

Upcoming Events and Cruises:

Oct	Sun 6th	Day Cruises
	Sat 19th	Rose Week Special Cruise
	Sun 20th	Day Cruises
Nov	Sun 3rd	Day Cruises
Dec	Sun 1st	Day Cruises
Jan	Weekly sailings each Sunday weather and crew permitting	
Feb	No sailing—Scheduled maintenance	

From the Treasurer

Thank you to all members that have already paid for the current financial year. Please note that memberships are paid annually from the 1st July to 30th June.

If you have not already paid, we would appreciate you paying and sending back your membership form, which was sent at the beginning of July.

Johnny Gurr's \$40,000 bequest has been transferred to our Investment Account.

If you would like a new form, please contact Denise on 0488 566 414. Thanking you.

Successful Grant Application to Council

The Management Committee have been successful in accessing a Grant from the Renmark Paringa Council to enable long overdue refurbishment and improvements to the wet areas of the ps Industry. We are required to carry out these works in a manner that maintains the historical integrity of our vessel. Work is scheduled to commence on Monday 9th September.

The Committee acknowledges and thanks the Renmark Paringa Council for their ongoing support and for the generous donation to FOTI and the ps Industry.

The 'Paddle Wheeler'

PS 'Industry' Newsletter—August 2019



Chairman	David Nattrass
Vice-Chairman	Mark Hazelwood
Secretary	Helena Whitman
Treasurer	Denise Bihun
Maintenance & Operations	Luke Bihun (ex-officio)
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Safety Officer	John Brodie
Facebook	Don Smith
Committee	Barry Sullivan
	Tom Walsh
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On-going (never-ending) maintenance

Maintenance activities in August mainly focused on the Annual Boiler Inspection and preparations for the installation of a new calibrated Safety Valve. Fortunately many of our volunteers have enough expertise to be able to carry out the majority of maintenance required. However, we are constantly on the lookout for new volunteers particularly those with boiler, engine driver and skipper skills.



Helm from the Barge Ajax donated by Eileen Edward's daughter.

Snippets from the AGM



During the AGM, trays made of Spotted Gum and Oregon from the the old ps Industry Boom were presented to Beryl Jungfer for her dedication in providing morning tea for the wood splitters each Tuesday and to Dave Natrass for his continued service to the Industry. The trays were fashioned

by Luke Bihun.



The other significant matter discussed was the Constitution. Although there had been significant changes over the years, these had not been registered with the CBS. It had been agreed that all the previous and new changes would be adopted this AGM and presented in the new Constitution to be registered.

The only change to the Management Committee was the nomination of Luke Bihun in an ex-officio capacity. Luke had generously taken on the role of Maintenance and Operations—a role previously held by Mark Hazelwood who will now take on the position of Vice-Chair. Many thanks to Mark for his efforts in this role. Also thanks to Peter Ireland who had to resign the role due to personal reasons. Peter had done a great job during his term.

Skippers Training Course

Due to the response and success of the Council of Inland Rivers inaugural Skippers Training Course, a second round is scheduled to commence in October. If you are interested in gaining a “Heritage Skippers” ticket please contact Dave for enrolment details.

Vale John 'Massey' Hunter

22/07/2019 (aged 73)

I (Dave Natrass) first met this Massey character at an Apex interclub event in the mid to late 1980's armed with a supply of Waikerie Dark.

My involvement with Apex saw me become involved with the restoration of the ps Industry and my long association with Massey.

Massey was not only involved with the Industry but most, if not all volunteer run Paddle Steamers. He was regularly rostered as a crew member on vessels. When Massey was rostered on the Industry he and his beloved dog Kelly would arrive the day before, light the wood fired galley stove overnight to ensuring there was hot water and the oven was up to temperature for the scone cooking when the cook's arrived. He also monitored the boiler preheat cycle thus allowing the engineer to sleep in a little longer.

Massey had a fog horn voice which would ring out if woe betide Kelly dared to stray beyond the Industry compound. A couple of years ago he gained his Master 5 Heritage Vessel ticket which was a real asset when drawing up the roster. When vessels were slipped for maintenance you could rely on Massey to assist, whether it was caretaker at the slip, heating pitch on the fire or more recently in his collection of woks and fry pans, steaming planks, rolling oakum or just the dog's body he would be there.

Massey was a contributing member on the committee charged with the very successful ps Industry centenary celebrations in 2011.

When Massey's health began to fail I kept in contact with him and he remained optimistic about recovery. However during our last conversation he said "I am not travelling to good" and to my dismay while browsing last Thursdays Advertisers Tributes I read Hunter John which beckoned a second look and unfortunately it was our dear friend Massey. This has just been a very brief overview.

As Paul Taylor, retired director of the Murray Pioneer said to me last week Massey "put in"! He has been one of the dedicated volunteers to the ps Industry since restoration commenced in 1989/90.

Massey, deep down was a true gentleman and his contribution to the Heritage Paddle Fleet on the Murray will be greatly missed!

RIP Friend.

Rolling down to Renmark by Max Fatchen 1993

Paddle wheels along the Murray, beating with their spin and spray
Down the river's silver reaches on a riverboating day,
Hear the engine's thump and huffing, as she turns around the bends
While the pelicans salute her wither riverboating friends.

She belongs where sandbars glisten by the shadow of old trees
And the river lovers listen to the gusty mallee breeze
In the treetops softly humming, telling lusty yarns of yore
For the Industry is coming back to Renmark's friendly shore.

She's a craft of restoration. Here she comes now in her prime.
Spare her then a warm ovation. She has conquered fretful Time.
All of you have done your duty, making her a river queen.
She's a television beauty, conquering the mini screen.

Listen to her river rhythm and her paddle music's beat
As she cruised down the river, flagship to a river fleet.
Hail this lady, bathed in splendor as with heartfelt pride we thank
Those who selflessly attend her and protect each noble plank.

Yabbies and respectful collop hear her passage, Renmark bound.
How the heartbeats skip and gallop at her whistle's thrilling sound.
Ghosts will stir while Murray dreamer adds her to the river lore
Industry, old stately steamer, may she steam for ever more.

(written to celebrate the 1st Anniversary of FOTI taking responsibility for the Renmark Tourist and Heritage Centre)



2019 AGM—Chairman’s Report

We began the year with some changes in personnel - Mary Mills and Jackson Wickham retired from their roles last year. Helena Whitman offered her services as Secretary and Newsletter editor. Don Smith restored and edits the Facebook page and Stuart Auld took over the Roster Coordinators role from Denise Bihun. Long serving Council committee representative Jack Gibb did not seek Council re-election and has been replaced by Marg Howie. Thanks to all for your conscientious service.

When Constitution changes, approved at last year’s AGM, were registered with CBS, it was discovered that previous amendments had not been recorded; hence the inclusion of changes in tonight’s agenda.

Thanks to Helena for initiating an Industry website. Work is proceeding as she loads content to get it up and running.

Continued sponsorship from Angove Family Wines supported the printing of a new eye catching brochure.

In August we steamed to Kaeslers Landing and despite initial concerns with crewing, a very successful cruise to Mannum followed in November. Unfortunately low water levels caused the trip to Moorook for their 125th celebrations to be cancelled. The hot weather policy and a leak in the boiler feed water piping saw 2 trips cancelled in January. On days of extreme temperature, conditions onboard are challenging so Committee have decided to lower the trigger level to 38 degrees. This year the Industry steamed on 33 days with 56 wharf departures and carried in excess of 2000 passengers. A total of 3889 hours were recorded in the time book. The true record being greater.

The Industry was slipped in April and 4 ageing planks were replaced. An out of water survey inspection was also performed. Tweedmarine have offered to survey heritage listed vessels free of charge. We are extremely fortunate and grateful for Mike’s generous offer. The fire bar mounting racks were modified and the telegraph replaced with a new cable system. A crack discovered in the casting when overhauling the spare Worthington pump has been repaired and reassembly is under way. The knock in the port side big end was repaired and a ladder installed on the aft starboard side to provide safer access to the tender. We are also trialling a ladder on the tender to facilitate recovery of people from the water.

Chairman’s Report cont:-

Maintenance was performed on the deck, rubbing strips and in our spare time we have continued wood splitting. Thanks to Dix Engineering for their attention to jobs at short notice and Beryl for supplying the morning tea for Tuesday workers.

Tom Walsh commenced the long awaited training for Heritage Vessel Skippers in November.

Although the Friends Day in March attracted a smaller gathering than in the past it still provided a worthwhile opportunity to socialise in a relaxed environment.

We are yet to locate copies of songs compiled by Dave Verrall and Frank Turton and the plans of Industry redrawn by Peter Everingham which have disappeared.

Our late member and long time supporter Johnny Gurr bequested \$40,000 to the p.s. Industry towards future maintenance. Johnny had previously signed over the copyrights of her book “P S Industry and Other Work Boats” to FOTI. A plaque has been installed to record her generosity.

It is with sadness we note the passing of Eileen Edwards and John “Massey” Hunter. Their services and support have been a great asset in the operation of the p s Industry. On behalf of the Committee and Members we extend our condolences to their families.

Thanks to all our dedicated hard working volunteers, wives, husbands and partners for their support this year.

Dave.

Your Committee:

