

# PV JOHN OXLEY RESTORATION

## PROGRESS REPORT September 2019.

**Thank you for your generous donations this month:** Your help is appreciated. The efficient continuation of this historic magnificent vessel's restoration 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.

**Tours of John Oxley:** Not open yet, however the Board has agreed that planning can commence for regular tours of the ship as the restoration advances, starting with the operating engine room with machinery turning under compressed air and the main engine turning by electric motor. Lots of planning yet—watch this space.

**Pilots Saloon:** The Bob Ellis team have almost completed the fit out of the Pantry Mess. The team is moving on to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Engineers Cabin fit out and Pilots Bathroom and Head(Toilet).

**Workshop:** The Fabrication team, continues to fabricate steel sheet for the Bullwarks and along the Mates Cabin on the Port side. A Boiler Room Vent Stack fabricated by the Workshop Fabrication Team is now being installed by Gordon Robertson on the Boat Deck complete with Fantech fans to extract the hot air in the future. The second vent stack is in production in the Workshop. Pictures display this very complicated work

**Fire Lines:** Cutting and fitting fire service lines throughout the ship is continuing under the leadership of Ian Bird with Chris Ford assisting.

**Engine Room:** The emergency fire pump selection has been made and the forward hold bilge pump submersible type selection almost determined at an estimated cost of \$8K.

Boiler tubes pricing being sought from Ainsworths in Canberra and to be compared with overseas suppliers.

The Fridge Set of machinery was hoisted on board for mounting and painting. Pictures show this.

**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, Needle gunners, 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 and wiring is also in progress prior to installation of panelling.

**Caulking the Hull:** The Caulking Company of Volunteers continue on the port side of the vessel.

**Planning:** Glenn Rigden has occupied substantial time completing the ships electrical drawings.

**The following pictures support the progress achieved. Michael Schultz 30th September 2019.**



**Stoke Hold vent during fabrication**



**Sawdust Box – Bob Ellis Team**



**Stoke Hold Vent almost complete—note the complicated bend.**





Swinging high on way from Workshop to ship is the beautifully restored Ammonia Refrigeration Unit. The unit will not be used for refrigeration but will be on display as an operating machine. Sandy Robertson the Master Painter will apply her magical touches of various regulatory colours and visitors will enjoy viewing a colourful working refrigeration unit. Picture-Courtesy Chief Engineer Garry Burns.