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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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September General Meeting

THURSDAY 19 September 2024

6.45 pm for 7.00pm start

Wynnum Ambulance Auditorium
Corner Tingal Road / Cedar Street

Speaker

Greg Hallam

will speak about the

Railways of the Southside



Opening of South Brisbane Station 1891

Lucky Door

Bring and Buy

Refreshments

Gold Coin Donation

Visitors welcome

Greg Hallam

Greg has been with Queensland Rail since 2000 and has been the Historian for the organization for most of that time. He comes from a third-generation Queensland railway family with his grandfather commencing as a locomotive cleaner in Bundaberg, in 1911.

Greg was a post graduate student of the University of Queensland and has been active professionally in community history and cultural heritage fields for nearly 30 years. He has travelled Queensland extensively documenting the story of the railways and their connection to the State. He enjoys relating the nearly 160 year story of the railways in Queensland.

Today Greg is based in Toowoomba, where the railway opened in 1867. Still he finds each day some little historical nugget that he never suspected or realized, that makes his job so fascinating.

Christmas is coming!!

Only two more meetings before our giant Christmas Raffles.



Please start collecting together your Contributions.

Non-perishable items can be dropped off any time at the Resource Centre.

Remember the Next Bring and Buy. Thursday 19 September 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)

Open Morning Saturday 7 September

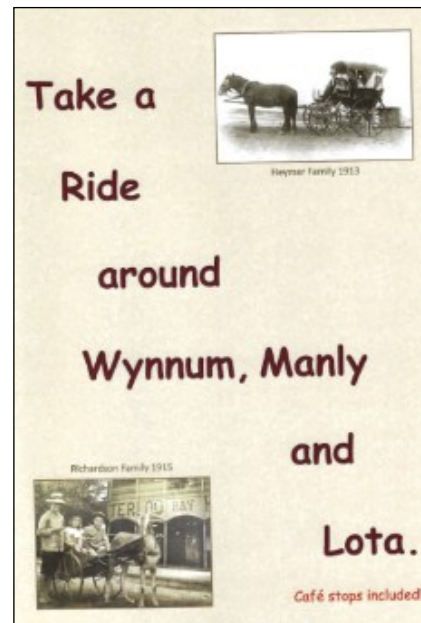
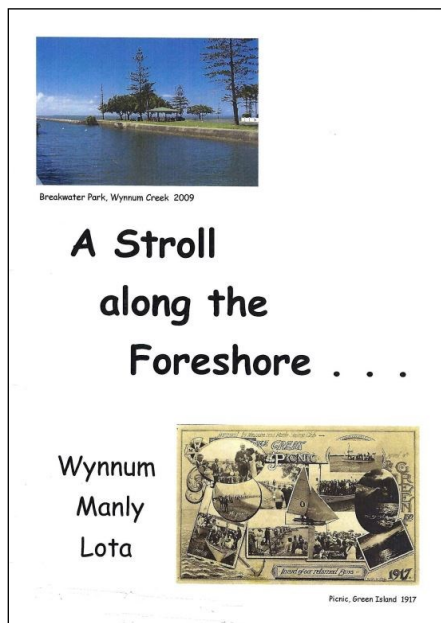
An enjoyable and rewarding morning from which we have acquired two new members?

The final Saturday morning opening for persons unable to visit us on weekday will be on

Saturday 5 October 2024 from 10am till 12 noon.

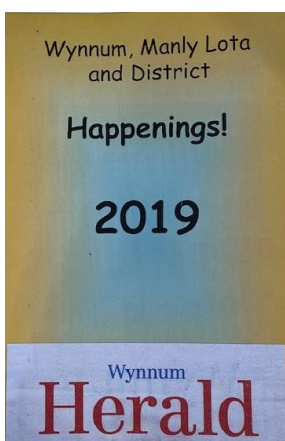
Walk or Ride

One of the Society’s aims is to make the local community aware of their local history. Two new booklets are available in the Resource Centre for both locals and visitors to explore our district.



Take a walk along the Foreshore and note all the historical sites. Or drive further afield to find the historical sites of Wynnum and Manly.

The 16-page booklets are in the Resource Room and available for a donation.



PRESERVING OUR LOCAL HISTORY - in progress

We did have the “Wynnum Herald” newspapers from the 1980s stored in annual bundles at the Ambulance Museum. The new Ambulance Committee is having a long, overdue spring clean of the Museum and associated buildings, and for safety, does not wish store large amounts of paper.

For the last 12 months Resource Centre Volunteers have been cutting those news and event items from the newspapers that contribute to the history of Wynnum Manly and surrounds, and similar items of the Gumdale district, for Robyn Nalder.

Duncan, on Thursday mornings, has been sorting the cuttings by date and typing-up lists.

The lists and cuttings are being mounted in black folders by year.

The finished years are stored in the stand in front of the windows.

Duncan is now working on an index for these Wynnum Herald newspaper “clippings”.

The Connection between Wynnum and Admiral Bligh.

One visitor, who came into the Resource Centre, was seeking the history of his mother's house, which is situated on the northern corner of Waterloo Esplanade and Agnes Street. The house did have whirligigs along the back fence when the toy maker was alive. Also late member Col Brown queried his house history in Berrima (Mary) Street.

This reminded me of some correspondence and research that I completed earlier which solved a problem that had been with us for quite a time.

You may recall that Tom Jones (1832-1874) was the earliest purchaser of land in the district after the initial survey by James Warner in 1859. Thomas JONES, purchased Portions 57 and 78 at Manly in 1860. The land had a prime view over Moreton Bay and Thomas had a stone summerhouse built there which he called "Wyvernleigh". St John Vianney's Church and school are now located on the site and the stones from the original house are part of the school wall on Oceana Terrace.

Thomas Jones's mother Mary Louisa JONES (1803-1887) also bought land in Wynnum, in 1861. Portion 59 of 65 acres, extended from the southern bank of Wynnum Creek, over Agnes, Berrima and Bride Streets and to Tingal Road. Mary Louisa JONES passed the land to Mary Bligh O'CONNELL. The question has been – who was this lady?

Mary Louisa JONES produced eight children – Her eldest daughter, named Mary Australia JONES (1825-1858), was sister to Thomas JONES who had bought the land in Manly.

When Admiral BLIGH (1754-1817) travelled from England to become Governor of NSW in 1806, he was accompanied by his married daughter Mary PUTLAND (nee BLIGH), one of his six daughters, as his wife was unable to travel. Mary's husband, Lieutenant PUTLAND died in Australia. Mary PUTLAND (nee Bligh) then married Captain Maurice O'CONNELL and their first son was William Bligh John O'CONNELL (1814 - 1896).

William Bligh John O'CONNELL married Mary Australia JONES. Their eldest daughter was Mary Bligh O'CONNELL (1850 - 1921).

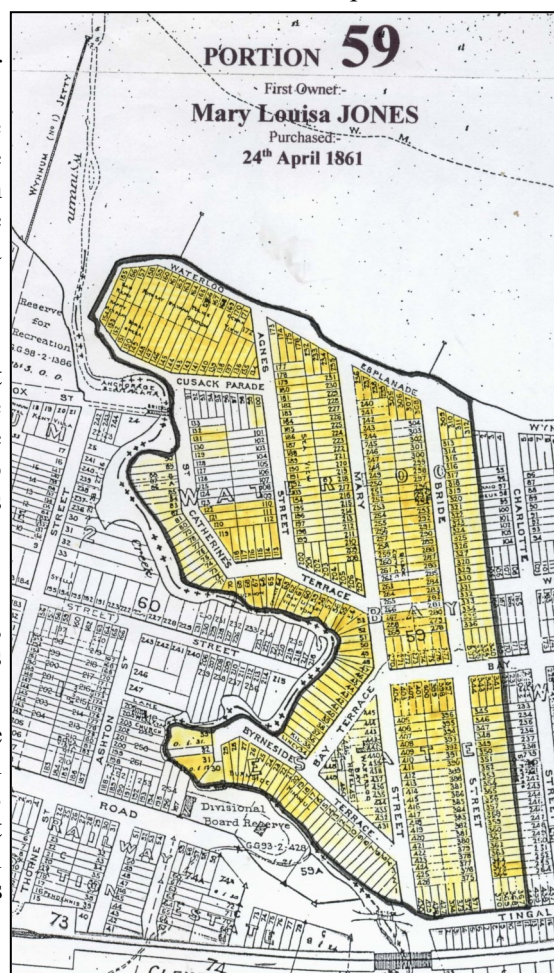
Mary Louisa JONES had purchased the land, Portion 59 in Wynnum in 1861, and she gave the land to her granddaughter Mary Bligh O'CONNELL in 1864.

Mary Bligh O'CONNELL was born in England on 2 February 1850 and lived in Australia until her family moved to Gloucester, England in 1860. She sold her land at Wynnum in 1885 to James TAYLOR the Mayor of Toowoomba, whereby hangs another story! In 1888 Mary Bligh O'CONNELL purchased Crewkerne, a residence on Bowen Terrace, at New Farm as an investment property. Mary died in England in 1921 and is buried at St Mary's Church Cemetery at Moreton Pinkney, England.

I received a letter from Bill O'CONNELL. The present-day family did not know that Mary had owned land in Wynnum. They were mystified as to the source of her money to buy Crewkerne in Bowen Terrace. Bill supplied me with details of Crewkerne, I gave him the title deeds for Mary's Wynnum property.

And for all of you that live within the boundaries of Portion 59 – there is your contact with Admiral BLIGH .

JG.



Boundary of Portion 59, Wynnum.

As Time Goes By . . .

200 years ago, in Australia in 1824 . .

The Continent formerly named New Holland, was renamed to Australia.

A penal settlement was opened at Moreton Bay, on the future site of Brisbane.

100 years ago in 1924 . . .

the first Labour Government was elected in Britain.

Vladimir Lenin died to be succeeded by Joseph Stalin.

There was the first successful round the world air flight.

The first crossword was published by Simon and Schuster.

Denmark claimed Greenland.

18th Tour de France was held.

Judy Garland made her debut at 2½ years old.

100 years ago, in 1924 in Queensland . . .

the Mr Foux Man was conceived - XXXX Castlemaine Perkins at Milton.

100 years ago, in 1924, in Wynnum Manly . . .

Wynnum Gospel Hall Assembly (The Brethren) built a Gospel Hall in Clara Street, near Tingal Road.

Wynnum Fire Brigade was dissolved and Wynnum and Manly included in the Metropolitan Brigade's Board.

Hemmant School of Arts first Committee formed.

Nazareth House was opened, staffed by the Poor Sisters of Nazarene to care for old people and orphaned children.

Returned Sailor and Soldier Imperial League of Australia (RSSILA) put aside a piece of land for a memorial Hall in Tingal Road, where Kitchener stood to review the troops in 1910.

March: Miss A Greene, Principal of Moreton Bay Girl's High School, at the request of Sir Matthew Nathan, called a meeting of all interested in setting up a Girl Guide Company in Wynnum.

March: Margaret Marr Home was opened in Tingal Road by His Excellency the Governor, Matthew Nathan. Mr John F Marr presented the memorial to his wife in the form of Memorial Gates.

March: Wynnum Golf Club opened in Lovekin's Paddock, originally 70 acres of swampland, not worth £500

April: Sale of "148 Splendid Seaside Sites" in Residential Development named "Lota Heights", against Lota Creek.

April: With rising enrolments, application to extend Wynnum West State School was rejected. Solution was to enclose the veranda.

May: A new residential estate "The Hemmant Park Estate" gave promise of: "The City Electric Light" are intending to erect an up-to-date power house and plant on a site close to the estate at a cost of about £850,000. This land is certain to increase in value." This new estate was right in the centre of Hemmant against the railway line, and opposite the school.

August: First Wynnum Bowls Club Committee elected and began raising funds.

September: Contract was let by the new Wynnum Bowls Club for construction of a green, fencing and tool shed. There were many problems, including heavy rain and construction took longer than expected. (1925)

October : Helena Mylne Country Women's Association (CWA) Rest Home was donated by the Mylne family in memory of their mother and opened as a seaside holiday home for country CWA members.

November: Manly Gospel Mission, which became Bethel Church, opened a place of worship at the corner of Preston Road and Strawberry Street. The land, which included a shed, was purchased and a church was moved to the site.

Our Pioneers - Now resting in Hemmant Cemetery

Robert John SALWAY and Harriett SALWAY (nee WITHERALL)

Mon

A.5.13/14/15



Robert John SALWAY was the 8th child of Benjamin and Dinah SALWAY (nee Worthy/Worthill), born in Southleigh in 1838. Both his parents were born at Dunkeswell, a small village 5 miles north of Honiton, Devon. Dunkeswell is where the Americans established an airfield in WWII. Robert's father was a labourer and he and Robert's mother Dinah both were born and died in Dunkeswell.

Robert's future wife, Harriett Witherill was born in Lopen, in southern Somerset, England, a village with a lime quarry and history dating back to 1066. Harriet was the 4th child of Joseph and Jane Hunt Witherall (nee Broom).

For reasons unknown, Harriett's elder brother Robert Witherall, born in 1825, in Somerset had moved between 1841 and 1851 to St Hellier, Jersey in the Channel Islands, as recorded in the census of 1851. Robert was then 26 years old. In the following census of 1861 Robert's sister Harriett is with him, and also a brother Charles Witherall, a saddler, at St Brelade, Jersey, in the Channel Islands.

So Robert SALWAY aged 25 years and Harriett WITHERALL, aged 26 years married in the parish of St Lawrence, Jersey, Channel Islands on 26th May 1863. At that time Robert was listed as a gardener and Harriett, a glover, (one who makes or sells gloves). Four months later, on 27 September 1863, the couple left London on the ship "*Light of Age*" amongst 202 steerage passengers and safely reached Moreton Bay, on 27 January 1864, after a rough voyage.

Robert and Harriett lived and farmed in the Doughboy Creek area. (Renamed Hemmant in 1878). They grew fruit and vegetables. Between 1865 and 1880, 8 children were born, 7 sons and 1 daughter. Daughter Jane Ann (1871 – 1881) is included on the gravestone and died at 10 years of age.

Doughboy Creek State School had opened in 1864 and all the children were able to attend the school.

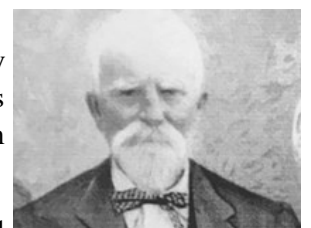


The Salway farm was named "Southleigh", the name of the village in Devon, where Robert was born. The farm was noted to be near the Queensport Tavern. The land at Doughboy Creek for this tavern was purchased by Martin Kavanagh (of Lytton Hotel) in 1867. In 1891 Kavanagh was granted a hotel license to establish 'a new hotel in Hemmant'. Kavanagh's daughter, Bridget, took over Kavanagh's Lytton Hotel which had been opened by her father in 1879. In the same vicinity were the short-lived Queensport Aquarium, opened from 1889 to 1897, and Queensport Meat Works opened in the 1880s.

Robert and Harriett outside "Southleigh", Hemmant.

Robert had an interest in local affairs. He was one of the petitioners requesting a bridge over the lower part of Doughboy Creek in 1868. In 1876 he seconded the vote of confidence in proposing Mr Grimes for a seat in Parliament. In 1885 he was appointed as a member of the committee of the State School at Hemmant. Also in 1885 he nominated John Harvey Canning for a place on the Bulimba Divisional Board. In 1892 he hosted a meeting concerned with the license proposed to be charged on farm produce going into Brisbane.

Robert and Harriett's second child, William Thomas had the contract to supply firewood to St Helena Island in Moreton Bay. He went missing on 17 June 1901 and was never found. The Hemmant State School Ladies Committee initiated a benefit social in aid of William Thomas's widow, Ellen Jane and raised £20.



Harriett Salway (nee Witherall) died on 30 November 1905 aged 68 years and was buried in Hemmant Cemetery. Robert survived for a further six years, dying on 11 February 1913 aged 75 years. Youngest

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.



Next Open Day at our Resource Centre:

Saturday 5 October 2024 10.am till Noon.

This opening is intended for members, and friends, who are not able to visit during weekdays.

Please bring along any queries you may have to Room1.08, 105 Florence Street The Old School Building, just inside the front Door.

Next Market Day. Saturday 19 October 2024.



Craft Market. Morning Tea on the Verandah of the cottage.

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

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

Contact Jill at jillg01@tpg.com.au or mobile 0407 293 177. Thank You

Outings in 2025

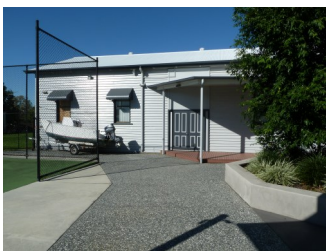
In preparation: Visit to St John' Cathedral

Other ideas: Cleveland Museum presentation

Stradbroke Island from Manly (If operating)

Ride on City Cat. The City Bridges. Drop-off for lunch.

Suggestions are welcomed for accessible and interesting venues, not too far afield.



Hannah Hall — Iona College

formerly the Drill Hall — Wynnum Manly

The Hall was built in Peel Street in 1912 from the suggestions and efforts of Joseph Curtis of Manly and Major J W Watkins, Headmaster of Manly State School.

The land was donated to the Commonwealth Government by Mr H W Roles, manager of ESCA Co, Brisbane and local resident, owner of "Burwells", the residence next to the water towers at the corner of Preston Road an Manly Road.

By 1915 a Reserve Unit of 26th Battalion formed a rifle club and met for shooting practice on a short 25-yard range in the grounds of the hall. This military unit met for many years at the drill hall.

By 1968 the property had become part of the Wynnum State High school. A new school hall, the Great Hall, was built on the site of the Drill Hall in Peel Street and the Drill Hall was moved to Iona College.

Eddie Nunn stumped, repaired and modified the hall which was used for various activities. In the late 1990's major renovations took place to the hall to accommodate the drama department, and its name was changed to Hannah Hall from Drill Hall.

Inside



What's On! Sept/Oct 2024

Date	Event	Venue	Booking
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 10.0-11.30am. Fri 2.30-3.30pm.	"Preservation Station" Digitise old photos and slides.	Bribie Island Museum 1 South Esp. Bongaree.	Book: seaside.museum@moretonbay.qld.gov.au
Saturday 21 September 2024 8.30-10am	Walking Tour "Gas Works to Teneriffe" Gerard Benjamin New Farm History Society	82 Skyring Terrace, Newstead.	Mem: \$22.49 Non Memb: \$ 33.08 Book : ggeraldb@bigpond.net.au
Sunday 22 September 2024 9.30-11am	Qld Maritime Museum. Walking Tour of South Brisbane	412 Stanley Street, South Brisbane.	\$30. Incl Museum entry and Lunch (Ship Inn) Book: 3844 5361
Thursday 26 September 2024 10 - 11am	"History of Wynnum Central State School"	Wynnum Public Library 145 Florence St Wynnum	Free. Book 3403 2199
Wednesday 9 October 2024 12.30-1.30pm	The Aboriginal Workers who bred Horses for the Qld Police 1909 - 1925	Royal Qld Hist Soc Commissariat Store 115 William St Brisbane	Members free Non-members \$10 Enq: 3221 4198
Tues 8th and Wed 16th October 2024 10 - 11.30am	"Life on Earth" Botanical Floor Talk	Redland Museum 60 Smith Street Cleveland	Concessional: \$13 Book 3286 3494
Wednesday 3rd November 2024 12.30 - 1.30pm	"History of South Brisbane Dry Dock." Keith Boulton	Royal Qld Hist Soc Commissariat Store 115 William St Brisbane	Members free Non-members \$10 Enq: 3221 4198

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, Tingal Road
on Thursday 15 August 2024

Meeting opened at 7.05pm

There were 24 members present, 5 apologies Jill, Danny, Tom & Flo Schulz and Joan Pearce and 2 visitors, Chris Johns and Alan Beswick.

President, Lucy Laakso took the chair, welcomed everybody and acknowledged Country. The audience was invited to provide any comments and updates. Lucy had a small presentation on the progress of the old Baptist church at Iona.

Previous Minutes: (Elma) Minutes of Meeting of Thursday 18 July 2024 were accepted by Glenda Pokier and seconded by Ellen Copeland.

Treasurer's Report: (Lucy for Danny) for month of July as per statement.

As at 1 July 2024: All accounts \$37,556.82

As at 1 August 2024: Everyday Account \$10,276.88
Websaver Account \$ 6,683.62
Fixed Term Deposit \$20,000.00 **Total \$36,960.50**

Correspondence: (Elma) 1st to 31st July 2024, The correspondence was accepted and endorsed at the committee meeting held on Thursday 8th August 2024.

Resource Centre: (Jill) Apology for Jill. Open Day at the Resource Centre on 7 September 2024.

Technical Report: (Chris) Emails still a problem.

Publicity: Chiharu updated everyone on the new aboriginal print to be added to our stationery.

Outings: Chris is happy to organise an excursion to St John's Anglican Cathedral. Perhaps on a Saturday sometime in October.

Shire Clerk's Cottage Market Day on Saturday 18 August. Society is assisting with historical background. Chris, Lorraine and Elma have volunteered to help at the cottage.

Guest Speaker: Richard Holder from the F2 Queensland Coast Guards. The Coast Guards are celebrating 50 years help to keep Queensland Coast safe. By the end of 2025 the Queensland State Government will be taking over this group but the volunteers will still be a necessary group of people.

Lucky Door winner: Lena. **Raffle winner:** Bruce Paterson

Meeting closed at 8.45pm.

Visitors and members were invited to partake of refreshments aided by Ellen, Lena and Lorraine and Margaret.



"We acknowledge the Traditional Owners - the Quandamooka People - and the land on which we operate. We pay our respects to Elders, past and present."

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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

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

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