



Welcome to the
Friends of Woodman Point Recreation Camp
Quarterly Newsletter for 2016



Winter Edition



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As previously mentioned in the Summer Pratique, "The Friends of Woodman Point Recreation Camp [Inc] motto for 2016 should have been, looking forward to another year of progress, projects, and promotions to preserve this wonderful area, that is Woodman Point". How wrong we were, because now, all promotional, financial, and volunteer incentive towards the DSR Recreation camp has now been completely lost. I had intended on writing a more in depth reply to this question of the immature false fabrications, however, because of the preciousness of certain individuals, I have changed my decision, and would now only like to say that, the long existing bond between the DSR and the FOWPRC has been badly fractured, and sadly, I feel, to a degree of irreversible repair. I do feel for all our volunteer support members, including those in the Friends tour network because of their generous input and efforts, and who have together put so much support, time, promotion, and trust into the Friends of Woodman Point Recreation Camp [Inc]. The incident can only be described as very ordinary and amateurish.

FOWPRC Member Lee Tate has recently completed an excellent DVD titled 'The Cockburn Story', a past history of the area. This 15 minute DVD can be purchased for \$20 by contacting the FOWPRC, with \$5.00 donation going towards the FOWPRC.

Contact was made with the Fiji High Commission, regarding the Fijian Grave in the Military Cemetery, inquiring if they wished to participate in some towards the restoration of the grave site. No reply was forthcoming, and the restoration being finally completed by FOWPRC. [see images on Page 14.]

The 2015 Australian Government Volunteer Grant for \$3,170.00 was unsuccessful.

Great news, our research finally ended with a positive result into photographs of Arthur D. Waters. Contact was successfully made with the daughter in law of Arthur D Waters, and a personal phone call was made to her in the UK. We would sincerely like to express our special thanks to her, and her kind offer of sending personal family photographs of Arthur D Waters to us, and permission for them to be included in the history of the Woodman Point Quarantine Station. The many photographs of Arthur Waters and his family are excellent, and this puts a personal touch to a sad, virtually unknown incident that occurred at Woodman Point in April of 1943, and this now concludes a five year worldwide history search. Thank you Jen, so much, it was a real special experience to talk to you recently.

Christine Allen contacted FRIENDS in relation to a future visit to the Military Cemetery in the Regional Park, in particular Hilda Williams' gravesite. Christine was involved in writing an epitaph on Hilda Williams that was part of her project for inclusion for the WWI, 100 Stories for the Future Learn program at Monash University. "The One Hundred Stories" are a silent presentation. They remember not just the men and women who lost their lives, but also those who returned to Australia, the gassed, the crippled, the insane, all those irreparably damaged by war. The Great War shaped the world as well as the nation. Its memory belongs to us all." The article is titled " A Striking Case of Devotion and Courage". It was indeed our pleasure to show Christine the Military Cemetery and the Isolation Hospital during her recent visit this month.





A remembrance wake and family gathering was held in the Isolation Hospital recently by members of the Griffiths, and Deane families, in dedication of the sad passing of Griffith Meirion Griffiths on the 22nd June 2016. 'Griff', as he was known, was 3rd mate on board the MV Empire Mist which came under quarantine jurisdiction on the 28th January 1944 with suspected smallpox. I had the pleasure of meeting Griff on several occasions, once for an interview at his home, a tour of Woodman Point, with the Allied Merchant Seamen's Association, and also during the Empire Mist ship's bell commemoration service. Griff, was a very interesting person when listening to his past experiences, but also an extremely lucky person, having been a survivor, after being torpedoed and sunk on the vessel 'King Gruffydd' by U338, at night, with convoy SC 122 during a North Atlantic storm. A memorable and a very special family day was had by all.

FOWPRC were contacted and a visit was arranged for Dr Diane Lightfoot who was Scientist in Charge of the Enteric Section of the Microbiological Diagnostic Unit - Public Health Laboratory [MDU] at The University of Melbourne Microbiology Department. Dr Lightfoot wished to visit the former quarantine station during the Annual Scientific Meeting that was being conducted in Perth, or establish contact with the Friends of the Quarantine Station during her time in Perth? The ASM History is a great vector to present various microbiological issues. Here is Dr Lightfoot's reply after her visit to Woodman Point on Saturday 2nd July 2016. "Dear Earle, Thank you for a wonderful tour of the Quarantine Station and surrounds. Your commentary was most informative and I am very enthusiastic about the topic of quarantine. The photos are a great record of my visit and they also show some of the features of the station. I told many of my microbiology colleagues about my visit and how the Microbiology Society [ASM] should be involved with the issue of quarantine. In fact today I was speaking to one of the members of the ASM council. Such was the interest that I think a symposium about quarantine will be on the program at the annual scientific meeting next year in Hobart. I have also put myself forward to plan a tour to a Quarantine Station for interested microbiologists.

On the Woodman Point Quarantine Station website you will notice reference to WWII Smallpox ships, and the BISN vessel SS Queda that came under quarantine jurisdiction on the 18th February 1945, I had incorrectly spelt the name SS Quida, and thanks to a Mr. Widar Krogstad in Norway, who is currently compiling a worldwide ship's register, noticed the error and emailed me to advise me of the error. The internet is truly fascinating, and you never really know who is watching you and from where.

Special thanks go to our NSW Friends' member, Ms Jasmine Briggs, and granddaughter of Woodman Point's original Caretaker, Mr John Hooley, for sending us two extremely interesting historical articles on 'Reminiscences of Spearwood 1912 - 1927, and " From The beginning 1901". It is proposed to give copies to the City of Cockburn Library, and the Azelia Ley Historical Homestead Museum.





FOWPRC received an email approach earlier this year from Dr Mitchell Ladyman regarding information on Carnac Island and specifically on its Tiger Snakes, and their origin on Carnac Island in connection to a visit by Martin Clunes, of TV fame, who is filming the documentary titled, "Islands of Oz". Dr Ladyman's group are currently testing venom, how it varies, and the genetics of the species, and a proposed visit to the island for more detailed research is planned for later this year, and it is hopeful that an invitation for someone to represent the FOWPRC will be forthcoming.

Termite prevention was carried out on the Isolation Hospital during the month.



The 2015-16 European wasp season has ended with 83 nests found and destroyed this season. All the nests were found in Metropolitan Perth except for two in Kalgoorlie Boulder and one in Kalbarri. The WA Department of Agriculture and Food (DAFWA) wishes to thank the FOWPRC and all those who have adopted and deployed wasp traps this season and hopes to enjoy your support in the future. This season's tally adds up to a grand total of 1016 nests destroyed in WA since the first nest was found in Mosman Park in 1977. To date, approximately 760 adopt-a-traps have been adopted by councils, the public and industry. Many of these traps have been set in country areas including the 'hot spots' of Albany and the Margaret River wine growing region. DAFWA also maintained 1050 traps this season in the Perth metro area, mostly in known wasp hot-spots.

THE HISTORY OF THE WOODMAN POINT QUARANTINE STATION. Our book on the history of the Woodman Point Quarantine station, is continuing, and at this stage we have completed the first draft. Special thanks must go to Ian Darroch for his patience and persistence. We are both now working on collating articles and newspapers items from TROVE, the National Archives, and the State Records Office for the years, 1950's through to the closure of the Quarantine Station in 1979. I must emphasise the quality of historic material researched so far has been utterly fascinating, with a majority of the photographs being absolutely unique. I should mention, and have been told, 'A first draft is the beginning of the end. But the end lasts for ever.'



THE WEST AUSTRALIAN. Saturday 6th December 1947

A CITY THAT WAS LOST: Cockburn Sound might have changed had Clarence come into competition with Fremantle a century and more ago. The area now used as the Quarantine Station would have been the central feature on the foreshore and would have been situated almost in the centre of the shore side of the surveyed site. That site would have reached south and taken in the explosives area to a spot about a quarter of a mile beyond the explosives jetty. From there the northern boundary ran inland for about a mile, the northern boundary roughly coinciding with Fawcett Road. The boundary of Clarence went through Lake Munster, cutting off the eastern tip and continued south for about half a mile. The southern boundary would have been about half a mile south of the prominent obelisk and a few chains south. The main street of Clarence would have been the Naval Base Road with the port lying to the shore side and the residential areas on the rising ground inland. Almost certainly the clear water of Naval Base Beach would have been the city beach.



6 Months Ago: "Slip Sliding Away, and the downhill of the Slalom in WA"

Firstly I must say that any similarity to characters or incidents portrayed in the film 'Falling Down' or the latest blockbuster 'Eddie The Eagle' with comparisons to Michael Douglas or Hugh Jackman are purely coincidental, as Michael Douglas does not have a beard. In earlier editions of the Pratique, I have reported reference to members 'on the move', overseas excursions, sojourns or trips away. This edition now focuses on the word trip, and its association with gardening, and Saylor shade cloth, or should that be 'Slalom' shade cloth. I really thought the sport of skiing being conducted at this time of the year was completely inappropriate, however that may be, Slaloming in Samson, has now been introduced, and just over a month ago to the area, and not very successfully, I've been told. I have since spoken to our very own Eddie the Eagle, who informed me that he was not practising for the next Winter Olympics at all, he had only intended doing a spot of gardening in his own backyard. One feels that this, dangerous sport, should be left to the so called experts, like the real Eddie the Eagle, and not with our very own inaugural event participant and Friends member. The dictionary describes the word 'Slaloming' as, 'to move or race in a winding path, and avoiding obstacles at the same time', and may I say, the latter of this description did not eventuate in this case. In a degree of difficulty, of one to ten, the slope in question was only rating a possible 2, and the thickness of the saylon cloth surface barely rating 2mm, was not ideal, and far below Olympic acceptance standards even for the novice skier. The usual jumping side of this slalom contest was not included in the Samson event at all, and furthermore, the soles of his shoes were not prepared correctly with the special wax, however they did work extremely efficiently at the time, according to his Physio, so we went down that path, to term a phrase. His own doctor has now informed the so-called latest edition to the sport of slaloming, that, in his opinion, it is not 'hip' to take up the sport, especially at his age, and in Samson, and at this time of the year, and furthermore, leave the leaves alone, and may I suggest, something much more exhilarating, like, going down to your nearest Bunnings store and buying a 'leaf blower', and partake of the sausage sizzle. In addition it has now been suggested to him, that maybe he should take up a more sedentary northern winter activity like Yodelling. I'm sure the residents of Samson would only be too pleased to hear the dulcet tones of yodelling resonating through the cul-de-sacs and walkways on a balmy night, or any night for that matter, and I'm also positive, you do not require a justified sound level, or a Council permit. I do feel though, it only courtesy, that you inform the local Council Ranger in Samson, that's Samson in name, not in strength, and not forgetting, advising the local dog owners of your proposed intentions.

I've since been informed that his reply to his local Medico, was that, he didn't usually do trips, only random gravity checks, and he also stated he doesn't need to do drugs, because standing up quickly has the same effect. The neighbourhood has since awarded our contestant with the 'Auspicious Rusty Rake Award' and given him a point's score of 4 out of ten, which we feel is extremely generous, even though there was degree of 'pike' and 'cartwheels' were included in his own slalom event. His artificial hip is now on the mend, and the proposed slalom ski poles are currently being used as tree stakes.

Ancestry.com has since researched that there is a possibility that the so-called participant, could, and I say again, could, have some distant relative in Norway, the home of the sport, who is also employed in the occupation of sheepherding .





Member's News:

Members are invited to send us any anecdotes of their own for submission in the Pratique Newsletter.

Get Well Soon:

The FOWPRC would like to wish Pat Miller all the very best, and to let him know we are thinking of him at this time.

To Marilyn Simcock, now convalescing after a short term in hospital. We are looking forward to seeing Marilyn back on deck soon, and back behind that researchers' desk.

New Members: Friends would like to express a warm welcome to new members Claire and Martin Fitzsimons, really great to have you both on board.

Members Birthdays: Congratulations and best wishes to Ms Sophie Ann Hayes, 16th March, Matt Hayes 12th April, Mrs Mary Maclean April 25th. On behalf of all the Friends' members, we wish you all, the very best wishes, and hope your special day was a happy and memorable one, and we sincerely apologise if anyone has been accidentally omitted in our birthday honours.

Members Details: Birthday girl, Mrs Mary MacLean, has an historic connection with the Quarantine Station at Woodman Point, for it was her future husband, back in 1942, then 7th Engineer Robert MacLean, who was part of the crew on the Clan MacDonald that came under quarantine jurisdiction on arrival in Fremantle with smallpox onboard.

Vale: Condolences to Graeme Cornish and his Family, on the very sad passing of his wife Christine on the 21st December 2015. The members of the FOWPRC, would like to pass on our sincere condolences, and our special thoughts are with Graeme and the family at this very sad time. The FOWPRC wish to apologise for not being able to notify our members of this sad passing in the previous edition of the Pratique.

Our thoughts are with all members of the Griffiths Family, on the recent sad passing of Griffith Meirion Griffiths on the 22nd June 2016. The Griffiths, Deane and Wade families have always had a very close association with the former Woodman Point Quarantine Station, and the Friends of Woodman Point Recreation Camp [Inc] wish to pass on their sincere condolences to all the families. For information, the name Meirion, originates, and derives from the County of Merionethshire in Wales.

Members Take Note: Sadly through lack of information, members have escaped the wrath of the pen in this edition, however, the warning is always current, so members, do not COUNT on your name NOT appearing in this column sometime in the future.

The travelling bug is still evident amongst our own members, and as mentioned in the previous Pratique, we are seriously thinking about having a special travel supplement, in lift-out format, similar to that of Saturday's West Australian, included in the next edition of the Pratique. Well you guessed it, and yes we have just been informed, our Vice President, and the other half, are off to America for a short stint, as you do !!



Members Take Note: [Continued]



You may recall in the previous Pratique how our own Friends members in North Carolina, Cathy and John Davis, and especially the members of the Olde Point Thursday Ladies League, has arranged to include 'Australiana Fare' in their National Days Menu 'Sweet Tooth' Selection. This 'Sucrose Showcase Extravaganza' is now planned for September this year, and is possibly sponsored by the Dental Association of America. Planning and preparations are still taking place, and samples of Aussie's own unique sweet recipes, and ingredients, have been forwarded to the Davis family who reside at the Olde Point Golf and Country Club in USA for tasting, cooking procedures and quality standards. It is hoped that an Aussie flag will be hoisted on one of our Vanilla Slices, Lamingtons, Chocolate Crackles or our special, and high calorie fruit and cream Pavlovas. I have been informed, that this edible event will put to shame such American TV reality shows, such as 'Ace of Cakes' and 'Sugar High' to further back in the oven.

An excellent article was published in the Cockburn Community Gazette by Journalist Bryce Luff, in April, to commemorate ANZAC day, titled 'Brave efforts honoured', 'Reminders of WWI suffering', and the significant role that the Woodman Point Quarantine Station played during this time, and the cost in lives during the Spanish Flu crisis of 1918 - 1919 in Western Australia. Another article is proposed for Remembrance Day.

A visit was arranged on the 5th July for David Daffen and his son Jeff in relation to David's father, Mr. H.A.C Daffen who was amongst the soldiers on board the HMAT Boonah with the 3rd Reinforcements [W] from Western Australia. David was given copies in relation to his father's internment at Woodman Point, as a Spanish Flu contact, courtesy of the FOWPRC, and in return kindly gave the FOWPRC copies of his father's historic documents, including some original Flanders Poppies, that we are hopeful of displaying at the Isolation Hospital in the near future.

Friends News:- [follow up] Items from the previous Autumn Pratique.

FOWPRC received a copy of the article written by Ms Alex Kopp in the Inside History Magazine, titled 'In Shadow of the Plague' of which details were included by the FOWPRC.

The Reverend Dennis Cloughton of the Flying Angel Club, Mission To Seamen Fremantle has kindly offered to assist the FOWPRC in obtaining a photograph of the Reverend/Chaplain, Francis C. Dixon who was Acting Chaplain at the Missions to Seamen in Fremantle 1943-1944, during the SS SUVA incident.

ON THE RADAR AND WITHIN RADIO RANGE:



Continuation of the Interpretation of the Woodman Point Explosive Magazine.
Compilation of the FOWPRC Honour Board for all past Committee Members.
Automatic Fire Protection for the Isolation Hospital and the historic Crematorium.



Department Of Parks and Wildlife:



A welcome back to Robbie Campbell, of the Woodman Point Regional Office, after an extended break, with the position professionally covered by Ezgi and Karen, during this time.

Special thanks to Karen Jackson and Ranger Josh Cooper for their professional advice and assistance whilst some restoration work was being carried out in the Regional Park Military Cemetery, whilst not forgetting Karen's excellent qualification of identifying the image of the 'Bush Stone Curlew' . See Page 15.

WHAT'S ON THE HORIZON FOR HERITAGE TOURS



For reasons self explanatory, and previously described, there has now been 21 heritage tours cancelled, and that included, confirmed and future tour bookings as at 30th June 2016. This totalled approximately 324 of persons of with of which there were 4 coach bookings included up to then end of June. This sad demise of our professionally organised, and lucrative heritage tour bookings will put a financial shadow over the future of FOWPRC, and will definitely erode the Friends trusted tour network that could only be described as a group of excellent, valuable supporters, and trusted, reliable, volunteers and close friends. Looking on bright side, in June, Fremantle Ports held a corporate management meeting in the Isolation Hospital, including a sumptuous morning tea supplied by our own Accolade caterers. Going by the excellent feedback comments, future events are planned for this heritage facility in the coming months. Mention was previously made with regards approaching Inchcape Shipping Services, the major Agents for passengers vessels calling Fremantle and the possibility of having our Heritage Tours included in their current "Shore Excursions" Calendar, but this is now in abeyance, but hopefully to be pursued at a later date.

Things My Mother taught Me:



My mother taught me **TO APPRECIATE A JOB WELL DONE**, 'If you're going to kill each other, do it outside. I've just finished cleaning.'

My mother taught me **RELIGION**. 'You'd better pray that will come out of the carpet.'

My mother taught me about **TIME TRAVEL**. 'If you don't straighten up, I'm going to knock you into the middle of next week!'

My mother taught me **LOGIC**. 'Because I said so, that's why.' My mother taught me **MORE LOGIC** 'If you fall out of that swing and break your neck, you're not going to the town with me.'

My mother taught me **FORESIGHT**. 'Make sure you wear clean underwear, in case you're in an accident.'

My mother taught me **IRONY** 'Keep crying, and I'll give you something to cry about.'

My mother taught me about the science of **OSMOSIS**. 'Shut your mouth and eat your supper.' You're not supposed to like it, you're supposed to eat it.'



A Vote Of Thanks:



Ms Jen Waters for her kind assistance and understanding in relation to obtaining information and photographs of her father in law, Chief officer Arthur David Waters. Thanks you so much Jen, indeed much appreciated.

Special thank to those members who renewed their Pratique newsletter/membership donation.

Thank you to Bob Coventry for thinking of Friends, and for his kind donation of copies of the especially unique 'hand written diary' by one of his relations experiences whilst on board the HMAT Boonah with the 3rd Reinforcements during the Spanish Flu crisis. An amazing document, thank you so much Bob.

Neil Wilson, grandson of the late Roy McIntosh, who was Caretaker/OIC between the years of 1939 through to 1963, has kindly offered us four chairs that were originally part of the kitchen furniture in the Caretaker's Residence.

Thank you to our own Accolade Caterers for the continued excellent service in providing quality products to all our FOWPRC functions.

Thank you to the City of Cockburn's Volunteer Resource Centre, especially Ada Wong and Alex Green, for their usual kind and friendly assistance with the printing of the Pratique Newsletter.

Thank you to Ms. Mary MacLean, and David John Stock for their membership donation. To DPaW's Lyl Woods for his donation of the historic Explosive Magazine Jetty Plans.

COVER Image:



The recently restored Fijian grave in the Military Cemetery of the Regional Park. The top image on page [14] of this Pratique clearly depicts the deterioration of the grave prior to the restoration that was completed in early April 2016. It was felt restoration was forthcoming seeing its condition and the month of April being a sad anniversary of the passing of the four Fijian crew, who were allied merchant seamen on the vessel SS Suva, who sadly lost their lives to Smallpox whilst serving on this vessel during WWII.

Did You Know:



Shingles, also known as zoster, herpes zoster, or zona, is a viral disease characterized by a painful skin rash with blisters involving a limited area. Shingles is due to a reactivation of varicella zoster virus within a person's body. Chickenpox is due to an initial infection and once chickenpox has resolved, the virus may remain inactive in nerve cells. Risk factors for reactivation include older age, poor immune function, and having had chickenpox before 18 months of age. How the virus remains in the body or subsequently re-activates, is not well understood. Exposure to the virus in the blisters can cause chickenpox in someone who has not had it before but will not trigger shingles. It is estimated that about a third of people develop shingles at some point in their life. The shingles vaccine decreases the chance of shingles by about half in those between the ages of 50 and 80. The disease has been recognized since ancient times. In Arabic its name means "belt of fire", while in Spanish it means "small snake".





Our esteemed Ancestry researcher, and FOWPRC member, Ms Marilyn Simcock, who assisted us so much in obtaining the elusive photograph of Arthur D. Waters. Well done Marilyn.



Friends member, Ms Cathy Davis, from North Carolina, with her mother Mrs Mary MacLean, from Ontario Canada, who only recently became a member of the FOWPRC.



The original galvanised corrugated fence of the Woodman Point Explosive Reserve. Photograph depicts the area directly behind the Gatehouse Residence [now demolished]



The Changing Hut [c1931] The fence which bounded the IH originally abutted each side of the hut. Medical staff would be required to take a Lysol bath in this building before leaving the IH compound.



The grave of volunteer Civilian Nurse, Hilda Grace Williams. Died 4th January 1919



The SS Suva grave shown foreground with the Rosa O'Kane Memorial grave in the rear.



The grave of four Fijian crewmen off the vessel SS Suva, who died of Smallpox in 1943



All three graves in the Military Cemetery, with Rosa O' Kane's Memorial in foreground



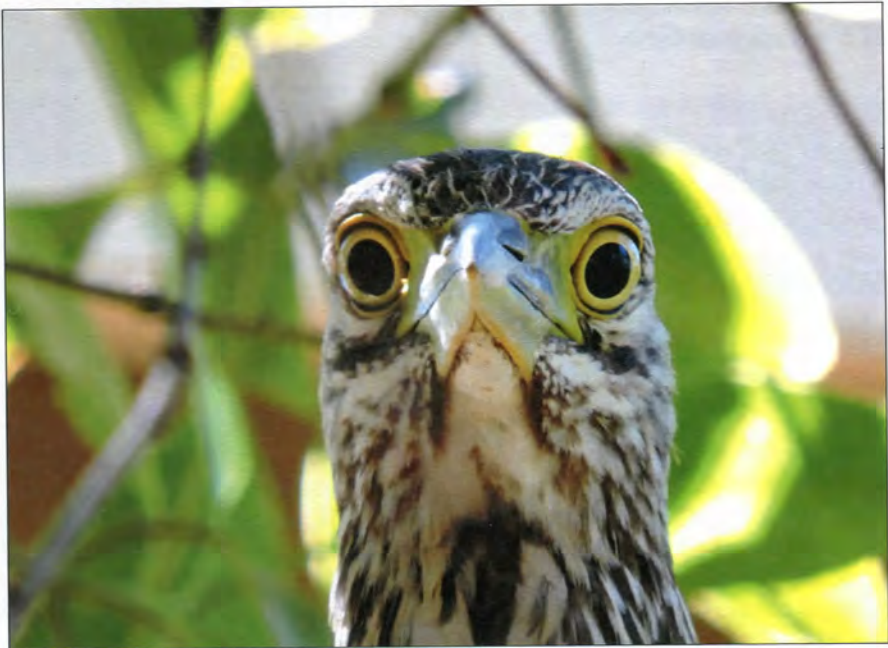
Woodman Point Regional Park Military Cemetery
From this in 2015



Woodman Point Regional Park Military Cemetery
To this in 2016 - see cover image.



Ms Jasmine Briggs [nee Hooley] on left, with brother David Hooley [now decd] and wife Nina [centre] Grandson and grand daughter of the WP Quarantine station's 1st Caretakers'. John & Annie Hooley.



For some reason, I felt I was being watched, and then I couldn't believe my own eyes when I first noticed it. Correct identification of a Bush Stone Curlew, thanks to DPaW's Karen Taylor

Something to Laugh at:



NEWS Item, 'Drunks fall off the roof, after bartender declares drinks are on the house.'
In the beginning, God created the heaven and the earth, after that, everything else was made in China.

A short psychic broke out of jail earlier. Police are looking for a small medium at large!
Time flies like an arrow, fruit flies like a banana.

Project Lighthouse:



It is extremely disappointing to advise our members, but at this stage our Project Lighthouse has been put on hold, until a more appreciative and beneficial recipient is found. We will advise all, of any future announcements or plans. At this stage the FOWPRC would like to pass on our sincere thanks to all those who volunteered their time and labour, including donors towards the project, especially Milton Rear, Elliot Barber, Steve Burdett, and Terry and Mark Iannello.

Something to think about:



Here is something to think about: How come you never see a newspaper headline, 'Psychic Wins Lotto' ??

Your mobile phone has already replaced your camera, your calendar, your alarm clock, don't let it replace your family.

Just for the record:

"The Captain goes down with the ship" is an idiom and maritime tradition that a sea captain holds ultimate responsibility for both his ship and everyone embarked on it, and that in an emergency, he will either save them or die trying.

88 YEARS AGO:

THE WEST AUSTRALIAN Thursday 29th November 1928 FREMANTLE CARGO OVERCARRIED



Alter being moored to river buoys in Fremantle harbour since Monday, the liner Ballarat, from which a case of smallpox was landed at Capetown, resumed her voyage to the Eastern States yesterday, tier Fremantle cargo had to be overcarried. At Port Adelaide the passengers for South Australia will be removed into quarantine. The South Australian cargo will be carried on to Melbourne, where the vessel will probably be disinfected' and the work of discharging her cargo commenced. It is expected that the West Australian passengers, who were removed to the Woodman Point quarantine station on Monday, will be released to-day and brought to Fremantle in launches.



Out Of The Past:



INQUIRER & COMMERCIAL NEWS: Friday 13th April 1900



Fremantle Quarantine Regulations

The quarantine regulations, which had been enforced in Fremantle up to yesterday evening in connection with vessels coming, from Sydney, and the provision which was made for dealing with any case requiring fumigation were of a meagre description. The steamer Pilbarra and the steamer Marloo, which arrived from Sydney recently were sent to the Main Jetty and quarantined on conditions which required little more than that should not approach to within four feet of the jetty, fenders being used, to secure this end. Their cargo was, however, dumped into the railway trucks in the usual way, the goods from Sydney being sent along with the rest, and transferred thence to the railway goods sheds as if no plague had ever taken place in Sydney. The Pilbarra brought 2,000 tons of cargo, and this has, since it was discharged, passed through the goods sheds and thence throughout Fremantle and Perth and through the country. At any rate, not an ounce of it has been left in the goods sheds at Fremantle, and no fumigation has taken place in connection with it. Those who have had experience in other parts in regard to the treatment of cargo from infected ports, state that the usual course taken is to fumigate with sulphur by placing the goods in an airtight building or in a lighter. The Fremantle goods sheds are, of course, not suited for such a proceeding, for it would be an extremely difficult matter to make any of them airtight, while, as it would require two days to adequately fumigate cargo, it would be an inconvenient matter to use them for that purpose.

It is claimed that lighters, of which there are several available at Fremantle at present, are perfectly adapted for the fumigation of cargo. The steamers which will be due at Fremantle from Sydney and intermediate ports during the next few days are the Coolgardie (due today), the Paroo, and the Anglian.

[FOR INFORMATION] William Campbell was the first case of Plague in Fremantle, contracting the disease after working with cargo in the Fremantle Railway Goods Sheds.

"On Thursday Campbell complained of feeling ill, and during Saturday he was attacked with headache, vomiting, and diarrhoea. On Saturday evening he went, to the Fremantle Hospital for the purpose of obtaining some medicine, but he expressed a disinclination to remain at the institution, and took his departure. About an hour later at half-past six o'clock, he returned, and was admitted to one of the wards at the hospital. He then appeared to be dull and heavy, and shortly after his admission he lapsed into a state of stupor. At 2.30 p.m. on Sunday, more serious symptoms began to manifest themselves, it having been discovered by the resident medical officer, Dr. O'Meara that the patient had developed a swelling of the glands in the right groin. He gradually sank, and died at half past 9 o'clock on the same night." William Campbell died on Sunday, the 8th April 1900.

Nautical Quotes:



You never cross the ocean, unless you have the courage to lose sight of shore.

Family is the only anchor that will hold in a choppy sea.



114 Years Ago:



THE DAILY NEWS Thursday 4th December 1902

IN QUARANTINE: Owing to the breakdown of the interstate telegraphic service, no communication has been received from Melbourne concerning the health of the passengers by the Ville de La Ciotat, so that the contacts at Woodman Point will have to wait until communication is restored with Melbourne before they can hear whether their quarantine period will terminate.

A Point Of Interest:



THE WEST AUSTRALIAN Tuesday 22nd June 1949

Smallpox Virus Discovery

MELBOURNE, June 21st June 1949 An Australian, Dr. P. J. Penner, has discovered that the virus responsible for mousepox in mice are identical, apart from their respective hosts, with those that produce human smallpox. For this research, Dr. Penner has been awarded the David Syme Research Prize for 1949. This relationship between the two diseases was previously not suspected and no work comparable has been undertaken anywhere in the world. Dr. Penner used more than 11,000 mice in his investigation. He is professor elect of microbiology in the Australian National University and will take up his chair next month. At present he is in America at the Rockefeller Institute of Medical Research.

108 Years Ago:



THE AGE Wednesday 19th February 1908

Temporary Quarantine Fremantle. R.M.S. China arrived in the harbour at 10 a.m. today, flying the yellow flag, which was not lowered after the doctor went on board. The vessel was moored at the buoy and placed in temporary quarantine, three quarters of an hour elapsing before the "all clear" signal was given. The port health officer carefully inspected the passengers and crew, and the mails and ship's papers were fumigated. During the passage from Marseilles to Port Said, Flag-Lieut. Fisher, of Vice-Admiral Sir Richard Poore's staff, who boarded at Marseilles, developed a mild attack of small-pox. The patient was landed at Port Said. The vessel was fumigated, and subsequently granted pratique at other ports of call. No further case occurred, and after the inspection, and fumigation here, pratique was granted. [Any relation, I wonder !!]

107 Years Ago :

THE STAR Wednesday 4th August 1909

Commonwealth Quarantine Fremantle. Great inconvenience is felt at Fremantle over the new Commonwealth quarantine regulations which provide that everyone aboard an incoming mail boat must be personally examined by the local health officer before pratique is granted. The ships are not boarded before 6 o'clock in the morning, and consequently, although the SS Marmora arrived in harbour at 5.30 this morning, the mails were not allowed off till 8 o'clock, thereby causing, a great deal of trouble to the commercial community.



106 YEARS AGO:

THE ARGUS, Wednesday 12th January 1910

Quarantine Delays Fremantle Complaints. Dr Norris (Director of Quarantine) has reported to the Postmaster General (Sir John Quick), through the Customs department, upon the alleged delay at Fremantle in the inspection and passing of steamers in quarantine, referring particularly to the case of the steamer Otranto. The vessel had 1,200 or 1,300 passengers, and the medical inspection lasted three or four hours. Dr Norris says that this was unavoidable if the examination was to be reasonable and effective. Such delays, he remarked, are not avoidable at the first port of call. Arrangements have been made, however, for a temporary modification of some portion of the procedure which may tend slightly to reduce the time occupied in the medical examination. On steamers which present medical certificates of sanitary conditions signed by medical officers of good standing the period of inspection will be reduced, and the scrutiny will not be so stringent as upon other vessels.



110 Years Ago:

THE BALLARAT STAR Wednesday 18th July 1906

Quarantine at Fremantle. The R.M.S. Britannia arrived here from Adelaide at half-past 7 o'clock this morning, after a stormy passage. She was about 15 hours late. The mail steamer was not allowed to berth at the wharf, owing to the plague having appeared on board at Adelaide (where a patient was put on shore), but was moored to a Buoy in the harbor. The passengers for Fremantle were all sent to the quarantine station, where they will be detained for five days. All the mails for this State were fumigated for two hours. Passengers' luggage was also fumigated and sent to the quarantine station together with the men engaged in receiving the mail bags on the lighter. The Britannia resumed her voyage shortly after noon.



97 Years Ago:

THE SUN. Sunday 5th January 1919

Boonah Soldiers Released for Quarantine Fremantle Saturday 4th. No fresh cases of Influenza have occurred. There are now 166 men at Woodman Point, including 5 dangerously ill, and 26 who have the disease mildly. The remainder are contacts, "I have absolutely no complaints to make," said Lieutenant-Colonel J. H. O'Halloran, the officer commanding the Boonah troops, who, with 260 others, was released yesterday from quarantine. "Our treatment at Woodman Point was all that could have been expected. Of course, when we arrived, the authorities had to do their best in the emergency; and although some complaints were made regarding the arrangements, those complaints were in the main trivial." Lieutenant-Colonel O'Halloran explained that the disease must have been introduced into his ship by the natives who coaled the Boonah at Durban, as there was no other contact with the shore. The first case appeared when the ship was about seven days out from South Africa. Then the men went down to it at the rate of 30 to 40 a day.



MEMORIES LONG AGO:



**Moments in history during the same monthly quarter of this Edition of The Pratique :-
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KALGOORLIE MINER. Thursday 30th April 1908



FEDERAL QUARANTINE. It is not the intention of the Minister for Customs to unduly hurry the exercise of the powers given him under the Quarantine Act. The transfer of quarantine machinery from the States to the Commonwealth will not take place till the Comptroller - General of Customs has visited some of the State capitals and conferred with the State authorities. There are one or two knotty administrative questions to settle concerning the retention of several of the existing quarantine stations before the Commonwealth system can be successfully inaugurated.

THE NORTHERN TIMES. Saturday 30th May 1914

SMALLPOX

Bunbury Under Quarantine. Dr. Hope, chief medical officer, arrived from Perth, after consultation with Dr. Joel and the mayor, decided to place Bunbury under quarantine. Outposts will be stationed at each exit, and no one will be allowed to pass these barriers or leave Bunbury by railway unless in possession of a certificate of vaccination.

THE WEST AUSTRALIAN. TUESDAY 2ND June 1914

SMALLPOX. THE BUNBURY CASES. QUARANTINE RESTRICTIONS RESENTED.

There are no fresh developments in connection with the smallpox outbreak. All of the patients, with the exception of the boy Morrison, are doing as well as can be expected. The lad has a weak heart, which is militating against his recovery. The health in the contacts' camp is very good. There is a growing feeling of resentment against the strict quarantine restrictions, and it is probable that within the next day, or so, some firm move will be made to have the position defined and Dr. Hope's action in placing the whole town in quarantine instead of infected areas, will be placed before the authorities with a view to removing the present wholesale bar.

55 Years Ago:

For the Information of Intending Migrants from the British Isles.



Facts About QUARANTINE In Australia May 1961. Australia maintains a strict quarantine service to prevent the entry of contagious diseases. Quarantine regulations are administered by the Commonwealth Department of Health.

Human Quarantine: It is compulsory for persons travelling to Australia either by sea or by air to be vaccinated against Smallpox and carry a current Certificate of Vaccination. In the case of persons travelling by air, there are no exceptions to this requirement, but persons travelling by sea may be exempted from vaccination if before embarkation they make a statutory declaration to the effect they have religious objections to undergoing vaccination or if they produce a medical certificate certifying that they are suffering from a medical condition which makes vaccination inadvisable. The International Certificate must be signed by a public vaccinator or medical officer of health or must bear the stamp of a government health authority in the British Isles.

Animal Quarantine: Air transport of animals for importation into Australia is absolutely prohibited and any animals so arriving will be seized and destroyed.



Food for Thought:



"Never trust someone who lies to you and never lie to someone who puts all their trust into you."

"Drama is a direct result of covering up ones lies because they couldn't stand up and be honest in the first place."

"A storyteller makes up things to help other people, a liar makes up things to help himself."

130 Years Ago



THE WEST AUSTRALIAN Thursday 30th December 1886

QUARANTINE AT FREMANTLE. To the Editor. Sir. As master of a large merchant steamer, one which has touched at Fremantle several times lately, perhaps I may be allowed to say a few words of complaint through your columns, touching the quarantine arrangements at this port. I have at present a large number of emigrants' on board, and among them two fever cases. Surely the rational thing would be to isolate the patient entirely, a thing it is impossible to do effectually on board ship. But we are told that the accommodation at the quarantine station is not ready. Now I ask you, sir, whether it is not a disgraceful state of things that at a port which receives a large number of emigrants, there should, be no preparation for an emergency of this kind. As it chanced, the fever patients on board are booked for Albany, which the authorities seem to think a fair excuse for refusing to relieve me of them. But surely there is a hospital at Fremantle, and in the name of common humanity, I ask you whether it is right to send them on, spreading infection among their fellow passengers, and so through the other colonies. In conclusion, sir, I would say that this last occurrence merely confirms the opinion at which I have reluctantly arrived, after several voyages to the colony, namely, that the arrangements at the port of Fremantle offer very little encouragement to steamers to touch there, as the masters of them may safely reckon on finding delay and vexation awaiting them, and sometimes, as in the present case, even danger. I trust this may not be my last voyage to Fremantle, and I also hope that the port arrangements may be speedily improved, a thing which would be both easy and profitable to a rising Colony such as this. **W.A. Millar, Master of the Elderslie.**

133 Years Ago:



THE DAILY NEWS, Saturday 13th September 1884

SPECIAL TELEGRAM, Quarantine Fremantle. Mr. Lilly, Agent for the Adelaide Steamship Company, appeared at the Police Court this morning to represent the Captain of the S.S. South Australian, who was charged with refusing to proceed to the Quarantine Grounds after hauling off the vessel from the jetty yesterday. For the offence the Captain was fined £10 and costs. It is understood that further difficulty will arise relative to the clearance of the steamer, for the Colonies this afternoon, but the Agent is determined to get the vessel away, whatever steps may be taken to the contrary.



117 YEARS AGO :



WESTERN MAIL. Friday 24th February 1899

QUARANTINE AT FREMANTLE

The German Mail Steamer. No small sensation was evident at Fremantle and in the city on Wednesday morning when the news of the quarantining of the Imperial German mail steamer Prinz Regent Luitpold was generally circulated. From all evidences it seemed that grave inconvenience would be occasioned to the passengers bound to Fremantle. Such has, no doubt, been the case, for many of those on board are lend in their protestations against delay. These are, however, the commercial element, whose time is measured. Among the quarantined passengers there is a commendable spirit of tolerance manifested, and, given fine weather, the enforced isolation of the passengers may be expected to be not unpleasant. Tho 62 passengers whose destination was Fremantle were on Wednesday conveyed to Woodman Point Q Station, and the Fremantle cargo was discharged during the early part of the day. The station at Woodman Point is pleasantly embowered in pepper trees, the luxuriance of which gives a rural charm to the locality. The station has not been constructed to accommodate a large number of inmates, and in consequence a number of tents have been erected in the foliaged area on the Point. Over 120 passengers had been booked to leave Fremantle for the Eastern colonies by the Prinz Regent Luitpold, and these, of course, were subjected to some slight inconvenience by the outbreak of sickness on board that vessel. General Booth, and Commissioner Pollard, with the other members of the staff of the Salvation Army on tour, were specially provided for by the members of the Army before the arrival of the quarantined party at Woodman Point, and an excellent cuisine has been provided.

An Article of Interest:

Courtesy of LA/Pasadena Submarine Base's Periscope Newsletter

During 1941 to 1943 the island of Malta was the only strategic outpost held by the British in the central Mediterranean Alone and often ignored by the rest of the world, Malta withstood the full fury of the Italian and German war machine. Surrounded on all sides by Axis forces, by mid 1942 the outlook was bleak, and like Crete in 1941, Axis preparations were under way for an invasion. The only British offensive forces in the central Mediterranean were the RAF and Royal Navy submarines based in Malta. The Submarines (mostly small U Class boats) formed the 10th Submarine Flotilla based from the Lazaretto buildings on Manoel Island, a tear drop shaped piece of mostly rock and scrub in Marsamxett Harbour immediately west of the Valletta Peninsula. The Lazaretto became the Base for the 10th Submarine Flotilla in Malta during WWII. The Submarines would tie up to floating pontoons which protruded out from the buildings. During the months of March and April 1942 all boats tied up at the Lazaretto stayed dived on the harbour bottom with a skeleton crew during daylight hours to avoid the bombing. They would only surface at night to carry out maintenance and repairs. The Lazaretto (originally built in 1592) had been a quarantine hospital, so for over 300 years (prior to the advent of air travel) and with all visitors coming by sea, it was one of the most important buildings in Malta.



117 YEARS AGO:

COOLGARDIE MINER, Saturday 21st January 1899.



A Quarantine Area Near Fremantle. This week's 'Gazette' contains the proclamation of a quarantine area near Fremantle for the purpose of landing stock from the tick-infested districts in the north, also revoking the power previously held by the Chief Inspector of Stock to grant permits to owners of stations on the border to bring cattle over from the South Australian side to the West Australian side for the purpose of depasturing them for a period.

93 YEARS AGO:

THE WEST AUSTRALIAN. Thursday 22nd November 1923



CATTLE MALADY FREMANTLE OUTBREAK. Quarantine and Destruction. When questioned last evening, concerning the mysterious disease which is devastating dairy herds in the Fremantle district, the Minister for Agriculture, (Mr. H. K. Maley) said that the steps taken definitely to diagnose the disease had not yet been completed. The department was, however, taking all possible precautions to prevent its spread. Close supervision was being exercised over the affected herds, every animal showing the slightest symptom of the disease was being shot and cremated, and the remaining animals were being subjected to further testing. A definite quarantine area had been fixed and was being patrolled by mounted police to prevent the possibility of stock being removed from it, and instructions had been issued that even dogs must be kept chained, in order to prevent the possibility of them spreading the contagion. Mr. Maley stated that the Government would not stand by and see them ruined by this mysterious disease.

A Major Cause for Concern:

Three incidents occurred in July, over three weeks, at the Isolation Hospital, and are a major concern for the welfare of this historic building. The three incidents, that included, rocks, branches, a water bottle, and other items of rubbish, strewn on the main decking. The other incidents were remnants of someone endeavouring to start a fire next to the south side of the building, and BBQ heat beads left on the decking and scattered around the Isolation Hospital. One really doesn't have to imagine too hard the outcome and the ramifications of these actions. Maybe its time for our own security.

Life's Quotes :

Everything you do, everything you say, every choice you make, sooner or later comes back around.

People prefer to lie to themselves than face the truth.

One lie can ruin a thousand truths.

A real man will be honest no matter how painful the truth. A coward hides behind lies and deceit.



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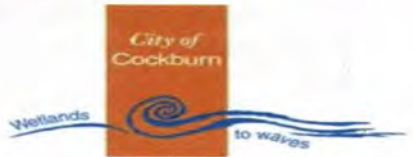
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