



Clipper Ship *City of Adelaide* Ltd

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Patron: Her Excellency the Honourable Frances Adamson AC, Governor of South Australia

Proposal

Forming part of City of Adelaide's 2025/26 Financial Year budget, that the Council allocate the sum of \$30,000 toward further works on the historic 1864 clipper ship City of Adelaide.

The City of Adelaide was purpose built in 1864 in the United Kingdom to bring immigrants and cargo to Adelaide and to enable the export of goods from South Australia to the United Kingdom. It has proudly carried the City of Adelaide's coat of arms on its stern since 1864.

In 2015 the Council approved funds for the manufacture and fitting of a replica City of Adelaide coat of arms on the historic ship, now located in Port Adelaide's Dock 2. This proposal seeks to extend the work around the stern the clipper ship City of Adelaide.

History

The City of Adelaide undertook 23 return journeys between the years 1864 and 1887 between the United Kingdom and Adelaide. It has been estimated that over 250,000 Australians can be linked to passengers or crew of this vessel. Significant passengers in 1864 included Matilda Methuen who came to Adelaide to marry her fiancé, Peter Waite. The Waite Institute and Urrbrae House remain as their legacy today.

In the same year, George and Annie Wilcox travelled to Adelaide. Their legacy to Adelaide now includes St Anne's College, which was donated to the University of Adelaide by the Wilcox family and also includes Eynesbury House at Mitcham.

In 1864, on its maiden voyage, the ship also carried three casks of lime juice for the pharmacy of Anne Bickford. Ten years later, the Bickford's soft drink company was formed.

As the oldest surviving composite clipper ship in the world today, the clipper ship has a remarkable link to the City of Adelaide, the city after it was named.

Governance

Chaired by former Lord Mayor Martin Haese, the pro bono Board of Directors of Clipper Ship City of Adelaide Ltd and cohort of dedicated volunteers have persisted over some years, overcame various challenges and have a compelling vision to create a maritime village at Dock 2 at Port Adelaide. The Board of Directors are qualified maritime and engineering professionals, who each have an enduring passion for the preservation and improvement of this unique vessel.

Context

Clipper Ship City of Adelaide Ltd (CSCoAL), the not-for-profit organisation that is the custodian and curator of the historic vessel, is undertaking repair and maintenance work in 2025 upon the Poop Deck, the area adjoining the stern, adjacent to where the City of Adelaide coat of arms is displayed.

This proposal seeks to complete the structural and decorative work around the coat of arms on the stern of the vessel, including the carving of the name of the ship City of Adelaide.

The completion of the project by this Council around the stern of the vessel would see the work around the previously funded coat of arms more impressively displayed, now that work is being undertaken on the exterior of the vessel.

Summary

Clipper Ship City of Adelaide Ltd (CSCoAL) is proud of the clipper ship's long association with the City of Adelaide and is appreciative of the Council's past, present and future support.