

**WARMEST GREETINGS
TO ALL MEMBERS OF
OUR WILSON FAMILY**



**William Hartley Wilson and Margaret arrived
Hobart village via the 240 ton barque Skelton
November 27th, 1820**

Hi all – a few update items for your information

RACV Hotel Hobart – as at yesterday 22 rooms had been booked.

A Reminder - RACV will begin to reduce the number of rooms on hold for us starting from early November. We never did expect to use the total of 50 they placed on hold, probably more like 30 or so, but if you do plan to use RACV/T (it's totally optional) might be wise to act soon.

RACV will be the hub for our activities and each day the coaches will leave from and return to this hotel. For convenience it might be a good idea in arranging other accommodation to do so within reasonably easy reach of RACV. It's in the heart of the city in Collins Street near the Murray Street corner.

Tall Ships Cruise – this is probably the feature event of the celebrations and current indications are that almost everyone who has registered wishes to take the re-enactment sailing. Presently our numbers show only half a dozen available passenger slots are left – this might be expanded by another 4 or 5 if we have some able bodied volunteers to assist a lesser number of their regular volunteer crew with some basic sailing duties – anyone interested let us know please – people tell us it's a great experience. Please advise if you are prepared to take it on.

It looks likely we will reach passenger capacity soon (95) and we will have to prioritise availability for the 2.30 pm re-enactment sailings – we'll base it on first in and paid via the previously requested \$45 Contribution. As the Contribution payments you made allowed us to make secure commitment for the Tall Ships now, it seems the fair way to go on this.

We have the option of securing another sailing ship however it would not be a Tall Ship rather a two masted sloop not having the square sails rigging of Lady Nelson and Windeward Bound.

A Request – we appreciate that some folks nervous about sea travel may not wish to take the cruise (we will not actually be at sea, just on the Derwent River Estuary adjacent to Hobart). When, from April/May next year, we ask

people to confirm a definite Hobart Programme booking, and we request your full Programme payment, we will be happy to deduct the cruise component of the Programme for any so inclined.

Our request now is that any who know they will not wish to take the cruise, would you kindly advise us now – this will assist us to know how many vacant passenger places are presently available.

The 1789 pewter chalices from Newbigging/Monikie Kirk in Scotland have already arrived in Hobart and are on display at Scots Church Museum in Bathurst Street. Anyone visiting Hobart before November 2020 can go see them – suggest call Lyn Dawson who manages the Museum at Scots Church. See image here attached.

How fortunate we are that the 1789 chalice set which was used by William and his family in Scotland, in the Newbigging Church built by his father John, is now in the original Scots Church Hobart, built by William.

Best to all

2020/200 Anniversary Steering Committee

PS. There will be further brief update notes issued periodically.