

Cambridge Parade Manly Circa 1920

Wynnum Manly **Historical Society Inc**

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July General Meeting THURSDAY 18 July 2024

6.45 pm for 7.00pm start

Wynnum Ambulance Auditorium Corner Tingal Road / Cedar Street

Speaker

Elaine Carroll

will speak about

The Wynnum Bowls Club



Inaugural meeting 1924 Official opening in 1926

Lucky Door

Bring and Buy

Refreshments

Gold Coin Donation

Visitors welcome

The Speaker this evening:-



Elaine Carroll

Elaine was born in 1937 and lived in Manly. She attended Wynnum Central School from 1942 and moved on to Wynnum High School.

Elaine's interest in Lawn Bowls commenced in 1972 at the age of 35 years and she has been playing for fifty two years.

She became a State player and now is a coach and an Umpire. She was a delegate for Port Curtis, Central Queensland

The opening of the Wynnum Bowls Club in Bridge Street, Wynnum resulted from an inaugural meeting held on 21 August 1924. There were about 300 people at the official opening on 10 April 1926 by James Johnson, the President of the Queensland Bowls Association.

The Ladies Bowls Club was not formed until 1930 with Mrs G A Savage as Madam President.

In 1932, adjoining land, with a cottage, was purchased in Carnation Street, Wynnum.

Remember the **Next Bring and Buy**. Thursday 18July 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



Resource Centre

June 2024

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 Iris Brewer

Iris was a vibrant force in Wynnum Manly. She joined the Committee of the Ageing in the 1960s and worked hard for the establishing of the Leisure Centre in Tingal Road. She became the Chair of the Committee that proudly opened the new Waterloo Bay 50s and Over Club building, debt free on 16 September 1978. The centre is run by Volunteers and with donations..

The ageing decaying Shire Clerk's Cotage adjacent to the Old Town Hall was not demolished but refurbished and re-opened in 1984. A book commemorates the event.

This week the partner of Iris has donated to us a large scrapbook containing a collection depicting Iris's earlylife and love of entertaining.

The location of the residence "St Leonard".

We are seeking to locate the site of a large "Queenslander" which, in the 1920s, was located on the foreshore, on Wynnum (Waterloo) Esplanade between Cusack Parade and Agnes Street.

Even in 1903 there were some large homes on the foreshore which still exist today - 'San Remo' against the Creek, 'Anakie', the former Police house., 'Rothsay, occupied in 1903.

Has anybody heard of the house called 'St Leonard'?

Jill

Visit to Fort Lytton - Saturday 22nd June 2024

Thirty one members and guests visited Fort Lytton for a special tour provided by the Fort Lytton volunteer guides. Dr Mike McLean gave us an interesting two-hour tour of the fort and recounted its history.

After Queensland separated from New South Wales in 1859, a Queensland defense force was formed. The first armament for the force was twelve fifty-year-old 24 pounder muzzle loading canons, provided by the British government. One of these canons is at Fort Lytton (and one outside the Wynnum library) The one at Fort Lytton was the weapon involved in an accident in 1879 when it was being used as a salute at the opening of the Queensland government. Two gunners were killed when they failed to properly swab out the gun after firing.

When Fort Lytton was built in 1880/81, the main purpose of the fort was to prevent enemy ships entering the Brisbane River to attack the city. The fort was equipped with two Armstrong breach loading 6-inch Mk V guns. One of the original guns is still at the fort. Mike explained that the guns could fire a 100-pound (45 kg) shell over a distance of nearly 13 km. They were known as disappearing guns because they were designed so that the weapon could be hidden while being loaded and aimed. When the time came to fire, the gun was lifted by hydraulic cylinders. Thus, the gun was only gun visible for the few seconds while it was fired. The weapon recoiled back into its recess for reloading. When not in use the gun was protected by an overhead shield. Mike related that in the commissioning ceremony a woman was the first person to fire the gun, and achieved better accuracy than her husband.

Mike also told us that the guns had only been fired three times in anger, and in each case it was a warning shot against friendly vessels which had failed to follow the prescribed protocol.

As well as the guns, the fort also controlled a sophisticated mine system. Forty-one submerged mines were strung across the river. The mines could be electrically detonated. The site museum has a working model of the system used to open the river for friendly vessels to pass.

By the time of the World War II, the chief threat to Brisbane was the fast moving motor torpedo boats. The Armstrong guns had been decommissioned a few years before the war and



were replaced by twin 6-pounder rapid-fire guns which were remotely controlled from a 15-metre-high lookout tower. Heavy steel boom net gates blocked the river, and were opened and closed by large winches.

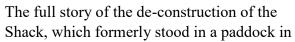
The tour ended with an examination of the boiler room and decontamination centre. Mike explained that after World War I, Fort Lytton was also used as a quarantine and inspection centre. Imported items deemed a risk, like cotton from the US, could be decontaminated by hot air in a large autoclave.

Thank you to Chris Seymour for this account.

June 2024. Where was I?

The Tin Shack, 727 New Cleveland Road, Gumdale







The reconstructed Tin Shack "Laggan House"

Green Camp Road, and its reconstruction in the grounds of the Gumdale and District Progress Association, in New Cleveland Road, just near the traffic lights below Gumdale State School, is told in the Newsletter No.159 March 2024.

The Shack is open on the first Saturday of the Month at 737 New Cleveland Road Gumdale, between 10.30 and 12.30 pm.

July 2024. Where am I?



Till next Time

Bayside United Football Club

50th Anniversary Celebration

The Anniversary celebrations are being held on the afternoon and evening of Saturday 10 August 2024.

All past and present members are invited. Please help spread the word. Let us know if you have any old photos and stories to share.

The History of the Wynnum Manly Historical Society Inc:

(Part 2)

Our Society was invited to deliver the monthly local history talk for May 2024 at the Wynnum Library. Many thanks to Heather Richards (Local History Librarian) for extending the invitation. For the talk, we gave a brief overview of 'The History of the Wynnum Manly Historical Society Inc'. Our June 2024 newsletter contained Part 1 of this article.

The Wynnum Manly Historical Society Inc is a community group so – really – the people are the most important part. We survive only because of **volunteers**. We are very grateful to everyone who



has contributed over the years – whether for a short time or a longer time. We have people available in our Resource Centre – Margaret and Duncan these days and in previous years people like the late Ian Kennedy; at our meetings, we have Jan at our welcome table; and we have Lena, Ellen and Margaret managing supper and we have Eric running our Bring and Buy table. We also have people like Dr Chiharu working on local projects like the relocation of the former Baptist Church on Bay Terrace across to Iona College. We thank all of our volunteers and invite you to join us if you can.

Over the years, we have had many so many **Members** and we appreciate every single one of them.

Our Committee handles the running of our Society and we have had many willing and enthusiastic **Committee Members** over the years. There is always something to do – or something new and exciting to do – so we welcome a range of skills.

Over the years, we have been very fortunate to have supportive **Patrons**. In our earliest days, our Patrons were Local Member Don Randall and State Member Toms Burns. Has everyone heard the story about State Member Tom Burns's boat? Tom loved getting out in his boat and it was called 'The Electorate'. So when Tom ducked out for a spot of fishing, the story was that he was out in 'The Electorate'. Later on, we welcomed Councillor Peter Cumming. Peter opened our first Resource Centre outside the former Wynnum Library. Not only was Peter a Patron but he has been a long standing Member of our Society and we consider him to be one of our great friends. Has everyone heard Peter's yarn about the Corner House roundabout fountain? Peter regularly tells us the story about young folk having put detergent in the fountain water so passing cars were sprayed with foam; Peter said that was one of the reasons the fountain was turned off. State Member Paul Lucas was one our Patrons; and then in more recent years, we have been very fortunate to have State Member Joan Pease and more recently Councillor Alex Givney as our Patrons. Ignoring partisan politics, all of our Patrons have been very supportive of our work and we thank them very much indeed.

Let's not forget our **Auditors**: in our early days, it was Alan Gillespie; then Eric Seibuhr; then Cathy Cassell; then Ian Vagg; and last but not least Ross Hodson. We thank Ross for continuing to be a very committed Member.

Presidents have included: Margaret Mercer; John Davies; Graham Brown; Bill Hess; Percy Duke; Jackie Butler; Doug Gilshenan; Noela Stratton; Heather Smith; Brian Brandenburg; Jan Parnell; Deb Tearle; Sandy Liddle; and Jill Greenhill. Like any leadership role, the President is the 'first among equals' so it's a team effort with the Committee.

GUESSING GÂME:

Question 1: These days, at our monthly meetings, we average about 30 attendees (we would love to have more – please join us!). What do you think was the biggest meeting attendance on record for our Society?

Question 2: Back in 1996, our Society started to gather a collection of resources separate from the Merv Beitz Room. How many books were in our very first Society library?

Come along to our July 2024 meeting to guess or check out our next newsletter for the answers.

After this brief overview of our Society's history, what's next for our Society? We will continue to work with our community, including:

Iona College at Lindum: supporting endeavours to make sure 'Lindum' remains as a named suburb and contributing local historical information for some of their publications. We are very grateful for a recent donation from Iona College. And we are very keen to work with any other local schools – we heard a lovely story the other day – one of our new Members is a grade 2 teacher at Manly State School and apparently the grade 2 students are using photos from our website to learn about the Wynnum waterfront and history of the wading pool.

Friends of Hemmant Cemetery: assistance with research and getting the word out about this new community group. Patron Cr Alex Givney and a Heritage Trail. A very exciting project and we'll be working with a number of people on this project.

Increasing the diversity of our speakers. We are on Quandamooka Country and we look forward to learning about all history – Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal.

And in 2028 we will turn 40. That's quite a feat and I'm sure we will have a number of celebrations during 2028.

Thank you to Jill Greenhill (our Librarian) who provided invaluable materials for the talk at Wynnum Library and thank you to Heather Richards (Local History Librarian at our wonderful Wynnum Library) for the invitation to present.

Thanks for reading! Lucy (President)

Our Pioneers - Now resting in Hemmant Cemetery

Charles Samuael DURRINGTON and Annie Louisa DURRINGTON.

Charles Samuel Durrington was born in 1881 at North Witchford, Cambridgeshire, in the Fen district of England. This area was originally low, wild and swampy and Charles 1, around 1625, employed a Dutch hydrologist, to drain the land. With a series of canals and locks the excess water was gradually removed providing a productive arable area. (The orange area on the map, the Fens, extend through parts of Lincolnshire, Cambridgeshire and Norfolk and surface water drains into The Wash.)

Charles Samuel was the third of five children of **Charles Durrington (Senior) (1856 - 1857)**, born at Tydd in Lincolnshire and **Catherine** (nee Risley) **Durrington**, born at Doddington Cambridgeshire. Charles Durrington (Senior) was a wheelwright by trade.

The grandparents of Charles Samuel were **Henry Durrington (1828 -1896)** and **Emma** (nee Greenwood) **Durrington** (1829 - 1916).

<u>Charles Samuel Durrington</u> (1881- 1931) <u>Annie Louisa DURRINGTON</u> (1878 - 1964)

Charles married Annie Lousia in 1905. Annie Louisa was born in (Southery) Ely, Cambridgeshire on 10 August 1878 and was 4th in a family of 12 children. Her father Larman Richard Register was a watchmaker and clock repairer. Annie Louisa's sister Polly was married on the same day.

Twelve months later a daughter Annie Theresa was born but she only lived for 4 hours. An infant male died in 1908.

In 1911 the family sailed from Portsmouth on SS Marathon, a White Star Liner, to Brisbane. They first lived in Constance Street, Fortitude Valley(FV) with Anglican Minister Rev Miles and his mother. Charles obtained work with the Brisbane Tramway Department in Counter Street, FV and was able to travel for free on the trams!

A stillborn son was born before the family purchased land in Wynnum West in 1912, The 6 acres of land were against the Brisbane (Wynnum) Road Wynnum West. The road was dirt and only single lane. A 2 bedroom house was built on the land and brother Bil was born here in 1914 and a daughter Sylvia in 1916. In 1922 Charles Edward was born but he died 9 months later during a diphtheria epidemic and was buried at Hemmant (Mon A. 9.14)

Charles built a large and elegant Queenslander in front of the small house, bordering (Brisbane) Road with grand gates of his design. The house was named "Cambridge", with large rooms, a U-shaped verandah and trellis frames supporting Bougainvillea, a colourful display when in flower.

Two acres of the land were cultivated. Charles grew pineapples, bananas, custard apples persimmons and vegetables. He kept turkeys, fowls and ducks. And he won prizes for his ducks at the local Wynnum Agricultural, Horticultural and Industrial Show. He grew corn for his fowls. There was a cow, milked twice a day

As the district grew (Wynnum West) a Progress Association was formed and meetings held in the Durrington Home. President of the Association, Sam Greene presented Charles with a ruby cup for his services,

On Saturday 8 April 1922 Charles was installed as Grand Master of the Wynnum Masonic Lodge and his wife Annie Louisa was admitted as a Member of the Order of the Chapter on 3 June 1933.

Wynnum West State School opened on 15 May 1922 and children Bill and Sylvia were first day pupils along with 55 other children Father, Charles was later secretary of the school

Numerous fetes and picnics were held on the Durrington property to raise money for local concerns, one of these being St John's Church Hall. Construction was completed in 1928 and Charles was made Secretary. Guild meetings, working bees and fetes continued to be held at "Cambridge" to help pay for the Church. And finally Mrs Argaet, whose husband ran the Pioneer Bus Company paid the final debt.



Charles had an accident at work causing an infected finger. His health deteriorated over the following 2½ years. A clot formed in his right leg, then one in his left leg and eventually a clot travelled to this brain.

He died on 2 January 1931 aged 49 years. Annie Louisa applied to foster children to earn a living (No pensions then).

In 1939 Annie Louisa, (aged 61 years) became ill and ceased all her charitable work. She lived with Sylvia in Mackenzie Street, from 1941 to 1943. Then she lived independently in a small house at 218 Preston Road. In 1959, aged 82 years she entered full time care at Diamantina (Princess Alexandra) Hospital and died on 20 November 1964 aged 87 years.

The large residence "Cambridge", with its beautiful gates remained on the property until the mid 1980's when, due to lack of maintenance the residence was demolished and the land sub divided for residences, except for a small area, Durrington Park, which was named in mid 1991.



Mon A.9.14

Sunday 21 July 2024

Coochiemudlo Island Flinder's Day Markets and Re-enactment of Flinder's Landing. Assemble at the memorial Flagpole at 10.20am.



Every year the re-enactment of Flinders Historic landing is staged on the Sunday closest to July 19 (1799)

A Sunday Family Day out. Drive to Victoria Point and take 8 minute ferry across to the Island. Visit the Markets. Take Morning tea or lunch at the Curlew Café or Coochie Beach Bar. Walk around the Island. Enjoy the emerald fringe and the wetlands.

(Walking on sand is not suitable for those persons with mobility problems)

Sunday 25 August 2024

A Walk in Hemmant Cemetery

Monumental Section

Meet outside the Office at 10.00am



Cemeteries are not only places of burial; they are repositories of our history, culture, and stories waiting to be discovered. Join fellow members of the Wynnum Manly Historical Society as we take a walk through Hemmant Cemetery, a tranquil and reflective space nestled in the heart of Hemmant. The Cemetery is home to many of our communities' stories. I have recently started recording some of the stories of those buried there and would love to share my findings with you. There are plenty of stories to be told - and plenty more to be uncovered.

Daryn Sibley

The Naming of Lytton, Queensland (and Bulwer)

Lytton was established as a Pilot station and village at the mouth of the Brisbane River in 1859 and is believed to have been named after **Lord Edward Bulwer-Lytton** (1803 - 1873) who, in the English Parliament, was the Secretary of State for the Colonies between 1858 and 1859.

The following report was found in *Moreton Bay Courier*, Wednesday 15 September 1858. (Trove)

THE NEW SECRETARY FOR THE COLONIES.

Extraordinary Scene at the Hertford Election.

A most painful scene occurred at Hertford, on the occasion of the re-election of Sir Edward Bulwer Lytton. Towards the close of the election, there was an unwonted stir in the crowd, which parted to admit of the passage of a hired brougham, from one of the town inns. A lady alighted, an extremely handsome woman of about forty five years of age, with fresh complexion and with eyes of dazzling beauty. She advanced as near as she could through the crowd, towards the husting, and announced herself as the wife of the Right Hon. Sir E. B. Lytton. She stated she had come according to a promise made, by her, to confront her husband and to expose the wrongs she said he had inflicted upon her and which she had published in a pamphlet, published by her..

Recognised as soon as observed, her voice was nearly drowned by the shouts of Sir Edward's supporters, but Sir Edward's eye caught hers and he paled. He trembled exceedingly. He turned his back on the unwelcome visitor, then suddenly disappeared below the husting platform. His wife cried, "Coward". He escaped rapidly into the residence of the gentleman on whose ground the election took place. Lady Lytton continued to address the audience for more than a quarter of an hour asserting her intention to confront her husband on every possible occasion until she compelled him to redress her wrongs. She left town early in the afternoon, to return to Taunton where she resides.

(Jill)

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What's On! June/July 2024

Date	Event	Venue	Booking
Sat/Sun 13/14 July 2024	Brisbane Open House Program. "City Architecture Past, Present and Future" 50 Building to Visit. Talks Discussions	https://brisbaneopenhouse com.au-program Annual event	On line at: www.brisbaneopenhouse. com.au
Sun 14 July 9.30 - 11.00am	Old Maritime Museum South Brisbane Walking Tour. In-Depth Tour, photos, entry to Maritime Museum and discounted Lunch at Ship Inn.	Meet at Maritime Museum 412 Stanley St, South Bne.	\$30 pp Book: 3844 5361
Wednesday 24 July 2024 10 - 11.30am	"The Indian Scout Motor Bike Rides Again."	Redland Museum 60 Smith Street Cleveland	trybooking.com/events/landing/1190206
Sat 27 July 2024 6 - 8pm	"The Magic of Celtic Music."	Redland Museum 60 Smith Street Cleveland	\$28.50 - \$47 trybooking.com/events/ landing/1235855
Sat 27 July 2024 10 - 12 Noon	"How did they get here? Immigration in Australia from 1788 onwards.	Toowong Library Toowong Shopping Centre 9 Sherwood Road, Toowong.	Free. Book3403 2590
Sat 3 August 2024 6 - 9pm	A Night to Remember. Scottish Historical Fund Raiser	BrisWest Centre 132 LaTrobe Terrace Paddington	\$65 including supper Bookings: 0418 844 511
Sat 18 May to Sun 4 Aug 2024 10-3pm*	"Births, Deaths and Marriages" Exhibition	Redcliffe Museum 75 AZAC Avenue Redcliffe	*Closed Mon and Tues. 3480 6700
Wed 5 June to Sun 11 Aug 10 - 3pm Wed to Sun only	The Keeper: Collectors and their Collections.	Pine Rivers Heritage Museum 901–949 Dayboro Rd Whiteside	Enq: 5433 2710

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History of Music in Wynnum Manly 1900 - 1997 History of Arts in the Wynnum Manly Area 1900 - Bayside Biographies. People from Wynnum Manly.	
Mangroves to Moorings re-visited	Myrtle Beitz \$35
Lota House: Photos over 150 years Story of Lota House 1867 - 2017	Myrtle Beitz \$15 Myrtle Beitz \$ 5
Church Buildings of Wynnum Manly and Lota Early Shipping in Moreton Bay 1846 - 1859	Coupland and Greenhill \$10 Davenport and Mottram \$ 5
Early Shipping in Moreton Bay 1860 - 1863	Davenport and Mottram \$ 5

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Wynnum Manly Historical Society Inc

Minutes of General Meeting held in Ambulance Auditorium, Tingal Road on Thursday 20 June 2024

Meeting opened at 7.10pm with 27 members present, 2 apologies and 1 visitor, Andy Quirk. President, Lucy Laakso took the chair, acknowledged Country and welcomed everybody. Visitors were asked to introduce themselves. The audience was invited to provide any comments and updates, as follows:

Daryn Sibley talked about the upcoming tour at Hemmant Cemetery on Sunday 25 August.

Joan Pease updated us on the progress at Lindum Station an asked for any old photos,

The old Masonic Hall is up for lease. The reconstruction of the old Baptist Church, now at Iona Is progressing, slowly. **Chis Seymour** commented on happenings 100 yeas ago as reported in Trove.. **Alex Givney** reported that the WM Barnes Memorial situated on Esplanade at Wynnum Central is to get a refurbish.

Chiharu explained the latest project at the Leisure Centre – sale of pavers bearing one's name.

Previous Minutes: (Jill)

Minutes of Meeting of Thursday 16 May 2024 were accepted by Daryn Sibley and seconded by Ellen Coupland.

<u>Treasurer's Report:</u> (Danny) For month of May 2024 as per statements:

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

All Accounts:
At 1 May 2024: \$38,265.80
At 31 May2024: \$37,556.82

Everyday \$10,112.75
Building \$7,444.07
Fxd Term Deposit \$15,000.00
TOTAL \$37,556.82

Correspondence Report (Lena) Report, was presented for May 1 to 31 2024.and was accepted and endorsed at the committee meeting held on Thurs 13 June 2024.

Resource Centre: (Jill)

This month, the "Where am I" photograph was a view inside the Tin Shack at Gumdale. The story of the deconstruction and moving of the Shack from a paddock in Green Camp Road to the grounds of the progress Hall in New Cleveland Road was illustrated. Now a Social Museum, the Tin Shack bears the name Laggan House and opens to the public on the 1st Saturday of the month.

Technical Report: Chris Seymour reported that the Website is up and running but the email problem is still being investigated..

Main Speaker, Ed Harwood, the Community Relations Officer at the Port of Brisbane gave an interesting talk on the history and establishment of the Port. Originally wharves were on the banks of the Brisbane River, but with the growth of larger sea-going vessels, they had to be redeveloped over the previous Fisherman Islands at the mouth of the Brisbane River. Continual dredging of the channel in Moreon Bay to allow access of the large vessels means a surplus supply of sand. The bund-walled area is nearly full, so a new disposal plan is needed.

<u>Lucky Door Prize</u>: Ross Hodson <u>Raffle</u>: Rosie Crouch

Meeting closed 8.45pm with a reminder of the upcoming Fort Lytton Tour on Saturday 22 June at 2.00pm. Visitors and members were invited to partake of refreshments, aided by Ellen Coupland and Margaret Collins.



"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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Iona



Cartridge World



Ede's Salon



Taste the Aroma



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Bank of Queensland at BSB:124012. Society Everyday A/C 20139708 or Resource Centre A/C 21781280.

Meetings: 6.45pm for 7.00pm. 3rd Thursday of the Month (except December and January) in Queensland Ambulance Auditorium, Cnr Tingal Road and Bay Terrace Wynnum

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