

The

BULLETIN

CARTELA RESTORATION PROJECT

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OVERVIEW It has been a long gestation period, but as they said in Rio only a few weeks ago, "Let the games begin."

The sizeable time gap between the last bulletin and this one does not indicate we have been idle. During the lead up to a federal election we were lobbying furiously on behalf of Cartela to demonstrate to all the candidates the benefits of supporting our program. Our primary focus now switches from reports, studies, approvals and seeking political support, to finally seeking the money to begin this challenging project. Elections are over and politicians have now had a bit of time to get their feet back under the desk. Please take every opportunity from now on to remind them all, both federal and state, how they can best practically serve their community. We need everyone to strike up a Cartela conversation with them.

on Hunter Street in which we held our first fundraising dinner.

The evening was very successful on a number of fronts. Firstly, at broadcasting our plans to those we hope to be influential in carrying our message of employment, training, tourism and regional development. But most importantly we have now secured some funds to undertake an immediate start towards preparing the vessel for restoration.

The Dicker Trust very generously started the ball rolling on the night and the first work on the hull will begin to remove the superstructure and strip out excess ballast and redundant machinery etc. Is there anyone out there seeking a Caterpillar D343 365 h.p. twin cam 4 valve turbo straight six diesel with 4:1 gearbox, still in its prime??? Send me an email at ross@navigator.net.au

FUNDRAISING



August the 27th marked the start to our public fundraising program. Federal Hotels generously provided the venue in the Henry Jones Art Hotel



A collection of Cartela's artifacts

I should also mention the great work provided by Georgina Freeman and Damian Scott from Great Scott Design, in creating a wonderful themed environment for the dinner featuring Cartela.

PRIVATE DONATIONS

We have now turned on the online 'DONATE' facility on our website. This is hosted by Give Now, an online company that facilitates fuss free donations to Not-for-Profit causes. There are two simple ways to access this facility. The first is to go to our website at www.steamshipcartela.com.au and use the 'Donate Now' buttons or go directly to www.givenow.com.au/steamshipcartela. The beauty of this site is that it makes it so simple to make a one off, or regular donation, using card or direct deposit. A great way to help a cause that will have such a profound effect on this community asset, and the community itself.

ENGINE REFURBISHMENT.



Cylinder castings for the Plenty Engine

Speaking of engines, progress continues on the Plenty & Sons triple expansion original steam engine down at Saunders and Ward Engineering in Kingston. A brand new crankshaft complete with roller bearings is in place and now spins over with gentle hand pressure. The cross head surfaces are ground, main bearing beds are re-machined, with new bronze bearing carriers and the remainder of the frame has been machined trued, and painted in a shade of blue that closely matches its last known colour scheme. A

Tasmanian Community Fund grant has allowed this work to proceed to this point allowing us to bring this unique engine back from the brink.

The cylinders, pistons and valves have all passed a very detailed examination and are awaiting the final fettling to bring the engine back to 'as new' condition. Nothing less than better than new is the mantra for this engine rebuild. It will need to go back to work to power Cartela for another 100 years.



Engine bed, new crankshaft and machined crosshead

MEMORIAM

It was very sad to hear of the recent passing of Don Hazell. Don was a charming gentleman and had been a keen supporter. On the occasions we needed to transport the Plenty engine, Hazell Brothers were always ready to provide a crane and truck. Thanks Don.



Don Hazell (right) inspecting progress on the Plenty engine.

Ross James
 (Project Manager)



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