

The 1864 clipper ship 'City of Adelaide'

The world's oldest composite clipper ship .

- Purpose built to carry passengers and crew to and from the city of Adelaide, South Australia.
- The only surviving sailing ship to give regular service between the United Kingdom and Australia, undertaking 23 return voyages.
- One of only two surviving composite clipper ships left in the world - the other is the famous, younger 'Cutty Sark'.
- In good condition, and a very fine example of a composite clipper - the pinnacle of sailing ship design .
- Specifically a passenger ship and was designed to bring out immigrants to South Australia - 240,000 descendants of her passengers live in Australia today.
- The most important historic ship to Australia still in existence, a tangible connection to the whole foundation era of Australian social and economic history.



'City of Adelaide', oil painting by Ted Walker ©

It is late spring in the ports of colonial Australia. The annual wool fleet is gathering to take the Australian wool clip to the London markets. The ships that brought out the migrants and freight, and returned with wool, facilitated a trade that was the economic lifeblood of a nation.

Those ships are all gone now, all except one, the 'City of Adelaide' which is currently on a slip in Scotland. She awaits a final voyage, to a country of whose heritage she is a vital part, and to a city whose name she bore and for whose trade she was built.



The first section of the steel cradle fabricated in Adelaide to move the ship is launched by descendants of those aboard the 1864 maiden voyage.

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Our Vision and Mission

A Heritage Seaport village in Port Adelaide with the historic 1864 clipper ship 'City of Adelaide' as its prime exhibit – the 'flagship' – is the ideal focal interpretative centre for Adelaide's history.

Creating major 'must see' heritage and tourism sites has been achieved overseas by relocating historic ships to locations of visitor potential to increase their profile. We could not ask for a better opportunity than our very own namesake, a world heritage clipper ship.

The Clipper Ship City of Adelaide Ltd is a not for profit volunteer organisation dedicated to preserving the 'City of Adelaide', ex *Carrick* (1923-2001).



Colonial clippers at Port Adelaide. All gone now - except one.



'City of Adelaide'

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IMPORTANCE TO S.A.

The 'City of Adelaide' was purpose built to serve South Australia, and named after the city to which it would travel. From 1864 to 1887, the 'City of Adelaide' played an important role in the development of the South Australian colony. On the annual outward voyages she would bring immigrants from places such as Cornwall, Scotland, Ireland and Germany, and goods necessary for the generation of income needed for the colony's development. On the return voyages to London, she would carry to market the produce of South Australians - including copper, wheat and wool.

She is the only international sailing ship that was serving colonial South Australia that is still in existence today.

TELLING THE STATE'S STORY

The stories from the "City of Adelaide" are the social history of South Australian places, towns and people, and the stories of the immigrants who travelled on her.

A Heritage Seaport offers the perfect interactive environment for visitors to learn about colonial Australian history and for school children to become more knowledgeable and proud of their state, and its relationship with the rest of the world.



She bore Adelaide's Coat of Arms on her stern.

It will build on the state's traditional historical brandings – such as its Scottish, German, Cornish, and mining heritage – by linking directly with them.

The clipper ship 'City of Adelaide' offers the ideal branding opportunity for the State as well as for organisations that support her.

In 2010 the Scottish Government determined that Adelaide was the preferred bidder for the "City of Adelaide". Ongoing cultural links between Scotland and South Australia would be further developed.

Land at Port Adelaide has been provided by the SA Government, support received from the Adelaide City Council and Port Adelaide Enfield Council, and extensive support from people and organisations. South Australia's engineering community have donated their resources to design and build a 100 ton, A\$1 million steel cradle to lift and move the ship.

The first cradle components arrived in Scotland at the start of 2012.

DONATIONS

Financial support for the project is vital, and may be provided online (www.cityofadelaide.org.au) via PayPal, by cheque made out to CSCOAL and posted to PO Box 535, Kent Town SA 5071, or by Electronic Funds Transfer.

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