



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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## NEWSLETTER

## February 2024

## Issue. No. 158

### February General Meeting

### THURSDAY 15 February 2024

6.45 pm for 7.00pm start

Wynnum Ambulance Auditorium  
Corner Tingal Road / Cedar Street

Speaker and Member

### Fr Michael Twigg

The retiring Rector of Iona College



Will talk about his experiences  
over the last nine years  
and his fond memories of  
Wynnum Manly  
but especially Lindum!

### Raffle

Lucky Door  
Refreshments  
Gold Coin Donation  
Visitors welcome

### February News from the Committee

#### Membership Dues for 2024

Fees were due on **January 1 2024** .  
\$25 per individual, \$40 per household  
\$15 if under 15years.  
(No Rise!)

Please put you fee in a named envelope and  
bring to the February monthly meeting

Bank payment can be made at **Bank of Qld**  
To: Wynnum Manly Historical Society Inc.  
**BSB: 124 012 A/C: 2013 9708**  
Reference: "Surname. Fees 2024"

### Annual General Meeting for 2024

Thursday 21 March 2024

All committee positions will be declared vacant.  
We need your help!

We need a Treasurer and new committee mem-  
bers to assist with the running of the Society.

Nomination Forms are at the Resource Centre  
and will be at the February Meeting.



### Christmas Raffles

A very big "ThankYou" to all  
those Members who  
contributed towards our  
Annual Appeal.

We were able to make-up 15  
hampers from your gifts.

**Thank you to all our members who have  
contributed to the Bring and Buy stall, and then  
have made purchases.**

### Next Bring and Buy. Thursday 16 February 2024

Interesting Books, (Fact or Fiction). Swap or pay \$1



Preserves . . .

Cakes and Biscuits . . .

Craft. Cards Bring some home-made  
items and some cash!!!

Most items \$2

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)

- **Brand New Red Lockable 4-drawer Filing Cabinet**

Good home required. Donated by the local Ambulance Committee

The new committee are renovating the Ambulance Museum

This cabinet is surplus to their needs.

Contact me if interested. (0407 293 177)



- **Can You Help?**

A member is researching the history of his house in Carlton Terrace and is interested in the lives of former residents. He is seeking for images/photographs of the DAVIDSON and GRAVESON families.

Here are some hints.

Andrew Jame and Margatet (nee Bowden) DAVIDSON. Marriage ended in 1905  
Andrew George DAVIDSON, son of Andrew James and Margaret. Born in Manly 1894.  
Andrew James and sister Elizabeth DAVIDSON. Lived on the corner of Gordon Pde and Melville St in 1908.  
Andrew James and sister Elizabeth DAVIDSON. Lived in Carlton Terrace in 1912.  
Andrew James DAVIDSON died in 1931.  
Elizabeth DAVIDSON died in Cairns in 1941.

Margaret Elizabeth GRAVESON lived with husband Frederick in Carlton Terrace in 1906/08.  
Margaret GRAVESON purchased property from Andrew George DAVIDSON in 1936.

If you can help, please call Michael on 0429 401 996.

- **The Dumb Cop reaches Cleveland Museum**



From: WMHS Newsletter of February 2021 (No. 128)

“Greg Ibson has this smooth carved rock in his front garden on Manly Esplanade. He found the object (50cm across) in his working days whilst digging out a drain in Preston Road near the Corner House roundabout. There are five reflective “eyes” around the circumference. Greg thinks this object may have been sunk in the road centre to direct the cars at night showing the driver that he has reached a five-ways.”

From: WMHS Newsletter of March 2021 (No. 129)

“the dome was identified by Ian Wheeler as a marker formerly used at the centre of a crossroads. Since there are five reflective dots this would most probably have been located at the centre of the Corner House crossroads indicating Wondall, Worthing, West and Preston (2) Roads.”

*Myrtle, with William and Henry Norman, delivering the Silent Cop to the Cleveland Museum, on Friday December 1st 2023.*

## November 2023. Where was I?



82 Andrew Street, Wynnum.

Formerly the Christadelphian Ekklesia



Christadelphians are “Brothers in Christ”  
Greek: “Delphos en Christos”  
Ecc(kk)lesia: An Assembly or a group of people.

John Thomas (1805 - 1871), founded the Christadelphian Assembly in 1848. Thomas studied medicine and qualified as a surgeon in London, at a time when dissecting corpses was illegal. He emigrated to Brooklyn, New York. During his lifetime he spread his religious beliefs both in America and back in England. He died in New Jersey in 1871.

Each Christadelphian community is called an “Ecclesia”. An ecclesia is a lay community with no paid clergy and no ecclesiastical hierarchy. No hell and no Satan. True believers study and accept all the content of the Bible. Only true believers will be resurrected from the dead during the second coming of Jesus.

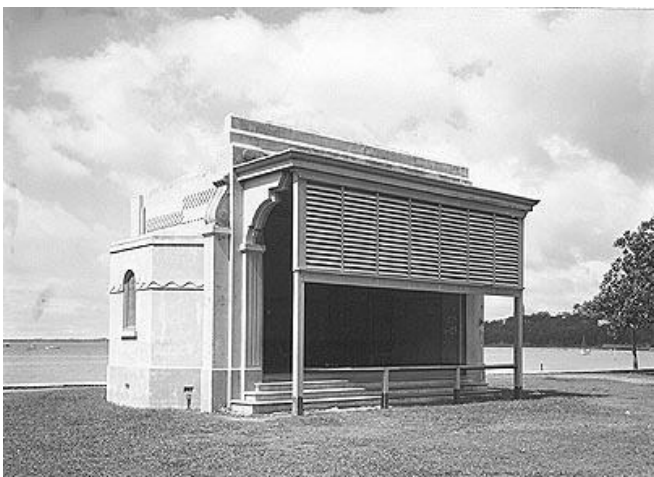
Before I received the photo for “Where am I?”, from Ian Wheeler in October 2023, Clare and John Martin visited the Resource Centre. Clare came looking for Wynnum Central State School and Wynnum State High School photos from 1953 to 1963 of herself and her sister.

Clare’s father, Dan Steele helped build the Assembly Hall in Andrew Street in 1946. Two subdivisions were purchased in Andrew Street after WWII, against the railway line. Dan Steele owned a farm on Manly Road and was one of the original trustees, together with Arthur Venn, David Mitchell and Joseph Heaney.

Clare spoke to Robyn Venn whose father-in-law, Walter Venn was also involved in the building the church and they provided the year of construction as 1946. The first meeting of the Ecclesia was on 12th January 1947. Additions at the back of the building were completed in 1960. Heritage listing occurred in 2004. The last meeting was held on 18th November 2018. Then the ecclesia building was sold.

In 2020 the hall was being used as a community centre for South Sea Islanders. In 2023 the Hall was purchased by the local masonic group, who formerly met in the Masonic Hall in Tingal Road.

## February 2024. Where would I have been?



Till next time

Jill

Here is a summary of the presentation given to the Society by speaker Dr Ian Patterson at the final General Meeting for 2023 (16 November 2023), kindly written by President, Lucy Laakso.

### **Dr Ian Patterson: History of Tourism and Recreation: Wynnum Manly 1890 – 1930**

At our final monthly meeting for 2023, our valued member – Dr Ian Patterson – spoke to us on the history of tourism and recreation in Wynnum Manly 1890 – 1930. As an academic, Ian is a very accomplished speaker and therefore needed no script: a true professional!

Ian told us that he has always loved history; he studied history and went on to teach history. Ian's academic expertise ended up being the history of recreation, sport and leisure.

Ian has lived in our local area (on beautiful Quandamooka Country) for 3 years and – as a relative newcomer – he was keen to learn about the history of the area. His presentation to our Society covered some of the interesting history he had come across. Ian's talk generated much conversation among the meeting because many of our members were able to add their own recollections.

To start, Ian reminded us that the railway line from Brisbane to Cleveland (stopping at Wynnum Manly) started operating in 1889. The railway was crucial for Wynnum's development and it provided easy access for day trips. Camping holidays were popular at Christmas and Easter and our local area was a popular seaside resort by the early 1900s.

Ian displayed lots of photos during his presentation, including a 1900 photo of Manly jetty with many people promenading and a 1903 photo of Wynnum with electricity poles, dirt roads and a horse and carriage.



*Manly Jetty c.1903*



Day trippers and tourists were drawn to our area by fishing, camping and the sea breezes; swimming in saltwater was considered good for one's health. The Manly Beach kiosk had tents for hire and campers could purchase hot water and basic provisions.

*Manly Kiosk 1915*

Clothing for camping trips has certainly changed over the years: campers in the early 1900s were decked out in long dresses and long trousers. Very different to the modern day!

Ingleston Guest House opened around 1915 and accommodated many holidaymakers in our area. Unfortunately, in 1947, the building burnt down, with one lucky woman escaping the fire by sliding down a drain pipe. Our valued member – Glenda – told the meeting she can remember standing in Florence Street watching the building down burn.



*Ingleston Guest House. Pre 1947*



*Wynnum Wading Pool, with No.2 Jetty, still as timber. Pre 1958.*

Finally, Ian reminded us that the Wynnum wading pool was built in 1932 as part of an unemployment scheme during the Great Depression. The wading pool opened to the public in 1933 and – as we know – remains very popular today.

Thank you very much to Ian for his engaging presentation; what a wonderful topic it was to lead us all into our Summer break.

Thank You, Lucy



Joel Wilde was a prominent citizen during Wynnum's early development and Wilde Street, which connects Tingal Road to Fox Street, near the Wynnum Creek Bridge, bears his name.

Joel was the eldest son of James Wilde, a labourer, and Susannah (nee Blackburn). He was born on 5<sup>th</sup> November 1832 and christened at St Mary's in Oldham, Lancashire, England. He had two siblings, James born in 1837 and Henry born in 1838. In the 1851 UK Census he is listed as an "iron, tinplate worker".

On 19 February 1854 Joel married Jane Mallalieu at Prestwick, near Manchester. Jane was born on August 12 1836 at Delph, Saddleworth Yorkshire. They had four children, Henry, born 21 March 1855, Hannah on August 19 1857, John William on 22 December 1858 and Hester Helena on 11 February 1860. All were born in Oldham, Lancs.

Joel trained in the plumbing trade before the journey to Australia in the "Sultana". His youngest child, Hester Helena, died aged two years, whilst they were at sea. The remaining family members arrived in Australia in 1862.

Six weeks after arriving in Australia, on 15 December 1862, Jane died in childbirth and it is thought that she was buried in the Wesleyan Burial Ground, the old Milton Cemetery now the Suncorp Stadium. The baby also died.

Joel's second wife was Martha Field, whom he married on 6 June 1863 in St John's Pro Cathedral. The church was in William Street, between the old Lands Department and the rectory which was on the Elizabeth Street corner. The buildings have been demolished and the land became part of Queen's Park.

Maria was the daughter of John Field, a cabinet maker and Ann Scott. Maria had arrived in Australia on the "Flying Cloud", arriving on January 11 1863, together with her sister Sarah and brother-in-law David Lanham.

Joel and Maria produced six daughters, Hester Alice Jane (5 March 1864) was born at Russell Street South Brisbane. Alfred Mallalieu, (Good Friday 30 March 1866), Rose Ann (2 Feb 1868), Edith Maria (11 Jan 1870), Lily Sophia (29 March 1872) and Bertha May (16 Jan 1875) were all born at Stanley Street, South Brisbane. The last child was Florence Violet (13 Nov 1879) born at Gladstone Road South Brisbane. Son Alfred Mallalieu was given the names that Joel's first wife had chosen for her first son.

In August 1865, Joel was building a house near the bridge in **South Brisbane**. James Doyle stole his timber over night, as he was out of work and his wife was sick. James Doyle was fined 20/- with 14 days in prison in default.

Joel Wilde of Stanley St South Brisbane received a Deed of Assignment as a Registered **storekeeper** on 31 October 1866. On 17 November 1866 he was given 7 - 14 days to clear stagnant water off his land..

Joel's interest in local politics began in 1874, when, on 17 January, Joel was one of supporters of Hon T B Stevens for the electorate of South Brisbane.

Joel's store and residence in Stanley Street South Brisbane burnt to the ground on Thursday 15 May 1874. Joel was collecting debts, as is noted on 4 August 1874, he collected from E Goertz for goods sold. On 4 December 1879, J Wilde of S Brisbane bought a stolen saddle for £1 from James Flanagan. Joel held an auction sale on 22 December 1879 to raise monies for his book debts in his insolvent estate.

Residential land sales were booming in the bayside suburbs in the 1880's On July 4 1881, together with his brothers, James and Henry and Matthew Adam, also of South Brisbane, he purchased Portions 60,61, 62 and 63, an area of 84 acres, around the mouth of Wynnum Creek. Immediately the land was subdivided and the first sales were held n Foundation Day December 12 1881

By this time, along with Matthew Adam, he had built the forerunner of the Wynnum Hotel, a two story camphor board building, named the "Hastings Hotel" in King (Glenora) and the future Fox Street. Mrs Mary McGenn applied for a country Publican's license on 8 November 1881. Adam and Wilde auctioned the hotel on Tuesday 29 June 1883 in order to close partnership accounts.

On 16 September 1882, he pleaded guilty to having sold a bottle of rum to an aboriginal at **Wynnum** and was fined £5 and costs of court.

On 4 July 1885 Joel Wilde was nominated by J J Dade, J Wakerby and J Dart for Bulimba Divisional Ward Sub Division Board.

In 1888 the Bulimba Divisional Board was divided into three smaller Divisional Boards, Balmoral Cooparoo and Kianawah which included Wynnum and Manly. Joel Wilde gentleman of South Brisbane was one of the six elected members, and Chairman. of the new Board.

On 9 March 1889 Joel Wilde, Gentleman, nominated to be a Licensing Justice for South Brisbane and the Division of Kianawah.

More land sales were made available in 1889. Together with Alexander Cunningham and Henry Alexander Maynard he purchased land in Waterloo Bay Estate. With Matthew Adam and Charles Harley he purchased land in Rose Bay Estate.

On 20 September 1890, after a land value determination, Portion 64a, Parish of Tingalpa was sold to Joel Wilde, Mathew Adam and James W Ashton. (Portion 64A is now Elanora Park)

At 31 October 1891, Joel Wilde was trading as Smith & Co of Brisbane, Undertaker. There was a meeting of creditors on that day.

On 5 September 1894 Joel was sued for wages by F Jennings for £4/3/9 with 8/6 costs and by J T Gilbert for £2.

On 22 July 1895 Joel Wilde was in the chair, when Kianawah Divisional Board was divided into 3 subdivisions, Wynnum, Wynnum South and Manly, instead of the original 2 divisions, Wynnum and Manly.

Joel's second wife, Martha, died on 24 April 1904 aged 70 years and is buried in an unmarked grave in Bulimba Cemetery (Block 6, Grave 18)

Joel Wilde died on 23 July 1913 aged 81 years in the Dunwich Benevolent Asylum of senile decay and heart failure and is buried at Dunwich One Mile Cemetery (Cemetery No. 2900) on Stradbroke Island.

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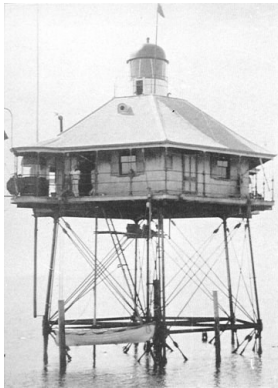
There is a new picture and story every day!

Series 85 Photo of the day No 10

### SEVERE CENSURE FOR CAPTAIN

Brisbane.—The Marine Board severely censured Captain G. D. Wall, who was pilot when the tanker **Wave Protector** rammed the Brisbane pile light last week.

The board found Capt. Wall committed a grave error of judgment. The finding was announced officially by the board chairman (Capt. S. A. Lucas).



The **Moreton Bay Pile Light** was a pile lighthouse positioned at the mouth of the Brisbane River. The light's early history was closely related to dredging through a sand bar, at the mouth of the Brisbane River, in 1882. The light was established in 1884 marking the seaward entrance to the Port of Brisbane and the entrance to the newly dredged Francis Channel. As a result of the bar becoming blocked in 1913, a new channel was new cut, and the light relocated. Coloured lights on the Pile Light indicated the level of the tides. The lighthouse keepers lived on the light. The structure was badly damaged by a barge in 1945 and finally destroyed when hit by the 15,000 ton tanker, the "Wave Protector" on 17 October 1949. An automated light operated on the ruins until 1966 - 1967 when the light was removed by the barge "Hammerhead."

### A Senior's Version of Facebook.

For those of the generation who do not, and cannot, comprehend why Facebook exists:

I am trying to make friends outside of Facebook while applying the same principals.

Therefore, every day I walk down the street and tell passers-by what I have eaten, how I feel at the moment, what I have done the night before, what I will do later and with whom.

I give them pictures of my family, my dog and of me gardening, taking things apart in the garage, watering the lawn, standing in front of landmarks, driving around town, having lunch and doing what anybody does every day.

I also listen to their conversations, give them the "thumbs up" and tell them I "like" them.

And it works like Facebook.

I already have 4 people following me: 2 police officers, a private investigator and a psychologist.

## What's On! October - November 2023

Date	Event	Venue	Booking
Sunday 11th February 2024 10 - 1pm	Open Day Wynnum Heritage Ambulande Museum	31 - 33 Tingal Road Wynnum	Donation
Wednesday 14th February 12.30-1.30pm	“History of St Mary’s Anglican Church, Kangaroo Point. Talk by Pat Comben.	Commissariat Store 115 William Street City	Book. \$10 3221 4198
Friday 15th February 9 - 1pm	Ulster Historical Federation. Mini Seminar	Genealogical Society of Queensland 25 Stackpole Street Wishart, Bne	\$ 50 - \$60 GSQ 3349 6072
Saturday 24th February 2024 1,30—4pm	“Happy Birthday Bisbane 200 years 1824 - 2024	GT 1 25 Theatre, St Joseph’s College 285 Gregory Terrace	Book Paul Sayer
Until April 2024 MF 9am- 8pm SS 10am-5pm	“Purpose Built Architecture for a Better Tomorrow”  Exhibition	State Library Stanley Place South Brisbane	Book for a free Tour: 3840 7666.
Saturday 24th February 2024. 12 for 12.30pm	“Qld Maritime Museum 54th Birthday Celebration Lunch”. Smart Casual.	Upstairs Function Room Ship Inn, South Brisbane Parklands, S. Brisbane	\$60 \$70. Book: trybooking.com/ COVCL. Enq: Keith 0438 260 543.
Wednesday 6 March 2024 6-7.15pm	“Social Enterprise with Orange Sky” Effectiveness of Relocata- ble Laundry. Game changes L Parish and N Marchesi	State Lubrary Auditrium 1, Level 2 Stanley Place S. Brisbane	Free  Book: 3842 9549
Saturday9 March 2024 9 - 1pm	“Stories in Stone” Brisbane Cemetery Histories	Commissariat Store 115 William Street City	\$25/\$35  Book : Eventbrite

### PUBLICATIONS FOR SALE

History of Music in Wynnum Manly 1900 - 1997	Betty Nock	\$ 5
History of Arts in the Wynnum Manly Area 1900 - 2003	Betty Nock	\$ 5
Bayside Biographies. People from Wynnum Manly. 1900 -2007	Betty Nock	\$ 5
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, Tingal Road  
on Thursday 16 November 2023

**Meeting opened** at 7.17pm

There were 30 members present and one visitor, with 2 apologies recorded.

President, Lucy Laakso took the chair and welcomed everybody. The visitor introduced himself. Member Father Twigg recounted his Sabbatical to Europe. Jan Aplin, Margaret Collins and Eric Sibley were given gifts in appreciation of their help in 2013.

Michael Beard researched and presented 3 events that occurred in Wynnum/Manly in 1925, 100years ago. The tale of the marble memorial at Manly was retold.

**Previous Minutes:** (Jill)

Minutes of Meeting of Thursday 19 October 2023 were accepted by Ellen Coupland seconded by Tom Schultz.

**Correspondence Report** (Lena)<sup>1</sup> for the month of October 2023. The report was accepted and endorsed at the committee meeting held on Thursday 2 November 2023.

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

Cash Management A/C No. 20139708, Bus Web Saver A/C No. 21781280 and Term Investment A/c 23366345.

At 1 October 2023: \$30,786.19 At 31 October 2023: **\$30,790.67**

Each A/C at 30 September 2023

Websaver A/c \$8,414.62

Building \$8,376.05

Fxd Term Deposit \$15,000.00

**TOTAL \$30,790.67**

Membership fees for 2024 are now being accepted. (\$25 for individuals, \$40 for a household)

**Resource Centre:** (Jill)

The audience was thanked for their contributions towards the Christmas Hamper Raffles and their purchase of tickets.. 15 Raffles were assembled.

This month, the "Where am I" photograph was a view of the toilet block behind the former Christadelphian Ecclesia at 82 Andrew Street, Wynnum (against the railway line). A grand daughter of the original builder visited the Resource Centre recently and provided us with the key dates for the building, which now has been purchased by the local Masonic Lodge, who were displaced from the Masonic Hall.

**Website Report** (Chris Seymour). The website, now on the WIX platform and is still being updated.

**Speaker**, Member, Dr Ian Patterson explored the local Tourist Industry, its local development and progress to 1960's.

**Christmas Hamper Winners:** Geraint Gregory, Lyn Shanks, Daryn Sibley, Michael Twigg, Eric Sibley, Carole Astill, Chris Seymour (2), Jan Aplin, Elma O'Toole, Lorraine Overs and Flo Schultz.

Meeting closed 8.45pm. Members enjoyed a supper of Christmas Fare which they had provided, aided by Ellen Coupland and Lena McCreadie.

We thank our Patron, Joan Pease and Councilor Sara Whitmee,  
for their ongoing encouragement and support.

"We acknowledge the Traditional Owners - the Quandamooka People - and the land on which we operate.

## Wynnum Manly Historical Society Inc

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Committee: Lucy Laakso, Lena McCreadie, Jill Greenhill, Myrtle Beitz, Ellen Coupland, Chris Seymour.

Meetings: 7.00pm for 7.15pm. 3rd Thursday of the Month (except December and January)  
in Queensland Ambulance Auditorium, Cnr Tingal Road and Bay Terrace Wynnum

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