

The Traverse Board

Newsletter of the Friends Of The Paul McGuire Maritime Library Inc

May 2009

Proudly Supporting the PaulMcGuire Collection of The State Library of South Australia.

News From The Friends

The Friends has a Web Presence!

Following some negotiations with Web Service Hosts a website belonging to the Friends is up and running.

You will find us at <http://www.fpmml.org.au>.

Email can be sent to mcguirefriends@gmail.com.

From The President

Here we are again, with winter looming up fast. Never mind, we will press on regardless, and I hope you will all sail through unscathed.

We held a very encouraging AGM at the beginning of February, with good resolve for the future of the Friends. Our next meeting on March 29th took us to the Austbuilt Maritime Museum at Peterhead, followed by a very enjoyable BBQ at the R.S.A.Y.S. This is the oldest maritime museum in the state, with a great collection of photographs, prints, models and other artifacts, well worth a visit, so for those of you who missed out we shall be doing it again sometime. Our guides were Doug and June West from the Port Adelaide Historical Society.

Over the Easter holiday we saw off young Rose Logan, as she embarked on a seven day voyage of discovery aboard the *One and All*, funded by the Friends from our Achievement A ward investment account. Rose is a student at Gepps Cross High, and is the second young person to benefit from this scheme. To see the change in these young folk after a week at sea is quite something, making it a very worthwhile venture for the Friends. You will be able to meet Rose and share in her experiences at our next meeting to be held once again at the Railway Hotel, Port Adelaide, on May 25th. Do come along if you can, dinner can be had if so desired, to add to the enjoyment of it all.

I do hope to see you all soon, meanwhile stay safe and sound.

Regards, Julian.

Next Meeting

The May Meeting will feature Sail Trainee Ms Rose Logan recounting her experiences on board the *One And All* over Easter.

Date: Monday **May 25th 2009**

Time: **8:00 pm**

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

Cost: **Donation**

Sail Training Scholarship 2009

It is with great pleasure that we announce the awarding of our 2009 Sail Training Scholarship on the *One and All* to Ms Rose Logan who is in year 10 at Gepps Cross High School.



Rose and her Parents left, with Neil Waller, DECS Mentor Coordinator, Heidi Unferdorben and Julian Murray before the voyage.

Rose joined the sail training voyage over Easter in glorious weather and, for the main, calm seas, though perhaps not the best conditions for sailing.

All the trainees seemed to have enjoyed their week in the gulf with visits to Emu Bay on Kangaroo Island and finally Port Vincent for their final night.

It was a joy to see her on her return – talk about excited!

She wants to volunteer on a Sail Training Cruise in a year or two.



Rose after the voyage.



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Reflecting On Margaret McGuire

It pays sometimes to reflect on our origins, in particular the contribution of Frances Margaret McGuire who made the generous bequest to the State Library to establish the collection in memory of her late husband, and also founded our group.

She took a great interest in the friends and attended meetings almost up to the time of her death in 1995.

The following article is adapted, with their consent, from the web pages of the Catholic Resource and Information Service.

This was yet another outlet for her generosity.

For those of you with access to the World Wide Web the URL is:

<http://www.adelaide.catholic.org.au/sites/CatholicResourceandInformationService/benefactor-of-cris>



Frances Margaret McGuire 20.5.1900 - 14.8.1995

Frances Margaret McGuire's remarkable life cannot be encapsulated in any one description; she was a scientist, an author, a diplomat, a benefactor and champion of Catholic social teaching.

Margaret, as she was commonly known, was born into a wealthy Protestant family of Scottish-English parentage in 1900 at Glenelg. After a childhood of home tutoring and European travels she attended Adelaide University where she graduated with an Honours degree in Science. As a biochemist Margaret worked in the Adelaide University laboratories at the time when Adelaide was a world leader in insulin research.

In the late 1920's Margaret converted to Catholicism and in 1927 married Dominic Paul McGuire. Mrs McGuire was quoted as saying, in 1995 'I am still a new Catholic, full of enthusiasm for my faith'. Directly after their marriage, the McGuire's travelled to England where they were actively involved in the Catholic Evidence Guild and the Catholic Literary Movement. Mrs McGuire gave up her career as a biochemist for the life of travel, diplomacy and work as a Catholic layperson.

On their return to Adelaide in the early 1930's the McGuire's co-founded the Catholic Guild for Social studies and were instrumental in the development of the Fisher & Moore Library, a forerunner of the Central Catholic Library (1941) that was in 1987 incorporated into the Diocesan Resource Centre. The McGuire's regularly travelled to Europe & America where they were involved in Catholic Action and for a time Paul McGuire was the Australian Ambassador to Italy.

Margaret was decorated for public service by the Australian and Italian Governments, she was the author of 10 books, including an autobiography of the first 14 years of her life, a detective novel, two officially commissioned Australian Navy histories and she was actively involved in many associations and societies.

Margaret McGuire's interests included a passion for social justice. Her life was packed with interests, events and achievements.

Life Be In It
*All our lives, said the aged,
We've been with it engaged
Usefully to employ it, often to enjoy it,
Now lets all be in it
To the last precious minute.*
(M.McGuire c.1994)

On Board The One And All



Scholarship Trainee Rose Logan and fellow trainee in the rigging of the *One And All*.

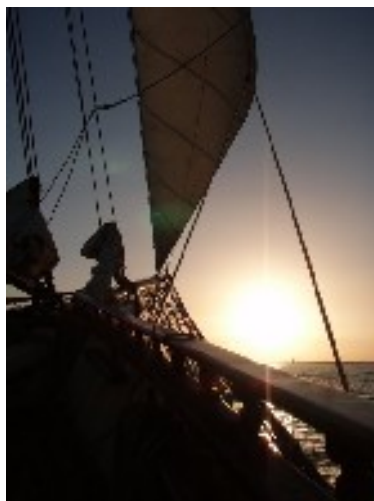
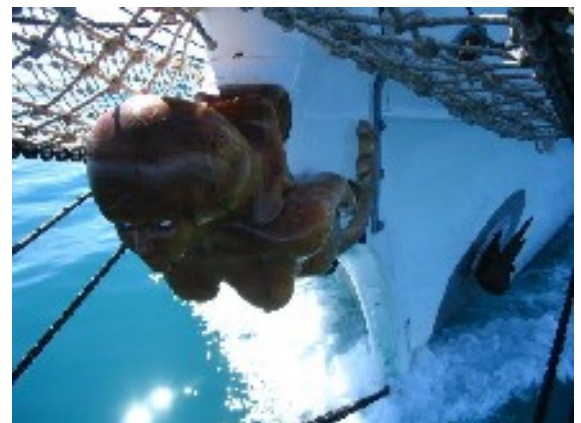


Photo by Jade Kops



One and All Figurehead - Photo by Stan Nowakowski

River's Falie bid flounders at Port

26/03/2009 3:30:00 PM

American River's proposal to establish the historic Falie sailing ship as an interpretive maritime museum is on the backburner.

It is more than two years since the American River Progress Association, with support from Tourism Kangaroo Island and other agencies, put together a business plan to have the Falie moved to the town's wharf.

Resident Allan Miell initiated the idea and said it was still possible. He said sources within the Transport Department had told him at the time to "get a semi and get the stored gear [for the Falie] picked up straight away".

Since then he believes the department has been lobbied to keep the ship at Port Adelaide.

A report in The Advertiser this week said the Falie would never go to sea again unless a wealthy benefactor could find \$3 million to rebuild its hull.

The 90-year-old Falie holds a special place for Kangaroo Island. It was in service from 1968 to 1962, bringing cargo and fuel to the island, before being retired.

"Port Adelaide is the wrong place for it," Mr Miell said. "It won't attract extra tourism there. Here it would attract tourists and bring income and jobs to the town."

"I believe it could be made seaworthy for less than \$3 million. There is more than one way to do these things. We just need some people in the department to think outside the square," Mr Miell said.

Progress association president David Cowans said the business plan was still on the table for an interpretive centre and possibly a café, restaurant and accommodation on board.

"We would love it to be a feature of the town," he said. "Even if it was brought here as a static exhibit. It means a lot to the people of Kangaroo Island and we could do it with some support."

"In fact, we would also like to build a replica of the Independence, a boat built here by American sealers in 1803. Then we'd have the makings of a good maritime attraction," Mr Cowans said.

He said the association had had preliminary talks with the Port Adelaide Maritime Museum some time ago.

A spokeswoman from the Department of Premier and Cabinet could not respond in time.

The Islander, 26th March 2009.

<http://kangarooisland.yourguide.com.au/news/local/news/general/rivers-falie-bid-flounders-at-port/1470694.aspx>



Ore a risk to health: group

STACEY DAVIDSON

26/03/2009 12:30:00 AM

THE group against exporting iron ore from Port Lincoln wants to ensure people's health is not jeopardised if ore was exported from the wharf.

Miner Centrex Metals said it was happy to meet with the group, review the information and provide feedback from the community, but its past offers to meet with the group had not been taken up.

Community Action Group (CAG) spokesman Ross Haldane said as a vegetation study had been done by the company he thought one would also be done into health.

Mr Haldane raised his concerns about health issues associated with iron ore following a Western Australian media report about the Environmental Protection Authority saying a plan was needed to reduce Port Hedland residents' exposure to "increasing levels of iron ore dust" from the port's expansion.

The report cites research in Spain about dust small enough to penetrate the lungs and enter the bloodstream.

Centrex Metals chief operating officer Kevin Malaxos said on numerous occasions various groups in Port Lincoln had made claims about the effects of exporting iron ore on the environment, marine environment, and seafood industries.

But when Centrex had requested access to this information it had not been forthcoming, and meetings requested by Centrex with groups had received no response initially or meetings were declined.

"When I personally contacted the Community Action Group about arranging a meeting in 2008, I was told that the group did not wish to meet with Centrex," he said.

"To this day, Centrex has maintained the offer to meet with the Community Action Group to discuss the proposal, listen to the concerns of the CAG members and try to allay their concerns.

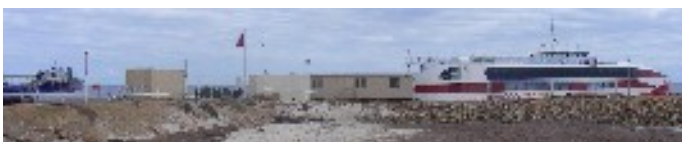
"My offer has yet to be accepted."

Mr Haldane said he would follow up about whether a meeting had been offered, as he was unaware of such a proposal.

"If the CAG is so concerned about potential health implications relating to the export of iron ore in Spain, then I would welcome the opportunity to review the data for its validity, accuracy and relevance," Mr Malaxos said.

"We cannot and will not chase shadows, as this only gives credibility to some of the claims being made."

Port Lincoln Times





Smoky Bay jetty to get upgrade

EUGENE BOISVERT

26/03/2009 4:00:00 AM

The Smoky Bay jetty should be re-decked and have special shelters for fishing by the end of next year after the State Government agreed to pay for the timber and the District Council of Ceduna expected to provide the labour.

The Friends of the Smoky Bay Jetty group will continue fundraising and install the furniture on the end of the jetty.

Spiros Dimas, Gonz Vyttenhove, Mike Cooney and Chris Triantafillou from the Department for Transport, Energy and Infrastructure visited Smoky Bay on Tuesday to meet with the Friends of the Smoky Bay jetty to confirm its commitment of around \$100,000 in materials.

Grant Drummond from the District Council of Ceduna, also at the meeting, said he would put a submission to councillors to combine council labour with volunteers to install the decking.

Jon Brookfield, whose house the meeting was held at, said the group was "very happy" with the outcome.

"Everybody's got to know they've still got work to do," he said.

"But in essence it's ready to go. It's just getting it done.

"Everything else is in hand – it's only the pretty part on the end, the furniture on the end that we're raising money for.

"The jetty's done and council's doing the work on it and they're providing the money."

The group has raised \$38,000 from various events including Marilyn's Country Music Night, and they are hoping to raise another \$68,000 through sponsorship of the fishing shelters, tables and planks.

"The thing is we're ready for the funding, we've just got to sell off these sponsorships," Mr Brookfield said.

"That was a huge win but it's reduced the amount of money to raise by some and it's very easily manageable by our fundraising efforts."

Jane Lowe from the Eyre Regional Development Board told the meeting it might even be possible to get funding for the furniture through the South Australian Tourism Commission, but not until next year.

Ceduna council is also looking for volunteers to help to install hand rails along the first section of the Ceduna jetty.

The jetty has still not been repaired after the end was damaged by fireworks at the Oysterfest in October.

The Streaky Bay jetty will also be re-decked soon, with the contractor to be announced soon.

West Coast Sentinel Ceduna

Council supports marine park

NICOLA GAGE

25/03/2009 3:12:00 PM

Port Augusta City Council will support the sectioning of marine parks in the Upper Spencer Gulf.

On Monday night, the council passed a recommendation to support the suggestions of splitting the region's proposed marine park into segments.

The Port Augusta Marine Advisory Committee recommended the marine park be split north of Douglas Bank.

The dividing line would be approximately half way between Port Augusta and Whyalla.

Council city manager Greg Perkin said the split would enable a more rigorous look into the parks.

"It has also been made clear the community and local input is wanted, and this will enable that to happen," he said.

Port Augusta Marine Advisory Committee chairman Peter Solomon said the split would enable local people to have greater input into the planning of their section of the park.

"At the end of the day, we believe that the setting up of marine parks needs to be done properly and with the needs and interests of local gulf users taken into account," he said.

Mr Solomon said the waters around Port Augusta were unique, and splitting of the park would enable each section's needs to be considered independently.

"The locals should be able to have a strong say in what happens to their waters, especially considering the 20 to 30 per cent of our waters are already taken up by aquatic reserves," he said.

Marine advisory committee member Robin Sharp said the best outcome for all parties involved with the marine parks would result if the people involved were completely familiar with the waters they are presiding over.

He said this would happen if the split were to occur.

The Transcontinental, Port Augusta

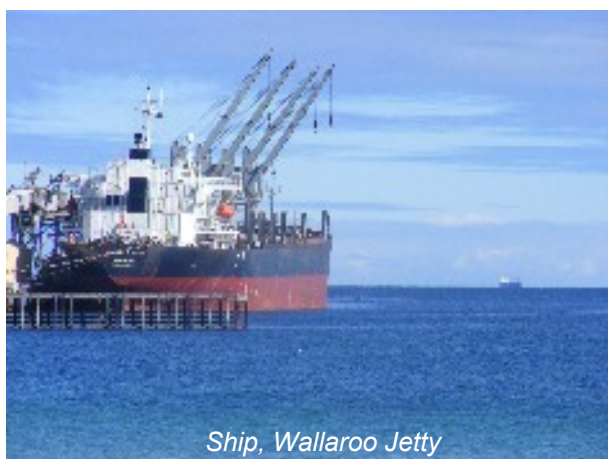
Financial Statements

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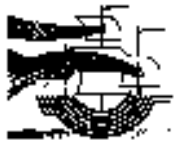
Revenues			
Membership Subscriptions		\$440.00	
Donations		\$18.00	
Interest Income			
Working Account Interest	\$0.10		
Liberty Account Interest			
Term Deposit Interest	\$69.78		
Award Account Interest	\$564.59	\$634.37	\$634.47
Total Revenue			\$1092.47
Expenses			
Award Scholarship		\$1500.00	
Secretarial		\$148.00	
Total Expenses			\$1648.00
Net Loss For Period			\$555.53

Balance Sheet 07/05/2009

Assets			
Current Assets			
Working Account	\$941.29		
Liberty Account	\$24,272.73	\$25,214.02	
Total Assets			\$25,214.02
Equity			
Opening Balance		\$25,769.55	
Less Loss		\$555.53	
Total Equity			\$25,214.02



Next Meeting



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Members and Friends are invited to the next meeting of The Friends of the Paul McGuire Maritime Library Inc to be held on Monday 25th May 2009 at 8:00pm in the Railway Hotel, corner of Lipson Street and St Vincent Street, Port Adelaide.



Our guests for the evening are **Rose Logan**, our sponsored trainee aboard the *One And All* during its Easter cruise this year and **Heidi Unferdorben**, the DECS Mentor Program coordinator in the northern suburbs who introduced Rose to us.

The Committee will meet at the hotel from 6:00 pm.

Members and friends are welcome to join the committee for a meal in the hotel from 7:00pm before the main part of the meeting.

Fred Hiscock, our host for the evening, requests, that, if you want a meal, you telephone the hotel on 8447 1527 in advance of the meeting so the meal service can be expedited.