

Friends of the Cerberus Inc.

Member of the *Maritime Museum of Victoria*

Patron: John Wood

20th October 2006

Dear Member
(as addressed)

Notice is hereby given of the Annual General Meeting of the *Friends of the Cerberus Inc* to be held on Saturday 4th November 2006, commencing at 2:00pm 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 there will be a small update on our activities. 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 4th NOVEMBER 2006
COMMENCING AT 2:00PM
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 12th November 2005

2. Reports from the Committee

2.1. President's Report

2.2. Secretary's Report

2.3. Treasurer's Report

2.4. Research & Interpretation 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

FRIENDS OF THE CERBERUS Inc.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

4th NOVEMBER 2006

My third annual President's report to 'Friends' comes after a most successful three years by any measure. I feel justifiably proud of our achievements to date and full of anticipation for the future as I endorse the tireless efforts of our volunteers and supporters to keep the campaign alive and relevant.

This time last year we were all still fired with enthusiasm on the back of a very public removal of, and innovative preservation plan for the four RML cannon, which were in fact the world's last remaining turret mounted muzzle loaders. That very significant event took place in front of an eager media entourage and by comparison we could be excused for feeling a bit let down when the recent celebration of two notable Cerberus anniversaries passed with almost no media interest. On the contrary however, for anyone who attended the celebration at Half Moon Bay on that 3 September Sunday afternoon it was immediately apparent that the absent media were the ones missing out on what could be seen in hindsight as the turning point for our public campaign. A steady flow of supporters moved through our displays, took the boat ride around Cerberus, heard a genuinely stirring address by our Patron John Wood and witnessed various cannon, musket and flag raising salutes by members from the Historical Re-enactment Society of Australia.

The significance of that Sunday afternoon in early September, I believe, cannot be overstated. Some estimates put the total number of attendees during the course of the event at more than 800. Such levels of public support for the Cerberus have not been witnessed since before she was decommissioned in 1924. However, even more significant was the high number of younger people who came out in less than ideal weather conditions dispelling the "simple-minded myth that Cerberus supporters are all old farts and yachties".

As successful as the celebration day was we nevertheless found plenty more over the past year to keep us busy:-

- The endless rounds of presentations to politicians and others, submissions for funding and heritage listing etc so professionally delivered by our Secretary Peter Tully and Research Chairman John Rogers;
- A highlight of the past year would have to be inclusion by the Commonwealth Government in December '05 of HMVS Cerberus on the Federal Heritage List;
- We were represented by a well-patronized display at the "Williamstown Maritime Arts Show & Tall Ships Festival" in February '06 and had an opportunity to tour the James Craig, meeting with the 'Sydney Heritage Fleet' personnel accompanying her;
- In mid April '06 Friends of the Cerberus was accepted as a member of the Maritime Museum of Victoria joining Flagstaff Hill, Polly Woodside, Port of Echuca, Swan Hill Pioneer Village, HMAS Castlemaine, Enterprize, Pt Albert Maritime Museum, Portland

Maritime Discovery Centre, Geelong Naval & Maritime Museum, Steam Tug Wattle and Queenscliff Maritime Museum;

- Also in April ‘Friends’ were represented at the Maritime Heritage Association of Victoria (MHAV) open forum on the plight of our maritime heritage assets;
- The May ’06 announcement that Gold Logie award winning actor John Wood had the previous month accepted a role as our Patron was received enthusiastically and again produced one of our increasingly rare opportunities for media exposure;
- Our involvement with the AIMA ‘Iron, Steel & Steam Seminar’ in late June ’06 again generated some media interest as visiting Project Monitor Chair and keynote speaker John Broadwater expressed his unequivocal support for our efforts to preserve the Cerberus;
- During July ’06 several dives of the Cerberus were conducted to survey the underwater condition of the ship and search for any related artefacts on the seabed. The entire exercise was filmed and a number of interesting targets identified, some of which may warrant revisiting; and
- The biggest display of public support for our cause to date was no doubt the aforementioned 3 September celebration a Half Moon Bay. In addition to our Patron John Wood (Commander - Victorian Navy), other notable attendees during the afternoon included Cr Derek Wilson (Mayor of Bayside), Noel Pullen MLC (State Member for Higinbotham), Janice Munt MP (State Member for Mordialloc), Senator Lynne Allison (Leader - Australian Democrats) and Lindsay Rex (President - Maritime Heritage Association of Victoria). I extend a vote of thanks to all for attending our showcase promotion of the year and the visible expression of support that such actions convey.

In closing I extend my thanks for the support and dedication of our Secretary Peter Tully, Vice President John Baragwanath and the entire board. My last Annual General Meeting as President is by no means my last with Friends of the Cerberus. I have offered myself again for a position on the board, albeit as Vice President and I am confident of a seamless transition for our incoming President. At the time of writing I am not certain that all board members will be re-nominating and for those who don’t my thanks and confidence that we will still hold your interest. I feel we have had a good working relationship developed over time and hope that it can continue without too much change.

We will secure the ship!

President - Friends of the Cerberus

Commander John Toogood

Victorian Navy



FRIENDS OF THE CERBERUS Inc.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

SATURDAY 4th NOVEMBER 2006

SECRETARY'S REPORT 2005/06

The role of Secretary continues to be a “labour of love” with almost every day something to do. This ranges from the usual administrative support to a committee, agendas, minutes and correspondence, through to:- presentations; a pivotal role with membership records; and assisting with the balancing of the financial books. All of this is undertaken gladly due to the love of Cerberus and in trying to ensure she is preserved with the dignity that she deserves - not just left to the ignoble fate of a total collapse.

Highlights & Some “Lowlights”

- December 2005 - the total euphoria of achieving acceptance of the nomination of Cerberus for inclusion on the National Heritage List in December 2005.
 - Regretfully such euphoria was fairly short lived - as no guarantee of funding has been forthcoming from either the State or Commonwealth Governments.
- April 2006 – Article on Cerberus appeared in the RACV's Royal Auto Magazine. Resulted in tremendous publicity in building awareness on Cerberus and a significant increase of new members for *Friends*;
- Obtained many letters of bi-partisan support from State MPs concerning formal application to State and Commonwealth Governments re funding for Cerberus.
 - May 2006 – no funding allocated for Cerberus within the State Budget.
- Appointment of our Patron – actor John Wood.
- Members increased in the financial year from 396 to 523 – an increase of 32%.

Special Acknowledgement

Special thanks must be made to my wife Julie for her support, encouragement and understanding with the amount of time that she is forced to spend as a “Cerberus Widow”, while I am occupied on Cerberus related activities.

Summary

Overall the role is enjoyable and 2007 looms as the “make or break” year for *Friends of the Cerberus Inc.* in terms of its prime goal, that is, funding for stabilisation of HMVS Cerberus.

Peter Tully
Secretary
Friends of the Cerberus Inc
Chief Gunner, Victorian Navy
November 2006



Friends of Cerberus, Inc

Annual General Meeting - November 4, 2006

Treasurers Statement

A somewhat eclectic year as we push just as hard as we can for funding the save & preserve our Ship – but I'll leave that to others to detail.

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 are vital to be able to continue this work.

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

We have been very fortunate this year in being able to purchase a couple of notable relics – the epaulets from one of Cerberus' officers for one. We have also been able to construct models of the Cerberus in different stages of her life for display at such places as Mr Rob Hull MP's office and the lobby of Bayside Council – both locations chosen to initiate comment and support.

Both of these initiatives were only possible through the appeals we have run on the website for additional funds to facilitate this work – always oversubscribed by our loyal supporters.

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 declared on the website and no contractual obligations.

Whilst a relatively large surplus is disclosed, this is only because the funds for the above mentioned initiatives were collected in June 2006 and spent in July 2006. I predict that 2006 – 2007 accounts will show quite a loss.

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

Matthew Baragwanath
Honorary Treasurer
Friends of Cerberus, Inc



Friends of Cerberus

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the Year Ending 30 June 2006

General Account - Profit & Loss

Receipts	2006	2005	2004	Expenditure	2006	2005	2004
Balance in Bank Accounts End of Financial Year				Advertising	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Term Deposit	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Bank/Paypal Fees	\$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
Total	\$8,916.13	\$1,766.56	\$1,117.62	Post Box Rental	\$60.00	\$56.00	\$78.45
Subscriptions	\$3,020.00	\$2,294.90	\$1,520.00	Other	\$1,470.51	\$7.50	\$175.60
Rank Fees	\$3,350.00	\$100.00	\$460.00	Postage	\$388.69	\$281.01	\$37.50
Interest	\$0.36	\$1.07	\$0.02	PR Expenses	\$1,869.46	\$386.62	\$1,019.80
Other Donations	\$4,355.00	\$1.00	\$200.00	Printing & Stationery	\$963.23	\$593.12	\$144.05
Sale of PR Initiatives	\$1,002.00	\$7.00	\$263.00	Secretarial Expenses	\$63.15	\$422.00	\$130.00
Other	\$396.50	\$0.00	\$260.00				
TOTAL	\$12,123.86	\$2,403.97	\$2,703.02	TOTAL	\$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 2006 is a true and correct record of the Friends of Cerberus Inc

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Matthew Baragwanath, Honorary Treasurer

Friends of Cerberus

Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at Year Ending 30 June 2006

Liabilities	2006	2005	2004	Assets	2006	2005	2004
Members Subscriptions (in Advance)	\$0.00	\$0.00		Cash in Hand	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
				Promotional Goods at Cost	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Accumulated Funds:				Bank Balances:			
Balance as end of Financial Year	\$1,766.56	\$1,117.62	\$0.00	Nett Current Account	\$7,149.57	\$648.94	\$1,117.62
Less/Plus:				B/F Previous Year	\$1,766.56	\$1,117.62	\$0.00
Reduction/Growth of Assets for the Year	\$7,149.57	\$648.94	\$1,117.62	Term Deposit	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
BALANCE 23/06/2008 13:54	\$8,916.13	\$1,766.56	\$1,117.62	TOTAL	\$8,916.13	\$1,766.56	\$1,117.62
Contingent Liabilities				Contingent Assets			
Nil	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Nil	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

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Matthew Baragwanath, Honorary Treasurer

Friends of Cerberus

Period

1/7/2005 - 30/6/2006

Totals

Income

Other Donations	\$4,355.00
Rank Fees	\$3,350.00
Other (eg Books)	\$396.50
Interest	\$0.36
Sale of PR Initiatives	\$1,002.00
Subscriptions	\$3,020.00
Total Income	\$12,123.86

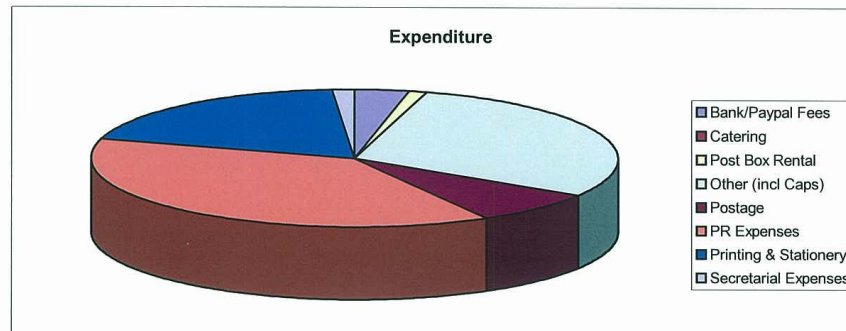
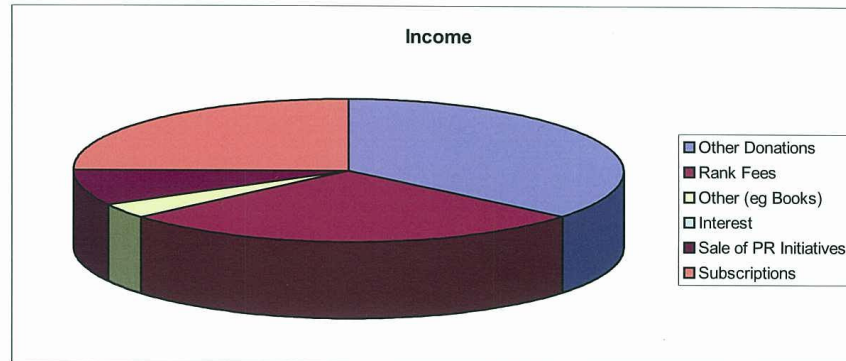
Expenditure

Advertising	
Bank/Paypal Fees	\$159.25
Catering	
Post Box Rental	\$60.00
Other (incl Caps)	\$1,470.51
Postage	\$388.69
PR Expenses	\$1,869.46
Printing & Stationery	\$963.23
Secretarial Expenses	\$63.15
Total Expenses	\$4,974.29

Surplus/Deficit

Brought Forward 2004-2005	1766.56
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Total Assets **\$8,916.13**



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RESEARCH & INTERPRETATION REPORT

Overview

The last year has again been a particularly busy one and I have prepared a PowerPoint presentation to assist with this report.

Highlights

Highlights of the last year include the following:-

- Further research of the Cerberus log books in Sydney.
- Continued researching The Argus newspaper. Now covered from March 1871 to early 1897.
- Obtaining photos of Cerberus taken on the day of the second gun being replaced.
- Purchase of Paymaster Treacy's epaulettes and of the Victorian Navy's Torpedo Manual.
- Making available online various Victorian Navy manuals and workbooks.
- Commissioning 3 models of Cerberus showing the basic configurations.
- The relics dive organised by Commander John Toogood where a length of anchor chain was discovered.
- Photos of Cerberus obtained by Lieutenant Commander John Baragwanath & Steven Elder.
- Jim Millett's drawings of the Shield Deck.
- Production of the HMVS Cerberus cap tallies and sailor's caps.
- Identification of the Cerberus waltz discovered by Graeme Disney.
- Photo of Fore Turret Riband supplied by Leigh Doeg.

John Rogers
Fleet Engineer (Victorian Navy)
Research & Interpretation

