

Summary of Minutes
General Meeting held on Thursday 17 July 2003

Meeting opened: 7:35pm

Minutes of Previous Meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Opening balance as at 30 June 2003 was \$3 698.65. Income totalled \$585.25 and expenditure totalled \$100.57. This resulted in a balance of \$4 183.33, including un-presented cheques at 30 June 2003.

The investment account was reinvested on 6 July for a further 45 days. A copy of the full report was available.

New Members: Kerry Lugg, Thelma Hogan, Irene and Alun Morgan were welcomed.

Heritage Tour: Stradbroke Island:

Bus leaves Civic Centre at 8 a.m. sharp to catch the barge and returns at 5 p.m.

General Business:

The **Living History** celebrations for 2003 are being held at Fort Lytton on Sunday 3 August. The Society will be mounting displays in the Old Artillery Building and members are invited to volunteer to man the displays between 9:30 and 3 p.m.

Speakers:

Spot Speaker, **Thelma Hogan**, told us about the copper plaque bearing names of WWI soldiers which were mounted close to the pine trees in Memorial Park. A few of these plaques were recently found in the Manly Lota RSL. Research into each individual named is continuing.

Graham Brown, our main speaker, gave a very informative talk about the construction of the Cleveland Railway Line, opened in 1889. The origins of the station names was particularly interesting.

Lucky Door prize winner: Allen Linning

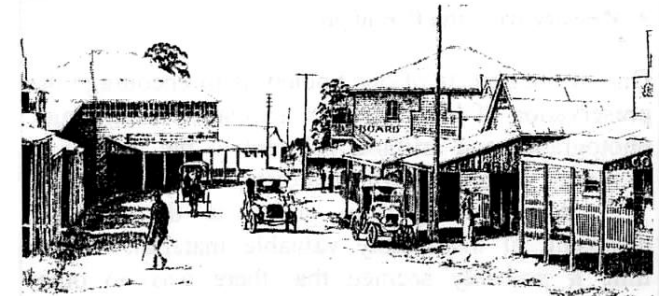
Membership Draw: Irene Morgan

Meeting closed: 8:50 Kay Bond (Secretary)

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

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Cambridge Parade Manly Circa 1920

WYNNUM MANLY HISTORICAL SOCIETY Inc.

NEWSLETTER

August 2003

Thursday 21 August at 7.30pm
in the Baptist Church Hall
(Corner Bay Terrace / Clara Street)

“Manly Centenary 20 years On”

Ron Schmidt

President of the

Manly Centenary Committee 1982

Member

Ian Kennedy

will tell of his holidays in

Redcliffe

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 Denise Wilson, Ellen Digby and Marion Maw who will be providing your supper

Invite a friend to attend

A Message from the President . . .

One of the objects of our Society is to encourage the preservation of local historic associations, buildings, photographs and artifacts relevant to the history of Wynnum, Manly and adjacent district areas.

We have all been guilty, in the past, of disposing of historically valuable material. At the time it probably seemed that there was no other course. We could have been under stress for a variety of reasons or unable to cope with the vast quantity to be dealt with, so truckloads of goodies have been taken to the dump.

I would say that the greatest amount of our heritage is lost because of ignorance. At the time of the clean-out it probably wasn't known, or cared about, that that old photograph with dirty glass may be the only existing evidence of a missing piece of research or that tatty bunch of letters or papers could flesh out the life of a highly prized pioneer. At other times an old desk, table or chair may have been thoughtlessly discarded when, in actual fact, it is still in good order and does its job well, quite apart from its often considerable historical value. IT IS UP TO US TO DO OUR BEST TO MAKE OUR FRIENDS, ORGANIZATIONS TO WHICH WE BELONG AND OUR CHURCHES AWARE OF THE VALUE OF WHAT THEY MAY BE THROWING OUT.

This experience is on the personal level. The equivalent is occurring all too often on a much larger scale. Look how many old houses have disappeared from our streets in recent years. Institutions no longer viable are not only losing their identities, but their physical habitats, sometimes beautiful, are being replaced by *redevelopment*.

We converts already know how much we learn from the past and the great influence it has on the present and the future. IT IS UP TO US TO SPREAD THE WORD AMONGST OUR FRIENDS, ACQUAINTANCES AND BUSINESS ASSOCIATES IN AN EFFORT TO SAVE AS MUCH OF OUR HERITAGE AS WE CAN.

Noela Stratton.

Next Heritage Tour

Saturday

27 September 2003—

(Note change of date!)

Depart Civic Centre 8.00am. Return 5.00pm

***Climb the Conondale Range to Mary Cairncross Park to view the Glasshouse Mountains and have morning tea**

*** Travel down the Mary Valley to**

KENILWORTH's Festival

Country Markets, Exhibitions, Scarecrow

Competition, Cheese Factory

*** See a Silversmith at work**

*** View working machinery at the local museum**

Tickets \$20.00 (Bus and Museum Admission)

Lunch available

Bookings: August meeting or contact Jill 3393 3208

A query received in the **Resource Centre** this week

Does anyone know when the Wynnum Branch of the **Bank of New South Wales** was opened? John Kerr was the Manager.

Remember, if you have any old **newspapers**, either local or Brisbane, please bring them along. Especially interesting are those found under old lino!
Jill

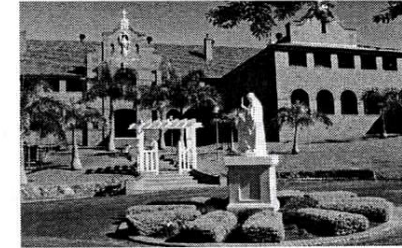
How good is your memory? (Answers overleaf)

In which year was:

- Brisbane proclaimed a municipality?
- Manly Amateur Swimming Club formed?
- the last Agricultural Show held at Memorial Park?

Our Heritage Listed Places:

Nazareth House



After visiting Nazareth House in London, Archbishop Duhig wanted to set up an aged persons and children's home in Queensland. He requested that a Chapter of the Poor Sisters of Nazareth be established here.

He searched for a suitable site and in 1918, purchased Mt Margaret, a 60 acre property at Tingal Hill, Wynnum. The property, which included a nine room villa, had been the home of former Queensland Premier (1906-07), William Kidston.

The six sisters didn't arrive in Brisbane until March 1921 but immediately took in and began caring for seven elderly ladies.

The following year, Archbishop Duhig purchased the neighbouring property of Silversprings. The buildings from Mt Margaret were moved to the new property. By Christmas, the home had 35 residents and it was obvious that there was an urgent need for more accommodation.

The firm of Hennessy, Hennessy, Keesing & Co and JP Donoghue were engaged to design the new building. George Turner's tender of £44,200 was accepted and construction of the first section began in 1924. the building was officially opened on 16 August 1925 by the then Governor of Queensland, Sir Matthew Nathan.

In 1939, a second stage, which included a convent, chapel and laundry, was added.

By 1963, it was caring for 85 elderly people and 70 children but in 1982 it ceased to function as a facility for children. However, there was a growing need for a nursing home so, following the completion of renovations, the new Nazareth House aged care facility was opened on 17 June 1984.

Remember our Regular Meetings

Third Thursday: (August 21) Baptist Hall 7.30pm:

Ron Schmidt "Manly Centenary" Ian Kennedy "Redcliffe"

Last Thursday: (Aug 28) Wynnum Public Library 10am:

Loca; Speaker. Morning Tea

Monday to Friday 10 -12 noon:

Resource Centre 7/66 Bay Terrace (Outside Public Library)