

14th January 2008

Dear Member
(as addressed)

Notice is hereby given of the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the *Friends of the Cerberus Inc* to be held on Saturday 2nd February 2008, commencing at 1:00pm at the Black Rock Yacht Club, Half Moon Bay, Black Rock.

Such notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the *Association Incorporations Act 1981* and our Association's rules. Normally the AGM would be held by the end of November but *Friends* has an extension until the end of February 2008.

All members of *Friends of the Cerberus Inc* are able to attend the Annual General Meeting but only full financial members (paid up) have voting rights. We would love to see you - as after the meeting we will have time for a chat in the pleasant surrounds of the bar. The meeting will be conducted in the multi-purpose room - up the stairs of the Yacht Club and to the left.

Please note it is not mandatory for you to attend - only if you wish to.

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
SATURDAY 2nd FEBRUARY 2008
COMMENCING AT 1:00PM
BLACK ROCK YACHT CLUB
HALF MOON BAY, BLACK ROCK**

Business ***Nb Sub points read left to right across the page (not down)***

1. **Confirmation of Minutes**
 - 1.1. Minutes from the Annual General Meeting held on 4th November 2006
2. **Reports from the Committee**

2.1. President's Report	2.2. Secretary's Report
2.3. Treasurer's Report	
3. **Election of Officer Bearers**

3.1. President	3.2. Vice President
3.3. Secretary	3.4. Treasurer
3.5. Members of the Committee	

Nb See overleaf for process of nomination for Office Bearer of Member of the Committee.

Peter R Tully
SECRETARY
FRIENDS OF THE CERBERUS Inc.



HMVS Cerberus - A National Heritage Place

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The financial year 2006-7 brought our most important development to date in our campaign to save Cerberus. As June finished we were four days away from receiving a Palliser Shot and a Common Shell from Cerberus. Generously donated by *T.S. Henty Naval Cadets* with the assistance of the *Shire of Glenelg*, these massive projectiles superbly demonstrate the power of guns once described as “the most magnificent guns in the world”. However it was not the receipt of these projectiles that proved the most momentous event of 2006-7, but rather the offer by the State Minister of Planning, Justin Madden, to the Federal Government to discuss joint funding of the stabilisation of Cerberus. Eventually acceptance of this offer of talks was to be negated by the loss of government by the Liberal-National Coalition.

2006-7 also saw the acquisition of two paintings by George Frederick Gregory and his son, Arthur Victor Gregory, of Cerberus and the other ships of the Victorian Navy. We are indebted to Juanita Scott for donating the 1872 painting and to the *Royal Historical Society of Victoria* for allowing us to reproduce the 1888 painting. It was of course the generosity of our members that allowed the acquisition of the 1888 copy and funded the preliminary preservation works on the 1872 painting.

Talented members such as Jim Millett produced recreations of the inside of the ship while Jeff Bird “found” film footage of Cerberus steaming into action in 1898. It still amazes us that the crew members on board Cerberus that day bore such an uncanny resemblance to the Victorian Navy Re-enactors.

September 2006 saw hundreds of our supporters vote with their feet and rally at Half Moon Bay to celebrate Cerberus. The committee and I were greatly encouraged by this show of support. We were fortunate to co-opt John Trewarne and Jeff Bird to our committee. John simply turned up to assist at our exhausting display at the Colonial Navy Boat Show at Williamstown in March and greatly improved our presentation. Jeff worked for months in “finding” simulated footage of Cerberus steaming through the Heads in 1898. Naturally we did not allow either John or Jeff to escape and quickly co-opted their services.

Thank-you to all of our committee members most of who have served for four years now. Thank-you to two of our committee members in particular. Our Vice President, John Toogood, among other tasks, processes orders and memberships from supporters throughout the world as well as organising relics dives. Our Secretary, Peter Tully, performs the time consuming and easily overlooked mundane tasks relating to membership as well as communicating with politicians and the media. Our positive exposure in the local media is testimony to Peter's persistence and competence. Thank-you also to *Black Rock Yacht Club* and *Heritage Victoria* for their on-going support.

2007-8 requires us to build on Justin Madden's offer to discuss joint funding with the Federal Government. These discussions, should they occur, will determine the future of Her Majesty's Victorian Ship Cerberus.

JOHN ROGERS

Fleet Engineer (Victorian Navy)

Website, research & President.

FRIENDS OF THE CERBERUS Inc.
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
SATURDAY
2 FEBRUARY 2008

SECRETARY'S REPORT 2006/07

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

“Highlights” & “Lowlights” of the year

Highlights

- Presentations - in conjunction with our President John Rogers - were made to
 - Black Rock Yacht Club AGM - July 2006;
 - Elaine Carbines - Parliamentary Secretary Planning (Victorian Government) - August 2006;
 - *Nb regretfully Elaine was not re-elected at the 2006 State Elections*
 - Kim McGrath - Personal Advisor to Premier on Heritage Issues - October 2006
 - Liz Beattie - Parliamentary Secretary Planning (Victorian Government)- February 2007
 - *Nb newly appointed to role after November 2006 State elections*
 - Shrine of Remembrance - March 2007 (only myself)
 - Andrew Robb - Minister (Howard Government) and local Federal Member - April 2007 (Graeme Disney also attended)
- Major media publicity
 - Sunday Age - November 2006
 - Channel 10 News - small story including an interview - February 2007
- A back up role in the area of the financial books
- 73 formal letters were sent - this does not include emails
- Members increased in the financial year from 523 to 568 - an increase of 8%.

Lowlights

- November 2006 State Elections
 - Two of our most ardent and effective supporters on the State Government benches - Elaine Carbines and Noel Pullen - were not re-elected to Parliament.

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 2007/08 is the continuing pursuit of government funding for stabilisation of *HMVS Cerberus*.

Peter Tully
Secretary
Friends of the Cerberus Inc
Chief Gunner, Victorian Navy
February 2008



Annual General Meeting - February 2, 2008

Treasurers Statement

Another year of our drive to "Save the Ship". As you would appreciate we will not do it with these funds – they are simply to assist us with administration.

We received money from Memberships, Rank Fees, sales of PR initiatives and donations. Its use is to provide some basic funds with which to assist us in representing the Ship by lobbying selected people and organisations and continually presenting her to people who could make a difference. Our membership subscriptions and "Rank" fees from you are absolutely vital to be able to continue this work – so thank you!

Our expenses are solely of an administrative nature and I'm sure our respective employers "sponsor" us to a similar or greater amount – perhaps innocently I suspect!

We have been once again fortunate to be able to purchase a couple more "relics" from Cerberus and we recognise those members who made a special financial donation to assist us with those special additional projects. They have been recognised in the newsletters.

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 historic items.

Last year a relatively large surplus was disclosed. This was because the funds for the models we had made were collected in June 2006 and spent in July 2006. This year you will note that we "lost" some \$5,377. That is because of those payments. I expect 2007 – 2008 accounts to be more regular.

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

John Baragwanath
Honorary Treasurer
Friends of Cerberus, Inc

Friends of Cerberus

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the Year Ending 30 June 2007

General Account - Profit & Loss

Receipts	2007	2006	2005	2004	Expenditure	2007	2006	2005	2004
Balance in Bank Accounts End of Financial Year					Advertising	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Term Deposit		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Bank/Paypal Fees	\$76.94	\$159.25	\$8.78	\$0.00
National Australia FlexiAccount		\$8,916.13	\$1,766.56	\$1,117.62	Catering	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total		\$8,916.13	\$1,766.56	\$1,117.62	Post Box Rental	\$65.00	\$60.00	\$56.00	\$78.45
Subscriptions	\$1,930.00	\$3,020.00	\$2,294.90	\$1,520.00	Other	\$265.64	\$1,470.51	\$7.50	\$175.60
Rank Fees	\$1,180.00	\$3,350.00	\$100.00	\$460.00	Postage	\$408.68	\$388.69	\$281.01	\$37.50
Interest	\$0.39	\$0.36	\$1.07	\$0.02	PR Expenses	\$10,740.13	\$1,869.46	\$386.62	\$1,019.80
Other Donations	\$1,655.70	\$4,355.00	\$1.00	\$200.00	Printing & Stationery	\$118.80	\$963.23	\$593.12	\$144.05
Sale of PR Initiatives	\$1,532.50	\$1,002.00	\$7.00	\$263.00	Secretarial Expenses	\$624.60	\$63.15	\$422.00	\$130.00
Other	\$624.00	\$396.50	\$0.00	\$260.00					
TOTAL	\$6,922.59	\$12,123.86	\$2,403.97	\$2,703.02	TOTAL	\$12,299.79	\$4,974.29	\$1,755.03	\$1,585.40

I hereby Declare that this Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the Year Ending 30th June 2007 is a true and correct record of the Friends of Cerberus Inc

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John Baragwanath, Honorary Treasurer

Friends of Cerberus

Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at Year Ending 30 June 2007

Liabilities	2007	2006	2005	2004	Assets	2007	2006	2005	2004
Members Subscriptions (in Advance)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		Cash in Hand	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
					Promotional Goods at Cost	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Accumulated Funds:					Bank Balances:				
Balance as end of Financial Year	\$8,916.13	\$1,766.56	\$1,117.62	\$0.00	Nett Current Account	-\$5,377.20	\$7,149.57	\$648.94	\$1,117.62
Less/Plus:					B/F Previous Year	\$8,916.13	\$1,766.56	\$1,117.62	\$0.00
Reduction/Growth of Assets for the Year	-\$5,377.20	\$7,149.57	\$648.94	\$1,117.62	Term Deposit	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
BALANCE 23/06/2008 14:46	\$3,538.93	\$8,916.13	\$1,766.56	\$1,117.62	TOTAL	\$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	Nil	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

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