

The Traverse Board

Newsletter of the Friends Of The Paul McGuire Maritime Library Inc

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News From The Friends

Smooth sailing for One and All

24 Aug 11 @ 11:21am by Kara Adams *The Portside Messenger*

THE One and All is likely to remain a youth development ship, the State Government says.

A spokesman for the Transport Department said there was a trend towards keeping operations similar to those now in place in the four tender applications from groups keen to run the ship.

"There was a very strong theme to maintain the ship as a development ship," the spokesman said. Tenders to operate the tall ship, which is being used to run programs for troubled youths, closed earlier this month.

This followed its previous operator SA Tall Ships going into liquidation in July with liabilities of up to \$100,000, after the Transport Department decided not to renew its contract.

SA Tall Ships put the government-owned One and All to sea for 220 days a year. One and All operations manager Peter Roberts was pleased to hear the vessel was likely to be retained as a youth development ship.

"If there is a strong theme to maintain the benefit for youth - that is a great thing," Mr Roberts said.

"Lots of kids don't fit with school and can be unhappy. "It (the One and All) opens their eyes that life is full of opportunities."

The winning tender will be announced in the next few weeks.

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Volunteers Make the *One and All* Ship-shape

The One and All Youth Development Foundation Facebook page reports that volunteers are working hard during the enforced lull in operations to make the *One and All* ship-shape for its new, yet to be announced, operators.



Members and Friends enjoying lunch at the July Meeting.



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TONGA, August 20, 2011

Hi all sorry long time no action here.

We are now in Tonga, got her on 8th August after 10 day passage from Auckland. Internet access here is a bit awkward, & we haven't been able to get WIFI working yet, so no more photos at this stage.

We had a fairly straightforward trip up from NZ apart from getting a couple of knock-downs in a gale near the Kermadec Islands. No structural damage to the boat, but a lot of bruises to the skipper! Mike was thrown out of the double bed, over the top of the lee cloth that is supposed to hold you in bed - I hit the cabin side opposite then fell down on top of the dinette table. Lots of bruises but fortunately no broken bones. Gay only got a couple of small bruises. Charts all out of chart table, tilley lamp jumped out from behind a fiddle & elastic restrains to break on the ceiling, stuff out from lockers & water onto our switchboards, radio, AIS. Water in the cabin side locker wetted spotlight, torch, but fortunately caught most of the broken glass from the tilly lamp. We think that we went over about 120 - 130 degrees from the trajectories & scuff marks on the ceiling.

Mast rigging, solar panel all seem ok, but the canvass dodger over the main hatch was stove in & needs restitching.

Anyway all is now well & we have washed & dried all wet clothes & repaired most things except the dodger. We ended up coming direct to Tongatapu to lick our wounds instead of heading for Niue as intended.

Planning to leave in a few days & island hop up to Vavau & continue our "rehabilitation".

All for now

Mike & Gay Lewis (via *Facebook*)



Recycled plastic, the new timber for SA jetties



Image: Segment of Moonta Bay jetty repaired with recycled plastic.

Environmentally friendly recycled plastic is currently being trialled as a replacement for timber in South Australian jetties.

The material is expected to be safer, more durable and more cost effective than traditional timber.

The first jetties to trial the recycled plastic are the Kingscote and Moonta Bay jetties.

The Kingscote jetty has had plastic decking installed while at Moonta Bay plastic has been used for jetty girders, crossheads, decking, kerbing and handrails.

While similar plastic has been used previously on boardwalks and other sheltered areas, it's not common in jetties or in other exposed marine environments.

In the past, all timber jetties have been upgraded with new timber, but it is becoming increasingly difficult to source good quality timber for regular maintenance and the timber is not as durable as it would have been 50 years ago.

It's expected that the plastic will be much more durable than timber and, while the initial installation costs are a little more, the long term maintenance costs are expected to be much less.

The department is undertaking the trial so that the performance of the plastic can be assessed over time, with a view of possibly upgrading a whole jetty with the recycled plastic.

On Deck, June 2011 - DTEI

Federal funds sought for new dry dock

ABC News July 15, 2011 14:56:51

There are plans to build a new dry dock for large boats on the River Murray near Mannum.

Regional Development Australia (RDA) for the Murraylands and Riverland wants federal funding to build the dry dock.

It has been costed at more than \$2 million and would require a contribution from the boating industry and State Government support.

The RDA's chief executive, Brenton Lewis, says an existing facility at Renmark is no longer up to standard.

He says the new dock would have helped during the drought.

"I give credit to the State Government, they did everything possible to keep those craft licensed, they went to underwater survey, without that, quite frankly, boats would not have got survey, and without survey they don't get insurance, that means you can't even tie them to the wharf and have a tea party on them," he said.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT - SEPTEMBER 2011



Greetings to you all as we ease out of Winter and into Spring, hooray! Really the recent-months were not too vicious around these parts, but of course in other regions of the world people have had to contend with some terrible weather events, such as hurricanes, causing so much hardship, so we are pretty lucky living where we do.

Our cruising friends. Mike and Gay, are still swanning around the Pacific, currently in the Tonga area, and enjoying it all to the max, after a rather boisterous voyage north from New Zealand.

In July we met on a Sunday again. and our guest was Dorothy Heinrich, who gave us a wonderful insight into the early history of settlement of Kangaroo Island, and the people who took the sometimes perilous voyage out from the Old Country. It was good to see members who are reluctant to venture out at night making up the group at the Railway Hotel that afternoon.

By chance of a slipping of his yacht at the R.S.A.Y.S. recently, I met the top man of the company that operates the Laser-Aided Depth Sounding system; the original developers of this scheme were awarded the very first Maritime Achievement Award in 1986. His name is Mark Sinclair, and he has agreed to tell us of the recent activities in this area of marine survey work - it promises to be a most interesting evening, so please come along if you can.

It appears that local entities will ensure that our ship, the "One and All", will be staying in S.A. waters, how she will be managed and employed remain to be seen, but that is a start, at least.

So I look forward to seeing you at our next gathering on September 26th, and don't forget our Annual Dinner in October, the details are elsewhere in this edition.

Regards to you all, Julian.

Annual Dinner



Our 2011 Annual Dinner will have a nautical feel: it will be held at the Buffalo Restaurant at Glenelg (pictured left).

For those who don't know the restaurant is on the corner Adelphi Terrace and Anzac Highway in Wigley Reserve.

There is parking on site and along Adelphi Terrace.

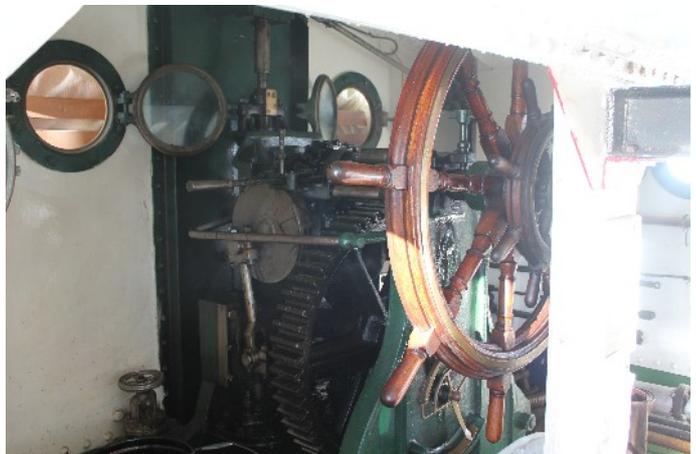
It will be on Wednesday 26th October 2011.

Members will be able to select from an extensive and reasonably priced *à la carte* menu.

Payments will be on the night.

It is a 6:30pm for 7:00pm start.

Please confirm your attendance with Neil Waller on 7127 4563 by 19th October – you can leave a voice mail message if the phone isn't answered.



Above: The Port Adelaide Bridges starting to open for the SAMM's Yelta steam tug And Right: The steering mechanism on the Yelta.

Ferry fault strands residents and supplies

ABC News August 15, 2011 11:18:49

A mechanical fault has put the Kangaroo Island ferry out of service, stranding residents and supplies to the island.

The ferry's operator, SeaLink, says there will be no service until at least Wednesday.

Kangaroo Island Mayor Jayne Bates says a second ferry in dry dock may be brought back into service.

"The ferries were running up until last night. They have got two ferries. One is in Adelaide at the moment having her annual survey and she's in dry dock," she said.

"I talked to SeaLink this morning and they're hoping to have the ferry that's in Adelaide at the moment back in the water by Wednesday."

"The issue for us is that ferry also brings every commodity from fuel, bread, milk everything we eat, drink and use, apart from the exports we send off the island," she said.



The *Sealion 2000* arriving at Penneshaw on New Year's Day, 2010.
Photo: Neil Waller



Past Kangaroo Island Ferries – left the *Troubridge*, pictured in Port Adelaide, and right, the *Island Seaway*, pictured in Malta.



The *City Of Adelaide* Lifeboat at the Axel Stenross Museum at Port Lincoln. It spent most of its working life in Port Lincoln having been converted to a fishing boat by Axel Stenross.

It is Kangaroo Island Sealink's policy to take advantage of the quiet months in the middle of the year to undertake maintenance of its ferries, pulling one of the two out of service for a few weeks while the other soldiers on to a modified timetable.

The *Sealion 2000* ferry which suffered the mechanical problems was due to undergo its survey and some heavy maintenance as soon as the other ferry, *Spirit Of Kangaroo Island*, which already had been in Adelaide for maintenance and its survey, returned. This left Sealink without a ferry.

Over the years Sealink have used facilities in Port Adelaide and at Port Lincoln for the maintenance work.

It takes a lot to stop Sealink from travelling. The only 2 reasons are mechanical failure which is very rare, and extreme weather, again rare. From observation, seas breaking over all traffic lanes at Penneshaw doesn't constitute "extreme weather" - that trip back was extremely rough!

When the *Troubridge* was in service it would travel to Melbourne for maintenance each year. This would leave the island without a ferry service for 3 or 4 weeks.

Councillor says heritage site an eyesore

Tim Jeanes ABC West Coast Updated September 07, 2011 11:08:43

A Port Lincoln councillor says preservation of one of South Australia's maritime heritage items has become an embarrassment.

The City of Adelaide is a former steam-powered jet-propelled lifeboat and is one of only two built.

It was used at Beachport in the south-east of SA at the end of the 19th century.

The boat is displayed near Port Lincoln's main entrance road and has been declared an historic shipwreck so is not allowed to be moved.

The council is worried the wreck is rusting and could be dangerous.

Councillor Michael Bascombe said the issue had become a joke and the council might have to appeal to the new premier soon to have the eyesore removed.

"It's an absolute nightmare because it's in a prominent position. It's a rusty old hulk that nobody wants, has no real significance to Port Lincoln and we're not allowed to remove it from its current position," he said.

Mr Bascombe said it was an embarrassment for regional tourism.

"People say 'Well, what is it?' and you say 'Well it was a steam lifeboat that was brought down to Beachport but was never ever used in a rescue down there'," he said.

"It was a white elephant from the day it was first brought to South Australia and now it's an absolute embarrassment to us because we're stuck with it and we can't even shift it."

Port Lincoln Council is keen to increase fencing around the boat and is exploring issues including the likely cost.

Youth Development Voyages – Leon's Story

From May 17-21 this year, 15 year old Leon Kitek sailed on board the 'One and All Sail Training Youth Development Voyage' - on a trip he says he will remember a lifetime.

This year's voyage in May on the 'One and All' provided your youth development scholarship holders, Leon Kitek and Avalon Oates (Avalon attend the meeting at the end of May to share her story with you) with an opportunity to create greater self belief; gain a sense of stronger self esteem and confidence; provide a meaningful life experience; make new friends; develop the knowledge and skills to communicate and negotiate and to connect with others.

Below is a short recount of Leon's voyage that he has shared with me:

After running late for the departure of the "One and All" trip on May 17 from Port Adelaide, Leon finally made it on board with just enough time to jump onto the ship after a quick goodbye to his mother and his Community Mentor Vince. He was sorry that he didn't get a chance to say thank you to Julian Murray and Neil Waller who had waited patiently to see him off. Leon has expressed to me his thanks and hopes that he didn't have you both (Julian and Neil) to worried that he wouldn't show up!

Leon said that having the experience on the One and All allowed him to grow as a person. He made new friends, experienced some difficulties and managed to overcome them as well.

"On this trip I learnt many useful skills including team work and team building skills. It was beautiful out there on the ocean and I felt I developed new confidences. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the Friends of the Paul McGuire Maritime Library who had a hand in sponsoring me for this trip. I am truly grateful and the experience and memories will be things I will remember for life."

Leon Kitek and Heidi Unferdorben.



Mentor Vince and Leon, with Julian Murray and Neil Waller at the wharf before departure.

WHAT IS YOUTH DEVELOPMENT AND HOW DO THE FRIENDS OF THE PAUL MCGUIRE MARITIME LIBRARY SUPPORT THIS?

One can define 'youth development' as:

"...the ongoing growth process in which all youth are engaged in attempting to (1) meet their basic personal and social needs to be safe, feel cared for, be valued, be useful, and be spiritually grounded, and (2) to build skills and competencies that allow them to function and contribute in their daily lives."
(<http://cyd.aed.org/whatis.html>)

The definition above describes youth development as a process that all young people go through on their way to adulthood. As the definition implies, it is a process or journey that automatically involves all of the people around a youth—**that is both family and community.**

As a member of the Friends of the Paul McGuire Maritime Library you can be reassured that by partnering with youth in your local community that you are assisting to grow the potential of precious young South Australians.

Heidi Unferdorben, Local Community Mentor Coordinator, Department of Education and Children's Services.



Leon Kitek takes the helm of the *One And All* on a brilliantly sunny May day.

It was a great pity that not all days on this voyage were as pleasant with quite a sea blowing up on the last day.



Meetings



Guest Speaker, Dorothy Heinrich, addresses our July meeting.

Quite a number of members and guests from the Kangaroo Island Pioneers Association Inc. joined us at our July meeting to hear Dorothy Heinrich address us on her research into the SA Company barque, the *Duke Of York*, and its captain, Robert Morgan.

The Friends purchased a copy of her book arising from the research, *The Man Who Hunted Whales : a tale of Kangaroo Island and a doomed ship*, for the McGuire collection.

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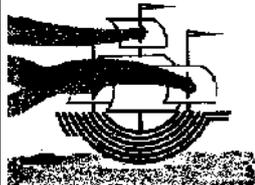
À La Carte Menu

6:30 pm for 7:00pm

RSVP by 19th October
Neil Waller 7127 4563

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