



MV CAPE DON SOCIETY

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From the Curator

The cataloguing of almost 250 files, logbooks, manuals and drawings is almost completed with 38 boxes so far used and now recorded on the museum database and lots more to go.



Museum Storage

Cataloguing of the museum photos continues, so far 556 photos of all the CLS ships completed. Also many need scanning and put in the digital photo collection.

All the photos removed several months ago have been cleaned, sealed and rehung in the saloon. A new large photo of SS Cape York donated by AMSA has been framed and temporarily hung in the bridge deck area.

The boat deck area is being set up to tell the story of the beginning of the CLS from 1915 through to the 20's using photos and artefacts. We have large photos of Capt. Henry Trace, Joshua Ramsbotham, SS Lady Loch and SS Karuah which have been framed and mounted on the Boat Deck.



Photo of Capt. Trace

In the last couple of weeks I have tracked down photos of SS Kyogle and SS Governor Musgrave which have been framed and hung with the other photos completing the series. The photos have been sourced from National Archives of Australia, State Library of South Australia and donated by AMSA

More artefacts storage boxes have been purchased to store recent acquired items and we need to purchase some steel storage cabins to give better protection the artefacts.

As mentioned in the last newsletter all 140 B&W and Colour negatives of MV Cape Pillar working in Bass Strait have been scanned and put on to the data base. The entering of the other photos into the data base is continuing and should be completed by December, maybe!

Some of the artefacts have been stored in archival boxes and placed on a new data base.

Latest Acquisitions

In July I had an email from the National Trust of Victoria which had a Commonwealth Lighthouse Service flag that they were trying to find a new home.

Within seconds I replied that we would gratefully take it off their hands and thanks to Katie Symons it soon arrived and was photographed, entered into the register and stored in appropriate storage until ready to display.



The CLS Flag

In August we received a parcel from Ian McCarthy, a gold plated spoon with MV Cape Don logo and a MV Cape Grafton patch. Thanks Ian.

Also in August Capt Richard Ireland sent us the Bi-Centennial Tall Ship parade Operational Orders in which the MV Cape Don led the parade of ships into Sydney harbour in 1988. Thanks Richard.

Also in August, AMSA donated a Dept. of Transport Safety Division badge and a CLS badge along with two AMSA Patches. These will go with our other badgers in the collection. Thanks the Lyndon O'Grady and AMSA for their continuing support.



Selection of museum badges

We are looking for any items from the lighthouse service to include in the museum and any donation would be much appreciated.

*To all members a
merry xmas and a
happy new year.
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