



The Traverse Board

Express Edition

Newsletter of the Friends Of The Paul McGuire Maritime Library Inc

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The Express Edition:

This newsletter is to make it easier for us to communicate with our members and supporters.

The newsletter will continue to be mailed to members but you may opt to receive your newsletter by email to make our distribution easier and quicker.

The *Traverse Board* will continue to be produced a couple of times a year.

Your New Committee

The 2009 AGM was held at the Railway Hotel, Port Adelaide on Monday 22nd February 2009.

Julian Murray was returned as President, Gay Lewis as Vice President, with Neil Waller taking on the dual roles of secretary and treasurer.

Barbara Hardy, Barry Allison, Colin Todd and Tony Arbon continue on the committee and are joined by Marguerite Workman.

Next Meeting

The March Meeting will be a tour of the Ausbuil Maritime Museum 95 Fletcher Road, Peterhead, followed by a barbeque at the Royal South Australian Yacht Squadron.

Date: **Sunday March 29th 2009**

Time: **11:00 am (museum), 1:00 pm (RSAYS)**

Cost: **Donation to the Ausbuil Museum.**

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PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT

February 2009

Herewith my report for the year to February 2009, a year with a few ups and downs.

One of the downs was the resignation of our hard-working Secretary, Bob Swarbrick, this coincided with the cancellation of our March meeting, due to problems with the terms of our use of the assigned venue at the Library. But we press on.

In May we enjoyed the story of the restoration of "Mameena", a former fishing boat. Now owned by Robin and Angela Smith, she was raised from a sunken state and slowly made into a lovely floating home, now moored at the R.S.A.Y.S, Outer Harbor. A pleasant surprise was a visit by our Patron, Sir James Hardy - all are welcome at our meetings!

There was a clash of dates for our July meeting, so we joined the Friends of the Maritime Museum at the Port TAFE to hear Kingsley Haskett plus Jock and Sue Lawrie talk about the history and characters of the Port Adelaide boatyards - interesting, entertaining and very timely.

Sadly, on August 8th, long-time Committee member Brian Le Leu passed away, after many years living with disabilities inflicted in a road accident when still quite young; he achieved a great deal, nonetheless.

Later in August the committee had a special meeting to discuss our future direction, and it was decided to press ahead, discarding any ideas of winding up the Friends.

In September Bruce Mackie of Dymocks Books fame, gave a brilliant presentation of his year spent racing around the world in a sixty five foot yacht, one of Sir Robin Knox Johnston's Clipper Challenge fleet. These yachts are identical, each with a professional skipper, crew members paying for their place aboard; the race is from Liverpool to Liverpool. It was a great evening, the only problem being the cost of security, over \$140, which precludes the use of that room in the Institute Building. This topic is still under discussion.

Our annual dinner took place at the Railway Hotel, Port Adelaide, on October 22nd. Fred and Sue Hiscock, our hosts, did us proud, a good time was had by all seventeen who attended. This was our last event for the year, 2008.

With regret we noted the passing of Past President, Robert Symon, on February 8th, 2009.

Thank you to all our members, and Committee Members especially, for your efforts over the past year.

Regards, Julian Murray.

Treasurer's Report for 2008

Income/Expense - 1/01/2008 through 31/12/2008		
INCOME		
Donations		\$80.00
Event Income		
Annual Dinner	\$737.00	
TOTAL Event Income		\$737.00
Interest Income		
Award Term Account Interest	\$1,264.47	
Term Account Interest	\$156.29	
Working Account Interest	\$0.24	
TOTAL Interest Income		\$1,421.00
Member Subscriptions		\$240.00
Suppers		\$67.00
TOTAL INCOME		\$2,545.00
EXPENSES		
Donations To Library		\$264.00
Event Expenses		
Annual Dinner	\$595.00	
TOTAL Event Expenses		\$595.00
Other Expenses		\$142.50
Secretarial		\$55.00
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$1,056.50
OVERALL TOTAL		\$1,488.50

Net Worth - As of 31/12/2008		
ASSETS		
Cash and Bank Accounts		
Award Account Term Deposit	\$22,373.14	
Working Account	\$631.19	
Working Account Term Deposit	\$2,765.22	
TOTAL Cash and Bank Accounts		\$25,769.55
TOTAL ASSETS		\$25,769.55
TOTAL LIABILITIES		\$0.00
OVERALL TOTAL		\$25,769.55

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