



# "Canally Chronicles"

Newsletter of :

**FRIENDS OF THE P.S. CANALLY PORT OF MORGAN**

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## Editors Notes

Welcome to our first 'Canally Chronicle'! We plan to produce a quarterly Chronicle to keep you up to date with P S Canally progress. Thanks must go to Nicholas Seton for the design of Canally Chronicle Newsletter layout – a job well done Nicholas! We will include snippets of newsworthy items as well as accurate history events to allow you to get to know the boat. The P S Canally Restoration Committee has been appointed from the Public Meeting that was held on the 5<sup>th</sup> November 2011. The Committee's priorities are to continue with the Hull restoration before any additional super structure occurs. Our first **Working Bee** will be held on the **weekend of 21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> January 2012 starting at 10.30am on the Saturday**. Hope to see you there .....

As you have probably gathered by now from the 'River Murray bush telegraph', P S Canally arrived back home at Port of Morgan wharf safely on the 1<sup>st</sup> October 2011, the first time she has been home since 1925. We acknowledge the huge effort by the Rivers and Riverboat Historical and Preservation Society and our P S Canally Friends from Euston for the raising and restoration of her from the mud at Boundary Bend thus far; and also acknowledge the financial support of the Euston Bowling Club for their support as well. With the transfer of ownership to the Mid Murray Council at Morgan SA, the newly formed P S Canally Restoration Committee and the 'new and continuing' Friends of P S Canally are committed to continue with this restoration, to bring her back to workable condition of the era that she had left us, all those years ago.

The **P S Canally Restoration Committee** members were selected at the Public Meeting held on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2011. The Officers and Committee consist of:

**Chairman** – Phil Reed, **Project Manager and Museum Liaison Officer** – Tom Stegemann, **Treasurer** – Kevin Myers

**Secretary** – Julie Seton

**Committee Members:**

Gordon Johnston, Newsletter Editor – Pamela Francis, Daryl Weinert, Leigh Hausler, 1<sup>st</sup> Patron - Bevan Francis

The Committee has agreed to engage the Youth of the community to join in and help learn new skills as appropriate, and therefore has appointed Kieran Myers and Nicholas Seton as Youth Members of the P S Canally.

We have organised some security for the boat with security lights, signage and camera surveillance, and a canopy covering is being organised to protect her from the elements.

The Rudder is being removed and going down to the Armfield Slip at Goolwa, as they have kindly agreed to restore and rebuild it.

The boiler has had its initial inspection and has been passed as fit for restoration. The Inspector said it was one of the best condition boilers he has seen from that era. Obviously there will be quite a lot of work required to get it certified, but the inspection company (PSI) will furnish us with a work required schedule. We had a Stall at the local Christmas Pageant on the 10<sup>th</sup> December 2011, which generated quite a lot of interest from the public as well as the local MP, who wishes to be kept informed of our progress.

Agreement has occurred for us to use the Railways Station Masters House as 'P S Canally Headquarters'.

This means we will have our own space for meetings, storage, sleep overs and meals for working bees. It needs a bit of TLC at the moment, so some 'cleaning up' will be occurring at the working bee in January.

Notices are going out about opportunities for Corporate Sponsorship, the 'Buy a Plank Campaign' is going well and we have Calenders, Stubby Holders and bottles of Port for sale. Membership Forms to become a 'Friend of P S Canally' are also available too – just ask a Committee Member.

We have just ordered the next batch of Planks for the Hull Restoration and continued fund raising and applying for grants will be occurring to support their installation at the next slipping.

I hope you can join us at the Working Bee on 21/22 January 2012. Come and learn how to caulk the boat – a job that needs doing to keep her afloat!

## Coming Events

At the Working Bee on the 21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> January 2012, we have organised a demonstration on the process of caulking and everyone will have a chance to practice this craft. We will also be doing some cleaning in the Railway Station Master's House to make it more presentable and useable, and identify what repairs need doing. If you are a handy person and have 'fixing up' tools, brooms, mops, water buckets and rags etc, it might be useful to bring a few with you.

You will also be invited to attend the Restoration Committee Meeting on the Saturday.

You will be 'Fed and Watered' at all Working Bees, and we will have a Sausage Sizzle for this one. Please contact Chairman Phil Reed 0409608538 - [reed.pw@bigpond](mailto:reed.pw@bigpond) if you intend coming, so you don't miss out!

## Working Bees

The first Working Bee will be on the **21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> January 2012** at the Railway Station/Wharf complex at Port of Morgan starting at **10.30am**

A schedule of Working Bees will be set from this event.

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## History Corner

There are always multiple stories to be told when researching boats and it is often difficult to know what is factual and what is not due to errors in data recording or fanciful, well meaning, stories that might be told.

In the book 'Murray River Man', the autobiography of George Freeman, who was Tommy Freeman's Son (Tommy being the original owner, it is documented that PS Canally was built at Koondrook in 1907. Her maiden voyage as a barge was to Echuca to fit her first engine, before proceeding on her maiden voyage as a steamer from Echuca to The Junction where she docked in March 1908. As the 'Ships of the Inland Rivers' records, there was a barge called Canally that was built in 1874 which was of smaller dimensions, and this should not be confused with P S Canally that is currently docked at Port of Morgan Wharf.

If you get a chance to meet our Patron, Bevan Francis at the Working Bee, you will find he is a foundation of knowledge when it comes to paddle steamers. He is a nephew of one of the owners of P S Canally, Amelia Francis of the Francis/Tinks Company. Bevan was lucky enough to spend a lot of time with his Auntie Millie (Amelia) in his childhood.

## Photos



Canally arriving in Morgan.



Display and stall at Christmas pageant.

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