

Upcoming Events and Cruises:

Unfortunately due to Covid-19 distancing requirements and the need to sanitise the whole vessel between cruises, the Industry won't be sailing until or unless these requirements change.

The Management Committee would like to take this opportunity to thank the Renmark Hotel for their generous sponsorship of our AGM and urge you to support those who support us.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP—1ST JULY – 30 JUNE

Thank you to all those who have paid this financial year's membership, as it is our only income for quite some time, we appreciate this very much.

Also to those that have included a donation, thank you very much.

For those of you who have misplaced your renewal form, forgotten or been away and still wish to make payment, please ring Denise 0488 566 414 to arrange payment.



Working on the Paddle

All photos courtesy

Baz & Donna



The 'Paddle Wheeler'

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Chairman's Report from AGM

The year commenced with good passenger participation until maintenance issues arose resulting in the cancellation of the March cruise and charter. Then the COVID-19 pandemic impacted us all! A large number of volunteers were in the "at risk" age group which demanded extra caution. All activities were cancelled.

The knife edge situation continues to suspend cruising and seems likely to do so for some time. However restricted maintenance activities have resumed.

The Volunteer Register recorded in excess of 2500 hours of service. However attendances are not always entered and the total commitment would be larger.

Committee has yet to receive a reply from Council as to why we were not included in the invitation to register for national volunteer week.

The shut down has severely reduced our income for the year and maintenance expenses escalated, which reflect in the financial report. A calibrated safety valve, new fire pump, painting, paddle shaft repairs and confined spaces modifications being the major costs. We also purchased an AED (Automated External Defibrillator). However a Council grant facilitated refurbishment of toilets and shower.

A positive outcome from COVID-19 restrictions has been the reduced urgency and demand on workers and volunteers to complete paddle shafts repairs. A new port side crank journal and shaft bush were manufactured and the paddle wheel overhauled. Renmark Irrigation Trusts assistance with crane services during the process was greatly appreciated. Work continues to complete the reassembly.

A Council audit resulted in all below deck spaces being listed as Confined Spaces. An assessment is currently being performed and access documentation is being drafted for submission and approval.

July 2020 marked 25 years since the Industry was granted Heritage Vessel status enabling her to carry fare paying passengers and in November it will be 30 years since she was restored to steam working order. We were planning an event to celebrate our milestones but these have been put on hold subject to COVID-19.

Our current volunteer base enabled us to satisfy monthly steaming and local charters. Unfortunately we had to decline invitations to attend the Wentworth Junction Rally and Morgan Living River Festival, although we were able to enter a team in the tug of war.

Chairman's Report Cont:-

The Visitor Centre has introduced a new on line booking system but we are yet to test it due to the shutdown. Hopefully it will streamline the ticketing system.

It was with deep regret we saw the passing of Life Member Ken Petersen. Ken's long, dedicated association with FOTI will be missed.

Industry's operation is only possible due to the continued support from the business community and you, the volunteers. Thanks for your support as we look forward to resuming cruises as soon as possible.

Dave

