

The Traverse Board

Newsletter of the Friends Of The Paul McGuire Maritime Library Inc

March 2018

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

News From The Friends

PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT

March 2018

Autumn once again, probably the best season of the year, better enjoy it to the max!

I can report on another good year for the Friends, quite varied and satisfying as usual.

In March we met at the British Hotel, Port Adelaide, for the excellent dinner provided, and to view video footage of a couple of New Zealand shipwrecks with interesting stories, more evidence that it was a dangerous coast to sail on if things went wrong.

We were afloat again in May, this time aboard the P.S. Marion, for a five hour cruise from Murray Bridge to Mannum. What a day! The weather was perfect, nice lunch, a jazz band, wonderful scenery, great company, what could be better? I'm sure this will be repeated before too long,

For our July meeting we saw the documentary, Tigers and Snakes, the story of the Krait, that incredibly brave attack on enemy shipping in Singapore harbour, and how it was carried out. Amazing stuff, and what a bunch of heroes they were.

In September, once again at the British, we were entertained by geophysicist Brian Gaull, describing his year spent at Mawson Base in Antarctica, in 1980, and how a group of people could get along in difficult circumstances a long way from home, and frequently in hazardous conditions. Brian also had copies of his book for sale.



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Next Meeting

The March Meeting will feature member Mark Sinclair describing preparations for his forthcoming adventure in the Golden Globe single handed Yacht race.

Date: Tuesday March 27th 2018

See page 5 and the back page for details

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

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

After a long break we were able to send two young chaps away for a voyage aboard the "One and All". A bus-ride first to Ceduna, then five days aboard ship, learning the ropes, literally, and finding out how to work as a team with other youngsters they had never met before. They were Victor Wise and Travis Rowe, and they stepped off the ship all smiles!

Our November meeting consisted of film sourced by Neil of Canadian shipping on the Great Lakes. Most interesting, but they look awfully top-heavy to my eye. A different world and a different era.

We still have quite a few of Captain David Kemp's wonderful maritime books, those already sold have put good money into our funds with which to buy more special books for the McGuire Collection.

The AGM took place on Sunday, February 4th. The office—bearers remain the same, and the financials were accepted as presented.

Thank you all for your continued support of the Friends.

Regards, Julian Murray.

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The Friends Of The Paul McGuire Maritime Museum Inc

**Income Statement for the period
1st January 2017 to 31st December 2017**

Income:

Membership Subscriptions	\$720.00	
Interest		
Working Account	\$1.72	
Term Deposit Account ¹	<u>\$1274.35</u>	\$1276.07
Donations ²		<u>\$1.00</u>
Total Income		\$1997.07

Expenses

One and All Sponsorship	\$2200.00	
Bank Service Charge		\$4.79
Donations to the SLSA		<u>\$20.00</u>
Total Expenses		<u>\$2224.79</u>

Net Loss For Period **\$227.72**

Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2017

Assets:

Term Deposit Account ¹	\$31836.87	
Working Account		<u>\$2387.09</u>
Total Assets		\$34,223.96

Liabilities

Library Donations ²	<u>\$765.00</u>	
Total Liabilities		\$765.00

Equity

Opening Balance	\$33686.68	
Loss for the year		<u>\$227.72</u>
Equity at 31st December 2017		<u>\$33458.96</u>

Total Equity plus Liabilities **\$34223.96**

Notes:

1: Term Deposit

	Balance	Income
Award Account (One and All Sponsorship)	\$28838.80	\$1150.35
Library Donations Account:	<u>\$2998.07</u>	<u>\$124.00</u>
	<u>\$31686.68</u>	<u>\$1274.35</u>

2: Earnings from the sale of Captain David Kemp's books for fund raising for the SLSA were credited to a liability account, Library Donations, reflecting these funds are for the use of the library.

Neil Waller, Treasurer

The Golden Globe Race 2018

Member Mark Sinclair has been spending a lot of time of late preparing his yacht *Coconut* for the 2018 Golden Globe Race leaving from Les Sables D'olonne, France on July 1st, 2018 after sailing across the English Channel from Plymouth the previous day.

Mark's boat *Coconut* was loaded onto the *MSC Luisa* at the Outer Harbor Container Terminal on 27th January. *Luisa* left for Europe via Fremantle and Singapore in the early hours of the following morning.

Mark is one of two Australian entrants in the race. The other Australian boat in the race, Kevin Farebrother's *Sagarmatha*, joined Mark's boat on the *Luisa* in Fremantle.



Coconut on its cradle prior to loading on the *MSC Luisa* for shipping to London

Coconut will be offloaded in London, and *Sagarmatha* in Le Havre. *Coconut* will undergo final preparations in Plymouth and will be joined by the rest of the fleet in Falmouth to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Sir Robin Knox-Johnston's historic 1968/9 world first solo non-stop circumnavigation in the Sunday Times Golden Globe Yacht Race on June 14th, 2018.

Mark will tell of his preparations at the March meeting.



Mark with Race Organiser Don McIntyre, once a sailor at the RSAYS.





Ship Ahoy! Tales of shore & riverbank

Date: 4 May 2018 to 18 May 2018

Time: 1 to 2:30pm

Location: Bronwyn Halliday Learning Studio (in the Hub)

Note: Free entry, bookings essential. 2 sessions available.



PRG 1258/2/901

Building barges at Arnold Reserve, Mannum [PRG 1258/2/901]

Marvel at our maritime history in a slideshow from our South Australian collections, be hands-on with some special collection items, and discover the shipping collections in the Spence Wing.

South Australia's maritime history is explored in a slideshow, highlighting the City of Adelaide clipper ship of 1864 which is now back in Port Adelaide. In stormy seas we are shipwrecked on the Admella and find the Library's connections with SS Titanic. In gentler waters we encounter rivercraft from paddle steamers to Popeye, and revisit childhood memories of classic books on boating.

A selection of Library resources will be available for hands-on viewing. Special items include historic shipboard diaries and menus, special collections of shipping photographs, rare books and a children's board game.

We will visit the Mortlock Wing to see images of bark canoes built by Indigenous Australians, view historic charts, then explore the Paul McGuire Maritime Library and other shipping resources in the family history area of the Spence Wing.

Advance Notice – May 2018 Meeting

In place of our May meeting The Friends will make a bulk booking for the 18th May session (a Friday). Please let Neil (0418 821 331) or Julian (0414 365 294) know if you are interested.

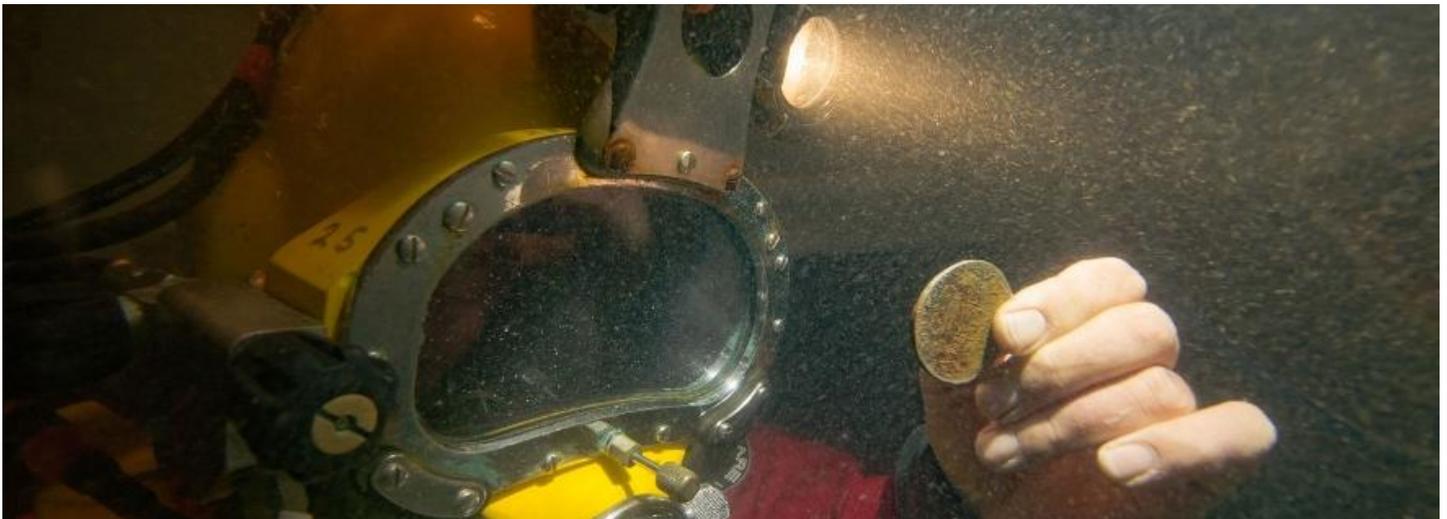


The Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands
and the South Australian Maritime Museum

present

Dr Martijn Manders

Diving into the Past: Dutch-Australian Shared Cultural Heritage



Tuesday 27 March 2018, 6.00pm

at the South Australian Maritime Museum

Join Dr Martijn Manders as he explores Holland and Australia's fascinating shared history across 400 years. He tracks the first Dutch ships to reach Australia following the Duyfken in 1606, and the four Dutch East Indiamen –Batavia, Zeewijk, Zuiddorp and Vergulde Draak – that sank off the west coast in the 17th and early 18th centuries.

Ranging over time, Manders teases out the conscious and coincidental connections between our two nations –right up to the Dutch diaspora following World War II.

Dr Manders holds an international reputation. He teaches maritime archaeology at the University of Leiden and is Head of the Maritime Program at the Cultural Heritage Agency of the Netherlands.

The Friends March Meeting will start here then adjourn to the nearby Railway Hotel for a bite to eat and Mark Sinclair telling us of his preparations for the 2018 Golden Globe Race.

We have booked a block of 20 seats for the Museum event. If you wish to attend please let us know including if you wish to join us for dinner, and if you have already booked directly,

Responses to either Neil (0418 821 331) or Julian (0414 365 294) please ASAP.

Two New Ferries Ordered for Bass Strait Service

Written by John Young (Marine Correspondent)

Category: Asia-Pacific

Published: 06 March 2018

<http://www.seabreezes.co.im/index.php/news/asia-pacific/2763-two-new-ferries-ordered-for-bass-strait-service>



The Spirit of Tasmania II. (TT-Line)

The TT-Line has ordered two new ferries for its Bass Strait service between Melbourne and Devonport on Tasmania's north coast.

They will replace the Spirit of Tasmania I and Spirit of Tasmania II when they enter service in 2021.

The line has signed a Letter of Intent for the ferries with the German shipbuilders Flensburger Schiffbau-Ges and the two companies will now have talks on their design and the final contract.

Mike Granger, the TT-Line chairman, said: "The line short-listed a number of international shipyards to build the new vessels and we expect to place an order in the first half of this year."

Sheep Ban After Ship Fails Safety Checks

Written by John Young (Marine Correspondent)

Category: Asia-Pacific

Published: 04 January 2018

<http://www.seabreezes.co.im/index.php/news/asia-pacific/2703-sheep-ban-after-ship-fails-safety-checks>

A livestock carrier lost her licence to carry sheep from Australia after failing port state control checks at a livestock preloading inspection at Fremantle on Oct 20.

The Al Messilah, 38,988gt, had been chartered to carry 75,000 sheep to the Persian Gulf. The Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) found a number of issues on board the Al Messilah during an inspection.

AMSA said: "The surveyor found holes in the decks and bulkheads throughout the ship as well as wastage of the supporting structure.

"Multiple issues were detected with the electrical cabling including wasted conduits, improperly mounted cables, exposed wires and unsealed electrical junction boxes. In addition, the generator was unserviceable, the bulkhead structure was damaged and repairs throughout the livestock decks were of poor quality."

On Oct 23, AMSA withdrew the ship's Australian Certificate for the Carriage of Livestock pending the completion of repairs.



Al Messilah



Photos from our AGM courtesy of Mike and Gay Lewis



Cpt Matthew Flinders, Toronto



Wm Lyon Mackenzie Fire Boat Toronto

Cape Fur Seal
Cape Town.



Ongtara passenger ferry Toronto



March and May Meetings

March

Mark Sinclair will tell of his preparations for the 2018 Golden Globe Yacht Race.

This will be at the **Railway Hotel Port Adelaide** following a talk at the SA Maritime Museum -

Diving into the Past: Dutch-Australian Shared Cultural Heritage presented by The Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands and the SA Maritime Museum at 6:00pm.

Since there is limited seating at the museum it would be appreciated if you could let either Neil or Julian know if you wish to attend.

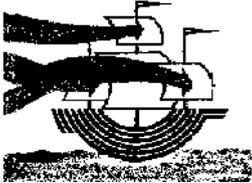
See page 5 for details.

May

In lieu of our normal May meeting we will attend an event at the State Library of South Australia as detailed on page 4. This is at 1:00pm on Friday 18th May. I hope a lot of you can attend, though this is a meeting during the day. The Library is anticipating the event to run until 2:30pm.

Again an indication of numbers would be appreciated.

Membership subs are now due. Please return the form below to the treasurer at the address shown. Alternately he will be only too glad to receive your subs on 25th March. You can renew online: <http://www.fpmmml.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.