

Curator's Report to RIG Committee September 20th 2021

Local to national.

The primary goal of curation of RIG objects is to build an online catalogue, to preserve a record of objects and related data online, in case of catastrophe. This is underway although it's never completed as new objects keep coming to light, are donated, or found.

A secondary goal is to transfer the Collection to Trove: the National Library's Collection.

This is what I'm doing now. A fine way to spend rainy days.

What makes RIG duty interesting.

A day on duty at the RIG Shed often yields surprising results.

1. Dr Rob Morrison (the generous donor of \$4000 towards a sail for *Independence*) sent an audio tape of his 104 year old mother's reminiscences of American River from her childhood staying at Dr Carr's house (now Magarey house, Wattle St). In part she says that she recalls one day seeing hordes of sea creatures fleeing the harbour, viewed from the house on the hill, a once off that is curiously also recorded in a written journal kept by Wynnys Hughes recently loaned to me for scanning. Rob's mother also recalls the remains of what she believed was *Independence* on a beach somewhere in American River. If you want to hear her let me know: I'll try to share it somehow.
2. A Mr & Mrs Schmal visited the boathouse while I was on duty and after the usual tour came back with a collection of *very* old glass slides, in a box, which they believed (with reason) to be of KI. One is of an old boat being towed into Kingscote before the Ozone fire. Some are of tribal indigenous men, purportedly inhabitants of KI. We took them to my house where I failed to obtain an image. I have since rung SASL for advice but none is forthcoming, as they have no more expertise than I with old glass slides. I shall try a conservator group I know of (ArtLab).
3. A family came in while I was on duty wanting to know about other members of their family and their history on the island. Thanks to the family tree site built and maintained by David Wilson (KIPA) I was able easily to pass on to them the names of their family on KI. I recommend if you need to field queries from visitors about family ties to the island, do visit the site at <https://dukeofyork.tribalpages.com/tribe/browse?userid=dukeofyork&view=9&ver=116009> You will need to Request Invitation.

Fishermans Hall of Fame.

I'm suggesting we put it on hold. We can do nothing until we have wall space and that means when *Independence* vacates the premises. Meantime Tony and Greg Ward have given me a list (thank you) which I've put up on the Collection, so it is safely recorded until the time comes to get wall boards made for selected Fishers.

NMM Funding submission 2021 for a new display cabinet

Results of RIG's bid were due July 31st. They are worse than slack and now tell me it will be announced Oct 31.

Repeat: Have you looked at the RIG Collection, online?

In the event of a fire the 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 correct it and to suggest additions to it.

You don't need to log in. You can see it at this link: <https://ehive.com/collections/200519/the-rebuild-independence-group-rig-collection>

Instructions on how to use/search the Collection are in last month's report.

Thanks, Anne A'Herran Curator, RIG collection