



The Traverse Board

Newsletter of The Friends Of The Paul McGuire Maritime Library Inc.

January 2011

Proudly Supporting the Paul McGuire Collection of The State Library of South Australia.

News From The Friends

From The President - January 2011

Greetings to you all, and I hope the festive season was a pleasant one for you all. Not much to write about this time, except to say that Mike & Gay Lewis are about to head across to New Zealand from Hobart, on the next stage of their voyage.

The main event of late was our Annual Dinner, held once again at the Flying Knife, Semaphore. The usual beautiful food was on offer, thoroughly enjoyed by the small number of us present. We were joined by Heidi Unferdorben from the Community Mentoring Scheme, her role is the selection of candidates for a voyage aboard the "One and All", sponsored by the Friends.

Community Mentoring held a function in December at which I was pleased to represent the Friends and say a few words about how these sponsored voyages have benefited the young people who have been away so far.

Now to 2011, and our AGM looms up fast, on the 31st January, to be precise, so I do hope that we have a good muster for that event. Apart from anything else, it would be good to see your smiling faces again. The Railway Hotel, Port Adelaide, will be the venue, as usual dinner will be available prior to the business side of things.

See you all soon, I hope.

Regards, Julian.

To our supporters

This *Traverse Board* is being made available more broadly than usual.

If you have either received it or have picked one up from the State Library or Maritime Museum and you are not already a friend you might consider joining us.

The more supporters we have the better we can add to the depth of the Paul McGuire Collection in the State Library.

We hold 6 meetings a year, a mix of Sunday lunchtime meetings and Monday evening meetings.

These are usually held at the Railway Hotel in Port Adelaide.

You will find a membership form on the back page.

Next Meeting

The January Meeting is our AGM.

It will be followed by a documentary DVD.

Date: Monday 31st January 2011

Time: 8:00 pm

Venue: Railway Hotel, Port Adelaide.

Cost: Donation

Please join us before the meeting for dinner – book with the hotel on 8447 1527.



Members enjoying our Annual Dinner at *The Flying Knife* restaurant at Semaphore on 25th November 2010.

Hikitia

The restored floating crane *Hikitia* is normally to be found moored at the Taranaki St Wharf in Wellington, NZ. Built in 1926 in Glasgow it is the oldest still working vessel in Wellington. It is capable of lifting in excess of 80 tonnes.



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From the Papers – Maritime News from SA regional newspapers.

Historical bonus for Penneshaw

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A stir of excitement went through the National Trust Penneshaw Museum with the visit of Martine Marin, visiting from France, and Tony Brown, well known Adelaide historical writer.

Martine is the President of the "Friends of Nicolas Baudin Society" in Paris, visiting the island to address a symposium to mark the 200th anniversary of the death of Francois Peron. Peron was the zoologist on the "Geographe" in the scientific voyage of discovery, lead by Nicolas Baudin, which resulted in the many French names along our southern coast.

On two previous visits to the island, Martine had formed an attachment to the island and she brought with her two books as a gift to the Penneshaw Museum. The first is a French translation which she had undertaken herself, of Frank Horner's book "The French Reconnaissance – Baudin in Australia 1801-1803". Baudin is virtually unknown in France so no doubt a French language version will make more French people aware of Baudin's voyage. The second book is a beautiful, full colour copy of Charles Lesueur's artwork from the same voyage.

Graham Trethewey, Chair of the Museum Committee, said that the Museum and the wider community have always recognised and valued the French connection and the Museum was particularly happy to receive the two volumes to add to the existing library collection and to supplement information in the newly renovated, "McKenzie Room". He added that any similar historic material relating to Kangaroo Island would be greatly appreciated, as part of our charter as a museum is to collect and preserve any local history.

The Islander



The Antarctic tourist ship the "Clelia II" struggling in high seas with 165 people aboard in the southern Drake Passage, just north of the Shetland Islands. The ship declared an emergency on Tuesday, reporting it had suffered engine damage amid heavy seas. (AP Photo/Fiona Stewart, Garrett McIntosh) Source: AdelaideNow

A DAMAGED Antarctic cruise ship with 88 American passengers and 77 crew members aboard is limping back to port.

The ship's crew has overcome minor damage and the vessel was heading safely back to its scheduled port last night, the vessel's operator said.

The Clelia II declared an emergency on Tuesday, reporting it had suffered engine damage amid heavy seas and 90 km/h winds when it was northeast of the South Shetland Islands and about 845 kilometers from Ushuaia, the Argentine Navy said in a statement.

The International Association of Antarctica Tour Operators issued statement saying the wave that hit the Clelia II caused a broken bridge window and some electrical malfunctions that temporarily knocked out some communications and affected engine performance.

"There are no injuries to passengers, although one member of the crew sustained minor injuries," it said.

The Penneshaw Museum

The Penneshaw Museum is situated in the old school building opposite the present Penneshaw Campus of Kangaroo Island Community Education. Both are on the main road out of town.

This small museum has a maritime section and information about early Kangaroo Island settlement including the period from the discovery of the island in 1802 and official settlement in 1836.

The contact details are:

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Phone (08) 8553.1109***



The Penneshaw Museum

Historic City of Adelaide to move to Adelaide

by Des Ryan 8:13 PM Thu 18 Nov 2010 GMT Sail-World.com News



More than a quarter of a million Australians who can trace their history to the clipper ship the City of Adelaide, will be able to rejoice in the near future when the historic ship moves to Adelaide.

After campaigning for years, the non-profit organisation www.cityofadelaide.org.au was recently successful in their efforts to have the ship brought to Adelaide, as declared by the Scottish culture minister Fiona Hyslop.

The world heritage passenger ship City of Adelaide is the older of only two surviving composite clipper ships in the world - the 'Cutty Sark' is the other. The City of Adelaide is in remarkably sound condition.

The ship has been resting in the grounds of the Scottish Maritime Museum in Irvine. It was the more developed plan of the Australian group that swayed the Scottish Government. Other bidders had included the Council of Sunderland, where the ship had originally been built.

Tenders had been called to demolish the great ship because the owners of the slipway where the historic clipper sat had served notice on the museum to vacate the site.

Preservation rather than restoration is the goal for the City of Adelaide, and the campaign had been supported by many eminent Australians and Britons, as well as support from all sides of politics.

The City of Adelaide is the only surviving sailing ship built to give regular passenger and cargo service between Europe and Australia, she represents a whole foundation era of Australian social and economic history.

The City of Adelaide is a vital icon of the making of modern Australia and of the relationship between Britain and the Australian colonies. It is an extraordinarily important part of our common heritage.

There is no decision yet as to when the great ship will make her last journey to Australia.

Some history:

In the 1800s, thousands of European migrants made the long and arduous voyage to Australia. They all came by sea, many to establish a new life. It was a trade involving hundreds of ships from convict transports to gold rush clippers. Despite its pivotal role in the development of the country, the only significant remaining heritage of this trade is the City of Adelaide. The City of Adelaide was purpose built to serve the passenger trade and for nearly a quarter of a century from 1864 played an important role in the development of the colony of South Australia. She carried all classes of passengers from the rich to the poor, from people 'of substance', to government assisted emigrants.

Her first class cabins were considered to be the finest of the sailing ship era. Today their descendents living in South Australia number in the hundreds of thousands.

On annual outward voyages she would bring migrants from places such as Cornwall, Scotland, Ireland and Germany as well as goods necessary for the generation of income needed for the colony's development and survival. On return voyages to London, she would carry to market the produce of South Australia - including copper and wool. She made more visits to the fledgling colony than any other vessel before or since.



Outside exhibits at New York's South Street Seaport, one of several museums that make up the USA National Maritime Museum.

The museum on the East River in down-town Manhattan is quite easy to reach, being served by several subway lines, and by the tour buses.

Photo Neil Waller

The Edwin Fox

The Edwin Fox is arguably the most significant preserved ship in Australia and New Zealand.

It was built in 1856 in Calcutta, India of teak.

It carried settlers to both Australia and New Zealand.

It is the only remaining vessel that carried convicts to Australia. In 1858 she was chartered by the British Government to transport convicts to Fremantle in Western Australia.

As steam took over the *Edwin Fox* found itself in Picton on the South Island of New Zealand where it became variously a hulk for an abbatoir and to store coal before being abandoned on a shoal in nearby Shakespeare's Bay.

The Edwin Fox Society was formed in 1965 to protect the *Edwin Fox* hulk and the ship was purchased for one shilling, She had lain derelict in Shakespeares Bay for 12 years subject to the ravages of the weather.

Attempts were made to move the ship to Picton and volunteers worked for weeks to clear out her holds and refloat her. By Oct 1986 all statutory approvals had been granted and she assigned a permanent berth in Picton. Despite many problems building her dry dock she finally came to rest on 18th May 1999.



The vessel is easy to find in Picton for it is across the road from the railway station and right next door to the *InterIslander* Ferry Terminal.



All photos: Neil Waller, October 2010.



A Seagull surveys the Chicago skyline from Navy Pier.



A cruise boat at Chicago's Navy Pier. Page 4

Treasurer's Report for the Year 2010

The Friends Of The Paul McGuire Maritime Library Inc
Income Statement For Period Covering 01/01/2010 to
31/12/2010

The Friends Of The Paul McGuire Maritime Library Inc
Balance Sheet 31/12/2010

Revenues	
Income	
Donations	\$50.00
Events	
Interest Income	
Term Deposit Interest	\$1,262.56
Working Account Interest	\$0.21
Membership Subscriptions	\$400.00
Other Income	
Raffles, Supper Tickets	\$107.00
Total Revenue	\$1,819.77
Expenses	
Expenses	
Award Scholarship	\$1,075.00
Bank Service Charge	
Donations to the Library	
Events	
Meeting Costs	
Advertising	
Supper Costs	
Venue Hire	
Secretarial Expenses	\$279.50
Traverse Board	
Total Expenses	\$1,354.50
Net income for Period	\$465.27

Assets		
Current Assets		
Term Deposit Account	\$23,277.49	
Working Account	\$2,077.35	
Total Assets		\$25,354.84
Liabilities		
Accounts Payable		
Annual Dinner		
Total Liabilities		\$0.00
Equity		
Opening Balances	\$24,889.57	
Surplus for year	\$465.27	
Total Equity		\$25,354.84
Total Liabilities & Equity		\$25,354.84



The *William C Dalby* – Devonport New Zealand.



Chaffer's Marina – Wellington NZ



The Model Shipwrights

Are you interested in model boating, talking about them, building one or just generally intrigued by them?

Come and join our friendly group which meets on the last Wednesday of each month except December.

Meetings are held from 7:15 pm in the Slade Building of the Glandore Community Centre, 25 Naldera Street Glandore.

Previous modelling experience is not a necessity since members are ready to give advise to newcomers to the hobby.

For just \$3.00 each meeting enjoy tea or coffee and a biscuit (or two), share your knowledge, learn something new about our very enjoyable hobby, or just chat to fellow hobbyists.

If you would like to know more please contact:

- Bill Weste: 8377 2512
- Pat Guilfoyle: 8382 2661



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Membership Renewal

Ordinary Memberships are all due for renewal in January each year. Please send your \$20 to

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Every member: if your contact details have changed please fill in the new details above and send the form to the Treasurer.