



Ship to Shore



MISSION TO SEAFARERS VICTORIA Inc. CARING FOR SEAFARERS IN VICTORIAN PORTS SINCE 1857

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Christmas at Sea

Goodie packs packed and ready to go - thanks to all our donors



Art Prize Winners

See the results of winners online



Seafarers Vaccinated

Thank you to the team at Capsule Pharmacy who vaccinated these #Seafarers so they were able to go home after delivering our goods for #christmas2021, They loved the #Christmas bags from our supporters.



Docklands Primary

Docklands Primary School teacher Miss Anderson handing over 100's of Christmas cards for the Seafarers after the students learnt all about life at sea.



CEO's Update

What a year it has been

Despite the pandemic, The Mission is full steam ahead

As we round out another pandemic year your generosity towards the seafarers and the Mission has been incredible. We are almost at our \$100,000 donation target.

We managed to reach the Art Show fundraising target through the great support of MSC and our sponsors, donors, artists and purchasers, we have managed to secure over \$50,000 worth of goods for our seafarers care packages of which we have been delivering to every ship we can that comes to Melbourne.

Coming up we will be providing each seafarer with a bag of goodies for Christmas. The items have been

sourced through Good360, Mars Australia, Rotary, and all of our extraordinary Beanies knitters some of who are listed on the back page. We thank the residents of Lexington Gardens and the Docklands Primary School children for their Christmas cards for the seafarers. We look forward to the assistance of students from Ivanhoe Grammar to help us pack the 1000 bags, provided through donations by City Light Methodist Church, CSL Shipping and Swire Shipping.

As it looks like we will not be able to welcome seafarers into the Mission until next year so we will continue to serve them from the gangway by providing them with all of the care and shopping we have been doing over

the last two years. Even without the crews the Mission remains open to everyone as we continue to fundraise by hosting events such as The Pirate Experience, Opera in Docklands, our Sea Shanty nights, as well we are open to offer a quiet place for you to have a cuppa with us, spend time in the Chapel, and meet some lovely people.

If you can help us to reach our target for the year donation details are on the back page, thank you.

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Sea Shanties & Folk Songs
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We are Seafarer

Charlz F. Fontimillas, Poet and Seafarer, 'We are Seafarer', which expresses the thoughts and feelings of the men and women who work at sea. The poem highlights their heroism, care and sacrifice that often goes unnoticed.

*We sail the vast ocean through
it's high and low*

*Danced the ships motion from
the stern to it's bow*

*To provide goods and services to all
consumers of the world*

*A seafarers sacrifice that to you is
being unfold*

*Eat work then sleep the usual
routine we do onboard*

*We sing, dance and laugh, the only
happiness we can afford*

*Waiting for the next port, taking
chances to communicate with our
family*

*With all the time seeking guidance
and protection from the Lord
Almighty*

*When duty calls we turn the day into
night and night into day*

For how long? Nobody can say

*We are on our own since we
embark on day one*

*And hide the feeling of loneliness
as much as we can*

*We eat what's been cooked and no
reason to be picky*

*We clean out cabin with no excuses
for it to be messy*

*We wash our clothes after a hard
day's job*

*Self-medication with warm bath
and ointments rub*

*Every day is Monday with no
chances of shore leave as relaxation*

*Hoping for everything be back to
normal after vaccination*

*For even though we are expected to
be with our family during vacation*

*Most of the days are wasted because
of quarantine and isolation*

*Seafaring career has never been easy
and it's getting bad*

*We have enough saving and
investment, quitting will be glad*

*A reality check this is not
applicable to the majority*

*Because most can say no to the
needs of the extended family*

*Life's challenges come and go,
with us stronger than before*

*Determined to finish the contract
with family and God in our core*

*The world is changing but we keep on
sailing, stand proud for them to see*

*We are unsung heroes, backliners
and brave warriors of the sea*

We are seafarer





MSC Art Prize winners – 2021

Winners of the 2021 MSC Maritime Art Prize were announced on 14th October to an international audience via an online streaming event at the Mission to Seafarers Victoria, Docklands.

The Maritime Art Prize and Exhibition is a highly regarded competition that has been hosted at the heritage-listed building in Melbourne's Docklands for nineteen years. Due to COVID-19 restrictions in Victoria, this year's exhibition is being hosted online (see link below) until Sunday 14th November, and the winning entries will be on display when the Mission re-opens to the public in early November.

80 artworks were shortlisted from a highly competitive field – including a greater number of interstate artists

than previous years – all of whom responded to the theme 'The Relationship of Humanity to the Sea'

The judges' remarked that "Humanity embraces the entire human race and displays unique human characteristics such as compassion, sympathy, kindness, and mercy. 'The Relationship of Humanity to the Sea' is a wonderful theme for an exhibition and as always artists took on the theme and gave their individual interpretations, providing a diverse and thought-provoking group of entries."

This year's judges are Dr Graeme H. Williams OAM, Jane Scott, and Paul Auckett.

'Mediterranean Shipping Company' Maritime Art Award 2021 – \$10,000

Laurel Foenander – "Lest we Forget" : *Oil on Canvas, 2020*



Laurel is a contemporary realist painter working in oils, with a passion for painting the natural world and highlighting the effects of our changing climate and its role on the depletion of species'.

Judges' Comments: "Depicting a rescue boat loaded with friends, family, and animals escaping the bushfires. Laurel's work provokes a range of emotions and

interpretations. She has captured the beautiful and yet horrifying colours of the skies during the bushfires and the desperation of fleeing and not knowing when, or if, they could return. The boat is the life saver; the sea is a safe barrier; and the comradery of friends and family will always prevail. 'Lest we Forget' captures humanity at its best during one of our worst moments"

'Port Phillip Sea Pilots' Best Traditional Maritime Art Award – \$5,000

Debra Marshall – “Sea Forrest”

Pen on Paper, 2021

Debra is a Melbourne based artist who is currently investigating landscape, and the intersection between the natural world and the man-made landscape.

Judges' Comments: *“Sea Forrest’ embraced the connection between nature and the man-made built environs. The natural, and inevitable, decay of the pier that is home for marine life was also once a pier for fishing and sea traffic. We found ourselves filling in the history and imagining it’s future. The work stands as a great example of change and growth”*



'Nevile & Co' Runner-Up Award – \$2,000

Don Braben – Once Were Lifesavers

Oil on Board, 2021

Don Braben is a Fellow, Vice President and Foundation Member of the Australian Society of Marine Artists. His marine paintings in oil and watercolour are in many private and public collections across the globe.

Judges' Comments: *“Don’s work conjured for us a strong sentiment of the fear, sorrow, waiting and loneliness that some people have been feeling during this pandemic. ‘Once Were Lifesavers’ speaks to our abandoned lives, abandoned seafarers, and how rescue is never too far away. Lifesavers are out there, at the ready to help us get our lives back on track”*



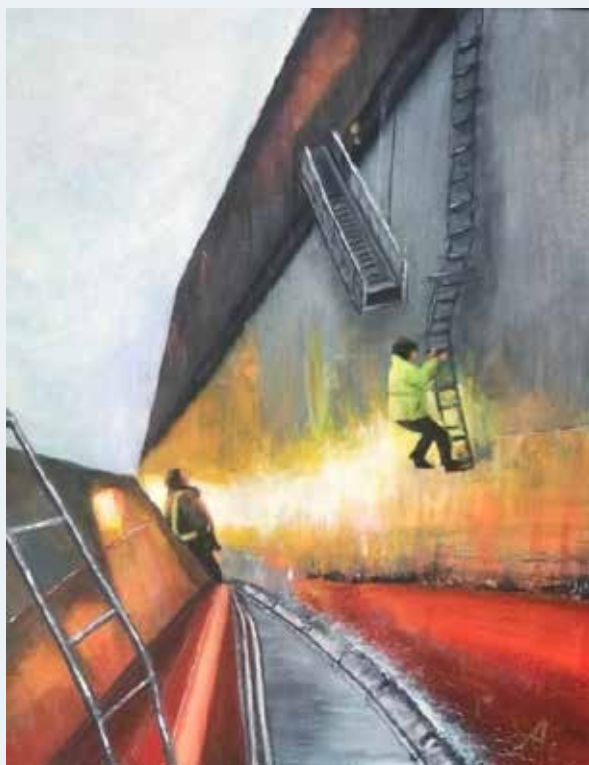
'Gulf Agency Company' Emerging Artist Award – \$1,000

Antoinette Inguanti – Men at Work

Acrylic on Canvas, 2021

As an amateur artist, Antoinette constantly explores different mediums and subjects, but always returns to the beauty of the sea that surrounds her and that is in her DNA.

Judges' Comments: *“Compositionally dynamic, Antoinette has portrayed the dangers of the pilots as they go about their daily work, whilst providing a view that celebrates the enormity of these ships. Her work is dynamic and certainly an artist to watch”*



VICT - People's Choice Award - \$1,000

Original Smith – the Sea has Stories
Acrylic, 2021

Raffle Prize winners

1st Sarah Wallace-Smith
2nd Dee-Ann Kelly
3rd Alison Cusack
4th Ross Brewer



The Maritime Art Prize and Exhibition is a major fundraising initiative of the Mission to Seafarers.

The generosity of our sponsors who provide the prize money and other in-kind contributions, and the artists who pay an entrance fee and a commission on all works that are sold, ensures the continued success and wide popularity of this annual event.

MtSV CEO Sue Dight:

"The Maritime Art Awards and Exhibition have presented us with some interesting challenges again this year, due to COVID-19. Taking the exhibition online provides us with a global audience for the artists that have supported the Mission for so many years. Our role in supporting the seafarers is highlighted by providing the public with an understanding of the harsh and dangerous conditions that seafarers experience every day. Our immediate concern is for the thousands of crew members globally who are still stuck on board without shore leave and, for some, abandoned a long way from home. Isolation harms us all and seafarers are suffering more than ever. Art inspires us to remember those who are working solidly to deliver our everyday items.

There are many quality works still available for sale"

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Vale: Mr Norman (Norm) Gledhill

who served as a volunteer across the 1990's after many years at sea and in the defence of our borders.

New Garden turf – October 2021

Thanks to the Team at Melbourne Facilities Management (MFM) who provide specialized services within the commercial sector of Melbourne the Mission Garden had a make over. They removed the ratty old soil, the fake grass hidden beneath the old ratty soil, and laid lovely fresh turf. They also installed the new timber trims that were donated by one of our volunteers.

MFM's prime objective is to ensure that their clients daily needs are fulfilled with a view to meet & exceed budget expectations, essential service requirements and the protection of assets. They are great supporters of the Mission – Thank you Cheryl and team.

The garden is kept beautifully by Maureen Scoble and she is pleased that we managed to keep it all alive during lockdowns. The indoor plants have also survived but we could do with a few more to keep the place looking lovely, please drop in a potted up cutting or two.



Deloitte Impact Day – November 2021

The Deloitte team of Manoj Parmar, David Luttrell and Junming Lin love to give back to our community, Mission to Seafarers Victoria.

They came in for the day to build a data automation program to assist in reporting and analytics. The project will not only help us in Melbourne but the National Council as well. It was a wonderful day as we took them through the wonderful work that the mission does and the hidden gem of a place we have in Melbourne.



Visit by the Minister for Ports and Transport



The Hon. Melissa Horne toured the Mission buildings for the first time in November to be briefed on the plans for the Melbourne Seafarers Centre on the first floor, and the Mission's activities from this location since 1917. She was impressed with the amount of work being undertaken to ensure that seafarers welfare was not lacking for the crews that keep Melbourne supplied.

L-R: MtSV Chair - Neil Edwards AM, MSC Vice Chair - Mr Warwick Norman AM, MtSV CEO - Ms Sue Dight, MSC Chair – Mick Doleman, MtSV Board Member - Mr John Lines AM, The Hon. Melissa Horne.



Caring for Seafarers
in Victorian Ports
since 1857



Thank you for caring

To the beanie knitters who passed the time during lockdown and gave the seafarers something to not only warm their heads, but also warm their hearts.

- Anglican Craft Group of St Arnaud
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- CWA Casey Dinner Branch
- Mothers Union Nyah West
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Dates for your diaries:

- Every 2nd Thursday - Sea Shanties Sing-a-long
- December 17 - Claymore Celtic Christmas



Remembering the Mission beyond today

Legacies are very important to the Mission, as they allow us to continue our vital work supporting seafarers that work around the world. We have been fortunate over the years with many of the former members of the Mission remembering us in their wills, or with an ongoing legacy through a trust. We appreciate each and every donation now, but please consider the future work of the Mission.

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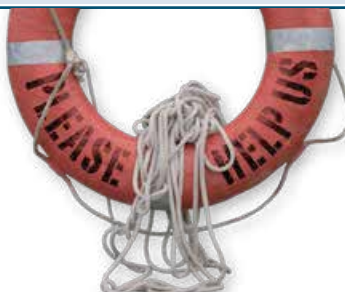
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- \$25 supports the provision of phone and internet services for contact with home.
- \$35 will support MtSV Ship Visiting.
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