

The Traverse Board

Newsletter of the Friends Of The Paul McGuire Maritime Library Inc

July 2026

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

President's Report July 2026

Greetings to you all, keeping warm, I hope. The days are getting longer now, I'm sure you noticed, so all will be well!

Ocean sailor, Mark Sinclair, has been in town for a few weeks, and I think is now back in Durban, or Simonstown, to prepare Coconut to head north, probably via Antigua, to Les Sables d'Orlonne, in France (you knew that anyway) to watch the start of the next Golden Globe single handed race on September 6th.



I think he will be an innocent bystander this time around.

Our May event did not amount to much in numbers, but two of us enjoyed a very interesting and entertaining talk by Clare Parker about the Hankey Panorama, on show at the Library, now extended to the end of the year. If you have yet to visit the Library to see this historic piece of art, I urge you to get along there; after all, it will cost you nothing, but has cost thousands to acquire, restore and put on display. Wait til you see the original blown up to about fifteen feet in width, amazing, Port Adelaide as it was in 1855. Just two years later there was a massive fire, which destroyed most of the Port as portrayed.

On Tuesday, 28th July we will gather once more at the Exeter Hotel, Exeter, to enjoy a DVD tracing James Cook's voyage around new Zealand starting at the Port of Lyttelton, NZ, which serves the city of Christchurch NZ, which I'm sure will be very interesting. Of course, there will be dinner available, and it will be great to catch up with you all again, so please come along.

Time to finish this now, so Neil can work his magic to get it away to the Friends.

All the best to you all. Julian.

July Meeting

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sides of the South Island.**

Exeter Hotel Semaphore

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**Dinner from 6:00pm followed by the
video.**

**Please book with Neil (0418821331) or
Julian (0414365294)**

The saga of the two new Kangaroo Island ferries continues.

As I write this in late June the first, *Wanggami*, is safely in Port Adelaide, the other *Ruwi* is still at the Batam Island shipyard in Indonesia but due in South Australia in August.

"No later than 23rd September" is the current position.

Meanwhile the local member, Jenni Mitton, has raised the livestock freight rate in parliament, receiving a favourable response from Joe Szakacs, Transport Minister.

DIT works are proceeding in Penneshaw to complete the jetty modifications. The Sealink works are to be completed as part of the switch to the new ferries.

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Painting the Port: the launch of the Hankey Panorama.

A number of Friends including Stan Quin, Julian Murray, Chris Courtney and Neil Waller attended the launch of the State Library's Hankey Panorama display at the Treasures Wall on Tuesday 3th May,

The library had purchased this important work at auction with the support of the Friends of the State Library, the Paul McGuire Bequest, and the Friends of the Paul McGuire Maritime Library.

The evening was opened by Mark Gilbert, the collections manager. He was joined by Megan Berghuis, the Library's Director. Both spoke of the work and thanked those who helped acquire it,



Mark Gilbert introducing the panorama. The enlarged version behind him will remain on display for a few months more.



Library Director, Megan Berghuis talking with Stan Quin.

Kelsian wins Auckland ferry contracts and acquires Beldaire Ferries

Kelsian Group Limited has been awarded new long-term passenger ferry contracts in Auckland, New Zealand, and has agreed to acquire local operator Beldaire Ferries Limited, marking the Australian transport group's entry into the New Zealand market.

Following a joint bid with Beldaire Ferries, the parties have won Auckland Transport's Western Package Ferry Contracts for passenger ferry services and associated vessel maintenance on Auckland Harbour. Services will commence on 1 July 2027 for an initial seven-year term, with a two-year extension option, and are expected to generate approximately NZD 101 million (AUD 83 million) in revenue over the initial term. The contracts include revenue indexation mechanisms protecting Kelsian from fluctuations in key cost inputs such as diesel fuel.

The contracts will involve the operation and maintenance of an initial fleet of six vessels, comprising four currently owned by Beldaire Ferries and two existing Kelsian vessels to be



relocated from Australia to Auckland ahead of service commencement. Kelsian will procure a new passenger ferry for its South-East Queensland marine operations to replace the two vessels being transferred.

As part of its contract commitments, Kelsian has undertaken to procure five new ferries over the contract term to replace the initial fleet. The first new vessel is expected to enter service in mid-2028, with the remainder following between 2029 and 2032. The total estimated capital cost of the five vessels is NZD 38 million (AUD 31 million), which Kelsian expects to fund through a limited recourse ringfenced financing vehicle.

Under the separately announced acquisition, Kelsian will purchase 100 per cent of Belaire Ferries for a total price of NZD 8.9 million (AUD 7.3 million), comprising upfront cash consideration of NZD 2.8 million (AUD 2.3 million) and deferred and contingent consideration estimated at NZD 6.1 million (AUD 5.0 million) payable during FY2027–FY2029 if certain milestone conditions are met. Belaire Ferries currently operates the West Harbour and Rakino Island ferry services on Auckland Harbour.

The acquisition will be funded from existing cash reserves and is expected to complete in the first quarter of FY27, subject to customary conditions precedent including change of control consents. Belaire Ferries founder Adam Tallentire will assist Kelsian with integration and the transition to the new contracts.

Kelsian Group CEO Graeme Legh said the company was delighted to have secured its first contract in New Zealand, reflecting its capability as a leading global multi-modal transport operator. He added that the long-term contract package, together with the acquisition, established a strategically important platform positioning Kelsian to pursue further growth opportunities in the New Zealand market.

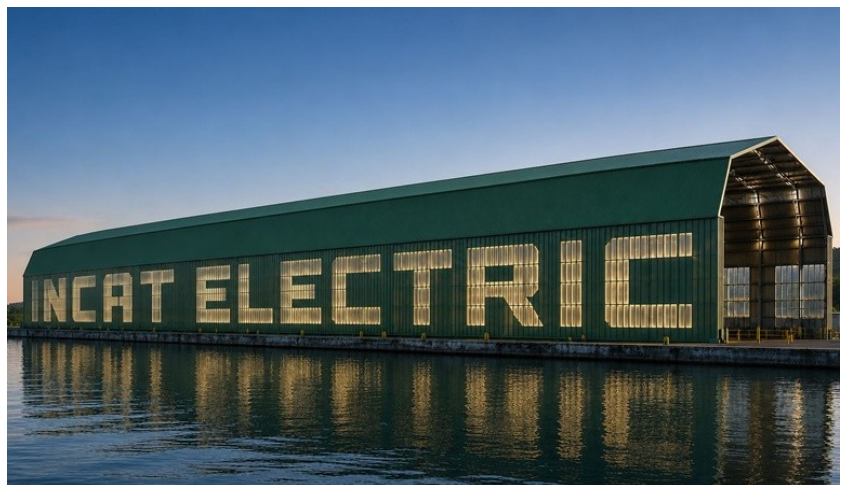
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* From 2004 to 2011 Kangaroo Island SeaLink used to operate ferries out of Auckland under the Sealink New Zealand brand, with the Island Navigator recently replaced on the KI service being transferred to Auckland. The company quietly reverted back to New Zealand ownership in 2011 and is now owned by Lyncroft Holdings.

Incat Shipyard expansion gets green light

Incat has received approval for a major expansion of its Prince of Wales Bay shipyard at Derwent Park near Hobart, Tasmania, paving the way for construction of a new 120 by 40 metre production hall.

The new facility will expand the site to five production halls, increasing shipbuilding capacity, improving production efficiency, and supporting future workforce growth. Incat's Prince of Wales Bay yard currently incorporates more than 70,000 m² of undercover production space, with two dry-dock areas capable of accommodating up to six vessels under construction.



The Australian shipbuilder is simultaneously developing a second production site at Boyer in the Derwent Valley, a 12-hectare parcel acquired from the Norske Skog mill site, where hulls and decks will be constructed before being transported down the River Derwent to Prince of Wales Bay for completion. Combined, the two sites are expected to give Incat around 100,000 m² of undercover production space.

Incat employs more than 450 people and is the largest single-site employer of trainees and apprentices in Tasmania. The wider expansion programme is targeting up to 500 new jobs and a doubling of both workforce and production capacity, positioning the yard to build multiple large electric vessels per year.

This marks another important step in Incat's long-term growth strategy as the company continues to lead the world in sustainable shipbuilding.

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1912: a world adrift : the titanic year of maritime history : a detailed look at the historic year marked by tragedy and maritime discoveries / D.R T Stephens.

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Farthing on international shipping / Proshanto K. Mukherjee, Mark Brownrigg
Heidelberg ; New York : Springer, [2013]

The history and sovereignty of the South China Sea islands / Anthony Carty.
Beijing : New Star Press, [2024]

Marine toxins from harmful algae and seafood safety / edited by Shauna Murray.
Basel, Switzerland : MDPI, [2023]

Motor engineering knowledge for marine engineers / revised by Paul A Russell [et al.] Sixth edition.
London : Reeds, 2025.

Ocean of light : 30 years in Tonga and the Pacific / Peter R Warner.
Third edition.

[Australia] : Peter R Warner Family, 2023.

The secret submarine : a forgotten battle off Australia's shores / Tom Lewis.
Newport, NSW : Big Sky Publishing, 2025.

Ship construction for marine engineers / [Paul A. Russell & E.A. Stokoe]
London : Reeds, 2022.

Tales from the quarterdeck : sixty bite-sized stories from Australia's maritime past / C.J. Ison.
[Koongal, Qld.] : CJI Publishing, 2025.

There is no second : the definitive account of the first race in 1851 for what would become 'America's Cup' / Magnus Wheatley
Newport, Isle of Wight : Seahorse Publishers, [2024]

JANUARY 2026

The problem of piracy in the early modern world : maritime predation, empire, and the construction of authority at sea / edited by John Coakley, C. Nathan Kwan and David Wilson.
New York : Taylor & Francis Group, [2024]

Vasa II : rigging and sailing a Swedish warship of 1628. Part 1, The material remains and archaeological context / edited by Fred Hocker ; lead illustrator, Lennarth Petersson.
Lund, [Sweden] : Nordic Academic Press, 2023.

The extraordinary journey of David Ingram : an Elizabethan sailor in native North America / Dean Snow.
New York : Oxford University Press, [2023]

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[Sydney] : Alfred Street Press, 2024.

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[Edinburgh, Scotland] : Malcolm Archibald, 2019.

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Oxford, UK : Osprey Publishing, 2024.

British gunboats of Victoria's empire / Angus Konstam ; illustrated by Paul Wright.
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New Haven : Yale University Press, 2025.

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A brief guide to maritime strategy / James R. Holmes.
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Eurasian maritime geopolitics : the United States and China in an age of Indo-Pacific transformation / Kent E. Calder.
Washington, D.C. : Brookings Institution Press, 2025.

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IJN floatplanes in the South Pacific 1942-1944 / Michael John Claringbould.
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The sail racing bible : the complete guide for dinghy and yacht racers / Mason Stang and Udi Gal.
London : Adlard Coles, 2024.

Rulers of the sea : maritime strategy and sea power in Ancient Greece, 550-321 BCE / John Nash.
Berlin ; Boston : De Gruyter Oldenbourg, [2025]

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Seaways and gatekeepers : trade and state in the eastern archipelagos of Southeast Asia, c.1600-c.1906 / Heather Sutherland.
Singapore : NUS Press, [2021]

The southern frontier : Australia, Antarctica and empire in the Southern Ocean world / by Rohan Howitt.
Carlton, Victoria : Melbourne University Press, 2025.

The war for muddy waters : pirates, terrorists, traffickers, and maritime insecurity / Joshua Tallis
Annapolis, Maryland : Naval Institute Press, 2024.

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Dangerous, hazardous and harmful cargoes : handbook (as applicable to the 2016 edition of the IMDG code) Third edition.
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Mersey shipping since 2000 / Ian Collard.
Stroud, Gloucestershire : Amberley Publishing, 2026

Ocean : Earth's last wilderness / David Attenborough, Colin Butfield.
London : John Murray, 2025.

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Recirculating aquaculture systems : a guide to farm design and operations / Andy Davison.
Seattle, WA : Farmfish LLC, 2018.

Roving mariners : Australian Aboriginal whalers and sealers in the southern oceans, 1790-1870 / Lyne
Albany : State University of New York Press, 2012.

The Royal and Russian Navies : cooperation, competition and confrontation / David Fields and Robert Avery.
Manchester, UK : Manchester University Press, 2025.

Trotlines : artisanal longlining for food and profit / by Nathan Martinez.
[United States] : Nathan Martinez, [2017]

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London : Phaidon Press, 2021.

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The Spirit of Tasmania at the Port Melbourne Jetty in 2015.