



The Cutty Sark

Greetings to all who read this article from Wayne R Makin fellow Clan member in Melbourne Australia. I write this document having been inspired by Ken McNaughton whose storytelling and historical works are second to none. He is a fellow countryman and we share similar local Australian experiences.

I lived in Port Melbourne Australian on Port Philip Bay in my early years and now in my

latter years have our family property on Westernport Bay. Both of these bays were where the Cutty Sark would have delivered and had taken on cargo. As a child I was always interested in 'Windjammers' and sailing ships of all kinds. From my childhood days they spoke of the Cutty Sark and my ears used to prick up every time I heard the name mentioned. I have always been drawn to the sea and all things seawards unlike most of my forebears who were miners and farmers.

In 1957, fully restored, the ship was installed in a concrete dry berth near the River Thames at Greenwich, London, and was opened to the public by Queen Elizabeth II as a maritime relic and sailing museum. In 2006 the *Cutty Sark* was closed for extensive renovations. The following year it was severely damaged by fire, but renovation work continued toward the goal of reopening the ship to the public in time for the 2012 Summer Olympic Games in London.

There she sits today as the pride and joy in playing its part in some of Britain's finest glory days on the High Seas. Built by and designed by Scotsmen – Scott and Linton in Dumbarton, Dunbartonshire, Scotland, in 1869.

Once again, the Scots contribute to the success of the British Empire.

For some light Cutty Sark entertainment, click on the following two links.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B7uNJnCsib4>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z8QgQqbPn0k>

'Our family property is on the waterfront at Westernport in Coronet Bay in Ketch Close off 'Cutty Sark' Road'. The Cutty Sark also made sail in the Port of Hastings in Westernport Bay opposite the family property hence the reason for the name of our local road.

Yours Aye!

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