



News from the Port of Adelaide Branch of the National Trust, No. 6

Hello PoANT members,

It's been a while since I've sent the Missive and I hope its arrival finds you well. Rest assured the Committee has been busy, and as listed below there are a lot of events coming up leading into **History Month** in May 2011.

Several of our members were involved in helping organise the Gorilla (read Guerilla) Dinner held on the wharf near the **Harts Mill Complex** on December 11 and around 170 people came, despite the blustery weather. The event received very favourable coverage in the local press as well as raising awareness about the importance of retaining the Harts Mill complex as an Arts Complex/Community space. It was a fantastic night and congratulations to all involved. (*The Hart's Mill Project is a community coalition including the Port of Adelaide branch of the National Trust of SA, the Port Adelaide Artists Forum and locals* <http://www.hartsmillproject.org/index.html> ).

Members gathered for a **New Year drinks** night at the British Hotel in Port Adelaide on the 11th February. It was a great opportunity for members to get to know each other, exchange ideas and catch up with Committee members and their various activities while enjoying delicious food prepared by the Hotel catering staff. It was a balmy evening and the view of the River and surrounds from the balcony is very pretty at night. Perhaps we could push for the Birkenhead and other bridges to be dressed up like the Diver Derrick bridge? Peter Roberts kindly stepped into the breach with no prior notice to update those present about the progress re the **City of Adelaide** clipper coming to Port Adelaide. For more information about that see <http://cityofadelaide.org.au/> and there is an event on the 21st of May (see Calendar of Events attached).

We also raised \$700 from the silent auction and sincere thanks are extended to everyone who created and donated some very interesting and quite beautiful items.

PoANT continues representation on the LMC Community forum although things have thankfully slowed down due to the halt in proceedings of the Newport Quays Dock One development. This is currently on hold for at least two years until the Incetic Pivot issue is resolved. Cruickshank's Corner is also on hold due to the sensitivities surrounding the Dock One development. There has been progress though regarding improvements to meet safety standards to the old and much loved Port Adelaide Sailing Club building. **This may result in community groups being able to hire it for meetings etc.**

One of the less public but still very important tasks that has been completed recently is the updating of the PoANT Strategic Policies. We now have an updated Mission Statement and specific issue policy statements covering Development & Conservation, Built Heritage, Maritime Heritage, Indigenous Liaison and Natural Heritage. Thanks to the Committee members who worked hard on this project. Please contact me via email if you would like a copy of any of these documents.

Committee members have also had meetings with the Port Adelaide Enfield Council staff about the **Heritage Review** Council is undertaking. The proposed time frame to complete the review is 30<sup>th</sup> June 2011 and the Branch is currently investigating a forum to input on the review.

We have organised another event for **History Month** <http://www.abouttime.sa.gov.au/> on Saturday 21st May and Sunday 22nd May from 10.30 - 12.30. We will tour our Branch Campaign sites, commencing at the **Customs Clearing Office (Radio Shack)** in Todd Street, Port Adelaide and will then proceed to the **Institute Customs House Complex, the Waterside Workers Hall, Harts Mill and Adelaide Milling Company and Fletcher's Slip**. We return via **McLaren Wharf and the historic ship Falie for refreshments** at one of the local cafes or pubs. Please contact me if

you are interested in going on this walk which will go ahead regardless of what the weather throws at us.

We are also involved in supporting the Vitalstatistix Theatre Company's development of a new project named the Cutaway Project. This will explore and highlight the history and culture of the Waterside Workers Hall. Members of the local community will be involved as a resource for stories and information about the building.

Andrew Winkler continues to work hard promoting the Torrens Island Quarantine Station. The next tour will be on Sunday the 17th of April so please contact Andrew if you are interested in going.

The National Trust of SA, in conjunction with the Port of Adelaide Branch, will be conducting a **tour of the historic Torrens island Quarantine Station** between 1-4pm on Sunday 17 April 2011.

This is a rare opportunity for NTSA members to visit this heritage-listed locality, which featured on the 2010 Heritage@Risk list due to fears that the site will be handed over to industry.

Due to security restrictions for the Torrens Island Power Station, participants will need to register beforehand.

Please register early (no later than Wednesday 13 April) by contacting Andrew Winkler at: [littoral@chariot.net.au](mailto:littoral@chariot.net.au), or by phone at: 8234 1420.

The PoANT website is a work still in progress and thanks to Matthias Tomczak for his valued time and patience and for Committee members who are working on this with him.

Last but not least congratulations to one of our members for his 2011 Australia Day 2011 award:

**Professor Alexander McFARLANE**

University of Adelaide

For distinguished service to medical research in the field of psychiatry, particularly post-traumatic stress disorders, to veterans' mental health management, and as an author.

Pat Netschitowsky  
Chairperson

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