



# The Traverse Board

Newsletter of the Friends Of The Paul McGuire Maritime Library Inc

March 2010

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

## News From The Friends

### SA Maritime Museum Friends Fold – Is It Our Turn?

The Friends Of The SA Maritime Museum Inc agreed at its AGM on 4<sup>th</sup> March 2010 to wind up and will cease to exist from 31<sup>st</sup> July 2010.

This motion was greeted by much sadness but members present understood the underlying reasons.

This leaves the SA Maritime Museum without a support body although it is likely the museum will put a Supporters Program in place to replace the Friends. Its volunteer programme will remain unchanged.

The Friends of The Paul McGuire Maritime Library Inc have a similar set of problems to the Friends of the SA Maritime Museum. These include an aging and static, if not declining, membership.

We keep going through the enormous goodwill of our members.

At some point in the next year or two we need to make a decision regarding our future.

The current meeting arrangement works reasonably well and members present invariably have an enjoyable evening but some things such as the choice of speaker which should be made well in advance are made in the meeting month.

Is there an alternative?

There are essentially 3 options open to us:

- Continue as we are
- Merge with another group (The Friends of the State Library seems the most logical)
- Wind Up.

Each of these has questions:

- If we continue do we need to reinvent ourselves? Does the existing committee have the time and energy to do that?
- If we continue how do we get new blood to take leadership roles?

### Next Meeting

The March Meeting will feature historian Dr Evelyn Wallace-Carter speaking on the history of the Fishing Industry in South Australia.

Date: Monday **March 22nd 2010**

Time: **8:00 pm**

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

Cost: **Donation**

- Do we continue to meet 6 times a year plus a dinner? We could, for example, meet for a lunch and talk rather than a dinner and talk. Perhaps a quarterly meeting would be more appropriate.
- If we merge or wind up what happens to our scholarship fund?

What are the implications of merging with another group such as The Friends of The State Library?

- If we merge with the Friends Of The State Library then can we continue as a special interest group?
- Can the Friends accommodate us as a Special Interest Group?
- Do we want to be a SIG?
- What is the impact on individual members? The Friends annual membership subscription is twice ours, but in any case would include membership of our Special Interest Group.
- What would the relationship of our Special Interest Group and The Friends?

If we wind up what happens to our funds?

- As far as our working account and gift fund for the library are concerned these would be given to either the library or the Friends of the Library.
- As far as our award account is concerned then what?

Most important what do members think?

Please let us know.

Neil Waller, Secretary.



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## Map Gulf for marine parks

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Locals are being encouraged to help map how the Upper Spencer Gulf is being used in ongoing marine parks discussions.

The South Australia Marine Parks Information Tool (SAMPIT) was among the new initiatives discussed as the newly formed Upper Spencer Gulf Marine Park Local Advisory Group met for the first time in Port Augusta last Tuesday night.

The Upper Spencer Gulf Local Advisory Group chairperson Robin Sharp said the meeting was a good chance for the new group to meet each other ahead of ongoing discussion to help develop draft management plans and zoning arrangements for the state's 19 marine parks.

The group is made up of 15 representatives from Port Augusta, Whyalla and Port Pirie.

Department for Environment and Heritage staff attended the inaugural meeting.

Mr Sharp said at the meeting members endorsed the new SAMPIT tool.

The tool aims to offer local residents the opportunity to outline where and how they use the waters within the marine park.

Community members are being urged to map out details, either online or hard copy about fishing, boating and diving habits in the Gulf.

It also looks to gather more information regarding environmental knowledge about bird and plant life.

"It's for general feedback from the public... the idea is that if they're fishing in a certain spot, this could perhaps be taken into consideration," Mr Sharp said.

The information will be collected online and in hard copy. March 19 is the deadline for submissions in time for consideration at the next advisory group meeting in late April.

Visit the marine parks website at [marineparkssa.ning.com](http://marineparkssa.ning.com) or phone 1800 006 120.

*The Transcontinental*, Port Augusta

## 'Whyalla needs the industry'

25 Feb, 2010 11:42 AM

Positive opinions about the Point Lowly developments have been expressed by local business owner, Geoff Brown.

While many locals in Whyalla believe that the many Point Lowly developments under discussion will have negative results on the Whyalla community, Whyalla Earthworks owner Geoff Brown does not agree.

Mr Brown believed that the development of certain industries at Point Lowly will benefit the community and its future, providing future jobs for younger generations and current students.

"What about our grand kids?" Mr Brown asked.

"It doesn't concern the people who are going against it, because they are all mostly retired."

Although Mr Brown is not entirely convinced that the development of a desalination plant would benefit the environment, he does believe the development would improve industrial work, therefore creating more jobs and a better economy for Whyalla.

Mr Brown believed the diesel plant and the loading facilities which have been discussed would greatly benefit Whyalla, providing many job opportunities for Whyalla's youth.

"Soon there will be no jobs and someone will have to start a 'save Whyalla' group," Mr Brown said.

"I would really like to see how many people are for it."

Mr Brown also stated that Whyalla developers had spent large amounts of money on housing and real estate developments, but without industrial areas, there would be no one to occupy such estates.

"Who's going to come to Whyalla or buy industrial areas if there's no industry to support them," Mr Brown said.

"Every time it looks like something is going to happen in Whyalla some group goes against it,"

"Whyalla needs the industry."

*Whyalla News*



Taking Shelter in Weirs Cove, Kangaroo Island

## Historic lifeboat bound for local dump



City of Adelaide  
Slowly rusting: historic lifeboat may be bound for dump (ABC Local: Emma Pedler)

An historic lifeboat in a maritime museum at Port Lincoln could end up in a dump because funds cannot be found to restore it.

The City of Adelaide is steam-powered and jet-propelled and was SA's first lifeboat.

It is displayed at Port Lincoln's Axel Stenross Maritime Museum and has been declared an historic shipwreck, which requires that it be preserved.

But the council is investigating a proposal by Councillor Michael Bascombe that the wreck be "preserved" at Port Lincoln's rubbish dump.

"I see no prospect whatsoever of getting any funds to restore it," he said.

"It's deteriorating more and more in that salt air by the coast and my personal opinion is it's almost beyond the capability of restoration - restoration would be an extremely costly job.

"They're really embarrassed by it being there because it has really no significance to the nautical history of Port Lincoln whatsoever and I think the best thing we can do is to effectively dump it, but of course preserving it as we dump it."

ABC News  
<http://www.abc.net.au/news/stories/2010/03/03/2834873.htm>

## Outback ferry may ply floodwaters

Posted March 4, 2010 10:30:00



Flooding in central Australia could see an outback ferry launched again after a break of 20 years.

The 40-year-old ferry is based about 150 kilometres from Marree along the Birdsville track, near Cooper Creek.

Peter Short from the Transport Department says the ferry was last used for seven months in 1990.

He says it took more than 10,000 people and thousands of head of cattle across the creek.

Mr Short says the ferry has been maintained over the years ready to be used again.

"It's a bit of a 50-50 bet at the moment so far whether the water will get down that far [south]," he said.

"But look, at the moment we've got guys looking at what might need to be done and working out if in fact we might need to launch it or not, so at this stage we're still sort of assessing the situation day by day."

ABC News <http://www.abc.net.au/news/stories/2010/03/04/2836203.htm>

## Seal of approval

WEST COAST SENTINEL

25 Feb, 2010 02:40 PM

Early one Saturday morning the lazy boy lounge of Lorelee and Leon Wright, Slidys Beach, received the 'seal of approval' from this unusual visitor. The couple awoke to their dogs barking and what sounded like one of their pets dragging themselves onto the front porch. Lorelee ventured out of the front door to find this seal, who had decided to make himself comfortable in what must have seemed a pretty good spot. When the seal was approached he seemed a bit agitated so Lorelee sought the advice of National Parks & Wildlife. The seal spent most of the day very relaxed on the lounge - National Parks representatives arrived later in the day and released him in the waters fronting the Wright's holiday accommodation at Slidys Beach.

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## March Meeting

Railway Hotel,  
St Vincent Street,  
Port Adelaide  
Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2010  
8:00pm

Dr Evelyn Wallace-Carter, author of *For they were fishers : the history of the fishing industry in South Australia*, will speak to us on the early South Australian fishing industry.



Oyster Beds, Coffin Bay



The Port Lincoln Fishing Fleet

Members are welcome to join the committee for dinner at 7:00pm  
Please ring Fred or Sue at the Railway Hotel (8447 1527) to book a place.



## 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 \$20 to

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