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Wynnum Manly Historical Society Inc

"Our aim is to gather and record local history before it is lost."

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NEWSLETTER

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November General Meeting

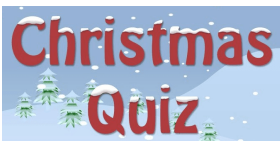
THURSDAY 21 November 2024

6.45 pm for 7.00pm start

Wynnum Ambulance Auditorium
Corner Tingal Road / Cedar Street



Louie, for 50 years,
the Barber of Edith Arcade
Presented by Eric and Sue Laakso



Very Easy

Monster
Hampers



Christmas Refreshments

Gold Coin Donation

Visitors welcome

MEMBERSHIP FOR 2025

Memberships expire on December 31 2024 so you are due for renewal on 1 January 2025.

No rise in fees for 2025

Individual - \$25 pa. Household - \$40 pa.

\$15 for Newsletter if you prefer a printed copy.

We hope that everybody will renew their membership.

Either seal the **cash in an envelope** and write your details on the front:

- Hand in at the November meeting OR
- Hand in at the Resource Centre, open Monday to Friday 10am to Noon.

OR

- Pay into the Bank of Queensland
BSB: 124 012
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Christmas Hampers!



We have made up 24 Hampers from your gifts. Very many thanks to all our members who have contributed to the wonderful array of Christmas Goodies.

No Bring and Buy on Thursday 21 November 2024

The Next Bring and Buy is on
Thursday 20 February 2025.

*Plenty of time to make some Jam, Chutney,
Preserves . . .*

*To sort out your unwanted Books . . .
(Fact or Fiction).*

Thank you for your contributions in 2024. Bring some



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)

Recent Visitors have been from the Bayard and Haslett families

Bayards: Adam and Debbie Bayard, relatives of the Bayard family who lived in Wynnum when the Bayard store was open in Bay Terrace, came to see us, to see their Bayard family connections back to 1550s.

Former family members had lived in France, Holland New York, Canada and Australia.

And we have a committee member who also has connections to the Bayard Family!

Hasletts: A former member, Sue Haslett and her husband from Jimboomba were brought by their son, on a mystery Birthday outing to Wynnum. Besides a coffee shop visit, the family came to see us and spent nearly 2 hours reminiscing of people, developments and changes in our local district since the family had lived here. Sue's son joined Sue up again as a Birthday Gift - at least she will receive the Newsletter as she will not be able to join us for meetings.

Who remembers “Ehmer’s Puppets ?



We received an envelope this week, pushed under the Resource Room door, with the many records of Berni and Eileen Ehmer in their performing days from 1956 to 2014. The pair travelled from Australia, to South Africa, USA and Argentina. They made hundreds of puppet characters. This local family participated in the first Festival of Puppetry in 1979 in Queensland, in World Expo '88, to Shows on TV - the list goes on!

Wynnum Town Hall (1912—1926)

A Researcher, seeking sites and remains of former Town Hall buildings around Brisbane visited us recently. She was seeking both the sites and buildings and any stories.

In 1924 Queensland State Parliament passed the City of Brisbane Act to set up a single government in Brisbane. Before this time, the Brisbane area had been divided up into 20 local authorities and joint boards each with its own official buildings.

We were able to provide details of the former Wynnum Town Hall, which was pulled down in the 1970s to provide a space on which the present Leisure Centre is built in Tingal Road.



Wynnum Manly Historical Cards for Sale

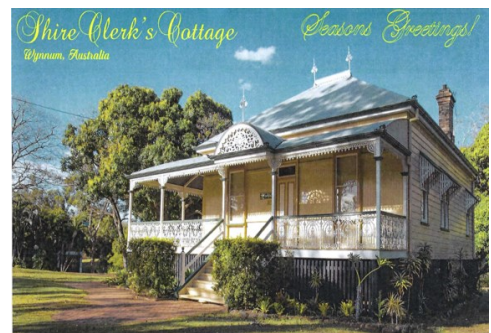
The Society is selling Christmas Cards.

Bundles of 5 Cards for \$10. (\$8 to WMHS Members)

Available in the Resource Room

Monday to Friday 10 am to Noon

and at the November 2024 meeting.



Where was I?

October 2024



Iona Hill 85 North Road Lindum

In April 1956, Father Gabriel Nolan of Manly noticed that land at Lindum was for sale. Within 24 hours Duhig had closed the deal of sale at £10,800 for the purchase of the broad acres on a superb site. Again, the purchase of a hill, for which Duhig is famous.

Founding Rector, Father Tim Long named the hill and expressed his gratitude to Archbishop Duhig. Saying “He, more than anybody, is Iona’s founder”.

The Lindum property, formerly Gibb’s farm at 85 North Road was listed for sale on 22 April 1956. The 32 acre site included 8 acres already purchased previously for Lindum State School. The eighty-year-old, three bedroom farmhouse, described as “aged” was constructed of pine with a galvanised roof and veranda on two sides. Linoleum was on all floors. The water system was heated with a kerosene heater. In the kitchen there were built in cupboards, a table and 6 chairs, and a fuel stove. Electricity and town water were connected. Outside was a two-stalled stable. On Tuesday 1 October 1957, Father Tim Long OMI (Oblate of Mary Immaculate) and Father Dennis McCarthy arrived at the old farmhouse in an old second hand Vauxhall with £50 cash, and a gift of blankets, sheets and towels from the Oblate Parish of Nundah. The farmhouse had been scrubbed clean by ladies from Guardian Angels. There were 120 days to create a primary school. The first pupils were to arrive in January 1958.

The land title deeds were eventually obtained from Archbishop Duhig so that a loan could be obtained to build a classroom block, which was fully in use by 1959.

Mothers and Fathers Clubs were in place by 1961.

In 1976 the downstairs of the original farmhouse was used for Manual Arts classes and Oblate accommodation was above, on the first floor.

A Farewell Social for old farmhouse was held in 1981. In 1998 opening of Performing Arts Centre

Father Twigg arrived in 2015 and 2024 saw the arrival of Father Joe Antony.

Where am I?

November 2024



Best Wishes for the Festive Season

Till 2025, Jill

Chris Seymour, our presenter in October 2024, has written a short resume of his presentation for the benefit of members and our followers.

St John's Cathedral Brisbane



There is no need to go to Europe to explore a magnificent Gothic style cathedral – we have one right here in Brisbane. It was created due to the vision and energy of William Webber, who was Bishop of Brisbane from 1885 until his death in 1904.

In 1886 Webber commissioned his friend John Loughborough Pearson to design the new building. It was to take 122 years until 2008 for the vision to be translated into the full glory of the building we have today.

Despite the passage of time, the completed cathedral is very faithful to the first designs produced by Pearson in 1889.

The Gothic style was the predominant theme in church building in Europe prior to the 13th century. Then it was replaced by classic styles based on Greek and Roman architecture, and Gothic was considered barbarian. Pearson was one of the leaders of the Gothic revival movement in Europe. His Truro cathedral in Cornwall was the first English cathedral in this style since Salisbury in 1220.

The Gothic style incorporates stone construction with arches, high ceilings and flying buttresses. St John's in Brisbane has them all.

The exterior of the building was built from Brisbane Tuff – a light coloured igneous rock, sometimes called porphyry. The interior is finished in sandstone, from a church owned quarry in Helidon.

Both Webber and Pearson passed away before construction began in 1906. John Pearson's son Frank took over as chief architect. Neither John, nor Frank ever visited Australia, but they designed for the local conditions. The windows are narrow, reducing the heat from the sun. This makes the interior rather dark – offsetting the light colour of the Helidon sandstone.

The first stage of building, which consisted of the eastern end was completed in 1910 and consecrated on 28th October of that year. Stage 2 added two further bays and was built between 1966 and 1970 – after Frank Pearson had passed away in 1947. Queen Elizabeth viewed the newly completed stage 2 in her visit to Brisbane in 1970.

Stage 3, which consists of the west end and three towers took from 1989 to 2008. Part of the reason for the long delays was financial. Cathedrals - especially on the scale of St John's - are expensive!

The cathedral site has other historic buildings. Webber House, built in 1904, was a school until 1941 – the precursor to Anglican Church Grammar School. The Hobbs House is the second oldest house in Brisbane – built in 1853. For three years after 1859, it was the first Government House in Brisbane. From the Balcony on 10 December 1859, newly appointed Governor Sir George Bowen announced the existence of the new colony of Queensland. The house is now the residence of the Dean. St Martin's House completed in 1922 was built as a hospital for war wounded. It closed in 1971 and is now the diocese offices.

Beyond the building itself, St John's has many treasures, including historical items and beautiful art works. The west wall incorporates a stained glass window by Brisbane artist Warwick Blair. It depicts the instant of conception of Christ. Other windows depict the alliance between the US and Australia, and the partnership of religion and science.

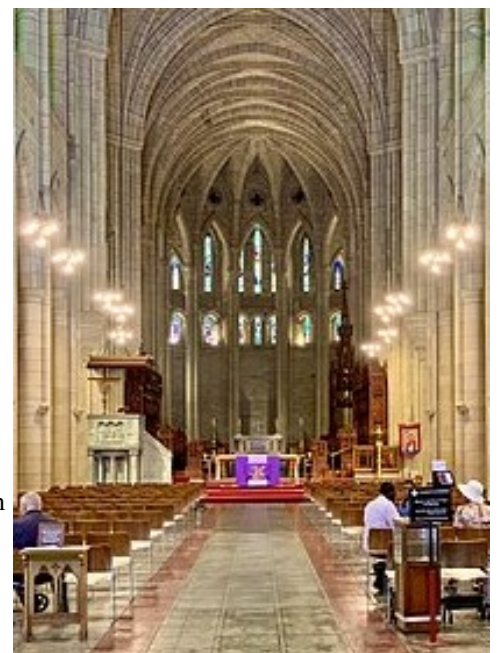
The very last flag taken from the beach at Gallipoli is on display. There is a mosaic from a sixth century church in Gaza, which was rescued by ANZACs after the building was destroyed by Turk shelling. And another similar mosaic from a synagogue in Jericho.

There is a display of 110 coins from a larger collection held by the cathedral. Included is a coin minted under Tiberius Caesar, and carrying his image. He was Roman Emperor from AD 17 to 39. This could be the very coin handed to Jesus by the Pharisees in Matthew 22.

There is a wonderful painting by famous Brisbane artist Lloyd Rees from 1977.

We have arranged a visit to the cathedral for November 21. Please contact me on 0409 074 200 if you wish to attend. We still have room on a minibus. We will meet at 10:30 am on the cathedral steps. Denzil Scrivens, the official cathedral historian will be our guide.

Thank you Chris.



Our Pioneers - Now resting in Hemmant Cemetery

Hedley Francis SIBLEY (1869 - 1950) and Beatrice Mary PORTER, nee BALDRY SIBLEY (1878 -

Hedley's parents, Josiah Sibley and Jane Willingham were married on 24 July 1867 at Bury St Edmunds in Suffolk, England. Josiah was a school teacher. Their eldest son, but second child, Hedley Francis Sibley was born on 9 April 1869 at Charlton Musgrave in Somerset, England. Hedley's mother, Jane, died in childbirth at the age of 38 years.

Hedley did not get along with his new step-mother, Beatrice. He ran away from home, put up his age and changed his name to 'George' Sibley to gain entry to the army. He served for 30 years in the army with both the 1st and 4th Norfolk Regiments.

Eventually Hedley produced his birth certificate and served his second 21 year period of engagement in the army, which included 12 years in India. His exmpleore service record was recognized, when, in 1909, he was presented with a medal by King Edward VII, for long and meritorious service and conduct.

Francis met his wife, Beatrice Mary, in India. She was born on 22 January 1878 at Bury St Edmonds, County of Suffolk, England and had been widowed, after only 18 months of marriage. Her husband, Thomas Porter, a British serviceman in the 1st Norfolk regiment died on April 25 1898 of enteric fever.

Officer No. 2667 Colour Sergeant Hedley Francis Sibley, aged 29 years, was married Beatrice Mary Porter, nee *Baldry*, aged 20 years, on 11 July 1898, at Allahabad, India, by Garrison Chaplain G E Oldman.

Three children were born in India, Hedley Francis Junior (1899), Lilian May (1900) and Lydia Gladys(1903). Three more children were born in England, Beatrice Mary (1905), Josiah (1906) and Percival Clarence (1907).

When Hedley had completed his tour of duty with the British Army the family moved to Australia to join other members of Hedley's family. Hedley's sister May had already moved to Australia in 1889 followed by their father, Josiah Sibley, then the rest of the family. Hedley and Beatrice, plus children left Tilbury Docks, London on the "Orana", a Royal Mail steamship of the Orient Line on 10 November 1911 and arrived in Brisbane on Christmas Day 1911.

Hedley and his family settled on the farm of his younger brother, Percy at Lindum. Hedley worked for Brit and Co as an accountant for 14 years. Two more children were born to Hedley and Beatrice in Australia, Edith Rose (1913) and Albert Eric (1915).

Hedley eventually bought his brother Percy's farm and more property nearby, including the present site of the Blue Care Aged Care premises, formerly known as, "Pleasantville". Hedley worked his own sandpits, with the help of his son Eric. On the farm they grew bananas, pineapples, small crops and he kept some Jersey cows for milking.

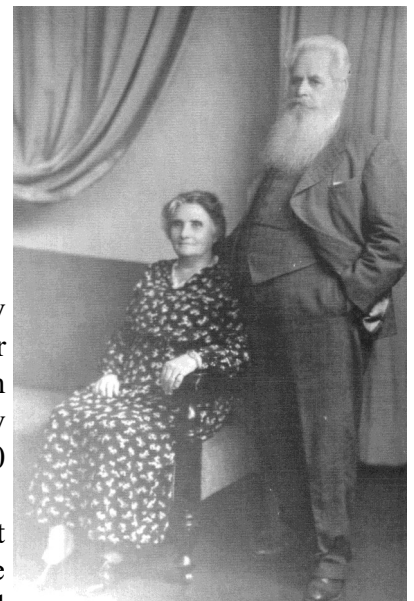
Hedley was thrice elected Councillor of Ward 4 in the Wynnum Town Council (1920 – 1923) and served as

Chairman of Finance. He was held in high esteem for his honesty and loyalty. He donated land on his property for a road to make easy access to Wynnum, originally known as Sibley's Road.

Hedley passed away on 12 December 1950 at his home in Sibley Road, Wynnum, aged 83 years. He had lived in Australia for 39 years and was recorded as a retired Clerk. Beatrice died three years later on 9th January 1953 aged 75 years. Both are in Hemmant Cemetery.

However, with their 35 grand children, there are many descendants still living in the district.

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Hedley and Beatrice



Sunday 25 August 2024

A Walk in Hemmant Cemetery

Unfortunately our walk in Hemmant Cemetery, was postponed to a later date.

We will keep you posted.

Probably in 2025



Next Market Day. Saturday 7th December 2024.

Wynnum's Shire Clerks Cottage



Last Craft Market for 2024.

Morning Tea on the Verandah of the cottage.

The Society will be welcoming visitors to the Cottage and answering any historical enquiries.

Do we have any members who would volunteer be there for a few hours?

Contact Jill at jillg01@tpg.com.au

or mobile 0407 293 177.

Thursday 21st November 2024

A Visit to St John's Anglican Cathedral

373 Ann Brisbane City

Leaving Community Centre, Florence Street, Wynnum
9.30am (or travel by Train.)

Presentation 10.30am

Lunch in City

An 8 – seater bus can be arranged if required and can be parked within the Cathedral grounds.

Donation \$7 to the Cathedral

Please express your interest and book on this coming

Thursday General Meeting (17 October 2024).



Did you know?

In the 1500s :

The floor was dirt. Only the wealthy had something other than dirt, hence the saying “dirt poor”.

The wealthy had slate floors which would get slippery in the winter when wet, so they spread thresh on the floor to help keep their footing. As winter wore on they kept adding more thresh until when the door opened the thresh would all start slipping outside. A piece of wood was placed in the entry way, hence a “threshold”.

What's On! Oct/Nov 2024

Date	Event	Venue	Booking
Thursday 28 November 2024	"Lord Kitchener and his visit to Wynnum"	Wynnum Public Library 145 Florence St Wynnum	Free Book 3403 2199
Until December 15 2024 10 - 5 pm	Titanic. The Human Story	Level Q, 'UpTown', 91 Queen Street, City	\$49 (Senior) Book: On Line. Fever App Tour takes 80 - 90 minutes
Until Saturday 28th December 2024	Visit "A Centenary Christmas Wonderland". Sparkling Festive Glamour!	Brisbane Arcade 168 Queen Street Mall City	Free. Wander through the Arcade.
Saturday 6 December 2024 10 - 11.30am	"Against the Elements: Recording Weather and Natural Disasters."	National Archives of Australia 16 Corporate Drive Cannon Hill	Free. Book:3249 4200
Fridays and Sundays 10 - 4pm	Re-opening of Newstead House after 3 years of renovation.	Cnr. Bkfast Ck Rd and Newstead Avenue, Newstead.\$12	Enq. 3216 1846
Until Fri 7 Feb 2025 Thu 10- 11.30am. Fri 2.30- 3.30pm.	"Preservation Station" Digitise old photos and slides.	Bribie Island Museum 1 South Esp. Bongaree.	Book: seaside.museum@moret onbay.qld.gov.au
Saturday 16 November 2024 to 9 Feb 2025 10 - 3pm	"Red, Red, Red." Showcasing the red objects in our collection, Exhibition	Redcliffe Museum 75 Anzac Ave Redcliffe	Redcliff Museum Check 5480 6700 to ensure open.
Wednesday 12 February 2025 12.30 - 1.30pm	Brisbane Girl's Grammar School - "Jewels in the Crown"	Commissariat Store 115 William Street City	Book: Eventbrite (Royal Historical Society of Queensland)

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:
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Wynnum Manly Historical Society Inc

Minutes of General Meeting held in Ambulance Auditorium, Tingal Road
on Thursday 17 October 2024

Meeting Opened at 7.05pm

There were 31 Members present, 2 apologies and 2 visitors, Eric Laakso and Alan Beswick. President Lucy Laakso took the chair, welcomed everybody and acknowledged Country. Lucy showed her own "where am I?" - this being a water fountain for dogs, horses and people outside the Mater Hospital, South Brisbane.

Our Patron, Councillor Alex Givney gave us an update on the Heritage Trail she is organising for Wynnum Manly. Chiharu and Darren are our representatives on this committee. Sue Laakso presented Wynnum Manly news from 100 years ago.

Previous Minutes: Minutes of previous meeting of Thursday 19 September 2024 were accepted by Ellen Coupland and seconded by Darren Sibley

Treasurer's report: (Danny)

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

All accounts:		Each a/c at 30 September 2024	
At 31 August 2024:	\$36,956.88	Everyday	\$10,412.52
At 30 September	\$37,096.14	Building	\$ 6,683.62
		Fxd.Term Deposit	\$ 20,000.00
	TOTAL		\$37,096.14

Correspondence Report:(Elma) Report was presented for September 2024 which had been accepted and endorsed at the committee meeting held on Thursday 10 October 2024.

Resource Centre: (Jill) This month the "Where Am I" photo was of a rock in the Administration Office Garden at Iona College.

Donation for raffles were requested, Jill also asking for volunteers for the Shire Clerk's Cottage Market Day on 19 October.

Publicity: Chiharu gave a presentation on the cards she and Chris had put together and were on sale.

Tom Schulz: Tom spoke with the Iona Community Officer who mention renovations to the church were progressing and hopefully early next year they will have the opening. Repairs to the soldier was ongoing and the statue was still in Adelaide but hopefully ready for Anzac Day 2025.

Main Speaker: Chris Seymour's talk on St John's Cathedral was very informative. A tour has been organised of the cathedral for Thursday 21 November 2024.

Next month - Guest Speakers: Sue & Eric Laakso speaking of the Wynnum Barber.

Lucky door: Jan Alpin **Raffle (donated by Lena):** Margaret Bullock Meeting closed at 8.25pm and members were invited to partake of refreshments aided by Lena McCreadie, Ellen Coupland, Lorraine Owers 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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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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