



The Log

Newsletter of the Melbourne
Branch of the Company of Master
Mariners of Australia

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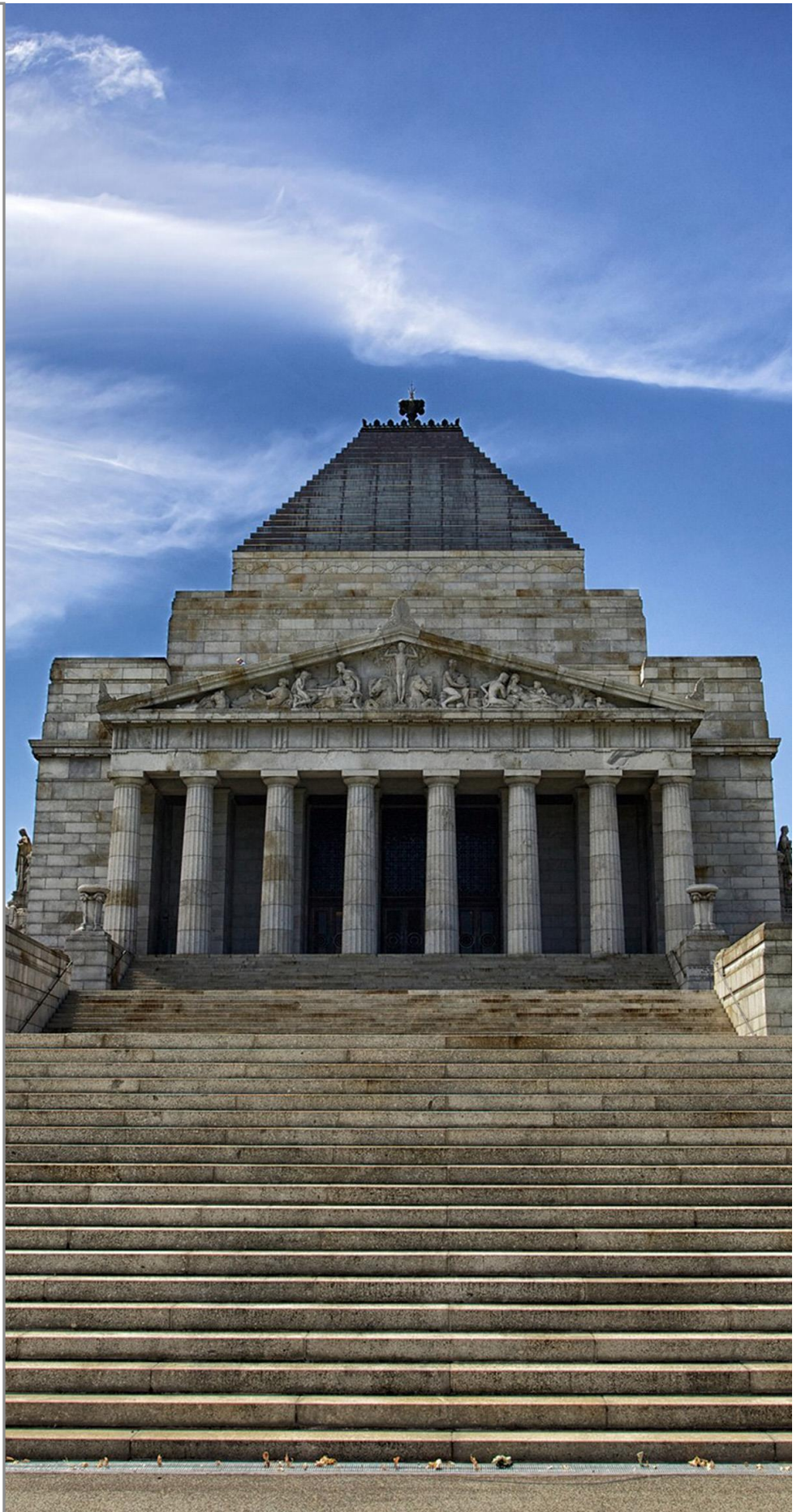
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*Melbourne's wonderful Shrine of
Remembrance, which was the venue for
this year's Seafarers' Sunday service.*

Master

Her Excellency Ms Quentin Bryce,
Governor General of the
Commonwealth of Australia



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From the Branch Master

I wish to start off this month's newsletter with a huge apology, because I let down the post of Branch Master in a rather mortifying manner this weekend – by failing to turn up to the Seafarers' Sunday ceremony.

Since starting at Port of Portland I am now juggling two iPhones, an iPad and two laptops, and none of them managed to tell me to be in Melbourne on Sunday midday! I think I will go back to an old-fashioned diary.

That isn't of course an excuse, because it hit me like a ton of bricks when I clicked mid-ceremony while still in Portland, having just delivered our overseas visitors to Adelaide (coming back the same day) and thinking we had a day to recover before getting back to Geelong to greet the next lot. The month has simply flown by and the shock was mostly that we had already arrived at the 20th a week before we thought it was due! My secretary also apologises for not picking up on it either despite the fact she was advertising the event in the newsletter, but she says in her defence she was fully occupied driving my first wife around the countryside and didn't even have the time to complete the newsletter (which will be short this month due to time pressures). This is the first official event I have ever not



turned up to when expected so I do feel particularly terrible and apologise again to those who had to fill in for me at the last minute. I will try to do better next month, despite our third lot of overseas visitors arriving within the space of a month!

With that in mind, it would be great if you all booked your seats at the Christmas party earlier rather than later, because I know Joanna's schedule is very full next month, with visitors, consultancy projects, the Master Mariner newsletter and the Log to do, as well as the party to organise. Last year she spent a number of hours ringing through the membership list reminding people to RSVP in the required timeframe, and it would be great if she could spend that time organising the actual 'do' instead. If you have friends staying, consider inviting them as well – the Mission will be

shown off to its best and is a worthwhile spot to visit, especially on our party night!

Finally, back to work matters, and it was with sadness that we experienced a death on a vessel in Portland recently, which is reported elsewhere as a news item. I noted with interest that AMSA acted swiftly and imposed limits on operations aboard that ship, which is good to see and shows our regulator is willing to take the necessary actions.



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News

Chinese deck-hand killed on ship berthed in Portland

A 22-year-old electrical assistant aboard the Toucan Arrow was killed recently in a tragic work accident while alongside at the Port of Portland.

The man was a Chinese National employed on the vessel.

The ship, registered in the Bahamas and owned by Gearbulk, was alongside to load a cargo of aluminium ingots on October 7. It is understood that having arrived alongside in the morning, preparations were being made for loading using the ship's travelling gantry cranes.

News reports have stated that the crew member was allegedly crushed between the gantry crane and the hatch coaming, although more specific details will no doubt come out after all necessary investigations have been concluded.

It was also reported that the man was attended to on-site by paramedics and transported to Portland Hospital in a critical condition, where he died from his injuries.

Police arrived and cordoned off the area and ATSB and AMSA representatives attended the

scene to conduct investigations, Harbour Master David Shennan confirmed.

The regulators also visited the ship at its next port in Burnie, Tasmania, to continue their investigations.

According to Lloyds List, AMSA has subsequently imposed limitations on the use of



the cranes on board the vessel.

Neville Manson from the Portland Mission to Seafarers visited the vessel several times in order to provide counselling to the dead seafarer's colleagues.

Other operations were able to continue in the port while the investigations were carried out.

Above: The Toucan Arrow shortly after a fatal accident while alongside at Port of Portland. The vessel was being prepared to receive a load of aluminium ingots, which can be seen waiting on trucks on the dock.



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Noticeboard

The Mission to Seafarers invites you to a special Charity Preview of the latest Tom Hanks movie *Captain Phillips*.

The movie is based on the hijacking in 2009 of the *Maersk Alabama* and shows the impact of modern-day piracy on the seafaring community.

The special fundraising screening will be held at **Hoyts Melbourne Central**, one day before the movie opens in Australia, on **October 23 at 18:45hrs.**

Tickets are \$18 plus \$2.07 booking fee, with a portion of the cost going to the Mission.

Meet beforehand for a drink?

Guests may like to meet beforehand at the Melbourne Central Lion. This is a pub in Melbourne Central next to Hoyts. Meet from 5.30pm, drinks at bar prices.

Getting there

If travelling by car there is parking at Melbourne Central, the cinema parking validator stamp will reduce parking to \$6.50 for 3 hours otherwise it is \$11.00 an hour. If over the 3 hour period and you validate your parking ticket it is \$17.50. Hoyts at Melbourne Central is conveniently located on the city loop train line (Melbourne Central) for anyone who travels by public transport.

Book through Hoyts for the special Charity Preview using this link.

<http://captainphillipsmissiontoseafarers-eorg.eventbrite.com.au/>

For more information, please contact Bill Reid, Operations Manager, Mission to Seafarers.
Phone 0416 153 116 or email www.missiontoseafarers.com.au



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Food, Fun,
Free bubbles
& French
sailors!

Three course
gourmet dinner
plus supper



Goodwill to
all Seafarers
Raffle

Fantastic Prizes!

All proceeds to the
Mission

Le official
Christmas party of:



It's a magnifique
courtyard
Christmas at Café
la Mission to
Seafarers!

Friday
November 29
1830 – 2200 hrs

\$60 members/spouses
\$65 non-members



Great entertainment -
Featuring Phillipe,
l'accordéoniste
extaroadinaire!



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Ooh La La

Le menu

Champagne cocktails

Continental courtyard canapés

French-inspired gourmet buffet

3-tier petit dessert selection

Supper

Gourmet teas & coffee

The famous, made-by-his-own-hand
Branch Master's Christmas cake!

*Listen very carefully, we
shall say this only once...*

Weather: The venue is indoor/outdoor, with a full wet weather alternative.

Dress: Smart casual, or have fun with the theme. There are prizes for the most French guests!

Bar: The dedicated bar will stock beer, wine and the famous cocktail 'French Sailor' – all for \$5 each. Please bring cash for bar sales.

Raffle: Please also bring cash to support the raffle, as all proceeds go to the Mission. Five fantastic prizes to be won.

Parking: \$7 all-night parking is available next to the Mission in the Wilsons's Siddeley St car park.

**Don't feegit to bick
your pleece - you
don't want to
moose out...**



Please RSVP to Alexandra Evered by **November 22**

Email: Alex@baysideshipping.com

Phone: 03 5424 1224 or 0438 663 466

For planning purposes, when booking, please advise us of the following:

- First and surname for each booking
- Whether you are CMMA, IMarEST or NI member (includes spouses)
- Whether you are a CMMA, IMarEST or NI guest
- If you are vegetarian or gluten free

Thank you for RSVP'ing on time, as our caterers need final numbers by November 23.

Payment:

By cheque on the night: Make out to:

The Company of Master Mariners of Australia Ltd

By Electronic Funds Transfer:

Account name: The Company of Master Mariners of Australia Ltd

BSB: 063 141 **Account:** 10421609



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Events

Runs until Oct 27

ANL Maritime Art Prize

Place: Mission to Seafarers, 717 Flinders St, Docklands

Time: 12:00 – 19:00 hrs Tues to Sun

Cost: Gold coin donation

Comments: Australia's premier maritime art competition exhibits in the Mission to Seafarers until October 27. All artworks are for sale, with funds going to the Mission.



October CMMA dinner

Place: CQ, 113 Queen St, Melbourne

Time: 18:00 for 18:30 hrs

Cost: \$40 members, \$50 non-members

Comments: This month's speaker is Jenny Bazakas, Senior Associate, Holman Fenwick & Willan, on the topic of Piracy. Please see the flier sent out recently by Alex Evered on this very pertinent topic.



Combined CMMA, IMarEST and Nautical Institute Christmas Party

Place: Mission to Seafarers, 717 Flinders St, Docklands, Melbourne

Time: 18:30-22:00 hrs

Cost: \$60 members, \$65 non-members, welcome drinks included.

Comments: Don't miss this festive Christmas knees-up in the Mission to Seafarers' wonderful courtyard, or indoors if wet. Lots to eat and drink, special entertainment and a raffle with fantastic prizes – all so we can give the Mission a much-needed Christmas donation to help them with their important work. Please RSVP to Alex Evered by Nov 22.

NOTE

Due to a delay in receiving the speaker notes for September's speaker, Tim King on the Maritime Labour Convention, the summary of this presentation will be included in the November log.

We would like to report that the 'talk, drinks and nibbles' format, and the combination of CMMA and Nautical Institute members, was a success and will be considered again in the future.



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Member's Lounge

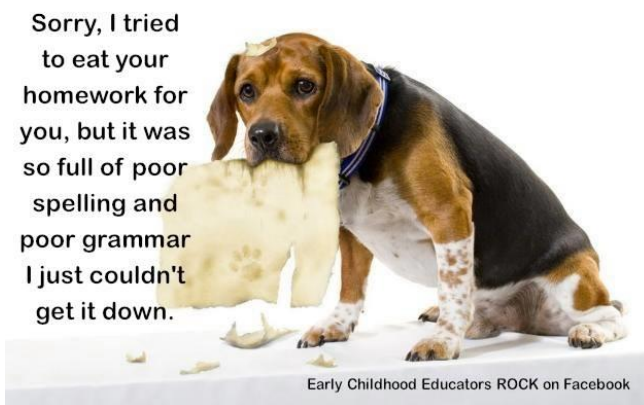
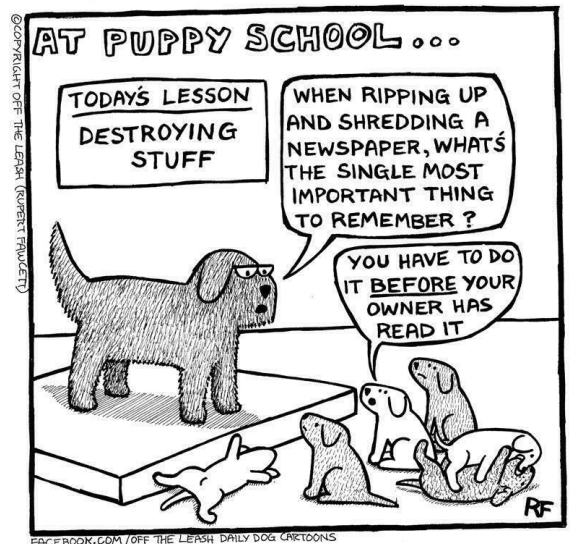


This is the place to escape to for a laugh, to share a memory or a good yarn, or perhaps an idea, opinion or even a gripe with your fellow members.

Not all members can attend meetings, so consider this your 'monthly catch-up on a page'.

Contributions are welcome... email joanna@northandtrew.com or phone me on **03 5250 6323**

Funnies from Facebook Land...



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