1998 and opened in 1998 which was the College's 40th Anniversary year. To the right stands the original Methodist Chapel, transported from Baay Terrace on 23rd April 2023 and rebuilt amongst the trees in this peaceful College setting.



Chiharu, with the help of Ian, and a cheery smile, set up a stall displaying, this year's Christmas cards, our publications, Membership forms, Newsletters . . .

The visitors' main interest seemed to be picking up the "Freebies"!



Saturday 25th October 2025

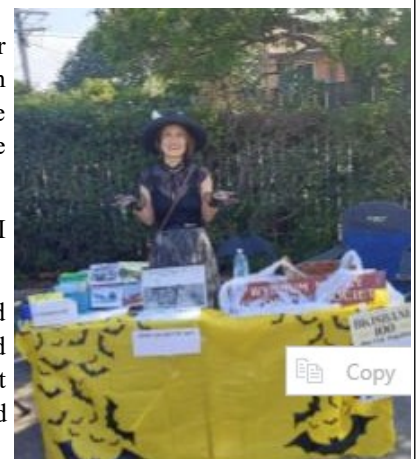
"Halloween in Wynnum".

It was questionable whether our stall fits into the Halloween market, among kids' toys and Halloween merchandise. But it was certainly a good place to raise our profile in the community.

The stall gave young mums and dads an opportunity to show the old Wynnum to their children. Some of them bought a calendar for their parents or grandparents. The people in the workforce do not have time to visit our resource room or meetings, but they do have time to browse our Facebook and website. We met some young men very knowledgeable about Wynnum History.

Well, chocolate was probably more popular than cards among the children, but all in all I felt it was worth going out to the community when the opportunity arises.

Many thanks to Chris who was up until 3:00 am to make calendars, and Danny who had 3 trips to the resource room to install the square terminal to my phone. Rosie, Ian and Duncan helped the set-up of the stall and sales. And we had Peter Cumming as the first customer to our stall. It could not have been done without these members' help. We closed the stall when we sold out calendars and ran out of chocolate around 5:00 pm.



What's On!

August / September 2025

Date	Event	Venue	Booking
Sunday 23 November 2025 9.00 -100pm	“ Christmas Craft Market”.	Embroiderers Guild, 149 Brunswick Street, Fortitude Valley	Free. Ph: 3252 8529 info@ <i>embroiderersguildque ensland.com.au</i>
Tuesday 25 November 2025 10 - 11.30am	Show and Tell. Highlighting History. “A floor talk with Local Authors”	Redlands Coast Museum, 60 Smith Street, Cleveland.	Conces: \$8 Includes Morning Tea.
Thursday 27 November 2025	Wynnum Fire and Ambulance Stations - A Century of Service.	Wynnum Public Library, 145 Florence Street, Wynnum.	Free. Book:3403 2199.
Monday 1 - to Friday 19 December 2025	“Elf on the Shelf” A Picture Trail.	Redlands Coast Museum, 60 Smith Street, Cleveland.	Conces: \$8. Children Free. For all Ages.
Saturday 6 December 2025. 10 - 10.30am	“Christmas Tunes with Redcliffe Scottish Pipe Band”	Redcliffe Museum, 75 Anzac Ave, Redcliffe.	Free. Ph: 3480 6700.
Saturday 6 December 2025 10.30 - Noon.	“ANZAC Avenue Centennial Celebrations” by Helen V Smith	Redcliffe Museum, 75 Anzac Ave, Redcliffe.	Free. Ph: 3480 6700.
Saturday 6 December 2025. 10.30am	“A Very Victorian Christmas. A High Tea Experience.”	Abbey Hall, 1 - 63 Abbey Place, Caboolture.	\$124.75 for 2 people. Book by December 3. EVENTBRITE (On line)
Sun, Wed, Thu, Sat. 10 - 3pm	Take a “Ride to Bribie” and learn its history.	Bribie Seaside Museum 1 South Esplanade, Bongaree.	Free.

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

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Weekdays 10am-Noon
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Wynnum Manly Historical Society Inc

Minutes of General Meeting held in Ambulance Auditorium, 35 Tingal Road, Wynnum
on Thursday 16 October 2025

Meeting Opened at 7.04pm

25 Members and 4 Visitors were present, and 6 Apologies were received.

President Lucy Laakso took the chair, welcomed everybody and acknowledged Country. Apologies had been received from Ellen, Lena and Alex Givney. Update from Alex included the following:

Completion of restoration of Walter Barnes Memorial is finished;
Foreshore Heritage walk is on-going, and
Colonial Queensland cottage on corner of Pine Street/Tingal Road has been relocated to the Scenic Rim.

Sue Laakso presented Wynnum Manly news from 100 years ago.

Previous Minutes: Minutes of previous General Meeting of Thursday 18 September were accepted by Sue Laakso and seconded by Chris Seymour.

Treasurer's report: (Danny)

All accounts:

At 31 August \$40,748.36
At 30 September \$40,760.50

Each a/c at 30 September 2025

Everyday \$ 5,691.54
Building \$ 1,815.13
Fixed Term Deposit \$33,253.83
TOTAL \$40,760.50

Correspondence: (Elma) Report was presented for September 2025, which had been accepted and endorsed at the Committee Meeting held on Thursday 9 October 2025. Members were asked to let the Secretary know if they do not wish to accept the email report and NOT to unsubscribe. If they do unsubscribe, everybody loses the text.

Technical Report: (Chris) Website all up to date. Chris noted the article entitled the "King of Wynnum", which is printed in the November newsletter.

Publicity: (Chiharu) Chiharu gave a summary of "Brisbane 100", an activity in the Brisbane City Hall to mark 100 years of Greater Brisbane and will show some photos at the November meeting. She and Chris are preparing cards and calendars for sale for Christmas.

Liaison Officer: (Tom) Iona College is mounting the restored soldier statue from Manly, near to the former Baptist Chapel. Unveiling is hoped to be on Remembrance Day 11 November 2025.

Resource Centre: (Jill) The "Where Am I" photo was of the stain glass windows in the Uniting Church at 420 Wondall Road, Manly West.

Guest Speaker: Local well-known writer, Tess Rowley showed photographs and spoke on the history of the Wynnum Manly Choral Society. She concluded her talk by reciting a couple of her own poems.

Lucky door: Won by Danny Fitzpatrick. **Raffle:** (donated by Lena): Robert Pook's friend. Meeting closed at 8.25pm and members were invited to partake of refreshments aided by Flo Schulz and Ann Fitzpatrick.



"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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