

Upcoming Events and Cruises:

Dec	Sun 1st	Day Cruises—11:30 and 14:00
Jan		Weekly sailings each Sunday (weather and crew permitting)
Feb		No sailing —Scheduled maintenance
Mar	Sun 1st	Day Cruises—11:30 and 14:00

Donation/Grant from Council

The Committee acknowledges and thanks the Renmark Paranga Council for their ongoing support and for their recent generous donation to FOTI for refurbishment of wet areas on the PS Industry.



The funds enabled the upgrade of both toilets and the shower which were found to be in serious need of repair with some items requiring replacement of timbers. A wonderful job by Bruce Hobson and our volunteers.



We also extend thanks to Big River Carpets who generously provided flooring for several areas on the PS Industry.

Other repairs and maintenance

have been ongoing to ensure the PS Industry keeps sailing and providing visitors with an insight into the past history of the River trade.



The 'Paddle Wheeler'

PS 'Industry' Newsletter—December 2019



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Chairman's Report

Thanks to The Renmark Paringa Council for funding and organising a first aid course successfully completed by 9 Industry Volunteers. We hope to hold a further course in the first half of 2020. We have also purchased a portable defibrillation machine and first aid kit for use on the vessel and wood yard.

The Renmark Visitor Centre is in the process of implementing an on line booking system. When operational, tourist accessing Visit Renmark or our web sites can be directed to the Bookeasy system and purchase tickets. Patronage has been very good on recent cruises. Extra crew will be rostered on days where more than 2 trips are scheduled.

Mark and I attended a Succession Planning workshop which highlighted the need to plan for the future.

Committee resolved to decline invitations for the PS Industry to attend the Morgan Living River Festival and Wentworth Junction Rally due to crewing difficulties experienced in past long trips. We did however field a Tug-of-war team which competed credibly (third) at the Morgan festival. Thanks Mark for organising a team.

Please assist Stuart and make his task easier by returning a completed roster sheet.

Bruce has almost completed the upgrade of toilets and washroom made possible with the \$9,600 grant from Renmark Paringa Council.

A new calibrated safety valve has been purchased for installation on the boiler.

Ten steel framed chairs have been bought as replacements for ageing brittle plastic type.

Luke has been busy in his new role as Maintenance Co-ordinator with general repairs, replacing waste gussets, manufacturing and installing shelves and storage bins. We thank Barry Sullivan for manufacturing new hatch covers and installing a replacement fire / bilge pump. He has also organised and donated a drill press, air compressor, shelving and storage bins. Wood splitting always keeps our volunteers busy!

Regretfully following FOTI's letter to council in May 2019 which expressed our concern with the integrity of the Argo's hull and her taking on water; she sank. FOTI relinquished any management for Argo when the Argo Restoration Committee assumed control in July 2001.

Sunday March 22— Friends Picnic at Lock 5 gathering from 11:00 am.

BYO everything! Put it in your diary!

Chairman's Report continued:-



July 2020 will be the 25th Anniversary of the PS Industry's granting of Historic Vessel Survey and then in October it will be 30 years since she returned to the water under her own steam. Committee has had preliminary discussions and is yet to decide on if, what and when to celebrate! Any suggestions or volunteer organisers?

It was with deep regret when we were advised of member Leon Wagner's passing. Leon had a long association with the paddle steamer groups, particularly the P S Ruby. His services will be greatly missed. We extend our sympathy to his family.



With Christmas just around the corner I wish you all the best for the festive season. Hopefully see you at the Friends Day at Lock 5 in March

Dave

To all our friends and supporters—wishing you a safe and wonderful Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year.

General Bits & Pieces

- The PS Industry proved so popular over the October long weekend that an additional sailing was added on the Sunday, however it was very hard on the volunteer crew.
- The Information Centre is introducing a new electronic booking system through bookeasy.com. This will enable visitors to book and pay directly through the VIP or PS Industry websites. It is meant to simplify the booking process.
- A reminder that any **outstanding Memberships that have not been paid by end of December** will leave us with no option but to revoke your membership including newsletter—a decision not taken lightly however we do need to cover the cost of print and postage of newsletter as well as other running expenses.