



City of Adelaide

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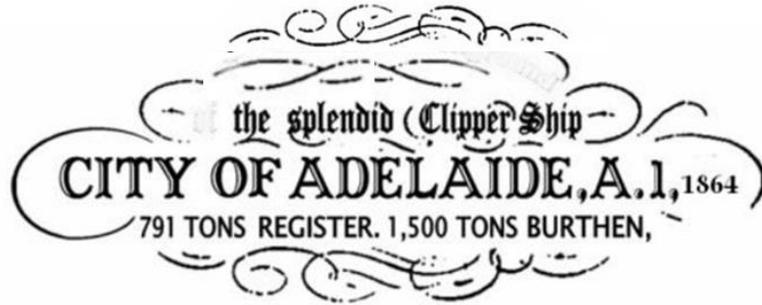
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The *City of Adelaide* has tremendous international significance, being one of only two remaining composite clipper ships in the world today - the other is the famous, but younger, *Cutty Sark* in London.

Welcome aboard!

The Clipper Ship *City of Adelaide* is continuing her journey, thanks to the continued support of our amazing sponsors, friends, supporters, crowd-funders, volunteers and visitors - that's a lot of people!

To keep you all up to date about what's happening in and around our 'splendid Clipper Ship' we're launching a regular newsletter that we hope you'll enjoy. Each edition will include what's been happening recently, upcoming activities and special events.



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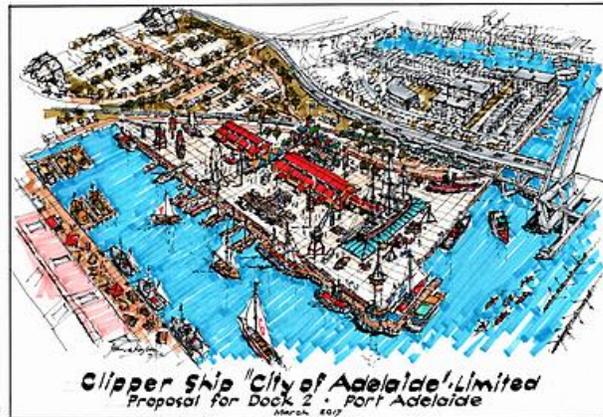
Housing and Urban Development Minister Stephen Mullighan

"The Port is a unique part of South Australia and this is a unique opportunity to shape the future of this important historical precinct."

Member for Port Adelaide Susan Close

Taking the next steps

Following an announcement by the Hon. Stephen Mullighan MP, Minister for Housing and Urban Development, in early April, we're one step closer to having a permanent home for the *City of Adelaide*!



The South Australian Government has been pursuing an initiative to create a maritime precinct to preserve and celebrate the unique maritime heritage of Port Adelaide and maximise opportunities for tourism.

In the Historic Ships and Boats Strategy, Dock 2 has been identified as the preferred site to host land-based historic vessels,

including the *City of Adelaide* and the *Nelcebee*.

Clipper Ship *City of Adelaide* Director Peter Christopher said, "The 1864 Clipper Ship *City of Adelaide*, together with other historic vessels, coming together in a central, highly visible and accessible location, can tell an important story to young and old, as part of living history.

There's a lot of detail yet to be worked out, so that Dock 2 can become a viable home for the *City of Adelaide*, including site ownership/management and cost structure.

The next key step is for the Government to provide proper access to Dock 2 by building a new pedestrian bridge from Dock 1 and creating road access to the site."

The Wilcox family returns

Newlyweds George and Annie Wilcox sailed on the *City of Adelaide's* maiden voyage and arrived in South Australia on 7 November 1864. A young couple with a sense of adventure, they left behind the lush green of middle England to seek opportunity of an emerging colony in a sunburnt country.

"Would I make the journey George and Annie did? Hell, no!"

Richard Wilcox, great-great-grandson of George and Annie Wilcox



More than 150 years later, three generations of George and Annie's direct descendants were given a private tour of the ship by Peter Christopher.

L-R: Thomas Johnstone, Prue Lothian*, Malcolm Lothian, Gavin Wilcox*, Maureen Couroy, Jane Wilcox, Richard Wilcox*, Cathy Wilcox*, Giles Parker, Libby Wilcox*

(* indicates direct lineage from George and Annie)

"I'm so pleased to be able to see the ship. I never get bored of talking about it!"

Jane Wilcox

The family was treated to a fascinating glimpse into the cutting edge of maritime technology of the day, with ceiling heights taller than in earlier ships thanks to the innovative composite construction, which removed the need for frequently spaced large timber beams that literally caused headaches for the unwary.

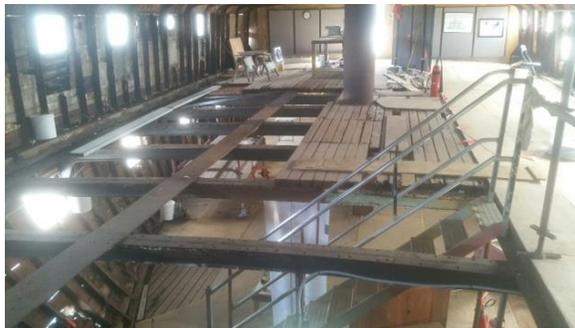
An exclusive visit to the first class deck was enlightening, as the layout of a first class cabin was marked out on the floor - a very small space in which to spend several months at sea!

Great-grandson Gavin Wilcox and his wife Jane 'inside' the first class cabin.



Restoring the glory

Thank you to everyone who donated to our crowd-funding appeal - this is what your contribution is achieving!



As you can see here, work is progressing well to repair the saloon deck, using funds raised during the recent successful crowd-funding appeal.

Building firm Harrold & Kite has generously offered to rebuild replica cabins, once the deck has been repaired.

Come and visit!

We'd love to show you around 'the splendid Clipper Ship City of Adelaide' - guided tours are conducted every day (except Christmas Day and Good Friday) at 10am, 12pm and 2pm. If you'd like to organise a special group tour, please get in touch on (08) 8337 5645.

In the meantime, you can find lots of information on our website and follow us on Facebook - click on the icons below. Donations are always appreciated - you can donate via our website or by post, with a tax receipt provided for donations above \$2.00.



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