

The 'Paddle Wheeler'

PS 'Industry' Newsletter—February 2019



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Upcoming Events and Cruises:

March:	Sun 3rd	Monthly Day Cruises
April:	Mon 1st	Sailing to Berri to put on Slip
	Fri 19th	Return to Renmark
	Sat 20th	Easter Day Cruises
	Sun 21st	Easter Day Cruises
May:	Thu 2nd	Charter
	Sun 5th	Day Cruises
	Thu 16th	Renmark to Loxton
	Sat 18th	Moorook Steaming Day
	Sun 19th	Moorook Steaming Day

Family Day—Sunday 17th March Lock 5

Friends of the Industry Family Day Picnic—Sunday 17th March at Lock 5 starting at noon. **BYO everything** including family and friends. A great opportunity to meet other Friends of the Industry and share some tales and companionship.

PHOTOS & STORIES

If anyone has any photos or stories that they are willing to share with either Facebook or the Website we would be happy to have them and to acknowledge the source, especially photos of any restoration work.

Please email to psindustry.renmark@gmail.com.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT FEBRUARY 2019

Good news, we have a volunteer for Roster Coordinator. A big thank you, and congratulations to Stuart Auld for volunteering to take over the role. Thanks to Denise for her conscientious past service and helping Stuart in the transition. I urge you to return your roster sheet promptly to support Stuart in its preparation.

Our late member and long time supporter Johnny Gurr bequeathed \$40,000 to the PS Industry, towards future maintenance. Johnny had previously signed over the copyrights of her book "PS Industry and other work boats" to FOTI. A plaque will be installed to record her generosity.

Thanks to Helena for initiating an Industry Website. Work is proceeding as she loads content to get it up and running. Visit www.psindustry.org.au

Under Denise's watch and continued sponsorship from Angove Family Wines we have printed a new eye catching brochure.

Despite initial concerns with crewing we cruised to Mannum for "All Steamed Up". Wood supply was an issue with an "emergency" delivery to Swan Reach and several unscheduled pickups. As I have mentioned before these trips really place a load on the volunteers but the experience and financial gain make it worthwhile. Thanks to all involved for making the trip possible.

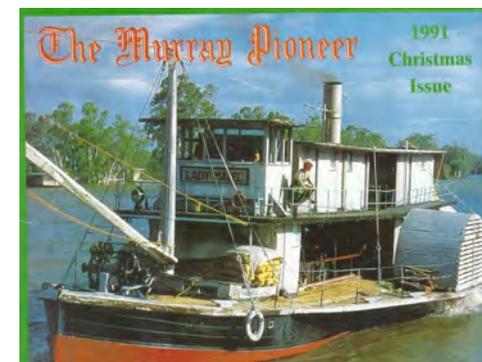


For your interest—a bit of history



Extracts from the Murray Pioneer

- **July 26 1983** – Moves have been renewed to have the Industry resorted to working order. Renmark Rotary Club passed a motion for a feasibility study for cost of restoration. Renmark Corporation (Council) knocked back the request.
- **August 12 1983** – The Renmark Apex Club backed efforts to have the Industry restored to working order and that it could be an ideal combined service clubs project as a contribution to Renmark's centenary celebrations.
- **April 24 1990** – Work to start on Industry hull repairs. Industry shuttled to drydock. Fundraising had raised \$25,000 toward repairs and restoration.
- **May 1 1990** – The first stage of restoration set to go.
- **June 19 1990** – Friends of the Industry formed. Additional funding approved through Murray Darling Basin Ministerial Council for \$15,000. Total raised \$35,000 or \$41,000 needed for restoration.
- **July 17 1990** – Industry identified as tourism venture. Assistance from Andrew Cook, shipwright from Echuca in restoration.
- **August 7 1990** – A Star is Born; the Industry is to star in The River Kings mini-series. Work continued in restoring the hulls planking as well as boiler repairs with the hold of GJ Dix Engineering. Painting by Skinny's Crash Repairs.
- **October 19 1990** – the Industry is finally letting off steam. "Today, the steam pouring from her spout and spirited whistles, will be the Industry's way of paying tribute to all those who fought and worked to see the day". Fittingly the Captain for this historical day was Andrew Cook.
- **December 4 1990** – the Industry Restoration Committee received a further \$15,700 for her role in "the River Kings" mini series.



What's Happening

The Facebook: www.facebook.com/PSIndustry.Renmark—this has been active since mid October and is looking for support from Members through 'likes' and 'invitations' to friends to spread the word and also encourage sharing of information.

Website: www.psindustry.org.au — progress has been slow however I am hoping the Member Only site will be active soon. The Members page will have a Calendar of Events covering the next 12 months, a set of operating procedures for Industry crew, Newsletters, Minutes of Meetings as well as other information.

Facebook & Website Assistant Administrator

There is also a vacancy for one or two members to assist with the role of administrator for either our Facebook page or the Website especially when current administrators are on leave or otherwise unavailable.

Membership

Please note that our membership is paid annually from the 1st July to 30th June. Renewal notices have been sent out, so if you are still interested in being members, the form gives several ways of paying either via Direct Credit, at the VIC or sending a cheque to our PO Box 671 Renmark 5341. Please also remember to send your form back so that our records can be kept up to date.

Please also note that membership entitles you to our newsletters and complimentary tickets. All volunteers who work on the PS Industry are requested to have up to date membership, as this helps cover insurance for you.

Lost

Plans of Industry, redrawn by Peter Everingham have disappeared from the Vessel. We would appreciate their return!

Several copies have been printed; if you were a recipient could you please contact us to arrange for copies. (Plans A1 size)

Also trying to locate songs compiled by Dave Verrall and Frank Turton.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT Cont:-

The hot weather policy saw one trip cancelled in January. However, on days of extreme temperature, conditions onboard remained challenging so committee have decided to lower the trigger level to 38 degrees.



A second trip was cancelled when a possible fault was observed in the boiler feed water piping. Work is currently proceeding on the replacement.

Volunteers have also been busy repairing the port rubbing strip and keeping up the wood supply. Adjustments on the port big end have removed the knock.

The Industry is scheduled to be on the slip from Monday April 1st till Wednesday April 17th. During this time we will replace several ageing planks. If you can find some free time to help we will be more than happy to see you.

With Easter cruising immediately following the slip and our May trip to Moorook we will certainly be kept busy.

We also welcome Cr Margaret Howie as the Council Representative on our Committee.

Dave



All Steamed Up—Mannum

The Industry sailed to Mannum on the 11th November to participate in the All Steamed Up Festival on 17 & 18 November. This event marked the 120th Anniversary of the Shearer Steam Carriage and the official launch of an operational replica.

The Industry along with other historical Paddle Steamers offered one hour cruises, as well as taking passengers for the Renmark to Berri leg.



Participation in these historic events is only possible thanks to our volunteers who chop and stack wood, feed the boiler and oven, man the kitchen to feed the crews and visitors and generally enable the Industry to sail this long trip.

