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From the President

At our recent Annual General Meeting I was honoured to be elected as your Associations President. Let me begin by thanking all of our previous Committee members for their work and contributions over many years, especially our outgoing President Peter Ridgway and Treasurer Malcolm Tull. Both Peter and Malcolm were long term Committee members and both are looking forward to delayed family and other pursuits.

One of the major achievements of the previous Committee was the planning and hosting of the 7th International Congress of Maritime History which was held at Murdoch University earlier this year. Members would be aware that the Congress was a joint initiative by the International Maritime History Association (IMHA) and the Australian Association for Maritime History. During the Congress at the IMHA AGM, Malcolm was elected President. This is the first time that a non-European has held this office. I look forward to working with Malcolm in his new role as IMHA President and wish him all the best for the future.

I also welcome the new Committee and State Representatives. Some members will continue in their current roles but there have been a number of changes. Chris Maxworthy was elected Secretary and Sally May as Vice President, a role that she held previously. We are also looking for nominations to fill several State Representative positions and this issue contains an article outlining the role.

This year our Newsletter Editor was tasked with updating email contact details. In the New Year he will be contacting members who have no recorded email address. Don't wait for a call. Take the opportunity and provide Ray with your email address. If you do not have an email address then he can be contacted on 0417738500. Due to the connection with membership records, Ray has also agreed to be Treasurer.

2017 will be another busy year for the Committee. We will continue the legacy of the Association's Founders which was built on and enhanced by the previous Committee. One of the Association's original objectives was periodic state rotation of Committee membership. Members will notice that the new Committee has representatives from most states.

Our priorities currently include:-

- Delivering *The Great* Circle, with both 2017 issues well in hand - see Mack's report;
- Awarding the biennial *Frank Broeze Memorial Maritime History Book Prize*;
- Awarding the biennial *Australian Community Maritime History Prize*;
- Delivering a *Vaughan Evans Memorial Lecture*;
- Delivering a *Ken McPherson Memorial Lecture*; and
- Delivering our quarterly Newsletter electronically.

I currently have a very good working relationship with a number of members, both in my role as Curator RAN Maritime Archaeology at the Australian National Maritime Museum and as a Committee Member of Wreck Check Inc., which was the subject of a number of recent articles in our Newsletter.

I look forward to working with and for you as President. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any suggestions for improving or otherwise contributing to your Association.

Outgoing President's 2016 Report

Conference - A highlight of these year's activities was the culmination of over 4 years planning for the International Congress on Maritime History. The conference was hosted jointly by the AAMH and Murdoch University. 144 delegates attended from across Australia and around the world. Co-hosting this conference fulfilled several of our objectives.

I had the honour of delivering a paper providing an appraisal of the AAMH contribution to maritime history through its objectives. The intention is to place the paper on our web site as a member resource.

The Great Circle - Mack, Howard and Ian have delivered innovative research through *The Great Circle*. Another special issue was delivered this year focussing on Dirk Hartog. The launch was at Kerry Stokes' private art museum and delivered by the Honorary Consul for the Netherlands. My sincere thanks to the team. Back copies are loaded onto JSTOR. I look forward to a special French explorers issue next year.

Newsletter - The Quarterly Newsletter continues to deliver news and reviews, now in colour. Many thanks to Alexandra Ridgway who stepped into the role last year, until we found a new editor. On this note I welcome Ray Tryniw from Queensland as our incoming editor from this issue.

Online - Consistent with modern communications, a few years ago, the AAMH launched a Wikipedia entry, a website and a facebook site. Unfortunately we do not currently have an Editor for these publications. The facebook site in particular is very good at creating awareness of maritime history. The post for Howard Gray's lecture reached over 650 people.

Vaughan Evans Memorial Lecture - This year's lecture was delivered by our Great Circle Book Review editor Dr Howard Gray. Howard travelled especially to the Netherlands to research his lecture on *The Life and Times of Frederik de Houtman*.

Company of Master Mariners - Malcolm and I accepted an invitation to give a talk to the Company of Master Mariners (CMM) in April. Around 30 former and current officers were in attendance. I thank the CMM for the opportunity to speak with them and enjoy a great curry at the Flying Angel Club. I also thank them for the opportunity to be part of West Australia Maritime Day. I highly recommend to the incoming committee that contact be made with the NSW chapter of the Company.

Fremantle Maritime Day - Once again, the AAMH provided a display at the Maritime Day. We were sponsored by Fremantle Ports and the Company of Master Mariners. I thank John Spurling who organised the roster and the members who assisted with the day. Held on Victoria Quay, Maritime Day was open to the public free of charge and this year over 40 exhibiters provided information and activities concerning the port, the maritime industry and maritime careers.

Kenneth McPherson Memorial Lecture - Unfortunately there was no mid-year Ken McPherson Memorial Lecture this year as the focus was on the conference.

Old Committee - I wish to thank the outgoing committee for all the work done over many years. To John for having his arm twisted to step in as secretary. Chris for stepping up from NSW Rep to Vice President and for our life member Malcolm Tull for managing all the finances, membership and journal postings. I have enjoyed the role but it is well and truly timely for someone new to have a go.

New committee - I welcome our new President James Hunter and wish the new committee my very best wishes.

Peter Ridgway

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From the Editor

Welcome to Issue 142, the last Newsletter for 2016. Many thanks and best wishes for the future to our previous Editor, Alexandra Ridgway.

From ***in this issue*** you can see that there are reports on key Association events as well as diverse articles contributed by members. I thank all contributors for sharing their interesting and informative articles. The *Sanyo Maru* article provides an update on a 2013 (Issue 129) article on the vessel.

In his report, James advised that I would be updating email contact details and making contact in the New Year. Be proactive, send me an email, if you don't have an email address then ask a friend to send a message, sent me a text or call.

This issue also sees the return of an Events Calendar, typically for the upcoming 3-6 months. It is not intended to be an exhaustive list of exhibitions, display and conferences. I welcome any relevant contributions for the calendar.

If you have an article or have heard of an article that does not meet the criteria for *The Great Circle*, then consider having it published it in our Newsletter. Read a good book lately that hasn't been reviewed by the Book Reviewers Team? Then consider doing a short 'Great Read' article.

Remember, our Newsletter needs news and articles, so keep the contributions coming for future issues. If you are not able to write an article, but have ideas, then pass the idea on via a Letter to the Editor. The Committee may be aware of another member or associate that could assist.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

AAMH State Representatives for NSW, SA, Tas and WA

The Association has been without a State Representative in South Australia and Tasmania for some time. After the AGM we now have vacancies for New South Wales and Western Australia.

Appointments are made by the Executive Committee for an agreed term, usually 12 months, and are reconfirmed at the AGM.

The role of the State or Territory Representative is to:-

- promote the objectives of the AAMH in their jurisdiction;
- recommend local activities to the Committee;
- contribute or facilitate articles, news, etc. to the Newsletter; and
- comment and provide opinions on matters raised with and by the Committee.

In addition to the above, the State or Territory Representative is invited to participate, via teleconferencing, in Committee meetings, but this is not compulsory. The role is not onerous and some State Representatives are more active than others.

The preference is for State or Territory Representatives to be permanent residents of the State or Territory that they represent. However, if a resident cannot be identified, then the Committee will consider a nomination from any financial member who had been a resident and has continuing links and contacts with several of that state's maritime museums, libraries and historical societies.

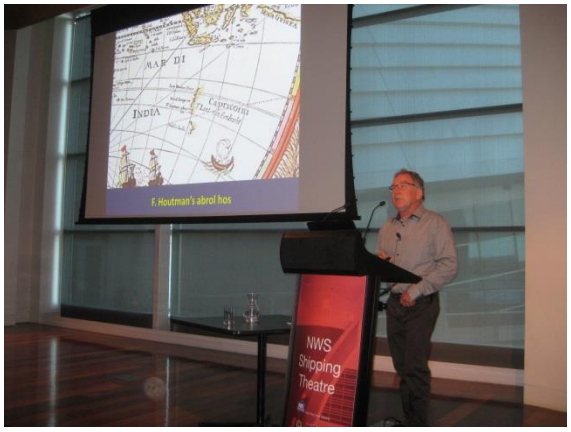
Please do not hesitate to contact me (james.hunter@anmm.gov.au).

I look forward to hearing from interested members!

2016 Vaughan Evans Memorial Lecture

The Life and Times of Frederik de Houtman 1571-1627

Dr Howard Gray delivered the annual Vaughan Evans Memorial Lecture on 18 November at the WA Maritime Museum. An audience of over 80 people attended the lecture and post lecture celebrations. The AAMH thanks Christine Canny and the WA Museum staff for hosting the lecture.



Houtman is best known in Western Australia for lending his name to the Houtman Abrolhos islands off the coast of Geraldton. It is well known as the site of numerous shipwrecks, the most famous being the Dutch ships *Batavia*, which was wrecked in 1629, and *Zeewijk*, wrecked in 1727.

Houtman was an accomplished seafarer, trader and administrator. He assisted Dutch navigator Pieter Keyser with astronomical observations during the first Dutch expedition to the East Indies in 1595–1597.

In 1598 he sailed again for the east and was a prisoner of the king of Achin for two years until the king set him free on receipt of a letter from Prince Maurits, the Dutch stadtholder.

In 1603, after his return to Holland, he published a grammar and dictionary of Malay and Malagasy together with a treatise on the constellations of the southern hemisphere.

Barry and Cindy Porter with Howard at the post lecture celebrations

In 1603 de Houtman left for the East Indies again and from 1605 to 1611 was the first Dutch governor of Amboina. In 1618 he sailed on his fourth voyage to the east, this time as a member of the Council of the Dutch East Indies. This expedition sailed up the coast of Western Australia sighting the Abrolhos islands.

The Great Circle - 2017 Intelligence

The first Journal will be Vol 39:1, a general offering that is already well-subscribed, boding well for a successful Edition that is planned for publication in June.

Vol 39:2 will be a *French Exploration Special* to be launched on 17 September 2017 in order to commemorate the 200th year anniversary of the departure of the French scientific expedition led by Louis de Freycinet from Toulon (France) on board the *Uranie*.

There is already Australia-wide expression of interest in contributing to this edition given the activities of the French explorers on the East, South and West coasts of Australia, again boding well for a successful edition of wide-ranging interest.

Mack McCarthy

Fremantle - Maritime Day

Over 5,000 people came to Victoria Quay, Fremantle for the 2016 Maritime Day. The annual event organised by the Company of Master Mariners, included exhibits and demonstrations from the Royal Australian Navy, ship builders, employers, high school and tertiary colleges, marine safety authorities and history groups.

Michael Sturma manning the AAMH Stand

The poster display at the AAMH stand was very popular and many copies of the Dirk Hartog special issue of *The Great Circle* were sold. AAMH members Michael Sturma, Malcolm Tull, Sally May, Graeme Henderson and Peter Ridgway were kept busy answering questions about our maritime history.

The Maritime Museum opened their historic boat collection to the public and the RAN brought *HMAS Sheean* alongside the wharf for inspection. A number of tugs and TS Leeuwin also welcomed visitors.

HMAS Shean

WA Model Ship Association Display

Port of Fremantle tug

A sailing regatta was held in the harbour with sailboats dodging around the many container ships entering and leaving Fremantle. Bands and singing groups, marine artists and colourful characters kept everyone entertained throughout the day.

The AAMH thanks the Company of Master Mariners and Fremantle Ports who sponsored our stand.

Fremantle Carnevale Performers

Commemorative Statue – *Answering the Call*

Answering the Call

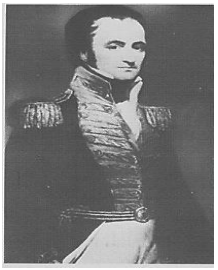
A striking bronze statue of a young sailor in a World War II uniform was recently unveiled in Port Melbourne to honour the contribution of Australian naval personnel in war and peace. *Answering the Call*, was created by sculptor Louis Laumen. It stands on a plinth overlooking Port Phillip Bay on Beaconsfield Parade, Port Melbourne.

The statue was an initiative of World War II navy veteran, Commander Mackenzie Gregory, when he was president of the Naval Heritage Foundation of Australia. His daughter, Jane Gregory, was present at the unveiling, as was Vice Admiral Tim Barrett AO CSC RAN Chief of Navy, together with representatives of the City of Port Phillip and the Anzac Centenary Committee.

Mark Howard

Daniel Scott: Inaugural Harbour Master and Pilot at Fremantle

The inaugural Harbour Master at Fremantle has been shown incorrectly as Mark Currie in much of the relevant literature and elsewhere, at least since Kimberly's *History of West Australia* was published in 1897.[1] Currie, a close personal friend of Stirling, offered his services for the proposed Swan River Settlement and on 29 December 1828, the Secretary of State appointed him 'Harbour Master on the understanding however, that no salary will be allowed your Office'.[2] He is shown as Harbour Master on the passenger list for the *Parmelia* on leaving Portsmouth.



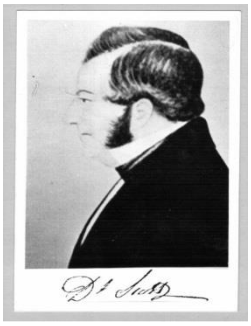
James Stirling

Stirling, however, ignored the Secretary of State's appointment when the Civil Administration for the Colony was announced on board the *Parmelia*, at sea on the way from Cape Town, on 16 May 1829. Instead of 'Harbour Master', Currie would have the influential position of 'Commissioner of a Board of Counsel & Audit in the Management of Property for the purpose of examining and estimating the Property imported by Settlers, and enforcing the Land Regulations.'[3]

This decision was sensible because Stirling had realised that establishing property entitlements for newly arriving settlers would require a designated authority for some time. Currie therefore would have no formal association with the Harbour Master's office in the Colony.

The person who would have that association was Daniel Scott, an experienced mariner, age 30, who arrived on the *Calista* on 5 August 1829. He was appointed '**Harbour Master and Pilot**' [emphasis added] as soon as 24 August 1829, with an annual salary of £100. Stirling's justification of a salary for this position was because the danger

> *to which ships coming on an unknown rock are exposed when there is no person qualified to act as Pilot, has forced me to insure Mr Scott, a salary payable out of the proceeds of the Fees of the Harbour Masters Office.* [4]



Daniel Scott

This explanation was received by the Colonial Office in London on 27 January 1830 and apparently either misunderstood or ignored, because Currie continued to be designated Harbour Master.

Stirling contributed to the misunderstanding when compiling a lengthy report for the Colonial Office, dated 20 January 1830. Roe's survey of Cockburn Sound had been completed and Stirling suggested that it be made public for the convenience of ships. In the meantime

> *I am proceeding to have the passage into Cockburn Sound properly buoyed and beaconed and I have arranged with a Gentleman resident here to maintain a sufficient Establishment of Pilot and Pilot boats.* [The next sentences were omitted from the printed Extracts]. *I have engaged to give him all the Pilotage Fees and to insure him in the annual amount being not less than £200. He can afford to undertake the service at this rate and his Boats will at least maintain themselves by Fishing .*[5]

This report was received in London on 14 June 1830 and apparently there was no comment about Scott being referred to as 'a Gentleman' rather than by name.

Inconsistency on Stirling's part led to some of the subsequent confusion over Scott being addressed as Deputy Harbour Master, implying that there was a Harbour Master. Poor administration by Peter Brown, the Colonial Secretary, was also a contributing factor.

For instance, a 'Muster of all the people in the Colony other than the Soldiers and Sailors', on 7 September 1829, has Currie as Harbour Master and no mention of Scott despite his having been in the Colony for a month and his unequivocal appointment a fortnight earlier! Two days later, the 'List of Appointments' as at 9 September has Currie correctly as 'Commissioner of the Board of Counsel' and Scott as 'Harbour Master and Pilot'.

A year later, however, a 'List of Vessels up to 17 September 1830' was signed as a true copy by Peter Brown, Colonial Secretary, and Daniel Scott, Deputy Harbour Master.[6] This list, ordered to be printed in London, 30 March 1831, for presentation in Parliament, was probably what prompted a request for Stirling to explain the need for both a Harbour Master and a Deputy for such a small port as Fremantle. He was evasive when clarifying the situation in a despatch from King George Sound to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, Viscount Goderich, dated 7 January 1832.

> *With reference to the Employment of two Persons in Discharge of the Duties of the Harbour Masters Office, I have to explain to Your Lordship,* ***that they have been always conducted by the Deputy Harbour Master alone.*** [emphasis added]. *Captain Currie's services were required in another office, in which although desirous of employing him, I did not consider it advisable to remove his Name from that to which he had been originally appointed. Mr Scott, the Person who was selected to act as Deputy Harbour Master being a Person who had no means of living except by his Exertions, I allowed him at the Rate of £100 a Year, so that both with respect to the Performance of the Duties, and the Salary, Capt. Currie has only been nominally the Harbour Master.'* [7]

That seems to have been the end of the matter despite the rather flimsy explanation, and the fact that Scott had been specifically appointed 'Harbour Master and Pilot' on 24 August 1829.

Scott's position was confirmed in the first Census of Western Australia, taken on 1 July 1832, which records Currie (No 81) as Auditor, and Scott (No 708) as Harbour Master.[8] Not long after the Census was taken, however, Currie left the Colony to resume his naval career. He sailed on the *Sulphur* on 12 August 1832. In contrast, after serving for some 21 years as Harbour Master and Pilot at Fremantle, Daniel Scott resigned in somewhat murky circumstances on 2 August 1850.[9]

Arthur Shenton's, *Perth Gazette* blamed the Government when reporting that Scott had resigned

> *the Office of Harbour Master, and that too in a very proper spirit. It seems that having, in consequence of ill-health and consequent inability to at all times perform the duty both of Harbour Master and Pilot, Mr Scott applied for the appointment of a Deputy Harbour Master and Pilot, but not for any leave of absence as has been stated; he received a reply offering two months leave of absence, with an intimation that if his mercantile engagements interfered with the proper performance of his duty, he had better resign. Of course after so very intelligible a hint, no man with any spirit would retain office another hour, and Capt. Scott did just what the Government wanted, he resigned. We wonder how it is that there is no lamentation about "old colonists" in this case; here is an old and respected enterprising settler as good as told he is no longer wanted, a proceeding quite as disgraceful to the Government as is a late appointment. It is singular how very quick sighted the Government sometimes appears to be, and yet whenever it is wished to confer an appointment upon some particular individual, it seems to be utterly incapable of discerning whether he is a fit and proper person, or will do credit to or disgrace the situation conferred upon him.* [10]

The following week, Shenton continued,

> *In designating the late occurrence a "dismissal" we only call things by their right name, for as to the manner Mr Scott's retirement had taken place, there can be but one opinion, that from the style in which his application for the appointment of a Deputy was replied to, he had no alternative. We last week termed the transaction as being "disgraceful," and upon mature reflection we find no reason to characterise it by a milder term. There is evidently an anxiety to get rid of Mr Scott, and the occasion was seized on to make him discharge himself'.*[11]

Whether Shenton's assessment was justified or not, Scott surely deserves to be recognised as the long serving, inaugural Harbour Master and Pilot at Fremantle. He died on 20 February 1865, and was *'…lamented by a numerous family and circle of friends, as one of large-hearted enterprise and benevolence.'* [12]

Brian Pope

End Notes

AJCP = Australian Joint Copying Project. The numbering on the right hand page includes the left hand page.

1 See page 47. 'Mark John Currie (Harbour Master). 2564 acres'.
2 Hay to Currie. AJCP Reel 303, CO 397/1, p. 20.
3 'List of Appointments, 16 May 1829'. AJCP Reel 293, CO 18/3, p. 74.
4 'List of Appointments, 24 August 1829'. AJCP Reel 293, CO 18/3, p. 75.
5 Stirling to Murray. ACJP Reel 296, CO 18/7, p. 38.
6 AJCP Reel 296, CO 18/7, p. 112.
7 Stirling to Goderich. AJCP Reel 297, CO 18/10, p. 7.
8 Berryman, I. *A Colony Detailed: The First Census of Western Australia 1832.* Creative Research, Perth, 1979.
9 CSO Letters Forwarded, Official, Acc 49, Vol 28, p. 302.
10 *Perth Gazette*, 9-08-50, p. 2-d.
11 *Perth Gazette*, 16-08-50, p. 2-b.
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Image of James Stirling is from 'Williams, A.E., *Western Australia, a potted history 1616-1870s*'. Williams Pioneer Publications, Perth, 1979.

Sanyo Maru (1935 – 1937)

A successful expedition run by the Northern Territory Government's (NTG) Heritage Branch to the historic shipwreck *Sanyo Maru*, returned to Darwin over the weekend 12-13 November 2016. The Western Australian Maritime Museum is undertaking the conservation of the 77 recovered artefacts.

Lost in the Arafura Sea off Maningrida in Boucaut Bay on the Arnhem Land coast in 1937, the *Sanyo Maru* was one of several Japanese pearling vessels lost off the Northern Territory. The *Sanyo Maru* is of major significance, since it is the only Japanese 'mother ship' from the pearling era wrecked in Australian waters. Supply vessels like the *Sanyo Maru* were responsible for servicing the needs of the luggers whose divers worked collecting pearl shell from the seabed.

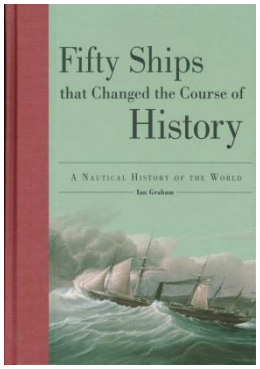
The wreck was rediscovered by *HMAS Leeuwin* during routine survey work in July 2001. The site was reported to the Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory who organised an expedition in 2002 to identify the vessel and carry out a preliminary survey. Bad weather cut the expedition short, but the vessel was identified as the *Sanyo Maru*. A second expedition was undertaken in 2012 by the NTG's Heritage Branch to survey the site and devise a management plan. In July 2013 the *Sanyo Maru* was declared a Historic Shipwreck with a protected zone around it under the Commonwealth *Historic shipwrecks Act 1976*.

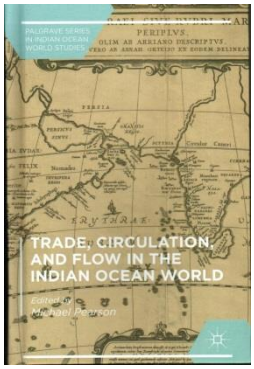
The third expedition (2016), was the first to raise artefacts from the site, some of which will take a year or more to conserve. The expedition was funded by the Commonwealth and Northern Territory Governments, the Australia – Japan Foundation, together with private sponsorship from Paspaley Pearls and Bhagwan Marine Services.

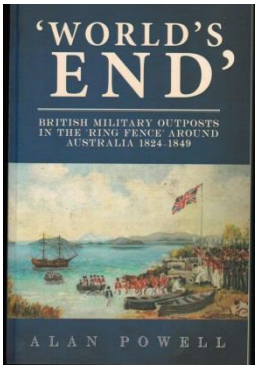
Paul Clark

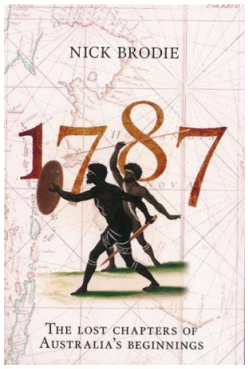
From *The Great Circle* Book Review Editor

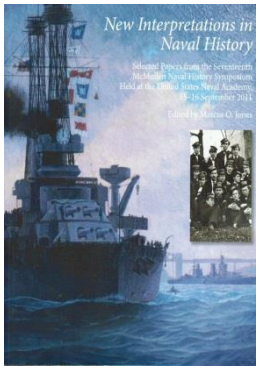
BOOK REVIEWERS - WANTED

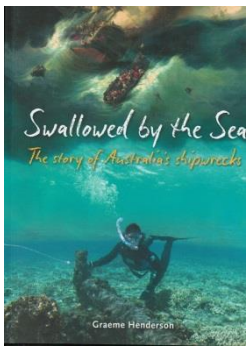




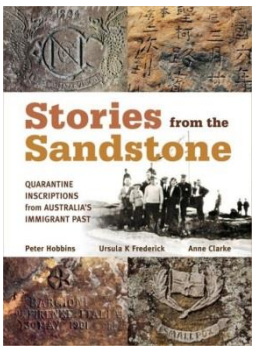








Matching a book subject with an appropriate independent and available reviewer is not always easy, so if you think you fit the bill for any of these recent arrivals, then I would love to hear from you. Remember, you get to keep the book as a bonus for the satisfaction of seeing your review in print in *The Great Circle* journal. If these titles are not within your field of expertise or interest but you are aware of someone to whom they would appeal, then check if they are interested and send me their contact details.



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I look forward to hearing from you soon!

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS - *Maritime History Prizes*

In 2017 the Australian Association for Maritime History (AAMH), with the Australian National Maritime Museum (ANMM), will jointly sponsor the biennial:-

Frank Broeze Memorial Maritime History Prize - $4,000; and

Australian Community Maritime History Prize - $1,000

The *Frank Broeze Memorial Maritime History Prize* is awarded for a book treating any aspect of maritime history relating to or affecting Australia, written or co-authored by an Australian citizen or permanent resident, and published between 1 January 2015 and 31 December 2016. The book should be published in Australia, although titles written by Australian authors but published overseas may be considered at the discretion of the judges. The prize is open to Australian authors or co-authors of a book-length monograph or compilation of their own works. However, edited collections of essays by multiple contributors are not eligible.

The *Australian Community Maritime History Prize* is awarded to a regional or local museum or historical society for a public resource (book, booklet, educational resource kit, DVD or other digital medium such as a website or database) relating to an aspect of maritime history of that region or community, and published between 1 January 2015 and 31 December 2016.

Both prizes reflect the wish of the two sponsoring organisations to promote a broad view of maritime history that demonstrates how the sea and maritime influences have been more central to the shaping of Australia, its people and its culture than has commonly been believed.

The announcements will also be published in the December 2016 issue of the ANMM publication *Signals*. Nominations for the 2017 award will close on Friday 28 April 2017.

More Information on *How to Nominate* and the *Judging Process* can be found at
www.anmm.gov.au/historyprizes

30th Anniversary STS *Leeuwin* II

2016 marks the 30th anniversary of the launch of STS *Leeuwin* II. The ship is a 3-masted barquentine with over 810 square metres of sail and an overall length of 55 metres. *Leeuwin* II is a working ship and all voyage participants are expected to be involved in most aspects of ship operations, from sailing, steering and navigating to cleaning the ship and climbing the mast.

The ship is operated by the Leeuwin Ocean Adventure Foundation, a not-for-profit organisation based in Fremantle, Western Australia. The Foundation provides experiential learning and leadership development programmes, mainly aimed at young people aged 14-25.

The original *Leeuwin* (Dutch for "Lioness") Galleon was a Dutch ship that discovered and mapped some of the southwest corner of Australia in March 1622, only the seventh European ship to sight the continent.

News from the States

South Australia

An initiative of the South Australian Maritime Museum is a database containing the names of 328,000 passengers who came to South Australia by ship between 1836 and 1961. It contains details of the 20,000 voyages that brought them to South Australia.

Staff and volunteers at the museum compiled the database over a period of twenty years. It also includes details of all know surviving logbooks, private journals and other first-hand records kept aboard these vessels that has been drawn from Ian Nicholson's three volume series, *Log of Logs* (1988, 1993 & 1998).

The database can be searched online, and for free, at:- *http://passengersinhistory.sa.gov.au*

Tasmania

The Maritime Museum of Tasmania recently hosted two exhibitions in the Carnegie Gallery.

The first was a display of eleven paintings from the museum's collection of vessels once owned by the Risby family trading company. The paintings are in good condition, having recently undergone restoration work funded by Arts Tasmania. The second exhibition, entitled *Exploring the South Land*, featured twenty-five early maps of Tasmania and Australia that were donated to the museum by Dr Bernard Lamprill in 1998.

The museum has also undergone extensive upgrades. A new lift was recently installed and in November 2016 the Carnegie Gallery was closed for a month for repainting and new lighting.

A private journal kept by the pioneering medical practitioner William Russ Pugh (c1805-1897) aboard the ship that brought him to Australia in 1835 has recently been found in Britain and is on display at the Launceston Public Library. In 1847, Dr Pugh became the first doctor in Australia to use anaesthetic during an operation. He arrived in Hobart in December 1835 aboard the barque *Derwent* (362 tons) and during the voyage kept a diary that was gifted to the Tasmanian Archive and Heritage Office by British descendants of William Pugh's sister.

Baudin's Voyages – Touring Exhibition

An exhibition entitled, *The Art of Science; Baudin's Voyages 1800-1804*, commenced its Australian tour at the South Australian Maritime Museum on 30 June 2016. Adelaide was the first of 6 venues that will host the exhibition before its final closure in December 2018. See the Events Calendar for information on the next venue.

Exhibits include original paintings and sketches done by artists who accompanied the French voyage of exploration led by Captain Nicolas Thomas Baudin (1784-1803) in the ships *Geographie* and *Naturaliste*.

The display will also feature Baudin's chronometer, an etched copper plate that was used to print the first complete map of Australia and a fair copy of Baudin's logbook. The drawings and paintings come from the collection of the Museum of Natural History at Le Havre in France.

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2017 Events Calendar

January		
Jan 7 – Mar 20, 2017	Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery, Launceston	The Art of Science: Baudin's Voyagers 1800-1804 *The exhibition showcases original sketches and painting created by Baudin's artists.* **The 4 other upcoming exhibition times and venues will be highlighted in 2017 Newsletters.**
Until Apr 23	West Australian Maritime Museum, Fremantle, WA	Travellers and Traders in the Indian Ocean
February		
Feb 10 - 13	Hobart, Tas	Australian Wooden Boat Festival
Feb 18 – Aug 13	Australian National Maritime Museum, NSW	Lustre: Pearling and Australia *Traces the heritage of pearling across northern Australia.*
March		
Mar 31 – Aug 21	Australian National Maritime Museum, NSW	Pompeii Rescue *International exhibition featuring 2,000 year old artefacts from Pompeii, Sicily, Naples and Rome.*
April		
Apr 28	Australian National Maritime Museum & Australian Association for Maritime History	Nominations close for the:- *Frank Broeze Memorial Maritime History Prize; and* *Australian Community Maritime History Prize*

The *Events Calendar* is by no means an exhaustive list of exhibitions, display and conferences.

Please advise the Editor if you are aware of events that would be of interest to members.

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