

CARTELA RESTORATION PROJECT

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UPDATE #1

WELCOME I would like to welcome you aboard and thank you for your interest in the progress of the Cartela restoration project.

The impetus for writing this short update memo is to inform you that Dobson, Mitchell and Allport have been engaged to prepare the documentation to establish the Not-for-Profit company "Steamship Cartela Pty. Ltd." We hope to be able to announce in early December that all the paperwork to that end is complete and that the company is established.



STEAM EQUIPMENT Matters of importance that have also occurred recently include the successful negotiation for the purchase of the Plenty Triple expansion steam engine that was removed from Cartela in 1958. We have agreed terms and it is a huge relief knowing that Cartela will present for restoration with this important part of the jig-saw alongside her. The engine is currently securely located in Kingston, and I look forward to commissioning an inspection of the engine to establish the internal condition from an early grant application or as a result of a philanthropic donation.

I believe it is not too early to send out feelers for the other highly important capital equipment items as these items come on the market rarely. I would be happy to hear of any

leads anyone has that may help track down steam ancillaries, such as steam winches, generators etc. On a positive front, I have been advised that it is possible to find 200 h.p. oil-fired steam boilers in excellent condition readily for as little as \$30,000, considerably less than the estimate price I was allowing in the basic budget. Although there is no money in the kitty to make offers on such equipment at present it will help to build a base line for grant applications in future.

CONDITION REPORT Mike Staples has begun writing his opus on the condition of Cartela; however he has been delayed in completing his final report by our need to push back the scheduled slipping from November to January. He admits to being daunted by the task given the sheer number of components that go into the structure of the vessel. The fact that the vessel is still operational, and the need to work around the considerable quantity of equipment that is in place. The original plan was that he would present his document a few weeks after the boat is slipped and that will still occur.



Very early shot of Cartela probably near Eaglehawk Neck.

NEXT STEPS

- Commission a conservation report.
- Commission a Marketing study.
- Consult a Shipwright to assess the restoration scope.
- Engage a Naval Architect to confirm stability and legal compliance of Cartela in steam configuration.

We are rapidly approaching a stage where it is essential to begin seeking donation and grant money to ensure that there are no significant delays between Cartela being handed over to “Steamship Cartela Pty. Ltd.” and active restoration beginning.



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