

Pirie to construct pontoons for the government. (The obituary didn't say what they were to be used for.) About 1879 he returned to Port Adelaide to work in the foundry conducted by his father-in-law William Christie (another of our founders). On the death of Mr Christie three years later he took over the works. At the Squadron he raced *Valeria* for Charles Angas and his own yacht *Flora*, which lost her mast at her mooring in a bad storm on 9 January 1904. [CH Angas was a son of JH Angas, commemorated in the curious memorial with four pillars, a bronze angel and a stylised boat hull which

stands just north and east of the City Bridge in Adelaide.] In addition to sailing, John Playfair was much involved in rowing. He was injured in a fall down the hold of a hulk, and retired from business to devote himself to the local Presbyterian church, the Semaphore Bowling Club and Port Adelaide Institute. He was a keen freemason.

It would be good to know more of our founders and other notable contributors to the life of the Squadron. As information is obtained it will be published *seriatim*. SQ

Messrs AG and E Rymill will today leave Port Adelaide for Well's Creek in the *Valeria*. They hope there to have a few days shag shooting, and anticipate getting a bag of 3,000. Shags, as the fishermen can certify, do an immense amount of damage by devouring young fish. The Messrs Rymill are armed with Winchester repeating shotguns.

[CH Angas' *Valeria* won the Kintore Cup from four others in early 1902. In November she was converted by her new owner (Mr AG Rymill) into an oil launch. "This comparatively new motive power for small boats seems to be increasing in popularity."] SQ

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Expedition Ice-Bound 1995

Don and Margie McIntyre have set themselves a daunting challenge. They are off to Antarctica again, to Commonwealth Bay, the windiest spot on earth. They plan to leave Sydney on 11 December in two yachts, carrying a survival hut 2.4 by 3.6 metres. This will be erected close to the Mawson Hut, which he built for his expedition of 1911-1913. Last time Don took with him 200 teddy bears. This journey is more serious. They will have enough fuel and food for Don and Margie to survive for two years if necessary, although the intention is to leave after one year.



Don and Margie McIntyre

In addition to simple survival in such a very bleak place, they will film, write and Margie plans to make teddy bears at \$500 each as a fund-raiser for the Sydney Children's Hospital. The scientific program will assess the environmental effects of the visits of at least two Antarctic cruise ships; obtain a census of Adelie penguins with their arrival and departure dates; seek a link between nesting birds and the presence or absence of lichens; and track the movements of the South Magnetic Pole. They hope to be able to undertake maintenance work on Mawson's Hut. By contrast, their own "Gadget Hut" (named for the first husky pup to survive in Antarctica) will be built of fibreglass,

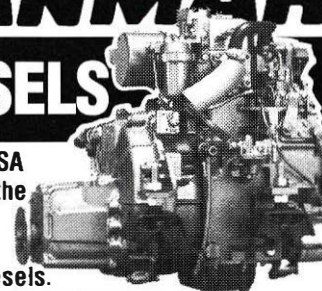
with the intention that when they leave it will return with them and there will be no sign of their visit. They hope to keep contact with some of the 10,000 Australian schools which will receive their information kit and are linked to the established computer modem electronic mail system known as Keylink.

Don took the Squadron burgee solo round the world aboard *Sponsor Wanted/Buttercup* in the 1990-91 BOC Challenge, in which he was placed second. He sends his regards to all at RSAYS, and we will certainly wish him and Margie well in their venture. SQ

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