



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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### February General Meeting

**THURSDAY 19 February 2026**

6.45 pm for 7.00pm start

**Wynnum Ambulance Centre**  
Corner Tingal Road / Cedar Street

## Bruce Pattison

will tell us about the

## Waterloo Bay Rescue Association and the "Dauntless"

Raffle.

Lucky Door

Refreshments

Gold Coin Donation

Visitors welcome

### Bruce Pattison

Bruce is a long-term resident of Wynnum. He attended Wynnum Central State School and Wynnum High School. Leaving school at 14, he worked at Forsyth Rope Works in Mowbray Park. Called up for National service in 1966, he served for two years as an army seaman in Vietnam and PNG. Involved with boating all his life, he is a life member and patron of the Darling Point Sailing Squadron. He served as a crew member and as a skipper on the rescue boat "Dauntless".

### 2026 Membership Fees.

Fees were due on 1 January 2026  
\$25 individual. \$40 Household.  
- No rise in Price.

We hope you will all join us again in  
2026. (Bank Details on Page 8.)

**Annual General Meeting 2026**  
will be held at the next General meeting

on

**Thursday 19 March 2026**

New members, with new ideas are always  
welcome to join the Committee.

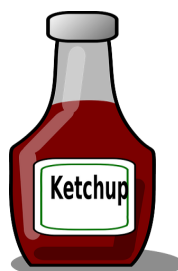
Nomination forms are in the Resource Centre  
and will be at the February meeting.

### Bring and Buy this month.

**At Meeting. February 19 2026.**

We always welcome home-made  
items, jams and chutneys, biscuits  
and cakes.

Small portions. Most items:  
\$2 or \$3



# Resource Centre

# February 2026

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)



## Organisation of the Patient Records of St Kilda Hospital Wynnum.

St Kilda was located on the south west corner of Kingsley Terrace and Picton Parade and operated between approx. 1919 to the early 1970s. Predominantly a local Maternity Hospital, with a few other limited services, its importance waned as births were gradually directed to the larger Brisbane Hospitals.



The building was sold and cut in half into two dwellings. The left side was raised and developed as a two-storey home. The right side stayed at the lower level.

All the medical records were destroyed. As so many people admit to being born, or being a patient at “St Kilda”, the Society has been collecting these names and details since the 1990s.

We thank member Duncan who is devising a database to store these records.

*Two residences 2003*



## Originally the Site of Wynnum Fish Market.

Investigations have commenced regarding the development of the land on which the Fish Market was located.

An enviro friendly architectural firm is investigating whether there have been potential petroleum or refueling facilities at the site either, whether for boats and for vehicles.

The owner of the Fish Market in October 1949, Mr Fred Shepherd advertised in the Wynnum Herald that he had supplies of hardware and paints for the maintenance of boats, etc. as well as fuel, oil, and grease available. But there was

“Fresh fish at all times” included in the same advertisement.

(See page 3 for history of the Wynnum Fish Market.)

*2026. Red line indicates extent of land*

## Weekend Open Days for 2026

For those persons who are seeking information, but are unable to visit the Resource Room on weekdays, the dates when the Centre will open from 10am to 12 noon are

**Saturday 21 March 2026.**

**Saturday 27 June 2026**

**Saturday 29 August 2026**

**Saturday 1 October 2026**

(Subject to change if necessary)

## ***WANTED. Help!!***

Our Monday and Friday Volunteers in the Resource Room aren't available to continue this year.

If you have 2 hours on either of these days, when you are regularly available between 10am and Noon we would gratefully accept your help.. . . once a week or once a fortnight.

You do not have to be very knowledgeable about local happenings. We are there “to keep the door open.”, talk to any visitors and write down the subject in which they are interested.

Jill

# Where am I? February 2026



Jill

## The Wynnum Fish Markets (18 Fox Street, Wynnum)



In 1902, a 50' wide channel was dredged to the newly erected Wynnum Jetty for fishing boats to land their catches, which were taken by horse and cart to Wynnum station to be railed to town.

*1907, many boats unloaded their catch onto the Wynnum Creek..bank.*

1916 saw the opening of first Fish Depot by the Labour Government, at a cost of £6,000. This Depot operated until 1926, when renovations became necessary.

A comfortable dwelling was added. Mr Howard lived on the site. Moreton Bay Ice and Cold Storage opened at the mouth of the creek.

Mr Howard became the proprietor on 18 February 1930.

1933 There were 28 licensed motor boats fishing out the creek. 108 men were employed and 800,000 tons of fish landed.

The Fish Market was taken over by the Fish Board on 16 September 1946.

In 1955 the Fish Markets were rebuilt with concrete floors. The ice business was removed 1964. Harold "Cookie" Johnson was store man from 1950 to 1970, then Manager to 1977.



*Fish Market and Ice Works. 1925*

The Fish Board was wound up and all assets were sold to Raptis and Sons in 1987.

On April 26 1990 the Fish Market was auctioned by L J Hooker for Raptis. The first owners were Andrew and Lena Bianci.

In 2015 the fish markets were for sale. The building functioned as a Fish and Chip Take-away Shop for several years, until the business closed down and the building left to decay.

In 2025 "A two- storey, \$3m hospitality development was proposed transforming the former Wynnum Creek Fish Market and Ice Works into a modern dining precinct. Designed by Thinktank Architects for "Unlimited Possibilities P/L, the project aims to feature indoor /outdoor dining, a roof top terrace and a takeaway." kitchen providing a vibrant bayside venue."



*2025 - Artist's Impression*

Chris Seymour has provided a summary of the talk given to Society Member presenters, Christine and Chris Johns, at the General Meeting of 20 November 2025.

The choice for the title of the talk was **“Sun, Sea, Sand but no Surf”**, inspired by a black and white photograph taken by Christine’s late husband (and Chris’ father) Ron. In the photo Ron was ten years old and taking a holiday in Manly in the summer of 1938/39. Chris noted that the photograph was real and that it showed Ron, his mother, his mother’s sister and her daughter. Other items in their presentation had been gleaned from other photographs, memories of his father and ads and other material about Manly.



The family had stayed at the Canberra Coffee Palace, which was also a boarding house. Apparently the owners had wanted a hotel with a license for alcohol but had been repeatedly turned down as Manly had a strong temperance movement. The name of the boarding house was their joke with an ironic twist. The site is now occupied by the Manly Hotel, which finally received a license in 1955.

The family would have come by steam train from South Brisbane. Chris showed a map of how they would have walked from the station to the boarding house. He also had a map of the Brisbane train network, which was considerably more extensive in those days.

One of Ron’s prized possessions was a scooter, which he would have used to visit local attractions – such as the Wynnum wading pool – built

as a depression era project in 1932. He was also a keen swimmer and would have gone to the Manly pool. Near to the pool in those days was a small sandy beach. Another attraction was the recently built “Great Wall of Manly”. The family would have visited the local shops to buy sweets and ice cream. One of the shops opposite the boarding house on Cambridge Parade appearing in a photograph, was “Sitruc” – the reverse of the owners’ name Curtis.

Peters ice cream was available in those days – and advertised as a “health food”.

Another photo had an ad for Bulimba Bitter Beer – a little strange given Manly’s rejection of alcohol. Apparently the ad belonged to the owner of the Waterloo Bay hotel in degenerate Wynnum.

The presentation was well received and the audience admired the way Christine and Chris had built a story surmised from a few photographs and other knowledge.



Thank You Chris!

**There are two large anchors situated on the Esplanade roadside  
outside East Coast Marina, Manly Boat Harbour.**

An enquirer has asked if anybody know the origin of these anchors which are located on Royal Esplanade, Manly just along from Falcon Street, Manly. Both anchors have the numbers 3060 on them.  
Please let me know? Jill



## Dreams of the Past



*Ingleston Corner at crossing of Bay Terrace and Charlotte Street. 1947 – 1955*

In 1957 the corner of Bay Terrace and Charlotte Street was an empty site, left after the burning of “Ingleston” boarding house in 1947. The City Council owned the land - Ingleston Corner.

A head-line announcement was made in the Herald of 6 February 1957. Shops, costing £40,000 were to be built on the site. There would be thirteen shops to let, 37 squares of office space on the first floor and Council offices. This was the first building to be erected under council policy of decentralizing its offices.

Local opinion was not happy. The Chamber of Commerce requested underground toilets. There were already plenty of better and larger shops in Wynnum. Why not build a fine modern civic hall on the site to accommodate local groups and events. The existing Municipal Library Hall was inadequate and could become the Council offices.

Have you visited Fort Lytton at 160 South Street, Lytton?  
Open to the Public every Sunday. 10am to 4pm. Free Entry.



From 1881 to the 1930s, Fort Lytton was Brisbane's front line of defence and is regarded as the birthplace of Queensland's military history.

Learn more, by joining a free tour at  
either 10.30am or 1.45pm.  
(90 minutes in length)

No Dogs.

Volunteers run a Visitor Information Centre  
with tea, coffee and souvenirs.



Have you visited **Ormiston House**  
277 Wellington Street Ormiston?

Regarded as the birthplace of the Australian



Sugar Industry, the house was built by Hon. Captain Louis Hope in 1862.

One of the finest examples of colonial architecture in Queensland, meticulously restored, with extensive grounds overlooking Moreton Bay. Open on Sundays, 12pm to 4pm from February to December.

Have you visited **Redland Museum**,  
60 Smith Street, Cleveland?



The Museum has a program with events and changing exhibitions, and holds more than 14,000 artifacts.

Open Daily 10am to 3.30pm.

Or . . **Sherwood Arboretum**  
87 Jolimont Street Sherwood?  
Opened in 1925. Tree species, native to Queensland, planted for scientific study.  
Free. Parkland, Wetland, Brisbane River.

# What's On!

# February/March 2026

Date	Event	Venue	Booking
Wednesday 11 February 2026 12.30-1.30pm	“ Hannah Rigby. The last Convict Woman of Moreton Bay.” By Jane Smith.	Commissariat Store 175 William St City	\$10.00 Royal Qld Historical Society Event
Monday 16 February 2026 11-Noon	“Behind the Scenes.” Old Qld Government House.	2 George St City.	Register interest on Humanitix.  Queries: 3138 8005
Sunday 22 February 2026 1.30pm	“The Coming of Captain Logan.” Jennifer Harrison and Roger Ford	GT125 Theatre St Joseph’s College 285 Gregory Terrace Spring Hill.	Free. Book: 0408 732 207 (Paul)
Tuesday 24 February 2026 5.30 - 7.30pm	“Twilight at the Queensland Maritime Museum.”	Qld Maritime Museum 412 Stanley Street South Brisbane. (Corner, Sidon St)	\$30. Book with Humanitix Pop Up Bar and light refreshments
Thursday 26 February 2026 10 –11am	Local History: The History of Lota House.	Wynnum Public Library 145 Florence Street Wynnum	Free. Book: 3403 2199.
Friday/Sat/ Sunday to August 2026.	“QUAMPI” Arts and Culture Centre .	14-16 Ballow Road Dunwich Stradbroke Islande.	Free. www.quampi.com.au
Until Friday 6 March 2026 9.00 -4.00pm	“Rouges and Vagabonds” Art work of Stephen Tiernan.	Qld Police Museum 200 Roma Street, City.	Free
From Sat 28 Feb to Sun 17 May 2026 10-3pm	“Harvest” Local Women Farmers. Exhibition for International Women’s Day.	Redcliffe Museum 75 Anzac Ave Redcliffe	Free. Donation. Open Wednesday to Sunday.

## 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

Available at the  
Resource Room  
Weekdays 10am-Noon  
Email:  
jillg01@tpg.com.au

## Wynnum Manly Historical Society Inc

Minutes of General Meeting held in Ambulance Auditorium, 35 Tingal Road, Wynnum  
on Thursday 20 November 2025

**Meeting opened:** 7.12pm  
There were 28 members present, 3 apologies and 2 visitors.  
Lucy welcomed everybody and acknowledged Country.

**Previous Minutes:** Minutes of previous general meeting of Thursday 9 October 2025 were accepted by Flo Schulz and seconded by Robert Pook.

**Treasurer's Report:** (Tom)

As at 30 Sep 2025	\$40,760.50	Everyday Account	\$ 6,199.60
As at 31 Oct 2025	<b>\$41,539.55</b>	Building Account	\$ 1,815.13
		Fixed Terms	\$ 33,524.82
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 41,539.55</b>

Tom announced that the Society had received notification of our grant application of \$2000 being successful.

**Correspondence Report:** (Elma) Report was presented at the Committee meeting on 13 November and was accepted and endorsed.

**Publicity:** Chiharu gave a power point presentation of Brisbane 100, Halloween Street Party and Seniors Expo.

**Liaison:** Tom gave his reflection of the unveiling of the restored soldier at Iona

**Technology:** (Chris) Everything is up to date with the website. Help will be needed in the new year as the Society begins digitising its resources

**Resource Centre:** Jill was absent due to family commitments

**General Business:** Lucy reminded members of membership renewal.

**Guest Speakers:** Chris Johns and Christine Johns gave a talk of when Chris's father and his grandparents visited Manly in the 1930. Great photos and what was happening in Manly at that time.

**Drawing of the Christmas Raffles - All donated by members. Winners.**  
Ian Patterson(2), Margaret Collins, Alan Beswick, Eric Sibley, Tracy Beswick, Elma O'Toole (2), Myrtle Beitz (2), Rosey Crouch, Kylie Alcorn (2), Daryl Timms, John Godfrey, Chris Seymour, Chris Johns, Christine Johns, Lorraine Owers, Tracey Randall, Janice ?, Margaret Bulloch.

Thank you to Flo for organising the supper and to the members who brought along a Christmas plate.



"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



Joan Pease MP  
Member for Lytton

and  
Alex Givney



for their ongoing  
encouragement and  
support

We thank our  
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*Coles*



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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

Resource Centre: Room 1.08, 105 Florence Street, Wynnum Q 4178

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