



Winter Edition 2011

Welcome to
the "Friends of Woodman Point Recreation Camp"
inaugural newsletter



The newsletter is to inform all our members and keep them up to date with projects, activities or items of interest concerning the Friends Group, and will be posted on a quarterly basis to members who do not have availability to a computer.

The "Pratique" newsletter is also available online by way of visiting the Friends website at www.woodmanpointquarantinestation.com

If any member feels they would like to contribute an article to an edition, they are freely welcome.

Friends monthly meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of the every month and commence at 5.15 PM and normally last two hours, and refreshments are taken at the end of the meeting.

Escorted Historical Tours of the former quarantine station can be organised for either weekdays or weekends, and can be arranged by calling 0412 987 478, or via the Friends website. A maximum of 20 persons per tour is preferable and details of the tour and a brochure are also available on the website.

Tours cost \$10.00 per person and include morning or afternoon tea. Light luncheons can also be arranged at an additional charge.

All proceeds from tours go towards the upkeep of the Isolation Hospital run by the Friends of Woodman Point Recreation Camp (Inc).





Point of Interest:

I have been asked on numerous occasions an explanation and reasons including regulations of the hoisting of the International Maritime signal flag "Q" flag which is "Quebec" in the phonetic alphabet.

To define the newsletter's official name as per the Oxford Dictionary:
Pratique is the license given to a ship to enter port on assurance from the captain to convince the authorities that he/she **is free from contagious disease**.

The clearance granted is commonly referred to as **Free Pratique**.

A ship can signal a request for "**Pratique**" by flying a **solid yellow square-shaped flag**



This yellow flag is the **Q flag** in the set of **International Maritime signal flags**.

The "**L**" Flag : phonetic alphabet "**Lima**" or called the "**Yellow Jack**" and if flown in harbour indicates the ship is under quarantine.



15. (1) Every person in charge of a vessel who has received instructions under paragraph 13(b) shall, on approaching a port, display at the fore, as a quarantine signal, a yellow flag by day and a red light over a white light by night, in such a manner that the signal may be readily seen.



15. (2) No person shall remove a signal displayed pursuant to subsection (1) until the vessel has been granted clearance by a quarantine officer."

The yellow "Q" Flag was always flown at the entrance gate of the Woodman Point Quarantine Station when the station was **under quarantine or "Lock down"**.





100 Years ago this month:

The West Australian - Wednesday 16th August 1911

Tenders for Public Works.-The following are the lowest tender for the undermentioned public works: Hot water installation etc., at Quarantine Station, Woodman Point, McMullan and Brown.

75 Years ago this month:

The West Australian - Friday 24th April 1936

SMALLPOX SUSPECTED. TANKER QUARANTINED.

Cook Sent to Woodman's Point

Following the discovery of a rash, believed to be due to smallpox, on a Chinese member of the crew of the tanker *Scalaria*, which reached Fremantle yesterday from Dutch Borneo, the man was transferred to the quarantine station at Woodman's Point, and the vessel, which remained in Gage Roads, has been refused pratique. In the course of his examination of the crew after the vessel reached Gage Roads yesterday, the Federal Quarantine Officer (Dr. G. M. Redshaw) noticed a rash on one of the Chinese members of the crew. Forming the opinion that the man was probably suffering from smallpox, he sent a radio message asking another shore doctor to come aboard and inspect the man. Accordingly, Dr. C. R. Dunkley went out to the vessel, and the two doctors in conference decided that the man was probably in the convalescent stage of a mild attack of smallpox. He was taken in the tender *Ivanhoe* to the quarantine station at Woodman's Point, and it is expected that a definite diagnosis will be made today. The remainder of the *Scalaria's* crew were allowed to stay aboard the vessel last night, but they will, probably be transferred to Woodman's Point today, and the vessel will be fumigated.

Nautical Quote:

" To young men contemplating a voyage I'd say go "

" I once knew a writer who, after saying beautiful things about the sea, passed through a Pacific hurricane, and he became a changed man "

Joshua Slocum:

(February 20, 1844 – on or shortly after November 14, 1909)
was the first man to sail single-handed around the world.





Current Friends Projects:

Received approval from Lotterywest for a Community Grant for Interpretation Signage for Woodman Point Quarantine Station Heritage, Ecological and Educational Trail on behalf of Department of Sport and Recreation. - \$6732.00

Received approval from Lotterywest for a Community Grant to control invasive grasses in the Woodman Point Regional Park on behalf of Department of Environment and Conservation. \$3,000.

Friends are assisting the Department of Environment and Conservation in applying to Lotterywest for an Interpretation and Heritage Grant for the Woodman Point Regional Park.

The Friends Heritage and Historical Tours have shown to be very popular earlier in the year, and though there was only one tour in the month of July, mainly due to the weather, there are confirmed bookings from August through to October, and the number of tours should increase, now that they are being advertised on Curtin Radio 100.1FM, so we should expect additional bookings to be forthcoming.

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Members Information:

Friends would like to **welcome new members:**

John and Pat Wade and Doris and Alby Alfirevich, it is indeed a pleasure to have them onboard.

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Friends of Woodman Point Recreation Camp are always looking for new members, and membership forms can easily be obtained from our website: www.woodmanpointquarantinestation.com

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Special thanks must be given to all the donors of historical artefacts and other memorabilia that has kindly been donated to our Interpretation Centre in the Isolation Hospital

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Additional display cases are required for our Interpretation Centre in the Isolation Hospital, so hopefully we can find a source to supply our need. Approaches to the WA Museum for extra display cases are currently in progress.

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Be warned, anecdotes regarding some members are likely to appear in this column from time to time.

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Grey Nomad, professional fisherman and exclusive member of "Dad's Army", Gary Marsh, is currently holidaying in Exmouth, (and has been there for a considerable time, for that matter !!!) and some images of his recent catches have found their way down South, so one can only expect that Friends members will be rewarded with some freshly caught, cleaned and filleted seafood in the not too distant future.

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Something to laugh at:

Apparently, 1 in 5 people in the world are Chinese. And there are 5 people in my family, so it must be one of them. It's either my mum or my dad. Or my older brother Colin. Or my younger brother Ho Chow Wu. But I think it's Colin.

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Semaphore:





Quarantine Laws Australia

Quarantine Act
1908 (Act No. 3 of 1908)

21. Quarantine signals on vessels and installations

(1) The master of a vessel (other than an aircraft) subject to quarantine is guilty of an offence if he or she:

- (a) fails to display the quarantine signal on the vessel before it comes within 3 nautical miles of any port or within 500 metres of an Australian installation; and
- (b) fails to keep the quarantine signal displayed on the vessel while it enters, or is in, any port or quarantine station or is at an Australian installation.

22. The master of an installation subject to quarantine shall:

- (a) display the quarantine signal on the installation; and
- (b) keep the quarantine signal displayed on the installation until pratique is granted or until the installation is released from quarantine.

23. Signal

The quarantine signal shall be as prescribed and shall be displayed in the prescribed manner.

24. Unauthorised person not to board or approach vessel or installation

An unauthorised person must not:

- (a) go on board or alongside any vessel subject to quarantine or on which the quarantine signal is displayed; or
- (b) approach within 30 metres of any prescribed signal on a landing place.

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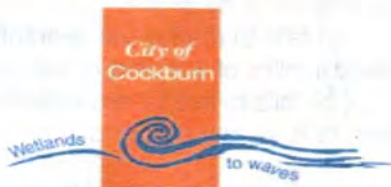
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