

'B'TWEEN DECKS

The Newsletter Of The League of Ancient Mariners of New South Wales

All correspondence to be directed to:

'Secretary
39Alamein Ave.,
Carlingford, NSW, 2118

The League now has its records on computer disc and small inaccuracies from the transfer have been eliminated with your help. Those who may not yet given the required information will be contacted by the Secretary. Your assistance in this will be welcome.

Letter to the Secretary

This letter was sent to the Secretary for payment an outstanding debt, and in the interest of Members, is reproduced below.

'Dear Mr Secretary,

In reply to your request to send my annual subscription, I wish to inform you of my poor state of financial affairs are due to Federal laws, State laws, Council by-laws, Corporation laws and In-laws.

Through these laws I am compelled to pay; business tax, income tax, sales tax, fringe benefit tax, capital gain tax, and provisional tax and now general service tax.

For my own safety I have to carry, medical insurance, private health insurance, life insurance, fire insurance, flood insurance, burglary and theft insurance, car and truck insurance, third party injury insurance.

Because I am in business I am required to have a business licence, car and truck licence, QA licence, not to mention a marriage licence and a dog licence.

My business is so governed that I am, suspected, examined, inspected, audited, informed, summoned, fined, to provide the government with an in-exhaustible supply of money.

I can tell you that only due to a miracle that I am able to enclose this cheque to you. When I opened my front door to keep the wolf from my door, I found it had delivered four pups, which I sold for the money requested.

Your Sincerely,

'Capt. Jack Des Perate'

Annual Subscriptions

The Council has raised Annual Subscriptions to \$ 20.00 from the 1 January,2001.

At the end of June, 2000 there were Forty Seven (47) Members overdue with their Annual Subscription. This represents \$ 705.00, of which it will cost the League a further cost of \$ 23.00 to post out follow - up notices to those tardy Members. The League is not a large organisation and needs subscriptions to be payed promptly. There is still Twenty-one unfinancial Members for Year 2000.

I Spied With My Little Eye

Who were the Captains seen taking bottles of whisky from the Junior Sailors' Mess after the luncheon and carried of to Watson Bay wharf? Surely not one of our leaders and a respected Captain who accidentally slipped a bottle into his coat pocket; then maybe it was.

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What about the cheese and biscuits that appeared on upper deck of the 'John Cadman'? Next time we should take the leftover fare in its entirety as the salt air makes one hungry and we did pay for it.

Year 2000 Annual Cruise and Luncheon

This year saw a good roll up of Members and their Guests. Two Hundred and Thirty Three tickets were sold.

This year was the first year that we had to accept the fare being prepared and presented by the Navy civilian caterer, P&O at a cost of \$6061.

Wine, Whisky and Beer were purchased from the Snr. Sailors' Mess for the luncheon at a cost of \$.1162.00.

The Guest Speaker was Commodore BD Robertson AM. The Commodore spoke on the Navy role for the troop insertion and logistic supply during the East Timor operation. This was well received and held the attention of all those who attended the luncheon.

The Public Address System hired for \$ 150.00, and for the first time everybody could hear and understand the Guest Speaker.

For those who attended, enjoyed a marvellous day with good weather, good company and received value for money and in particular the Guests from Newcastle. Good to see you at the Luncheon and we hope you will attend next year.

Thank you to those Members that removed the table flag stations for what ever purpose, probably to stop them being stolen by the Navy guys, as they have added the cost of the Annual Luncheon by a further \$ 301.00. If you were one of those relocating the League assets, you may return the missing items to the Secretary and nothing further will be said. We saw them go, so its up to you.

Members should note that their Annual Cruise and Luncheon tickets were subsidised by \$ 16.61 per head from general funds.

General Service Tax

General Service Tax (GST) is to commence on 1 July, 2000. We are not immune to it and the League will have to pay GST. Areas that will attract GST are, purchases of League memorabilia items (Ties, Badges, etc.), Navy civilian catering, liquor purchases, hiring, printing, raffles, etc. Cheques at present, until June, 2001 are free from the tax.

The **GST** will place **added cost** to running of the League annually, of about **\$ 1000.00**.

The Council is endeavouring to meet its responsibilities in regard to the GST and its Members, however it is envisaged that some increases to subscriptions and annual function will have to be made to keep the League solvent and pay its way, from time to time.

An Australian Business number has been requested for the League as nominated in the Registration for Companies and other Organisations. This will ensure that we will not be charged the full .48 cents in the dollar for any of the above mentioned area that attract GST

All Members. A new lapel /tie stick is now available. Cost \$ 6 ea. Contact Secretary for purchase.

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Annual General Meeting, 2001

The Annual General Meeting shall be held at the **New South Wales Sports Club**, Hunter Street,
6 March, 2001 at 1030 hrs. Mark your diary and **notify the Secretary** if you are **attending** to the meeting.

Life Member

A new Life member has been granted. Life membership may be granted to a Member whose service to the League have been of such nature to deserve special recognition.

"Congratulations!! Capt J.H. Knight"

Several New Memberships have been approved.

Welcome Aboard

Mr Rodger FORSTER
RADM Tony HUNT AO
Capt John TAYLOR
Capt Graham EASTWOOD
Mr Keith PRYOR
Mr Andrew MONTCRIEFF
Capt Alexander AMOS
Capt Hugh MURRAY
Mr Paul DICKENSON
Mr William PUNNELL
Mr Robert NICOL
Mr James STALLARD
Mr Eric CASE
Mr Terrance MACE
Mr Reginald ERWIN
Capt Giji deJONG
Mr Walter TROTTER
Mr Graham PRENTICE

Mr James BUIST
Mr Allan BURROW
Mr Bruce DUNBAR
Mr Kenneth EDWARDS
Capt Gerald HITCHMAN
Mr Gary JUDGE
Mr Richard KEANAN
Capt Rodger MACARTHER - KING
Mr Leon McCUDDEN
Capt Samir PANSARE
Capt Martin SCHMIDT
Mr Donald SMITH
Mr Gary WINSLOW
Capt Bruce WHARTON (Reinstated)

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