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JANGAARD DOCK – MFV Tacoma's proposed new home

The Tacoma Preservation Society (TPS) has made a development application to the Port Lincoln Council to install a new pontoon structure, adjacent to the Lincoln Cove Marina Fisherman's Memorial. If successful, the pontoon will be the new home for the historic MFV Tacoma, the vessel that pioneered the tuna industry in Port Lincoln sixty four years ago.

The TPS plan to name the proposed new structure **Jangaard Dock**, in honour of the American Norwegian fishing brothers Sverre and Chris Jangaard. They came to Port Lincoln in 1956, supported by the SA Government. They played a pivotal role in the establishment of the tuna industry in the town, introducing the live bait and poling method of fishing on MFV Tacoma and the Fair Tuna.

So interested in the exciting possibilities offered by the new pelagic fishery, SA Premier Tom Playford went on a poling trip on MFV Tacoma with the Jangaard brothers. Premier Playford is credited with poling an 80-kilo tuna.

TPS members contacted the descendants of the Jangaards in America to ask if they approved naming the new facility **Jangaard Dock**. All family members were delighted with the proposal and if the development application is successful, hoped Jangaard would be spelt in the original Norwegian form with a double 'a'.

Jangaard family representatives are keen to come from America to Port Lincoln for any official celebration of the opening of the proposed **Jangaard Dock** in the Marina.

"We are really looking forward to coming to Port Lincoln. Great Uncle Chris and grand father Sverre really enjoyed the people and the time they spent in the city in 1956," Sverre Jangaard's granddaughter Katrina Fries said.

"Naming the dock after the two American Norwegians is a small recognition of the part they played in the early development of the South Australian tuna industry and will help tourists gain a better understanding of the history of the industry," Tacoma Preservation Society spokesperson Peter Jessep said.

The application, if approved, would open up the possibility for the TPS gaining a lease of the area following a public application process by the Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure in August.

“Having the MFV Tacoma in this location will provide an additional piece of infrastructure to attract tourists to the Marina. I believe the Tacoma will act like the horse sculpture does on the town centre foreshore.

As well as additional people coming to experience the Marina, it will simulate further development on adjacent undeveloped land,” Peter Jessep said.

In addition, the Sarin Group has indicated they will upgrade the present pontoon adjacent to the Marina Hotel. The two projects will create a much needed facility that could be used for the daily shark, seal and tuna trips as well as the Lincoln yachting week and the three power boat events run from the Marina every year.

“It would be a ‘win-win-win’ for the people of Port Lincoln, the Marina and the Tacoma Preservation Society,” Peter Jessep said.

The present development application has received two objections however the TPS is confident the issues that have been raised can be addressed and the project will finally receive a tick of approval from the Port Lincoln Council.

Discussion about the best permanent high profile location for this important and historically significant vessel to the City of Port Lincoln and the Australian fishing industry has been in process for more than five years.

Up until now, the Port Lincoln Council and various private sources have spent \$50,000.00 of public and private funds on the project. The TPS believes it’s timely that this project gets the final go ahead and it looks forward to the Jangaard family returning to Port Lincoln later next year.

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Photo Caption:

Hands-on SA Premier Tom Playford ‘crewed’ on one of the first MFV Tacoma tuna poling trips in 1956 with US tuna fishing brothers (L-R) Sverre and Chris Jangaard. Premier Playford is credited with double-poling this 80-kilo tuna.