

# The Traverse Board

Newsletter of the Friends Of The Paul McGuire Maritime Library Inc

January 2016

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

## News From The Friends

### PRESIDENT'S REPORT JANUARY 2016

Time to wish you all a Happy and Successful New Year, here we go again! And I hope you enjoyed the festive time to the full, in your chosen manner.

The last event for 2015 was a special visit to the Paul McGuire Collection, or to be precise a look at some of the recent acquisitions, under the guidance of our new friend at the Library, Valerie Balagengadaran (just ask for Valerie!).



As usual we were fascinated by some of these new books, who said books were dead? Valerie has a keen interest in maritime matters, and has Cornish ancestry, which may have contributed to this.

Such a shame that only six Friends managed to attend, but Neil has put down some notes on the books we were shown, to maybe inspire you to go in and have a closer look. To conclude, we enjoyed a pleasant lunch in the London Tavern, altogether a worthwhile visit .

As I mentioned in the last Traverse Board, we are enjoying a regular flow of cruise ships at Outer Harbour, bringing more visitors to our City and surrounding areas, this has got to be good for our economy. But I notice also at the harbour, most of the cars in the big yards are coming in rather than going out, not so good.

Our AGM will take place on Tuesday, February 2nd, at the British Hotel, Port Adelaide, and I do hope to see lots of you there, to launch our new year.

Meanwhile, regards from Julian.



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### Next Meeting

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2016  
**Annual General Meeting**

Our 2016 AGM will be followed by a film.

**British Hotel Port Adelaide 8:00pm (7:00pm for meal)**

Please book dinner with Neil 0418 821 331 or Julian 0414 365 294.

The Torrens Island Quarantine Station which was often the first port of call for new arrivals in the colony.



Happy new year to everyone.

This issue is fairly slim on content, but does contain a list of the books we inspected on our visit to the State Library November last.

The major work we saw was *Under Square Sail* an unpublished manuscript by J. B. Town, a very rewarding experience.

The Friends acquired this for the Library a couple of years ago. This was the first opportunity for the Friends as a group to see it.

Neil

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Our visit to the library in November allowed us to view a very interesting work we funded a couple of years ago.

**Under Square Sail / J. B. Town**

Town, John B., author 1913-14

Format:Manuscript

Available at McGuire Specials (910.45 T743 b)

This is available on request for viewing in the Somerville Reading Room. Please enquire at the library desk. It is a fascinating read with wonderful photos. You will need to be a registered library user which you do either online (<http://www.catalog.slsa.sa.gov.au/screens/selfreg-overview.html>) or in the library.

Other recent purchases viewed included:

**Ship decoration 1630-1780 / Andrew Peters**

Peters, Andy (Wood carver). Barnsley : Seaforth Publishing, 2013. ©2013.

Format:Book/pamphlet

Available at McGuire Books (736.4 P481 b (Large Books))

**For the king's service : railway ships at war / A.J. Mullay**

Mullay, A. J Easingwold, York : Pendragon, 2008

Format:Book/pamphlet

Available at McGuire Books (623.8 M958 b (Large Books))

**The Sydney to Hobart Yacht Race / Michael Ludeke**

Ludeke, Michael, 1974- , author. Hobart, Tasmania : Ludeke Publishing, 2014. ©2002. Fourth edition.

Format:Book/pamphlet

Available at McGuire Books (797.14 L944.4 (Small Books))

More Details

Description/Quantity

276 pages : illustrations (some in colour), portraits ; 25 cm.

**The unseen Lusitania : the ship in rare illustrations / Eric Sauder**

Sauder, Eric. Stroud : The History Press, 2015.

Format:Book/pamphlet

Available at McGuire Books (387.2432 S255 b (Large Books))

**Tugs in colour - worldwide / by Andrew Wiltshire**

Wiltshire, Andrew, author. Portishead, Bristol : Bernard Mccall, [2014]. ©2014.

Format:Book/pamphlet

Available at McGuire Books (387.282 W756 b (Large Books))

**1940 : the Second World War at sea in photographs / Phil Carradice**

Carradice, Phil., author. Stroud : Amberley, 2014. ©2014.

Format:Book/pamphlet

Available at McGuire Books (940.545 C312 (Small Books))

**1941 : the Second World War at sea in photographs / Phil Carradice**

Carradice, Phil, author Stroud, Gloucestershire : Amberley, 2014. ©2014.

Format:Book/pamphlet

Available at McGuire Books (940.545 C312 (Small Books))

**1939 : the Second World War at sea in photographs / Phil Carradice**

Carradice, Phil, author. Stroud : Amberley, 2014. ©2014.

Format:Book/pamphlet

Available at McGuire Books (940.545 C312 (Small Books))

**Smugglers and smuggling / Trevor May**

May, Trevor, author. Oxford : Shire Publications, 2014. ©2014.

Format:Book/pamphlet

Available at McGuire Books (364.1336 M467 (Small Books))

**The Cornish fishing industry : an illustrated history / John McWilliams**

McWilliams, John, author. Stroud : Amberley, 2014. ©2014.

Format:Book/pamphlet

Available at McGuire Books (338.3727 M177 (Small Books))

**Liverpool : seaport city / Neil Cossons and Martin Jenkins**

Cossons, Neil, 1939- Hershaw : Ian Allan, 2011.

Format:Book/pamphlet

Available at McGuire Books (388.0942753 C836 (Small Books))

**Classic Dutch-built coasters / Bernard McCall**

Mccall, Bernard, author. Portishead, Eng. : Bernard Mccall, 2015. ©2015.

Format:Book/pamphlet

Available at McGuire Books (623.8245 M478)

**How to pilot a submarine : a fascinating insight into the life of a submariner**

United States. Bureau of Naval Personnel. Standards and Curriculum Division, Training. Stroud, Gloucestershire : Amberley Publishing, [2014]

Format:Book/pamphlet

**"A race of shipbuilders" : the Hanscoms of Eliot, Maine / Richard E. Winslow III**

Winslow, Richard E. (Richard Elliot), 1934-, author. Portsmouth, N.H. : Portsmouth Marine Society, 2013. ©2013.

Format:Book/pamphlet

Available at McGuire Books (623.8 H249.W (Small Books))

**Down to the sea in ships : of ageless oceans and modern men / Horatio Clare**

Clare, Horatio, 1973- , author London : Chatto & Windus, 2014. ©2014

Format:Book/pamphlet

Available at McGuire Books (910.45 C591 (Small Books))

**The once-ubiquitous paddle-steamer / John Hannavy**

Hannavy, John, author. Wellington : Pixz, 2014. ©2014.

Format:Book/pamphlet

Available at McGuire Books (387.2436 H243 (Small Books))

**Maritime history of Falmouth : the port, its shipping and pilotage service / D.G. Wilson**

Wilson, David Gordon, 1935- , author. Wellington, Somerset : Halsgrove, 2014. ©2014.

Format:Book/pamphlet

Available at McGuire Books (942.37 W747 b (Large Books))

**The European quest to find Terra Australis incognita : Quiros, Torres and Janszoon / Barbara Miller**

Miller, Barbara, author. [Cairns, Qld.] : Barbara Miller, 2014. ©2014.

Format:Book/pamphlet

Available at McGuire Books (910.9 M647 (Small Books))

**For the king's service : railway ships at war / A.J. Mullay**

Mullay, A. J Easingwold, York : Pendragon, 2008

Format:Book/pamphlet

Available at McGuire Books (623.8 M958 b (Large Books))

**Long night of the tankers : Hitler's war against Caribbean oil / David J. Bercuson and Holger H. Herwig**

Bercuson, David Jay, author. Calgary : University of Calgary Press, 2014. ©2014.

Format:Book/pamphlet

Available at McGuire Books (940.5451 B486 (Small Books))

**Naval weapons of World War One : guns, torpedoes, mines and ASW weapons of all nations : an illustrated directory / Norman Friedman**

Friedman, Norman, 1946- S. Yorkshire : Seaforth Publishing, 2011.

Format:Book/pamphlet

Available at McGuire Books (359.8 F911 b (Large Books))

**Danish liners around the world / Bruce Peter**

Peter, Bruce, author. Lyngby : Nautilus, 2014. ©2014. First edition.

Format:Book/pamphlet

Available at McGuire Books (387.544 P478 b (Large Books))

**Russian sea-river ships / by Bernard McCall**

McCall, Bernard. Portishead : Bernard McCall : Coastal Shipping, 2009.

Format:Book/pamphlet

Available at McGuire Books (623.82 M114 b (Large Books))

**Bristol Port and Channel nostalgia / by Malcolm Cranfield**

Cranfield, Malcolm. Bristol, Eng. : Bernard McCall, [2013]. ©2013.

Format:Book/pamphlet

Available at McGuire Books (387.5 C891)



Some photos of the Royal Cape Yacht Club Sail-past in Cape Town on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2015.



# Vandalism suspected as historic tall ship Defender sinks in Townsville

ABC North Qld By Michael Clarke, Kathleen Calderwood, David Chen, Pat Hession

Updated 5<sup>th</sup> January 2016

## A 120-year-old sailing ship has sunk at its moorings in north Queensland.

People arriving to work in Townsville this morning were surprised to find the 35-metre tall ship Defender submerged at a wharf on Ross Creek in the city's CBD.

The hull of the vessel was completely submerged, while its rigging remained above the water.

Maritime Safety Queensland has cordoned off the site.

Ship owner Les Dick, who is based in Tasmania, said it had been "gut wrenching" to hear the news this morning.

"We do suspect it's been an act of vandalism or such leading to the sinking of the vessel," Mr Dick said.

"We won't know until we refloat the boat ... but at the moment that's what the people up there are saying."

The Defender has been in Townsville for more than seven years after it was damaged in an engine room fire.

Mr Dick said he was going to travel to Townsville this week to inspect the damage.

"Our next attack will be to get some competent people around us and some pumps, sandbags, and at the low tide this week, when the deck's exposed, we'll simply pump the boat out and refloat it again," he said.

"We hope it's that simple ... then it will be moved from that location to another.

"We've got a lot of support up there ... so we'll do whatever we can to save the old girl, but it's heart wrenching that this [has] happened to a great old ship like that."

### Defender the last ship of its kind

The Defender was built in 1895 and used as a trading vessel between the colonies.

In 1923 the Defender entered the history books with a record-breaking crossing of Bass Strait, and in World War II it was used to transport troops and supplies.

Mr Dick bought the vessel in 1982, and it was restored to take part in the bicentenary re-enactment of the sailing of the First Fleet into Sydney Harbour in 1988, as well as the Bicentenary Tall Ships Race from Hobart to Sydney.

It was a charter boat in the Whitsundays for a number of years before it arrived in Townsville and fell into disrepair.

Mr Dick said the Defender was the last of the Bass Strait ketches.

"She's the absolute last one. When she goes that's the end of it all and that's the end of an era," he said.

"[It's] a bloody beautiful boat, a beautiful boat and it was restored with a lot of love and care and a lot of Tasmanians helped, donated to get it going in 1988.

"I think it did Tasmania proud in the bicentenary and it's been a representative for Tasmania wherever it's gone in Australia."

Mr Dick said the boat's future looked grim.



PHOTO: Historic tall ship Defender has sunk overnight in Townsville. (ABC North Queensland: Pat Hession)



PHOTO: The boat has been moored on Ross Creek in Townsville for a number of years after it was damaged by an engine room fire. (ABC North Queensland: Pat Hession)

"It's been in the stage up there where I really should've moved it back to Tasmania, but things have stopped me from doing that," he said.

"I'm in a state of confusion about the whole thing and I'm very upset about it. It will take me a day or two to settle down and get my mind around all this.

"The last thing we would want is for such an historic vessel to end up going to the tip. It would be an absolute tragedy."

PHOTO: The hull of the Defender is completely submerged after it sank in Townsville. (ABC North Queensland: Pat Hession)

## South Africa's Sturrock Dry Dock Kept Busy

The Sturrock Dry Dock in the Port of Cape Town has been a hive of activity recently with a number of interesting vessels berthing at the facility for repairs and maintenance.

The mining vessel Debmar Atlantic, owned by De Beers Marine Namibia (Pty) Ltd, recently underwent routine work at the dry dock, carried out by contracting firms.

Built in 1978, Debmar Atlantic features her own diamond processing plant on board the vessel. During the mining process gravel, bearing diamonds, is airlifted from the seabed to the vessel. The gravel and water is de-aerated before entering the processing plant. The material then goes through various stages and processes before the diamonds are recovered.

Sturrock Dry Dock was also the site of recent repairs on the deep water field development ship (FDS) SAIPEM FDS 2, owned by Saipem (Portugal) Comercio Maritimo (SPCM).

The work was carried out by DCD Marine, Cape Town. SAIPEM FDS 2 was designed and built to assist in the construction of subsea infrastructure, connecting oil production platforms with refineries on shore.

Cape Town Port Manager, Sipho Nzuza, said: "The Port of Cape Town has been earmarked as one of the important hubs for the delivery of government's Operation Phakisa initiatives aimed at supporting the growth of the local ship repair, ship building and oil and gas sectors. We have seen increased ship repair activity and are gearing up for more frequent calls such as this one."



<http://shipsmonthly.com/2015/12/11/south-africas-sturrock-dry-dock-kept-busy/>



The Port of Cape Town, South Africa

# The Friends Of The Paul Mcguire Maritime Library Inc Income Statement For Period Covering 01/01/2015 to 31/12/2015

## Revenues

### Income

Events

Raffles, Supper Tickets \$308.30

Grants

Donations \$350.00

Interest Income

Term Deposit Interest

Award Account Interest \$654.64

Term Deposit Interest \$70.56

Total Term Deposit Interest \$725.20

Working Account Interest \$1.42

Total Interest Income \$726.62

Membership Subscriptions \$490.00

Other Income

Total Income \$1,874.92

Unspecified

**Total Revenue**

**\$1,874.92**

## Expenses

### Expenses

Award Scholarship

Bank Service Charge \$0.95

Donations to the Library

Events

Meeting Costs

Advertising

Supper Costs

Venue Hire

Total Meeting Costs

Secretarial Expenses \$60.00

Traverse Board \$620.00

Total Expenses \$680.95

**Total Expenses**

**\$680.95**

Net income for Period

\$1,193.97

# The Friends Of The Paul Mcguire Maritime Library Inc Balance Sheet 31/12/2015

## Assets

### Assets

#### Current Assets

##### Term Deposit Account

<u>Award Account</u>	\$27,180.23	
<u>Library Donations Account</u>	\$2,819.29	
Total <u>Term Deposit Account</u>		\$29,999.52

<u>Working Account</u>	\$3,431.05	
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Total <u>Current Assets</u>		\$33,430.57
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Total <u>Assets</u>		\$33,430.57
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#### Imbalance-AUD

#### Orphan-AUD

**Total Assets** **\$33,430.57**

## Liabilities

### Liabilities

<u>Accounts Payable</u>	\$620.00	
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#### Annual Dinner

#### Subs In Advance

Total <u>Liabilities</u>		\$620.00
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**Total Liabilities** **\$620.00**

## Equity

<u>Equity</u>	\$416.51	
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<u>Opening Balances</u>	\$31,200.09	
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Total <u>Equity</u>		\$31,616.60
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**Retained Earnings** **\$1,193.97**

**Total Equity** **\$32,810.57**

**Total Liabilities & Equity** **\$33,430.57**



Spirit of Tasmania II Port Melbourne 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2015

# 2016 AGM

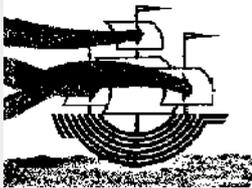
This will be held on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2016 at 8:00pm in the British Hotel in Port Adelaide. We will, as usual, gather from 7:00pm for a meal beforehand and enjoy a video afterwards,

The video will be two of a number of half hour episodes in the *Shipwreck* series produced for New Zealand Television some years ago.

One relates the strange case of the yacht *Ariadne* and the unexplained disappearance of the *Holmglen*, the other the sad tale of the wrecking of the *SS Elingamite* in the Three Kings Islands.



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