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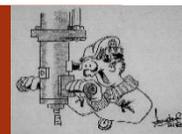
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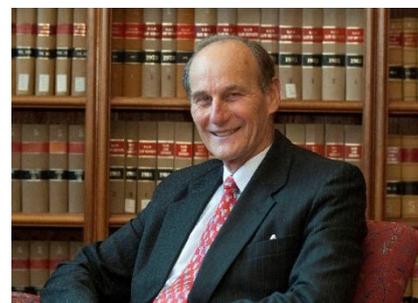
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MEMBERS UPDATES



PRESIDENTS REPORT

The past 2 months has been very busy for your committee and there has been lots of activity at the museum with the Jim Redwood Room being completed and the AE 2 Replica being moved to its new home near the museum. Michael Carew FHSMs vice president also visited the museum to help initially with the painting of Otway and subsequently to discuss the Bendigo Bank donation that we were successful in obtaining for the museum earlier this year. Meanwhile Roger Cooper has been busy preparing the interior photo wraps for the replica and all going well this project should be ready for Anzac Day.



On another front our Secretary and Helen Wyatt have been working with Dr Roger Neill on a book about the AE 2 expeditions which is soon to be printed and will be available to members at a discount price. In concert with this we ran our first Webinar which I'm pleased to report was well attended by members and overall gauged a success. The webinar video recording has been sent to all attendees and the committee for consideration of future similar events and posting to our website so all members might access it.

The Submariners' Honour Roll Wall Sub-committee have asked us to provide details of Cdr Holbrook career so a plaque can be struck and mounted on the wall in his honour. Helen Wyatt, our assistant Secretary and Archivist has been busy validating Cdr Holbrooks service record. Concurrent with this initiative we have had interest from the Royal Navy Museum's, Tom Herman in supporting the event and arranging a VIP attendee when the plaque is unveiled.

FHSM President - Michael White



SECRETARYS REPORT

AE 2 Webinar - February and March have been busy periods. The preparation for and running of the March 20th Webinar required a lot of work to ensure all went smoothly using our Zoom system in that role for the first time. Concurrent with that was the work on Dr Roger Neill's excellent book which arose out of the need for an article and the webinar. For those who missed out attending the webinar, the following link will let you view the presentation:



<https://1drv.ms/v/s!AizOM27wLs6ygcIhsa4ZGo5ITnfAVg?e=INQIr0>

The AE2 expeditions book

When the Australian submarine *AE2* was sunk in the Sea of Marmara without loss of life it became something of an enigma. That *AE2* played a major role in the fateful Gallipoli campaign that forged the young nation's pride and the legend of Anzac is beyond dispute and has been written about comprehensively.

Known as the Silent Anzac, *AE2* remained a mystery, its exact location and condition unknown.

Locating and honouring the legend of the silent Anzac became a mission for a diverse and talented group of specialists from various countries including former enemies. Finding the *AE2* was in itself a difficult task, let alone diving on and surveying the empty wreck some 70 metres down. In a remarkable feat of endurance, patience, and innovation in the face of adversity, the teams of specialists managed to not only find and survey *AE2* but developed methods of preservation and uncovered unusual facts that are revealed in this book.

**Pre- print orders
being taken:
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At the time of writing the book is with the printer.

We are pleased to announce that thanks to the generous personal donation of our Treasurer, Geoffrey Rose we will get this significant publication out to the public and the supporting organisations in the near future. We would like to thank Dr Neill for his considerable knowledge and work on *AE 2* over the years and the work he has put into this book. The book has received wide acclaim from those that have read the draft and it will also be available in eBook format in the future. If you would like to be on the list for a copy of the book when its published, just send an email to: tlund@bigpond.net.au



Correspondence - We have had a complimentary letter from ANMM regarding Dr Neill's book and asking for both soft and hard copies for their library.

Don Currell from the Submarine Honour Roll Wall Sub-committee in Brisbane asked us to apply for a plaque for Cdr Holbrook on the Submariners' Honour Roll Wall. The RN Museum has also asked to be involved in the unveiling of the plaque and suggested a VIP presence might be arranged.

Media Management – There has been no media attention or submissions made since our change of policy in respect of HSM's wishes to control all media liaison and output relative to the museum. 2 media releases on FHSM work have been posted to DVA and RSL Qld.

Website – No major changes have been made but we continue to fend off attacks arriving via social media systems. We have added one more patch and will progress the system in the coming months. If you haven't visited the site, we commend you to take some time as it is always changing.

Webinars – We will be running further free webinars this year so keep an eye out for the next one.

Development – We have a number of exciting things in the pipeline including working with Gus Mellon on a 'Notable Submariners' series of books. Sandy has been working on kids and adults submariner board game and he continues to push out excellent tapestries. The Winter catalogue will have some discounted items for our members so watch out for that.

FHSM Secretary -Thor Lund

TREASURERS REPORT

Please accept the Assistant Treasurers Report to the FHSM committee as of 01-Apr-2021. Our account balance stands at **\$4214.26** Details are contained in the table below for **period to 01-Apr-21**. Invoices and receipts are dutifully retained for perusal if required. Treasurers Cloud Account is to date as of 1st of April 2021

Treasurers Comments

After some 'hiccups', full operating access to FHSM account has been finalised. Between the Assistant Treasurer and myself, all expenditure and income are being dutifully entered into our Treasurers Book, both on the One Drive and, as a backup, onto personal computers.

In the near future, I will be contacting Ms. Kerri Wise from the GHSC to discuss any money we have in the Trust Account from over-the-counter sales from the HSM Museum and how we access these funds.

FHSM Treasurer - Geoff Rose

MEMBERSHIP AND MERCHANDISE REPORT

Welcome New Members:

John Sullivan

Capt Roger Turner

Garry 'Gus' Mellon

Don Currell OAM

Membership Register – This period we have 4 new members. I'm pleased to report that we now have 70 members and we welcome the new members to our association.

Membership Fee Increase – From this years' renewal anniversary on the 31st July we will be increasing our membership fees as follows:

1 year = \$20

3 years = \$50

This will allow us to support more initiatives for the museum and other activities for members.

Merchandising - As you will no doubt be aware, we have been experiencing some problems with our apparel merchandising. Clothing. but I'm pleased to report that the back orders have finally started to flow. The supplier experienced some stock difficulties prior to Christmas and was unable to fulfill the orders placed. Recently, awards R Us confirmed that all pre-Christmas orders were underway and would be completed soon and apologised for any inconvenience our members suffered (see message). We hope the clothing side of our merchandise fund raising efforts are now back on track and that you will support this initiative. David Beachy from Awards R Us shared the following message with us recently:

A Message from Awards R Us:

For a lot of people 2020 was a difficult year and for me it created a whole new set of challenges both in business and personal life which was at the least distracting. We wanted to work with the great designs that Sandy Freeleangus creates and taking hand drawn graphics and adopting them to electronic formats that we can use in production has been time consuming.

In talking to the FHSM committee from the start the biggest hurdle was always going to be doing small productions runs as opposed the balance between tying up money in holding stock. I'm happy to report that we are now in a position to respond quickly to incoming orders and we look forward to offering new products throughout the year. BEACHY

FHSM Membership and Merchandise Officer - Graham Collins

BENDIGO BANK DONATION AND PROJECT FUNDING

The Board of Bendigo Bank met on Friday 26th March. The proposals before them includes:

1. Programmable Signage:

The unit would be displayed on a stand outdoors near the AE2 replica, or behind the AE2 replica facing window from the Information Centre office.

This would allow the museum to use multi-media to:

- a. run a two-minute hologram style video produced a few years ago which discusses the AE2.
- b. display opening/closing times
- c. highlight special exhibitions in the museum.
- d. feature display areas within Museum
- e. thank our sponsors in a choice of fonts and text size, with the possibility of using a short advertisement for Bendigo Bank.

2. Lighting and air temperature comfort

This will allow the museum to install a sub-board to allow lighting improvements and to run a small air-conditioner for visitor comfort. The quote for this work is not yet available, however should it exceed the grant funding the Museum has access to annual budget money from the Council.

4. Board of Gratitude - The HSM Submarine committee approved the Curators concept of a Board of Gratitude to thank such sponsors as Bendigo Bank, Dulux, SIA, AE2 Foundation FHSM.

5. SIA Funded Projects - Torpedo room progress or lack of it pending funds. No progress in the Torpedo Room due to funds not yet being available to commence. However, planning has progressed.



L-R FHSM Vice President Michael Carew, John Ellis and Helen McRorie Directors of Henty Community Financial Services Ltd which holds the franchise for the Henty Community Bank, HSM, Cathy Mann, HSM Curator

NEW ASSISTANT JOINS THE MUSEUM

Emily Jones is the newly appointed Tourism and Communications Assistant. In 2020 she won the NSW Trainee of the Year Award in her role with GHC as Youth Officer.

Cathy Mann, Curator of HSM said “We are very pleased to welcome Emily to the Museum. She is keen to learn some of the basic facts about submarines and the displays within the Museum”.

FHSM welcomes Emily and wishes her all the best for the future. If you're visiting the museum, be sure to say Hi to Emily and welcome her aboard



AE2 Replica Project – This is progressing well with the replica moved to its new home. In the lead up to the interior work by Roger Cooper several actions are necessary:

- a. Clean and repaint outer shell.
- b. Clean, rust-proof and repaint the interior.
- c. Walkway to be constructed.
- d. Power and lighting - no quote available yet
- e. Once a and b are completed, Roger can install the photos.

Painting Otway’s fin - The fin was painted on Friday 26th March with the assistance of a hired cherry picker, the operator’s painting skills and Morrie as his assistant.

Lighting - Our local electrician has been very busy with discussions for several projects around the Museum and precinct. Included are options for renewing lighting in the Control Room and the AE2 lighting. He has also been looking at a potential project to light up Otway properly. This is a future opportunity to apply for a Tourism Product Enhancement Grant and it is in the early stages of planning and writing through Greater Hume Council



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HSM Curator – Cathy Mann

FHSM DONATIONS - We welcome support in financial as well as in kind donations.

If you would like to donate money

Contact:

Graham Collins:
weonawei@bigpond.com

or

for artefact, pictures or other submarine related material, contact the curator:

Cathy Mann
cathy.mann@iinet.net.au

FHSM MEMBERSHIP FORM

CHANGE OF FEES coming FROM July 2021



Annual membership of the friends of Holbrook Submarine Museum is
\$10: 3 years for \$25

Renewals AUGUST each year

OBJECTIVES OF THE ASSOCIATION - is to assist Holbrook Submarine Museum and its Curator(s) with funding and Assistance to ensure the artefacts and photographic records are maintained and displays developed. FHSM supports the strategic plan of the Museum and its interface with the Submarine Institute of Australia (SIA) national objective of a Virtual National Submarine Museum as well as the activities of the Submarine Association of Australia (SAA).

AS A MEMBER -You will receive a regular email Newsletter with updates on activities at the Museum and any special events and deals on submarine merchandise. You will also receive an adult pass to the museum. We look forward to welcoming you to Friends of Holbrook Submarine Museum.

APPLICATION - Please accept my application for:

1 year \$10 or **3 years \$25** membership of FHSM.

I agree to abide by the rules of the Association and to support its purpose and objectives. Note: copies of the Association rules are available by email to the Hon Sec Thor Lunch.

Signed Date

Title

Given Names.....

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Account No – 170008056.
Be sure to put your name in the reference section