

## **Curator's Report to RIG Committee April 19th 2021**

Since no one has responded to any previous requests for info, I won't repeat myself yet again.

I have added the photos of the donated caulking tool and its storage box to the collection. We know (thanks) who donated these and I am about to contact the donor for more information. Record no. 26 consisting of 13 photos of the toolbox and tools is at <https://ehive.com/collections/200519/objects/1354994/wooden-box-storing-a-number-of-caulking-tools-for-wooden-boat-building>

Beautiful aren't they?

I have also scanned in the letter from Doug Short re his donation of three brass bolts, and after our meeting will add a photo of same and add it to the Collection.

I have been in touch with several visitors to the Boathouse who have asked for specific information, and am in correspondence with a few of them. Contacts from members who are tour guiding can be valuable.

## **History Festival Event May 9**

Remember this is on May 9 11-12 am, so whoever is on duty that day you may have a larger than usual audience.

The full brochure is

at [https://festival.history.sa.gov.au/events/?sahf\\_event\\_type=guided-tour](https://festival.history.sa.gov.au/events/?sahf_event_type=guided-tour)

If you choose Kangaroo Island in the regions drop down, our event appears at <https://festival.history.sa.gov.au/events/building-and-rebuilding-american-river-1802-2021/> It contains a link to the RIG web page.

I have to raise with them some flaws in the search engine.

If you type any key word at all in the key terms box, unless it is one of the words from the title of the event, I.e. *Building, rebuilding, american river, 1802 or 2021*, it will say "no result".

If you just choose Kangaroo Island, in the regions box, no key terms at all, it *will* find our event. (And the Parndana event also).

If you choose the date May 9 (under that odd little icon top right) AND type=tour guide, it will find us. The thing is, people don't know or care whether we are a guided tour or a talk. We don't appear under talk. We do appear under guided tour.

And so on.

I think that this strange filter system will reduce our profile. I shall raise it with them.

### **Funding submission 2021**

We have until May 15 to submit an application for funding from the National Maritime Museum (MMAPPS). I have commenced minor revisions of the 2020 submission for a display cabinet but it is basically done. It will need

- Revision of April 2020 quotes (I have emailed Josh Shalay requesting same) and
- Some revised information on 2020-2021 budget from the Treasurer to assemble it in good time, no rush.

### **Last of all:**

#### **Have you looked at the RIG Collection, online?**

In the event of a fire this online collection will survive, to interest the curious, to reward the donors, and to remind us of American River's maritime heritage. Of course it is in its infancy. It needs this community, you, to build it.

You can see it at this link: <https://ehive.com/collections/200519/the-rebuild-independence-group-rig-collection>

You will not need to log in.

**If anyone has difficulty using the internet to take a look at these pages please ask your grandchildren.**

Thanks folks, Anne A'Herran  
Curator, RIG collection