

The Traverse Board

Newsletter of the Friends Of The Paul McGuire Maritime Library Inc

January 2013

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News From The Friends



HMAS Canberra & Blue Marlin

HMAS Canberra (LHD 02) is the first of two Canberra class landing helicopter dock (LHD) ships constructed for the Royal Australian Navy (RAN). Construction of the ship started in Spain in 2008, with the hull launched by Navantia in 2011. The hull was then transported to Australia in late 2012 for completion by BAE Systems Australia. *Canberra* is predicted to commission into the RAN in 2014, and will be the largest ship ever operated by the RAN.

The hull of *HMAS Canberra* arrived in Williamstown Victoria on the back of one of the world's largest semi submersible barges, *MV Blue Marlin*. It travelled via the Cape Of Good Hope arriving on 17th October 2012.

To provide the assault ship with the capability to launch attacks against defended coastlines the Spanish shipbuilders Navantia started construction of 12 LCM-1E high speed landing craft for the two planned ships. Each of the LCM-1E vessels have a displacement of 110 tons and the first four landing craft, for *HMAS Canberra*, will be delivered to Australia in 2014 in time to join the ship. The eight subsequent landing craft will be delivered in time to join the second assault ship *HMAS Adelaide*.

Sea Breezes Magazine - December 2012 / Wikipedia (retrieved 5th January 2013)

Next Meeting

The February Meeting is our AGM.

We have a DVD "The Trading Ketches of South Australia" for our entertainment.

Date: Monday **February 4th 2013**

Time: 7:00 pm for dinner followed by the AGM.

Venue: **Railway Hotel, Port Adelaide.**

Cost: **Donation**

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

JANUARY 2013

Another year commences, with a bit of heat in it, too. I trust that you all enjoyed the festive season, and are ready to start all over again.

Not a lot to report this time around, but I am hoping that things will start happening soon with the "One and All".

It was good to see all that came along to our annual dinner at the RSAYS, in November.

We were joined by Sir Jim Hardy.

It always makes the evening a little bit more special when he can get along to our gatherings.

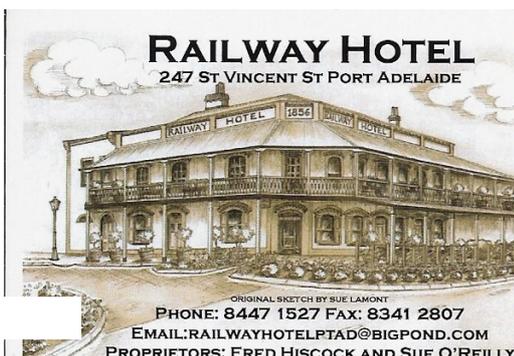
We also enjoyed the company of Commodore Paul Bogner and his lady, Sandee. I believe a good time was had by all, sad for those who missed out, whatever the reason.

The next event will of course be the AGM, this will be held at the Railway Hotel Port Adelaide, on Monday 4th February.

Please come and join us; there will be a video for your interest after the serious part is completed; not to mention the delightful dinner on offer.

I look forward to seeing you all soon.

Regards, Julian.



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From the past



27th July 1986 saw the *Failie* in Nepean Bay assisting in re-enacting the landing of the first official settlers to the new colony of South Australia at what is now known as Reeves Point near Kingscote 150 years earlier.

The *Failie* was standing in for the barque *Duke Of York* which had arrived carrying those settlers from England 150 years earlier.

The day was almost windless, which is unusual for Kangaroo Island in the winter, and even in the early afternoon, the reflections of the vessels attending the re-enactment were clear.

The boat carrying young Bonnie Abbott representing the toddler Elizabeth Beare, the first settler to land, can just be seen leaving the stern of the *Failie*.



Bonnie Abbott and her father nearly 25 years later.

She was joined by a number of other Beare family descendants and contemporary Kangaroo Island history buffs and council officials at the Reeves Point Reserve for the ceremony which was broadcast around South Australia on ABC Radio.

Elizabeth Beare's mother Lucy died in the months following the landing and is buried in the Pioneer Cemetery in Kingscote.

Elizabeth did not survive into adulthood and is buried in the West Terrace Cemetery.



The *Murray Princess*.
Photo Rose Logan

Port Lincoln trio convicted of Abalone poaching

Wednesday, 12 September 2012
PIRSA Media Release

Three Port Lincoln men were found guilty of serious Abalone-related offences, following a joint operation involving PIRSA Fisheries and Aquaculture, SAPOL and WA authorities.

Aiden Lee Whetstone, Chase Stephen Mackwell and Karl Anton Hird faced Port Lincoln Magistrates Court last Friday and pleaded guilty to taking Abalone for the purpose of trafficking for a commercial gain.

A fourth man was acquitted of the same charge, while a fifth man is yet to face court.

The conviction follows an incident in February 2010, in which PIRSA Fisheries Officers apprehended the men near Cape Donnington in the Port Lincoln National Park with 237 Abalone in their possession.

Mr Whetstone and Mr Mackwell received prison sentences of nine months while Mr Hird received a prison sentence of seven and a half months – all of which were wholly suspended subject to each defendant entering into a two year good behaviour bond.

In addition, the men are each required to pay a penalty of \$18,577.50 – which equates to five times the commercial value of the Abalone – plus court costs and were banned from fishing for Abalone in South Australian waters for five years.

The court also ordered the forfeiture of a Nissan Patrol 4WD and other equipment used in the incident.

PIRSA Fisheries and Aquaculture Regional Manager West Andrew Carr said the outcome was a great result and sent a strong message to fishers tempted to break the rules.

"The range and extent of the penalties imposed highlights just how seriously trafficking and poaching is viewed in South Australia," said Mr Carr.

"PIRSA Fisheries and Aquaculture are committed to pursuing those who choose to commit fisheries related offences and ensuring that they face the full extent of the law."

The conviction follows the extradition of Mr Mackwell from Western Australia on 28 August after he failed to appear in court on a previous occasion.

Mr Carr praised the efforts of all PIRSA Fisheries Officers involved and also thanked Port Lincoln SAPOL and WA Police and Fisheries Officers for their support.

Mr Carr urged anyone who knew of suspicious fishing activity that may be associated with Abalone poaching to contact the 24 hour FISHWATCH number on 1800 065 522. Callers can choose to remain anonymous.



The Friends Of The Paul McGuire Maritime Library Inc Financial Statements 2012

Income Statement For Period Covering 01/01/2012 to 31/12/2012

Revenues		
Income		
Donations	\$40.00	
Interest Income	\$1490.69	
Term Deposit Interest	\$1,490.04	
Working Account Interest	\$0.65	
Membership Subscriptions	\$340.00	
Raffles, Supper Tickets	\$198.00	
Total Revenue	\$2,068.69	
Expenses		
Expenses		
Award Scholarship	\$0.00	
Bank Service Charge	\$0.00	
Donations to the Library	\$0.00	
Events	\$0.00	
Meeting Costs		
Advertising	\$0.00	
Supper Costs	\$0.00	
Venue Hire	\$0.00	
Secretarial Expenses	\$30.00	
Traverse Board	\$0.00	
Total Expenses	\$30.00	
Net income for Period	\$2,038.69	

Balance Sheet 31/12/2012

Assets		
Current Assets	\$28,224.75	
Term Deposit Account	\$26,592.26	
Working Account	\$1,632.49	
Total Assets		\$28,224.75
Liabilities		
Total Liabilities		\$0.00
Equity		
Equity	\$416.51	
Opening Balances	\$25,769.55	
Retained Earnings	\$2,038.69	
Total Equity		\$28,224.75
Total Liabilities & Equity		\$28,224.75

While no donations to the Library are shown in the statements, we made a \$3250 donation to the library through funds held on our behalf by the State Library of South Australia. This fund still has quite a significant balance and we expect the library to make further purchases from time to time on our behalf.

New Aboriginal Sea Ranger program

PIRSA Media release
Thursday, 27 December 2012

A new \$173,000 project aimed at respecting Aboriginal connection to the Sea Country and exploring future employment opportunities for Aboriginal people to work in the coastal and marine environment has been initiated by the State Government.

In a South Australian first, the project will provide an opportunity for coastal Aboriginal Nations to come together and discuss Sea Country management.

Acting Fisheries Minister Paul Caica said the Sea Ranger project would provide Aboriginal Nations with an important opportunity to contribute to the management and sustainability of their Sea Country.

"Fishing has always been and continues to be integral to Aboriginal identity, both culturally and spiritually," Mr Caica said.

"The development of a Sea Ranger program will engage coastal traditional owners in caring for and managing local marine resources."

The project team will involve a workshop involving South Australian Aboriginal Nations representatives. Regional visits will also be undertaken to meet with Aboriginal coastal Nation representatives to provide project information and begin discussions on Aboriginal coastal protection activities.

"By bringing together key leaders from the seven coastal Nations, the project will enable South Australian Aboriginal Nations who have a connection to Sea Country to connect with Aboriginal groups from across Australia and gain an awareness and understanding of successful programs," Mr Caica said.

"This knowledge will then be used to inform and guide discussions on how the South Australian Government can work with Aboriginal people to develop a collaborative model for a South Australian Sea Ranger program."

The Fisheries Research and Development Corporation together with PIRSA and DMITRE have contributed to the research and development of the program which is being coordinated through PIRSA.



Scenes From our Annual Dinner, R.S.A.Y.S. 9th November 2012

Book Give Away

The State Library has a few books and magazines surplus to the Paul McGuire Library Requirements.

These will be at our next meeting for members to select for their bookshelves.

Queenstown, NZ Wharf

