



The Voicepipe

**The Company of Master Mariners of Australia
QUEENSLAND BRANCH
May 2016**

Next Meeting will be held on

Thursday 19 May 2016

At

**The Greek Club,
Edmonstone Road, West End
(Check location of room on arrival)
1800 for 1830 hours**

\$45 a head

The Guest speaker at this Meeting is Mark Paton, CEO of FIIG

Subject: "Income you can trust".

If you wish to attend, or lodge an apology, please advise Captain Kasper Kuiper as soon as possible during business hours or at the latest by Noon on Monday 16 May 2016 by

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<http://www.mastermariners.org.au/>

THE COMPANY OF MASTER MARINERS OF AUSTRALIA
QUEENSLAND BRANCH

Branch Master's Report

Welcome to the May 2016 edition of the Voicepipe.

Our last meeting was on the 21st April and the guest speaker was Capt. Ian Lockley, who spoke about the Manhattan Duke, a tanker which ran aground off Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea. It was a fantastic story and the company members enjoyed the video and explanations provided – there were certainly plenty of questions. It was a great example of what good craftsmanship and experienced salvagers could achieve in those days. I thank Ian for his time.

ANZAC Day was well attended and it was good to see the Company's logo from a distance – well done, and thank you. Capt Bochenski reported that a showing of "Titanic" raised \$3,000 for the Maritime Museum – a great result!

If you weren't already aware, Capt Hugh Harkins was given life membership to the Company of Master Mariners. Given Capt. Harkin's long and tireless involvement in the industry, and the Company, this is well deserved recognition for his efforts. Congratulations.

On a similar note, another of our Queensland members has recently been recognised. Capt. Stuart Ballantyne was awarded the "Outstanding Achievement Award 2015" by the Federal branch. Well done.

The guest speaker for the next meeting, Thursday 19th May at the Greek Club is Mark Paton, CEO of FIIG, a leading fixed income specialist in Australia. The topic for the evening will be "Income you can trust". I'm sure there will be plenty of information that will be relevant and of interest to us all.

To all our members who are not in the best of health at this time, please let the committee know if there is anything we can do to help you. Our phone numbers are on the opposite page.

Our next Branch dinner meeting is on Thursday 19th May at the Greek Club, at the usual time of 1800, for 1830. I look forward to seeing many of you there – it would be nice to see some new faces.

Capt. Kasper Kuiper
BRANCH MASTER

Minutes of the General Meeting held at the Greek Club, Thursday 21st April, 2016

PRESENT: Capts. Kuiper, Handfield, Langford, Diack, Bochenski, Tyler, Bailey, Harkins, Crowsley,

Apologies: Capts. Beckinsale, Gold, Wilson, Marchbank, Thompson, Burton, D. Williams, P. Murday, Watkinson, Kavanagh, van Buuren, Dr. White , Padre Pearson

Guest Speaker: Ian Lockley

Captain Kuiper welcomed members and Ian Lockley, Guest Speaker

Grace was conducted by Capt. Diack

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The Minutes of the General Meeting held on Thursday, 31st March, 2016 have been circulated in the "Voicepipe" and were moved by Capt. Kuiper as a true record of proceedings. Capt. Langford advised that an apology from Capt. Gold had been omitted. The Minutes were amended and seconded by Capt. Bailey

MATTERS ARISING

None

TREASURER'S REPORT

The following is a summary of the transactions since the last general meeting on the 31st March, 2016.

INCOME

(i) March Meeting \$ 630.00

TOTAL INCOME \$ 630.00

EXPENSES

(I) Bank Charges \$ 10.00

TOTAL EXPENSES \$ 10.00

Bank balances as at 21 April,2016

Current Account \$ 4,049.00

Deposit Account \$35,954.91

TOTAL CASH ASSETS \$39,954.91

(i) There remains one member to chase up for the current year's subscription.

Capt. Handfield proposed that the report be accepted as a true record of the Branch Finances .Seconded Capt. Langford and carried.

BRANCH MASTER'S REPORT

Included on Page 3 of the "Voicepipe"

NOMINATIONS

The following applications for membership were read out:

Anthony Allen	Ordinary Membership	Western Australia
David Graeme Bayliss	Associate Membership	Queensland
Damian Paul O'Connor	Ordinary Membership	Victoria
Neville Amaria	Ordinary Membership	Western Australia

FEDERAL COURT REPORT

Capt. Kuiper reported on the recent Annual General Meeting of the Federal Court held in Brisbane at the "Royal on the Park" Hotel on Saturday, 16th April, 2016.

Brisbane Branch observers were Cpts. Handfield, Burton and Langford.

Present were:

Capt. Ted van Bronswijk,	Federal Master and Sydney Branch Master,
Capt. Steven Wenban, replacing Capt. Reza Vind as Branch Master, Western Australia,	
Capt. Paul Philips,	Branch Master, South Australia,
Capt. Ian French,	Branch Master, Melbourne,
Capt. Kasper Kuiper,	Branch Master, Queensland,
Capt. Frank Kaleveld,	Federal Secretary,
Capt. Francis Castellino,	Federal Treasurer.

Major issues on the agenda were:

- Anniversary Book
- Outstanding Achievement Award
- Master Mariner Magazine
- 2016 Budget
- Life Membership awarded to Capt. Hugh Harkins
- Newcastle Branch
- Benefits of belonging to IFSMA

AT the AGM on 16 April, the Federal Court reached an impasse during the declaration of office bearers for 2016. Our present Federal Master, Capt Ted van Bronswijk was the only Nominee for the position as Federal Master, despite the fact that he had served three years as Federal Master. Under Clause 47 of our Constitution, The Federal Master could not continue in his role as FM. Considering that the make-up of the Federal Court consisted of a combination of older members who may not serve out their full term as Branch Masters, and young and inexperienced members, the Court decided to appoint Capt van Bronswijk as an "caretaker" Federal Master and serve in this capacity until the proposed amendments below have been accepted by all the Branches.

It is also proposed that the proposed amendment be tabled at each Branch's general meeting and be accepted/rejected by a majority vote from the floor. Members, who cannot attend the monthly Branch meeting, may nominate a proxy to cast their vote.

Federal members may advise the Federal Secretary direct

The relevant Clauses are:

Current Clause 47d: "The members of Federal Court shall elect one of their number to be Chairman with the title Federal Master, Such member elected as Federal Master shall hold office until the next succeeding Annual General Meeting"

Current Clause 47e: "No member of Federal Court may be elected as Federal Master for more than three consecutive years."

The Court proposes the following amendment to Clause 47e and insert a new Clause 47f

Proposed Clause 47d to remain unchanged

Proposed Clause 47e to read: "No member of the Federal Court may be elected as Federal Master for more than three consecutive years, unless there are no other nominations tabled at the Annual General Meeting"

Proposed Clause 47f: "A member of the Federal Court may only be elected as Federal Master if he has served at least one year as a Court Member."

May I remind members that prior to the amended Constitution (2013) the Federal Court consisted of 6 Branch Masters plus a Federal Master plus a Deputy Federal Master. A then elected Federal Master could only be appointed after having served as a Branch Master (i.e. member of the Federal Court). The reason why the Constitution was amended to incorporate Clause 47 was to save the cost of at least two members attending the Annual General Meeting.

Please advise me as soon as your Branch has endorsed or rejected the proposed changes.

Frank Kaleveld

Federal Secretary

HON ED: Proxy form is to be found on Page 13 of this Voicepipe.

GENERAL BUSINESS

- (I) Members were reminded of the forthcoming ANZAC Day March and arrangements
- (II) It was advised that Capt. Beckinsale had recently been hospitalised and Capt. Kuiper undertook to visit him.
- (III) Capt. Langford reported on the recent seminar conducted by AMSA at the Port Office on 19th April regarding SOLAS regulations contained within Marine Order 42 (Cargo Stowage and Securing)2014. The new regulation regarding verified gross mass weight of containers is effective from 1st July 2016 and is designed to ensure accuracy of container weights loaded.
- (IV) Members were again reminded of revised meeting dates for 2016.

Following a coffee break, the evening's guest speaker was introduced.

Ian Lockley started his career as an apprentice fitter and turner and, on completion of his training, worked in the Brisbane River removing old iron and concrete piles (in 50 tonne sections) to make way for the piling of the Victoria Bridge. However, Ian's interest in diving and salvage started with the salvage of the Danish dredge "Kaptajn Nielsen" off Tangalooma in 1964.

Pilot Bruce Whiteman offered Ian a job as engineer aboard the "Craestar" in 1967 working for Rio Tinto Australia, exploring the base geology of the Islands in the South West Pacific. Ian's interest in diving was enhanced by diving on war wrecks in PNG and the Solomons, and the discovery of a pile of aluminium ingots from a wrecked vessel off Southern Fiji in 1969 which opened the door to the life he was to follow for decades to come.

The proceeds of part recovery of the ingots, along with sympathetic Bank managers, allowed Ian to purchase a new 45 foot steel vessel, in partnership with a friend, which was fitted out for diving and lifting and, in late 1970, they set out to recover the rest of the ingots. However, Inchcape had also set up in Suva to offer salvage services and eventually it was agreed between the parties to pool services in regard to salvage, with two particular operations leaving Ian's new company debt free and a worthwhile start to the future in the Pacific arena.

Ian's presentation comprised of a documentary film –"Manhattan Duke"- a Refloating Operation.

The 82,000 tonne oil tanker, "Manhattan Duke" ran aground on the main sea reef west of Jomard Passage, the main entrance to Port Moresby harbour, in July 1983. She was actually standing off, waiting for a pilot to take her through the Torres Strait having come from New Zealand. Unfortunately, she came a little too close to the reef on a night with the south east trade wind blowing and a sea running. She came to rest broadside to the reef breaching her starboard tanks which were not gas free. She rolled from side to side in a heavy swell. The following salvage operation involved pulling the ship bow-on to the reef and running her further on to the reef with the main engines, whilst keeping her at right angles to the reef with a tug astern. Inert gas was pumped into the tanks and temporary repairs made to damaged plating before towing her into Moresby harbour to continue repairs prior to proceeding to Japan to effect permanent repairs. The whole salvage exercise was filmed as part of a presentation made to the arbitrator in London who represents Lloyds Insurance and so decides the quantum of the salvage award.

Following the film presentation, there was further discussion on the incident and questions and answers on individual aspects of the operation.

At the end of the presentation, Capt. Langford thanked Ian for a fascinating and captivating session which had clearly been thoroughly enjoyed by those present. A "thank you" memento was made to Ian on behalf of the Company. Members present showed their appreciation by acclamation

Capt. Kuiper closed the meeting at 2130.

Next meeting Thursday, 19th May at the Greek Club.

With Thanks to Dave Ellis:

My Father, John Ellis, was in the UK Merchant Navy during WW2 as 2nd Engineer on a coaster on the UK east coast and after D-Day a rescue tug in the North Sea.

He was a founding member, and later Life Member, of the Australian Merchant Navy War Service League. In later years that faltered due to declining membership and a number of those left, including my Father, formed the Merchant Navy RSL Sub Branch. The MN Blazer and Beret is the standard dress of the sub branch.

Before my Father passed away last November at age 90 I promised him I would wear his Blazer and Beret at Anzac Day marches, hence my wearing it proudly today.



With thanks to David Bayliss:

It was the 25th April 1941 that a FragO to the OpOrd for Operation DEMON (the evacuation of Greece) direct tasked HMT SS Slammat (underway) to support the Operation.

SS Slammat was a Dutch vessel that was converted to one of His Majesty's Transports in Sydney during 1940. She carried her voluntary crew (which was most of, if not all of her peacetime crew) plus a number of volunteer Australian Merchant Mariners and attached Servicemen.

She participated in the evacuation, overstayed her window in order to embark more evacuees, and was bombed during the exfiltration.

My wife's Grandfather (VX8357 LT W.J. Scott [Army]) was on board as the OIC Gunnery. He was KIA at the AA Gun position when HMT SS Slammat received one of several direct hits.

After the vessel was abandoned a number of survivors were machine gunned by the attacking aircraft whilst they were defenceless in the water.

Many survivors were rescued by HMS Diamond and HMS Wryneck, who themselves were attacked and lost.

At the end of the day 870 lives were lost from HMT SS Slammat, HMS Diamond and HMS Wryneck. These are conservative figures as the exact number of evacuees was unknown, but estimated to be 500.

Of the approximately 500 soldiers that HMT SS Slammat embarked, ONLY eight survived; and of the Slammat's 214 crew (including attachments), only 11 survived.

Slammat Crew & Attachments

Survivors = 11/214

Survived = 5.1%

Killed In Action = 94.9%

Slammat Passengers (Evacuees)

Survivors = 8/500

Survived = 1.6%

Killed In Action = 98.4%

From HMS Diamond's compliment of 166, only 20 survived.

From HMS Wryneck's compliment of 106, only 27 survived.

Total Human Cost: Survivors = 66/936 Survived: 7.1% Killed In Action: 92.9%

For further reading please refer to the following sites:

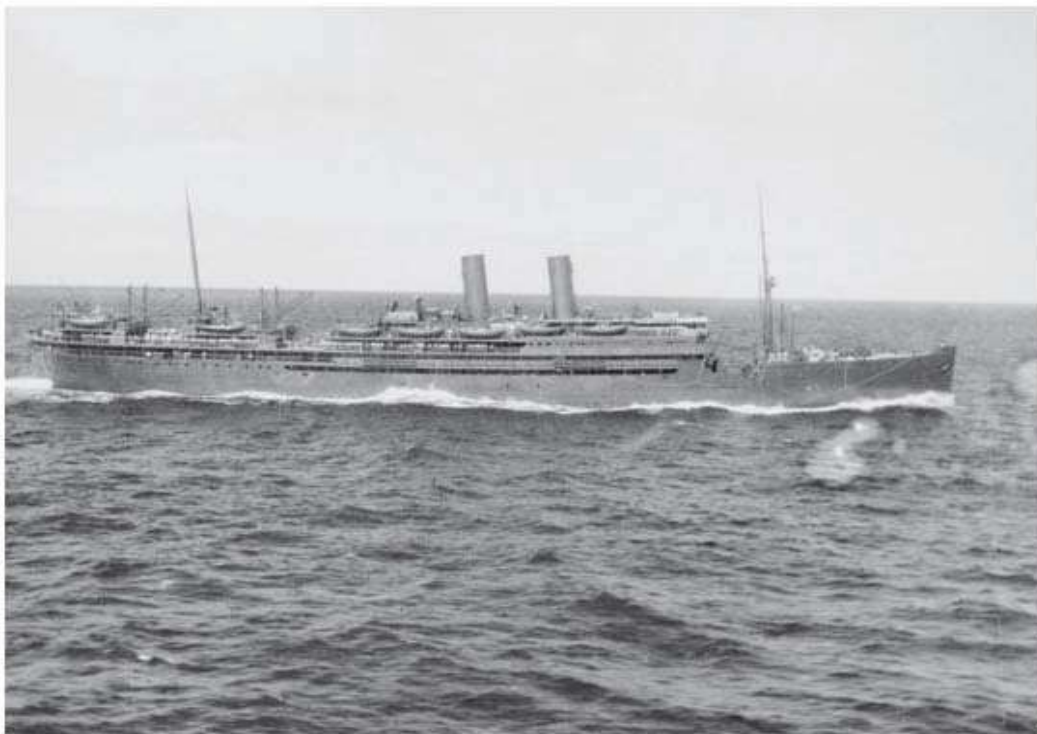
https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Slammat_disaster

https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/SS_Slammat

<http://members.ziggo.nl/haddock2/slammat/bron/sinkingofslamat.htm>

<http://www.krlmuseum.nl/slamatdocen.html>

An Australian Honour Roll is on the following page.



Australian War Memorial.

ID Number: 303942

Starboard side view of the Dutch passenger vessel SLAMAT which transported Australian troops to the Middle East as part of Convoy US.5 in 1940-08. In 1941-03 she transported Australian troops from convoy US.9 from Bombay to Suez. She operated with RAN vessels during the evacuation of Greece in the course of which she was bombed and sunk on 1941-04-27.

(Naval Historical Collection)

HMT SS SLAMAT

We Shall Remember You

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**We grace you with our wish of old
As true and warm as ever
Not yet have memories grown cold
Of kin that war did sever**

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**Bagnell, A.
Bird, E.F.
Boyle, J. W.
Browder, W.
Christianson, O. P.
Christianson, O. R. M.
Duncombe, A. A.
Fraser, C.**

**Gray, L.
Hancock, B.
Healey, D.G.
Hendry, T.G.
Jarman, B. L.
Lowe, F.
Mason, J.
Mitchell, F.**

**Newman, D.A.
Scott, W.J.
Stafford, E.H.
Stanley, G.R.
Waddleton, J.A.
Walker, J.B.
White, D.A.
Williams, V.L.**

With Thanks to Peter Kerkenezov:

In response to your call for photos re ANZAC parade 2016, have attached a few photos (with a difference!) taken last ANZAC Day (Centenary 1915 - 2015) at Ballina, NSW. Although these are not nautical photos you may still be interested to learn that a member of the CMMA led the march last year, representing the Australian Light Horse, and shall be riding again tomorrow.

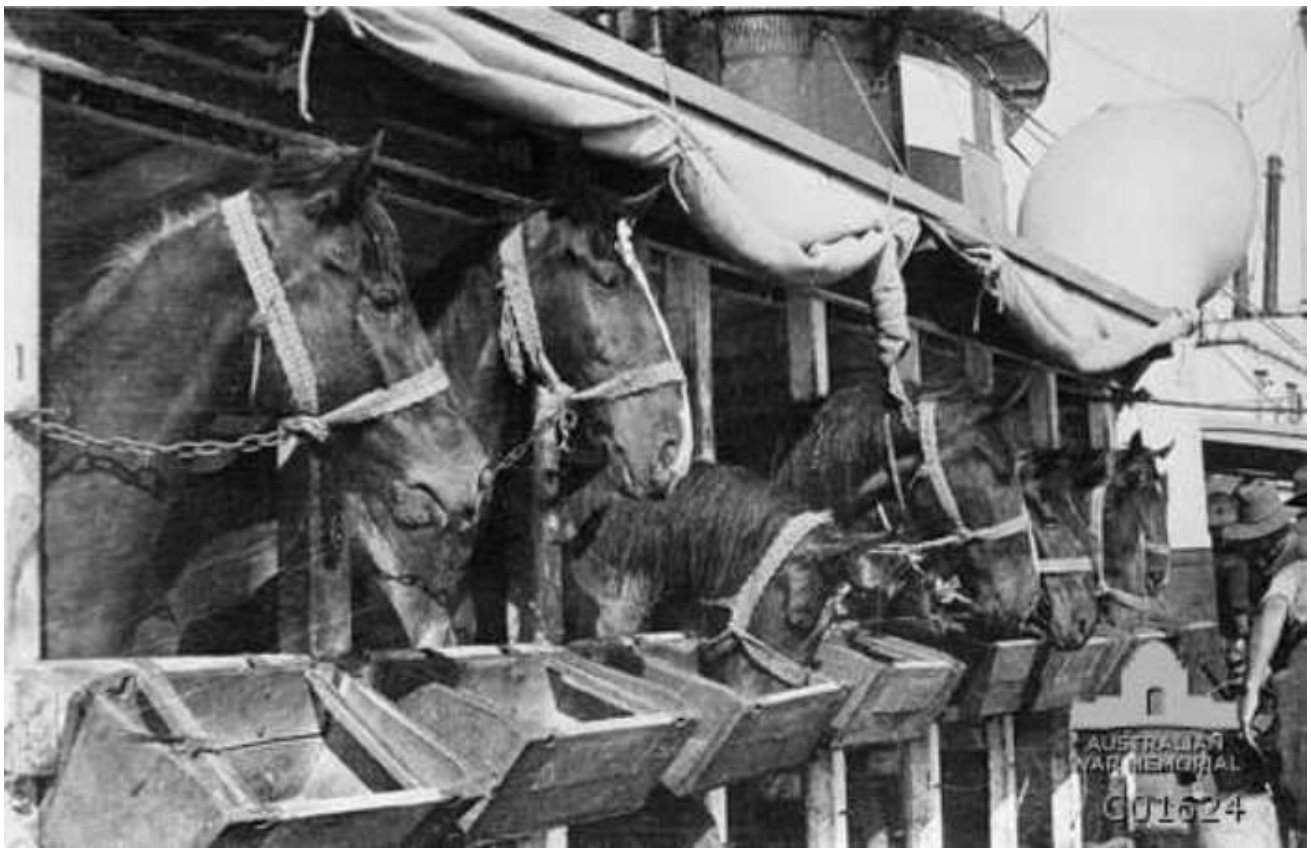
I am a trooper (Number 884) in the ALHA 12th Regiment, Major Thomas Troop Tenterfield.



I will also be joining the Reserve Force Light Horse contingent in the Reserve Forces Day Parade in Sydney 3rd July 2016 as part of the mounted escort for the Governor from Government House to the ANZAC Memorial in Hyde Park South (approx. 6.0 km).



METHOD OF SLINGING HORSES INTO LIGHTERS.
N.Z. TRANSPORT. H.M.T. HUNTSCASTLE.



Note these horses are facing athwartship and likely close to the centre of floatation (this is the best position)(PK).

IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2016

PLEASE NOTE THESE DATES AND DATE CHANGES IN YOUR DIARY

Thursday	19 th May	18:00 hrs	General Meeting	Greek Club, South Brisbane
Thursday	2 nd June	17:30 hrs	Court Meeting	Netherlands Consulate
<u>Tuesday</u>	21 st June	12:30 hrs	Ladies Lunch Meeting	Stamford Plaza Hotel
Thursday	7 th July	17:30 hrs	Court Meeting	Netherlands Consulate
Thursday	21 st July	18:00 hrs	General Meeting	Greek Club, South Brisbane
Thursday	4 th August	17:30 hrs	Court Meeting	Netherlands Consulate
Thursday	18 th August	18:00 hrs	General Meeting	Greek Club, South Brisbane
Thursday	8 th September	17:30 hrs	Court Meeting	Netherlands Consulate
Thursday	22 nd September	18:00 hrs	General Meeting	Greek Club, South Brisbane
Thursday	6 th October	17:30 hrs	Court Meeting	Netherlands Consulate
Thursday	20 th October	18:00 hrs	General Meeting	Greek Club, South Brisbane
Thursday	3 rd November	17:30 hrs	Court Meeting	Netherlands Consulate
<u>Friday</u>	25 th November	18:00 hrs	Ladies Dinner Meeting	Stamford Plaza Hotel

The Company of Master Mariners of Australia, Queensland Branch Appointment of Proxy Form

I,.....of.....

Being a Voting Member, hereby appoint

.....of.....

Or, failing him/her, The Branch Master,

As my proxy to vote for me on my behalf at the meeting of the Company, to be held on the 19th day of May 2016, and at any adjournment.

SIGNATURE.....

Signed thisday of2016

Note: If the Voting Member desires to vote for or against any nomination, he or she shall instruct the proxy accordingly. Unless otherwise instructed, the proxy may vote as he or she thinks fit.