



## **"THE SEA CHEST"**

### **Peninsula Ship Society Newsletter     July 2019**

The Peninsula Ship Society meets, in the lower lounge, at the Hastings Yacht Club on the fourth Tuesday of each month. The meetings commence with refreshments at 10am. After the meeting, at about noon, you are invited to join most of the attendees of the meeting at the Westernport Hotel and enjoy a reasonably priced meal.

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#### **The Last Meeting**



Our Vice-President, Chris Hart, told us about the various vessels of the Australian National Line that he sailed on between 1970 and 1979. ANL, in its heyday, had a large fleet of ships that varied from roll-on roll-off ferries and cargo ships, container ships and bulk carriers. Chris sailed on a good variety of these vessels and brought back, hopefully happy memories, to some of our members.

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#### **The Next Meeting**

The meeting to be held on Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> July will commence with the Annual General Meeting of the Society. This formality will commence at 10:15am and is not expected to last any longer than fifteen minutes.

#### **AGENDA**

1. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> July 2018
2. Report from the President, Maurie Hutchinson
3. Financial Report for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 2019
4. Close of nominations for all Office Bearers and Committee Members
5. Declaration of members elected to the committee, or, if necessary, the conduct of a ballot
6. Proposal of membership fee for the 2019-2020 year
7. Proposal to make a donation to the Hastings Yacht Club

At the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting our member, Tom Connolly, will make a presentation entitled, "T2 Tankers, the forgotten workhorses of the Second World War".



**The T2 Tanker *Caltex Wellington***

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### **Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> July 2018**

Present: Ross Brewer, Joe Briffa, Kim Chipman, Tom Connolly, Frank Garton, Chris Hart, Bill Herman, Maurie Hutchinson, Len James, Janne Maxlow, Bernie Poll, Euan Porter, Peter Raymond, Ian Thomson, Mike Turner, Rolf van Boerum, Graeme Wearne, David Wharington and John Woolley

Apologies: John Amsden, Tony Bayley, Howard Bull, Don Carpenter, Stuart Fletcher, Michael Julian, Glenda McKenna, Ray McMahon, David Pullin, James Taylor, Chris van Boerum

The meeting was opened at 10.12am by the President, Maurie Hutchinson.

The minutes of the 2017 Annual General Meeting were presented to the meeting.

Moved: David Wharington; Seconded: Chris Hart

"That the minutes of the 2017 Annual General Meeting be approved". Carried

#### **The President's Report:**

Maurie Hutchinson thanked the Society for their support in enabling him and the committee to complete another successful year. He also thanked the Hastings Yacht Club for their co-operation in allowing the Society to hold its meetings in the excellent facilities that they provide. Maurie recorded, with regret, that Keith Dann and Michael Montebello had passed away during the previous year and noted that both of these men had made a valuable contribution to the Society. He thanked all those who had made presentations at our meetings, five of whom had been visitors and four had been members of the Society. He thanked the committee and all those members who had assisted in the Society's activities over the previous year.

Maurie concluded his report by making a presentation to Janne Maxlow and thanked her for contribution to the Society as a Committee member and Vice President.

Moved: Maurie Hutchinson; Seconded: Ian Thomson

"That the President's Report be accepted" Carried

The Treasurer, Frank Garton, presented the **Financial Report** for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 2018

Moved: Frank Garton; Seconded: Bill Herman

“That the Financial Report for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 2016 be accepted” Carried

The President declared all Office Bearers and Committee Positions vacant and advised that the following nominations had been received prior to the start of the meeting.

President:	Maurie Hutchinson
Vice-President	Chris Hart
Secretary	Ian Thomson
Treasurer	Frank Garton
Committee	Don Carpenter
	Stuart Fletcher
	Bill Herman
	Michael Julian
	Bernie Poll

Maurie Hutchinson advised that as the number of nominations did not exceed the number of vacancies all nominees were elected.

The Treasurer, Frank Garton, proposed that the annual membership fee remain at \$30 for an individual and \$50 for a couple.

Moved: Frank Garton; Seconded: David Pullin

“That the annual membership fees, for the 2016-2017 year, be \$30 for an individual and \$50 for a couple” Carried

Moved: Frank Garton; Seconded: Maurie Hutchinson

“That the Society donates \$250 to the Hastings Yacht Club” Carried

The Vice President, Chris Hart, thanked Maurie Hutchinson for his contribution as President of the Society.

The President closed the meeting at 10.25am.

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### **Peninsula Ship Society**

#### **President's Report to the Annual General Meeting Tuesday 23 July 2019**

It is a pleasure to report that the Peninsula Ship Society has completed another very successful year. From the arrival of members, at each meeting, until the end, there has always been a feeling of warm friendship. We have enjoyed the presentation each month and also our lunches afterwards at our regular lunch venue, the Westport Hotel, where the staff is always welcoming. The meals are excellent, and the portions are very generous. Members seem to be well satisfied with the change from the previous venue.

Again, this year we lost one of our founding members. Chis van Boerum was an enthusiastic member and always the first to attend to any task which had to be done. She enjoyed the presentations at meetings and attended the outings and trips with the society. We offer our deepest sympathy to Rolf and his daughter.

New members David Baird, Ross Brewer, Robert Titchener and David Wearne joined the society during the year, and I hope that they feel welcome among us. Our membership has risen by three to a total of 44. Of these, 6 are honorary members, 3 are un-financial and the World Ship Society is a reciprocal member (PSS is a member of WSS in the same way). Each month we receive a printed copy of the WSS Newsletter which may be borrowed from the Secretary. The 'Around the Ports' section has an excellent coverage of recent shipping in all Victorian ports, including Westernport. The WSS website is also available at: [wss-vic.org.au](http://wss-vic.org.au)

The monthly newsletter, *Sea Chest*, includes reports of the presentations by past speakers, details of the speaker for the coming month, information about coming outings and other PSS business. Our Secretary, Ian Thomson, also finds a wide variety of maritime items for our interest, which he presents so well, that we are always looking out for the next issue. Thank you, Ian your work is much appreciated.

Each month the sub-editor of the *Mornington Peninsula Magazine*, advises me of the date for my next contribution. While the magazine is prepared to print my articles, I am happy to continue. This is a good opportunity, at no expense, to inform the residents of the peninsula that our society exists. We have a few members who have joined after reading an article and maybe in the future there will be more. Because there is an invitation, for anyone to attend our meetings, we might also have a visitor or two.

Over the past year we have enjoyed a variety of interesting presentations at our monthly meetings. Following the 2018 AGM the TV presentation "Wake of the May Queen" was the feature while in August we enjoyed a visit to the HMAS *Cerberus* Museum. In September Anthony Bayley's talk was titled "Development Issues at Pacific Island Ports" and the October item was the DVD "Bayside Reflections". The final meeting of 2018 was the usual November 'Christmas Lunch' meeting. The meal provided by 'Reddy Roasts' was enjoyed by all and we will keep the same caterers in mind for 2019. The 'Show and Tell' session, which was part of the meeting, was enjoyed by all, as a most interesting collection of maritime artefacts was displayed.

At the January 2019 meeting the excellent TV production "Sinking of the Blythe Star" was presented, in February Ray McMahon told of his experiences with the 1963 Antarctic expedition and the topic for March was "Paddle Steamers of Port Phillip" presented by Ian Thomson. In April 2019 we were pleased to have Peter Williams speak to us on recording maritime history. Peter has an extensive knowledge of maritime matters and is blessed with a remarkable memory which allows him to speak without having to refer to notes for dates and other details. The topic for May was the NZ program "Destination Disaster" on the sinking of the Mikhail Lermontov and in June Chris Hart told us of his experiences with ANL from 1970 to 1979.

The generosity of the Hastings Yacht Club, in allowing us to use its facilities, is greatly appreciated. The room where we hold our monthly meetings is perfect for our needs and the TV is excellent for presenting DVDs and PowerPoints while the upstairs room is a wonderful place for our Christmas dinner together.

At the annual General Meeting, last July, the committee from the previous year was reappointed with the addition of Bernie Poll, Janne Maxlow having resigned. Nominations matched positions vacant.

M Hutchinson: President; C Hart: Vice-President; I Thomson: Secretary; F Garton: Treasurer; D Carpenter; S Fletcher; W Herman; M Julian and B Poll: Committee Members.

The success of our society is largely due to the friendly attitude of everybody, which I mentioned in my opening remarks, but I also offer special thanks to the committee and to those 'early-arrivers' who set up the room before each meeting. It seems that these same few are the ones who put things back afterward and I sincerely thank them for their contribution.

It has been a pleasure to again carry out the role of President of the PSS. Thank you for the happy relations which exist among us all and for the kind way in which I am received. I look forward to the meetings each month with the opportunity to share our interest in maritime matters. I feel that the future of the PSS is safe in your hands.

M Hutchinson President

## Annual Financial Statement

### Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for period ending 30<sup>th</sup> June 2019

<b>Balance as at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2018</b>	<b>\$806.20</b>
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Receipts:	Members Subscriptions	
	36 single @ \$30.00	\$1,080.00
	1 double @ \$50.00	\$ 50.00
	Sales of Society Badges	\$ 150.00
	Payments for End-of-Year Lunch	\$ 760.00
	Payments for lunch at HMAS Cerberus	<u>\$ 368.00</u>
		<b>\$2,408.00</b>

Expenditure:	Consumer Affairs Victoria	\$ 57.80
	Membership of World Ship Society	\$ 45.00
	Hastings Yacht Club (donation)	\$ 250.00
	Lunches for Speakers	\$ 58.40
	Cost of catering for End-of-Year Lunch	\$ 826.00
	Cost of lunch at HMAS Cerberus	\$ 372.00
	Material for box to hold P.A. equipment	\$ 16.30
	Upgrade of public address equipment	\$ 148.88
	Books for library (by Don Love)	\$ 40.00
	Purchase of Society badges	\$ 270.00
	Gift to retiring committee member	\$ 38.00
	Purchase of stationery	<u>\$ 7.19</u>
		<b>\$2,129.57</b>

<b>Balance as at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2019</b>	<b>\$1,084.63</b>
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## Australia's deepest oil and gas well to be drilled in Bass Strait

ExxonMobil has been given environmental approval to drill Australia's deepest ever oil and gas well in a bid to locate more oil and gas to supplement the diminishing availability of these products on the east coast of Australia. This firm will drill the Sculpin well in the next few months, off the coast of Victoria, to an anticipated depth of 2,300 metres. This will be an Australian record depth and will be a greater depth than the controversial oil well that has been proposed by Norway's Equinor in the Great Australian Bight.

The Sculpin prospect received environmental approval from the National Offshore Petroleum Safety and Environmental Management Authority in June. It is anticipated that a 75-day drilling period will commence in late September or early October at a location 90km. from the Victorian coast. This venture follows on from the failure of the nearby Dory prospect that concluded drilling, late last year, where a two-well drilling programme failed to yield a discovery.



**The oil drilling rig *Ocean Monarch***

The rig that is scheduled to be used for this project is the *Ocean Monarch* that was recently moored, for some weeks, off Cowes in Western Port Bay. The *Ocean Monarch* is understood to be currently involved in drilling wells for Cooper Energy at the Annie 1 and Elanora 1 prospects in the Otway Basin.

The Sculpin prospect is hoped to provide a source of gas, for the next decade, to supply the Longford gas plant, in Gippsland. This facility is facing spare capacity as the big Bass Strait fields, that have been the nation's biggest domestic producer for most of the past forty years, are now starting to rapidly decline. This lack of a new Bass Strait discovery means the southeast of Australia may have to rely on importing gas through pipelines from Queensland or the LNG import terminals, like the one that is proposed for Crib Point. The Sculpin well, if successful, is anticipated to provide a multi-trillion cubic feet supply.