

30th September 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 Sunday 12th October 2008, commencing at 3:00pm 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.

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
SUNDAY 12th OCTOBER 2008
COMMENCING AT 3:00PM
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 2nd February 2008
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

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING SUNDAY 12 OCTOBER 2008

PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2007/08

In last year's report I mentioned the important development of State Minister Justin Madden's approach to the Federal Government. Minister Madden had offered to discuss joint funding of the stabilisation of Cerberus with the Federal government. After the change of Federal government the new minister responsible for heritage, Peter Garrett, announced a grant of \$500,000 towards stabilising Cerberus. Although not enough in itself to stabilise Cerberus such a substantial grant makes it far easier to raise even more funds. Success breeds success.

Our success in gaining the federal grant was due to many reasons. Listing on the National Heritage List was crucial as was the support of the National Trust of Victoria who not only co-sponsored the nomination but agreed to hold the federal grant in trust. The support of Heritage Victoria, specifically of their executive officer, Ray Tonkin, and their Maritime division headed by Peter Harvey, has been crucial. Without the support of Heritage Victoria we may as well have packed up and gone home.

Our letter writing campaign which was strongly supported by many historical societies throughout Victoria, militaria collectors societies throughout Australia and yachting clubs no doubt helped convince the federal government that thousands of people cared about saving Cerberus. Our members and supporters who wrote to Minister Garrett also played a crucial role and are too many to be named. One person however stands out. Col Pinkerton combined his love of classic cars and Cerberus and spoke at many car rallies with the result that hundreds of car enthusiasts also wrote to Minister Garrett. Sadly Col passed away just four days after reading about the funding announcement in our newsletter.

We continue to experience very high levels of co-operation from organisations such as the State Library of Victoria, Museum Victoria and the Museum of HMAS Cerberus. Our re-designed membership certificates, which are based on warrants issued by the Victorian Naval Forces, are only possible because of the Museum of HMAS Cerberus and the descendants of Gunner Robert Kearns, who donated the warrant to the museum.

We are currently negotiating to obtain a round from the Maxim-Nordenfelt 14 pounder guns. These guns from Cerberus went to China in 1900 with members of the Victorian Navy. Given that only the two guns on board Cerberus used this ammunition, to find a round is amazing. The current owner is only prepared to discuss parting with such a rare piece of ammunition because of the nature of our cause.

Unfortunately Willem van Tuil, the sponsor of our website, decided that it was time to retire and so we were faced with having to stand on our own two feet with regard to the funding of our website. This we have now done but we benefited greatly over the last four years from Willem's generosity in enabling our website to be consolidated and with generous bandwidth and storage allocations.

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Friends of the Cerberus Inc.

Patron: John Wood

Member of the *Maritime Museum of Victoria*

Also crucial to our success are the efforts of our committee. I would like to thank our secretary Peter Tully for his heavy involvement since the formation of Friends of the Cerberus. Our Vice President's role is also quite demanding with John Toogood handling the despatch of goods ordered via our on-line store as well as printing and despatching membership certificates. John will soon be organising another relics dive for the missing martin's anchor. Another of our committee members, Jeff Bird, is hoping to document the dive on film. My thanks also to John Baragwanath, John Trewarne, Patrick Simpson, Graeme Disney and Gary Grimmer for their ongoing involvement in the less glamorous tasks of saving the Cerberus. My thanks also to John Wood for making himself available for such events as the Cerberus Celebration Days.

John Rogers
President
Friends of the Cerberus Inc
Fleet Engineer, Victorian Navy
October 2008



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SECRETARY'S REPORT 2007/08

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. In particular it should however be noted the drive, zeal and enthusiasm of our President John Rogers. John is at the forefront of all our activities and is way too modest to take credit for any success plus in keeping the Committee and members focused and committed for almost 5 years - since December 2003.

Facts Associated with the Role - 2007/08

- Monthly meetings of the Committee held throughout the year.
- 218 Invoices re membership renewals sent out in August 2007.
- 103 formal notices sent re 2007 AGM.
- 14 formal letters were sent - this does not include emails eg invitations via email to dignitaries for Cerberus Celebration Day held on 9 December 2007.
- Membership remained constant during the financial year only increasing marginally from 568 to 572.

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 2008/09 is the continuing pursuit of government funding for saving of HMVS Cerberus.

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



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

SUNDAY

12 OCTOBER 2008

TREASURER'S REPORT 2007/08

This year we can report a far more regular year for our finances and a pleasing surplus of \$1,800. We continued to receive funds from Membership Subscriptions, the purchase of "Rank", sales of various items from our web site and donations from interested persons.

Geography is no impedance - we receive these 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 put these basic funds to work 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 expenses are solely of an administrative nature and I imagine most of our committee tip in something too!

We have been once again fortunate 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 and I am sure our President John Rogers will itemise them for you. Not much comes up from the Ship any more so we see 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.

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.

You will hear of the Federal Government Grant of \$500,000 for the preservation of Cerberus, which was granted in June 2008. The National Trust of Victoria holds these funds in trust.

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



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Member of the *Maritime Museum of Victoria*

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Friends of Cerberus

Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at Year Ending 30 June 2008

Liabilities						Assets					
	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004		2008	2007	2006	2005	2004
Members Subscriptions (in Advance)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		Cash in Hand	0	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
						Promotional Goods at Cost	0	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Accumulated Funds:						Bank Balances:					
Balance as end of Financial Year	\$3,538.93	\$8,916.13	\$1,766.56	\$1,117.62	\$0.00	Nett Current Account	\$1,800.71	-\$5,377.20	\$7,149.57	\$648.94	\$1,117.62
Less/Plus:						B/F Previous Year	\$3,538.93	\$8,916.13	\$1,766.56	\$1,117.62	\$0.00
Reduction/Growth of Assets for the Year	\$1,800.71	-\$5,377.20	\$7,149.57	\$648.94	\$1,117.62	Term Deposit	0	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
BALANCE 30/06/2008 8:00	\$5,339.64	\$3,538.93	\$8,916.13	\$1,766.56	\$1,117.62	TOTAL	\$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	Nil	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

I hereby Declare that this Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the Year Ending 30th June 2008 is a true and correct record of Friends of Cerberus Inc.

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John Baragwanath, Honorary Treasurer

Friends of Cerberus

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General Account - Profit & Loss

Receipts	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	Expenditure	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004
Balance in Bank Accounts End of Financial Year						Advertising	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Term Deposit	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Bank/Paypal Fees	\$94.05	\$76.94	\$159.25	\$8.78	\$0.00
National Australia FlexiAccount	\$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
Total	\$5,339.64	\$3,538.93	\$8,916.13	\$1,766.56	\$1,117.62	Post Box Rental	\$70.00	\$65.00	\$60.00	\$56.00	\$78.45
Subscriptions	\$2,675.00	\$1,930.00	\$3,020.00	\$2,294.90	\$1,520.00	Other	\$236.72	\$265.64	\$1,470.51	\$7.50	\$175.60
Rank Fees	\$3,310.00	\$1,180.00	\$3,350.00	\$100.00	\$460.00	Postage	\$642.25	\$408.68	\$388.69	\$281.01	\$37.50
Interest	\$0.42	\$0.29	\$0.36	\$1.07	\$0.02	PR Expenses	\$4,224.12	\$10,740.13	\$1,869.46	\$386.62	\$1,019.80
Other Donations	\$1,041.00	\$1,655.70	\$4,355.00	\$1.00	\$200.00	Printing & Stationery	\$412.72	\$118.80	\$963.23	\$593.12	\$144.05
Sale of PR Initiatives	\$927.50	\$1,532.50	\$1,002.00	\$7.00	\$263.00	Secretarial Expenses	\$517.35	\$624.60	\$63.15	\$422.00	\$130.00
Other	\$44.00	\$624.00	\$396.50	\$0.00	\$260.00						
TOTAL	\$7,997.92	\$6,922.49	\$12,123.86	\$2,403.97	\$2,703.02	TOTAL	\$6,197.21	\$12,299.79	\$4,974.29	\$1,755.03	\$1,585.40

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