

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

SUNDAY 27th MARCH 2011

**BLACK ROCK YACHT CLUB
HALF MOON BAY, BLACK ROCK**

REPORTS SUBMITTED AT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2009/10

The 2009-2010 reporting period saw little apparent progress towards bracing the turrets on board Cerberus. *Friends* and the *National Trust* found progress slower and more frustrating than we would have preferred. Eventually design and project management issues would be solved.

A huge setback was experienced with the retirement of Ray Tonkin from *Heritage Victoria* at the end of June 2008. Ray's enthusiasm was equal to our own and Ray contributed much towards saving Cerberus. In spite of this setback progress towards bracing Cerberus has still been possible and we continue to work with *Heritage Victoria* to achieve our goal of saving the Cerberus.

One area in which progress was more rapid was in the establishing of a display of the larger items of our growing collection in the *Geelong Maritime Museum*. Our paintings and shells are now able to be displayed to our members and the public.

Having display space, courtesy of the *Geelong Maritime Museum*, meant that we were then able to approach institutions holding Victorian Navy artefacts and request that their items be displayed along with ours in order to better tell the story of the Victorian Navy. To this end we were able to borrow the 196 year old main wheel of HMVS Nelson from the National Trust and the gunboat HMVS Albert's bell and a Cerberus anchor chain link from the Queenscliff Maritime Museum. The Naval Ensign that accompanied the Victorian Naval Contingent to China in 1900 was borrowed from the *Victorian Parliament*.

A highlight of the reporting period was the Save the Cerberus Art Exhibition. The brainwave of Ted Browne, the exhibition was generously presented by Tamsin Davidson of Pivotal Galleries. Not only were some excellent paintings of Cerberus created but also much publicity resulted.

One upshot of the Art Exhibition was the not surprising realisation that transporting our 180 kg shot and shell for temporary displays was not an easy operation. It was therefore decided to approach our members with the aim of producing replicas. The following reporting period would see John Torpey producing excellent replicas weighing ten kgs each. Also commissioned by *Friends of the Cerberus* were replica 1870 and 1877 Victorian flags.

In summary 2009-10 resulted in some obvious achievements along with necessary groundwork towards the long-term preservation of Cerberus.

John Rogers
President
Friends of the Cerberus Inc
Fleet Engineer, Victorian Navy
March 2011

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SECRETARY'S REPORT 2009/10

The role of Secretary is a varied one, ranging from administrative support to the general committee - in the form of agendas, minutes and correspondence - through to: presentations; updating of membership records; and assisting with the financial books.

Any of the achievements of *Friends of the Cerberus* are as a result of a team effort by our members and in particular the Committee. Our President, John Rogers, constantly surprises me with his undying enthusiasm and steadfast belief in our major aim of preserving Cerberus. Highlight of the year was the gradual germination of the concept of utilising the Commonwealth funding of \$500,000 to brace the turrets and so stop them from falling through the decks and causing a catastrophic collapse of the remaining hull structure.

Facts Associated with the Role - 2009/10

- Monthly meetings of the Committee held throughout the year.
- Invoices sent out re membership renewals.
- Membership remained constant during the financial year only increasing marginally from 548 to 580. Fortunately this has altered the recent trend of a gradual decline in membership.
- Regretfully the AGM was unable to be held within the last 6 calendar months of 2010 due to increasing pressures of work. *Extension of time granted to hold AGM in March 2011.*

Summary

The role is a highly enjoyable one and requires one to have the "finger on the pulse" on all our activities at all times. Our key for 2010/11 is ensuring the successful outcome of the bracing the turrets on HMVS Cerberus.

Peter Tully
Secretary
Friends of the Cerberus Inc
Chief Gunner, Victorian Navy
March 2011

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TREASURER'S REPORT 2009/10

2009 - 2010 was a tough year for your Friends'. We really pushed hard in our endeavours to advance the cause of "The Ship" and that was expensive. Major items were extensive engineering reports from GHD (and we deeply appreciate their work - they could have charged us five times what they did!); two lots of examination via diving from our Western Australian Consultants and the need to seek professional assistance and photography for our work on the bracing designs. This expenditure meant we spend nearly double what we did last year!

However it was not all bad news as we earned nearly twice as much too through various fund raising initiatives such as selling the early version of the Victorian flag. Our Rank Fees were up by 70% and membership dues were up too.

Still, with all the positive work I have to report a loss of just over \$3,000. General expenses were a little higher this year as we attended every event we could to press our case for "The Ship". Our expenses are solely of an administrative nature and whilst our time is given freely - many of the events we must attend are not and the preparation of our presentations does cost money as they have to be very professional to attract attention from the right people!

The great thing about our members and supporters is that geography is no impedance - we receive funds from enthusiasts all around the world, although principally within Australia. The continuance of this cash flow is vital to be able to continue our work - so thank you!

We have continued to put these funds to work to assist us in representing The Ship this year by lobbying selected people and organisations and continually presenting her to people who could make a difference - but I will leave the details of that to John & Peter.

We have been fortunate again to be able to purchase a couple more "relics" from Cerberus and we appreciate those members who made a special financial donation to assist us with those additional projects. They have been recognised in the newsletters. Not much comes up from the Ship any more so we believe it is vital we obtain anything we can.

We also appreciate the continuing support from Black Rock Yacht Club allowing us to locate our Cerberus Museum cabinet here and for the use of their premises. I am sure John Rogers will tell you of our initiatives at the Geelong Museum too.

There are no debts not disclosed and no arrangements have been entered into that could in any way endanger the funds or create a lien over them. We have no assets other than our Cerberus relics which are all listed on our website. We have no contractual obligations.

I am happy to answer any questions you have of the accounts or, if there are no questions, commend them to you for acceptance.

John Baragwanath
Honorary Treasurer
Friends of Cerberus, Inc
March 2011

Friends of the Cerberus Inc.

Member of the *Maritime Museum of Victoria*

Patron: John Wood

Friends of Cerberus																	
Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at Year Ending 30 June 2010																	
	Liabilities	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004		Assets	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004
Members Subscriptions (in Advance)		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00			Cash in Hand	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
										Promotional Goods at Cost	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
										Bank Balances:							
Accumulated Funds:										Nett Current Account	-\$3,088.88	\$211.24	\$1,800.71	-\$5,377.20	\$7,149.57	\$648.94	\$1,117.62
Balance as end of Financial Year		\$5,550.88	\$5,339.64	\$3,538.93	\$8,916.13	\$1,766.56	\$1,117.62	\$0.00		B/F Previous Year	\$5,550.88	\$5,339.64	\$3,538.93	\$8,916.13	\$1,766.56	\$1,117.62	\$0.00
Less/Plus:										Saver Account	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Reduction/Growth of Assets for the Year		-\$3,088.88	\$211.24	\$1,800.71	-\$5,377.20	\$7,149.57	\$648.94	\$1,117.62									
BALANCE	16/03/2012 8:00	\$2,462.00	\$5,550.88	\$5,339.64	\$3,538.93	\$8,916.13	\$1,766.56	\$1,117.62		TOTAL	\$2,462.00	\$5,550.88	\$5,339.64	\$3,538.93	\$8,916.13	\$1,766.56	\$1,117.62
	Contingent Liabilities									Contingent Assets							
	Nil		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Nil		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
I hereby Declare that this Statement of Assets and Liabilities for the Year Ending 30th June 2010 is a true and correct record of Friends of Cerberus Inc.																	
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John Baragwanath, Honorary Treasurer																	

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Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the Year Ending 30 June 2010																
General Account - Profit & Loss																
Receipts	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	Expenditure	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	
Balance in Bank Accounts End of Past Financial Years & Current Year								Advertising	\$0.00	\$55.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Saver Account	\$2,115.72	\$5,010.83	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Bank/Paypal Fees	\$150.03	\$81.87	\$94.05	\$76.94	\$159.25	\$8.78	\$0.00	
National Australia FlexiAccount	\$346.28	\$540.05	\$5,339.64	\$3,538.93	\$8,916.13	\$1,766.56	\$1,117.62	Catering	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Other	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Post Box Rental	\$79.50	\$75.00	\$70.00	\$65.00	\$60.00	\$56.00	\$78.45	
Total	\$2,462.00	\$5,550.88	\$5,339.64	\$3,538.93	\$8,916.13	\$1,766.56	\$1,117.62	Other	\$6,763.80	\$1,674.64	\$236.72	\$265.64	\$1,470.51	\$7.50	\$175.60	
Subscriptions	\$2,854.00	\$2,190.00	\$2,675.00	\$1,930.00	\$3,020.00	\$2,294.90	\$1,520.00	Postage	\$224.90	\$206.65	\$642.25	\$408.68	\$388.69	\$281.01	\$37.50	
Rank Fees	\$4,000.00	\$2,560.00	\$3,310.00	\$1,180.00	\$3,350.00	\$100.00	\$460.00	PR Expenses	\$6,725.44	\$3,364.74	\$4,224.12	\$10,740.13	\$1,869.46	\$386.62	\$1,019.80	
Interest	\$104.89	\$210.85	\$0.42	\$0.29	\$0.36	\$1.07	\$0.02	Printing & Stationery	\$289.75	\$245.29	\$412.72	\$118.80	\$963.23	\$593.12	\$144.05	
Other Donations	\$1,469.10	\$610.00	\$1,041.00	\$1,655.70	\$4,355.00	\$1.00	\$200.00	Secretarial Expenses	\$68.90	\$522.92	\$517.35	\$624.60	\$63.15	\$422.00	\$130.00	
Sale of PR Initiatives	\$2,637.45	\$553.50	\$927.50	\$1,532.50	\$1,002.00	\$7.00	\$263.00									
Other	\$148.00	\$313.00	\$44.00	\$624.00	\$396.50	\$0.00	\$260.00									
TOTAL	\$11,213.44	\$6,437.35	\$7,997.92	\$6,922.49	\$12,123.86	\$2,403.97	\$2,703.02	TOTAL	\$14,302.32	\$6,226.11	\$6,197.21	\$12,299.79	\$4,974.29	\$1,755.03	\$1,585.40	
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