

SCUTTLEBUTT



NEWSLETTER OF THE CANBERRA MODEL SHIPWRIGHTS' SOCIETY

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Established 21 April 1988. Incorporated 16 January 1991

OBJECTIVES: To foster and maintain interest in building model ships, boats, associated fittings, gear, equipment, armaments and relevant items and structures and the pursuit of excellence in this field.

Scuttlebutt: 1. A drinking fountain on a ship. 2. A cask on a ship that contains the day's supply of drinking water. 3. Gossip or rumour.

SPECIAL ISSUE

Our regular quarterly newsletter will be published in June

HELLO ALL -

We are bringing you this in-between issue of Scuttlebutt, to encourage everyone to keep in touch in difficult times. In the March edition we noted the issues some were facing as the result of the bushfires, floods or the hailstorm which affected many of us. Since then of course we have plunged into a whole new way of life, thanks to the COVID-19 virus. This has caused anxiety for many and in the age-group in which many of us are, maybe more so for us and particularly for our families. We are following the guidelines of isolation, social distancing, hygiene and other recommended practices.

At the time of writing, there appears to be some glimmer of hope that the measures taken are having an effect. Nevertheless, it seems we will have to accept the realities of what we are experiencing for some time yet.

Some members have said that paradoxically the new regime, if not welcomed, has provided an unexpected opportunity to further their model-making. There is also the added sense of well-being and achievement, not just to fill in the hours, but also to immerse oneself in a worthwhile and rewarding pursuit.

That must be a plus.



Make the
best use of
isolation



[Society Web-page](#)

CMSS members are encouraged to visit our website at:

<http://www.canberramodelshipwrights.org.au>.

Instructions for using this website are on the site itself. We seek content for the website - everything from photographs of your models, interesting web-links and chat.

[Society Facebook Page](#)

The Society has a Facebook group to promote the Society and to attract new members. So please feel free to post items on the page and share it with your

Friends. <https://www.facebook.com/canberramodelshipwrights/>

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LET'S TALK

It has been an amazingly torrid year. Bushfires, floods, hailstorms, COVID-19.

Some of us have been directly affected and most of us know of others who have suffered.

At this time, it is important to see how members are coping. From my own point of view, I have experienced some uplifting moments. Simple things like strangers asking how I am and wishing me a good day. The staff at the local IGA, manning the front line, but with a smile and a farewell: "Have a good one!" The pharmacist and his staff making sure all is well with us. The medical centre keeping in touch by phone or text. Friends ringing, texting, emailing.

We would like to hear about your experiences in these trying times. Have you been modelling? Planning? Cleaning up? Painting the bathroom? Please send an email to all members and tell us what you have been doing. There is also our Web-page, Facebook Page and our newsletter, Scuttlebutt (see opposite box).

These are all wonderful ways to communicate with friends. Let's talk to each other.

CMSS AGM - On hold for the time being

Peter Hateley reports: The Registrar General has extended the time frame for societies whose schedule for their AGM under the Incorporations Act are due to occur in the current time frame have been granted an extension for holding the AGM until the 30th of June, with further extensions possible, depending on the current restrictions being extended.

