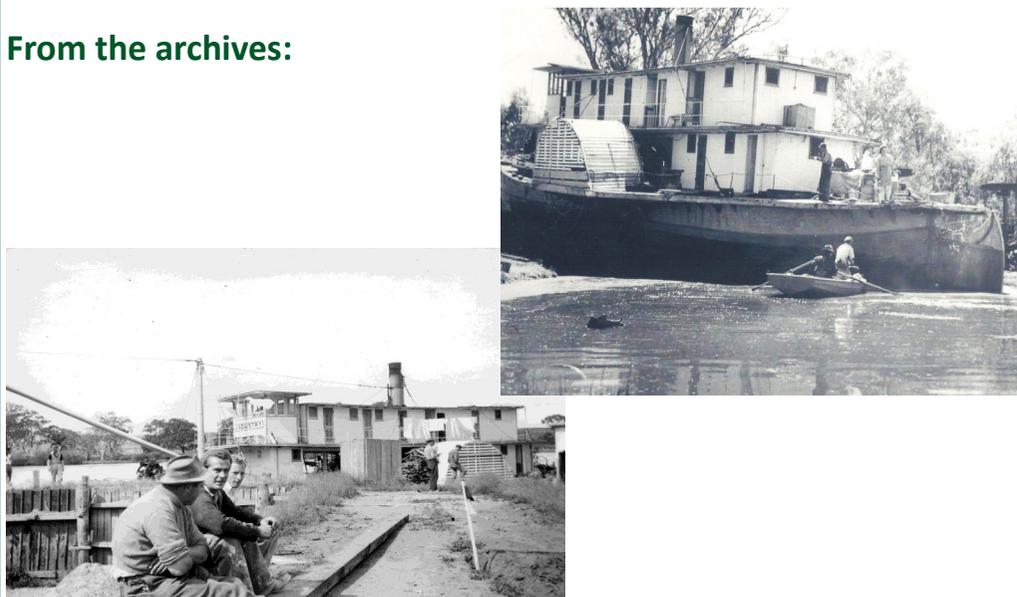


Upcoming Events and Cruises:

April	Easter Cruises:	
	Saturday 3rd	11:00am; 1:00pm and 2:30pm
	Sunday 4th	11:00am, 1:00pm and 2:30pm
	Sunday 11th	Private Charter
	Sunday 18th	10:30am, 12:30pm and 2:00pm
May	Sunday 2nd	10:30am, 12:30pm and 2:00pm

All cruises will be of 1 hour duration and due to Covid
NO food or drinks will be supplied during the cruises.

From the archives:



To all our friends and supporters
wishing you a safe and Very Happy Easter

The 'Paddle Wheeler'

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Chairman's Report

We resumed steaming in January under a modified COVID plan that accommodated 40 passengers but with no Devonshire Teas served. Our first trip being a charter was an ideal time to test the COVID plan. Normal modified cruisings of three one hour trips scheduled each day were all fully booked.

In an attempt to "beat the heat" we trialled an earlier start time to avoid the high afternoon temperatures. Unfortunately, even though this summer has been mild we still had to cancel some trips due to our heat policy.

The new on line booking system is working well and has also resulted in less work for the purser. Trip starting times have been altered to be in line with Visitor Centre opening times as this facilitates the supply of the cruise manifest.

Kathy and Helena had prepared a costing for refurbishing the upstairs cabins. Thanks to John, Janine and Donna we were successful in obtaining a Council funded grant of \$4,000.00 for the upgrade. Allan Langley has coordinated the process and does the specialty repairs. Work is progressing with all cabins being completely stripped out and sanded ready for painting. New floor coverings, curtains and furnishings will follow. Volunteers have been also kept busy with other maintenance duties and wood supply.

As mentioned in the last newsletter dwindling roster returns continue to challenge Stuart as he tries to roster crew for operating days. Members are encouraged to please return you roster on time. A big thanks to those who continue to volunteer their time, especially those that have sacrificed family time over the Easter period.

Paringa silo art has been completed with the Industry now one of the scenes featured. The colourful display is a highlight as you approach the Paring Bridge.



Chairman's Report continued:-

The Heritage Paddle Boat members have lost a dedicated volunteer with the passing of Rob Bowering OAM. Rob's commitment has been instrumental to our success. Our deepest sympathy is extended to Rob's family.

Dave

Renmark Paringa Council Grant

Late last year, the Committee applied for funding from the Renmark Paringa Council to refurbish and renovate four of the main sleeping cabins on the Industry. These cabins are not only historical but often used by crew during longer steamings or overnight on weekends and were badly in need of renovation.

We were fortunate enough to obtain \$4,000 that will cover repairs to walls, flooring and new mattresses along with other incidentals to make these cabins more comfortable for our volunteers and crews.

Acknowledgment must be made of the efforts of John Brodie, Donna Rayner and Jannene Graham who initiated the application, Kathy Hazelwood who spent many hours measuring, negotiating and obtaining many of the items; to Alan Langley for his vigorous and wholehearted efforts in preparation work and off course our volunteers who have been putting in hours of preparation, painting and repairs.

Some surprises:

