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Above: The National Trust of SA 2007 *Our Heritage@Risk* program was launched in April by Ian Stephenson, CEO of the National Trust of SA, at Searles Boatyard [see page 4].

We, the Port of Adelaide Branch of the National Trust, advocate for the conservation of our heritage through our own actions and through the support of the broader community.

Dear members and friends of the Port of Adelaide Branch of the National Trust – Welcome to the Branch’s first newsletter!

We hope to put a newsletter together several times a year and we are also beginning to explore the possibility of a website. In this issue, you’ll find information about the Branch – its history, aims and activities.

The Genesis of the Branch

The Port of Adelaide Branch of the National Trust [PoANT] came into being at a General Meeting of National Trust members on 5 October 2006. It is the 49th Branch in this state.

During the months of planning before the General Meeting, lots of people joined the National Trust of SA [NTSA] and indicated that they wanted to affiliate with the Port of Adelaide Branch. Some existing members of the NTSA also affiliated, so that by the time of the General Meeting, the Port of Adelaide Branch was already the largest in the state.

The Branch continues to attract members and currently there are over 100.

At the General Meeting, it was agreed to have a committee of 15, and 14 people were elected on the night [see list of committee members on page 2].

The General Meeting also approved the name ‘Port of Adelaide’, for the Branch, to indicate that our focus is not just on Port Adelaide, but LeFevre Peninsula as well. We have not adopted geographical boundaries, in order to take an interest in any heritage matter that is related to the Port and the Peninsula.

The committee first met on 26 October 2006 and at its second meeting, the office holders were elected. The committee has met monthly since then.

Branch Aims

The Port of Adelaide Branch of the National Trust works within the aims of the National Trust of SA [see page 2]. With the approval of the General Meeting, and with the encouragement of the NTSA, the Branch has chosen quite deliberately to be an advocacy Branch, rather than one which looks after buildings or collections. This gives our members an opportunity to relay their heritage concerns to all levels of government, and to business where necessary.

The Committee

The Port of Adelaide Branch Committee members are:

Tony Kearney
– chairperson

David Nearmy
– deputy chairperson

Fiona McConchie
– secretary

Pat Netschitowsky
– treasurer

Alan O'Connor

Alison Hastings

Andrew Winkler

Ashley Turner

John Ford

Keith Ridgeway

Rex Munn

Robert Grant

Sandra Elms

Susan Jenkins



Port of Adelaide Branch of the National Trust of SA office-bearers, from left: David Nearmy, deputy chairperson, Fiona McConchie, secretary, Pat Netschitowsky, treasurer and Tony Kearney, chairperson

The National Trust of South Australia

The National Trust of South Australia is a community-based, non-government organization, committed to promoting and conserving South Australia's indigenous, natural, built and cultural heritage through custodianship of heritage places and objects, and through advocacy.

The Port of Adelaide Branch of the National Trust works within the aims of the National Trust of South Australia [NTSA]. The *'National Trust of South Australia Act 1955 – 1975'* section 5 states that:

The National Trust is established for the purposes of promoting:

- (a) the preservation and maintenance for the benefit of the people of South Australia of lands and buildings of beauty or historic, scientific, artistic, or architectural interest and, as regards lands, the preservation [so far as practicable] of their natural aspect features and animal and plant life;
- (b) the protection and augmentation of the amenities of such lands and buildings and their surroundings;
- (c) the preservation of furniture and pictures and chattels of national, historic, artistic or scientific interest;
- (d) the access to and enjoyment of such lands, buildings, and chattels by the public.

In our PoANT advocacy for local heritage, it has already proven helpful to have the backing and the assistance of the State Office of NTSA, which is also able to, on behalf of local branches, take matters of national concern to the national body.

Heritage and Harbour Tours

Walking tours around historic Port Adelaide's Inner Harbour and tours on the *MV Archie Badenoch*, recently conducted by some members of the Branch's committee, have proven very popular. We'd like to offer these tours to our members and their friends.



On-water and walking tours of Port Adelaide's Inner Harbour

The Port of Adelaide Branch of the National Trust of SA is offering our members and their friends a tour of the Inner Harbour which features the five items nominated by our Branch for the *Our Heritage@Risk* program.

The tours will include a cruise around the Inner Harbour on historic police launch *MV Archie Badenoch*, followed by a guided walking tour. The tour takes in Searles Boatyard, the *Falie*, the *Nelcebee*, the cranes at No. 2 Dock and the Radio Shack.

Total touring time: approx 2 hours
Tour groups limited to 20 people

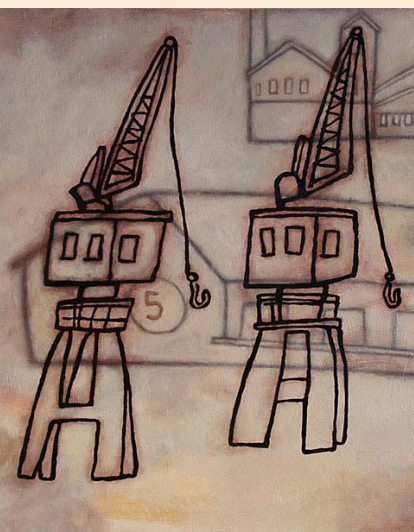
Tours will operate depending on weather and availability of *MV Archie Badenoch*.

For bookings, details and dates please contact David Nearmy on 8240 1952 after 6pm



NOTICE Upcoming Port of Adelaide Branch AGM

will be held in either
August or September
– date to be advised.



Above: The *Falie* alongside the now demolished Wharfshed 10;
Below: *Cranes at No 2 Dock* (detail), a painting by Sandra Elms for *Port Adelaide: Rites of Passage* held at Adelaide Central Gallery, April 2007

Branch Activities and Achievements

We'd like to let you know what we've been up to these past few months. The Branch has met monthly since inception and its activities have included the following:

- The establishment of a number of sub-committees and liaison groups in the areas of maritime heritage, environment, built heritage, urban planning and design, as well as operational areas.
- Two well-attended Members' Social Events – at Port Adelaide Sailing Club in December 2006 and at the Maritime Museum in March 2007.
- Regular meetings with the Land Management Corporation (LMC) about the implications for heritage within the Port Waterfront Redevelopment.
- Meetings with Port Adelaide Enfield Council Mayor Gary Johanson and staff.
- Meetings with the two local Members of Parliament, the Hon Kevin Foley and the Hon Michael Wright.
- Submission to the Statutory Authorities Review Committee enquiry into the operations of LMC.
- Submission to the Development Assessment Panel of the Port Adelaide Enfield Council about LMC's application to erect signage on Port Road about the Port Waterfront Redevelopment.
- Submission to the Surveyor General in regard to the proposal to rename parts of Semaphore South, Ethelton, Glanville and Birkenhead as 'New Port'.
- Action in relation to saving the *Falie*, the *Nelcebee* and the *Fearless* and a submission to the *Nelcebee* and *Falie* Taskforce. The response to our submission was very positive and the *Falie* is back in the Inner Harbour.
- Media and community liaison: Giving talks to and attending a variety of forums, and giving interviews on radio and television, commenting on issues such as the fate of the *Falie*, renaming suburbs and protection of local heritage.
- Meeting with Ian Stephenson, the new CEO of NTSA, giving him a three hour walking tour of the Inner Harbour.
- Conducted tours of the Inner Harbour and river by two knowledgeable committee members for volunteers of NTSA branches. We are also offering these tours to our branch members [see page 2].
- Attendance at a meeting conducted by the City of Charles Sturt as part of its Port Road Rejuvenation Stormwater Management Project Committee.
- Successful submission to the 2007 National Trust of SA *Our Heritage@Risk* program [see article page 4].
- Coverage of community concern regarding loss of maritime heritage in the Port by ABC TV's *Stateline* program.
- Involvement in the inaugural Port Festival – panel participation in UniSA's Future Port Design Forum; Environmental Soapbox Forum; and Conversation Corner at Taoundi College.
- *Port Adelaide: Rites of Passage* exhibition at Adelaide Central Gallery opened by Tony Kearney, chairperson of PoANT. Half of the number of exhibiting artists are members of PoANT.
- Expression of concern to Port Adelaide Enfield Council about the proposed removal of two jacaranda trees in central Port Adelaide.
- Successful establishment of a Cultural Mapping Advisory Committee with LMC to implement cultural mapping of the areas of the Inner Harbour affected by the Port Waterfront Redevelopment. This will involve the participation of archaeologists, anthropologists, historians, architects and others.
- Lobbying for broader communication with LMC has led to the planning of a community stakeholder forum. For more information go to: www.lmc.sa.gov.au/lmc/projects/pawr_forum.cfm

What's next?

- To work in co-operation with other local organisations such as Port Adelaide Historical Society, Semaphore Mainstreet Committee, Port Adelaide Environment Forum, Port Adelaide Residents' Environment Protection Group and the Port Adelaide Chamber of Commerce – we are as strong and as big as our networks.

Launch of First *Our Heritage@Risk* Program

The South Australian launch of the new *Our Heritage@Risk* program, an Australia-wide National Trust initiative, was held on 18 April, World Heritage Day. A South Australian Top Ten list of heritage places, objects or collections most at risk of destruction or deterioration, was submitted by heritage organisations around the state.

The launch, which attracted television and press coverage, was held at Searles Boatyard, Birkenhead, one of five items which made up our Branch's successful nomination. The other items our Branch nominated were the historic vessels *Falie* and *Nelcebee*, the 'Radio Shack' and two wharf cranes located at No. 2 Dock [all pictured at right]. These five were seen as smaller, more vulnerable items which face imminent threat of demolition or deterioration.

Along with two other nominations from South Australia: Adelaide Park Lands, Victoria Park and Lower Lakes, Coorong, our Branch's nomination has been selected as part of the national *Heritage Most@Risk* program. The National Top Ten launch is planned for this July.

Other South Australian nominations announced at the launch included the 1872 Currency Creek Road Bridge; Port MacDonnell Cemetery, Cullyamurra Waterhole on the Cooper Creek in Central Australia; 1840s Pioneer Cottages at Walkerville; the 170 year-old Mulberry Tree on Kangaroo Island, Peterborough Railway Buildings; and the 1900 La Eurana Convent, Naracoorte which is threatened with demolition.

See page 2 for more about tours of the Inner Harbour and our Branch's *Our Heritage@Risk* nominations.

[right] Ian Stephenson, CEO of NTSA and the Hon Rod Matheson, National Trust Councillor, speaking at the launch.

[below right] Tony Kearney, chairperson of the Port of Adelaide Branch of the National Trust, speaks with Channel 7 reporter, Chris Warren.

