



## SEAFARERS OF THE MISSION

By Simon Burton

Renato was studying to become a nurse in Manila when his friends convinced him to join them as a casual Seaman aboard a coastal trader. He recalls, "Back in 1980 being paid in US dollars was much better compared to nursing in the Philippines, and when I boarded the ship for the first time and set sail, I knew that I wanted to become a Seafarer". He is now sixty-one years old and Chief Cook aboard a 170 meter specialised cargo ship, *MV Kondili*, that hauls cement from Adelaide to Melbourne every week to feed this city's frantic building and infrastructure projects.

*Kondili's* current crew consists of one Russian, five Ukrainians and thirteen Filipinos. "The crew are great! Get on well..." says Renato "...but as you can imagine, they have different tastes. I watch their plates very carefully. If meals start coming back half-finished I change the menu straight away. I have learnt - no matter the crew's nationality - variety is my secret ingredient".

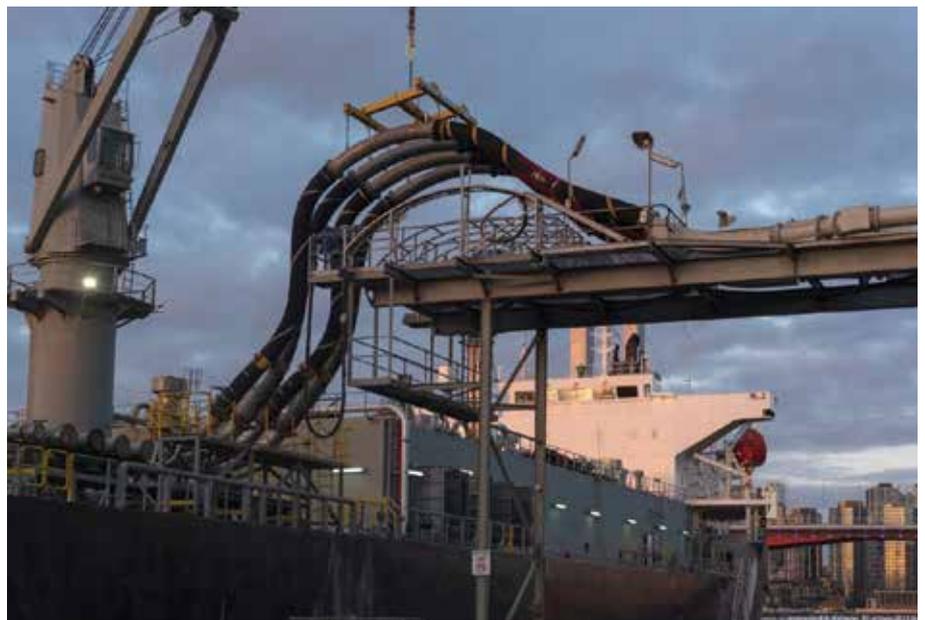
Renato has two adult sons and a daughter who has autism. He describes how his wife and he tried various part-time special accommodation and in-home help for their daughter. "The level of care is poor so my wife and I decided that she would give up work to look after our daughter and I will continue to be a Seafarer".

Renato has had a long relationship with the Mission to Seafarers. He recalls "Once, I became very sick with blood poisoning and was taken to hospital. People from the Mission's pastoral team visited and some of the nurses happened to be Filipino. They treated me so well".

Renato is halfway through his six month contract aboard the *Kondili* "I love running my own kitchen and being at sea" he declares, "but I must take a few months off to help care for my daughter".



Seafarer Renato Festejo Castillo, Chief Cook MV Kondili



*MV Kondili discharging cement, Melbourne August 2019*

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# ANL 2019 Maritime Art Prize & Exhibition

4 - 20 October

Stories of life at sea are seafarer stories. We hear them every day at the Mission to Seafarers –Victoria (MtSV).

The sea is a majestic, mysterious and awe-inspiring powerful force that reminds us of our insignificance and mortality at every opportunity. It can also be a benign and peaceful beauty to relax with and enjoy, and it supports and protects a whole world of other living things for us to explore. Maritime art is a genre significant to Melbournians, as our city embraces Port Phillip Bay in a warm hug of the cityscape, residential urban sprawl and the Ports.

That's why the theme for the 2019 ANL Maritime Art Prize is **'The Relationship of Humanity to the Sea'**.

This year, the ANL Maritime Art Prize attracted more than 250 entries, with a finalist selection of 90 artworks who will compete for five awards including the major Maritime Art Prize, Best in Traditional, Runners Up Award, Emerging Artist, and the People's Choice. The Maritime Art Prize is an acquisitive award of \$15,000, sponsored by ANL Containers and previous award recipients include Joni Dennis, Ted Dansey, Mary Hyde, Jamie Preisz, and David Rowe, to name but a few. Judging will take place on October 1st with the awards announced on Opening Night, October 3rd.

There are many loyal artists who support the exhibition with entries every year. Finalists include a number of members of the Australian Society of Marine Artists, including Stan Stefaniak (President), Karen Bloomfield (Vice President), Tim Baker, Don Braben ISMP, Julian Breuer, John Gambardella, Ian Hansen FRAS, Penelope Hillam, Mary Hyde, Suzy King, Guy Trinquet, John Woodland AWI FRAS ISMP, and Jack Woods ISMP.

Amongst the traditional beauty of oil paintings and watercolours of maritime subjects in the exhibition, last year's winners demonstrated a move to include more contemporary works in the finalists of the Maritime Art Prize, with the overall winner being a mixed media work by Joni Dennis, with a feminist representation of women ship captains.

## Prizes to be awarded this year:

**\$15,000**

- ANL *'Maritime Art Award'* (Acquisitive)

**\$5,000**

- ASP *'Best in Traditional Maritime Art Award'* (Acquisitive)

**\$2,000**

- Nevile & Co *'Runners Up Award'*

**\$2,000**

- Victoria International Container Terminal *'Emerging Artist Award'* (Acquisitive)

**\$2,000**

- VIVA Energy *'People's Choice Award'*



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## Chairman's notes

# Renovations at the Mission to Seafarers

### **Neil Edwards AM**

*Chairman Mission to Seafarers Victoria*

The Mission building complex is undergoing its biggest makeover since opening in 1917.

Project works in the Main Hall are virtually complete. It has new flooring throughout, replacing the century-old boards with new timbers, on levelled and stabilised joists. The walls and window frames have been freshly painted, retaining their heritage colours, and with care for the detail of Walter Butler's design.

The Norla Dome is getting a similar treatment, following restoration efforts undertaken a decade ago.

The Main Hall and Celia Little Room are also being newly carpeted, replacing the patchwork of carpets worn threadbare underfoot of tens of thousands seafarers and visitors over the past decade or two. While more practical, it is a pity that the Hall is being recarpeted – the new timber flooring is of such quality it deserves display!

During works on the Hall and Dome, we have temporarily relocated the Flying Angel Club upstairs – foretaste of bigger things to come, in the form of a joint Melbourne Seafarers Centre.

All of the interior works will have been completed well in time for the 2019 ANL Maritime Art Prize opening on Friday 4th October, and for the busy round of

functions that community and corporate groups hold in the run-up to Christmas. It will be a delight to show off the Mission's fresh interiors.

But the most visible part of the makeover is happening now. Scaffolding is up, and it will make its way around the building complex so that all of the render can be repaired and refreshed in graffiti-resistant coatings. With the scaffolding up, the Mission's distinctive weathervane, expertly-restored, is being remounted.

The makeover is the culmination of a larger project. It follows essential works to shore-up the building's fundamentals – roofing, flashing, concreting and drainage – and works to restore and strengthen some special features like the heritage stained glass in the St Peter the Mariner Chapel.

We are proud that a portion of the works, and substantial costs in planning and design, have been funded by the Mission to Seafarers Victoria. Our staff and the Mission's Building Project Committee, led by Walter Dewé, have done great service in guiding, and operating around, these works.

Nevertheless, this project would have been well beyond our current capacity to fund. Instead, as befits a community facility ultimately owned by the State of Victoria, we are grateful that the Victorian Government has funded up to \$2.5million in restoration works by the time the full project is complete toward

the end of this year, and has taken primary responsibility for managing the project.

And it is very important to stress that this project is not the end. It is just the beginning.

Within the next year, we expect refurbishment of the first floor and certain related areas to commence in preparation for housing the joint, and independently-governed, Melbourne Seafarers Centre. The Centre will include a wider and more contemporary facilities for visiting seafarers – to relax and be welcomed, to communicate with home, to do essential business, to get information about things to do in Melbourne, or to seek spiritual support or mental health and related services as they wish. Again, Victorian Government funding will be critical to making this - a long-held ambition of the Mission - come to fruition. Again we express our appreciation.

In the subsequent years, the Mission plans to drive other refurbishments to make best use of its space -for community groups, and for the further protection and presentation of the Mission's collection of unique historical materials that form part of the larger Melbourne Maritime Heritage Precinct. And perhaps crucially, to enable the continued use of the complex for social enterprise activities that help fund our welfare services to seafarers, and those of our partners in the Melbourne Seafarers Centre.





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Seafarers in Melbourne. It's important for us to support the seafarers for whom the industry relies on and the Mission to Seafarers is a great example of a community organisation that does this.

Viva Energy has supported Mission to Seafarers over the years with the Maritime Art Prize, and it has been wonderful to provide further support for their community through our sponsorship - we look forward to continuing our support of MtSV and their members.

## Notes from the Garden: Spring 2019

*By Maureen Scoble*

There is a lot happening at the Mission and, with the inside building work still ongoing, they are about to start the rendering of the outside walls. I have spent a couple of days digging all the plants out and putting them in pots and today I have just returned from removing the last of the Magnolias and Azaleas. Initially I was going to do it on Friday, but the wind was so bad I couldn't face it. Then I was going to do it yesterday but the thunderstorms were awful. Today my luck was in... cold but sunny all morning. I finished my digging, cleaned up the mess and THEN the rain came! Hopefully the plants will survive the shock. At least it is winter, so most plants are not actively growing. With luck and fast work by the builders I can have them back in the ground before the end of spring.

This is the perfect opportunity to fix up problem areas and make a few changes in the garden. I have now been working on it for nearly two years and have a better idea of what plants like the sandy soil...some do, believe it or not. I have also added some dynamic lifter to reinvigorate the soil, which will help the plants recover quickly when I do get them back in the ground.

If only the lawn was as attractive and lush as the plants! Speaking of looking good...I want to thank the chaps from OSSA once again. This time, they have re-laid the brick path and made it much wider as everyone coming to the Mission with trollies or equipment stepped on my garden beds because the path was too narrow. Now they have no excuse. Thank you, gentlemen. Please let me know when you need more cake.

Some plants that I have found really like this soil are Christmas Roses (Hellebores), Salvias (not all) and even violets. I am starting to cut my own garden back at Avondale so I will dig a few of these plants up and transplant them at the Mission. Let me know if there is anything you would really like to see here.

The 'Wedding Platform' now has climbers planted around it that hopefully this year should actually start to climb. It will look so much better when the roof has some greenery and maybe a rose or two hanging down.

Spring will be beautiful. Stay warm (and dry).

## FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE FOR YOU AND YOUR MATES\*

Now that we have your attention, can you help us replace our old BBQ?  
We're hoping to raise \$400 and all donations are tax deductible



*\*Not really, but if we raise enough money, we'll host a sausage sizzle to celebrate*

# International Merchant Navy Day

By Nigel Porteous

The annual International Merchant Navy Day was held at the Shrine of Remembrance on Tuesday 3rd September.

The Merchant Navy (MN) Memorial Service was preceded by a presentation that described the recent discovery in the Bass Strait of the wreck of the WW2 merchant ship *SS Iron Crown*, by the CSIRO vessel *RV Investigator*. Torpedoed by a Japanese submarine in June 1942, the ship sank instantly with thirty-eight crewmembers lost. Only five crewmen survived, having been rescued by the passing vessel *SS Mulbera*.

Following the presentation, a Memorial Service for

those seafarers lost on *SS Iron Crown* was held at the nearby Merchant Navy Memorial tree in the Shrine grounds, conducted by Merchant Navy RSL and Shrine of Remembrance representatives. The Mission to Seafarers' Chaplain, Rev'd Onofre Punay, conducted the prayers and blessings.

About thirty descendants of those *SS Iron Crown* crewmembers who lost their lives attended the service, and laid wreaths at the MN Memorial Tree together with other MN organisations.

The Mission was represented by Nigel Porteous, Ian Fletcher, Jay Millar, Geraldine Brault and Simon Burton.



1: (l-r) Nigel Porteous, Rev'd Onofre Punay, Ian Fletcher

2: Wreaths laid at the MN Memorial Tree

3: Presentation and Service under the MN Memorial Tree

Photos: Simon Burton

# Chaplains of the Mission: 1905 - 1919



## Part 2

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*By Ros Fletcher*

### **William Forster Haire**

Following on from Charles Arthur Holmes (as featured in the last edition of Ship-to-Shore), the next person to take up residence in the Mission was William Forster Haire, who arrived in 1907 with his wife Annie and two children.

He came from the north of England and already had experience at sea, having obtained his Second Mate's ticket in 1894. As assistant chaplain at Port Melbourne, he and his wife worked hard overseeing renovations and entertaining the crews. The following year he gave our iconic pulpit to the new chapel on the Australian Wharf in memory of his mother who had died that year. In 1910 Mr Haire transferred to Newcastle - much to the regret of all in the Melbourne Mission.

### **Arthur Thomas Pitt**

The superintendent of the London Mission visited Melbourne in 1908 and recommended that Arthur Thomas Pitt be sent for to assist the Rev'd Goldsmith.

Mr Pitt arrived in early 1909, newly married, and took up the position of lay reader. He had spent time as a clerk in a newspaper office, and had experienced military life in the Scots Guards before becoming a lay missionary prior to his marriage in 1908. He was ordained by the Archbishop of Melbourne in May 1910 and served as assistant chaplain for three years. He and his wife, Ethel, were praised for their devotion to the task of caring for seamen far from home. In 1913 Eric Arthur Pitt was baptised in our chapel. The Rev'd A T Pitt and family returned to England in 1914 where he continued to serve.

He died in Essex in 1956.



*William Forster Haire and Mrs Annie Haire*

## Hadden Kingston Vickery

Hadden Kingston Vickery also arrived in 1909, similarly becoming a lay reader. He had been born in Ararat but was now living in St Kilda while he completed his theological studies. He was a great asset to the Mission but when war broke out he was keen to join up and was assigned to the 3rd Light Horse Field Ambulance unit as a chaplain in 1914, and went to Gallipoli. He was only there a short while when he became seriously ill and eventually returned to Australia in 1916. He then went on a speaking tour giving "lantern lectures" entitled 'With the ANZACs from Camp to Battlefield' to raise funds for the work of the Seamen's Mission.



In 1916/17 he was resident at 'The Vicarage, Ivanhoe' and was one of the first official visitors to our new premises on the Australian Wharf, preaching the sermon on the Sunday following the opening. In 1918 he was back again 'helping out' in Melbourne and later with Rev'd Haire at Newcastle.

He was in Melbourne again in 1919 for his marriage to Kathleen Laurence before returning to NSW and the parish of Stockton. At some point he moved to New Zealand where he became Hon. Chaplain to the NZ Navy and served the Missions to Seamen in Auckland.

He died in 1965.

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These were practical men and although they were employed primarily to provide spiritual support to the men in their care, their diverse life experiences meant they could also contribute to the Mission in many varied ways. This is a great example of the dedication and commitment by all Mission to Seafarers' chaplains and their families in supporting visiting seafarers in our ports throughout Australia and in over 200 ports around the world.

Although the model of our work has changed considerably since the introduction in the 1960's and 1970's of containers in shipping, the need for the modern day chaplains is greater now, than ever before.

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*Haddon Kingston Vickery*

## There are many ways your organisation can support the MtSV, here are some:

- ESTABLISH a Workplace Giving Program. Including a matched giving incentive to your staff can significantly increase donations.
- HOST your next event at the MtSV
- ORGANISE a MtSV talk for your staff or a fundraising activity at your workplace to raise money for our welfare programs and encouraging them to join the fundraising shield competition
- JOIN our Corporate Volunteering Program
- GIVE staff the opportunity to join our new fundraising and outreach committee and attend meetings during work hours.

We are looking for volunteers to help us establish an annual fundraising event for the industry.



# Events at the Mission: in the Norla Dome...

## Breathe In...and Bleat Out – Meditating with Baby Animals

By Daria Wray

Every weekend throughout June and July, the Norla Dome hosted sessions of meditation, light yoga and stretching with orphaned baby goats, lambs and rabbits. Founder of 'Karmably', Berenice Tan, travelled south from Brisbane and introduced her cuddly version of mindfulness to Melbourne with sold out sessions.

Animal therapy has well documented benefits of not only the symptomatic relief of PTSD and schizophrenia, but the release of oxytocin has been proven to boost the immune system, reduce stress and relieve pain.

Participants enjoyed a truly unique experience and left with a smile on their faces and a warm, fuzzy glow in their hearts.

[karmably.com.au](http://karmably.com.au)



Left top: The courtyard of the former Caretaker's Cottage provided the perfect 'Green Room' for the animals

Left Lower: Participants prepare for their class (also featuring Megan Williamson's stunning exhibition "Tilting Away...Leaning In")

Above: Smiles and cuddles all 'round

### YOU MAY QUALIFY

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## ... and in the Main Hall

### Music and Mindfulness at the Mission

By Daria Wray

A wonderful family afternoon of music and meditation was held in the Main Hall at the end of May when Kate Oliver launched her album *Passing Clouds- Mindfulness Songs for Kids (and their Grown-ups)*.

Accompanied by the gorgeous choir, *Melbourne Indie Voices*, kids of all ages (and their grown-ups!)

listened and sang along, before joining together in a giant group meditation at the end.

Kate has a deep family connection to the Mission as she is Padre Frank Oliver's granddaughter and, with two of her brothers in attendance, it was a very special and emotional celebration.

You can find Kate's music at [passingclouds.me](http://passingclouds.me)





# Garry Gangway's Journal

## Beanies, Bread and Being There

By Volunteer Ship Visitor: Tony Correll

### Beanies

I visited the Mission to Seafarers' Headquarters in London last year, coincidentally, on 'Woolly Hat Day'. The Seafarers' Church was adorned with scarves and beanies for the annual service attended by the beanie knitters of Great Britain. Time did not allow it, but what a joy it would have been to meet these faithful people whose beanies are so valued by seafarers.

Here at the Mission, it is always a time of rejoicing when another bag of beanies arrives - we Ship Visitors look forward to carrying them up the gangway. "Are they free?" is the standard question. "Yes, knitted especially for you!" the answer it is always such a joy to give.

### Bread

The seafarer's life can be lonely, more so as the crew of a ship can vary from all of one nationality to a mixture of six or more nationalities. A seafarer could be the only one speaking his or her language on board. In sharing with seafarers, they speak often of things they miss. First and foremost they miss their families, although being able to talk face-to-face with their loved ones via smart phones has softened that sadness.

Amongst the other things, and particularly with the Filipino seafarers, they miss the chance to worship in a communal service. About a year ago we realised that no one was visiting ships on Sunday, so I started driving them to a church and on other occasions, our chaplain, Inni Punay, has held a service on the ship. The seafarers take great comfort in receiving the 'Daily Bread' bible study notes published by Our Daily Bread Ministries that we distribute in English and Chinese. They are available in twenty-six languages and a donation could facilitate adding another language to distribute.

### Being There

**Beanies** will keep a head warm, **Daily Bread** bible notes will feed spiritual needs but **being there** is invaluable to a seafarer far from home and family. Here at the Mission, our Board, Staff, and Volunteers, have the well being of the seafarers who visit our port foremost in our minds. By volunteering as a host and interacting with the seafarers who visit the Flying Angel Club, or as a driver collecting the seafarers from their ship for much needed shore leave, you will **be there** for a seafarer.



*Ronnel, Ronald and Eduardo with their copies of 'Our Daily Bread'*

A while back I was driving a seafarer back to his ship and before I had even started the engine, he burst into tears and proceeded to share a lot of his fears and pain. In ministering to him, I was able to help him feel more able to face the loneliness and uncertainty ahead. **Being there!**

I invite you to consider being a volunteer at the Mission. Being there for a seafarer is a guaranteed outcome. May I end with a quote from one of the ships I visited? "No one is perfect, but a team can be".

*Seafarers on Skarskind modelling their beanies*



*The woolly hat service at St Michael Paternoster Royal, London*



# Annual Christmas Appeal

A Christmas tradition at the Mission to Seafarers is to distribute 'Bags of Christmas Cheer' for those seafarers who will be at sea on Christmas Day. This year we're hoping to receive enough of your donations to fill 400 bags.

## Some examples of suitable donations include:

### Personal:

toothbrush and toothpaste, soap, deodorant, comb, handkerchiefs, razors, aftershave

### Souvenirs:

fridge magnets, set of coasters, caps, key rings, a small soft koala/kangaroo or similar

It is wonderful to see the look of surprise and happiness on the faces of the seafarers when they receive their 'Bags of Christmas Cheer'. Any contribution from you is greatly appreciated and can be delivered or dropped off at the Mission from Monday 2nd December.

### Small gifts:

chocolate bars, packs of unrefrigerated cheese and biscuits, small packets of sweet biscuits, pocket note book and pen sets, small Christmas decorations seafarers can place on a desk or hang in their cabin, bags of lollies and sweets

### Bags:

we have a few shop brought Christmas bags, but perhaps you could make simple draw string bags about the size of an A4 page that can be used by the seafarers for a toiletry bag or similar.

### Other items:

knitted beanies, pocket size New Testaments, or even a lovely personal touch like a Christmas card from you or your family with a message that the seafarers and their families are being thought of at Christmas.



## CALL OUT FOR VOLUNTEERS!

# Mission to Seafarers

The Mission to Seafarers is a not-for-profit organisation that cares for the welfare of the international seafaring community.

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# The Mission's History in Williamstown

By Geraldine Brault

After the Rev'd Kerr Johnston left the floating church that served all the sailors in Hobson's Bay, it was decided to set up a Mariner's Church in Sandridge (now Port Melbourne). The church was built at the corner of Beach and Nott Streets in 1860 and a Sailors' Rest was erected behind the chapel.

Sailors' Rest was such a success in Sandridge, a committee decided to open a similar institute in Williamstown. The branch didn't erect its own building and instead rented or purchased existing places such as a former church, skating rink and bank.

In May 1878 the committee of the Rest was given the use of the old Wesleyan chapel on Ann Street for six months. The chapel was one of the oldest stone buildings in Victoria at the time and was refurbished, painted and decorated to accommodate not just sailors, but also workmen. The building was inaugurated with grand fanfare by Justice William Stawell on 24th May 1878.

At the end of 1878 the committee had enough funds to buy the Ann Street building and in 1883, decided to be affiliated with the Victorian Seamen's Missions. 'The Age' described the interior thus:

*"The walls of the chapel, which have been neatly painted, are decorated with maps and pictures. On a stand in the centre of the floor are flowers, globes with gold fish, and numerous cages, in which are canaries."*

However, in 1906, the old church was deemed unsafe as a result of the walls being damaged by the constant firing from the canons of the Williamstown batteries. Subsequently demolished in November, a replacement wooden structure was proposed. During that time the Rest found temporary accommodation on Nelson Place in front of the Customs House.

The committee of management had to raise funds to rebuild the Rest and with the help of the Ladies Committee organised a Nautical Fete in June 1907 in the Williamstown Mechanics Institute, Electra Street. In May 1908, the committee purchased the Mascotte Skating Rink on Thompson Street, and Lieutenant-Governor Sir John Madden



Rider, Andrew 1885, No. 15: The Sailors' Rest, Ann Street, Williamstown, about 1885  
- State Library of Victoria



*Ladies with their aprons made with Union Jacks, Australian and Mission to Seamen flags standing in front of the Mechanic's Institute  
- The Australasian 22 June 1907*

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inaugurated the new Victorian Missions to Seamen on the 22nd August 1908.

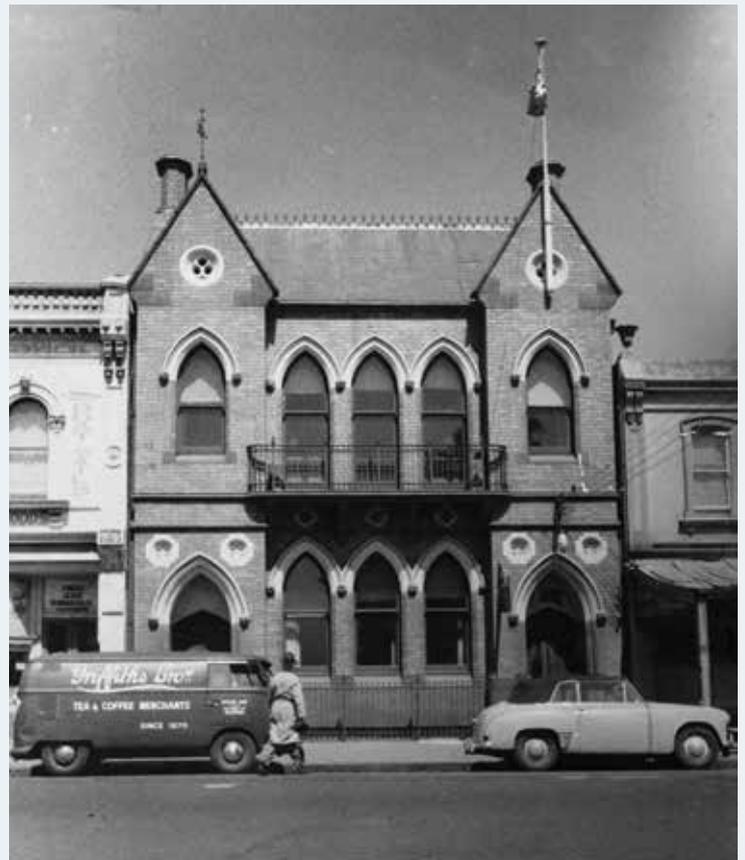
The Thompson Street building was used until 1944 when the Mission moved to yet another building, the former English, Scottish and Australian Bank on Nelson Place, built in 1873.

The Queen's Canadian Club provided funds for the furnishing of the club and another committee of ladies, the Lightkeepers Auxiliary, funded in 1943 by Mrs Ethel Margaret Musther, raised funds for the building and the furnishing of the St Nicholas chapel that was erected at the rear of the club. The new Mission was officially opened by Justice T.C. Davis, High Commissioner for Canada, on 6th May 1944.

The Williamstown branch of the Mission remained active as a club until 1966, before being closed and the premises leased to the Commonwealth Government. Activities were then focussed on maintaining an Opportunity Shop and contributing much needed funds to the remaining Missions.

In 1979, the Williamstown chapel's furnishings and windows were donated for use in a replica chapel at the newly opened Flagstaff Hill Maritime Village in Warrnambool, on the condition that this chapel be used for religious service as well as as a museum

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*Williamstown Mission to Seamen circa 1950s  
- MtSV collection*



*St Nicholas chapel at Flagstaff Hill Maritime Village  
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# ANL Maritime Art Prize Exhibition

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### We offer our thanks to the following knitters for their recent donations:

- Anglican Parish of Swan Hill
- G.F.S Ladies for twenty-nine beanies and two pairs of gloves (they have knitted hundreds of beanies over the years)
- Mrs Natalie Stevens  
– St Johns Anglican Church
- The Mother's Union of Holy Spirit, Watsonia
- Parish of Banyule Knitters

**Please keep them coming!**



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- 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

Renew or join now and your membership is valid for 12 months.

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**\* We are delighted to welcome the following volunteers to the team - Richard Liu, Mick Molony, Rohit Sharma, Xue Mei Sun (Sunny), Nick Trehwella and Boyu Wang (Johnny)!**



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Much has been said about our past in this issue of Ship to Shore that gives us all hope for our future. It is the dedication of the Board, the Volunteers and the team that keeps the doors open and a happy place for the Seafarers to come too.

The Seafarers Happiness is why we do what we do. We provide a place of hospitality and a place of care. At the recent MTS National Conference, that care was articulated over and over again and the message of Family came through so strongly. We are, each Mission, our own small family with the extended family running Missions from the bottom of Tasmania to the top of Queensland, and from Sydney to remote WA.

We are hoping to care for one another better, and your support of your local Mission helps to contribute to the bigger picture as Seafarers traverse the globe. In the next issue we will bring you information about the Conference and how many projects are going on all around the world to help Seafarers and their families.

I look forward to seeing you all during our annual fundraiser - the ANL Maritime Art Prize and Exhibition. Don't forget to buy a raffle ticket!

Sue Dight  
Chief Manager.

## Dates for your diaries:

Thursday October 3: ANL Maritime Art Prize and Exhibition Opening Night

Friday October 4 to Sunday October 20:  
ANL Maritime Art Prize and Exhibition - open to the public

Friday October 18: People's Choice Awards

Sunday October 20: Seafarers' Service at St Paul's Cathedral

Thursday October 31: Heritage Tour \*

Monday November 11: Remembrance Day

\* Bookings through [eventbrite.com.au](http://eventbrite.com.au)  
- search Mission to Seafarers

### Events at the Mission

Over the years, we've hosted so many wonderful and varied events at the Mission. Every event helps to support our work looking after seafarers and maintaining our glorious heritage-listed building.



### Looking for a unique venue for your next event?

Contact our Events Manager, Daria Wray, at [daria.wray@missiontoseafarers.com.au](mailto:daria.wray@missiontoseafarers.com.au) to discuss hosting your best ever function!

## Seafarers' centres

### Melbourne

717 Flinders Street  
Docklands VIC 3008  
[info@missiontoseafarers.com.au](mailto:info@missiontoseafarers.com.au)

Opening hours  
10am to 10pm - 7 days.  
t. +61 3 9629 7083

### Geelong

MTS Flying Angel Club  
7 The Esplanade  
North Shore 3214  
t/f. (03) 5278 6985

### Hastings

Bayview Rd (PO Box 209)  
Hastings 3915  
t. (03) 5979 4327  
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### Portland

PO Box 538  
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\$35 will support MtSV Ship Visiting

\$50 will support emergency night call-out to help seafarers in distress

\$100 will support the upkeep of MtSV on-shore facilities.



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