



PAC Journal

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Did you know?

Matthew Flinders (1774-1814) was the first man to circumnavigate Australia. His charts were so accurate that some are still in use to this day. His most successful voyage came between 1801 and 1803 when he charted the coastline of Australia, completing and linking together other partial surveys to give us the first complete picture of our island nation.

Flinders was later shipwrecked on the Great Barrier Reef. Remarkably, he managed to navigate the ship's cutter across open sea back to Sydney, a distance of some 700 miles, and arranged for the rescue of the marooned crew on Wreck Reef. Amazing seamanship.

Board Changes

First, congratulations go to Casey Van Dyke who was elected by his peers on the Board, in accordance with the Club's Rules, to hold the position of Vice President for the 2017 -2018 year.

Also, as announced in last month's PAC Journal, the Board received the resignation notices from both Chris Kavanagh and Michael Hyland. The Director's position of President and Chairman is elected by the members and therefore requires a general meeting of the members. If one of the existing Directors nominate for this position there would also then be a Director vacancy.

The Board is contacting all members to find volunteers from within the membership to step forward and contribute to the operation of your Club by nominating to become a Director on the Board and or as a Director for the role of President & Chairman. At the most recent Board meeting the Directors filled the casual vacancy following Mike Hyland's resignation by appointing Brian Killin. Brian has taken on the catering and PAC Journal responsibilities executed previously by Michael.

Your Club is run by volunteers and this means that members must step up to fill these positions. Please give some serious thought as to how you could contribute to your Club in one of these Director roles and then contact the Secretary at paqclub@tpg.com.au for a nomination form or more information.

Timing is important on this matter so please make contact in the coming week as a general meeting will be announced when nominations are received.

What's on the Horizon?

Events for your diary:

✚ Saturday 9 th September 2017	Slip Operators' Certification Day
✚ Saturday 16 th September 2017	Visit to Australian Maritime Museum
✚ Saturday 7 th October 2017	First Aid Course. 9.00 hrs. Booked in members only
✚ Saturday 21 st October 2017	Working Bee
✚ Tuesday 14 th November 2017	PAC Seminar – The Bombing of Darwin by Noel Phelan
✚ Sunday 3 rd December 2017	Pittwater Sailors' Christmas Party
✚ Sunday 10 th December 2017	PAC Christmas Party
✚ Tuesday 6 th February 2018	PAC Seminar (Subject to be announced)
✚ Tuesday 10 th April 2018	PAC Seminar (Subject to be announced)

A great seminar from Michael Minogue



Michael presented a really informative seminar with a very clear message about monitoring the state of your vessel from year to year, investigating areas where you don't normally go. He demonstrated the potential consequences of not doing so.

Michael's message was - don't just assume all is OK because it looks good on the surface. He showed a number of examples where everything looked good to a cursory inspection however the reality was quite different.

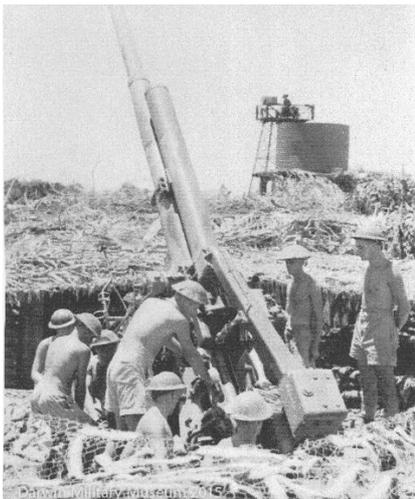


A Boat constructed with strip timber, mahogany in this case, has been nailed together using galvanised nails. This is known as 'Strip Building' or 'Strip Planking'. After many years the galvanisation on the nails is failing, and the nails have started rusting, presumably due to the twin evils of moisture and electrochemical reaction. The rust spots are spreading from the nails, and are visible through the paint on the hull. Furthermore they are causing softening of the timber around them, which is evident after the wood has been stripped of paint. These soft spots have not progressed to be so bad as to require replacement of structural timbers.

Upcoming PAC Seminars

We have some very exciting activities coming up soon.

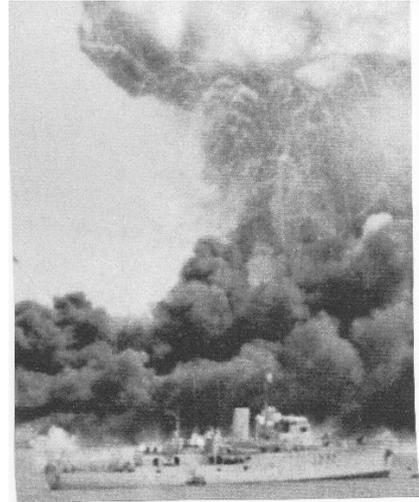
- ✚ Due to popular demand we are running another First Aid course on Saturday 7th October 2017. Commencing at 09.00 hrs. on Saturday 7th October 2017, these training sessions conducted by Kylie McKechnie end around 15.00 hrs. As usual a light lunch will be laid on. As there are **only 2 places remaining** available please book by emailing Casey Van Dyke; paqclub@tpg.com.au The price is \$60.00 per attendee (actually more but partly subsidised by PAC). Casey will send out payment instructions once he receives the applications.
- ✚ PAC Director and distinguished raconteur, Noel Phelan has thoroughly researched the bombing of Darwin in World War II. Darwin was a small country, "frontier," town in 1942. However it was an important supply base for ships and an important airstrip for American planes being ferried from Pearl Harbour to Asia. On 19th February 1942 Darwin was ferociously attacked at 10 am by 188 planes from the same four aircraft carriers that attacked Pearl Harbour. Then at 12 pm Darwin was attacked again by 54 heavy bombers from land bases. The anti-aircraft guns were only able to shoot down four Japanese planes.



There were 57 ships in harbour - 7 were sunk and two run aground to save the lives of the soldiers on board. The USS PEARY was sunk taking 88 of her crew with her.

Many ships slipped their anchors to get underway. A ship loaded with ammunition explodes. The harbour is on fire with explosions, dead bodies and black smoke were everywhere. Most of the important buildings in the town are destroyed. All but one of the ten P40 Kittyhawk's that are returning to Darwin are quickly shot down.

The P40 American pilots with only 25 hours training are up against battle hardened Japanese pilots in Zero's. 243 people are killed and over 300 wounded. There are 63 more raids on Darwin and more bombs were dropped on Darwin than Pearl Harbour.



Come and hear what happened on this day to the people of Darwin. When; 19.00 hrs. Tuesday 14th November 2017. Finger food and liquid refreshments will be laid on to make this another memorable and enjoyable PAC evening.

Some Reminders for you

We Have a Defibrillator in the PAC Clubroom – Would You Know How to Use it in an Emergency?

If you have attended a PAC or any other First Aid training course you won't have a problem. If you haven't, please read on. Standard Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) can be used on people over the age of 8 and are safe even if you're not sure that the person is having a cardiac arrest.

Perform CPR until the AED is ready to use.

- ✚ Start the AED by pressing the button or operating the lid as required.
- ✚ The AED will automatically start by giving you a series of audible instructions.
- ✚ With the patient lying on their back, clear the chest of clothing.
- ✚ Apply the pads to the chest as per the diagram on the AED.
- ✚ Once the pads are in place, the AED will analyse the heartbeat to determine whether a shock needs to be delivered. If it is it will tell you to move away.
- ✚ The AED will tell you when to resume CPR if the shock was unsuccessful. Many models have an audible beat to press to.
- ✚ Continue CPR until the AED tells you it is ready to deliver the next shock.
- ✚ Continue this cycle until the patient responds or the ambulance has arrived.

PAC By-laws - Essential Reading and Definitely not Boring

Each month we will include a by-law or two in the PAC Journal and not in any particular order.

BY-LAW NO. 13 – MARINA AND PONTOONS

Both the northern and southern inner pontoons are designated for loading, unloading, embarking or disembarking. Boats must not be left unattended in these locations. Dinghies may not be left unattended on the marina. PAC dinghies must be returned to the designated PAC dinghy area and secured parallel to the pontoon. This area is restricted to PAC dinghies only (ie dinghies provided by the PAC for the casual use of Members and is not for Members' private dinghies). Members whose vessels are on the slip may secure their dinghies near the shore on the northern work berth pontoon, or on the slip ramp. Members whose vessels are on the work berth(s) should secure their dinghies to their vessel or near the shore on the work berth pontoon.

IMPORTANT - Please check your NE status

The NE (not eligible at this time) status on wait lists was introduced for two reasons. NE means you are unable to accept a PAC facility at this time if offered. When you are NE you will not be contacted when a facility becomes available. You can change this status at any time by contacting the club.

The reasons are

- the wait lists now give members near the top of the list a more realistic view of how long they may wait if some of the members above them are NE.
- it saves time by not contacting members that are NE and unable to accept the facility at this time.

Recently the Facilities Manager has contacted a number of members to allocate a facility to find that they should be NE. One member asked to be taken off the wait list due to changed circumstances.

Could you please check the wait lists and let paqclub@tpg.com.au know if you should be NE at this time and also if your NE status should be removed.

An Invitation to Visit the Australian National Maritime Museum

Noel Phelan is a PAC director and also the team leader of the Australian National Maritime Museum (ANMM) Speakers. Noel has delivered several presentations at PAC on the maritime history of Australia the last being on the Krait on 20th June. The next presentation is, The Bombing of Darwin on Tuesday 14th November. The ANMM has special offers for organisations that invite one of the speakers to their club. These special offers are for group tours and membership.

The special offer for group tours is for a group of over 10 people. The offer includes a guided tour of the new; Action Stations pavilion and HMAS Vampire and access to all the other ships and exhibitions. There are guides on board all the ships to ensure you have an informative and entertaining experience. The tour can be customised to meet your preferences. Morning tea and lunch at YOTS (the cafe at the museum looking over the ships) can be included at an extra cost. The cost of the group tour is \$16 per person, morning tea \$6 and lunch \$20.

The membership special offer is for \$48 for seniors for a year with a great list of benefits described in the attached form. A good opportunity to show the grandchildren Action Stations and the ships and lots of our maritime heritage in the galleries. PAC is looking to arrange a carpool from PAC to the museum on Saturday 16th September 2017.

Please email The Secretary; paclub@tpg.com.au if you would like to join this group so we can get some idea of numbers.

Mokoia Goes South – Serialised – Peter Doyle (PAC Secretary) Joins the Crew.

The continuing saga of the voyage from Falmouth, England to Melbourne, Australia of a 39 foot timber built cutter which took place between October 1971 and July 1972. The crew, a group of English surgeons were emigrating to Australia and using their own transport to do it. PAC Secretary, Peter Doyle, who at this time was trekking around deepest darkest Africa, having already travelled through some obscure parts of Europe joined Mokoia and crew in South Africa for the final leg to Australia. The PAC Journal is presenting the complete account of this voyage from its conception, in serial form. It makes for compelling reading so don't miss an episode. If you have missed any episodes you can access them through the PAC website; www.paclub.com.au Please [click here](#) to access the latest episode.

Finish with a smile

A very nervous first time crew member asks the skipper, "Do yachts like this sink very often?" "Not too often," replied the skipper. "Usually it's only the once."

He should have attended our seminar!

