

Queenscliffe Maritime Museum Inc Committee of Management 2010/11

At the Annual General Meeting held on October 16, 2010, the following members were elected to the Committee of Management for 2010/11:

President	Les Irving-Dusting	Vice-President	Tony Cavanagh
Secretary	June Negri	Assistant Secretary	Joan Brennan
Treasurer	John Barratt	Assistant Treasurer	Colin Cairns
Ordinary Members	Alex Campbell, Graham Flett, Jennifer Gilbert, Henry Hudson, Val Lawrence, John Morgan		

Volunteers needed

We have all kinds of small (& large) tasks in need of attention.
If you have a few hours a week or month we would love to hear from you – volunteer form included in this Newsletter.

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A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

As we move into winter it is a pleasure to walk around the grounds of the Museum and look at the excellent work which has been carried out since summer. The grass has grown well around the new paths and the landscaping carried out by our gardening volunteer Mary, with help from Paul has helped to complete a new and exciting image for the Museum grounds. Thanks also to Menheere Bros of Ocean Grove for donating extra sandstone rocks to help finish the bathing box display.

Some of our volunteers and members will be aware that after 7 years in the job, June Negri has decided to resign from the position of administration officer effective in early July. We are however fortunate that she intends to remain as the Honorary Secretary to the Museum. Even though she will no longer be working 5 days per week we are pleased that will not lose all the valuable knowledge and information she has accumulated in this time.

After an extensive process of advertising the administration position and sifting through many excellent applications we have appointed Ms Meryl Hodgson as our new Administration Officer. Meryl comes to us with extensive experience in customer service, visitor information and volunteering skills. Meryl will commence on 28 June. Please feel free to call in and meet Meryl and make her feel welcome.

The onset of winter and dwindling outdoor volunteer numbers means that work has slowed down on our external buildings but we have managed to continue tidying the grounds, put a new deck on the pirate boat and level the *Shandon* deckhouse.

Have you thought about Volunteering for a few hours per week? If so please come and have a talk to us about your skills. We are still in great need of handymen to work on our many external projects.

Memberships are now due for 2011-12 and I hope you will all drop in and check on all the good work which has been happening around the Museum when you renew your membership.

Les Irving-Dusting
President



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www.maritimequeenscliffe.org.au

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the **31st Annual General Meeting** of Queenscliffe Maritime Museum Inc will be held as follows:

Date: Saturday, September 10, 2011

Time: 9.30 am for commencement 10.00 am

Location: Queenscliffe Maritime Museum, 2 Wharf Street, Queenscliff

BUSINESS: Declare the 31st Annual General Meeting of the Association open:

1. Apologies.
2. Special Business.
3. Ordinary Business.
4. To confirm the Minutes of the 30th Annual General Meeting of Queenscliffe Maritime Museum Inc held on October 16, 2010.
5. To receive from the President the 2010-2011 Annual Report.
6. To receive and consider the Financial Statement of the Association for the year ended June 30, 2011 pursuant to the provisions of Section 30 (3) of the Associations Incorporations Act 1981 and Clause 9 of the new Association Rules and the Report of the Auditor thereon.
7. To elect members to the Committee:
Members eligible for re-election are: John Barrett, Joan Brennan, Jennifer Gilbert, Henry Hudson, Les Irving-Dusting and Val Lawrence.
Continuing Committee members whose terms expire in 2012 are: Alex Campbell, Colin Cairns, Tony Cavanagh, John Morgan and June Negri.
8. To determine the Annual Subscription.
9. To elect an Auditor for the 2011-2012 Financial Year
10. To deal with any other business as provided in Clause 8b 111, (10.2.3).

By Order of the Committee

June Negri, Honorary Secretary

June 30, 2011.

GUEST SPEAKER

At the conclusion of official business a special guest will speak to a maritime theme.

Nominations to the Committee of Management

Nominations are invited, and must be received by the Honorary Secretary 24 hours prior to the AGM.

NOTE: Current financial members are entitled to vote at Association meetings and to nominate for the Committee.

Members who are unable to attend are entitled to appoint another financial member as a proxy by notice received by the Honorary Secretary 24 hours prior to the advertised time for a meeting.

Proxies and Committee nominations must be lodged using the required forms, available from Hon Secretary June Negri, at the Museum, 2 Wharf Street Queenscliff.

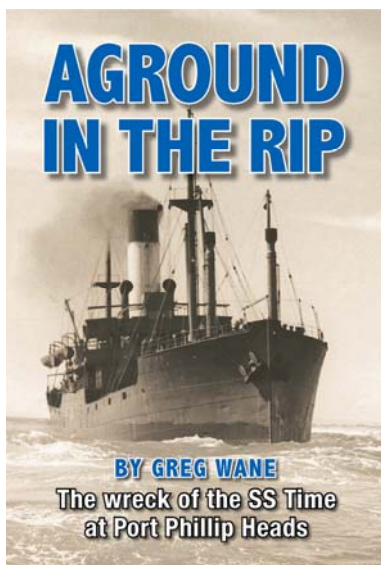
2011-12 MEMBERSHIPS

Memberships are due on July 1 each year.

The AGM may increase fees - take advantage of 2010-12 rates by subscribing now.

AGROUND IN THE RIP

2011 Sea of Words event



As part of the annual Sea of Words Borough of Queenscliffe community event, Queenscliffe Maritime Museum hosted the launch of a new book by local writer Greg Wane, on Saturday May 28.

The book tells the story of the wreck of the SS *Time*, which grounded on Nepean Reef early in the morning of August 23 1949. The 3322-ton freighter was en-route from Sydney to Melbourne with a mixed cargo. She experienced extreme weather in Bass Strait however on the approach Port Phillip this had abated. As the *Time* entered the Rip she lost steerage. Attempts by the crew to regain control failed and she became firmly lodged on the outside of the reef, near Corsair Rock.

The wreck bell was sounded. The lifeboat *Queenscliffe* went out to the *Time* which was in danger of breaking up, although all crew were safe and eventually could be safely brought to shore.

The salvage of cargo and fittings from the wreck is a long story with many interesting facts and legends.

The wreck sat on the reef and was a tourist attraction for many years whilst gradually sinking and disintegrating. She finally disappeared after a fierce storm in 1960.

For all the twists and turns of the story the book must be read! Greg's book is available at the Maritime Museum for \$25.

Sea of Words Queenscliffe Memories display

Queenscliff library invited contributions of small items for a showcase display illustrating memories of Queenscliff.

Maritime Museum member and volunteer Mary Grundy contributed a collection of found objects in memory of her childhood and her continued engagement with the beach and coastline.



To symbolise memories of lighthouses at Queenscliff the Maritime Museum showed a cast iron key believed to be from a Queenscliff lighthouse in the 1880s.

INTERNATIONAL LIGHTHOUSE WEEKEND

This annual event will be celebrated at Point Lonsdale Lightstation on August 20 & 21 2011, including:

- Event launch on Saturday August 21, with flag raising at the historic flagpole
- Lighthouse tours both days (bookings required)
- Fog Horn shed open to the public – view the restored 1928 Fog Horn
- Foghorn soundings at intervals during the weekend
- Broadcasts between lighthouses around the world with Geelong Amateur Radio Club
- Children's art competition – illustrating Pt Lonsdale Light and precinct – 3 age groups

Point Lonsdale lightstation access is by agreement with the Port of Melbourne Corporation.

Watch the local press and QMM website for more information.



Signal Station and Lighthouse, Pt. Lonsdale.

SHANDON DECKHOUSE



With assistance from Bellarine Railway, QMM volunteers have raised and levelled the *Shandon* deckhouse. Whilst the deckhouse is approximately 26 tons, two jacks of 50 ton capacity (in imperial measures) were available at the Railway.

The jacks were positioned under the steel deckhouse and manipulated until the structure was level and could be re-fixed in place. A narrow deck section has been built along the West side of the deckhouse to improve access and to simulate reality. Drainage has also been improved.

The next task is to paint the exterior of the deckhouse – volunteers welcome!

NEW ADDITIONS TO THE COLLECTION

Shipwreck relics

A former recreational diver who worked Bass Strait in the 1960s has offered a collection of items from early shipwrecks such as the *Cambridgeshire*, *Victoria Towers*, *City of Edinburgh* and *Falls of Halladale*.

These relics were retrieved before heritage legislation came into effect. As a designated place of repository QMM can receive the items and will register them with Heritage Victoria. The shipwreck display will be augmented with these latest objects once they have been processed.



Shipwreck relics are subject to heritage legislation and may not be removed from wrecks, the seabed or beach. It is an offence to interfere with a wreck in any way. In the case of a declared war grave site such as the *Goorangai* which is in the shipping channel, it is necessary to gain permission before diving.

GOODS & SERVICES FOR HIRE

Boatshed

The boatshed is available for hire to QMM members who wish to undertake boat maintenance. Bookings must be made in advance, fees are moderate.

The boatshed is also available for hire to QMM members for family and community events.

Couta boat trailer

The couta boat trailer is available for hire to QMM members, again for a moderate fee.

For all bookings contact the QMM office.

HMAS GOORANGAI

The new scale model of the *Goorangai* has arrived!

Made by Geelong model maker Malcolm Gibson, the *Goorangai* is to be placed alongside the SS *Duntroon* model which is displayed in our shipwreck section. The model is at the scale of 1:48, to match the scale of the *Duntroon*.

Most readers will be familiar with the *Goorangai* disaster, which saw the loss of all 24 lives on board the tiny mine sweeper as the *Duntroon* steamed down the South Channel in darkness on November 20 1940. It was a significant wartime disaster which was attended by the Queenscliff lifeboat service - visit the Museum to see the full story.

Each year the Queenscliff RSL conducts a memorial service on the bluff in front of the white lighthouse on the Sunday closest to the anniversary of the disaster. The *Goorangai* model which has been at the Maritime Museum for some years is to be displayed at the RSL.



Donations needed

The new *Goorangai* model is funded by donations from local organisations and individuals. The Museum is most appreciative of donations received to date, but we are still short of our target for this project.

Donations over \$2.00 are tax deductible, and we hope members will chip in to enable the completion of the redesigned *Goorangai-Duntroon* display.

QMM VOLUNTEER CELEBRATION

The Committee of Management was delighted to again acknowledge the contribution to the Museum by our volunteers.



On May 24 over 50 volunteers journeyed over the causeway to the Queenscliff Cruising Yacht Club on Swan Island where they were welcomed by the President. Savouries and cakes were taken by the fire in the clubrooms, with ample cups of tea and coffee.

We thank QCYC for this hospitality, which enabled many volunteers to enjoy the views from the clubhouse for the first time.