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AWARDS

+ EXHIBITION

NSW artist catches the judge's eye in the 2015 ANL Maritime Art Awards

New South Wales artist Richard Claremont was awarded the 2015 ANL Maritime Art Prize announced on Friday 6th November at the official opening of the Exhibition held at the Mission to Seafarers building in Melbourne. Richard's painting titled *Dusk, Port Kembla*, selected by judges Lewis Miller and Dr. Nathan Paramanathan was not the only interstate entry that caught the judges' eye.

Artists responded to the theme, *The relationship between humanity and the sea* and the Art Awards committee, working with Annie Finkelde, Katherine Edwards and Soraya Pickard considered entries from VIC, NSW, QLD, ACT, TAS, SA and WA in selecting the 2015 finalists.

Naming rights sponsor ANL has been a long term supporter of the Mission to Seafarers Victoria and John Lines Managing Director received a warm response when he officially opened the Exhibition which hosted some 300 guests attending the awards ceremony.

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JOHN LINES, CEO ANL CONTAINER LINES AND RICHARD CLAREMONT, WINNER OF THE 2015 ANL MARITIME ART PRIZE.

Mission to Seafarers Australia Conference

The announcement of a new Corporate Sponsorship with Optus was one of the highlights of the Mission to Seafarers (MtS) Australia Conference, held in August this year. The Optus partnership 'fits like a glove' to a key service delivery area that is impacting seafarers' ability to easily communicate with home. *Continued page 2.*

PICTURED: ANDREA FLEMING, MTSV, REV'D ANDREW WRIGHT, SEC. GENERAL MTS AND REV'D. INNI PUNAY PORT CHAPLAIN MELBOURNE - NEWCASTLE MTS NATIONAL CONFERENCE. ▶



MERRY

CHRISTMAS

FROM



THE MISSION TO SEAFARERS VICTORIA IS GRATEFUL FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE THE SEAFARING COMMUNITY. YOUR SUPPORT HELPS SHARE A MESSAGE OF JOY AND PEACE TO SEAFARERS AND THEIR FAMILIES AT CHRISTMAS.

THANKYOU

CEO's Message

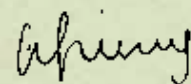
Having attended the Mission to Seafarers Australia conference this year I was grateful in the knowledge that work of the Mission to Seafarers makes a difference, sometimes large and sometimes small, to the lives of seafarers all around this country.

The services delivered here in Melbourne are a tribute to a dedicated team of multi tasking people who I know make a big difference as they contribute to the work of the MtSV to the lives of those who are living and working for long months at sea and arrive to the welcome of a Ship Visitor or to the club.

On behalf of the MtSV team, thank you for your support in 2015. It is a privilege to serve the seafaring community; and also in the charter of these works contribute to the preservation of custodial values and maritime history. Especially at Christmas we have an opportunity to reflect on the good will that

abounds. Have a very Happy Christmas and best wishes for 2016.

Best wishes



Andrea Fleming
Mission to Seafarers Victoria



MTS NATIONAL CONFERENCE - NEWCASTLE

MtS Australia Conference announces an exciting new sponsorship with Optus.

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The Mission to Seafarers (MtS) Australia Conference was attended by delegates from around the country and abroad. The theme of the conference 'Over the Horizon' attracted guest speakers from peak industry bodies including the Australian Maritime Safety Authority, Maritime Industry Australia Limited, Ports Australia and 'The Mariners' Welfare Society'. The speakers gave their time and shared their informed views on current and future trends in shipping.

MTS Secretary General, Revd Andrew Wright and delegates from New Zealand shared news of the MtS international matters and closer to home, whilst much of the Mission's work is to support international seafarers visiting, the conference prayerfully considered Australian seafarers who are facing challenges with coastal shipping agreements at this time.

The conference noted the overwhelming reliance on volunteers nationally and recognised the long service of many chaplains and port managers who each gave an update of their Mission's activities around the country. Revd. Garry Dodd MtS Aust. Regional Director in announcing the Optus sponsorship and introducing the Optus team to the conference, further encouraged all of the delegates to remain connected and communicative. All in attendance were certainly encouraged having sharing time together.

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New washing machines make for a happy crew

"Thank you to Mission to Seafarers in Melbourne. Finally we have washing machines."



FROM M/V CAP PASADO CREW. THANK YOU TO MISSION TO SEAFARERS MELBOURNE. FINALLY WE HAVE WASHING MACHINES.

The Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) has a well established Seafarers' Welfare Committee working at a National level to assist local port welfare providers in meeting the obligations of the Maritime Labour Convention (2006). As well as the implementation of new port security procedures to enable Ship Visitors easier access to ships, and implementing better procedures and communications in times of seafarers' injustice or distress. AMSA Agents are also working with welfare providers to assist in the day-to-day tasks

typical of the Mission, like tracking down new washing machines!

For the crew of *Cap Pasado* it was a cheery message of thanks to the Melbourne team who together with AMSA saw two new washing machines presented to the crew on their arrival in New Zealand. Clean clothes are just one thing we may seemingly take for granted. Not these guys. They were thrilled to be able to wash their clothes after many months of not having a working washing machine on their ship.

Acknowledgement



In August the MtSV was honored to receive confirmation of Patronage from The Honourable Linda Dessau AM who was sworn in as Victoria's 29th Governor on 1 July 2015.

Humans at Sea

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An excerpt from a seafarers' diary.

"This is the man I am. My life moves in a circular direction. I come back home to go away and go away to come back. I have no address except for the name of the vessel, my passport shows one, my home is elsewhere, where my heart belongs. I am not like any other man, but yet I am the most ordinary person at heart. I cannot go through the daily mundane stuff of the ordinary man and yet the ordinary man cannot take the pain I go through. He cannot live away from his home, love and life for months on end. He cannot be the helpless son, the lonely husband or the yearning father.

He will never know the frustrations of staying awake for days and not getting rest at all, working continuously round the clock. There are no constant time zones we stick to. The ordinary man will not know the lonely cabins I come to after work, whereas he comes to a house full of people.... The ordinary man I am inside, I shall always be.. But... The man I am today... No ordinary man shall be."

- From a sailor's diary



ANL ART AWARDS FINALIST CHRIS ROWE, FOR HIS ENTRY 'ANOTHER FAREWELL' "WORKERS INVOLVED IN MANY VARIED MARITIME ACTIVITIES SPEND MANY MONTHS AT SEA, WHILE SITUATIONS AT HOME CONSTANTLY CHANGE".

- Ship Visiting is an art in itself -

Andrew (Swee Fah) Ho started volunteering in 2014 and since then he has welcomed many seafarers to Melbourne, hosting the club room to bring welcome to visitors and assisting seafarers with daily tasks.

During October this year Andrew joined Revd. Inni onboard the *Amis Dolphin*. Andrew will remember his introduction to Ship Visiting. It is a very different experience to be hosting seafarers in the club, to visiting seafarers onboard their ship. For over 18 months Andrew has been volunteering with the Mission, which gives him time to serve in a ministry of care as he studies during quiet times during his shift. We look forward at the MtSV to celebrating Andrew's ordination into the Anglican Church in the future.

Think of the things you like to do and without doubt you will find a seafarer or fellow volunteer with whom to share it with. Volunteering brings about great opportunities to share your gifts and talent. If you are interested in Ship Visiting or Club Host volunteer positions please email Revd Inni: chaplain@missiontoseafarers.com.au



ANDREW HO, (FRONT) VISITING THE CREW ONBOARD AMIS DOLPHIN

ISO Club donation in support of industry charity



FROM LEFT: ISO CLUB PAST PRESIDENTS; CHERYL VALNERIS, DIRECTOR VICTORIAN CONTAINER MANAGEMENT & PHILIP WALSH. ANDREA FLEMING, MTSV. CHRIS RYAN, ISO CLUB. MICHAEL HALLEY, CLUB SECRETARY. NIGEL PORTEOUS, VICE CHAIRMAN MTSV.

The ISO Club in Melbourne meets bi-monthly for lunch, keeping the well established tradition for professionals to gather informally to share good hospitality and to "shoot the breeze", as much as do business. At the end of the year, the members and guests, along with past presidents come together for a Christmas lunch and a presentation of any residual funds raised from the lunches is made in support of seafarers' welfare charities.

This year Mission to Seafarers Victoria was represented by Nigel Porteous and Andrea Fleming who accepted the donation. "We are very grateful that industry associations are still mindful of the challenges of fundraising to support a very important service in the port. The donation from ISO Club members really helps and encourages our work"

For information regarding the lunches next year contact Michael Halley. Email: michael.halley1@bigpond.com



FOR PORT CHAPLAIN REVD PUNAY A ROUTINE SHIP VISIT BECAME A

"leap of faith"

A call from the crew the night prior and on the next day Revd Inni Punay set off early AM to greet the seafarers onboard the *Cap Capricorn*. Other than familiarity after the last voyage and some more routine exchanges of supplies, the crew went back to work and Inni headed over to visit *ANL Wangaratta* which had just arrived from China. On boarding the vessel the Port Chaplain reported a whirlwind of questions and an invitation to share lunch in the mess room.

Whilst the crew enjoyed lunch and good conversation, they were also aware that the wind had picked up more than just a slight pace outside. Escorting Inni to depart the ship it was soon realised that the vessel had drifted some metres away from the wharf, leaving Inni, being cheered on by the crew, to take a 'leap of faith' ashore. For most of us we don't consider life onboard a vessel, but we can be sure that no matter how good the lunch, when a ship drifts away from the wharf, jumping off the gangway and planting your feet on the ground is a good a feeling! Amen.

SEARCH FOR LOST CREW ABANDONED

IN OCTOBER IT WAS ANNOUNCED THAT RESCUE CREWS HAVE STOPPED LOOKING FOR THE 33 CREW OF THE *EL FARO*.

The *El Faro* and her crew left Jacksonville, Florida, on 29 September bound for San Juan, Puerto Rico. The last communication from the ship's master on 1 October, reported that the vessel had lost propulsion and was taking in water, and was listing in heavy weather. All traces of the vessel were then lost and the subsequent rescue mission only found one crew member alive, with the remainder presumed drowned. At any time there are approximately 1.4 million seafarers working on ships around the world. This news will impact many seafarers and our thoughts and prayers go out to those grieving families.



FINALIST - ANL MARITIME ART AWARDS 2015 'THE CREW' BY BERNI AYREART. "THOSE DEPICTED ARE A MERCHANT CREW SOURCED FROM FAMILY DOCUMENTS AND RESEARCH. IT REVEALS THE RAW REALITY OF HUMAN COST OF THE MANY... THOSE LOST AT SEA".

Preserving Maritime Heritage a labour of love

The steam tug *Wattle* based in Melbourne was successfully refloated on 30th September. The *Wattle* looks terrific back in her natural element and for all of the volunteers involved whose labour of love has seen the historic vessel restored for the pleasure of many visitors into the future. It was a time of great satisfaction and celebration. The *Wattle* is historically, socially and technologically significant at a National level as the only small harbour steam tug surviving in Australia, and one of only three Australian built steam tugs still in existence. Go team!



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The ANL Maritime Art Awards welcomes a few familiar faces

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Tom Holyman, General Manager, Agencies ANL invited Richard Claremont to accept the 2015 ANL Maritime Art Prize valued at \$15,000. John Lines' comments were reiterated Tom that the Exhibition has grown from strength to strength with thanks to other industry and corporate sponsors and the finalists who were commended on the excellence of their entries.



Maxwell Wilks who was a 2014 prize recipient in the ASP *Traditional Maritime Art* Award category, this year was presented the Neville and Co. *Highly Commended Prize*. Peter Neville presented the award with a robust speech and was acknowledged by the MtSV's CEO Andrea Fleming. Neville and Co. have contributed a huge amount of pro bono work in support of the MtSV's tenure negotiations at 717 Flinders Street and other vital matters.

Richard Morice, announced NSW Artist Vicki Parish was awarded the Bendigo Wealth *Emerging Artist Prize*. The award was accepted by Vicki's husband and fellow finalist Ian Chapman, who noted Richard's title, Head of Cash Solutions, and thanked Bendigo Wealth for the prize which at this time was a huge

financial boost for their family. Ian conveyed Vicki's recent success as an artist and the great encouragement to her that this recognitions brings.

The ASP *Traditional Maritime Art* Award was presented to Mary Hyde for her painting that was inspired after attending an MtSV artist's 'paint out day'. Her work *Docked and Loaded* capturing the essence of ships and shipping in the Port of Melbourne was announced as the 2015 prize winner by Nigel Porteous, representing ASP Group. In his speech Nigel noted Mary's long association with the Maritime Art Awards. 'Wearing his Mission to Seafarers Victoria, Vice Chairman's hat', Nigel also thanked all of the corporate sponsors for their contribution and acknowledged the work of the MtSV staff and volunteers

who coordinate the Exhibition annually as a major fundraiser for the charity.

The historic Mission to Seafarers building featured 89 artworks in this year's Exhibition and for the many seafarers and visitors who attended over the month of November the artworks were well received and generated a great public response, as was captured by the Svitzer *People's Choice* Award. As voted by 938 members of the viewing public, the Top 20 artworks were exhibited at the Award event after the vote tally was confirmed on 27th November.

Robert Chignell General Manager - Svitzer South Australia & Victoria announced Melbourne artist Robert J Williams painting, *Cerberus* as the prize winner. The painting had been purchased at the Exhibition preview to be housed at ANL's Head Offices in Docklands, a fitting home for the artwork voted as the people's choice.

The MtSV extended thanks to Robert Chignell who moved Svitzer a Major Sponsor to Award Sponsor this year, taking up the *People's Choice* Award from PB Towage. We have extended our sincere thanks to Tony Cousins who sponsored the award for the previous 3 years. Moving on to his new position as Regional Managing Director at Smit Lamnalco Australia, we have extended best wishes to Tony.

Other long term supporters of the art awards are Sue Dight and Nicole Grundy who have both assisted again this year with social media, marketing and the overall event. Special thanks also to Touring Enterprises, Victorian Yacht Charters, Eureka Skydeck, Artward Bound and Microflite Helicopter Services. Fabulous Catering and RedMilk generously supported the opening night event which saw artworks sold to raise just on \$12,000 in commissions. Huge thanks to the artists and all involved in a successful 2015 ANL Maritime Art Awards.

2015 AWARD WINNERS:

ANL Maritime Art Award;

Richard Claremont, *Dusk Port Kembla*

Neville & Co. Highly Commended Award;

Maxwell Wilks, *Boarding British Loyalty in Heavy Weather*

ASP Traditional Maritime Art Award;

Mary Hyde, *Docked and Loading*

Bendigo Wealth Emerging Artist Award;

Vicki Parish, *Looking Out*

Svitzer People's Choice Award;

Robert J Williams *Cerberus*

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MAXWELL WILKS - WINNER OF THE NEVILLE & CO. *HIGHLY COMMENDED* AWARD IS A FAMILIAR FACE TO THE ANL MARITIME ART AWARDS AS A MULTIPLE AWARD WINNER. CONGRATULATIONS MAX.



MARY HYDE - WINNER ASP *TRADITIONAL MARITIME ART* AWARD, A LONG TERM SUPPORTER OF THE MARITIME ART AWARDS WITH HER HUSBAND AND FINALIST JULIAN BRUERE.



ROBERT CHIGNELL, SVITZER, WITH ROBERT J WILLIAMS. WINNER OF THE SVITZER *PEOPLE'S CHOICE* AWARD FOR HIS PAINTING *CERBERUS*



IAN CHAPMAN, ACCEPTED THE BENDIGO WEALTH *EMERGING ARTIST* AWARD FROM RICHARD MORICE, BENDIGO WEALTH, ON BEHALF OF HIS WIFE VICKI CHAPMAN.



GREG & MEL YOUNG. SUPPORTERS OF THE ANL ART AWARDS.



NIGEL PORTEOUS, BETTY LEE, CLEMENT LEE, BISHOP JEREMY ASHTON (MTS BOARD).

Thankyou



ANDREA FLEMING, CHRIS WESTON, RICHARD MORICE BENDIGO WEALTH AND AGGIE POLIAFICO, COMMUNITY SECTOR BANKING, BENDIGO BANK.



PAINTED BY WA ARTIST SOPHIE DOWNEY AND DONATED TO FUNDRAISE FOR THE MTSV, SIR JAMES HARDY WAS ADMIRER UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL BY VISITORS TO THE DOME GALLERY FOR THE 2015 ANL AWARDS.

THE RESERVE PRICE IS \$10,000 CONTACT
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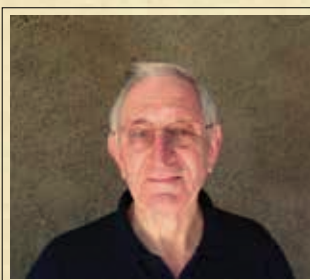
Ian Fletcher hosting Heritage Tours.

Conducting Tours at the Mission for special interest and community groups is a new role for MtSV volunteer Ian Fletcher. Ian will still be driving the bus and greeting seafarers to the Flying Angel Club. However, he is now enjoying time to share the historic seafarer's building at 717 Flinders Street, Docklands, with a broader range of visitors.

In 2009, Ian was the recipient of the Australian Institute of Packaging Award Life Membership. Having an active life with many interests, the MtSV is so pleased that Ian also enjoys his volunteer work which includes welcoming visitors to the centre like Shirley Graham.

Shirley visited recently and spoke of performing on the stage in the main hall when she was just 14 years old. Many Melbournian's recall stories from past visits to the Seamen's Mission building whilst others are reminded of some faraway place where Spanish Mission architecture evokes memories that people have gone exploring overseas to find.

With thanks to Bendigo Wealth, a small team has been working on the heritage collection over the past 4 years. This year the MtSV has received a generous grant also from the Helen Macpherson Smith Trust (HMST) to create a permanent heritage exhibition within the building, to be launched in 2016.



As the heritage collection of the MtSV is slowly explored, so it seems that people connected to the stories are also getting in touch and we are therefore thrilled that the grant from HMST will also provide an opportunity to develop an oral history. The Exhibition will produce the first truly interpretive public program for tourists visiting the building. If you know of someone or if you have some great memories to share of the Mission to Seafarers please contact Andrea Fleming email: andrea@missiontoseafarers.com.au

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