

"Canally Chronicles"

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FRIENDS OF THE P.S.CANALLY PORT OF MORGAN

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EDITORS NOTES

Welcome to the 7th 'Canally Chronicle'! I can't believe we are in the 5th month of the year 2014? Where does the time go when one is having fun? It only seems like yesterday that we had a Working Bee! It was actually on the 1st March, and thanks to all that came to help. The Chairman's Report will keep you up to date with what has been happening. The youth profile for this edition is on Bradley Johnson. It is with sadness that we acknowledge the passing of Eileen Marie McDonald, the granddaughter of Tommy Freeman the original owner of the PS Canally. Our condolences have been passed on to the family, and of course an extended invitation to stay in touch with us.

Pamela Francis

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Canally project has started well for 2014 with an interesting twist to our first working bee. After the boat had been refloated & a leak behind a butt plate on the chine plank had been attended to, it was decided to shift it to the bank for easy access by the Cadell chaps who were to clean the inside of the hull. To our surprise when we arrived to shift the boat there was at least 6" of water in the boat. Fortunately the new bilge pumps quickly cleared the water & we were able to push the stem post into the sand on the ski beach where Matt Seton was able to plug another leak in the vicinity of the last leak on the chine plank. The working bee then cleaned the outside of the hull & installed some security lighting. Many thanks to those who attended & apologies for the change of plans. The silt has now been cleaned from inside & outside of the hull leaving the Canally looking like its old self. The Canally now seems to be quite dry apart from a very small leak which we are chasing in the aft peak. Other items that have funding for this year include,

- Purchase of new bilge pumps, generator & diesel salvage pump, all on site with new bilge pumps installed
- Sealing of bulkheads, commenced early May
- Sandblasting of boiler internals, May 12th
- Boiler internal inspection, May 14th
- Purchase of new boiler tubes, already in store at the Morgan Council Depot



We are also arranging for 2 independent shipwrights to inspect the hull before continuing work in this area.

The Canally committee have thrown their support behind the 'Morgan Living River' event to be held on the river bank on the 14/15th of June. We are therefore looking for helpers on that weekend to assist with running the event which will include running activities, patrolling the closed river area (boat required), erecting marquees & setting up Landseer's for the dinner on Saturday night. You are also most welcome to enter any of the events & purchase tickets for the dinner.

Please contact Julie or myself regarding availability, tickets & etc. So hope to see many of you on that weekend.

Phil Reed

An Event

Morgan Living River
A celebration of
Traditional Putt Putt
Boats, Music, Games &
Famous
Morgan Hospitality
Sat 14th & Sun 15th
June

For more details see
page 4 of this
newsletter and check
out the website

www.morganlivingriver.com.au

Working Bees

**Morgan Living River- we
need members to help out
over the weekend**

(see page 4)

REMINDER

2014 Membership
is now due-form
attached if you haven't
already paid.



YOUTH PROFILE



Bradley Johnston is a 12 year old lad in Year 7 at Morgan Primary School. Bradley helps out at our working bees regularly and does some very important jobs like cleaning up around the sheds, collecting bottles and cans, and helping to pump out Canally when necessary. Bradley tells me that his favourite subjects at school are Technology, History and Photography. He enjoys being involved with heritage events, as he likes to know 'how things worked in the old days'. Bradley is a St Johns Cadet and plays Football for the under 13 team in Waikerie. Bradley has Career aspirations of working on Paddles Steamers as a Deckhand and maybe an engineer one day. This is probably why he found himself on Oscar W last year helping to tow Canally up to Berri. Bradley wrote a story about his adventures on Oscar W which was published in their Newsletter last year. This story I will now share with you:

On Thursday the P.S. Oscar W bought the new rudder to Morgan to put on the Canally to tow it to Berri. I helped load some wood onto the Oscar W for our trip.

On Friday morning Dad and I got ready to go on the Oscar W for the day. We were heading to Waikerie river front and going through Lock 2 at Taylorville. After tying the Canally tow rope on we steamed off towards Cadell. Along the way I took photos of the engine, boiler and the paddles of the Oscar W for my black and white photography assignment. I think I have awesome photos to choose from. I also took photos of a barge wreck after the pumping station. After the Cadell ferry, the skipper let me blow the whistle on the Oscar W. Later in the day I was allowed to go down to the furnace where they put the wood in the fire.

This is how the engine works, the fire boils the water and water makes steam. The steam powers the pistons which go back and forth and the pistons power the cogs which makes the paddles move.

While on the boat, one of the engineers called Jason measured the temperature of the funnel. It was 336oC and the outside of the firebox was 156oC.

On the side of the Oscar W is a plaque with information. The length of the Oscar W is 31.6m and it weights 83 tons.

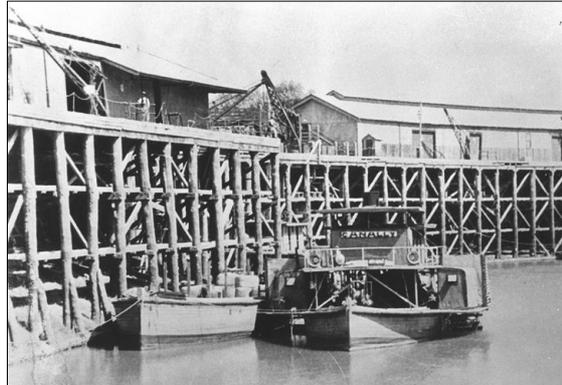
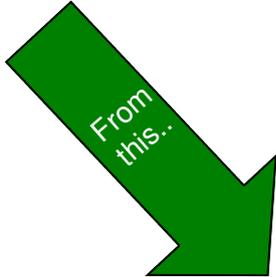
I went through the lock for the first time. Coming from Morgan you enter the lock then shut the gates and fill the water level up to the same as the other side. When the gates shut they got the ropes from the Canally and tied them to the posts on the lock. Oscar W stopped but the Canally hit the Oscar W tender and snapped the line so they moved it and then Canally hit the Oscar W's rudder! Luckily everything was okay on all the boats. It was a slow process going through the lock but it was interesting to watch. Between Lock 2 and Waikerie, one of the Oscar W crew showed me three common knots and I practiced them. I also helped peel the potatoes for the Oscar W crew's tea. The rest of the way we relaxed on the boat. When we got to Waikerie, I had a ride in the tender boat to photograph the Oscar W. Once we docked and loaded the wood onto the Oscar W, we had a nice cool swim.

I had a great day on Oscar W and enjoyed learning different things about paddleboats.

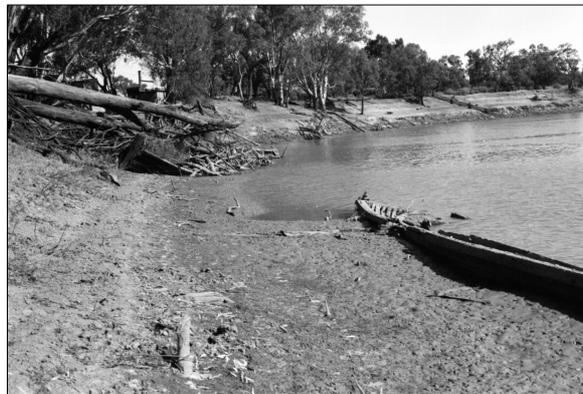
Ed. Note: *No doubt an amazing adventure to inspire a young lad like Bradley to be involved with PS Canally!*

HISTORY CORNER

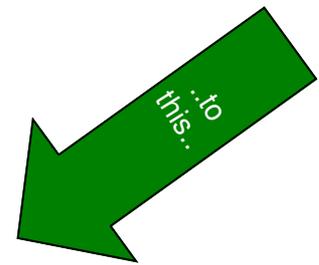
Lets remind ourselves what we started with when she was raised at Boundary Bend, to what we have now. Sometimes we get complacent and don't appreciate what achievements have occurred thus far—it is important to remember the amount of hard working hours that have already gone into PS Canally to have her looking like we do today. Yes we have many more hard working hours to go, but haven't we already achieved so much?



PS Canally and her barge T.F. moored at Echuca wharf



PS Hero under the logs and PS Canally in the mud – Canally was only visible during extremely low river level.



Preparing Canally for the Robinvale to Berri trip June 2011



Morgan Riverfront March 2014

Morgan Living River



A Celebration of Traditional Putt Putt Boats, Music, Games and Famous Morgan Hospitality Saturday 14th - Sunday 15th June

A new annual event is set to bring Morgan to life in mid June. The weekend is shaping up to be a spectacular event for Morgan and the region.

Celebrating River Traditions is the theme for the weekend, with activities such as the Canally tug of war, horseshoe throwing, rope climbing competition, dingy rowing race and of course the Wooden Putt Putt Boat display.

Putt putt boats were the working boats of yesteryear. A stable timber hull, coupled with a reliable inboard engine was a common fishing platform for both commercial and amateur fisherman. In recent years these boats have enjoyed a resurgence with classic boat enthusiasts as a reminder of days gone by. Now used largely for recreational pleasure, they provide a leisurely day's cruising along the river and an excuse to gather to compare craft and stories.

There's sure to be something for everyone with some market stalls offering local produce and others demonstrating and selling manual crafts.

To keep you active, practice the traditional art of throwing horseshoes or learn Frisbee throwing from Australia's best. Maybe rope climbing or dinghy rowing are more your thing. Teams wishing to participate in the Tug of War should go to the website at morganlivingriver.com.au to register.

When it's time to relax, pull up a chair at the Canally Café. It will operate on the river front lawns daily from 9am, serving tea, coffee and snacks all day as well as breakfast and lunch.

The fun doesn't end when the sun goes down.

Saturday evening is sure to be remembered for some time with a 3 course dinner and entertainment to be held in the Historic Landseer Building. The museum exhibits will form a very fitting background for the evening's entertainment

A band of unique talent has been especially assembled for the evening.

The Blaxland Pups Variety Band are seven truly accomplished South Australian musicians playing an Eclectic Mix of Australiana, Rockabilly, Rock, Pop, Folk and more. They will have you tapping your toes and looking for the dance floor.

In addition there will be an appearance by Splash Theatre, a company performing in "the age-old tradition of travelling players & storytellers, minstrels & vagabonds, trouble-makers & scoundrels".

For more info or tickets:

morganlivingriver.com.au

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Canally members we are hoping you will support this wonderful event and attend, or maybe you can help us out over the weekend with catering, events etc. See you there!

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