



Seafarers' Give a Thumbs Up for Our Services – Buses, Gift Bags and Visits

Our visits to seafarers who are admitted to hospital due to injuries or illnesses are greatly appreciated, especially as our Chaplains can help with a wide variety of complex needs.

Just last week, Chaplain Retchie rushed to a nearby hospital after being informed by AMSA that a Filipino seafarer had been taken to Emergency and was feeling anxious.



Seafarers enjoying their Winter Appeal gift bags and the free transport from Port Botany to our Centre at Walsh Bay. Many know a taxi into Sydney costs about \$75 one way. Thank you to everyone who supported our Winter Appeal!

Paul* was delighted by the Filipino snacks, bathroom kit and especially the SIM card so he could call home. He was anxious to pray and to speak to his fiancé. He had been working on a Chemical Tanker for four years so they could afford to get married. He planned for this to be his last ship before marrying and settling down together. The hospital discovered he had been suffering for over a month from inflammation in the legs and suspected heart and lung issues. **Continued page 2.**

Please donate to our **Father's Day Appeal** to support seafarers who won't be seeing their Dads this Father's Day and for seafaring Dads a long way from their children and families.

To make a tax-deductible donation and receive an instant receipt, visit our new website Donations Page at: <https://missiontoseafarerssydney.org.au/donate>

10 **double** passes to the Aust. National Maritime Museum, Sydney, to give away!



HMB Endeavour historical replica visit included in your pass if you win!

Entries close Monday September 25, 2023.

To celebrate the launch of our new website, we are ready to give 10 winners - a **Double Pass** to the Australian National Maritime Museum, Sydney

The tickets allow you to experience everything open on the day you visit. This includes their impressive fleet of vessels, 3D cinema and exhibitions.

To Enter:

- Visit our website! Go to the 'Contact Us' page and send an email in less than 20 words sharing something you learned about our work from our website or just something you like about what we do. All entries will be placed in a bag and the winners drawn out at random at noon on Monday September 25.

Conditions: only genuine entries are eligible to win ie 20 random words don't count! You can enter as often as you like but can only win **a double pass** per person.

Paul's Story continued: He had spent significant time working around chemicals. Despite the medical investigation not being completed, the company expected Paul to return to his ship because his visa was due to expire the next day. Chaplain Retchie contacted the relevant Agent to explain the situation. The Agent is now liaising on his behalf to ensure Paul can get continued medical care without his visa situation causing problems for his employer. Chaplain Retchie has been visiting with extra Filipino snacks, a listening ear and prayer. He said to thank our donors and volunteers who make it possible for our Chaplains to do this work. (**name changed for privacy*).

Touching Hearts Transforming Lives – Message from Rev Tay, Principal Chaplain

Time flies! As I reflect on some of the past events for this year, we have indeed touched many hearts and transformed many.

Pastoral Care and Visits

I recently visited a seafarer who had abdominal pain for six weeks on board his vessel. When his vessel arrived at Port Botany, immediately he was admitted to the hospital and had surgery the next day. He was diagnosed with appendicitis. Our chaplains, Jim and Retchie also provide pastoral care and visit seafarers in hospital as well as on board the vessels, touching many hearts and transforming many lives! They have said seafarers particularly enjoy talking about their homes and families. We also help them find people they can trust to talk to when they have issues that need addressing including recently, helping a container's crew to appeal to increase their water rations which were only 1.5 litres a day.

Sea Sunday at St Andrew's Cathedral - July 9

Thank you to St Andrew's Cathedral and Dean Rev Sandy Grant for hosting a Sea Sunday Service for the second time in 9 years. It was a successful and meaningful celebration as we showed our support, appreciation, and prayers for seafarers around the world. Four Chinese seafarers joined us for the service. We thank Rev Sandy for his support to our Mission. We thank Archbishop Rev Kanishka for his inspiring message. He commended our Mission for caring for the welfare of seafarers. We thank RAN Quintet for participating with the band. It enlivens the service. We distributed 80 info packs after the service and interacted with many parishioners. We received many encouraging words of feedback.



Rev Tay with Captain Lorenzo Paoletti celebrating 90 years of P&O cruises



Visitors on International Day of the Seafarer

International Day of the Seafarer – June 25

We prepared more than 50 gift packs for seafarers visiting our Centre that day. They were all very appreciative that we remembered their labour and sacrifices. After a busy day I dropped by at 8.30pm after a request to help a seafarer whose mum had died the day before. He was pleasantly surprised to see me on board a ship so late and we discussed the uncertainties of life and together prayed to Jesus. A blessed way to end the day.

P&O Cruises - 90th Anniversary Celebration - July 24

During the celebrations on board the Pacific Adventure, I was able to share about our services for cruise seafarers with the President of P&O Cruises, Ms Margaret Fitzgerald, Captain Lorenzo Paoletti, and the crew. Those we know of our services greatly appreciate them – especially the parcel holding. **Deputations** – I am also thankful for the opportunity to have preached and shared the news of our Mission at seven churches since the start of June.

And thank you to The Order of the Eastern Star Church which selected us as their charity program for this year, following a presentation by Chaplain Retchie recently.

Next year Sea Sunday is on 14 July 2024. Would your church like to participate?

Confirmed! MTS Christmas Thanksgiving Celebration, Saturday, 25 November 2023.
Thank you St Anne's Ryde Anglican Church for once again agreeing to host and for your continuing partnership including your prayers and generous gift of \$4500 in 2023!



MTS Board Votes to Share Annual Luncheon Funds

Following the success of the MTS 2nd Annual Luncheon in June, the Sydney Board has decided to share the proceeds from ticket sales and sponsorship with our sister Missions in Newcastle, Port Kembla. The funds have been shared 33.3% to Newcastle, 33.3% to Port Kembla in Wollongong, and 33.3% to Sydney.

“We are blessed with wonderful access to Parliament House and many of the key members of the port community. We want to share our blessing with our sister Missions as the Seafarer stretches to all ports,” said MtS CEO Clayton Strong.

“In the spirit of caring service to seafarers and each other, sharing our blessings with our sister Missions in NSW was the right thing to do.”

Port Kembla Manager/Chaplain John Kewa who attended the event, thanked MtS Sydney for the very helpful gift as they were also struggling to recover from a drop in support following the pandemic. He also congratulated the team on bringing a wide range of groups together to advocate for the plight of seafarers. It was another way for MTS to serve.

Thank you once again to guest speaker ITF President Paddy Crumlin, principal sponsor Gulf Agency Company and all our sponsors, to the companies who bought tables and to everyone who attend, including NSW Transport Minister Jo Haylen, NSW Police Minister Yasmin Catley, NSW Ports CEO Marika Calfas and Port Authority of NSW CEO Philip Holliday.

See the video presented at the Luncheon at ‘About Us’: <https://missiontoseafarerssydney.org.au/about/>

Find out more about what happened in ‘news’:

<https://missiontoseafarerssydney.org.au/adversaries-unite-at-mts-annual-luncheon/>

Farewell and Thank You to a Wise Leader

Clive Goodwin’s childhood mixing with seafarers led to a lifetime of volunteer faith-filled service despite the demands of running one of Sydney’s leading architectural firms. Clive has recently retired from Sydney Bethel Union (SBU) after 41 years as a trustee/director, including as Chair since 1982. “His business and life experience gave Clive an astute understanding of financial, environmental and welfare issues. His wisdom and steady hand at the SBU has been a substantial asset as our Mission coped with the changes and challenges of the last 40 years,” said MtS CEO Clayton Strong.

The Sydney Bethel Union, a registered charity founded in 1822, is the core funder to the Mission to Seafarers for all the ports where it operates in New South Wales.

Clive’s special connection with seafarers began as he was growing up living above the Mission to Seafarers’ previous premises at Circular Quay where his father Clive Andrew was the Principal Chaplain from 1942 to 1950.

“I appreciate the culture of the Mission... Christians working with others to help seafarers of all faiths from all around the world right here in Sydney” – Clive Goodwin.

Hear Clive share his thoughts on MTS at:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1rBE6mkij3ISdICUOt97_vTI8lnBrDVL-/view?usp=drive_link

Learn more about the SBU at: <https://www.sydneybethelunion.com.au/>



Image: Peter Janssen congratulates Clive Goodwin at the SBU Bicentennial celebration.

Volunteer Spotlight: Excellent Response to Appeal for more Knitted Gifts



Thank you to everyone who has sent in their donations of knitted and crocheted gifts for seafarers – including blankets this month! Our largest delivery was knitted by the volunteer knitters of Pins and Needles at St Johns Anglican Church, Dee Why, kindly delivered by Jynell Mair -



Thank you Pins and Needles for:
140 Beanies,
11 balaclavas,
25 scarves and 2 sets of mittens!



Ohhh have a happy happy birthday pastor..where is the celebration? Thank you for your life.. fr your help, love,support and fr your prayers..it keeps me going to life until today because you saved me.. you saved me frm the darkest moments of my life.. thank you fr letting Jesus cme to my life and rescue me.thank you fr introducing me to Jesus..if bot because of you my life will be a mess.. and because i have Jesus in my life, i jave everything i need.thank you po pastor tay. 8:18 am

Received the message above from Philippines on Rev Tay's birthday

Father's Day Appeal Raffle Winner

Congratulations to Judy R, the winner of our first Father's Day Online Raffle. Judy has won a gift voucher for two for a three hour Tugboat trip on Sydney Harbour. Thank you to **Engage Towage** for donating this amazing prize that money can't buy! All funds raised are going towards our work helping seafarers to recharge and renew their bodies, minds and spirits.

Thank you so much to everyone who has supported our Father's Day Appeal so far and who bought tickets.

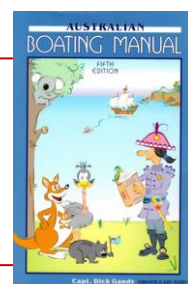
Your support greatly encourages both our small team here and the seafarers we serve.

Donations of Prizes Always Appreciated! Congratulation to the winners of the five copies of the Australian Boating Manual, kindly donated by Jing Gandy.

The winners of the ebooks have been contacted via email and are:

Gabriella B, David M, Holly S, James C and Kit R.

To find out more about the books: <https://www.australianboatingmanual.com/>



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Seafarers didn't see their kids or their dads this Fathers' Day.

Please support our work helping them to cope with one of the world's toughest jobs, by donating to our Father's Day Appeal by the end of September.:

- i) select 'donations' on our website – this generates an instant tax-deductible receipt OR
- ii) complete the enclosed giving card. If you prefer, you may telephone us for credit card payment.

Thank you for whatever you are able to do.