



NEWS FROM THE PORT OF ADELAIDE BRANCH OF THE NATIONAL TRUST MARCH QUARTER 2015

CURRENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS ARE:

Karen James	Co-Chairperson
Pat Netschitowsky	Co-Chairperson/Treasurer
Janette Riggs	Deputy Chairperson/Media collection
Fiona McConchie	Secretary/Fort Largs contact
Michael Weir	Principal Research Officer
Sharon Holmes	Membership Liaison/Website development/Facebook co-ordinator
Andrew Winkler	Friends of Torrens Island/Quarantine Station contact
Michelle Hogan	Port Adelaide Enfield Council contact
Kate Riggs	Research Officer
Pam Child	
Ann Lavender	



PAT



MICHAEL



KAREN



MICHELLE



SHARON



ANDREW



PAM

Committee meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month. Members are welcome to attend as Observers.

Please contact Pat if you intend coming.

We will be meeting at The British Hotel for dinner before most meetings and again, contact Pat if you would like to attend.

Committee members have been involved in a variety of meetings/liasons during the past quarter and some were:

- Meetings with local State Member for Port Adelaide Susan Close about Fort Largs and Dock One development
- Meeting with Satu Teppo from Renewal SA about Dock One/Quest development proposal
- Meeting with PAEC planner about Semaphore Road proposed development
- Meeting with DPTI about Torrens Island Quarantine Station
- Attending a tour of the city of Adelaide
- Liaising with Peter Christopher from City of Adelaide to address PoANT meeting
- Meeting with the MUA re building negotiation
- Attending the NTSA Regional meeting
- Attending the Port Adelaide Cultural Mapping tour hosted by Renewal SA
- Participating in the Seniors Expo held at the Waterside Workers Hall
- Participating in the Wild at Hart market
- Attending the Australian Maritime Museums Council National Conference at Goolwa

Besides a myriad of meetings and letter writing etc, members are involved in ongoing Branch management.

MONTHLY MEETINGS:

The PoANT Committee has had fabulous support from local businesses, (British Hotel, Port Dock Hotel and Argos Greek Restaurant), by allowing us to meet in their premises without charge. Please support them with your patronage.

We now have a new meeting place and would like to publicly acknowledge the generosity of the Maritime Union of Australia for allowing us to use their premises.



MARITIME UNION OF AUSTRALIA

Please go to the following link for MUA news:

http://www.mua.org.au/news?page=3&page_industry_news=2

Talking of things maritime, ring the Maritime Museum on 8207 6255 if you are interested in going for a sail on the historic steam tug Yelta. I believe she's sailing on Sunday 17th May and Sunday 27th September. Check her out via this link:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_E3IBWTYISE

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1. Jan Shone, *Formby Fountain*, 2013
2. Tony Kearney, *Semaphore Dawn*, 2014
3. Sandra Elms, *Liminal 01*, 2014
4. Paul Hoban, *Contradiction*, 2013
5. Peter Johnson, *Ceramic Cups*, 2014



Only 500 tickets

\$5.00 each or 3 for \$10.00

To be drawn
at PoANT AGM on 14th July at Semaphore RSL
10 Semaphore Road, Semaphore



PoANT are conducting a raffle this year with beautiful prizes donated by very talented local artists. Tickets will be available soon. Please contact a Committee member if you wish to purchase tickets. The raffle will be drawn at our AGM to be held in July.



POANT 2015 AGM - ADVANCE NOTICE

WHEN: Tuesday 14th July
TIME: 7 PM
VENUE: RSL Hall on Semaphore Road
SUPPER: Provided
DRINKS: Bar open

We would like to acknowledge and thank the RSL Port Adelaide Semaphore Branch for their support by allowing us to hold our AGM in their venue. Brian Samuels, local Historian and PoANT member, will be our keynote speaker. Please don't miss this opportunity to hear Brian speak. Further details will follow this announcement.





Thanks to Sharon and Andrew for promoting the Friends of Torrens Island (FoTI) and the Port of Adelaide National Trust (PoANT) at the Wild at Hart market. **Thanks also to those members who have recently offered their time to be on the roster.**

Please contact Sharon if you can assist or be involved: sharonholmes@optusnet.com.au
Other groups sharing information with the community on a monthly roster:

City of Adelaide clipper ship and SAWA SA (Support Association for Women from Afghanistan).

NOW Port Adelaide will focus on uranium issues relating to our State and Port Adelaide.

Port Adelaide Residents Environment Protection Group (PAREPG)

FRIENDS OF TORRENS ISLAND:

Ring the Maritime Museum on 8207 6255 if you are interested in visiting the Quarantine Station on Torrens Island. Tours will be held on Sundays 17th and 24th May and 28th June. Tours depart at 10am, 11.14am, 2.45pm and 2.15pm.

Check out the QS on this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xQjmdJV8kzQ>

The clip is a couple of years old now and recent restorative work has meant quite a few improvements. Information below is from Andrew Winkler, who is the person to contact if you are interested in getting involved in the Quarantine Station Project. There are quite a few links but this one is to their excellent Newsletters which are full of information about a variety of things related to the QS. Read about it here: http://www.friendsoftorrensisland.org/?page_id=2724

Stage 1, costing over \$600,000 finished at the end of March, and involved repairs to the 1878 cottage, the Bathing Block, Isolation Ward, Mortuary, and Disinfecting Block, as well as replacing the roofs of the rainwater tanks.

Stage 2 will continue on the end of June, and covers repairs to many of the other heritage-listed buildings, bringing total expenditure to around \$1 million.

Refshauge House and the jetty are being considered as separate stages, costing around \$0.5 million each.

FORT LARGS PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION - *Fiona McConchie report*

Fort Largs, photo exhibition now at the Port Adelaide Library.

The 'Faces of Fort Adelaide' photo exhibition has moved from the Semaphore RSL and can be seen in the foyer of the Port Adelaide Library (2 – 4 Church St, Port Adelaide) until April 24.

Please ask for a copy of the catalogue (gold coin donation) from the librarians. There are some beautiful framed photos for sale.

The National Trust has nominated the WW2 Drill Hall and Barracks on the site for addition to the State Heritage Register (the fort itself and 6 guns are already listed) We should hear if this has been successful in May. We have also nominated the site for National Heritage Listing. We expect to hear the outcome of this mid-year.

So at this stage we are playing a waiting game, the tender for sale of the site to a developer has not been put out yet although it's been a year since the Govt announced its intention to sell. Meanwhile we will keep trying to increase the level of protection of the site and keep everyone informed of developments.



Photos courtesy of Andrew Winkler

A modest crowd attended the Photographic Exhibition launch at the Semaphore RSL. There were more people in attendance than can be seen in this picture but were out of shot as they were seated in the Bar area.



Eileen Darley very generously gave her time to sing at the Photographic Launch. PoANT appreciates the time that Eileen has given to this and other events and feel blessed that we have such a talented artist in our midst.

SAVE OUR FORT LARGS



STOP THE SELL OFF!

Built in 1883, Fort Largs at Taperoo was the front line of South Australia's defences in World War I and II.

Thousands of South Australians enlisted, trained and served there in the Army and Police Force.

Now the State Government wants to sell the site, including the historic fort, to a private developer.

Help us keep the Fort in public hands and preserve it for future generations.

SHOW YOUR SUPPORT

Visit: heritagewatch.net.au



/FortLargs

Heritage  **WATCH**

Launch of the *Port Adelaide Now and Then* community heritage wiki

Public launch of an on-line local heritage wiki for Port Adelaide, featuring stories and photos of the people, places and buildings, the local environment, organisations and businesses, events and "things" (ships, bridges, statues, etc.) from the rich history of what was once the nation's third most important seaport - a resource that will grow with time as more material is added by community-based volunteer editors



Thursday, 7 May 2014, 5pm - 8pm Port Adelaide Library, 2 Church Street, Port Adelaide

To book for this event:

<https://aus.evanced.info/portenf/lib/eventsignup.asp?ID=10020>

For more information, contact: Andrew Winkler, (08) 8234 1420, littoral@chariot.net.au
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GMH MOSAIC:



Negotiations are still underway to determine the best outcome for this historic mosaic which was located in the foyer of the old GMH site. Below: very early picture of that site with the CSR sugar works buildings located on the right hand side of the picture, the old Jervois Bridge in the background and NO Birkenhead Bridge in sight.



GMH site in a bit of trouble with local flooding in 1981. *Source: Eva Treen on You Know You're from Port Adelaide/LeFevre Peninsula When Facebook site.*

FORMBY FOUNTAIN:



News from Port Adelaide Enfield Council:

FORMBY FOUNTAIN: The bronze replacement fountain from Billmans' foundry in Castlemaine Victoria is due to arrive any day now. The Council have advised that the fountain will remain in its current location which is just outside the Port Adelaide Police Station.

The fountain was originally located on the corner of North Parade and Nelson St, near the Birkenhead Bridge. It was later moved to what was the Port Dock Railway Station and is now the Port Adelaide Police Station. **I thought you might find the article below both amusing and interesting.**

A memorial drinking fountain erected by public subscription commemorates John Formby, Mayor of Port Adelaide 1869-1873. John Formby was prominent in Port Adelaide affairs. He was a Justice of the Peace and Mayor of Port Adelaide for four successive years. A committee decided a drinking fountain would be a suitable mark of appreciation, and a public subscription raised the money to order a fountain from Scotland which was unveiled in the presence of Mr Formby in 1876.

Portonians as a rule do not indulge in public demonstrations in favour of popular people or institutions, but when they do wish to show honour where honour is due they do it in a substantial and practical manner that does credit to their good taste and proves the sincerity of their character. Mr. John Formby, J.P., a gentleman who has for years taken a prominent part in affairs connected with the interests of Port Adelaide, and who has been Mayor of that Municipality four successive years, has been treated to one of these substantial marks of public appreciation of his worth in a way that is not only pleasing to himself but beneficial to the general community.

The Committee of gentlemen who wished to show the public appreciation of Mr. Formby's services thought it could not be better done than by erecting a fountain in a proper locality—a most useful and lasting memorial to a useful citizen. A liberal sum was raised by public subscription, and a handsome fountain ordered from Scotland.

On Saturday, May 27, the fountain was unveiled by the Mayor of Port Adelaide, Mr. J. M. Sinclair, J.P, in the presence of Mr. Formby, the Corporation, a crowd of citizens, and a large number of visitors from Adelaide.

South Australian Register (Adelaide), 29 May 1876.

Please sign up to the Heritage Watch website to receive heritage updates, issues and news as it comes to hand.

<http://heritagewatch.net.au/news-article-01-at-risk/>

FACEBOOK AND WEBSITE:

Just a reminder to check out our Facebook page for updates. **The website is currently being upgraded and will be online in its new formation asap.**

<http://www.facebook.com/PortofAdelaideNationalTrust?fref=ts>

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