

FRIENDS OF THE LAPÉROUSE MUSEUM INC



*Notice
of*

2016 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

And

*Third Annual Pierre Roussel Memorial
Lecture*

Saturday 26 November 2016

11.00AM

Lapérouse Museum

Anzac Parade La Perouse NSW

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, 26th November, 2016 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 –
*The La Perouse Museum & Headland Trust***
- 8. Election of the Committee**
- 9. General Business**
- 10. Date of next Committee Meeting-**

- 11. Close of Meeting**
- 12. The Third Annual Pierre Roussel Memorial Lecture
*"Laperouse and the race to know the world: Exploring Pacific peoples
'discovered'." Professor Grant McCall, Professor of Anthropology University
of Sydney***

Following the meeting –you are invited to stay for refreshments

FRIENDS OF THE LAPEROUSE MUSEUM INC.

Patrons

The Hon Don Harwin MLC;
President of the New South Wales Legislative Council
The Hon Matt Thistlethwaite MP;
Member for Kingsford-Smith
The Hon Michael Daley MP;
Member for Maroubra
The Mayor of the City of Randwick;
Councillor Noel D'Souza.
Mr Nicolas Croizer
Consul-General of France
The Hon Bob Carr

2016 Executive Committee

President: Ms Nicole Forrest Green
Vice-President: Mr Charles Abela
Hon. Secretary: Mr Tony Gentile
Hon. Treasurer: Mr Greg Bond
Committee Members: Mrs Carol Abela; Mrs Lily Bond; Ms Priscilla Bonham-Carter; Ms Betty de la Torre; Mr Cam Dezarnaulds; Mr Ted Hayes; Dr William Land AM; Mr Bernard Le Boursicot; Ms Lynda Newnam; Dr Peter Orlovich; Prof Margaret Sankey; Mrs Carole Roussel;

President's Report

In my first year as President of the Friends I would like to acknowledge the work of the entire Committee without which we could not continue to operate and advance together with our projects, events and plans for the future. I would also like to thank my predecessor for all of his prior work and in his last year as serving on the Committee he will be surely be missed although he shall remain an active Member.

This has been a momentous year. I would like to highlight the Lapérouse Celebrations which in conjunction with the French Cultural Attaché Emmanuelle Denavit-Feller we hosted special guest, Xavier Mathieu a Michelin star chef and friend whilst in Sydney for an event entitled - *Le Goût de la France* – given his close relationship with the Albi region he was honoured to be part of the event on the 18th March.

A highlight without a doubt was the visit by the NSW Governor H.E. General the Hon. David Hurley AC DSC (Retd) who attended with Mrs Hurley a lecture presented by Professor John Gasgoigne, UNSW with 'the Enlightenment' as the subject. Sixty members attended this successful and momentous event.

A successful off-site event organised by Carole Roussel in June at the State Library of NSW. The Library's French Collection was on display. The event, attracted many members as non-members. We are very grateful to Sue Hunt at the State Library for her interest in and respect for the Lapérouse story and our association.

Bastille Day celebrations this year were very well attended in the presence of the Hon. Don Harwin, the French Consul General Nicolas Croizer and Randwick City's Mayor Noel D'Souza. The evening's reception at the Sofitel Wentworth hosted by the French Consulate was another highlight. Unfortunately late that evening on July 14, in my hometown of Nice a terrorist attack on innocent civilians cost the lives of over 80 people enjoying the holiday atmosphere and we have a special thought of all of those affected by the attacks and for victims of terrorism worldwide.

On September 11, Committee Member Greg Bond led the annual History Week tour of the Museum and adjacent historical monuments. Twenty-five persons participated. Greg, an experienced guide has a deep and wide knowledge of the history of Lapérouse and the La Perouse suburb's historical precinct.

September 18 saw a Senatorial visit to the Museum from France from a Senate Committee visiting Australia a commission of Foreign Affairs, Defence and Armed Forces.

The month of October saw two momentous occasions hosted again by the Friends. A dinner at Parliament House NSW with the Hon. Don Harwin and myself as joint hosts organised a dinner with a French theme - food, wines - and an auction for the benefit of the Laperouse Education Fund, a project I initiated with French Member of Parliament Thierry Mariani in 2014 and which raised over \$3000 on the night.

Finally our program culminated with the unveiling on Thursday October 27 in the Museum of the Beautemps-Beaupré Hydrographic Chart of New Caledonia - a numbered reproduction - donated to the Friends and on loan to the Museum by Captain Joseph Doyle RAN (Red't). The Museum's curator placed the chart in what is known as the 'Wreck's Room' and we were honoured to receive at the Museum Captain Yann Marboeuf Defence Attaché to the French Embassy in Canberra and a Capitain de Vaisseau in the French Navy and also his counterpart from the Royal Australian Navy Captain Tony Rayner representing Fleet Base East, Garden Island Sydney. The evening commenced over drinks with a short ceremony and continued over dinner at Danny's restaurant. A delightful evening and celebration of the naval heritage this Museum represents.

Next year looks to be even brighter and I thank you for your ongoing support.

Nicole Forrest-Green

President

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th JUNE 2016

ASSETS

Cash at Bank

NAB Community Fee Saver Account	\$ 3154.64
NAB Investment Account	\$ 18,000.00
NAB Community Fee Saver - Education	\$ 7052.62
Total Cash Assets	<u>\$ 28,207.26</u>

Other Assets

Pamela Griffith Prints, 99 small, @ \$120	\$ 11,880.00
43 large @ \$140	\$ 6,020.00
Objects*:	
Altar Stone Replica	\$ 2,700.00
Tree Trunk Replica	\$ 7,200.00
Sword Hilt Replica	\$ 1000.00
Boussole Model	\$ 3,400.00
Cable Station Painting	\$ 800.00
Beautemp Engraving	\$ 775.00
Total other assets	<u>\$ 33,775</u>
TOTAL ALL ASSETS	<u>\$ 61,982.26</u>

LIABILITIES **0.00**

Net Assets \$61,982.26

Members' Equity **\$61,982.26**

Website and Facebook.

laperousemuseum.org – continues to attract visitors. There are now 75 pages and 110 blog posts – 24 added over the past year.

Over the past year there have been over 5,391 visitors viewing over 11,771 pages. Since 2007 there have been a total of 49,261 page views.

The majority of interest comes from Australia followed by USA, France, South Korea, America Samoa, Germany, Brazil, UK, Italy, New Caledonia. The top blog posts viewed are the 1787 Massacre at Tutuila and Petropavlovsk-Kamchatsky. Top pages are the Museum Collection and the Executive Committee.

Inquiries which come via the Contact page are answered promptly. There are total of 75 email followers who automatically receive notice of new blog posts.

The Facebook page facebook.com/laperousemuseum has a following of 224, up 39 since last year including 168 from Australia, 29 USA and 9 France. 43% are women and 54% men. Fewer women but they are more engaged – 56% to 44% on average.

Average reach per post on Facebook is around 60. There were 138 posts with most popular (reach over 300) – Expressing Solidarity 21/11/15 – 361; AGM 21/11/15 – 344; Australia Day 26/1/16 – 2 posts with 321 and 454; France Salutes Pilots 26/6/16 – 601; Bastille Day reminder 10/7/16 – 327; Have your Say on Plan of Management 3/10/16 – 307

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