

Upcoming Cruises:

Jan	(weather and crew permitting)	
	Sunday 2nd	9:00am, 10:30am and 12:00noon
	Sunday 16th	9:00am, 10:30am and 12:00noon
	Sunday 23rd	9:00am, 10:30am and 12:00noon
Feb	No sailing —Scheduled maintenance	
Mar	Sun 12th	10:30am, 12:30pm and 2:00pm
	Mon 21st	Private Charter
Apr	Sat 2nd	Private Charter
	Sun 3rd	10:30am, 12:30pm and 2:00pm
	Mon 4th	Private Charter
	Sat 16th	10:30am, 12:30pm and 2:00pm
	Sun 17th	10:30am, 12:30pm and 2:00pm

Due to Covid NO food or drinks supplied during steamings.

FOTI have been successful in an application for a RAA Safety Grant. This will allow us to purchase a new Defibrillator which should be very easy to use if needed.

The LIFEPAK CR2 unit is fully automatic and evaluates the heart rhythm of both adults or children once electrodes have been applied. Voice prompts guide the user through the required procedure. Hopefully we never need to use the unit.

Informative videos of this unit are on YouTube and these videos should be watched as part of First Aid training.

John Brodie (Safety Officer)

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

The 'Paddle Wheeler'

PS 'Industry' Newsletter—December 2021



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Friends of the (ps) Industry (FOTI) celebrate Family Day

Members and volunteers of FOTI gathered at Lock 5 to celebrate Family Day, an annual event not held last year due to Covid restrictions.

“Unfortunately, our interstate members and volunteers were unable to participate this year”, said David Natrass, Chairman. “We have missed them over the past few years and look forward to their participation once restrictions are lifted.”



During the day Mark and Kathy Hazelwood, Sandra Daniel and Tom Walsh were awarded Certificates of Appreciation for their long term service as committee members and volunteers.

“We also want to thank and acknowledge Jocie Cooper for her long time contribution as a volunteer on the Industry.” Said David. “Jocie has now called it a day and will be missed.”



Ps Industry finds new home

A working model of the ps Industry that had been housed in the Council office has now found a new home accessible to the public. The model crafted by Hans Wyman and purchased by Ute Young and Peter Speight was donated to FOTI.

Reunited with the Centenary Quilt, and other items, the model is now on display at Olivewood. The Centenary Quilt was created by the Renmark Patchwork and Quilters to celebrate the centenary of the ps Industry and donated to FOTI to be displayed alongside the model.



Ann Ryan Chairwoman, Renmark Branch NTSA, accepts display items

Vale to two stalwarts of the ps Industry and FOTI

It was with great sadness that we farewelled two of our long time stalwarts in (Capt) Alan Smith and Graeme Stoeckel.

Alan had volunteered his services for more than 30 years sometimes at very short notice. He skippered the Industry on regular short cruises and on longer voyages to destinations including Mannum, Wentworth and Mildura. He was ably supported by wife Davia who toiled in the tiny galley to keep the crew fed. Alan was the instigator for the formation of the Murray Skippers Association. As a mark of respect a Guard of Honour was formed by River Associates at his funeral. His commitment to the boating fraternity will be greatly missed.

Graeme had been a regular volunteer for many years. His skills, and particularly his carpentry expertise have been a great asset. He willingly took on large projects including the wheel house roof and upper deck replacements. We shall miss Graeme's sharing of knowledge and his commitment to the Industry's operation and maintenance.

From the Treasurer:

We welcome new Member Matthew Voigt

Members who have not paid their Membership will now be taken off our email or postal list to receive newsletters.

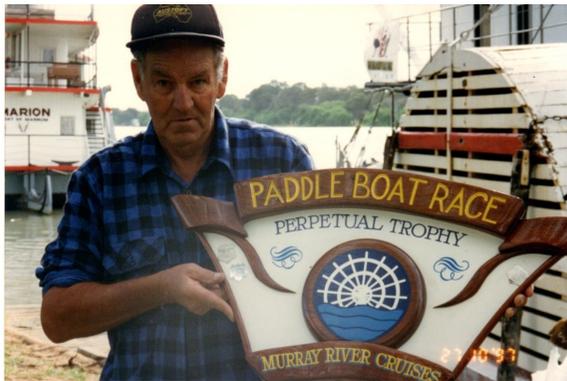
If you wish to remain a member, please get your Membership in asap to avoid missing out.

Denise Bihun

From the archives:

Where is it now?

**Does anyone know and if so
can you please contact Dave or
Helena**



Alan Hanson with the trophy

Industry now the fastest steamer on SA waters

The *ps Industry* is officially the fastest steam-powered riverboat in SA.

The Renmark-based paddlesteamer won the 9th annual Lower Murray Challenge Shield race at Mannum on the weekend.

She beat five other boats - the *ps Etona*, *Goolwa*, *Amphibius*, *Oscar-W* and *Marion* - in a 2km race that was part of the weekend-long celebrations in Mannum to mark the centenary of the *Marion*.

Some cunning passenger movement during the race was reportedly vital to the *Industry's* success.

Captain Alan Smith and his crew ordered their 50 or so passengers to move to the back of the boat during the race to add nearly four tonnes to the stern and help the paddles bite deeper and the steering easier.

Friends of the Industry president Peter Speight, of Renmark, said yesterday the captain then guided the paddlesteamer close to the *Marion*, who had been given a headstart, to gain shelter from the wind and take victory from the *Oscar W* and the *Goolwa*.

An estimated crowd of 8000 attended the *Marion's* centenary celebrations and were treated to a ferry-light procession of paddlesteamers and a spectacular fireworks display on Saturday night.

The *ps Industry* began the journey back to Renmark yesterday and is expected back at Renmark by Friday.

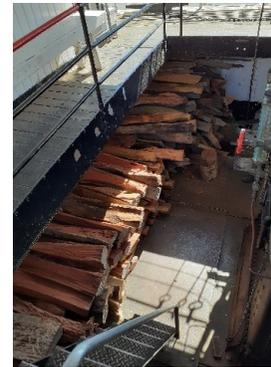
Riverland CWA donation to FOTI

A recent donation from the Renmark CWA to FOTI has enabled the purchase of a piece of equipment that will make life much easier for the woodcutting volunteers of the *ps Industry*.



CWA Vice President Marina Phillis and Treasurer Fay Laube made the presentation to FOTI Treasurer Denise Bihun.

Each year the Renmark CWA chooses a non-profit local organisation to support and this year FOTI were the beneficiaries. "We are most grateful and appreciative of this support," said Treasurer Denise, "it will be put to good use."



One of the many tasks performed by FOTI volunteers is the cutting of wood for the boiler on the *ps Industry*. "She is a steam driven vessel," said David Nattrass, Chairman, "and therefore requires a large amount of wood for each steaming. One of the main tasks at a Tuesday Working Bee is the cutting of donated wood to a manageable size for our firemen to handle."



Marina Phillis and Fay Laube speaking with Dave Nattrass about the chainsaw.

"The donation has been used to purchase a new chainsaw which will make life much easier for our woodcutters", said Denise "as many of our volunteers are getting older."

As with many voluntary organisations, FOTI are always looking for new volunteers and Members. Volunteers are always welcome even if they can only attend occasionally to either a Tuesday Working Bee or on the *ps Industry* as crew on steaming days. No experience required.

Chairman's Report—Dec 2021

One wonders whether at this time next year our operations will still be restricted by COVID for a third year! Despite the continuing regulations we see nearly full capacity on most short cruises. Charters have almost been nonexistent.

Due to stringent Covid regulations and uncertainties with slipping dates committee found it had no option but to cancel our scheduled out of water slip. As a result, we were unable to prepare the detailed inspection and future maintenance report.

Several members recently spent an afternoon on the Industry in the filming of a new advert for Elders Real Estate.

The Family Day at lock 5 was well attended and enjoyed by all. Committee took the opportunity to present certificates of appreciation to retiring volunteers and committee members.

A certificate was previously presented to representatives of the Renmark branch of C.W.A. in acknowledgment of their donation of \$1000.00 for the purchase of a chainsaw.

Our Tuesday working bees have been well attended with numbers sufficient to organize wood cutting and vessel maintenance. A considerable amount of the donated wood has now been split and stockpiled at the woodyard. Onboard we continue with painting, handrail installation, insect screen upgrades and general maintenance. New cables have been purchased to replace the ageing sponson deck and paddle box supports. Covers for the Tender and its outboard have been purchased and fitted. Thanks to Dave Thicthener for his comprehensive complimentary service of the tender outboard.

The Council has withdrawn its previous support for First Aid training. With most volunteers requiring a refresher course we are negotiating to run one in the new year. The course has a set cost of around \$3000.00 with a maximum of 18 students. When we have a date, we will call for attendees.

Chairman's Report continued:-

When the Interpretive Center was disbanded several items needed a new home. Committee has resolved to formally donate these to the Renmark branch of the National Trust. Items included were the two operational model steam engines, helm from the Argo barge, working model of the p.s. Industry and the Centenary Quilt.

The P S Industry arrived in Renmark in 1971 so 2021 marks 50 years at her new port.



Festive Season fast approaching your Committee thanks you for your continued support and wishes you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Dave