

Australian Association for Maritime History (Inc)



PASSAT (1911-1959), a four masted barque that plied the South American nitrate trade and Australian wheat trade. Photo Richard McKenna.

The Australian Association for Maritime History was formed in May 1978. Its main aim is to promote the study, publication and general appreciation of maritime history. Membership is open to anyone with an interest in maritime history.

The AAMH is not restricted to Australia and Australian maritime history: its membership and field of interest are international in scope. The AAMH is run by an Executive Council that has officers from all States and Territories. It is currently based in Fremantle, Western Australia.

The AAMH serves as the Australian sub-commission of the International Commission of Maritime History. The ICMH, founded in 1960, is an international organisation affiliated with the International Committee of Historical Sciences. The objectives of the Commission are to encourage and co-ordinate research by maritime historians in a spirit of international understanding.

Benefits for Members

All members receive *The Great Circle* (2 issues per year) and a quarterly newsletter.

The Great Circle is a refereed journal and contains articles (often illustrated) and book reviews. It attracts articles from both within Australia and overseas, and has established a high scholarly reputation. The editor

is Associate Professor Michael Sturma, Chair of the History Program at Murdoch University.

The *Great Circle* has recently featured articles on:
Nelson

The Pacific coal trade

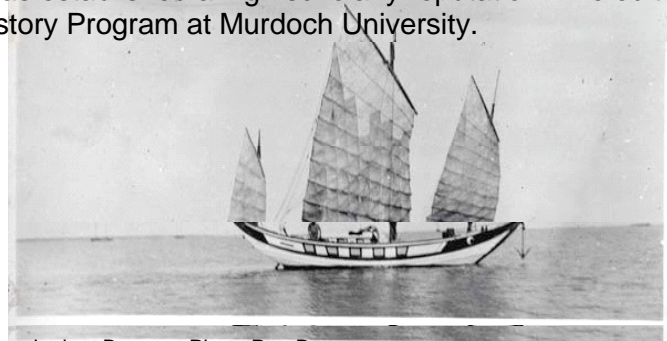
Maori culture and British seafaring

Duyfken design issues and debate

Swedish colonial interests in the Australasian region

The Pearl shell industry

A biography of Anthony van Diemen



Junk at Broome. Photo Reg Bourne.

The Newsletter contains material of a more general nature and provides news, announcements and notes on maritime history. It occasionally carries short articles and profiles of maritime historians.

The AAMH also supports lectures, conferences, workshops, publications and book prizes. For example, the AAMH co-sponsors with the Australian National Maritime Museum, the *Frank Broeze Maritime History Prize*. The 2009 winner was **John Gascoigne's** Captain Cook: Voyager Between Worlds (published by Hambledon Continuum, London 2007)

