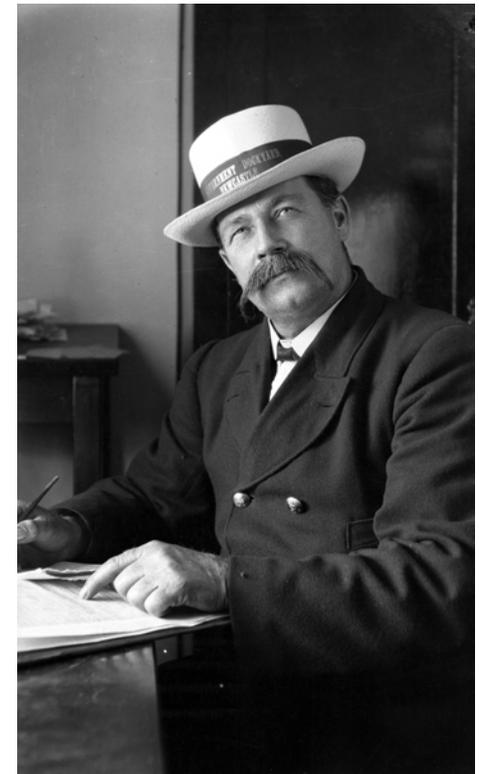


Presentation to City of Newcastle

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NEWCASTLE – A PORT CITY

- World's largest coal export port
- Largest port on the East Coast of Australia (No. 3 in Australia)
- Contributes \$1.6 billion to Lower Hunter economy & 9,000 local jobs



OUR LIVING HISTORY

- PoN = “*global trade gateway for more than 220 years*”
- PoN predates Hobart as **2nd oldest port in Australia**
- **Agricultural exports:** wool, wheat, meat and dairy products
- **Industry:** smelters (copper, aluminium - Tomago) Steelworks
- **Shipbuilding:** State Dockyard, Carrington, Forgacs
- **Ship repair:** old and new floating docks, Varleys, now luxury yachts
- **Seamen, engineers, watersiders, tug crews, railwaymen**
- Immigrant liners and now cruise liners



HUNTER MARITIME HERITAGE INTERPRETIVE TRAIL

- The only main city in Australia where residents or visitors can still observe a busy working port from the city centre
- **WHAT WE DO! Our economy:** The port, its cargoes, its movements
- **WHO WE ARE!** We take pride in the port and its remarkable heritage
- **POTENTIAL TO BE A WORLD-CLASS TOURIST ATTRACTION**



TELLING OUR STORIES

- Origins of the coal export industry: the sailing ship era
- Trends in coal loading: staithe, pin-bosses, modern automation
- Making the port safe: Oyster Bank and the breakwalls: many shipwrecks
- General cargoes: wool, wheat, meat, dairy - containerisation
- Industrial cargoes: steel, aluminium ingots, raw materials
- The BHP fleet in war and peace
- Shipbuilding: Walsh Is., State Dockyard, Carrington, Forgacs, RAN, yachts



TELLING OUR STORIES

- Ship repair: the floating docks
- The coastal trade: The '60-milers' (the local colliers that supplied Sydney)
- The fast Newcastle passenger packets and the river trade to Morpeth
- Harbour ferries: the old punts, Tugs and navigation
- Seamen and seafaring, the Mission to Seamen
- Royal Australian Navy and its men and women (inc. HMAS Newcastle)



NEWCASTLE MARITIME SOCIETY



- Formed in 1972 by Harbourmaster Ken Hopper
- The first significant museum in Newcastle
- Operated a volunteer-based museum at Fort Scratchley for 27 years
- Leased derelict 'A' Shed from HDC in 2008
- Expended \$2million restoring shed to museum standard
- Expended \$1million establishing museum exhibits
- Lease for 10 years with three - ten-year options, at reduced rent
- Contributed to activation of Honeysuckle precinct
- Closed on 23 May 2018 (end of 10 year lease – extension options not pursued)

Newcastle Maritime Museum Society GOALS

- Retention of the Maritime Heritage Collection as a complete collection under one sustainable, professional, management structure.
- Maximised number of collection items under display. Creation of a stronger indigenous maritime history element to the Collection.
- Secure dedicated, cost effective, long term facilities for storage of non-displayed items, and maintenance of the collection.
- Strong partnerships with (local) organisations who have similar goals for the growth, display and care of the Maritime Heritage Collection.
- Partnership with Newcastle Council for the ongoing professional curation and maintenance of the Maritime Heritage Collection.



- From 1980 provided \$30,000 to \$50,000 funds for professional curator/manager
- In 1996 accepted role of Trustee – in NMMS constitution
- Represented on management committee by nominated Councillor
- Established Tourist Information Centre in Maritime Museum 2013
- Provided museum curator peer support for NMMS collection
- Offered assistance to NMMS in 2016 for business model restructuring
- Offered support for restructuring in 2017
- Supported closure and dissolution in 2018 – collection in custody of trustee

A NETWORK OF SITES



Lee Wharf A Shed, in partnership with other tenants

Other potential sites:

- Nobbys Headland
- Fort Scratchley
- Newcastle Railway Station
- Newcastle Museum
- Carrington Hydraulic Power House
- Wickham School of Arts
- Queens Wharf (future development)
- Port of Newcastle Dyke Pt Buildings/Cruise Terminal

THE FUTURE

The society is working closely with organisations to enter a deed of arrangement to ensure the society survives and our 47-year history is not lost.

This will take a considerable amount of work and we are confident of achieving this within the next 3 months.

We are considering transferring assets to Newcastle City Council in goodwill for being involved in an advisory committee and with discussions on potential use of assets.

We thank the Lord Mayor for meeting with organisations that will be considering an expression of interest for A shed and we hope to be in a position as part of a new advisory committee to ensure parts of the collection are displayed in such a facility.

THANK YOU

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