

The Traverse Board

Newsletter of the Friends Of The Paul McGuire Maritime Library Inc

May 2012

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

News From The Friends

Next Meeting – Library Visit

The May Meeting will take place at the State Library Of South Australia. It will be a “backstage” tour of the Library's basement storage area with an emphasis on the McGuire Collection.

We will have an opportunity to view our latest contribution to the library, *Thulia: a tale of the Antarctic* by J.C. Palmer.

Our guides will be Valerie Sitters and Annette Mills.

Join us afterwards for lunch.

Date: Wednesday May 23rd 2012

Time: 10:30 am – 12:00 noon

Venue: Meet at the Security Desk, Level 1, SLSA, North Terrace, Adelaide. Large bags will need to be checked at the Security Desk.

*** Note date and time ***

Shipwreck hunters

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Researchers investigating a 113-year-old maritime mystery are calling for help from Islanders.

Department of Environment and Natural Resources Maritime Archaeologist Amer Khan is leading a team to Flinders Chase National Park this week to look for graves from the wreck of the clipper ship *Loch Sloy* which was smashed onto rocks near Cape de Couedic in 1899, with the loss of 30 lives.

“The wreck has never been found,” Ms Khan said. “We’ll be looking for the ship itself, but an important part of this project is finding the graves of the people who were killed when the ship sank.

“We know that the bodies of 11 passengers and crew washed up on the beach and were buried by locals, and while we have a general location, we don’t know exactly where those graves are. “We are also hoping that someone may have information on the wreck, the graves or anything relating to other ships wrecked on the west coast in the 19th century.

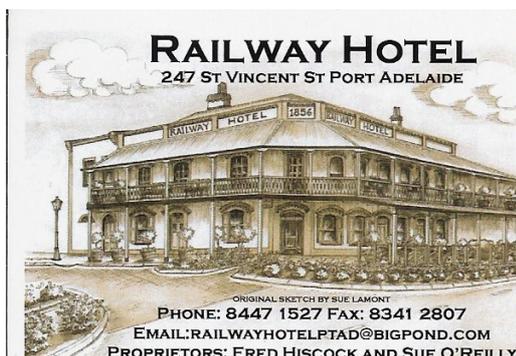
“Pieces of local history like this are often passed down through families, so we’re eager to find out whether accounts or even relics might have survived.”

Ms Khan said the coast around Maupertuis Bay had a fearsome reputation for wrecks in the 1800s, when four ships sank, drowning more than 80 people. “This is arguably some of the most treacherous coastline in South Australia, with hidden rocks and steep cliffs,” he said.

“It has always been one of the most remote parts of the island, making rescue efforts difficult.

“Even now, the site where we’ll be working is a 4km walk from the nearest road.”

The Islander, Kingscote Kangaroo Island



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The travellers: Mike and Gay Lewis

Mike and Gay are presently in the north Pacific.

Mike reported via Facebook on 29th April that they were just back on board after an afternoon feast with the Lamotrek people in Yap in the Federated States of Micronesia.

The feast consisted of tuba drink, a meal of breadfruit, taro, tuna, chicken, pork, boiled banana.

They bought some banana fibre & hibiscus fibre lavalavas as souvenirs.

Of course they were given garlands, the locals being dab hands at making them.

They headed off to Phillipines on 1st May after some weeks in Lamotrek.



Photos from Kosrae and Lamotrek in the Federated States of Micronesia by Mike and Gay Lewis



Our March Meeting saw us at the SA Maritime Museum's *Titanic* exhibition following a pleasant lunch at the Railway Hotel.

The exhibition is a very comprehensive display of, not only the fate of the ship, but also of the life and times 100 years ago.

MARINE PARKS AGREEMENT ANNOUNCED

Government Press Release Friday, 27 April 2012.

The State Government has announced that an agreement has been reached with the conservation, recreational and commercial fishing sectors on the zoning approach for South Australia's network of marine parks.

Premier Jay Weatherill, Sustainability, Environment and Conservation Minister Paul Caica and Fisheries Minister Gail Gago today released details of the agreement and plans for the next stage of public consultation to create the parks.

Leaders from the conservation, recreational and commercial fishing sectors met Minister Caica and Minister Gago earlier this month and have agreed on priority areas for conservation after the State Government announced in November it was postponing draft plans to allow further discussions with these groups.

Under the proposal - which will undergo more detailed mapping and public consultation this year – recreational fishing will be largely unaffected in the State's 19 Marine Parks. Proposed sanctuary zones, for greater ecological protection, in six per cent of waters will include:

- SOUTHERN right whale breeding ground and sea eagle nesting site, the Bunda Cliffs
- REEF fish, Australian sea lion and New Zealand fur seal hotspot, the Pearson Island Group
- POPULAR diving and snorkelling sites at Chinaman's Hat, adjacent Innes National Park and at Noarlunga Reef
- SEA LION and fur seal home Cape du Couedic, adjacent Flinders Chase National Park
- ECO-TOURIST destination and world-renowned Great White Shark hotspot, North Neptune Island.

"Marine parks have the potential to be a great selling point for South Australia, but to be successful they must be embraced by the whole community – so it is great that the conservation, recreational and commercial fishing sectors have come together to help make them happen," Mr Weatherill said.

"Through detailed discussions at a two-day forum this month, the sector leaders considered the areas of high ecological significance, research, education and ecotourism value – as well as the social and economic implications and management considerations such as compliance and monitoring.

"This is another good example of the work that can be achieved by bringing interest groups together to find common ground."

Mr Caica said the meeting of sector leaders used the work from earlier consultation to reach agreement on a zoning approach

"Marine parks have always enjoyed widespread support in the community, but the location of the sanctuary zones has been a contentious issue," Mr Caica said.

"Regional communities provided their views on zoning through the Marine Park Local Advisory Groups and this information was used at this month's meeting of sector leaders.

"The result of the meeting was the identification of a series of priority areas for conservation."

Minister Gago said the marine parks network would complement fisheries management and boost SA's reputation as a source of clean, healthy seafood.

"This is a plan that allows South Australians to continue to enjoy recreational fishing – including shoreline fishing at popular beaches and all jetties and breakwaters," she said.

"By setting aside some areas in sanctuary zones we're helping to protect seagrass meadows, fish spawning areas, mangrove habitats and reefs – the places where our fish and shellfish breed and grow."

The next step in the process will be the preparation of the draft management plan and impact statements, which will be released for public consultation as required under legislation soon.



Cape Willoughby Lighthouse, Kangaroo Island



Cape du Couedic - Admiral's Arch and NZ Fur Seals.

12,500 to arrive on cruises

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Kangaroo Island is set to grow as a major cruise ship destination following the announcement that nine international ships will anchor in Penneshaw during the 2012-13 and 2013-14 cruising seasons.

The ships will bring more than 12,500 passengers and crew to the island. Vessels on their first voyages to Kangaroo Island include the MS *Europa*, MS *Volendam*, MS *Amsterdam*, the *Pacific Princess* and the *Seabourn Sojourn*.

Tourism Minister Gail Gago said the bookings reinforced the importance of a \$300,000 landing pontoon alongside the Penneshaw jetty that received State Government funding late last year.

The fixed pontoon should be complete by mid-May and features a series of levels for use in different tides.

"With nine cruise ship visits booked in the next two years, the landing pontoon has well and truly paid for itself," Ms Gago said.

"These bookings are wonderful news for Kangaroo Island and complement the South Australian Tourism Commission's new \$6 million campaign for the region."

Ms Gago said a 2011 Access Economics report found that every one-day cruise ship visit to Kangaroo Island delivered \$100,000 in passenger expenditure to the local economy.

"Ships visit between September and May each year, and the SATC is confident an extra two bookings will be made for the 2013-14 season," Ms Gago said.

SATC chief executive Jane Jeffreys said additional growth in the market was possible. "There are still cruise lines that we believe would be a really good fit with Kangaroo Island," Ms Jeffreys said. "We are also aware of the island's unique nature and don't want to overwhelm it with more visits than are sustainable."

"We work closely with a cruise committee on Kangaroo Island that comprises local businesses, tourism operators and local tourism representatives."

Tourism Kangaroo Island chairman Pierre Gregor said the committee formed from TKI members, retail businesses and tour operators before the last cruise ship visit would continue.

Local tours of wineries and attractions organised by the committee for the previous cruise had not been hugely successful but Mr Gregor said lessons had been learnt.

"The ship's operators and the agents need to be in the loop much earlier – six to eight months in advance – about local offerings, and we're working on that."

"We're encouraging early negotiations. There are challenges, such as the number of coaches available on the island.

"But it is a good thing if we do it well because some of these people will come back as independent travellers and will act as ambassadors for the island," Mr Gregor said.

The Islander



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 advice 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:

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