

# Ship to Shore

Summer Edition 2016 CARING FOR SEAFARERS IN VICTORIAN PORTS SINCE 1857

## ANL Maritime Art Awards

A graduate of the acclaimed East Sydney Art School, and student of renowned water colourist Alvaro Castagne, Barbara Tyson was announced as the winner of the 2016 ANL Maritime Art Award.

Barbara's entry "Voyagers Return" emphasized the play of light, which is a feature of her artwork, and which caught the eye of the Judges Libby Edwards, Graeme H Williams and Dr. Anne Scott Wilson. The winning entry, one of 83 works exhibited this year, was collectively admired by seafarers and other visitors to the exhibition proudly hosted annually by the Mission to Seafarers Victoria, with thanks to ANL and the associated sponsors.

Barbara's 2011 Archibald entry, a portrait of the Governor General of Australia, Her Excellency, Ms Quentin Bryce AC, and her Salon des Refuses winning portrait of Ita Buttrose, both celebrated two well known ladies, and acclaimed her style and technique. The artwork Barbara presented for the 2016 ANL Maritime Art Award, also featured a fine lady, "Voyager" a pride and joy for Barbara and her yachtsman husband who encouraged Barbara to enter the art awards this year.

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The 2016 ANL Maritime Art Awards and Exhibition is made possible with thanks to the artists, sponsors and donors, Art Awards Committee, volunteers and visitors.

View the entries at [www.bluthumb.com.au/missiontoseafarers](http://www.bluthumb.com.au/missiontoseafarers)



BARBARA TYSON WINNER OF THE 2016 ANL MARITIME ART AWARD



GUESTS ENJOY THE OPENING NIGHT OF THE 2016 ANL MARITIME ART AWARD

## CREW OF HANJIN MILANO ARRIVE IN MELBOURNE

On Tuesday 27th September Port Chaplain Revd Onofre Punay reported that the crew of *Hanjin Milano* had birthed safely in the Port of Melbourne. South Korea's biggest shipping operator Hanjin Shipping had been declared bankrupt leaving seafarers adrift, and at least 6 ships had also been arrested on arrival in ports around the world. *Hanjin Milano* was chartered by Hanjin Shipping which made the situation for this crew better than other ships owned by the besieged company. Revd Onofre said that the crew had welcomed provisions delivered on arrival in Melbourne, and he said "we will continue to be mindful of the hundreds of seafarers and their families who will be impacted". MtSV received consistent updates from the MtS London Headquarters who liaise with MtS port operations in over 230 ports worldwide, each aware that life at sea poses many challenges, loss of jobs and security to name a few.



HANJIN MILANO CREW



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## CEO's Message

The Mission to Seafarers Victoria have been packing down the maritime art exhibition over the past weeks and at the same time each year the garden becomes an exhibition of its own, the grass is green and the flowers are blooming.

Also with spring comes an annual spring clean, which for me this year turned up a little white card. At the top of the card was written a man's name, a postcode and the date 29/3/06. Beneath this a brief prose by Naomi Levy who wrote:

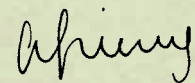
*"When I panic, God teach me patience. When I fear, teach me faith. When I doubt myself, teach me confidence, When I despair, teach me hope. When I lose perspective, show me the way – back to love, back to life, back to You".*

The words of Rabbi Levy brought to my mind the entry by Melbourne artist Bill Nix in this year's ANL Maritime Art Awards titled "Home from Sea" depicting a seafarer reunited with his family, and was voted in the Top 20 for the Svitzer People's Choice Award. Like the poem, the interpretation of all the artworks is for the individual to discern.

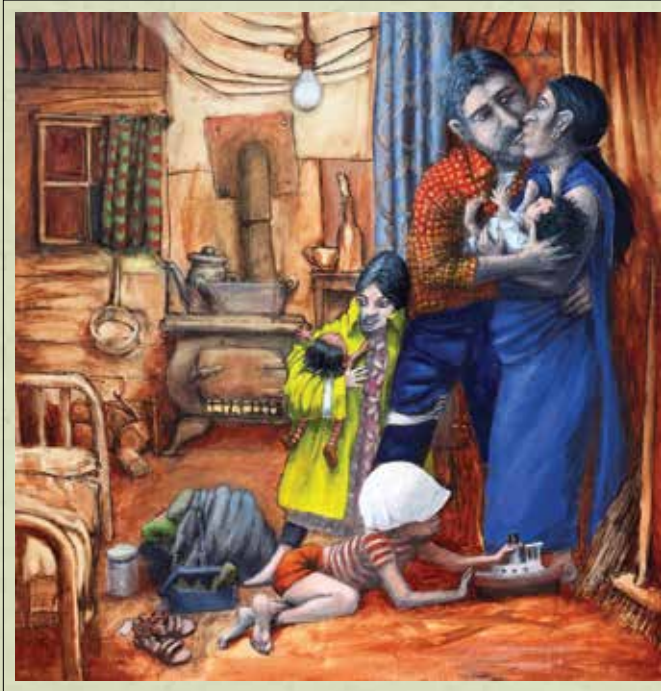
The exhibition again this year has been a delight for the Mission to Seafarers Victoria. To the shipping industry

representatives who support the event, the artists and volunteers and all who enjoyed the exhibition, a very special thank you. Thank you also for sharing the stories in this edition of Ship to Shore. With your support we

are making a difference within the seafaring community.



Andrea Fleming  
Mission to Seafarers Victoria



"HOME FROM SEA" BY BILL NIX

## Leigh Mackay joins the MtSV's Advisory Panel.

2017 WILL MARK THE 160TH YEAR OF THE CHARITABLE INSTITUTION OF THE MISSION TO SEAFARERS VICTORIA. THIS ANNIVERSARY ALSO COINCIDES WITH THE CENTENARY YEAR OF THE ICONIC 717 FLINDERS STREET BUILDING COMPLEX, AND A GREATER UNDERSTANDING OF THE ARCHIVES HOUSED WITHIN IT.

The Mission to Seafarers is not foreign to Leigh having previously served on the Board of Management also representing the Anglican Diocese of Melbourne. She has returned to the Mission to Seafarers as an Advisor to the Board of Management. With a broad scope of work under consideration, from heritage conservation to public research, education, community engagement and future heritage obligations, the MtSV has its work cut out for it. As a member of the Victorian Heritage Council, Leigh is also well informed of the significance of the Mission to Seafarer's building and brings her expertise to the projects of 2017 and into the future

This year the MtSV has thanked Bendigo Wealth for its 6 year sponsorship of the Heritage and Arts Program and with the Lead Sponsorship ending, we are also grateful for the next three years funding from The Bendigo and Adelaide Banking Group.

If you are interested in funding the MtSV's Heritage Program please contact [andrea@missiontoseafarers.com.au](mailto:andrea@missiontoseafarers.com.au), this work is helping to raise funds that support seafarers' welfare.



LEIGH MACKAY

## A Change of Course for Port of Melbourne.

With the recent announcement of the 50 year Lease for the Port of Melbourne, the Victorian Government has announced new management appointments and structures to guide shipping operations and development for the foreseeable future.

The former Port of Melbourne Corporation (POMC), is now renamed Victorian Ports Corporation (Melbourne) (VICP), and is headed by new CEO appointee Rachel Johnson. VICP will continue the work of the former POMC, in managing all movements of shipping, safety issues, pilotage, wharves and channels, etc.

The Lessors of the port, The Lonsdale Consortium, now named Port of Melbourne, is headed by recently appointed CEO Brendon Bourke. This new entity will be responsible for all land based port operations, including transport management, stevedoring, storage, customs, etc.

In his letter to Stakeholders on 25th October, the former PoMC Chief Executive Officer Nick Easy introduced the new lessors, and said "The Consortium takes the management of this important asset very seriously and will proactively work with customers and stakeholders to develop the port in a commercial manner over the full life of the 50 year lease, to drive supply chain efficiency and capacity and to maximise economic, environmental and social performance".

MtSV provides seafarer transportation, on-shore port based facilities, Port Chaplaincy and Ship Visiting, with the continuity of community and connectivity being priority deliverables. We have been provided with grateful assistance by the POMC for many years, to conduct our services assisting and caring seafarers in the port. We have thanked the former CEO Nick Easy for his continued support in recent years during his tenure, which assists us with our work.

The Mission to Seafarers Victoria now looks forward to working with the new Port of Melbourne management, and to also further those services through the Melbourne Port Welfare Association (MPWA), with our representative Tony Correll, on the Committee.

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### LOOKING FOR A SUMMER MARITIME ADVENTURE?

Take a sail on the *Enterprise*, take a visit to *Polly Woodside*, visit Williamstown's Sea Works or head off along the Victorian coastline and seek out some maritime heritage. All you need to do is find a place to start...

### Try Port Albert.

One of the earliest shipping ports in Victoria, 236 km South East of Melbourne with a delightful maritime museum, great cuisine, accommodation and local Vicar, Revd Jo White who is a great supporter of Sea Sunday and the many seafarers in her coastal region.

Thanks St John's Port Albert!



# Getting the Mission 'out there'

In her recent SBS television news story journalist Sacha Payne noted:

"Last century, when crews spent weeks in port, the Mission organised dances, picnics, wrestling matches and trips to the country. But now, seafarers sometimes are in port for just a few hours"

Sacha interviewed seafarer Jose Azada Chua at the Flying Angel Club and he shared that after four-and-a-half months at sea he was pleased to be in port and would be sailing for New Zealand later that evening. Azada also said that the longest he had been at sea without touching dry land was eight months.

With the continued expansion of public visitors, and the growth of approximately 10% annually of visiting cruise ships' crew, the MtSV is considering an additional 5,500 crew visits this year and into 2017. Given that the average spend of a cruise ship seafarer is \$3.90, a day during shore leave, indicative of their available funds, the Mission is mindful that its capacity to serve seafarers must grow.

Over the past months ABC Radio and TV, SBS and Herald Sun, have helped to get the Mission to Seafarers message 'out there' and raise awareness around our activities and seafarers. The

fabulous launch of the Early Origins Exhibition in July, saw public visitors and enquiries for the archive increase substantially and all of this exposure we hope will now assist us in attracting new supporters.

The MtSV extends a huge thanks to John Flower, Michele Shepherd and the team Hot House Media and Events (HHME) for 'coming alongside' the MtSV with a great deal of expertise to set the charity of the MtSV in good stead for an expanding future. The MtSV also receives strong ongoing support from Lloyds List Australia, Docklands News both directly and Baird Publication speaking to our audiences, shipping and Docklands.

Thanks for sharing the MtSV news, pass on Ship to Shore, visit the building, book an event and keep an eye on our growing social media platforms. Facebook has regular updates from our Port Chaplain and Ship Visitors, Instagram has given the Mission to Seafarers Victoria a platform to share beautiful images taken in, around and related to the building and its work. With an archive of historical images coupled with the iconic features of the building and travellers from all walks of life visiting daily, the visual archive HHME has created for Instagram is a WOW factor and captures the beauty that abounds here at 717 Flinders Street.



SEAFARERS WELCOME SACHA PAYNE SBS JOURNALIST TO THE FLYING ANGEL CLUB, WITH CEO ANDREA FLEMING.



MTSV ARCHIVES 1959 "PORT OF MELBOURNE QUARTERLY"

## Diary Notes: 11 October – Tony Correll – Ship Visitor

Three seafarers from the 'Seaspan Lumaco' in Melbourne for the first time, Herbert Traya, Junel Marfil and Andelino Abe with the new DP World solar powered bus caller... 'Press the button and the bus comes to pickup you up.'

It was my pleasure to bring these guys back to the Flying Angel Club. Junel wanted to buy a motor cycle helmet. A good range in Elizabeth Street, starting at \$99 and still going at \$3999. I wonder which one he bought?..."



CREW OF SEASPAN LUMACO PHOTOGRAPH: TONY CORRELL



## Keeping things in order

There is no set routine for "a day at the Mission to Seafarers". Crew come and go at different times, and other visitors to the building are touring, passing by, or meeting with colleagues or gathering with friends. 717 Flinders Street has developed over the past 10 years into a multi-purpose venue and a daily hub of activities for a broad range of visitors.

So amid all of this activity is the "cause", and keeping things in order. Seafarers, daily ships in port, drivers and facilities, services, ship visitors and schedules, and the pace is set by the seafarers.

From the first ship in port, to the last crew delivered back to their ship at the end of the day, our job is to assist them in getting their things in order and to achieve this, Mission to Seafarers Flying Angel Club Manager Ajith Jayasuriya and MtSV's Operations Manager, Craig Baru have a solid crew.

Veteran of 10 years, Flying Angel Club (FAC) volunteer Charlie, (with cap above right), with

Lawrie, who has just 'clocked up' 1 year at the FAC this October, together represent the MtSV's very own Ship to Shore volunteers. Both Volunteer Drivers for the Mission, Lawrie has spent time at sea and Charlie spent his working life on the wharves. If you had just come off a ship after 6 weeks or more, wouldn't you be glad for a friendly face of someone who understands your unique working and living conditions at sea?

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WELCOME TO THE CREWS FROM PRETTY IVY & TASMAN

## A full house for the Mission on Open House weekend.

717 Flinders Street was purpose built for seafarers. The petition of 1859, signed by 23 Masters requesting Melbourne to provide a suitable place for seafarers on shore leave, was found in the MtSV archives and has this year undergone preservation and replication for display in the Early Origins Exhibition, a highlight exhibition for those visiting during

Open House this year and into the future. The Open House program ignites dialogue about good design, design excellence and about the importance of heritage preservation in rapidly developing cities. The Mission to Seafarers is pleased to have been a destination for so many welcomed guests on the day.





# The ANL Maritime Art Awards

Tom Holyman, on behalf of John Lines ANL, acknowledged John's ongoing support of maritime art over a 13 year sponsorship supporting the work of the Mission to Seafarers. Tom thanked the artists and acknowledged the good work of the MtSV at the opening night event held on the 6th of October.

Artists, selectors and judges, the curators, volunteers and artists, all whose work culminated in an outstanding exhibition of 83 artworks, celebrated the award announcements. Robert Bird, representing ASP Group congratulated Julian Bruere when announcing the winner of the ASP Traditional Maritime Art Prize. Catherine Stringer was announced the winner of

the Bendigo Wealth Emerging Artist Award for her entry commemorating convict women whose lives were lost at sea. Anna Goodluck representing Nevile & Co. Lawyers awarded the Judges choice for the Nevile & Co. Highly Commended Award Category to Jane Flowers. The audience, the artworks and the entire evening was celebrated in high esteem with great food and

wine and the coming together of a community around seafarers' welfare. For the duration of the exhibition guests were encouraged to enter their vote into the Svitzer People's Choice Award and the winner was announced by Huon Chambers, Svitzer representative who with colleagues and other guests, attended the separate award event that saw Jenny Viney's 'Zinc Works', announced

as the people's choice. The MtSV Chief Executive Officer, Andrea Fleming thanked the Mission team and in particular Sue Dight, Touring Enterprizes, Steve Barakin of Artward Bound, Brett Coburn, Royal Melbourne Hotel, and Hot House Media and Events for their contribution to the success of the exhibition in 2016.



JANE FLOWERS, WINNER NEVILE & CO HIGHLY COMMENDED AWARD



JULIAN BRUERE, WINNER ASP GROUP TRADITIONAL MARITIME ART AWARD.



"LOST AT SEA", CATHERINE STRINGER WINNER, NEVILE & CO HIGHLY COMMENDED AWARD.



JENNY VINEY'S "ZINC WORKS", SVITZER PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD.



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THANK YOU CHRISTOPHER MCVINISH FOR GIFTING "BEING THERE" TO THE MTSV COLLECTION.

## The Seafarers' Memorial Service hosted at St Paul's Cathedral in conjunction with the Royal Australian Navy (RAN) has been an annual feature event for the MtSV for the past 109 years.

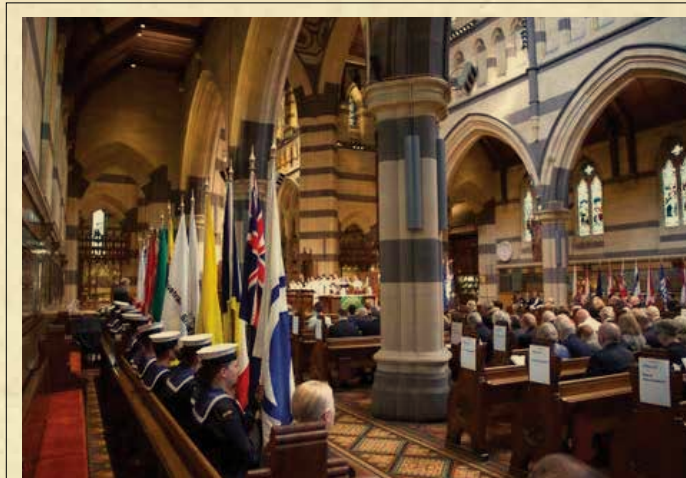
Dignitaries, Naval Cadets and attendees paid respect to the merchant service and defence forces men and women on whom Australia relies as an island nation. A Wreath was laid by Guest of Honour, Vice Admiral Tim Barrett AO CSM RAN, Chief of Navy in remembrance of all those who lost their lives at sea. The Wreath was later placed at The Mission to Seafarers, St Peter the Mariner Chapel.

The Mission to Seafarers Victoria extends special thanks to the Committee Members who work each year to bring together the

Seafarers Memorial Service at St Paul's Cathedral.

MtSV representatives on this committee, Nigel Porteous Vice Chair and Alan Knott both Master Mariners, who together with RAN representative Terry Making AM and Master Mariners Nevile Daniel and Graeme Keys are also acknowledged for their contribution and leadership in hosting the 2016 Seafarers' Memorial Service.

The service was followed by a gathering of long friendships and associations for the Master Mariners Tim Muir Lunch.



NAVAL CADETS WITH FLAGS OF HONOUR

## The Melbourne Regatta and Blessing of the Fleet

Celebrating Melbourne Day this year the sun shone and the flotilla of vessels attending the Blessing was a visual extravaganza.

MtSV representatives enjoyed a warm reception from Father Bob, whose 'Blessing of the Fleet' recognised the spiritual significance of all who sail upon the seas and for all attending.

The star attraction of the day was without doubt *Tenacious*, a meticulously kept Tall Ship designed for sailing with disabled and able crew. Welcomed all the

way from the UK, she sailed into Docklands on the most perfect August morning and for her subsequent stay at Williamstown, Captain Peter and her crew graciously welcomed visitors and guests. Hosting also the *Alma Dopel* birthday celebrations and restoration appeal, both *Alma Dopel* and *Tenacious* crews shared stories of the achievements and on-going efforts of volunteers whose contribution enables people to experience the hospitality, adventure and tenacity of seafarers, historically and today.



ANDREA FLEMING, FATHER BOB, CRAIG BARU

## Port Chaplaincy, and the timing of it all

For Antonio Sidocon onboard *Tysla*, a car carrier docked at Webb West Melbourne on 30th September, it wasn't too soon to be ashore. Having shrugged off a feeling that "something was wrong" he told Revd Inni that he could no longer ignore his chest pain and prompted by an officer, he sought a medical checkup. Within a short time he underwent a triple bypass operation. Revd Inni said that the hospital staff were amazed Antonio was still standing, and said with a few more hours without assistance his condition would have been critical.

For Antonio the heartache did not finish there. During his recovery, news of his 95 year old mother's death was a heartache that we all shared. For Antonio, the consequences were regarded with the seafarer's belief that his aged mum had passed on so that he could live and he thanked God, having felt the presence of His peace during this time of distress. Antonio was happy for us to share his story, one of endurance, God's intervention and sacrifice. That of the seafarer. From reports since then we are pleased Antonio is regaining full health.



SEAFARER ANTONIO SIDOCON ON THE WAY TO RECOVER



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