

# PV JOHN OXLEY RESTORATION

## PROGRESS REPORT July 2019.

**Vital Fundraising is needed:** For the efficient continuation of this historic magnificent vessel's restoration which will enable the *John Oxley* to be brought into operation, providing to the public, static display tours over the ship, a historic venue for catered functions and meetings and cruises in both Sydney Harbour and short coastal voyages.

A quick link to place your valuable Tax Deductable donations is: <https://buy.shf.org.au/donations> please be sure to type in the appeal preference box "John Oxley". Thank you.

**Planning & Naval Architect:** A number of very successful high-level planning meetings have been held during the month by the key leaders of the John Oxley Restoration Committee, with our Naval Architects and Boiler Consultant, thus allowing ongoing major progress with the restoration.

**Pilots Saloon:** The Bob Ellis team have completed fitting insulation to the deckhead and applying the timber panelling, the team is now lining the walls of the Pilot Pantry space with new look alike 1927 panelling giving a magnificent result.

**Workshop:** The Fabrication team, continues to fabricate steel sheet for many sections of the ship and the "Hot Riveting Team" has been currently riveting the Bullwarks Starboard side midships and well deck. The Port Side well deck Bullwarks have been fabricated ashore and currently being fitted to the ship. The Fabrication Team has also been busy constructing ventilator trunking for attaching to the cowls to vent below decks.

**Engine Room:** **ANOTHER MILESTONE.** Chief Engineer Garry Burns and his team are pleased to report that the fitting of the Boiler Feed Water Suction Chest in the engine room has been completed. Just another fantastic achievement by led by Ian Roy in the Engineering Team with the construction of the chest and Garry Burns and a number of valued assistants all contributed their expertise with fitout. They can all feel very proud of their collective achievement. **Readers, please reflect for a moment, here is one small example of the achievements being created throughout the whole Sydney Heritage Fleet all the time, by both skilled volunteers and volunteers skilled by training from within our simply wonderful organisation----** it is our best secret let's let that information out of our cage and broadcast it, **tell your friends, bring them to the SHF skilled or unskilled.**

**Volunteer Positions Vacant:** Readers are reminded that more volunteers are required both on board the ship and in the workshop situated at Rozelle Bay. Anyone is welcome skilled or un-skilled, as we train volunteers! The following key areas of experience and interest would also be much appreciated: *Steel Fabrication, Carpentry, Painting, Boiler Restoration, Machining in the Workshop, Electrical, Scissor Lift operators, Crane operators & Dogmen.* Please contact our Volunteer Services Team on 02 9298 3888 or [vservices@shf.org.au](mailto:vservices@shf.org.au) and mention volunteering on John Oxley.

**Masters Cabin & Chartroom:** Ian Ferrier and his team are making good progress restoring this area of the ship

**Caulking the Hull:** The Caulking Company, a Steve Clifford led team continue their fantastic progress. These guys, because of their noisy work operate on the off work day, Wednesdays, thus avoiding driving the rest of the workforce crazy with noise. Just look for the growing areas of black

painted spots on the hull, those areas are completed. **The Starboard side now completed and the team is well into the Port side.**

**The following pictures support the progress achieved. Michael Schultz 22nd July 2019.**



**Old Feed Suction Chest beyond repair.**



**New one, both halves machined by Ian Roy  
Welded by Brian Beer.**



**Finishing machining by Ian.**



**Returned from Galvanisers.**



**One of six valves being fitted.**





**Ian Bird commencing final assembly.**



**Chris Ford commencing pressure test with C/E Burns, coffee in one hand fingers crossed on the other.**

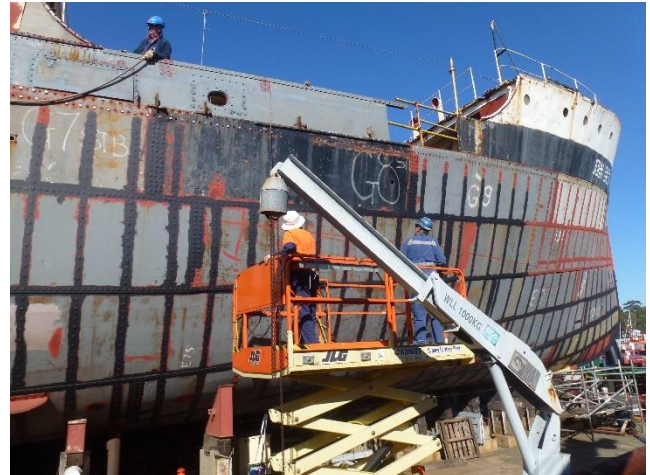
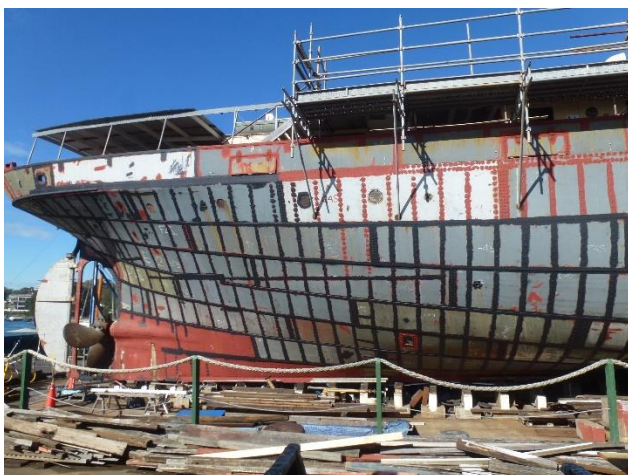


**Passed the pressure test now up into the air by crane and lowered into the engine room.**

**In position awaiting the brush of Master Painter, Sandy Robertson.**

Those responsible for the completion of this part of the Engine Room were:

Ian Roy, Garry Burns, Peter Scott, Brian Beer, Ian Bird, Malcolm Pilcher & Chris Ford.



**An example of the Caulking Companies incredible work with all the black painted areas complete.**





**Fabrication Teams New Bullwarks  
Starboard side.**



**Bob Allan & John Alexander restoring the  
Steam Winch.**



**Some of the fabulous Caulking Company personalities**