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# The Ancient Mariner

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## **League of Ancient Mariners 2025 Annual General Meeting**

### **Notice to All Members**

The Annual General Meeting of the League will be held at **1130** on **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2025** 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](mailto:loam.secretary@gmail.com)). Members can also apply for proxy vote from the secretary, which must be received before start of meeting.

### **News from 2024 Annual General Meeting**

The AGM approved the minutes of 2023 AGM of 30<sup>th</sup> March 2023 as a true record and received and adopted the Financial Report for financial year ending 31.12.2023.

Lt Col K.C. Tunbridge RAEME RTD was re appointed as Honorary Auditor for 2024 Financial Year.

### **2024 Annual Luncheon Cruise**

The **2024** 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 an engrossing talk by Mr Tom Loeffler. Tom is an inventor, industrial designer and chief executive of Hullbot, he focuses on product vision and company leadership. Hullbot develops underwater drone platforms that can inspect, map and interact with submerged structures.

## **2025 Annual Luncheon Cruise**

We have booked Captain Cook Cruises' **M.V. Captain Cook III** again for our **2025 Annual Luncheon, on the 3rd May 2025 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 invited Mr Chris Hickey as Key Note Speaker this year. Due to size of the ferry numbers will again be capped at 140, and we have kept the costs for Members at \$125 and for Visitors \$145. We will be using **Trybooking** again for members to pay Annual Subscription and Luncheon Cruise Fees. ***We request that all bookings be made via Trybooking and if not then by EFT, but cheques are no longer accepted.***

### **Chris Hickey**

**Major Works Manager NSW SMC Marine  
Guest Speaker – New Sydney Fish Markets**



Chris has over 20 years' experience in delivering large projects, including the New Sydney Fish Markets, in Pyrmont for Infrastructure NSW. Chris has a Bachelor of Construction Management, Associate Diploma in Structural Engineering, Demolition Supervision I & II {Unrestricted} and Certificate IV in Work Health & Safety.

He has experience in project management, demolition supervision, sheet pile installation, tubular pile installation, wharf and seawall construction and is a marine concrete specialist.

Some projects he has worked on include Wulugul Walk Baranaroo, Mayfield, 7 Bulk Liquids Berth Newcastle, Caltex Wharf Extension Kurnell, Garden Island Wharf upgrade, Material Offload Facility Curtiss Island Gladstone, Berth 105 East, Port Kembla and Portside Cruise Ship Terminal Brisbane to name some.



### **The 59<sup>th</sup> Annual Merchant Navy Commemoration**

**at Rookwood Merchant Navy War Memorial Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

With Guest of Honour Her Excellency The Honourable Margaret Beazley AC KC Governor of NSW, a large gathering attended the annual commemorative Merchant Navy ceremony including many members of the League. President Murray Doyle AAM laid a wreath on behalf of the League in memory of members of the League who have served their nation in times of war. Her Excellency also unveiled a plaque commemorating new and remedial works that have been undertaken around the Columbarium including four brass plaques bearing the names and respective ships of the 862 known Australian Merchant Mariners who sacrificed their lives for their country. The Committee approved a donation of \$1000 to the Merchant Navy War memorial Fund Ltd for the undertaking of these works.

This plaque commemorates  
the new and remedial works to the  
Merchant Navy Memorial  
and was unveiled by  
**Her Excellency the Honourable  
Margaret Beazley AC KC**  
Governor of New South Wales  
on  
**Sunday 14th April 2024**



## **The Australian Merchant Navy Awards Council**

The Australian Merchant Navy Awards Council was formed as an autonomous entity on 2<sup>nd</sup> June 1998 by merchant seamen for the benefit of merchant seamen and the nation.

The Awards functioned continuously for almost 19 years without impediment until the death of its founding and tireless Executive Officer Captain D.A Smith RFD\* RD on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017.

In late 2018 discussions commenced with industry parties interested in continuing the role of the Awards Council.

It took until December 2021 for the Council to be in a position to re- launch the AMNAC. And it has only been possible with the support of the Maritime Unions and the original designer of the Awards.

The Awards Council's role continues *"to ensure due national and community recognition of the contribution made by merchant seamen to the development and prosperity of the nation in both peace and war"*.

The AMNAC achieves its role through the provision of awards recognising:

- The Australian Merchant Navy Cross, for 15 years service in the Australian Merchant Navy.
- The Australian Merchant Navy Meritorious Medal, for personal contribution to the Merchant Navy, and
- The Commendation for Achievement for contribution in marine related activity.

For more information about AMNAC or how to apply for an award recognising your service or to nominate a person for meritorious contribution to the industry see the website [www.amnac](http://www.amnac) or email [admin@amnac.org](mailto:admin@amnac.org)

Postal correspondence can be addressed to AMNAC's Registrar at:

The Registrar  
Australian Merchant Navy Awards Council  
C/o Australian Institute of Marine & Power Engineers  
202/20 Convention Centre Place South Wharf Vic 3006.



[www.marinerswelfare.com](http://www.marinerswelfare.com)

### **Report on Scott Skirving Bequest**

The Australian Mariner's Welfare Society (AMWS) is pleased to confirm that at the instigation of AMWS Deputy Chair Tony Cousins, the Bequest will this year cover the costs of two cadet berths onboard the **STV One & All** on her Hobart to Adelaide return leg from the Wooden Boat Festival which was held in Hobart in February 2025. The two candidates who have been selected are Ryah Carigg from Dampier, currently in the second year of his cadetship after commencing with the Pilbara Ports Program and Taj Buchanan from Sydney who starts his pre sea course at AMC after the voyage. Both are sons of seafarers

The **STV One & All** is a Registered Charity.

### **Merchant Navy Day 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2024**

The annual Merchant Navy Day ceremony was held at the Grand Hall of Mosman Art Gallery, with Guest of Honour being the United States Consul General Christine Elder. The League of Ancient Mariners was represented by President Murray Doyle AAD and Secretary John Cardelli.

### **National Merchant Navy Memorial Kings Park Canberra**

On Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2023 the 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Commemoration was held at the National Merchant Navy War Memorial Kings Park Canberra. Mr Sean Barrett RNZN [RTD} the new Chairman of the Merchant Navy War Memorial Fund gave the address. John Cardelli Hon Secretary and John Harding Committeeman attended on behalf of the League.

### **Members who have Crossed the Bar in 2024**

Mr David Richard Wills Roll No. 414 9/11/1944 – 8/11/2023

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

Mr Gregory Charles Leslie Clarke Roll No.42 – ? -05/2024

Mr Peter Linders Roll No.183 – 24/01/1939- 23/01/2024

Captain Edward J Wilson Roll No.325 – 26/05/1939 -26/04/2024

Mr Pierre Oribert Roll No.231 – 05/01/1937 – 16/07/2024

Mr Kevin (Doug} Curtin Roll No.50 – 22/02/1932 - 14/08/2024

Captain Peter Grainger Roll No.133 – 20/10/1944 – 21/10/2024

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

## **Members who have retired for Health or Other Reasons in 2024**

Captain Carl Hansen Roll No.118  
Mr Willem Bras Roll No.158  
Mr Ron Eagle Roll No.405  
Captain John (Bluey) Lunn Roll No.180  
Captain Mark Davis Roll No.72  
Mr William (Bill) Scott Roll No.267  
Captain Kevin Collins Roll No.354

## **New Members for 2024**

Mr Simon Mitchell Roll No.459 Full  
Captain Nathan Hills Roll No.460 Full  
Mr Dennis Arnott Roll No.461 Full  
Captain Brent Warhurst Roll No.462 Full  
Mr Noel Phelan Roll No.463 Associate  
Captain Andrew Phillips Roll No.464 Full  
Captain Robert Anderson Roll No.465 Full  
Mr. Paul Trangmar Roll No.466 Full  
Captain Kevin O'Neil Roll No.467 Full

### **Request for Information - Livingstone Fredrick Mann**

The League has received a request for information from the Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club with regard to former League Member Mr Livingstone Fredrick Mann who crossed the bar 09/06/1933. Mr Mann worked for the Mercantile Marine Office and was on the Board of the Sydney Sailors' Home. He donated a model of the barque "Gladstone" to the RPAYC, a vessel he served on as an apprentice in 1878 and they are after more background information with regard to his life.

Please contact our Secretary with any details - [loam.secretary@gmail.com](mailto:loam.secretary@gmail.com)

### **Member Diary**

Captain Allan Porter our web master endeavours to keep our web site up to date so members can see at a glance - upcoming social and professional events, but this requires member input to keep it updated. Note web address on front page.

**Dates to Remember** (Check Member Diary for updates)

**20<sup>th</sup> March 2025 Annual General Meeting of League of Ancient Mariners NSW Inc.**

13<sup>th</sup> April 2025 1100 Rookwood Cemetery 60<sup>th</sup> Annual Merchant Navy Service

25<sup>th</sup> April ANZAC Day

**3<sup>rd</sup> May 2025 League of Ancient Mariners Annual Cruise (1<sup>st</sup> Saturday)**

19<sup>th</sup> May The 83<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary US Army Small Ships Section Association Reunion.

7<sup>th</sup> June Newcastle Merchant Navy Memorial Service (1<sup>st</sup> Saturday )

25<sup>th</sup> June International Day of the Seafarer.

15<sup>th</sup> August Victory in the Pacific Day

3<sup>rd</sup> September Merchant Navy Day Service 1100 at Mosman War Memorial

6<sup>th</sup> September Battle for Australia Day

25<sup>th</sup> September World Maritime Day

19<sup>th</sup> October National Merchant Navy War Memorial Commemoration Canberra

11<sup>th</sup> November Remembrance Day

6<sup>th</sup> December Memorial Service for Merchant Mariners Lighthouse Reserve Norah Head.

**The League has now moved to an all email based communications system to all members, for this to be successful we require members' current email addresses, so could all members please send updates to our secretary John Cardelli at [loam.secretary@gmail.com](mailto:loam.secretary@gmail.com)**

**Regards**

**Captain Murray Doyle AAM FNI**

**President**

