



Welcome to the
"Friends of Woodman Point Recreation Camp"
Quarterly Newsletter for 2014

Spring Edition



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Hi all, and welcome to our SPRING Edition of the Friends Newsletter 2014. "Spring has sprung and the grass has ris", as they say. A great time of the year to get "up and at em" on these warm sunny mornings. But then again, now you mention it, getting up every morning has real positive benefits. Next thing we will be buying sun screen, and complaining about the heat. Don't know about you, but the years are definitely getting faster, and really racing by.

I thought it better to get rid of the bad news first. Both of the grant applications to Lotterywest for the restoration of the Heritage Listed Shower Block and the Cultural Heritage Grant towards the cost of a master plan for the Woodman Point Regional Park for the Interpretation of the Woodman Point Explosive Magazine were sadly, once more, unsuccessful. I will confirm though, that the FOWPRC do not intend to leave the situation as it is, and will once more persevere with the applications to Lotterywest until a successful outcome is reached. These two projects are rated as extremely high priority, and are beneficial in preserving not only WA's heritage, but Australia's cultural history for our future generations. So it's "once more to the breach, my FRIENDS".

Applications have been lodged with the ANZAC Centenary Local Grant Extensions with the hope of obtaining a grant to purchase a number of high resolution historical photographs for a FOWPRC public display in 2015. It is proposed that the event will be in the Cockburn Memorial Hall, and take place over three weeks, commencing on ANZAC Day, 25th April 2015.

A request from the Department of Parks & Wildlife for Friends to include an article in their Spring Bushland News Bulletin was fulfilled.

Yvonne and Kevin Coates, of "Lonely Graves of WA" fame, contacted us regarding information on the graves of Nursing Sisters, Hilda Williams and Rosa O'Kane. It has been organised for Yvonne and Kevin to visit us at Woodman Point in the near future for a tour of this historic site.

The Woodman Point Quarantine Station website has now been upgraded with a much more user friendly base, consisting of, a fresher design, easier and clearer task navigation, and relevant research content. At this stage, previous webpage historical content is still being added and upgraded. But at least its out there.

A request from Sgt Leon Carberry, from the WA Police Historical Society regarding additional information on Constable Richard Hughes who contracted Smallpox, whilst on duty, and the possibility of him receiving a posthumous bravery award.



On our previous website, reference was given to the vessel SS NELLORE, mainly because it came under quarantine jurisdiction, with one case of smallpox onboard when it berthed in Fremantle in February 1944. The vessel was sunk by the Japanese submarine I-8 on the 29th June 1944, en route from Bombay to Sydney, and out of her original complement of 341 passengers and crew, about 179 are lost, 11 are taken prisoner on the I-8 (their fate unknown). 112 are rescued by HMS LOSSIE, 10 manage to reach Madagascar in a lifeboat a month later. Figures on losses vary, because the SS NELLORE at that time, had onboard, survivors of ships sunk by the surface raiders. I cannot believe the amount of interest this reference to the SS NELLORE has generated. Firstly, additional information, including a photograph, was offered to Friends by Mr Dave White, whose grandfather, was sadly, one of the DEM crew who lost his life. Secondly, Mr Peter McGuire, gave Friends a hand typed copy of the log detailing the voyage and survival of the ten in the lifeboat, of which Peter's father, was one of the lucky ones. Thirdly, Ms Catherine Mann, a volunteer in a radio station from Eden NSW, contacted us, requesting information on her godmother, regarding the possibility of her being on this vessel during this sad chapter of survival at sea.

We were contacted by Monash University requesting a photograph and additional information on Nurse Hilda Williams for a dedicated memorial display for her at the Monash University. We were advised that all details relating to the display will be forwarded to us when they become available.

Contact was made with the National Trust, and we are hopeful of arranging a tour for them early next year.

Ian Molyneux, Author of the former Woodman Point Quarantine Station Assessment, Cultural Heritage Significance, and Conservation Plan contacted us after seeing an article, published by Friends in the West Australian, "Can You Help" column, requesting information and photographs in relation to the former Woodman Point Station and the Point Walter Migrant Hostel. Ian has promised us a visit, including a heritage tour, and has also offered assistance to us with the "next round" of Lotterywest Grant applications.

Friends of Bruny Island Quarantine Station stalwarts, Kathy and Mike Duncombe visited us in September, and were given a tour of Woodman Point. Kathy has written a book on the Bruny Island Station, aptly titled, "Bruny Island's Quarantine Station, In War and Peace". This excellent book is available by contacting Kathy Duncombe through our own website, simply by clicking on the "links" tab. We have our own signed copy of this historic book, and special thanks must go to Gail Dodd. Thanks Cuz !!



Current Friends Projects:



Fertilising, Wetta-soiled and reseeded of lawn areas around the Isolation Hospital and Jervoise Dormitory has been completed, and appropriately a day before the recent heavy downpours.

The decking areas around the Isolation Hospital have been scheduled for repainting, only this time, oil based paint, is to be used, not water based decking paint.

The History of the Woodman Point Quarantine Station continues, and by the time you receive this edition of the Spring Pratique, our esteemed author, Mr Ian Darroch, would have completed Chapter 15.

The Honour Board of past records is still being compiled of Friends Inaugural Committee Members, positions, titles, and honours for the appropriate years since Friends origins.

Work has commenced on the restoration of the baggage platform and trolley, located in the Fumigation Block. Our first hurdle came when it was noticed that a section of the original baggage rail line was missing. Whilst searching for a replacement piece it soon became obvious that I would have been more successful looking for gold nuggets on Cockburn Road. After contacting every mining and construction company between Kalgoorlie, Coolgardie, Boulder, Yilgarn and Menzies, the Queensland Sugar Cane Railway, the Hotham Valley Railway, oh, by the way, don't forget the Esperance Miniature Railway. It was about this time that I did get the impression that this was going to be harder than first thought, as I had been advised that this type of rail line is like proverbial, "hen's teeth". I must say though, every person I contacted could not have been more helpful and understanding. Amazingly, and I do apologize, I cannot remember who suggested that I contact the Castledare Miniature Railways. Bingo !!, This volunteer run organisation were only too pleased to assist us. At the beginning, this chap Ken, answers the phone, and after he explains to me all the facts and definitions that make up a railway line, I am told that the baggage rail line is possibly two foot gauge, and more than likely, 25 to 35 pound a length, see !! You never stop learning. Ken then requests some detailed photographs of the line from me, and then says, I think there's some on the scrap heap, would you believe. A day or two later, I am invited for a cuppa in the smoko room, next to the loco yard, by the way, and it is here Ken hands me two lengths of the elusive and extremely hard to find baggage rail line. I suggest if your children, grandchildren, and for that matter, parents and grand parents haven't been to Castledare Miniature Railways recently, they're missing out on a real treat. All family facilities in a family friendly environment, with everybody welcome. There is something about a steam train that is truly unforgettable. Ken and Sue Belcher have informed me, they want to see the final resting place of the two pieces of baggage rail line, so a visit to Woodman Point has been arranged for the near future.



Current Friends Projects: (cont)



A decision on the construction of a pathway to the crematorium consisting of crushed and rolled limestone, the other option being a bitumen profile, is still pending, but one is hopeful something positive will eventuate from the quotes in the near future, as the urgency for wheel chair and "special needs" access is still a main priority.

A Vote Of Thanks:



Special thanks and appreciation go to the following persons for their ongoing assistance and support.

Frank Hutchins for his valuable time as coach driver on our Heritage Tours

Cassandra Cooper, Kathleen Koelen and the City of the Cockburn for their ongoing support towards Friends.

Catherine and Stephen O'Kane, for their kind donation of the historic and rare photograph of Sister Rosa O'Kane.

DPaW's Ms Julia Cullity for her assistance with the Environmental Community Conservation Grant Projects.

Ken Belcher for his help in obtaining the required lengths of baggage rail line.

Milton Rea for his welding expertise, and repairing the damaged section of our lighthouse, and Elliott Barber for his valuable time in designing the framework base.

Special thanks to Ms Kath Longley for her ongoing support.

Keith Burton for his kind offer of assistance

Ms Jasmine Briggs (nee Hooley) for sending us the interesting article on early Spearwood,

Ms Olwyn Spiers for her kind donation regarding Pratique Newsletter postage.

To Stella Contractors, for their patience and understanding involving our lighthouse project: Special thanks to Mark and Terry Iannello and the Stella crew for their kind offer, re storage and painting.

Mr Jack Edwards for his Merchant Navy donation.

Alan Pearce for his kind offer of advice with our proposed photographic exhibition.





THE WEST AUSTRALIAN TIMES FRIDAY 17 MAY 1878

A RIGHT LITTLE, TIGHT LITTLE ISLAND

To THE EDITOR OF THE W.A. TIMES.

DEAR SIR,- NO doubt many of your readers have at some time or another paid a visit to the charming little island of Carnac, not far from Fremantle. This island has, from time immemorial been made use of by the pleasure loving portion of the community on such occasions as our hard working townspeople could obtain a day's "outing," as a roost delightful and convenient resort for kiss-in-the-ring, blind man's buff, and sandwich consuming operations, being within an hour or two's sail of the town, and a more suitable place for such excursions could not be found. But now we must not go there. The report of the sportsman's gun dealing destruction around, instead of peals of merry laughter, resounds through the rocks and peppermint groves of that beautiful island. The government have thought fit to grant a lease of the island to Messrs. Owston and Waldeck, who have stocked it with rabbits, solely for the purpose of occasionally indulging in the cruel sport of slaughtering a score or two of those harmless little animals for amusement. The lessees have prohibited any person from landing on the island without their written permission, and as they will not give such permission to picnic parties, the question to intending pleasure seekers presents itself. Where are we to go? We dare not go to Garden Island, there are too many snakes there to make it comfortable. There are none on Carnac ; and if we would go to Rottneest the party would have to get a pass signed by I don't know how many heads of departments besides which both these islands are too far distant to make our excursion an enjoyable one."

Now, Mr. Editor, is it right that that the whole town should be deprived of the only suitable spot within easy distance for a picnic simply that a few young men may be allowed to gratify a propensity for diverting themselves in such a cruel manner, for which privilege I suppose they pay yearly a sum that would not keep the Colonial Secretary office in red tape for that period?

Apart from the advantages the island possesses as a pleasant spot where over-worked clerks not Government and counter jumpers can pass agreeably the one or two days which they get out of the 365, it was at one time used as a Quarantine Station, but now, should any unfortunate voyagers who have been confined in a ship for perhaps two or three months, have the ill luck to be placed in Quarantine, they are denied the privilege of having a run on shore, for fear they should consign some of Messrs. Owston and Waldeck's precious rabbits to their legitimate use, like make soup of them. I do not know for what length of time the lease has been granted, but I certainly think that when it expires, the Government should think twice before they renew it.

Apologizing for trespassing so far upon your valuable space, land, etc.

MYTH.

May 12th, 1878.



Department Of Parks and Wildlife:



Arrivals: A welcome return to Robbie Campbell, DPaW's Operations Officer for Woodman Point Regional Park after four months leave.

A combined project between DPaW and the FOWPRC resulted in the completion of the Parks and Wildlife Coastwest Grant Woodman Point, and the Environmental Community Conservation Grant Projects being finalised and acquitted. Special thanks must go to Julia Cullity for her patience and assistance

In July, a Heritage Tour was arranged for the Staff and Park Personnel of DPaW's Regional Park Offices. Prior to the tour, the Isolation Hospital was used for their Regional Park special staff meeting, followed by a BBQ lunch. Thanks must go to Shawn DeBono and Robbie Campbell for organising the event. See image Page 10

Well done to Lisa Bland for publishing the Data Collection Sheet detailing rubbish collection in the area of Coogee Beach – Woodman Point Regional Park in May 2014. A must read for everyone, and it is truly hard to believe what we impose on nature, and in addition, the rubbish we discard of in our own "back yard", so to speak. This article should be published in the West Australian for all to read.

80 Years Ago:

THE WEST AUSTRALIAN WEDNESDAY 28 February 1934



Mr G.T. POOLE DEAD. Architect, died early yesterday morning at his home at Darlington. As Government Architect and Acting Director of Works in the 1890's, he designed and supervised the construction of public buildings, jetties, bridges, and other important works, including the Woodman Point Quarantine Station.

THE WEST AUSTRALIAN FRIDAY 14 SEPTEMBER 1934

WOOROLOO LAZARET

To the Editor. The assurance of the Under secretary for Health, in his letter to the Mundaring Board of Health, that it need have no fear of extension of the isolation depot for Lepers at Wooroloo, is neither satisfactory nor in the least reassuring to the Wooroloo settlers. This same assurance was given to a deputation of settlers from Wooroloo by the Minister for Health some years ago, when he was approached in connection with the removal of the first leper isolated at Wooroloo. There are now three lepers at Wooroloo, one being accommodated temporarily in the top ward of the sanatorium, and the reason for this department's breaking its solemn word to the Wooroloo settlers has never been made known. Apparently 'it just happened' in the same way that Mr. Huelin airily explains that the last case of leprosy 'just happened.' Things have a habit of 'just happening,' but I fail to see that this is any justification for his department to break faith once again with the people of Wooroloo. T. Woodman Point is a recognised quarantine station, with all facilities for handling contagious and infectious diseases. Would not an isolated quarantine station of this nature be far more suitable for cases of leprosy than a lazaret in the heart of a well-settled district.— Yours, etc., **MEN'S SANA**



ARTHUR DAVID WATERS 1905 - 1943



We are yet to find the elusive photograph of Arthur David Waters, who sadly died of Smallpox at Woodman Point on the 1st April 1943, however we have located an image of the Waters Family home in Dover Kent. This was their residence prior to, and during WWII. Kindly sent to us by his niece, Janet Napolitano



Did you know:

It's impossible to sneeze with your eyes open.

If your dog's acting up, it might be because a storm's on the way. Dogs can hear, smell, and feel a change in the weather long before us.

Canada is an Indian word meaning "Big Village"

The chance of you dying on the way to get your lottery tickets is actually greater than your chance of winning.





100 Years Ago:

THE SUNDAY TIMES. SUNDAY 22 MARCH 1914

PEEPS AT PEOPLE: Little known that the bones of the famous "PARMELIA", the ship of the W.A. Pilgrim Fathers, can be seen near Woodman Point at low water. It is nearly 85 years since the ship commanded by Captain Stirling crept cautiously in through the then uncharted shoals of Gage Roads, and it was not in the lifetime of a vessel before she hit what is now called the Parmelia Bank and settled to her lasting resting place. Years ago, in the days when the two Wittenooms, Edward and Frank, wagged it oft from school, when Fred Monger step danced, and Ernie Locke played the accompaniment on a comb and paper, the Izaak Waltons of Fremantle were once to pull out to the old wreck, where some of the finest fishing along the coast could be obtained. Also what stood above water was stripped of its metal, while divers have secured a good harvest from below. It, is a sentimental pity that a portion of this fine old Pilgrim Fathers ship isn't in the Perth Museum.

WESTERN MAIL FRIDAY 5 JUNE 1914

CONDITION OF THE PATIENTS.

Bunbury 2 June: Nurse Williams, of the quarantine staff, is nearly all right again, and is doing a little duty. The lascar is convalescent and walking about. The skin of the Donnybrook patient Gilbert, is starting to clear up nicely, and he is doing well. Nurse Stevens will soon be about again. There are no suspicious cases at present.

THE WEST AUSTRALIAN MONDAY 8 JUNE 1914

SMALLPOX AT BUNBURY

Nurse Hamilton, who relieved Nurse Williams at the quarantine station about two weeks ago, when she contracted smallpox, has now developed the disease herself in a mild form. She came from Perth, and went directly to the Woodman Point Quarantine Station, where she must have got the infection, as she was not in the town at all. There are no fresh developments in the town which by now has been proved free from infection, as all the cases to date have been contracted either in the hospital while the coolie was there, or at the quarantine station.

THE WEST AUSTRALIAN FRIDAY 11 DECEMBER 1914

STORAGE OF EXPLOSIVES. QUESTION IN PARLIAMENT.

Replying to Mr. Bolton in the Legislative Assembly yesterday, the Minister for Mines said that the quantity of explosives held in Messrs. Strelitz Brothers' magazine at Woodman's Point at the time of the declaration of war between Great Britain and Germany was approximately 150 tons. Messrs. Strelitz Brothers were the accredited agents for the firm of Nobel (Hamburg), but all the licences for storage were in the name of Stroitz Brothers, as the department had always insisted upon having local responsibility. The quantity of explosives removed from Strelitz Brothers' magazine since the declaration of war was approximately 147 tons. The quantity of explosives at present in the firm's magazine was three tons, there having been no consignments received since the outbreak of war.





In May we had a visit from Carmel and Peter Worobec who were down from Broome to check on the health and welfare of their son Mark, no doubt. Whilst here, they had a special tour of the Isolation Hospital.



Someone I accidently ran into, whilst I was photographing the Limestone Isolation Wall for the Pratique Newsletter cover image.



In July, a Heritage Tour was arranged for the staff and Park personnel of DPaW's Regional Park Offices. Prior to the tour, the Isolation Hospital was used for their Regional Park special staff meeting, followed by a BBQ lunch.



In August, a Heritage Tour and lunch was arranged for members of the West-coast Community Centre, and amongst them, members Malcolm & Gail Whitely. Malcolm's grandfather, T. W. Whitely, secured the Government Tender, and managed the construction of the official quarantine boundary wall.

Out Of The Past:



THE FREMANTLE HARBOUR TRUST REPORT. 1910

STAFF ANNUAL PICNIC: With the approval of the Commissioners the Staff have inaugurated an annual reunion, which will probably take the form of a picnic each year. The first of these gatherings was held at Woodman Point Quarantine Grounds on the 28th October last and proved a great success. The thanks of the staff are due to the Federal Quarantine Department for the use of the grounds and buildings for the day and to Messrs. McIlwraith, McEachern, and Company, Pty., Ltd., for the use of their steam lighter TORRENS to convey the party to Woodman Point and back.

FREMANTLE SIGNAL STATION.

Those people awaiting the arrival of the R.M.S. MONGOLIA today frequently had their eyes on the masthead at the Fremantle signal station, for the vessel was held up some time before pratique was granted. The ball at the top of the mast indicates that a vessel has been sighted, that first flag denotes the line to which she belongs and the second flag (a square yellow one) that the vessel is still in quarantine. When pratique is granted the berthing flag is hoisted in place of the 'yellow jack.' This is a white flag with the letter of the berth in red.

THE REGISTER ADELAIDE MONDAY 11 AUGUST 1913

THE CASE OF THE R.M.S. MONGOLIA. Dr. Cumpston (director of quarantine) learnt by telephone from Sydney this afternoon that the suspicious case on board the R.M.S. MONGOLIA, lying at Circular Quay, had been definitely diagnosed as smallpox. Dr. Cumpston said that until he received further information from Sydney he could not say whether Melbourne passengers would be quarantined at Portsea, or allowed their freedom under the surveillance system. The decision rested largely on their vaccination history. Passengers for London would not be allowed on shore at Melbourne, Adelaide, or Fremantle, and the vessel will be worked in quarantine at these ports of call

THE SMALLPOX SCARE - AT FREMANTLE

It is evident Fremantle residents are not enjoying a thorough scare over the small-pox epidemic from the fact that neither Dr. Paget, nor Dr. Williams, are not being kept very busy at the Port. This morning only 94 persons' turned up at the Town Hall to take precautionary measures against a possible invasion of this foul disease.

Something to Laugh At:

Chopsticks are one of the reasons the Chinese never invented custard

What's another word for Thesaurus?

Age is an issue of mind over matter. If you don't mind, it doesn't matter

A short psychic broke out of jail . Police are looking for a small medium at large!

I wonder if illiterate people get the full effect of alphabet soup.





60 YEARS AGO

WESTERN MAIL THURSDAY 3 JUNE 1954

Gentlemen Prefer Blondes—Persian Style

The Persian version of "gentlemen prefer blondes" would be "they prefer them fat and white," according to an amusing address given by Mrs. A. L. Greenway, of Hollywood Western Australia, to members of the Overseas League last week.

Russian born, Mrs. Greenway escaped from the revolution there in 1918, lived for a while in Persia, where she met her husband (Dr. Greenway, of the Commonwealth Health office), and some years later (in 1943) returned to Persia again. Because Persian husbands did not set eyes on their wives until after the marriage ceremony, she said, they often found that, instead of being fat and white, they were quite the reverse. This was because marriages were frequently arranged by professional go-betweens whose "wives" were not always as good as their word. Although a Persian husband could take four wives, it was not as romantic as it sounded, for it often meant he had to install them in four different houses so they wouldn't squabble. To complicate things still further, each time he bought one wife a new dress (it used to be trousers) or a piece of jewellery, he had to do the same for the others, too.

By 1943, Mrs. Greenway said, customs had become more westernised and much changed, and one of the Shah's had compelled women to unveil. The new fashion had been inaugurated at a ball where women guests had turned up very shame-faced. Husbands whose wives did not turn up at all were sacked from official positions.

50 YEARS AGO:

CANBERRA TIMES THURSDAY 4 JUNE 1964

Australian Guard Against Typhoid: The Department of Health is taking special precautions to prevent the introduction of typhoid fever into Australia. This follows a serious outbreak of typhoid in Britain. The Minister for Health, Senator Wade, said yesterday typhoid was not normally a quarantine disease, but all quarantine officers and Commonwealth Directors of Health in the State capitals had been alerted, Senator Wade said the Government was considering the temporary delay of assisted British migrants travelling by air to Australia. Meanwhile quarantine officers were checking all incoming ships and aircraft.

ON THE RADAR AND WITHIN RADIO RANGE:



Construction of a "Special Needs and Seniors" pathway to the crematorium
Restoration of the Heritage listed Shower/bathing Block.

Continue with the Interpretation of the Woodman Point Explosive Magazine.

Painting the exterior window sills and doorframes of the Isolation Hospital

Completion of the installation of bollards around the Isolation Hospital.





50,000 British and Allied seamen paid the supreme sacrifice during WWII, the greatest number per capita of all the services, yet they were unrecognized. 4000 were wounded and 5000 became P.O.W's. There were 4996 ships sunk, with Allied and British totaling approximately 5,000,000 tons, 3000 ships were lost in the Battle of the Atlantic, and there were 4,400 convoys that sailed from Liverpool alone, on the other side of the ocean the main assembly point was Halifax. Horrendous conditions were experienced in the Battle of the Atlantic which really turned the war in the Allies favour, but the price paid in persons lives were heavy. Russian convoys, that I never participated in, were pure hell with dreadful conditions, there were a total of 167 vessels sunk on these trips, the most notable being Convoy P.Q.17 consisting of 37, of which 24 were sunk. The Australian coastline experienced many sinking's caused by submarines and magnetic mines, and there were 54 vessels sunk, including the MV CENTAUR a hospital ship, and this ship was torpedoed en route from Sydney to Cairns and Port Moresby. There were 332 persons onboard, including 75 Merchant navy personnel, of which 45 lost their lives. In total 268 persons died. This was a terrible act by the Japanese, as the ship was fully lit and painted pure white with large Red Cross symbols on both Port and Starboard sides. The skipper of the submarine I-177 was Commander Nakagawa and he was subsequently charged in 1948 as a war criminal and sentenced to 8 years hard labour, he served 6 years, and he passed away in May 1986. By 1942 the Japanese and German raiders, including submarines were creating havoc with convoys leaving Fremantle for the Middle East, and off the coast of East Africa, these forces had excellent bases in Madagascar, Diego Garcia and the Seychelles Islands. The MV ONDINA, a Shell tanker, left Fremantle for Abadan in the Persian Gulf for a load of much needed fuel to assist with the war and in ballast, was 240 tons of wheat. Accompanied by an Indian flagged Corvette, HMIN BENGAL, they encountered 2 Japanese armed raiders on November 11th some 14 miles NW of Fremantle. A battle ensued with the raiders fully armed, with the other combatants poorly armed. One of the raiders was sunk after a pitched battle and the other headed off, and it is still not known whether ONDINA or BENGAL fired the lucky shot. Badly damaged and taking huge amounts of water with fires in some areas, the crew had abandoned the ship and the life rafts were badly damaged. The crew re boarded the vessel and as the engines were still functioning they decided to head for Fremantle, where they arrived back on November 18th, this was truly a remarkable feat. Another wartime incident in Fremantle involved the SS PANAMANIAN. This vessel left Bombay on November 8th 1944 and arrived in Fremantle on November 26th and berthed at No 8 Berth North Wharf. On January 17th after discharge, the vessel was fully loaded with bagged flour. January 17th 1945 was an extremely hot 107F 42C, and the temperature on the steel deck plates would have been around 120F. The winch man in duty had placed a hessian bag overhead to deflect the heat from his body. When afternoon smoko (3pm) was due, the driver left his position around 3.15 and another worker noticed the bag smouldering on top of the winch motor and threw the bag overboard assuming the water would extinguish the bag.

(To be continued in the Pratique Summer Edition)

Mr. Jack Edwards is Secretary of the Allied Merchant Seamen's Association, and a member of the FOWPRC.



Department Of Sport And Recreation:



Congratulations to David & Phillipa Mulcahy, on the birth of Bayley Francis Barrymore Mulcahy born at 6.26am on 9th July. THE YEAR OF THE HORSE:- Characteristics: adaptable, loyal, courageous, ambitious, intelligent, adventurous, and strong. Dave is now on 12 months paternity leave, and will probably need to return to work ASAP for a peaceful rest and recreational holiday. "Can you keep that noise down please !!"

Our Manager has recently been highly involved with umpiring duties at the DAVIS CUP, held recently at the Cottesloe Tennis Club, and a very successful tournament, I'm told. Hopefully not too many close calls, C'mon !!!!

All the best to Pat Miller recently on being, "another day older". Hopefully your day went well for you Pat.

Congratulations to Mark Worobec for being selected to umpire the WAFL Reserves Grand Final, and a special word of credit and thanks must also go to him for the time and effort spent recently on the numerous painting and tidying up jobs around the camp. Well done Mark, you're a good hand, as they say. The "Jewel in the Crown" that is Woodman Point Camp, is really looking its best.

To DSR's (2) Pat's, for offering their excellent carpentry expertise, their vision and labour, and completing an artistic job of interpretation on restoring the baggage trolley. Well done guys. I was going to say that the both of them have this trolley project down "Pat", but surprisingly I wont. What I will say though is, they have skilfully completed this project down to a "T", and that I definitely O U.

To our Operations Manager Kym Lawrence for his assistance as always to Friends, and especially recently, for his computer wizardry and his electronic expertise. DSR's gain is Telstra's loss. Special thanks also to Kym and DSR for the printing of this Newsletter.

"Middle Earth" has now been occupied and rearranged in DSR Main Camp Office, however, this is not an "epic high fantasy" of grandeur proportions like Tolkien, who divided his novel into three volumes, but simply a division of locations, by splitting the office into three Earthly sections. Only problem now is getting someone to direct me to Mordor, Lothlorien, or even someone directing me to the Elven Enclave at Rivendell, would simply suffice. How one could even contemplate the desolation of SMAUG defies description and definitely requires an explanation of the highest quality.

To Pat Miller for remembering Friends, by way of his offer of some small furniture pieces for the Isolation Hospital.



Members Details:



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

Frank Hutchins, our Heritage Tour coach driver is currently holidaying in warmer climates, that included a lightening trip up and back, to "Spirit 102.9" in Broome.

We welcome aboard to the new Friends members:

Catherine and Stephen O'Kane

Keith Burton

Brian Hannan

Milton Rea

Members Take Note:

Sadly through lack of information, members have escaped the wrath of the pen in this edition, however, the warning is still current, so members, do not COUNT on your name not appearing in this column sometime in another future edition.

Referring to the previous Winter Edition of the Pratique, there was reference to losing a fellow bus member on a tour to the Dowerin Field Day. I am told the intrepid travellers ventured north again this year with a correct head count on their arrival back in the metro area, rumour has it, they once again, had one too many, drinks that is !!

Cover Image:

The remains of the official boundary of the Woodman Point Quarantine Station. Built from limestone, in 1886, and its position being described as from "sea to sea", that is, positioned across the Woodman Point peninsular, from Jervoise Bay, across the point, to Owen Anchorage. T.W. Whitely secured the Government Tender to construct, 19 chains walling, at £19 12s. 6d. per chain, extra foundations at 14s. 3d. Per yard, and erect one small and one large gate for £12.

A Point of Interest:

A study showed that people who commit random acts of kindness are happier, which leads to a longer life.

In a group of 23 people, at least two have the same birthday with the probability of greater than 1/2 in the group.

60 YEARS AGO:

THE WEST AUSTRALIAN FRIDAY 16 JULY 1954

TAPPER, John Arthur, late of Quarantine Station. Woodman Point. Retired Fisherman (last date for claims 2nd August. 1954).

THE WEST AUSTRALIAN MONDAY 9 AUGUST 1954

SWIFT ACTION HEADS OFF DANGER OF SMALLPOX IN FREMANTLE

Exhaustive precautions against Smallpox were taken at Fremantle during the week-end when a vaccinated Goanese cabin steward on the liner STRATHAIRD was found to be infected. He would almost certainly died but for his two year old vaccination.



WHAT'S ON THE HORIZON FOR HERITAGE TOURS:



As predicted, the trend at this time of the year for Heritage Tour bookings, is to taper off slightly, and bookings for September through to Christmas now total only 4, plus one Power Point Presentation, with one PPP already completed, and bookings completed for the year so far, total 19, down against last years totals. The Curtin Radio promotion advertisement is still on the community airwaves, and the present promotion of our tours is also advertised through its complete uniqueness, the unknown history facet by the WA public, and the Heritage site itself, of which the Department of Sport and Recreation should be justly proud. We already have three tours booked for 2015. The City of Cockburn coach hire continues to be a great promotional asset for FRIENDS Heritage Tours and the Council must be thoroughly commended for their support and its availability to us, not forgetting, the assistance given by Ms Kathleen Koelen.

We are sorry to hear that our Chef Peter, has been off sick for quite a while, and all the FOWPRC would like to hope he has a speedy recovery and we all wish him well and the very best for the future.

Details on bookings and available dates can be confirmed by phoning 0412 987 478 or by visiting our website: www.woodmanpointquarantinstation.com

140 YEARS AGO:



PERTH GAZETTE & WA TIMES FRIDAY 17 APRIL 1874

QUARANTINE: The BUNGAREE arrived in Gage's Roads from Batavia on Sunday last, and was ordered into quarantine, where she still remains. The public are cautioned, by a notification in the Government Gazette from communicating with the vessel, until she obtains her pratique.

THE WEST AUSTRALIAN TIMES FRIDAY 10 JULY 1874

HARBOUR AT COCKBURN SOUND The forming of a harbour at Cockburn Sound, assuming the practicability of the channel suggested by the Admiralty Surveyor, and we see no reason to doubt it, this appears to us to be a probable solution of the question. So far as we can gather, a breakwater may be constructed at a small cost and in a short time from Woodman Point, and by extending it for about a thousand (1,000) yards in the direction of S.W. by W. or S.W. it would afford shelter to a very considerable area of water from all gales North of West, and be itself protected to a great degree by the shoals and banks to the Northward of it. Garden Island affords an ample protection from Westerly gales and all southward of that, while from all other points the harbour would be practically land locked. If this scheme were adopted it would be necessary to consider the question of constructing a jetty or jetties within the breakwater and a line of railway from them to Fremantle, with any branches that may be thought necessary.

FOR SALE BY AUCTION: No. 172 Cockburn Sound Location, of 100 acres, on the east shore of Lake Koojee, adjoining the Clarence Town site; together with, its contiguous well known pastoral run of 3,000 acres



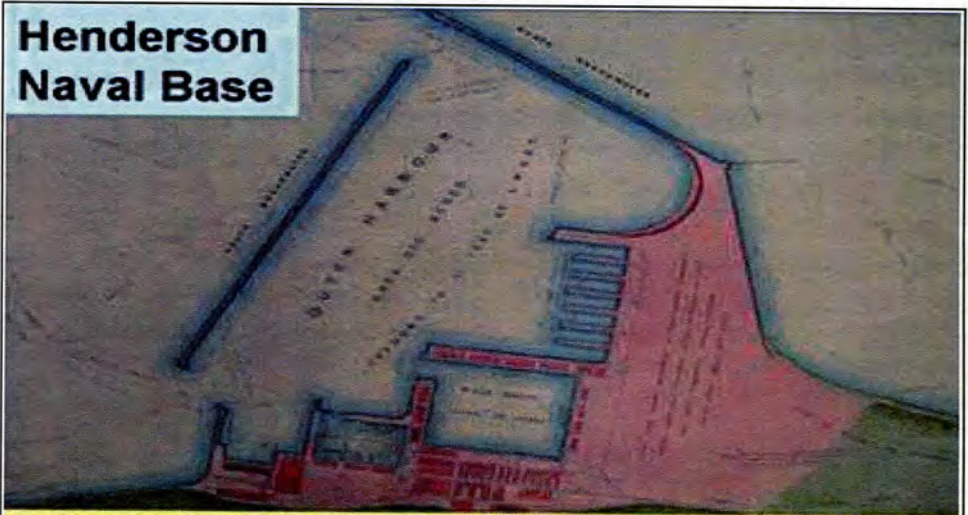
THE HENDERSON NAVAL BASE:



Article courtesy of Mr Les Jubbs:-

Soon after taking up residence at Woodman Point in 1945 I kept hearing about a Naval Base but never discovered its location for many years, yet it originally was quite close nearby. In 1904 the Australian Government sought advice from the Royal Navy for the design for such a facility on the West Coast. Admiral Sir Richard Henderson arrived in 1913 and was enthusiastic about Cockburn Sound so he designed a Base as well as all the facilities and for a whole range of Vessels. In 1913 work commenced on the planned construction of a long Breakwater to provide some protection from weather. Some remains of the Breakwater can still be seen to day. Because of the full expense of WW1 the Australian Government could not afford the continued expenditure of the Naval Base and construction and planning ceased. The British Government would later build a naval support facility at Singapore in 1930

Henderson Naval Base



Henderson Naval Base was extensive to provide every facility for repair, maintenance, berthing of a whole range of Naval Ship requirements as well as living and recreational facilities similar to other Royal Navy establishments else where in the World.

Mr Les Jubbs qualified as a bomber pilot with the RAAF during WWII, and at the end of hostilities, returned to WA, and for a while stayed with the McIntosh family at Woodman Point. After which he worked for a small time at the Woodman Point Explosive Reserve, where he would meet his future wife. He would eventually join the Education Department for a lifetime career in teaching.

Nautical Quotes:

The wind and the waves are always on the side of the ablest navigator.
The goal is not to sail the boat, but rather to help the boat sail herself
If you can't repair it, maybe it shouldn't be on board
There are more sharks on the land than in the sea



PROJECT LIGHTHOUSE:



Repairs to the copper dome section of the roof have now been completed, and it should be emphasised, that when repairing or working with copper, does require certain qualifications, and thanks must go to Milton Rea for completing this task. The next part of the project phase is having the frame design drawings signed off by a structural engineer before the frame construction can commence. Thanks must go to Elliott Barber for his assistance in designing the framework and his welding expertise.

95 YEARS AGO:

THE WEST AUSTRALIAN WEDNESDAY 12 FEBRUARY 1919

Woodman Point: Dr. Mitchell states that there are now no influenza patients at the Woodman Point Station. The contacts from the ORSOVA and BARAMBAH who have been ordered into quarantine for a period, will be landed at the station today. The date of their release will be notified later:

THE WEST AUSTRALIAN SATURDAY 21 JUNE 1919

WOODMAN POINT: Dr. Frank Ponsford reported last night that 39 Western Australian troops ex the troopship ORARI had been landed at woodman Point Quarantine Station yesterday. The list of patients now stands as follow: Dangerously ill. 2; seriously ill, 2; mildly ill. 13; convalescent, 10; and 233 contacts. It was reported that the whole of the patients had shown improvement yesterday.

FOR INFORMATION: THE DAILY NEWS SATURDAY 25 MARCH 1916

COCKBURN SOUND PARK ESTATE: Robertson Bros. will sell by auction on Wednesday, March 29, in the rooms, 91 St. George's Terrace, at 8pm the balance of the Cockburn Sound Park Estate Rockingham Road about 249 acres, subdivided into quarter acre, and half-acre blocks

THE DAILY NEWS SATURDAY 25 APRIL 1914.

The S.S. ZEPHYR will run on a trip to Gage Roads tomorrow (Sunday) afternoon, leaving Barrack- street jetty at 3 p.m. sharp, arriving back in Perth about 6 p.m.

Life's Quotes:

When life gives you a hundred reasons to cry, show life that you have a thousand reasons to smile.

Always put yourself in the other's shoes. If you feel that it hurts you, it probably hurts the person too.

Feelings change, but memories don't.

Cheerio for now

The Caretaker





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