

Vision: To be an inspirational maritime museum for the people of Brisbane and Queensland.

Mission: The Queensland Maritime Museum will enrich and inspire our visitors with an outstanding experience of the maritime heritage of Queensland all achieved through dynamic displays, best-practice management of our collection and, the stories we share.

Hello! Welcome to the latest edition of news, rumours and scuttlebutt at the Maritime Museum. If you have anything you would like to say or talk about in Scuttlebutt please let me know. The main purpose of Scuttlebutt is to help keep everybody informed of our activities.

## **Date Claimers - 2017**

### **September**

Sat 19 – Talk Like a Pirate Day

Sat 30 – Guest Lecture ‘The Battle of Midway’ – Mike Sobyra (3pm prior to Riverfire)

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### **October**

Sat 7 – Brisbane Open House

Thu 26 - War at Sea Exhibition opening

### **November**

Sat 18 – A guides guide to Diamantina – John Thiele

### **December**

Sat 2 – Annual General Meeting and Christmas Function

### **Board of Directors**

Angela Tillmanns (Chair), Chris Williams, Mike Sobyra, David Rollins, Mark Fort, Russell Adams, Peter Baston and Mike Kavali.

### **Funding support for QMM**

The Board has been in discussions with the State for a lengthy period seeking funding support for QMM. There has recently been good progress on this matter and a formal announcement from the State Government is expected in the near future.

### **Museum and aquarium development project**

QMM continues to work with our QAMM partners to develop the project.

### **Exhibition.**

The current temporary exhibition is ‘Around the World - A Remarkable Voyage’ which commemorates the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Serge Testa’s single-handed voyage around the world in a 3m yacht, Acrohc Australis. The yacht is on loan from the Queensland Museum.

A touring exhibition from ANMM titled ‘War at Sea’ will be hosted at QMM from late October 2017. We are planning an opening function on Thursday 26 October.

### **Board meetings**

The Board is meeting once per month. Discussions at recent meetings included the following topics;

- Safety continues to be at the forefront of the Board’s agenda and we continue to monitor safety risks. The safety report indicates good progress in fixing identified hazards. The Board thanks Alan for his constant vigilance in the safety area and for the cooperation of our volunteers to keep everybody safe.

- Discussions have been conducted with the State Government and BCC to open up the walkway and connect the QMM with the designated ferry stop and put low cost food and beverage options in place.
- The Board is pleased to see the progress on refurbishing the Forceful. John Imre and Alan Biiby are doing a great job of co-ordinating the refurbishment project and the Board has set a target date of 24 February 2018 to re-open the vessel to the public. There is much to be done before that date and the Board would like to thank all the volunteers for their hard work on this project.
- The Board is taking an active role in building a stronger fundraising base. This will involve strengthening our links with organisations involved in the maritime industry. The Board is also looking to hold an annual raffle to raise funds. If anyone has any great contacts for a substantial raffle prize please contact Mike Sobyra (Membership Secretary).

The focus over the coming months is to

1. Negotiate a funding package with the State
2. Activate the River Edge Strategy,
3. Increase social media promotions to build awareness of QMM and increase our profile on Trip Advisor, and
4. Generate increased fundraising.

### **Website and Social Media.**

QMM's website has been refreshed and it includes a new virtual reality tour of Diamantina. Visit the site and have a look at this feature as it is of very high quality. Please join us on Facebook and Instagram as our social media presence. Thank you to Desley, John and Ray who are looking after social media and the web-site.

### **Function and Events**

There will be a members' event at Riverfire on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September. Please make a booking by contacting Reception. For safety reasons we need to cap the total number of people on the site and we have three other groups attending as part of our fundraising campaign.

Brisbane Open House is occurring on Saturday 7 October at QMM and we are requesting some assistance with guiding and staffing our BBQ. Each year we attract approximately 600 visitors and any assistance we can get is very welcome.

### **Australian Maritime Museums Council**

QMM is a member of the Australian Maritime Museums Council (AMMC). Individuals can join AMMC via the web-site [www.maritimemuseumsaustralia.com](http://www.maritimemuseumsaustralia.com) at no cost. Working with our fellow maritime museums including the strong support of the Australian National Maritime Museum we are raising the profile of our sector.

Thank you very much to all of our members, volunteers and sponsors for your support of the Museum.

Regards  
Ian Jempson

### **Reference Library**

QMM has a very good Reference Library that houses our books, archives, image and map collections. Many years of careful work has been put in by Peter Nunan and his team cataloguing this collection. A recent audit of this collection has revealed that over 60 books are missing from the library. If you have borrowed a book from the Reference Library by mistake could you please return it at your earliest convenience. The Reference Library is maintained as a research collection and material cannot be borrowed or removed from the Library. Thank you for your assistance.

### **Volunteers and Members**

Thank you to our long-serving volunteers and welcome aboard to our new volunteers and members. QMM continues to deliver a high quality visitor experience and that is a credit to everybody involved throughout the Museum, whether serving customers or working behind the scenes in the engine room.

Emergency Planning Committee. QMM has an EPC of Mike Todd, Chris Williams, Keith Boulton, Alan Bibby and Ian Jempson. The role of this committee is to review and update our emergency management regime. Thank you for the work this group has undertaken to date. Volunteers working at QMM are encouraged to ask about the emergency evacuation procedures if you haven't been involved in a drill or aren't aware of the procedures.



### **Pirate Week and, Talk Like a Pirate Day**

Thank you very much to the team who organised and hosted Pirate Week during July. The feedback from our volunteers has been most useful in planning for future events. While attendance was less than hoped for the event was thoroughly enjoyed by the children who participated. Our team did an excellent job.

On Tuesday 19 September we hosted Childhood Cancer Support for their annual Talk Like a Pirate Day. There were plenty of pirates of all ages enjoying their visit to QMM. Thank you to Keith Boulton and Jayne Keogh who helped with arrangements and to our team of guides.

### **Grounds**

In the past few weeks we have lost for a variety of reasons we have lost our regularly gardening team. The dry weather has reduced the workload however as we move into the wet season we are looking for some help with mowing and gardening.

### **Maritime Manifest**

Robert Tillmanns is the editor of the Maritime Manifest. Thank you to Robert and all of those people who have contributed articles. Robert is happy to receive material at any time during the year for inclusion in subsequent editions.

### **Safety**

Annual safety refreshers for 2017 have been completed and we thank everybody for your participation.

**May we extend a warm Welcome to our new Volunteers:**

Regards  
Alan Bibby  
Operations Supervisor

*Happy Volunteering till the next edition of Scuttlebutt*