

Q150 raffle winners drawn

In the October – December 2009 issue of Seascope we showcased Maritime Safety Queensland's involvement in the state-wide celebrations for Queensland's 150 years of Separation.

As a part of this celebration, Maritime Safety Queensland donated a restored AGA LBTB 140 Buoy Lantern and AGA VSAA 10 Sunvalve valued at \$5,000 to the Queensland Maritime Museum to raffle and raise valuable funds to preserve our maritime history.

The lantern is a gas powered 'omni-directional' marine signal lantern and was one of many that were used to mark shipping channels in Queensland ports from the early 1960s to the late 1980s. It is manufactured from a combination of copper, bronze, gun metal and brass. Today, we use modern technology such as solar to power navigation aids.

The winners of the raffle were drawn at the Queensland Maritime Museum on 25 September 2009. The raffle was drawn by Hugh Harkins and Arthur Diack, both of whom are retired senior managers with Department of Harbours and Marine and Maritime Safety Queensland respectively.

Congratulations go to Gabriel Smith from Boonah who took out the major prize. Our congratulations also go out to the runner-up prize winners; Glen Berry, Matthew Osborne, Matthew Hanrahan and Damien Malouf who all walked away with a copy of 'Lighthouses of Australia, Images from the End of an Era' valued at \$95.

Many thanks to everyone who supported the Queensland Maritime Museum by either buying or selling ticket in the raffle. Nearly \$8,500 was raised which will go directly towards projects including:

- restoration of the Carpentaria Lightship
- display of a very rare Bernard and Barbier light pedestal circa 1890
- fabricating two twin power operated 20mm Oerlikon anti-aircraft gun mounts aboard Diamantina
- preparing interpretive displays of Forcefull
- installing electrical equipment to enable visitors to rotate one of Diamantina's main engines
- new storage facility for the Museum's large wooden boat collection
- reinstating the depth charge magazine aboard Diamantina and opening it to visitor access.

For those who missed out on the opportunity to enter the raffle, commemorative charts of Moreton Bay are still available for \$55 through the Queensland Maritime Museum. You can pick up a copy as part of a visit to the museum. More information is available on their website at www.maritimemuseum.com.au.



Above: (left to right) Maritime Safety Queensland General Manager John Watkinson and Queensland Maritime Museum CEO Ian Jempson with the lantern.

Workshop becomes annual event

On Tuesday 6th October 2009, the BoatSafe Training Association of Queensland held a workshop at the Volunteer Marine Rescue Association's facility on the Gold Coast spit.

The workshop attracted 35 participants representative of BoatSafe Training Organisations, BoatSafe Training Providers, marine teachers and Marine Queensland.

Maritime Safety Queensland gave a number of presentations and supplied a panel comprising staff from its central and Gold Coast regional office to address a diverse range of safety related questions posed by participants.

Important outcomes from the workshop will be referred to the BoatSafe Advisory Panel for consideration and used to inform Maritime Safety Queensland's review of the BoatSafe licence training and assessment scheme.

The 2009 workshop follows the success of similar conference in 2008, and Gary McConnell, President of the BoatSafe Training Association Queensland has confirmed the workshop will become an annual event.

'It is extremely important for industry and government to continue to work together to maintain Queensland's competency based licence training and assessment scheme as one of the best within Australia', Mr McConnell said.

Mr McConnell wishes to thank the sponsors I. C. Frith and Club Marine and acknowledge Maritime Safety Queensland's contribution to a very successful workshop.



Above: BoatSafe Training Association of Queensland President Gary McConnell speaks at the workshop.