



FRIENDS OF THE LAPEROUSE MUSEUM INC

2014 ANNUAL REPORT



NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the 'Friends of the Laperouse Museum Inc.'
Will be held at the Laperouse Museum and Visitors Centre, on

Saturday, 29th November, 2014 at 11.00 am
(Registration and Morning Tea from 10.30 am)

AGENDA

1. **Welcome**
2. **Apologies / Proxies**
3. **Confirmation of Minutes of the previous AGM**
4. **Business arising from the minutes of the previous AGM**
5. **President's Report**
6. **Treasurer's Report / Adoption of the Financial Statements**
7. **Secretary's Report**
8. **Election of the Committee**
9. **General Business**
10. **Date of next Committee Meeting**
11. **Close of Meeting**
12. **Inaugural Pierre Roussel Memorial Lecture**
"France and Australia – The Lapérouse Legacy"
By the Hon. Matt Thistlethwaite MP Patron and Member for Kingsford-Smith.

Following the meeting –you are invited to stay for a light lunch and refreshments



FRIENDS OF THE LAPEROUSE MUSEUM INC.

2014 Annual Report

It is our pleasure to present this Annual Report of the Friends of the Laperouse Museum Inc. on behalf of the Committee;

Patrons

This past year the Friends were fortunate to have the active support of our Patrons:

- *The Hon Don Harwin MLC; President of the New South Wales Legislative Council*
- *The Hon Matt Thistlethwaite MP; Member for the Federal Seat of Kingsford-Smith*
- *The Hon Michael Daley MP; Member for the State Seat of Maroubra*
- *The Mayor of the City of Randwick; Councillor Scott Nash (to 30/9/14) Councillor Ted Seng (from 1/8/14)*
- *The Consul-General of France; Mr Eric Berti*
- *The Hon Bob Carr*

The Executive Committee

The last Annual General Meeting, held on the 18th November 2013 elected the following persons, to the Executive Committee:

<i>President:</i>	<i>Dr William Land AM</i>
<i>Vice-President:</i>	<i>Mr Charles Abela</i>
<i>Hon. Secretary:</i>	<i>Mr Tony Gentile</i>
<i>Hon. Treasurer:</i>	<i>Mr Greg bond</i>
<i>Committee Members:</i>	<i>Mrs Carol Abela; Mr Theo Arfaras; Mrs Lily Bond; Mr Cam Dezarnaulds; Ms Nicole Forrest Green; Ms Colette Levy-Perignon; Ms Lynda Newnam; Dr Peter Orlovich; Prof Margaret Sankey; Mrs Carole Roussel; Mr Doug Smith.</i>

The Committee met for a total of ten times in the past year.

Communications

Given the all volunteers nature of The Friends, the primary communication with members and the community has been through the untiring effort of our Committee Member, Lynda Newnam, in managing and continually updating our website and Facebook page.

Occasionally we have also been successful in having our activities reported in the local media, as well as specialised French newsletter “Le Petit Journal”.

Website, Facebook and selected events

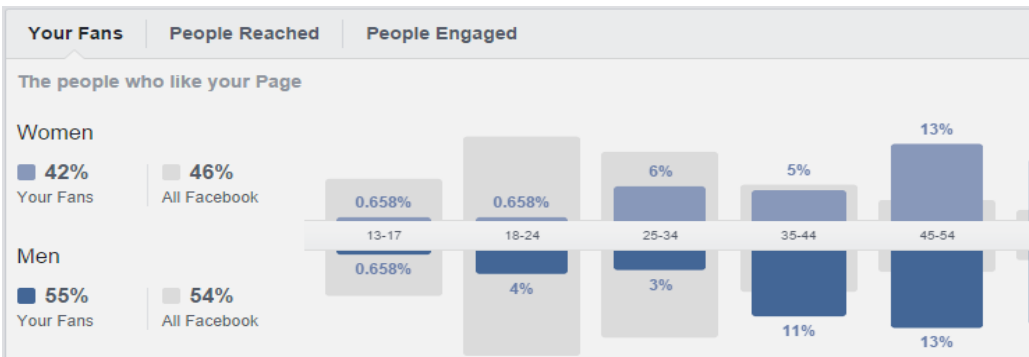
Laperousemuseum.org – continues to attract visitors. There are now 54 pages and 76 posts.

Since 25/2/2012 there have been 15,136 visitors viewing 23,495. The most popular day was 14/7/2013 with 71 visitors viewing 244 pages. The site has 61 email and 14 Wordpress followers including a young composer Wes Alexander who signed on 9 months ago and recently contacted us regarding a composition he intends to write on Laperouse.

Inquiries which come via the Contact page are answered promptly.

Below are statistics on the most popular pages (not all) and visitor country of origin (not all)






















Facebook page [laperousemuseum] has a following of 154 including 55 added since 4/10/2013.



Top Posts for 365 days ending 2014-10-05 (Summarized)
























[7 Days](#) | [30 Days](#) | [Quarter](#) | [Year](#) | [Alltime](#)

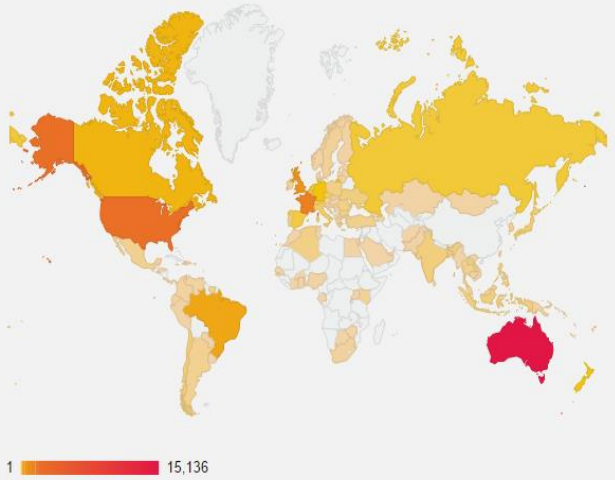
2013-10-05 to Today

Title		Views
Home page / Archives		4,116
Bastille Day 2014 celebrating the first postal flight between Melbourne and Sydney		491
 About		345
Museum Collection		312
Laperouse's last documents		306
1787 Massacre at Tutuila		295
Calendar		267
Botany Bay, Where Histories Meet ??		259
Visit by capitane and crew of le Vendémiaire		247
Centenary celebration May 11: First seaplane (flying boat) flight in Australia by Maurice Guillaux		216
La Perouse Museum and Headland Trust		215
Cartography of Easter Island in the 18th century - La Perouse Bay		193
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Explorers, Monuments and Tourists - 8th September 2013		177
Museum		158
Garden		158
Membership		145
Aboard La frégate (FS) Vendémiaire		145
Observatory		132
Monument Plaques & Visits		131

Top Views by Country for all days ending 2014-10-05 (Summarized)

[7 Days](#) | [30 Days](#) | [Quarter](#) | [Year](#) | [Since February 25, 2012](#)

Country	Views
 Australia	15,136
 United States	2,020
 France	1,623
 United Kingdom	480
 Brazil	193
 Canada	177
 Germany	136
 New Zealand	133
 Russian Federation	98
 American Samoa	97
 Netherlands	92
 Spain	87
 Belgium	70
 Czech Republic	63
 Italy	61
 Japan	52
 New Caledonia	49
 Switzerland	40
 Chile	39
 India	38
 Indonesia	38
 Ukraine	37
 Philippines	36



Events

2013 Annual General Meeting

The 2013 Annual General Meeting held on Sunday 18th November was addressed by the Hon. Don Harwin MLC, President of the NSW Legislative Council and Patron of the Friends.



The lively topic was “The Ties That Bind Us” and covered the wide ranging relationship between Australians and the French, from Lapérouse’s arrival on our shores on the 26th January 1788 to today.

The relationship is not only based on Lapérouse landing in that part of Botany Bay which today is

The Hon Don Harwin MLC known as in what today is known as Frenchman’s Bay and the headland suburb of La Perouse, but in the involvement of many other French explorers, the names of many of our suburbs such as Sans Souci and Vacluse; the colours of the Eastern Suburbs Rugby League club known as “the Roosters”, many street names, the bilingual French School The Lycée Condorcet, but also the deep social, cultural and commercial relations that exist between our two nations.

We are also proud to report that the Friends have either organised or participated in the following events:

2014 Père Receveur Commemoration Mass



The annual Mass hosted by the Malabar Parish was held on Sunday 16 February and was attended by some 250 persons. As in past years, The Friends provided official support to Randwick City Council for the event, provided the PA system and refreshments, as well as staffing an information table.

Lapérouse Day – 22nd March

Randwick City Council's La Perouse Museum & Headland Trust jointly hosted and sponsored this year's Lapérouse Day on the 22nd March. All financial members of The Friends were invited as guests of the Council with over 100 persons attending. The function addressed by His Worship Councillor Scott Nash, Mayor of Randwick also marked the 25th anniversary of the Museum.

Heritage Festival Walk and Talk - 25/5/2014



The annual Heritage Festival walk on the Laperouse

Expedition saw a crowd of 36 with some travelling from as far away as Canberra, the South Coast and Newcastle. The walk around the monuments was conducted and narrated by Committee member Lynda Newnam and was followed by morning tea on the veranda of the Cable Station and shorter tours of parts of the Laperouse collection.

Lecture on Laperouse – 8/9/2014

Committee member Lynda Newnam provided a lecture for a group of over 30 students at the Cronulla School of Arts U3A on Aspects of Australian History class. Attendees were a very keen and informed audience for this talk on the Laperouse expedition.

Lecture by Patron Bob Carr on his recent book Diary of a Foreign Minister - 13/5/2014



We were pleased to host a lecture by our Patron the former Foreign Minister, The Hon Bob Carr,

This was a very successful event attracting over 80 guests with a large sale of Mr Carr's book

"Diary of a Foreign Minister". Proceeds of the sales was donated by the Hon Bob Carr to charity.



The Hon Bob Carr talking to members.

Rose de Freycinet State Library Archives Evening

17/6/2014

A successful Rose de Freycinet archives evening organised by Susan Hunt, Executive Director of the State Library and held jointly for the Friends custodian donors was held on Thursday 17 June in the Mitchell Library Friends room.

Members were able to view Rose's fascinating journal written on board the "Uranie", letters to her mother transcribed by Louis, her husband, and a very beautiful edition of the paintings and drawings made by the artists who accompanied the expedition.



Richard Neville, Mitchell Librarian and Eric Berti, French Consul-General & Viewing the archives

Bastille Day – 14 July



Bastille Day this year was hosted by Randwick Council's La Perouse Museum & Headland Trust in conjunction with The Friends. All financial members of the Friends were invited at no cost to the function.

Over 250 persons attended the ceremony at the Laperouse Monument where the Coast Seniors Centre Choir gave splendid renditions of both the French and Australian national anthems.

The function was addressed by the President of the NSW Legislative Council and Patron of The Friends, the Hon. Don Harwin; his Worship the Mayor of Randwick Councillor Scott Nash and Mr Eric Berti Consul-General of France.



The La Perouse Museum & Headland Trust

The La Perouse Museum & Headland Trust was formed in December 2013 to provide advice to Randwick City Council for the management of the Museum and the La Perouse headland.

The Committee nominated honorary secretary Tony Gentile to represent The Friends. Other members of the Trust are:

- *The Mayor (up to last September Councillor Scott Nash)*
- *Three Councillors (up to last September Deputy Mayor Councillor Anthony Andrews; and Councillors Tony Bowen and Murray Matson).*
- *Ms Marcia Ella-Duncan representing the La Perouse Aboriginal Land Council*
- *Mr Peter Hay representing National Parks and Wildlife Service*
- *Mr Eric Berti - French Consul-General (with Ms Nicole Forrest Green as his alternative) and*
- *Mrs Petula Samios as the Community Representative with heritage expertise.*

This last position is appointed by Council and is the sole remunerated representative.

Aside from the sponsoring of functions at the Museum, progress has been slow as the legal process necessary to sign over a lease of the Museum and the headland to Randwick Council has not as yet been finalised. This is likely to occur in the second half of 2015.

Exhibits / Artefacts - Museum Items Record Keeping Project

The Friends have been kept participant in a project to catalogue all exhibits and artefacts in the Museum. The group has been led by Museum Curator Elizabeth Broomhead. Professor Margaret Sankey, Professor Ivan Barko, Mrs Carole Roussel, Mrs Gail Tring and Mr Charles Abela have all taken part in the project.

Phase I of the project has been completed. The next phase will involve data entry of all the exhibits which will, on completion, be available for access on-line by the general public.

Educational Funding from French Parliament

An application submitted by Committee member Nicole Forrest Green for funding from the French Parliament for the Friends of the Laperouse Museum, under a Member's private parliamentary reserve for 2015 was approved September 22. The amount of the grant will be around AUD 7500 and the funding is earmarked for an educational/historical program in French and English, aimed at schools and overseas visitors.

Lapérouse History Booklet

The Lapérouse Society in Albi France kindly made available a booklet on Lapérouse for publication in Australia in English. Two companies have been approached and are considering the sponsorship and publication of the booklet titled: 'Lapérouse sailing through the Enlightenment' currently produced by the 'Mairie' (City Council) of Albi in France for the Lapérouse Museum, Albi.

Offer for a Reception

The Friends have been invited to hold a fund raising reception at Trevor Kennedy's heritage premises at the Rocks which houses a portion of his private collection of historical non-indigenous Australian Art and artifacts valued in excess of AUD 30 million. Trevor has generously offered to host the function, in the first quarter of next year.

Dr William Land AM
President

TREASURERS REPORT

I present to you the accounts for the Financial Year ending 30th June, 2014.

Income from Membership was \$ 2160 compared with \$ 1765 for the previous year and \$1565 in 2012 representing a steady increase in membership. Interest from the FOLM Term Deposit was \$ 904.74 and donations and sales totalled \$ 149.

In December, 2013 FOLM purchased a model of “Boussole”, flagship of the Laperouse Expedition which is now on exhibition in the Museum.

To secure the opportunity for this purchase required an early withdrawal from FOLM Term Deposit (\$1884.29) with the account balance of \$18,000 remaining in the Term Deposit until the maturity date of 3.10.14 and subsequently in accordance with our instructions the adjusted interest of \$642.47 was transferred to FOLM Community Fee Saver Account. The \$18,000 is again reinvested for another year (3.10.15).

To assist with the purchase of Boussole a call to members for contributions subsequently raised \$2180.

On behalf of the executive I wish to acknowledge and thank the following members for their generous contributions:

Charles Abela, Flavia Abela, Ivan Barko, Cam Dezarnaulds, Jacqueline Dwyer, Marie Gaulis, Tony Gentile, Ted Hayes, William Land, Carole Roussel, Michel Sévêque and Bruce Warren.

GREG BOND
Honorary Treasurer

FRIENDS OF LAPEROUSE MUSEUM Inc.

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE 2014

RECEIPTS

Membership Subscriptions:	\$ 2160.00
Interest on investment account:	\$ 904.74
Donations:	\$ 60.00
Sales:	\$ 89.00
Contributions for Acquisitions:	\$ 2180.00

TOTAL RECEIPTS: **\$ 5393.74_**

PAYMENTS

Event Expenses – \$938.08 comprising:

Tree Replica Unveiling	\$ 634.50
Bastille Day 2012	\$ 80.00
Navy Review	\$ 80.00
Australia Day	\$ 63.58
Bob Carr Lecture	\$ 80.00
Admin - Stationery Postage: & Printing	\$ 438.52
Rental - Post box:	\$ 107.00
Internet:	\$ 26.00
NSW Fair Trading:	\$ 52.00
Donations –	
Navigators Cup	\$ 100.00
Insurance: 2014 – 2015	\$ 459.80
Membership: RAHS	\$ 163.00
History Council	\$ 110.00
Framing of prints:	\$ 105.00
Purchase: Boussole Model	\$3330.00
Patron's Presentation	\$ 60.00

TOTAL PAYMENTS: **\$ 5889.40**

Surplus / (Deficit) (\$ 495.66)

FRIENDS OF LAPEROUSE MUSEUM Inc

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th JUNE 2014

CASH ASSETS

NAB Community Fee Saver Account	\$ 2,132.35
NAB Investment Account	\$ 18,000.00

Total Cash Assets	\$ 20,132.35
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OTHER ASSETS

Pamela Griffith Prints, 100 small, @ \$120	\$ 12,000.00
44 large @ \$140	\$ 6,160.00
Audio System	\$ 400.00
Portable Sound System	\$ 228.00
Projector & screen set	\$ 400.00
DVD's, "Laperouse" 36 @ \$10	\$ 360.00
Books, "Where fate beckons Laperouse" - 1 @ \$10	\$ 10.00
Key rings - 663 @ \$0.50	\$ 331.50
Objects: Altar Stone Replica	\$ 2700.00
Tree Trunk Replica	\$ 7200.00
Boussole Model	\$ 3400.00
Cable Station Painting	\$ 800.00

Total other assets	\$ 33,989.50
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TOTAL ALL ASSETS	\$ 54,121.85
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Honouring George Brouet

A Long Standing “Friend” Honoured



M. Georges Broulet with Consul-General M. Eric Berti; M. Bernard Le Boursicot and Prof. Ross Steele.

Georges BROUET was born in Rouen (Seine-Maritime) on 29 April 1922. He was educated in various schools until getting the brevet élémentaire as a fitter and turner. At the age of 17, he joined the French Navy (Marine nationale) in Cherbourg to enlist at the Engineers’ School. On reaching the depot, he was sent to a Coastguard sloop leaving for the North Sea fishing grounds. In late August 1939, visiting Newcastle-on-Tyne, the ship was recalled to Cherbourg.

The Second World War started and the ship was refitted as a minesweeper. It operated in the North Sea and English Channel, taking part in the evacuation of troops and civilians in May/June 1940 ("Operation Dynamo") from the main ports on the French coast to the coast of England.

Following the fall of France, he was in Portsmouth and joined the Royal Navy, later transferring to the Free French Navy (Forces Navales Françaises Libres) in July 1940. He was sent to Aldershot where he trained as a marine (fusilier marin). He took part in Operation Menace (Battle of Dakar, September 1940). In October 1940, at Freetown (Sierra Leone), he transferred to the Free French ship 'Savorgnan de Brazza', which operated around the coast of Africa and in the Red Sea.

Later, in 1942, the ship took part in escort duties in the Atlantic and Indian Oceans, as well as the Red Sea. Eventually the ship reached Australia (Fremantle, Sydney) and escorted US Navy ships in the Pacific. He fell ill and was hospitalised in Sydney in late 1944. In February 1945, he returned to France via the Royal Navy and visited his family whom he not seen for five years. He then joined the 'Bataillon du Pacifique' and was shipped to Nouméa and thence to Port Kembla. He was demobilized in Sydney in June 1946 and married a young lady who had visited him in hospital. As a motor mechanic, he worked for several companies, but principally "Detroit Diesel Allison".

Georges joined the 'Free French Association' (Association Française Libre) Section Australie in 1946, and later became Secretary, Treasurer and finally President of this association. He has been a regular attender of ex-service functions, where French and Australian ex-servicemen gather, as well as other Franco-Australian cultural events. He is a chevalier (knight) of both the Légion d'Honneur and the Ordre National du Mérite, as well as being decorated with the Croix de guerre and other medals.



Laperouse Day 2014



Bastille Day 14 July 2014

Celebrating French connection

Southern Courier 15/7/14

HONOURING BASTILLE DAY

Tom Chen

THE southeast French community joined locals and former French servicemen for Bastille Day celebrations at La Perouse yesterday.

The French National Day was marked by a traditional canon and musket salute by soldiers dressed in French service uniforms from the Napoleonic era.

The ceremony and celebration at the La Perouse Museum was attended by more than 200 people including French Consul-General to Australia Eric Berti, NSW Legislative Council president Don Harwin and Randwick Mayor Scott Nash.

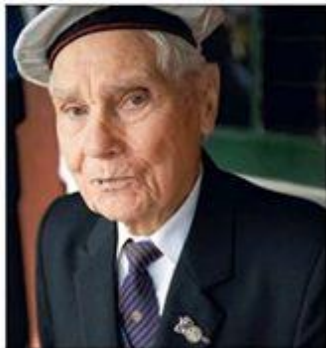
La Perouse Precinct Committee chairman and Friends of the La Perouse

AT A GLANCE
 ■ Bastille Day is the name given in English-speaking countries to the French National Day, which is celebrated on July 14 each year.

Museum vice-president Charles Edels said French history was embedded in the La Perouse area.

"La Perouse has a French history because of the earliest days of French Captain La Perouse coming into La Perouse at the same time as the First Fleet sailed into Port Jackson in Sydney Harbour in 1788," Mr Edels said.

The crowd sang both the Australian and French national anthems.



Celebrating Bastille Day at the La Perouse Museum were (clockwise from top left) Frank Zuanic and Harry Peter, Georges Brouet formerly of the Free French Navy, and Raymond Dair and Fred Berel.

PHOTOS: DANNY AARONS



Heritage Festival walk 25 May 2014

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