

Your



e-Newsletter – Summer 2020 edition

NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday, 25 March @ Drummoyne Sailing Club, 11:00am to 1:00pm Canal Encounters—an insight

We will explore a few members' insights into the wonderful world of canals.

An Irish Encounter: The Lagan Canal - Stan Brown

French Canal Encounters - Diane Stark & Dudley Bennett

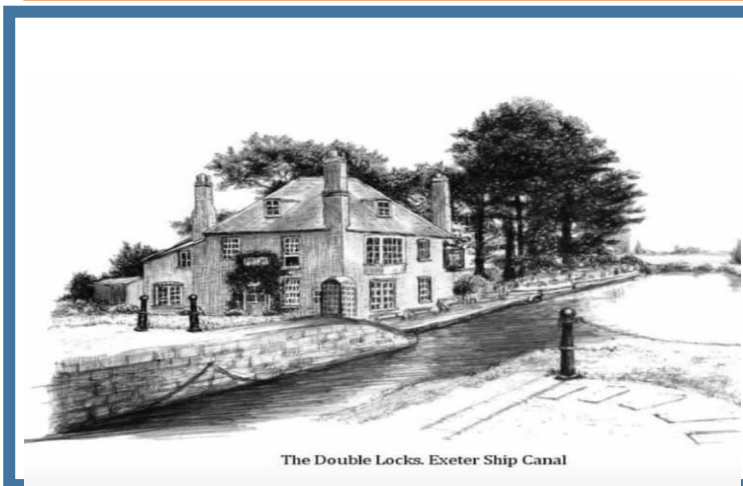
Encounters with English Canal history - Peter Lucas

Recovered memories—real or imaginary?. The Sankey and Exeter Canals in the 1960's and before—Helen Storey & Peter Stepek

CANAL TIME COFFEE & LUNCH

19 happy members had a wonderful informal discussion around the lunch table at the Sydney Rowers Club, Abbotsford on the Parramatta River on 17 January.

Make sure you are at our next Canal Time at the 16ft Skiff Sailing Club at Manly.



The Double Locks, Exeter Ship Canal

BUSHFIRES AND DROUGHT

We have been shocked and appalled by the devastation caused by the unprecedented horrific bushfires in many parts of our country this Spring and Summer. The effect on our wildlife has been enormous, and devastated communities and their areas will be suffering for many years.

The continuing drought has resulted in the drying up of rivers and dams. Over 30 country towns are running out of water. Consider the effect on businesses and the tourist industry in riverside towns, and think of ways we can assist them.

Facebook Have you signed up to our ACS group on Facebook? We try to post pictures and stories of interest gained from around the world, and share the photos of our members as they float blissfully along the worlds canal systems. In the search area of Facebook type 'Australian Canal Society', and click 'Join the Group' Our friendly Administrator will accept you into the Group!

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Save Those Postage Stamps

Please continue to collect your stamps for the ACS to forward to the Shropshire Union Canal Society to assist in the restoration of their canals for the benefit of all who enjoy the opportunity of travelling on the inland waterways

Membership Renewal

Our new financial year has started and it is time to renew your membership. Our ACS relies on the membership subscriptions to be able to hire meeting spaces, to maintain our web presence, to communicate with you, in fact the whole expense of running a small organisation.

At **\$30** per year for a family membership, or **\$20** per year if your family is outside the Greater Sydney Basin, it is a small amount to ensure that the ACS continues to promote the wonderful world of canals.

Please EFT your annual fee to BSB 032-080 (Westpac) Account 24-8271 (ACS), with a confirmation email to the Treasurer (see Contacts on opposite page)

For our UK members, the **GBP10** per year allows the ACS to support a variety of UK based canal restoration projects. Please remit your fees to Sort Code 30-98-91 (Lloyds) Account 01620304 (John Colville)

VALE ELISABETH COOPER

We were saddened by the recent death of a colourful ACS member for over 30 years, Elisabeth Cooper.

About 10 ACS members attended her funeral at the Eastwood Uniting Church on 13th January. This was a beautiful Service which reflected her many interests and care for her family. We learnt a lot about her as a warm, smiling person from her devoted family.

We knew her as a strong supporter of her husband Christopher, our former Treasurer, and Tech Director at all times.

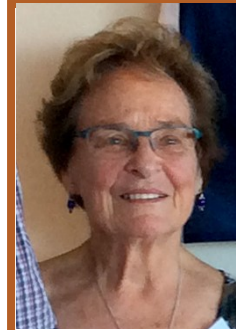
We send our sympathy and best wishes to her family at this time.

FUTURE EVENTS

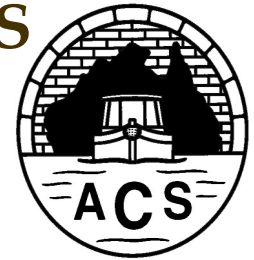
Canal Time Mid-Year Luncheon— Wednesday 10 June 2020 at 16ft Skiff Sailing Club, Manly. Enjoy the ride to the lunch on the Manly Ferry!

Spring Day Out— Watch out for the winter newsletter for a date in August 2020, as we will be off to Cockatoo Island to find out more of its history.

Oct Meeting— Wednesday, 21 October 2020 at the Drummoyne Sailing Club.



PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS



What is so exciting about a canal?

Perhaps nothing at first but add a picturesque landscape with a quiet brown waterway threading through it,

or a colourful narrowboat working through a wide beamed lock,

or the sudden vision of an unusual bridge spanning a broad valley carrying a boat!

or an interesting set of old buildings suggesting an intriguing history,

or the unexpected sight of a canal around a busy corner in the middle of a city or town.

I could go on.

All the above encounters and many more, led to my excitement for the world of canals.

I think many of you have had unex-

pected canal encounters with places and people wherever we travel overseas, and occasionally in our own country.

This coming meeting's theme is **Canal Encounters – with people and places**. We learn so much from these often unexpected encounters, which add to the enjoyment of our travels. Canals intrigue us, linger in our memory, and often lead to further investigation or the desire for a canal holiday.

I love canal spotting, both on my travels or on films and TV documentaries. These vicarious encounters add fun to our viewing.

Come to the March meeting for some Canal Encounters of your own.

With best wishes,