

Summary of Minutes

General Meeting held on Thursday 20 February 2003

The meeting opened at 7.30 pm.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING were confirmed CORRESPONDENCE & SECRETARY'S REPORT:

The Secretary drew attention to the most generous donation of \$100 from Sheila and Russell Egan of Wynnum, the invitation to the Festival of Hibiscus at Newstead House and the request from the Australian War Memorial for information on people who had served at Quinn's Post in the Gallipoli campaign.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Treasurer indicated that the opening balance as at 31 January 2003 was \$6587.54. Income for February totalled \$7848.61 including \$1010 for membership fees; expenditure totalled \$937.12 including \$400 for two signs for the Civil Centre and \$330 in Auditor Fees, leaving a balance as at 28 February 2003 of \$6911.49. Eris Powell moved report be adopted, seconded Paul Stokes.

MEMBERSHIP: 8 new members were welcomed by the President – Denise Bender, Peg Borg, Mavis and Noel Lines, Marie Perrin, Dorrie Clark, Moira Ferguson and Kate Harbison, the first five being present were presented with their badges.

GENERAL BUSINESS: Memorial Park tree plaques: Noela advised members that the long missing plaques from the trees in the memorial drive at Wynnum State High School have been located in a disused cupboard at the Manly RSL who retain custody of the plaques. **Coach tour:** Jill described the coach tour due on 17 May at a cost of \$20. Tour included visits to Grandchester, Gatton, Japanese Gardens, and Highfield Pioneer Village where member Gil Long will give a conducted tour. There was no other general business. The **Lucky Door Prize** was won by Nena Robertson and the **Membership draw** went to Shirley Jeffries.

The meeting was adjourned at 8.00 pm for the holding of the Annual General Meeting.

SPEAKER: Bill Tegner gave a most enjoyable talk on "Medical Practitioners in the Wynnum Area 1920 – 1970" which kept his audience interested throughout.

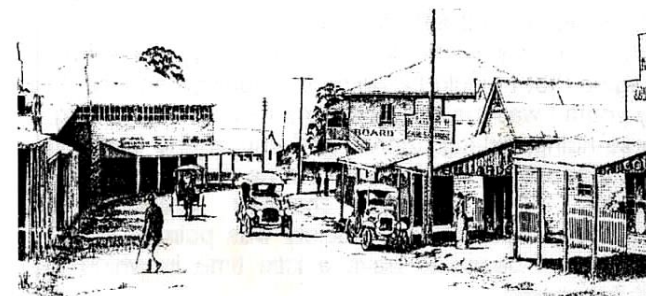
The meeting then closed at 9.15 pm.

Cherrie Nicholson Secretary

(Full un-abridged minutes are available on request.)

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Cambridge Parade Manly Circa 1920

WYNNUM MANLY HISTORICAL SOCIETY Inc.

NEWSLETTER

April 2003

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

“KAKODA RE-VISITED”

Society Member

STEWART SIMMONS

who will tell of his experiences in the war and
the Re-union in 2002

also

PETER CUMMING

will look into the future with

“Living in Brisbane—2010”

Gold Coin entry - covers hire of Hall and Supper
Bring and Buy Stall - Bring your unwanted gifts, cakes,
fruit, vegetables to support the Resource Centre
Appreciation to Gwen Gilshenan, Noela Stratton and Peg
Borg who will be providing your **supper**

A Message from the President . . .

Never in my whole life, until recently, did I ever imagine that I would be doing the public a service. In my youth I was too busy enjoying myself – swimming, horse-riding, ski-ing, tennis, golf, music and anything else that offered itself. This life-style carried on until I married. Then things changed dramatically. Eventually the Historical Society was pointed out to me when I began to have a little time in which to indulge myself.

Gradually this Society's pull became stronger until, remarkably, I am writing this message. Even though I have been on duty at many of the Society's displays, it wasn't until the Brisbane City Council's Wynnum Manly Green Day last Sunday that our potential for actual influence on the community hit home.

The day was targeted, by the Council, towards teaching people how to create low-maintenance, water-wise and wildlife-attracting gardens. Our Society was a little out of tune with this aim and we really thought that interest in our display would be minimal. Exactly the reverse happened. Our space was packed the entire time and many people stood and thoroughly read every word accompanying the photographs. They asked pertinent questions and showed great interest in the "My House" project. In fact, we ran out of data-collection forms to hand out.

On reflection I realized that this reaction was no different to our other displays which have been mounted in a variety of situations. When made available to those of advanced years, the resultant stimulation has been amazing. Memories that had been dormant for a long time were brought alive and discussion was once again resumed. We are receiving an increasing number of requests for displays.

Our Society is becoming a real force in our community. With the opening of the Resource Centre in the Civic Centre, it is becoming able to satisfy a fast-growing need - interest in our own history. With the knowledge of our past comes stability and an understanding of self that is lacking without that knowledge. It gives me a very *special* feeling to be part of this awakening and the service the Wynnum Manly Historical Society is giving to the community.

Noela Stratton

Heritage Tour Saturday 17 May 2003

Depart Civic Centre 8.15am Return 4.45pm
Visit Allan Cunningham's camp site
Relax at Apex Park in Gatton
Enjoy the Japanese Gardens in Toowoomba
Visit Highfields Pioneer Village

Tickets \$20.00 Lunch \$8.00(optional)

There are still a few seats available

Contact Jill 3393 3208

Opening of Resource Centre February 2003



Left: Dorrie Clark, Mavis Lines, Noela Stratton, Dennis O'Neill, Margaret Wotherspoon, Robert Deveridge and Heather Smith.



TENNIS! Where did you play in your youth?

Who were the star players?
Do you have any photographs?

All contributions welcomed.
Contact Myrtle on 3396 4711

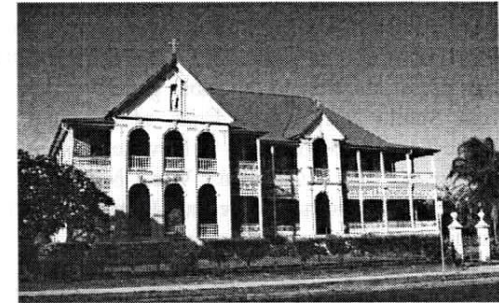
How good is your memory? (Answers overleaf)

In which year was:

- *the Methodist Church opened at Hemmant ?
- *a river channel blasted through Lytton Rocks?
- *the 1st Moreton Bay Girl Guide Company formed?

Our Heritage Listed Places:

Mt Carmel Convent



Mt Carmel Convent was designed in 1915 by well respected architects, FR Hall and RS Dods and constructed, at a cost of £8,000, by WR Juster.

It was designed, in the Victorian style, for the Sisters of Mercy whose order had been established, primarily for teaching purposes, in Ireland in 1831. They began visiting Wynnum in 1903 when the first Catholic masses were held in the Shire Hall.

The new convent was blessed and dedicated on 8 August 1915 by Archbishop Duhig and during the opening ceremony, £110 was collected for the Furnishing Fund.

The Age newspaper described it as a "... handsome two storey brick building situated on a commanding eminence on the west side of Bay Terrace."

The interior has pressed metal ceilings, stained glass and leadlight windows and the exterior is decorated by cast iron balustrades on the verandahs.

A secondary girls school opened in 1957 and continued to operate until 1992 when it was closed due to a decrease in the number of students.

Today, the convent houses four permanent Sisters and is mainly used as a holiday centre for the Sisters of Mercy in the Southern Queensland Region.

Remember our Regular Meetings

Third Thursday (April 17) Baptist Hall 7.30pm:

Stewart Simmons "Kakoda re-visited". Peter Cumming "Bne in 2010"

Last Thursday (April 24) Wynnum Library 10am:

Lloyd Kelk - "A walk through Wynnum in the 1930's"

Monday to Friday. 10 -12 noon :

Resource Centre 7/66 Bay Terrace (Outside Library)