



The Ancient Mariner

NEWSLETTER OF THE LEAGUE OF ANCIENT MARINERS OF NSW Inc. Vol.1 No.2

League of Ancient Mariners 2024 Annual General Meeting.

Notice to All Members

The Annual General Meeting of the League will be held at **1130** on **Thursday 21st March 2024** at **Barracks on Barracks Level 2, 5-7 Barracks Street Sydney**.

The Agenda will be posted on the website or available from Secretary, (loam.secretary@gmail.com). Members can also apply for proxy vote from the secretary, which must be received before start of meeting.

News from 2023 Annual General Meeting

At results of the Triennial Elections held at the Annual General Meeting were:

President Captain Murray Doyle AAM AFNI
Vice President Captain Michael Squires FNI
Honorary Secretary Captain John Cardelli
Honorary Treasurer Mr John Southwell- Keely
Committee: Captain Allan Porter (Web Master)
Mr John Harding FICS FNI
Captain Phillip Hickey
Captain Liam Gavin
Mr Robert McMahon
Captain Martin Skipper
Captain Michael Bertram

The AGM also voted on a number of changes to the Constitution:

1. Fix the date of the End of Financial Year as 31st December.
2. Increase the number of associate members that can sit on Council to a maximum of two (2).
3. Transferred the administration of the Membership Roll from the Honorary Treasurer to Honorary Secretary.

Incorporation of the League

The League of Ancient Mariners of NSW has now officially been incorporated as an association under NSW Fair Trading on the 27th October 2023 and is now titled **The League of Ancient Mariners of NSW Inc.**

As part of this process we also have a new **ABN 85739518737.**

New Post Office Box

Please note that the League's Post Box address is now **PO Box 112 Mona Vale NSW 1660**



2023 Annual Luncheon

The **2023** Annual Luncheon held once again afloat on the MV Captain Cook III and was a great success, Sydney once again turning on a great day. We had the vessel to ourselves and members were able to socialize on the upper deck as the vessel cruised around the wharfs and bays of Port Jackson, before heading below for lunch and engrossing talk on Future Developments and Innovations in Shipping and Maritime by Captain Jeanine Drummond FNI. With the extra half hour extension to the cruise members adjourned once again to the upper deck at the end of the talk, to enjoy the comradely, view and sunshine. The **Lucky Door Prizes** were won by – 1st Prize Mr R.Vincent, 2nd Prize Mr Anthony Hearne & 3rd Prize Captain John Biffen

We have booked Captain Cook Cruises' **M.V. Captain Cook III** again for our **2024** Annual Luncheon, **on the 4th May 2024 boarding at 1130 to sail at 1200 and returning to Circular Quay at 1630.** We will have this vessel for our own function thus enabling members to socialize on the upper deck during the cruise. We have not booked Key Note Speaker this year. Due to size of the ferry numbers will again be capped at 140, and due to rising costs Members will remain at \$125 and Visitors \$145. We will be using **Trybooking** for members to pay Annual Subscription and Luncheon Cruise Fees.

Vale

Captain Mike Bertram 11-06-1936 to 02 -11-2023



In November the League lost our long serving Committeeman Captain Mike Bertram who first joined the committee in 2002. Mike also served as treasurer of the Company of Master Mariners NSW Branch. He will be greatly missed. Further details of Mike's career can be found in the Crossed the Bar Section on our website: <https://www.ancientmariner.com.au/>

Mister David Parmeter



At the DCN 2023 Australian Shipping and Maritime Awards held in Sydney on 16th November 2023 Mister David Parmeter Chairman of the Australian Mariners Welfare Society and member of the League of Ancient Mariners has been honoured with induction into the Australian Maritime Hall of Fame. Over many decades David has played a pivotal role in the Australian Industry and continues this contribution in his role as Chairman of AMWS.

Captain Jeanine Drummond FNI Appointed new Chair of AMSA Board



The Hon. Catherine King MP, Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government, appointed Captain Jeanine Drummond FNI to the role of Chair of the AMSA Board from Monday 3rd July 2023 for a term of four years. Captain Drummond was a member of the AMSA Board.

Captain Jeanine Drummond is a member of the League of Ancient Mariners and gave the key- note speech at last years annual luncheon cruise. An experienced Master Mariner, Harbour Master and Maritime Industry Professional, she is also a member of the Australian Maritime College Advisory Board and Councillor on the Board of the Australian Mariners Welfare Society.

Commodore Kit Rynd FNI



Commodore Kit Rynd FNI has accepted the invitation to take up the appointment as a member of the Board of the Sydney Mission to Seafarers. Commodore Rynd has spent over 45 years at sea the majority of it on passenger and cruise vessels and now works a Marine Consultant. Kit is involved in the Nautical Institute's mentoring program for young seafarers and sees seafarer wellbeing as integral with seafarer safety and performance. Kit is also member of the League.



Report on Scott Skirving Bequest

The Australian Mariner's Welfare Society (AMWS) is pleased to confirm that South Australia's sail training vessel *One & All* is progressing the selection of a cadet to take up the initial League of Ancient Mariners / Dr. Skirving Scholarship.

After a delay in the latter half of 2023 while *One & All* established their cadetship program, it is expected an appointment will be made within the first quarter of 2024.

AMWS Councillor and LOAM member Tony Cousins is liaising with *One & All* on the collective sponsor's behalf.

Pictured -Tony Cousins and Annie Roberts on-board *One & All* at the Australian Wooden Boat Festival.



National Merchant Navy Memorial Kings Park Canberra

On Sunday 22nd October 2023 the Annual Commemoration was held at the National Merchant Navy War Memorial Kings Park Canberra. Mr Matt Anderson PSM Director Australian War Memorial was the Guest of Honour. Mr John Harding Committeeman attended on behalf of The League.

Rotary Fundraiser 2023

Again this year The League donated five umbrellas to the Rotary Club of Sydney Cove for their annual fund-raiser for Sydney Children's Hospital raising \$280 with their sale.

Rotary Club of Kenthurst Raffle

At last years luncheon cruise the Rotary Club of Kenthurst was raising funds to establish a Dental Clinic in Korogu Village on the Sepik River in Northern Papua New Guinea. This raffle was drawn on 6th November 2023.

1st Prize: One metre handmade scale model of Jacque Cousteau's Calypso.

Hayley Farquhar

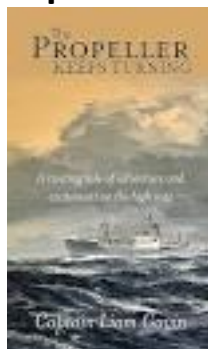
2nd Prize: Barista Coffee Machine.

Tony Battah

3rd Prize: Six Bottles of Wine.

Peter Bray

The Propeller Keeps Turning by Liam Gavin



Captain Liam Gavin a member of The League has penned his autobiography telling his story from a cadet with Irish Shipping Ltd through to his time as Sydney Harbour Master and Head Teacher at Sydney Maritime & Aviation College. It is available through Amazon.

Members who have Crossed the Bar in 2023

Captain Joe Crumlin Roll No.58 – 29/10/1929 - 09/01/2023

Commander Ronald John Cameron RAN (Rtd) Roll No.49 - 1943 – 15/01/2023

Captain Ron S Wylie Roll No.315 – 18/03/1921 – 4/02/2023

Captain John Webster Roll No.317 – 10/11/1925 – 21/05/2023

Mister Peter K Dally Roll No.79 – 1938 – 21/10/2023

Captain Michael Bertram Roll No.23 – 11/06/1936 – 02/11/2023

Captain Michael Plant Roll No.235 -25/08/1940 -27/12/2023

Captain Steve Herklots Roll No. 261 - 19/08/1940 – 14/01/2024

Biographical Details are published on the Crossed the Bar Section of our Website

Members who have retired for Health or Other Reasons in 2023

Mister Graham Murray Assoc. Dip Eng. JP Roll No.193

Mister Alan Sims Roll No.368

New Members for 2023

Captain Daniel Halliday Roll No. 453 Full

Captain Daryl Balks Roll No. 454 Full

Mister Mitchell Spooner Roll No.455 Associate

Mister Mark Ransley Roll No.456 Associate

Mister Anthony Dunn Roll No.457 Associate

Captain Kirk Whiteman Roll No.458 Full

Member Diary

Captain Allan Porter our web master has created a new page on our web site so members can see at a glance - upcoming social and professional events. Use our web address on front page, or go direct to: <https://www.ancientmariner.com.au/member-diary.html>

Dates to Remember (Check Member Diary for updates)

21st March 2024 Annual General Meeting of League of Ancient Mariners NSW Inc.

14th April 2024 1100 Rookwood Cemetery Annual Merchant Navy Service

25th April ANZAC Day

4th May League of Ancient Mariners Annual Cruise

19th May 82nd Anniversary US Army Small Ships Section Association Reunion.

25th June Day of the Seafarer.

15th August Victory in the Pacific Day

3rd September Merchant Navy Day Service 1100 at Mosman War Memorial

6th September Battle for Australia Day

29th September World Maritime Day

20th October National Merchant Navy War Memorial Commemoration Canberra

11th November Remembrance Day

The League has moved to an email based communications system to members.

To be successful we require members' current email addresses, so could all members please email our secretary Captain John Cardelli at loam.secretary@gmail.com with any updated details.

Regards

Captain Murray Doyle AAM AFNI

President

