

# The Traverse Board

Newsletter of the Friends Of The Paul McGuire Maritime Library Inc

January 2015

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## News From The Friends

### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

JANUARY 2015

Greetings to you all, and I hope the festive times were kind to you. Let's see how the summer, now in full swing, will treat us, and that the current fire menace will soon be brought under control.

Not a lot to report at this time, but I do wonder how the local ship and submarine building projects will fare when all the arguing is done. Although the Collins sub is apparently a very good one by all accounts, it seems that the way the establishment functions leaves quite a bit to be desired, and that is not good to hear.



Thanks to all who came along to our annual dinner, held at the Yacht Squadron on November 28th. While the dining room was not quite ready, we all enjoyed a delightful evening down on the Quarter Deck, plenty of good food and wine, lots of entertaining chatter, too. Our Squadron Commodore was able to join us once again, thank you, Peter.

Not long now before the AGM, to be held at the British Hotel, Port Adelaide, on Monday, February 2nd, so please come along to launch our new year.

On the subject of pubs, the Railway has re-opened, but with somewhat limited hours; I believe this might improve in the near future. At least it has not become another in the growing list of extinct pubs, which something I feared would happen.

That's enough from me, so I look forward to seeing you all on the 2nd!

Regards , Julian.



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### Next Meeting

## Annual General Meeting

The February Meeting will be our AGM followed by a video.

Date: Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2015

Time: Dinner 7:00pm – meeting 8:00 pm

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

Cost: **Donation**

**Please book for dinner on 8240 2286.**



The Silver Sea in Montreal 24<sup>th</sup> September 2010



A very calm RSAYS basin on the evening of our dinner.

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Wakefield Press  
Hunger Town  
A novel by Wendy Scarfe

In the violent and despairing years of Australia's Great Depression, Judith Larsen grows up on a coaling hulk in the Port Adelaide River. The Australian political landscape is changing and unemployment, hunger, protests and police reprisals spawn new radical ideas for managing society.

Judith falls in love with Harry, an idealistic dreamer who embraces the dogma of the Communist Party while she flourishes as a satirical cartoonist. Political tensions rise between them but when Harry's life is threatened Judith embarks on a perilous journey across the world to save him. In doing so she comes face to face with the cruelty and oppression of fascism and the importance of those who fight against it.

Drawn from family recollections and based on historical events, this powerful Australian novel tells of brave people caught up in the inspiration and the pity of great but lost causes. Its gritty realism, providing a window into a past era, makes for a highly engaging read.

'Historical detail masterfully woven into a fast-moving plot, *Hunger Town* is a marvellous story drawn from a critically important time in Australian history.' – Heather Goodall

Born in Adelaide, **Wendy Scarfe** graduated from Melbourne University and later trained as a secondary school teacher. For over four decades she has written poetry and novels in her own right and non-fiction works with her husband, Allan Scarfe.

Together they have written oral histories of Greek migrants who fled the civil war in 1949 and the definitive biography of an Indian national hero and Gandhian socialist (Orient Longman 1975). Their book *A Mouthful of Petals*, published in London, New York and later in Australia, records their years of teaching and community work in a remote impoverished Indian village. Her novels show her interest in history, political conflicts and social injustice.

Writing in *Australian Literary Studies*, Dr Katherine Bode commented that Wendy is 'an important and innovative contemporary author' whose books offer a 'difference'. Her books have been enthusiastically reviewed in Australia and overseas and her bibliographical listings include *Who's Who of Australian Writers* (Melbourne), *Writers Directory* (Chicago) and *International Who's Who of Authors and Writers* (London).

Wendy Scarfe lives in Warrnambool with her husband. They have three daughters, a son and four grandchildren.

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[www.wakefieldpress.com.au](http://www.wakefieldpress.com.au) Press Release, October 15, 2014

## Australia Sets Out Antarctica Agenda

The Australian Government has released the 20 Year Australian Antarctic Strategic Plan, which provides a blueprint for Australia's future engagement in the region and options to expand Tasmania's role as Antarctic science and logistics hub.

The report contains recommendations on a range of key issues, including:

- Protecting Australia's national interests in Antarctica;
- Supporting and leading national and international Antarctic science;
- Building economic benefits for Tasmania as an Antarctic Gateway city;
- Australia's future Antarctic station operations, transport and deep field traverse capabilities and support for large field-based research campaigns; and
- Effective administration of the Australian Antarctic Territory.

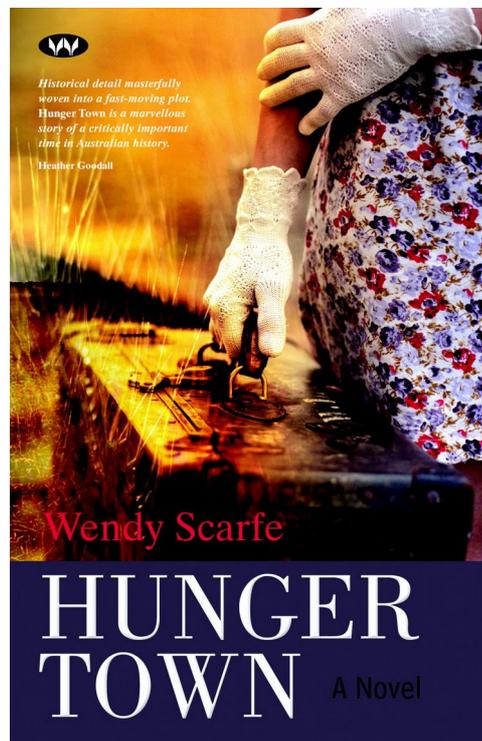
The Government's Senate Leader Senator Eric Abetz said Tasmania already has very strong links to Australia's Antarctic program.

"There are opportunities to expand this even further and to encourage other nations to use Hobart as a hub for their Antarctic research and logistics," Senator Abetz said.

"This report reveals exciting possibilities for further international collaboration in Antarctic science, centred in Hobart. The Federal Government is keen to work with the Tasmanian Government to explore these options."

The report also recommends the acquisition of a new icebreaker to replace the ageing *Aurora Australis*.

The Australian Government has already made USD 75.6 million in commitments to Australia's Antarctic interests, including: funding for the Antarctic Climate and Ecosystems Cooperative Research Centre ; creating an Antarctic Gateway Partnership involving the Australian Antarctic Division, the University of Tasmania and the CSIRO; and the Hobart Airport runway extension.



## Canberra's Mariner's Skills Evaluation Underway



Newly commissioned Landing Helicopter Dock, HMAS Canberra, has proven she has what it takes to conduct a safe boarding operations recently, with tough couple of days of assessment from Navy's Sea Training Group.

The testing period forms part of the Mariner Skills Evaluation which checks a range of mariner competencies specific to maintaining the safety of the ship and ship's company at sea. Canberra's was tested on her ability to operate in a peace-time environment and overcome a range of potential emergencies.

The first two days of evaluation were conducted alongside Fleet Base East before the ship sailed for the first time as HMAS Canberra to conduct the sea phase.

The boarding operation was the second evolution to be assessed, with Canberra already having achieved the necessary standard for Diving Operations.

Sea Training Group's Fleet Direction Officer, Lieutenant Commander Aaron Scott, said that the aim of the evaluation was to test a basic low level boarding.

"We conducted a training exercise with Canberra's boarding party to ensure that it was safe and effective at going through their procedures for conducting low level boarding operations. Canberra's boarding team did really well, they were safe, effective and very enthusiastic. They performed their job to a good standard," Lieutenant Commander Scott said.

Canberra's First Lieutenant, Lieutenant Commander Michael Nipperess, said the ship had to work together to effect a successful boarding operation.

"A boarding operation not only involves the teams that go out to board the vessel, but also the boat crews who take the teams out, the operations staff who provide the information, logistics personnel that sustain the team, and the others who allocate weapons, body armour and radios for the teams to prepare," he said.

"It takes a range of teams from across the ship to be prepared so we can effect a professional, safe boarding operation which achieves the aims of the mission," he said.

Able Seaman Kye Jones said he enjoyed being part of Canberra's boarding team.

"In my role as crew security, I help keep the boarding team and the crew of the vessel being boarded safe," said Able Seaman Jones. "Our boarding team has trained hard in a relatively short period of time to build a strong bond and I think that is what led to a good result," he said.

Canberra's Boarding Officer, Lieutenant Ben Stewart, said he was very proud of the team. "We came together, did what we trained to do, and executed it well," he said.

Canberra sailed this month to conduct the at sea phase of Mariner Skills Evaluation prior to returning alongside Fleet Base East for a reduced activity period over Christmas.

## Great Barrier Reef, Torres Strait Routes Formalised

A two-way shipping route in Queensland's Great Barrier Reef (GBR) and Torres Strait has been formalised by the International Maritime Organization (IMO) and will be in effect from 1 December 2014.

The IMO-adopted two-way route extends from the western end of Torres Strait, through the Prince of Wales Channel, the Great Barrier Reef Inner Route and terminates at the southern boundary of the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park.

AMSA Chief Executive Officer Mick Kinley said this will not change the way ships currently navigate in the region, but simply formalises the routes that have been in existence since the 1980s.

"The existing two way routes in the Great Barrier Reef and Torres Strait have now been formalised by the IMO due to their role in enhancing the safety and efficiency of navigation and protecting the region's sensitive marine environment," Mr Kinley said.



"The two-way route in Torres Strait and the northern portion of the Great Barrier Reef is unchanged from what is currently charted. A new two-way route that follows existing traffic patterns has been introduced in the southern portion of the Great Barrier Reef."

As explained by Kinley, two-way routes aim to reduce the risk of collisions and groundings by encouraging ships to follow welldefined lanes, separating north and south bound traffic and assisting ships keep clear of the reefs, shoals and islands in the area.

"This ship routing system will also provide greater certainty to small vessels as to where they can expect to encounter large vessels," Mr Kinley said.

AMSA said that paper and electronic navigational charts reflecting the changes are now available from the Australian Hydrographic Service.

## Human Traffickers Are Abandoning Boats Full of Migrants

A refugee's plea: "We're heading toward the Italian coast and we have no one to steer."

The Atlantic: Adam Chandler Jan 2 2015, 1:13 PM ET

On Thursday evening, the Italian Coast Guard received this unusual distress call: "We're without crew, we're heading toward the Italian coast and we have no one to steer."

The plea, according to the BBC, came from the Ezadeen, a 50-year-old ship initially built as a livestock carrier and sailing under the flag of Sierra Leone. Aboard the ship were 450 asylum-seekers thought to be from Syria.

It was the second such incident in a matter of days. Just before the new year, the Blue Sky M, a cargo ship carrying nearly 1,000 migrants, was intercepted by the same forces just shy of the Italian coast. One coast guard commander told reporters that the ship had its engine locked on autopilot and was hurtling toward land.

Making matters worse in that earlier incident, there was a heavy storm, which meant that rescuers had to board the ship by helicopter. "It was a race against time," the officer said. "The ship was only a few (nautical) miles away from the coast of Puglia," a region in southern Italy.

The two episodes may open a horrifying new chapter in a human-trafficking saga that has brought as many as 170,000 refugees to Italy by boat over the course of the past year or so from Africa and the Middle East. (Thousands of other migrants have died along the way.) This week, in lieu of the small, unsteady boats typical of such journeys, border forces have contended with large ghost ships full of people and abandoned by the smugglers.

"At first we wondered if it was a one-off, but it now seems to be a trend," an official from Frontex, the European Union's border control agency, told the Telegraph. "The smugglers acquire a decommissioned cargo ship, recruit a crew, pack it with migrants and then abandon them at sea, telling them to call the rescue services. It's a very dangerous new development, especially in bad weather."

The weather seems to be a big factor in the strategy. Larger ships can brave the rough waters of winter, extending a human-trafficking season that once predominantly ran in the spring and fall. The smugglers can then abandon the ship to evade capture by authorities.

According to Frontex, this winter has been an exceptionally busy season for those monitoring the Mediterranean borders. The agency claims that 11,400 migrants have been rescued, the vast majority of them in "distressed" circumstances, in more than 75 operations since the beginning of November.

"This level of traffic is still unprecedented for wintertime," the agency reports. "2014 could be remembered as the year that people-smuggling by sea truly became a year-round business."



The Blue Sky M cargo ship docked at the Gallipoli harbor. (Reuters)

## World's Largest Container Ship Starts Maiden Voyage



19,100 TEU CSCL Globe, the world's largest container ship and the first in a series of five same-sized ships ordered by China Shipping Container Lines (CSCL) in May 2013, last week embarked on its maiden voyage from Tianjin Port, China.

Measuring 400.0 m in length, 58.6 m in width and 30.5 m in depth, the vessel is as large as four soccer fields, and will be deployed on the Asia-Europe trade loop.

"The maiden voyage of CSCL Globe marks Chinese shipping industry making a step toward the international stage," said Xu Lirong, chairman of China Shipping (Group) Co.

The CSCL Globe will feature a 77,200 bhp electronically controlled main engine to enhance fuel efficiency by automatically controlling fuel consumption depending on the ship's speed and sea conditions, according to the ship's builder, South Korean Hyundai Heavy Industries.

With the installation of the high efficiency engine, the container ship will burn 20 percent less fuel per TEU in comparison with the 10,000 TEU containerships.

Worldmaritmenews.com 11/12/14

## P&O Cruises' Record Four Calls to South Australian Ports

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Written by Justin Merrigan (Asia-Pacific Correspondent)



*Pacific Pearl* at Port Lincoln

P&O CRUISES made a little bit of Australian history during the last week of April with a record four calls to ports in the state of South Australia.

The 64,500-tonne *Pacific Pearl* made P&O Cruises' first ever call to Port Lincoln, berthed at Kangaroo Island and also completed the cruise line's maiden visit to Robe. Additionally, the 1800-passenger ship made her maiden call to Adelaide with passengers enjoying a full day in the city.

The cruise line last visited the South Australian capital in 2011. P&O Cruises Senior Vice President Tammy Marshall said the visits, which were part of a six-night round trip cruise from Melbourne, marked the start of a closer relationship with South Australia.

The cruise line will offer its first ever round trip cruises from Adelaide in 2015, with the *Pacific Jewel* sailing on two cruises from the city in February and March.



The *Silver Sky* on a visit to Kingscote in Nepean Bay 7<sup>th</sup> March 2011.  
Cruise ships now use a landing at the Penneshaw jetty to take advantage of deeper water closer to land.



The *Athena* at the Port Lincoln Jetty 9<sup>th</sup> February 2009

## Treasurer's Annual Report 2014

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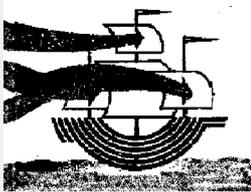
### Income Statement

### Balance Sheet 31/12/2014

For Period Covering 01/01/2014 to 31/12/2014

Income		Assets	
Raffles, Supper Tickets	\$360.00	Current Assets	
Grants	\$0.00	Working Account	
Interest		Term Deposit Account	
Term Deposit	\$1491.97	Donations	\$2748.73
Working Account	\$1.18	Award	\$26525.59
	\$1493.15		
Membership Subscriptions	\$559.08	Total Assets	\$29,274.32
Total Income	\$2512.53	Liabilities	\$0.00
Expenses		Equity	
Award Scholarship	\$0.00	Equity	\$416.51
Bank Service Charge	\$0.95	Opening Balances	\$29,745.02
Donations to the Library	\$0.00	Retained Earnings	\$1,871.58
Meeting Costs	\$20.00	Total Equity	\$31,616.60
Traverse Board	\$620.00	Total Liabilities & Equity	\$31,616.60
Total Expenses	\$640.95		
Net Income	\$1871.58		

Membership subs are now due. Please return the form below to the treasurer at the address shown. Alternately he will be only too pleased to receive your subs on 2<sup>nd</sup> February. You can renew online: <http://www.fpmml.org.au/membership.shtml>.



## The Friends Of The Paul McGuire Maritime Library Inc.

### Membership Renewal

Ordinary Memberships are all due for renewal in January each year. Please send your \$30 to

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