



Ship to Shore

WINTER EDITION 2018



MISSION TO SEAFARERS VICTORIA Inc.

CARING FOR SEAFARERS IN VICTORIAN PORTS SINCE 1857

SEAFARERS HAPPINESS INDEX 2018

The Seafarers' Happiness Index is a means of engaging with crews on merchant ships to discuss the key challenges facing them, and to gauge their levels of satisfaction

HOW HAPPY GENERALLY WHEN AT SEA?

6.72/10 up from 6.29

While the general level of happiness at sea was on the rise this quarter, it was a very mixed bag when it came to the experiences behind those figures. There were some who were having fantastic times on board and were so proud of providing for their families, while sadly there were others who were struggling.



SHORE LEAVE

A modest rise, up to 6.54/10, from 6.10 in 2017.

However, despite this, the written responses from crews do seem to represent many of the same problems



CONNECTIVITY

The highest mark on the Seafarers' Happiness Index for Q1 2018 was the issue of contact with family and loved ones, and the pleasure that connectivity brings. Virtually every written response from seafarers was positive when it came to the pleasure and enjoyment that being in contact with home brings.



Ship Visits – an important part of our service.

From Rev'd Onofre (Inni) Punay, Chaplain



Mental health and welfare of Seafarers is our primary mission to seafarers coming to the Port of Melbourne. Two of the issues we address are as follows:

One is that often seafarers who come to our port have no time at all to go ashore. MtSV sends regular Ship Visitors to port to cater for some of their practical needs. One of these needs, deemed as of urgent importance is the delivery of phone cards with call credit and internet data for seafarers to be able to contact their families overseas.

Ship visitors hear frequent harrowing stories of loneliness and isolation, and are recognised as a friend seafarers can turn to when things become unbearable. Ship Visitors offer emotional counsel and support, empowering the seafarers by coaching resilience to overcome hardships, and directing seafarers with greater needs to contact the appropriate services.

Another thing we recognise through our services is that, if indeed seafarers have the chance to go ashore, we are aware how short that time is. To maximize this short time they have, we now accept bookings for pick up via our free bus service. Pick up and drop off back to their ship is also by request. Some Seafarers, especially the Ship Officers, will always try to stay away from the ship until the last minute of their shore leave – most people don't want to stay at work for longer than they must! Then there are some who like to go back to the ship ASAP so that they can have a little bit of rest before their shift starts – making our on-demand bus service essential to maximising shore leave.

The following Australian Maritime Safety Authority report illustrates the need for our services: (amsa.gov.au)

A total of 1026 seafarers participated in the AMSA 2018 Report on Seafarer Safety Culture (164 from the command team and 862 from the rest of the crew), and 23 flag States were represented in the sample. The sample was representative of the overall population of ships regularly coming into Australian ports. Some findings of this study were:

Safety Culture

- seafarers reported risk factors that could have a negative impact on safety. For example, high work demands that negatively impact seafarers' recovery and long term wellbeing.

Chief Manager's Report



Mission Melbourne

One might think winter at the Mission is a little quiet with people opting not to venture down to Docklands, but that is far from the truth.

We have held many events with Open House Melbourne weekend seeing over 500 people through our doors; The Naval Architects Christmas in July; Morning tea tours for many groups; school visits; University Art installations; Sea Sunday and the list goes on. Keep your eyes on the 'What's On' page on our website for upcoming events such as the Melbourne Writers Festival with many free events happening here.

The building has also had a little work done to it with the drains being cleaned and the roof repaired. We have more works in the pipeline that will hopefully be completed soon.

Also busy is the Port of Melbourne with total port trade for May 2018, a record 8.42 million revenue tonnes, 9.7% more than May last year and 8.9 per cent up for the financial year to date. We think about all the shipping containers coming in, falling off ships in storms, but we forget about all of the bulk carriers that land and go from our shores.

Break bulk* cargoes are above last year's levels, increasing 50.1% over May 2017 to be up 30.6 per cent for the financial year to date. Exports of machinery including decommissioned plant and equipment, along with imports of iron and steel, were the main commodities responsible for the increase.

Tonnage in May 2018

Motor Vehicles	583,866
Liquid Bulk	558,337
Dry Bulk	377,079
Breakbulk	96,795
Other	278,416
Total	1,894,493 tonnes

When we think about these numbers we need to remind ourselves there are people taking care of all of this, not just the ships captains, but the crews, the port workers, the drivers of the cranes are all in the 'shipping' world.

At the Mission we are busy measuring impact. We know in our hearts we touch people's lives by caring for their needs. In June, for example, we had contact with 52% of the ships crews that either came ashore or were visited on board by our team.

Ship encounters in May 2018

Seafarers met on Ships	443
Seafarers visiting FAC	605
Number of ships whose crews visited FAC	91
Total cargo ships	184
CRUISE SHIPS	0
Ships not visitable	8
Total Visitable ships	176
% of cargo ships visited	30.68%

No. ships whose crews visited FAC/No. ships docking in PoM 52%

Thank you to our wonderful volunteers who make this impact; to Rev'd Inni, who is always there to help those who need a kind ear, activating a SIM card anytime of the day or night, offering a smiling face to share a meal with; Tony Corell, who has doubled his days of ship visiting, to ensure Sundays are day of visiting as well. Andrew Ho – who gets around the Port on a Saturday even without official transport, and to the others who are training up to visit the ships.

The hosting and driving volunteers are on the frontline, meeting the needs of the crews every day. For example: we recently had a crew in from a ship that ran out of fruit and veggies on their journey about two weeks out from port. A trip to the market got them replenished and back on board to sail away in time. A simple act, but if you are a stranger in town on a very restricted time frame, a quick solution with local knowledge is what you need. MtSV volunteers providing the help and solutions needed. Can you help by volunteering? Call me if you would like to know what volunteering involves.

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Breakbulk Cargo

In shipping, breakbulk cargo or general cargo are goods that must be loaded individually, and not in intermodal containers nor in bulk as with oil or grain. Ships that carry this sort of cargo are called general cargo ships. The term breakbulk derives from the phrase breaking bulk—the extraction of a portion of the cargo of a ship or the beginning of the unloading process from the ship's holds. These goods may not be in shipping containers. Breakbulk cargo is transported in bags, boxes, crates, drums, or barrels. Unit loads of items secured to a pallet or skid are also used.

Stevedores on a New York dock loading barrels of corn syrup onto a barge on the Hudson River. Photograph by Lewis Hine, circa 1912



A visit from Early Origins descendents

WHC Darvall, master scribe, diarist and chronicler of the early days of the Victorian Seamen's Mission, arrived in Victoria in the early 1850s and established himself at Beechworth where he married and raised a large family. He moved to Melbourne in the early 1870s, set himself up as a solicitor and began his association with our mission in around 1876.

Darvall meticulously annotated and preserved the minutes of the meetings of the executive committee for the previous twenty years. He then extracted milestones and important events which he compiled into what he called 'An Epitomised History ...' and other statistical documents. Without Darvall

we would know little about our 'Early Origins' at Mission to Seafarers Victoria.

This year, on a sunny Monday morning in March, we welcomed to the Mission, WHC Darvall's great grandson, Dr William Darvall and his brother, Jonathan. The connection had been made during a chance meeting the previous week.

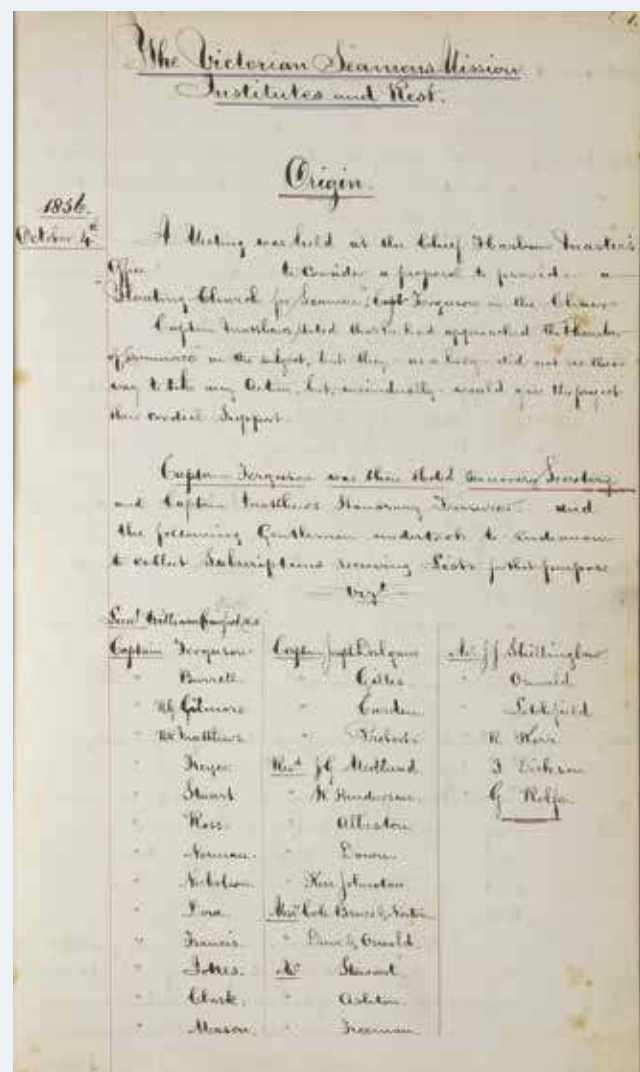
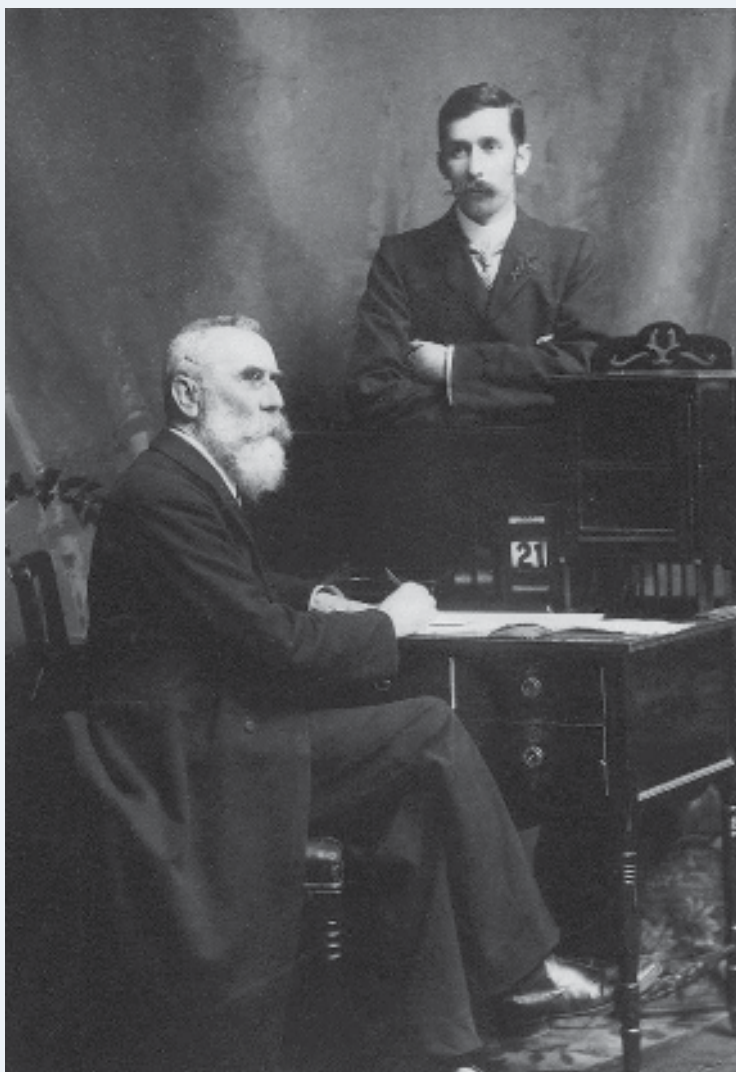
Will was able to show us an excellent photo of his ancestor, posed at his desk, on his 72nd birthday in 1902, together with some details of the family history. He also informed us that WHC had been the first Town Clerk for Beechworth at a very turbulent time in that town's history. Apparently, he also wrote a

diary documenting, in great detail, his everyday experiences after his arrival in the colony.

We displayed some of our oldest possessions, including the first "Bethel" minute book and WHC's 'Epitomised History ...' These were a real surprise to our visitors as they'd had no idea of this aspect of their great grandfather's life.

We look forward to an on-going relationship with these descendants of one of the most important figures in our 160 year history.

*Ros Fletcher,
Heritage Collection Volunteer*



Visit missiontoseafarers.com.au/heritage to see our ongoing documentation of our archives.
To join the Heritage team to assist in archiving more of the collection we hold contact
jay.miller@missiontoseafarers.com.au. Let's make our archive available to all!

Fundraising and Marketing MtSV

Winter has been a busy time so far for MtSV with the launch and promotion of Call to Entries for the annual ANL Maritime Art Prize and approaching the Mission's supporters for sponsorship. These conversations are an excellent opportunity to remind people from shipping and associated industries that they also depend on the services the Mission provides in support of their seafaring crews.

Social Media is working well, with ever increasing numbers following the MtSV Instagram page and engaging with Facebook. Digital promotion is a bonus to cash strapped organisations – the cost of sending an email is much less than sending a letter in the post, and has much lower energy costs and minimal environmental impact as well. With a mailing list of around 3000 people, and the cost of a stamp at a dollar each, you can quickly see the difference!

We were thrilled to have been donated a stand by BIAV at the Melbourne Boat Show with added support from Moreton Hire in June, providing an opportunity for the Mission to raise awareness. The exhibition comprised of a large image of the building from our collection, our framed seafarer photo and international currency collection and other images to represent our identity. OSSA kindly contributed a model ship to 'ship up' our display. We also had a cabinet of heritage memorabilia that was a real draw card, and a rotating stream of heritage images on the TV.

Installing the display gave great insight to me, regarding the massive scale of such an exhibition's logistical management. As you know the Melbourne Exhibition Centre is enormous, and to see it being filled with big boats at the same time as rigging up large structures

for sophisticated lighting and AV was quite impressive. Fluorescent vests were the compulsory uniform of the day, and with forklifts and trucks and cranes all over the place, one could see the necessity! Over the four days we had a roster of eighteen MtSV and several OSSA volunteers – thank you to all who gave their time, it is people like you who show the strength of the Mission. We had two 'calls to action' on our Boat Show stall, these were volunteer recruitment and donations drive. Our display at the Boat Show in 'Jeff's Shed' (MCEC) attracted around 400 direct conversations and raised \$600 in merchandise sales and donations. Hopefully we have recruited a couple of new volunteers as well!

The comment I heard most frequently from visitors at the Boat Show was one I hear often when I talk about the Mission – "Oh! I've always wondered what goes on in that building! I didn't know we could go in..." Hearing this time and time again shows how iconic the building is, but that we have more work to do in engaging with and informing the general public on the life within its walls.

The diversity of the operation of the Mission does attract people from many varied sectors of the community, whether they are private or commercial, and every interaction is an opportunity for us to build our relationships with the public. These relationships can be vital to our charity. As the saying goes "it's not what you know, it's who you know", that matters!

Cinda Manins
Fundraising and marketing

*"Oh! I've always wondered what goes on in that building!
I didn't know we could go in..."*



Mission to Seafarers Chairman, Neil Edwards AM, was acknowledged for his community service with 2018 Queens Birthday Honours.

Neil was made a Member in the General Division (AM) for his significant service to business and commerce through corporate governance and leadership roles in the public and private sectors.

Congratulations Neil!

Anchor Down at Seafarers' Rest



Special delivery

It was a lovely crisp sunny day when a semi-trailer arrived with a propeller and anchor as a gift from the Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) for our garden.

Let's just say they were a little larger than expected so we made plans to have them located in Seafarers Rest behind us. This area will be developed in the next couple of years into a beautiful park by the City of Melbourne and Riverlee, with input from the team here at the Mission.

The crane drivers showed great skill in manoeuvring them into a place where they will be safe for now, until the landscaping is finished, and we are able to all enjoy the views from the Mission down to Australia Wharf and the river.



Gently does it, landing this immense weight is a delicate task.



Planning the location for the anchor and propellor is serious work!

The MTSV Heritage Collection:

a story of continuing relevance

There are so many stories linked to material in the MTSV Heritage Collection, many have lain dormant for a century, disconnected until we are able to uncover and humanise the facts and figures, and build a picture not only adding to the Mission story, but also discover some of the individual stories of those who have also played their part in the long history of seafaring. It is a slow process, requiring patience, detective skills, documentation and knowledge of the collection. We try to share some of this knowledge through displays, exhibitions, our Mission presence online and through the regular Ship to Shore articles.

This has only been possible in the last few years with the assistance of a Heritage team of volunteers and interns who have generously supported a part-time curator in 'excavating' some of these stories. We have discovered links to: significant figures of Melbourne and the Colonial story of Victoria and Australia; links to stories of previous Mission workers, volunteers and their families and descendants; links with other historical societies providing opportunities to share information; links between existing collection objects and donors. All of these relevant linkages help us to 'anchor' this knowledge for future generations.

Some gifts have further enhanced the story of existing holdings many of which are noted in our recent Annual Reports.

A recent gift from Ms Wendy Bannister of the papers of a former neighbour and Mariner Arthur Dixon (b. 1879- d.1960) prompted further research on a familiar MTSV Heritage Collection image from the early 20th Century.

One of the vessels on which he served was that of the S.S. *Hororata*. The name was familiar thanks to the image you see here of the crew of S.S. *Hororata*, the mount inscribed 1923. We had little documented beyond the fact that this crew appeared to be a happy one, posing with treasured items and animals. Some research had already been commenced and basic facts gathered. The *Hororata* was commissioned by the New Zealand Shipping Co. was built in Scotland at the shipyard of William Denny & Brothers in 1914 and by the 1940s was known as the S.S. *Waroonga* which was sunk by torpedo in the North Atlantic.

Of interest was *Hororata's* role as a troopship for the AIF 1914-1921. This was confirmed by following a link to a holding of the National Library of Australia*. This proved to be a fascinating poem written by one Private A.H. Anderson, demobbed after WW1 and travelling home to Australia circa 1919 - 1921. The poem (see footnotes for link) provides an interesting insight into life aboard for the AIF troops returning to Australia, many with new wives and babies, experiencing a prolonged month-long voyage across oceans for the first time in their lives.

Importantly for our Collection, this experience could be linked up with that of Mariner Dixon whose documents showed he was an *Hororata* crew member in 1920 on what was, if not the same voyage, was probably a similar one. His papers could be relied on for dates and further correspondence amongst his papers indicated that he seemed to have personal reasons for heading to the Southern hemisphere. Most importantly the papers provided us with two images, one formal identity card image and one less formal wearing a typical mariner's cap of the period. Most significantly amongst the papers was a compact and much-annotated travel size New Testament bible. This seafarer had turned to this well-thumbed book many times. Mr Dixon eventually settled in Northern Victoria and lived on a small holding growing grapes. He was a well-regarded neighbour to the Bannister family and we honour this gift of assorted papers passed to us. They provide not only a connection with our collection but also the identified face of a seafarer and add further insights into the rigorous life aboard merchant ships of the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

Jay Miller,
Heritage Collection Curator

Footnotes and references:

* *To Aussie : home and beauty : the voyage on the SS "Hororata"*
- Trove 1915-1919
trove.nla.gov.au/version/32111254

To Aussie : home and beauty : the voyage on the S.S. «Hororata»
/. Bookmark: Poem by Pte A.H. Anderson 32nd Batt. - freely available to download.



Profile: Board Member Walter Dewe

My connections with the sea and seafarers have been varied, full of experiences, learning, enjoyment and sometimes even unusual occurrences throughout my life!

My father was an officer in the British Royal Navy, starting before the Second World War, which ended five years before I was born. The little glimpses he gave of that experience - storms, sunk twice, convoy duty - led to a deep feeling of respect for the weather, the sea and those who venture on it for whatever purpose.

As a young boy I took up dinghy sailing and crewed occasionally on ocean going yachts, including racing several times at Cowes Week at the Isle of Wight in the U.K. In that period my father had (for him) the "heaven sent" job! - in charge of a 52-foot ketch! He determined activities including sail training and all maintenance, crew costs, sails etc were paid for by Her Majesty's Government!

At University I had the good fortune to be able to organise and lead a small expedition to Colombia, South America. This required securing transport, support from companies and convincing the University Trustees that this 'expedition' was very much a development experience for those involved. While based on science, it was never going to 'shatter' new horizons. We were successful, and Shell shipped us as "supernumeraries" on tankers to and from the U.K. My first real

experience of seafarers' work environment as we lived with the crew.

Respect for the hard and risky work, appreciation of potential hardships as well as often limited real support, and many other aspects of this life, both social and physical, were cemented in my thinking.

At some tender age I saw the offshore oil and gas industry as offering the challenges, excitement and responsibilities that "fitted" my "persona". The first part of my career in the industry in the USA, North Sea, and Angola exposed me to the might of the sea, the difficulties of such logistics, issues for people and teams working in remote areas. Conditions were far from homelike and communication capabilities are rather different when bouncing around on the sea 100's if not 1000's of kilometres from land, than say Sydney to London! In those days we used Marisat Satellites/ SSB/ or VHF and it's really not that different from today where expense, access and privacy provide much the same challenges despite 2018 technologies!

Since retirement, I have run my own companies, led a COAG competition reform team in gas supply, served on Boards both voluntary, private and ASX listed, and was honoured to be invited to serve on the Board of the MtSV two years ago. It has enabled me to apply my capabilities and



experience in participating with the great and hardworking team in enhancing welfare services to seafarers, on whom we are so dependant.

It has also been my privilege to find myself as chairman of the Building Project Committee of the Board, heavily engaged in the process of returning our magnificent building to the status it deserves and functionality that can serve seafarers even better in the future!

With four children and two (soon four) grandchildren born in the U.K. and in Victoria, I have quite a busy family life without the past demands of travelling the world on business, running remote operations and trying to balance the demands of family life. This is of course a constant issue for seafarers and my own experience gives me great empathy for the challenges of their roles.

I am also very aware of the enormous effort that so many put in to help us achieve our aims and I very much appreciate the opportunity to serve in such a large "family".

Notes from the Garden

Maureen Scoble, Volunteer

After a very dry Autumn (about 10ml rain/month instead of 50ml) we are, at last, in Winter and doesn't it feel cold? I think we have been spoilt by such a mild Autumn with such lovely sunny days. I have been busy in the garden though. I have planted lots of bulbs which should start coming up in July/August. Some of them you will know but perhaps not all. Let me know if you would like the name of a plant and also if you would like a particular plant you see in the garden. I propagate lots of the plants ... I can do cuttings very easily for you.

I don't think I mentioned in my last installment that I am a Salvia nut... I just love them. Consequently I have planted quite a few in the garden already. I'm not sure which will do well yet but will wait and

see then plant more of the ones that like the Mission soil. In Australia we have hundreds of salvias to choose from but they all do not like the same things. Like any plant they have their likes and dislikes.

The OSSA Volunteers completed the trellis roof on the garden platform and it looks fantastic. I have already planted a couple of climbers which should start growing once the weather warms up. They also strung wire along the brick wall so I can grow climbers there as well; next year it won't look so bare. The anchor and propeller arrived but were too heavy to put directly into the garden. Apparently they need concrete plinths. They have been put in the Seafarers Rest behind the Mission until this is done. Such exciting times! *Stay warm.*



Interns at the Mission to Seafarers

Huw Edwards

Heritage Management Intern

Final semester of Masters of Arts and Cultural Management, University of Melbourne.

What brought you to MtSV & can you comment on your time here so far?

I have a family connection to MtSV. My interest is managing exhibitions and arts spaces. I have found it interesting to engage across different departments and learn about the Mission's heritage. I have helped out with tours, giving advice to seafarers arriving in port and assist in the business side of the heritage centre.

What are you hoping to gain from your experience with MtSV?

I want to build connections in the heritage and arts space. I also have a passion for arts marketing and like getting involved with marketing and communications.

Is there anything else you'd like to say?

It has been a real pleasure to work with a great team! And I look forward to my graduation as this is my last subject.

Victoria Buccheri

Graphic Design Intern

Bachelor of Visual Art & Design at Australian Catholic University (ACU) in Melbourne.

Renae Burton

Graphic Design Intern

Final semester of a Bachelor of Visual Arts and Design @ ACU in Fitzroy.



What brought you to MtSV & can you comment on your time here so far?

What brought me to MtSV was the curiosity of who seafarers are and how they contribute to our society and economy. Volunteering at MtSV as a graphic design intern has been an interesting experience learning about both the historical and modern day take on seafaring. I've enjoyed learning about how to put such a historical place into a modern context.

My lecturer Catherine Bell suggested the internship for me, also working alongside Victoria was a draw card as we have successfully completed a few projects together at Uni. Mostly curiosity and the architecture has drawn me to MtSV. Having driven past it numerous times I have always wondered what happening inside! To find out there is a lot going at MtSV is an understatement, which is great to know, as it has definitely led to a diverse experience with interning.

What are you hoping to gain from your experience with MtSV?

I would like to work in an environment that challenges my skills in design, marketing and communications. I also want to learn about how managing a business works in terms of its funding and sources. Working at MtSV gives me insight into how this works.

To learn more about how heritage buildings operate. I'm looking forward to being involved in the Art Awards and the opportunities around working with a curator.

Is there anything else you'd like to say?

Working at MtSV has so far been an amazing journey to grow and challenge myself mentally and creatively.

I hope to squeeze in a few games of pool, brush up on my skills, haha!



Image by Don Braben, 'Redland tugs at Murrarie' 2017

2018 ANL Maritime Art Awards now open for Entries

The call for entries is closing on 31st August, 2018.

The 2018 ANL Maritime Art Awards Exhibition is on from the 5th to 26th October, this year.

The Mission to Seafarers Victoria invites artists to enter the ANL Maritime Art Awards and Exhibition with the goal of promoting maritime and seafaring subjects in art. Artists working in painting, drawing, collage and mixed media* are invited to enter works exploring the theme of the relationship of humanity to the sea. Entries are open internationally to artists both emerging and established.

The ANL Maritime Art Prize aims to raise awareness of the experience of 1.5 million merchant seafarers responsible for transporting more than 90 per cent of trade to Australia. The Maritime Art Prize is our major fundraising event at MtSV, contributing to the provision of welfare services to seafarers. The Maritime Art Prize is made possible with thanks to naming rights sponsor ANL, corporate sponsors, the contributing artists and the individuals who give their time and expertise to curate, judge and select the works.

Now in its sixteenth year, the exhibition has showcased the work of over 700 artists and is Australia's leading maritime art prize. Our total prize pool is valued at \$26,000 this year.

Final sponsorship packages are still available. Please call Sue Dight on 0408 532 506.

AWARD SPONSORS



CREW 717 Social Club Membership

For just \$1 per week your membership helps the Mission provide services to those who work at sea.

Membership benefits include:

- Discount on alcohol at the Mission to Seafarers Bar
- One guest ticket to the Members' Private Preview Evening of the ANL Maritime Art Prize and Exhibition
- 10% discount on venue hire and event packages including Norla Dome or Celia Little Room for private dinners, parties and corporate seminars; and St Peter the Mariner Chapel for weddings and other ceremonies
- Free use of the BBQ in the Spanish style courtyard (booking required)
- Invitation to the annual Seafarers Service at St Paul's Cathedral in October
- Copy of Ship to Shore magazine
- Regular member promotions, discounts and events

Join now and your membership is valid for 12 months.

missiontoseafarers.com.au/product/crew717



People may not realise that MtSV is an active member of Maritime Museums Victoria (MMV), represented on the Board, and present at meetings. There are fourteen Maritime Museums around Victoria, represented in the forms of wrecks to riverboats, steam tugs to light houses, tall ships to warships, and pioneers to seafarers. Some are in Melbourne itself, others a couple of hours drive away.

Total visitor numbers to the member organisations last year was in excess of 300,000. Annual visitor numbers vary from large historic recreations sites such as the Port of Echuca (208,000), Flagstaff Hill (70,000) and Cape Otway Lightstation (30,000); established museums such as Queenscliff, unusual places like the Mission to Seafarers (6,000); preserved ships such as the Polly Woodside and HMAS Castlemaine to very small ship preservation sites such as Bay Steamers Maritime Museum (ST Wattle) and concept sites such as HMVS Cerberus. Our maritime heritage is an important part of our shared past, connecting Australia to the rest of the world, through trade and colonialism, war and exploration.

See mmv.com.au for further information on visiting



SS Casino (1882) Jack Koskie.

Mission News:

HRH The Princess Royal Highlights Seafarers Welfare

June 2018, London: The Mission to Seafarers welcomed its President, The Princess Royal, to a private lunch in the Boardroom of the Baltic Exchange in London, one of the world's most iconic institutions.

Her Royal Highness and senior shipping executives discussed how maritime leaders can best support the 1.5 million seafarers around the world. Mission staff gave updates on the work being done to tackle some of the most serious problems facing sea workers, including current and future plans to combat high rates of depression, mental illness and suicide.

During the lunch, The Princess Royal recalled her conversations with seafarers during a recent trip to Singapore, commending their continued hard work and bravery as well as thanking the Mission for its "selfless commitment" in helping all those who work at sea.

Speaking after the event, the Rev'd Andrew Wright, Secretary General of The Mission to Seafarers, said, "We would like to extend our gratitude to The Princess Royal for her ongoing support and for her respect for seafarers around the world and the dangers and difficulties that they continue to face.

"The opportunity to connect with some of our most senior corporate supporters at this event has refocused the mind on the critical importance of providing immediate practical help to seafarers in need. As we continue to develop new services across the globe it's essential that we work together with the leading figures of the industry to build a stronger support network."

It was wonderful to see the commitment of industry leaders and, with your help, the Mission will continue to ensure that the needs of seafarers and recognition for the incredible work they do is not forgotten.

From Flying Angel News, June 2018



*HRH The Princess Royal, Patron to Seafarers world-wide.
Backdrop, the wonderful stained glass dome room at the
Baltic Exchange in London.*

Humanity and the Sea

President John F. Kennedy.

Newport, Rhode Island at the America's Cup Dinner

September 14, 1962

"I really don't know why it is that all of us are so committed to the sea, except that I think it is because in addition to the fact that the sea changes and the light changes, and ships change, it is because we all came from the sea. And it is an interesting biological fact that all of us have, in our veins the exact same percentage of salt in our blood that exists in the ocean, and, therefore, we have salt in our blood, in our sweat, in our tears. We are tied to the ocean. And when we go back to the sea, whether it is to sail or to watch it we are going back from whence we came."

THANK YOU!

MtSV can only continue its work with the support of donors.

We thank the following Beanie Donors:

Elsie Storr – Mothers Union Watsonia –
Banyule Parish – Knitted Beanies

Pat Beiger – 152 Knitted Beanies

Mothers Union & Friends of St Barnabas
of Glen Waverly

The ladies of the Upper Murray Group of
the CWA

... and others who have kept the Beanie
bowl full.

We also would like to thank the following organisations for their generosity.

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Anglican Parish of Paynesville

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The Mothers Union Melbourne

Anglican Parish of Elmore

Marine Consultancy Group Pty Ltd

The Valda Klaric Foundation

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Beanie Knitters

A HUGE Thank You to all our Knitters, particularly to Pat Berger and Pat Hill of Endeavour Hills who recently delivered us an astonishing 150 woolly beanies!

Get your needles click clacking for seafarer beanies! There are many free patterns online. Get together with some friends and bang out some beanies!

Each knitted item is a symbol of friendship that transcends language barriers and cultural difference – everyone likes to be warm! Once collected from the Mission your knitting will travel the world on its seafarers head.

Ship Visits – an important part of our service.

– cont'd from front page

Work Demands: Working Hours

- More than 20% reported working more than 69 hours per week and that working hours were unpredictable.
- Long working hours were associated with mental ill health, sleep problems, and near-misses and injuries.

Fatigue and Sleep

- Approximately 12% of the participants reported experiencing sleep problems.
- Close to 20% reported experiencing chronic fatigue.
- Similarly, 20% of seafarers reported experiencing high levels of acute fatigue at work.

Organisational Priorities

- Wellbeing and mental health were better when seafarers perceived that their organisations prioritised their safety and welfare over operational costs and performance. Prioritising safety and welfare over costs and performance was also related to a more developed safety culture, and lower levels of fatigue and sleep problems.

DID YOU KNOW?

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Visitor Sergii from Ukraine, resplendent in safety overalls meets with old friends from other ships berthed in Melbourne recently.



Gary Gangway's Journal.

The musings of a Ship Visitor.
"We do it because we can."

Dear reader,

I bring you greetings from the seafarers who forgo the joys of a close family life to bring us our cars, videos and what we buy in \$2 shops. We do what little we can, to help them when they are in our port.

Every ascent of a gangway to visit a ship is accompanied with prayer. Greetings can vary from, "Who are you? What do you want?" to "We have been waiting for you, we are so thankful you have come." As a ship visitor my aim is to be there for the seafarers, to welcome them, to chat with them, to offer reading materials and to listen to them as they tell of their lives.

Come up the gangway of the ship I visited back in May and let me share with you an amazing experience. On this day a simple question from the ship's electrician led to my becoming part of an occasion of great joy.

I was in the ship's office chatting with Sergii, when he asked me if I knew the nationalities of the crew of the ship moored across the harbour. As I had visited that ship in the previous month, I imagined that I would have made note of the makeup of the crew in my log. I found the listing of the seafarers I had met. His eyes lit up as he saw that three of the crew were seafarers with whom he had sailed. Not only that, but they had all grown up in the same town in the Ukraine and been together at school. "How to meet them?" he asked. The mind raced. "How to meet them?" Easy! Too cold to swim across but we could take the shuttle bus back to security, take the Mission bus around to the other side and then via their shuttle bus to the ship and up the gangway.

We arrived to find that only the captain was aboard, the other two were ashore. Oh, to have had the camera ready when the captain came into the office and saw Sergii. A real rib cracking hug of two old friends meeting Ukrainian style.

Leaving them chatting I rang around to try and locate the two ashore. Alas they had gone shopping. Eventually, it was time to take Sergii back to his ship. An amazing coincidence occurred: the approaching shuttle bus contained a seafarer returning to the ship. It was Roman, one of the other two who had been ashore! More big hugs.

Sergii was over the moon with delight that, so far from home in a foreign land, he had been able to meet up with old friends and share some time with them.

What a joy it was being part of an amazing coincidence of two ships in the same port at the same time and playing a small part, doing "We do it because we can" for three seafarers.

*Tony Correll,
 Ship Visitor
 Board Member*



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Our work is valuable to the seafarers away from their homes: Please continue to Support our Mission - We THANK YOU!



The Mission is actively seeking volunteers to take up a number of roles and one off jobs to help us keep the Mission a vibrant and happy place to welcome seafarers. There are no age restrictions!

Chaplains of the Mission. *Padre Wong - a Blessing from China*



Reverend S. Wong on board the tanker San Felipe at Geelong, c 1963.

From its early days Asian seafarers have regularly visited the mission at 717 Flinders street. A few rare early images of Japanese and Chinese seafarers dating from the early 20th C are held in the Heritage Collection. As shipping patterns changed and as much more trade was sourced to and from Asia the Mission needed to consider the spiritual and practical welfare needs of seafarers from India, the Philippines, Japan, and China. The 58th Annual Report, of 1963 noted the arrival of the Reverend S. Wong and his family.

“The innovation of a Chinese priest has proved an outstanding success and we are most fortunate in having the services in such a position, a man of the calibre of Padre Wong”

The Reverend S. Wong was warmly welcomed to the Mission to Seamen by State Secretary Reverend Perry

Mitchinson, based at Port Melbourne and was based primarily working out of the Central Institute at 717 Flinders St serving all Seafarers using Melbourne Ports.

Padre Wong as he was known, left the Mission after some five years of invaluable service and commitment during a time of considerable change in the '60s for both shipping and the Missions to seafarers.

Alan G. Mee (then State Secretary) in his Annual Report of 1965 noted that : “Padre Wong’s ministry amongst Asian Seafarers has become known far and wide and through his endeavours the “Flying Angel” has become known to Asian Seamen the world over. Together with his wife and sons they have made a profound impression upon the Missions in this State.



The Wong family 1963.

Heritage stories *from now and then*

In May this year, 75 years after his marriage at St Peter's Chapel, MTSV in 1943, former Master Mariner, Mr Keith Oliver of Balwyn joined us for lunch and reminisced with the MTS Heritage team.

Pictured here with Ian Fletcher, Keith also donated a wonderful collection of Maritime books for our reference Collection. We thank him for his story and his donation of the books.

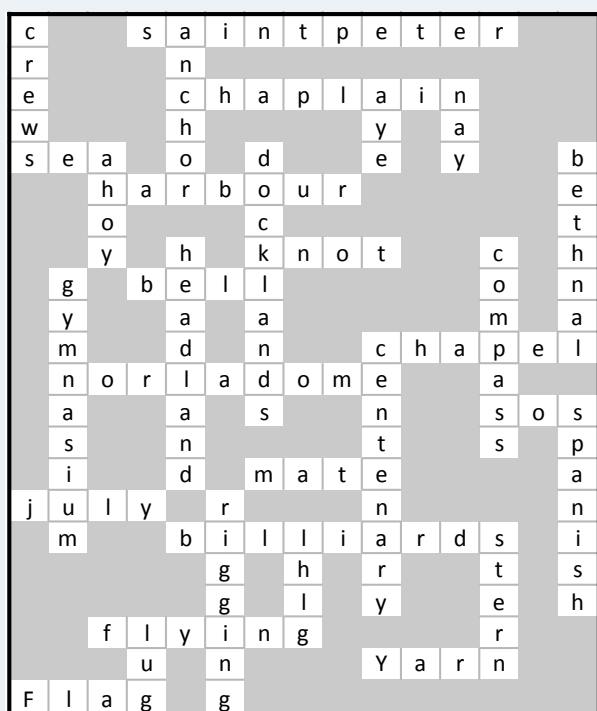


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The Mission to Seafarers Melbourne is a historic place of welcome, hospitality and of friendship. We invite everyone to join us in celebrating our 100 years at 717 Flinders Street by dropping in, joining a tour or remembering us when you are considering your support of a worthwhile charity.

At any time, on any day, you will meet someone who genuinely cares about the Mission, the seafarers we serve, and our lovely place. Consider how you can be a part of the Mission Family. It might be as a volunteer, a guest, a Crew 717 member or one of our very generous benefactors.

As we move forward with plans to renovate the building to become an even better place, consider how you can play your part in the Mission to Seafarers future.

Thank you for your support of Seafarers Welfare and please contact us to discuss our plans and how you can be a part of them.

Sue Dight
Chief Manager.

Dates for your diaries:

- Aug 25 and 26 Melbourne Writers Festival
- Sept 1 and 2 Melbourne Writers Festival
- Sept 3 Merchant Navy Day
- Oct 4 Maritime Art Prize Exhibition Opening
- Oct 24 People's Choice Voting Closes
- Oct 26 Maritime Art Prize Exhibition Closes
- Oct 21 St. Paul's Seafarer's Service
- November 11 Remembrance Day Services at The Shrine for the end of WWI
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