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### INSPIRATION!

One thing in common with most modellers is that they are interested in the work of others. Over time we have seen some wonderful models and we feel that sharing these with you from time to time may inspire you as they have us.

One of our plans, the P.S. "Adelaide", has been very popular with modellers. Our version of the plan covers its "middle" history when it was fitted with square paddle boxes.

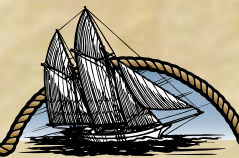
Three years ago, master model maker, Rex Lethlean decided to invest in a set of our plans of "Adelaide" and as expected, a master piece has resulted. The detail is "mind blowing".

We include a few photos, but they cannot do justice to the model. It is an absolute replica in miniature. The scale steam engines and steam winch all work and are amazing peices of miniature engineering.

The complex paddle wheels are scratch built from brass and silver soldered and rivited together. The shaft rotates in scale bearings. All cabins and compartments are fully detailed and furnished.

This remarkable model can be appreciated by anyone who visits the Murray River town of Echuca, as the model is displayed in the town Information Centre. Echuca is of course, the home of the full size P.S. "Adelaide".





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## CANBERRA MODEL SHIPWRIGHTS EXPO 2008

Canberra Model Shipwrights are holding their Model Expo for 2008. In 2006 over 50 models were exhibited, over 75 models in 2007 & in 2008 they are expecting many more. Many well known modellers will be exhibiting their work. The organizers are also expecting a visit from Australia's master ship modeller, Wayne Masters.

The Expo will be over two days, 11th & 12th October at Mt. Rogers Primary School, Alfred Hill Drive, Melba, A.C.T.

Entry fees are \$2.00 per adult and \$1.00 for children under sixteen. Family entry \$5.00.

Models from non-members will be welcome. It is suggested that non-members contact the president Bob Evans on 0418 437 793 or Vice president David Peterson 0409 310 452.

## ECHUCA STEAM FESTIVAL

As you may have been aware, we visited the Echuca Steam Festival for a bit of time-out during June. We always find it a relaxing time with plenty of things to see. Amongst all the steam driven vehicles, stationary engines and heritage displays is a small lake with model paddle steamers bustling to and fro. Most appeared to be about 1:24 scale and they gave a real "historic" feel to the festival. It was a great opportunity to present model boating to the general public in a great atmosphere.

