



"Canally Chronicles"

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FRIENDS OF THE P.S.CANALLY PORT OF MORGAN

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EDITORS NOTES

Welcome to the 3rd 'Canally Chronicle'! The disruption we have had of committee members being on 'overseas' holidays and others on extended sick leave has now past, and it is full steam ahead for full recovery and back to work! The second working bee which was held on 14th July 2012, was again very industrious with yard cleaning around the Station Masters House and Sheds, cleaning out the mud from inside Canally hull, and installing the Canally signs on the outskirts of the Morgan township.....have you noticed? Look for the photos at the end of the Chronicle – lots of 'bums up' action! We are going to start showcasing our youth that are working with us too, so you can get to know them better and for this edition I have interviewed Kieran Myers. The Chairman's Report gives a good overview of all the achievements occurred in our first year of operation. May I take this opportunity to wish you all a happy and safe Christmas and New Year and look forward to working with you in 2013.

CHAIRMAN 'S REPORT

As the first year of Canally 's new life draws to a close I can reflect on a quite successful year with the following milestones reached:

- Safe tow from Euston & slipping of Canally in Berri
- Major power & water infrastructure installed in the wharf area
- 20 new hull planks fitted whilst in Berri
- Safe delivery of Canally to her new home of Morgan
- Safe delivery of steam engine to Morgan
- Set up of Station Master 's House as Canally headquarters
- Purchase of a further 40 hull planks to be fitted in 2013
- Boiler inspection carried out with permission given for tube removal so we can progress to the next stage
- Committee decision that the Canally superstructure reflect the 1920' s era as it was working out of Morgan during that period
- Rudder removed & transported to Armfield slip at Goolwa for rebuild

Other jobs in progress are:

- Temporary roof over steam engine, ground work completed
- Temporary roof over hull, we have had some trusses donated
- Continuing steel painting & bilge cleaning by Cadell Training Centre people
- Rudder rebuild

Coming Events

Annual General Meeting to be held on **Saturday 19th January 2013** after we finish our working bee.

Working Bees

Our next working bee will be held on

Saturday 19th January 2013

9:00am at the wharf and Stationmasters House. Our main job will be to erect roof structure between sheds to accommodate steam engine.

Working bee will be followed by AGM.

Sausage sizzle lunch and refreshments will be provided.



CHAIRMAN 'S REPORT *continued*.....

Apart from work done by the shipwright & statutory inspections all the above work has been carried out by volunteers.

To assist the committee with its efforts to faithfully restore the superstructure we are looking for Canally memorabilia & photos so if you or someone you know can help please let us know.

In the near future you will receive notice of the AGM & subscription renewal.

Finally thanks to all the committee & volunteers for their help during the year at meetings, working bees etc. I would like to on behalf of all wish Kevin our treasure a full recovery from his stroke & look forward to having him back on deck.

Phil Reed

YOUTH PROFILE

KIERAN MYERS - is a 15 year old lad from Cadell who has an interest in helping to rebuild a Paddle Steamer. Kieran goes to Waikerie High School, where he enjoys classes in Technology, Woodwork, Metalwork, Electronics and Physical Education. His outside interests include being a member of Scouts and fishing in the river for Callop. Kieran became interested in the restoration of the PS Canally when he went with his father Kevin, to help bring the boat home to Morgan. He told me he liked steering the boat and is interested in pursuing a 'Steam Ticket' in Engineering. He believes his role on the PS Canally Restoration Committee is to bring ideas from local youth to the committee. I have found Kieran to be a very polite, helpful young man, who is always willing to give a hand with any job that is presented and certainly believe he is an asset to our committee. I enjoy working with Kieran.



HISTORY CORNER

To continue with the history of PS Canally - at the end of Tommy Freeman 's riverboat career in 1920, he sold the PS Canally to William Tinks of Morgan. But by 1925, the registered owners of PS Canally were Francis and Tinks, a partnership that started in 1912 between Captain Albert Francis and William Tinks. During this time of ownership, the boat was used to haul granite from the quarry at Mannum to assist with building the locks. The Francis & Tinks company was dissolved in 1925 and the PS Canally was purchased by the Public Works Department of NSW to continue on the construction of locks and weirs in the Murray river. Ownership then passed to Norm Collins during 1935 where he used her for Lock 15 building at Euston. So she had a long association with lock building in her life timea true working boat

Photos



Canally Rudder being rebuilt at Armfield Slip.



Hull being cleaned of mud

Steelwork in hull currently being painted



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