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**Newsletter of the
Wooden Boat Guild of Tasmania Inc.**
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Terra Linna Sub Committee:

Considering the size of the Guild it was decided that the Committee manage the Terralinna Project.



Terralinna

Coming & immediate past events:

General Meeting Monday, 2st^h July, 2003

The audited financial statement from the year 2002/03 was discussed and accepted. The meeting resolved that the committee look into investing some of the Guilds funds to gain a better interest return whilst retaining some flexibility in access to the funds.

The committee was also asked to consider a new fee structure for the Guild. **Current fees are \$25.00 per member/family or \$10.00 for pensioners. The Treasurer wishes to advise that a number of fees are still outstanding.**

It was also proposed that the General Meetings adopt a new format in that the first section of the meeting would deal with the Guilds business followed by a second section that would provide an activity allowing members to discuss or display wooden boat visits or skills to inform members. It is intended that members will volunteer for these activities and a roster of activities be drawn up so members could participate.

On the evening Millard provided and impromptu discussion and slide show of wooden boats (gondola's) from his recent visit to Venice. Millard has volunteered to continue these presentations so that he can inform members of wooden boat activities he witnessed in Europe, Canada and USA.

However, new members Chris and Penny Morton offered to present "An Old Captivity" at the next general meeting on 18 August, 2003. A story about the construction of their 30 ft Gaff rigged wooden yacht. The presentation will also enlighten members as to why she was so named. "An Old Captivity" is 30ft draws 4ft 1 in, has a 9ft 6 in beam and displaces 5.5 ton. It sound like members are in for a great yarn!

Terralinna Sub Com.

For 2003 this committee comprises the Wooden Boat Guild of Tasmania committee with Andy Gamlin as a member/adviser. The Committee will work toward planning solutions to restore the Terralinna.

**West Coast Piners Festival,
21st and 22nd November, 2003**

The General Meeting agreed in principal to attending the Piners Festival at Strahan. However, it was agreed that more detail about the event was required before we firmed up our commitment. The Festival is a heritage festival celebration of the pinning heritage of the West Coast – the life and work of piners who harvested Huon Pine along the west coast rivers. There will be a sail past of historic boats, punt races, wood chopping, arts, crafts, food and music. Sounds like a great weekend. Information about the festival can be found at <http://www.tco.asn.au/oac/events.cgi?oacID=19>. The Guild is seeking the Festival organisers to register our interest in attending.

Participation in the event will be discussed at the next General Meeting. Members and families wishing to participate are asked to indicate their willingness so that accommodation deals can be negotiated.



Wooden Boat Workshop Activities

**Teepookana Working Bee Saturday,
25th July 2003**

The second working bee on the Teepookana was held on Saturday, 25 July, 2003 at Des Hutchins Bellerive home at 7 Hill St. Future working bees will be held at Des' thanks to his kind offer. Many thanks to members who gave generously of their time to achieve the much needed maintenance. The main task of the day was to tighten the fastenings on Teepookana.



Fixing roves and rivetts

The next working bee will be on Saturday, 23 August, 2003 commencing at 10.00am and finishing at 4.00pm or earlier. Des provides bar-b-q facilities but members are asked to bring their own food to cook and eat.



The Rear Admiral has his say

Thanks again Des for your generosity.

This is how its done!



This is how it is done

In the workshop

In wooden boat building terms what is meant by the term Cant Frames?

Cant Frames are often used in the first four or five stations of a wood boats construction. Especially at the bow the frames timber require so much bevel if laid square to the keel that they prove hard and wasteful to cut. There fore Cant Frames are placed at right angles (or near enough) to the gunwhale thus saving timber and effort but more importantly providing a stronger frame in sections of the boat subjected to greater pressures from mother nature.

Presidents Dinner

The General meeting of the 21st July resolved that the 2003 presidents Dinner be held at Watermans café after Andy Gamlin's return. We advise that Andy will not be back until after the second week of September. In his absence Yvonne has undertaken to cost the function and advise maximum numbers. As soon as this information comes to hand members will be advised. Bookings will be taken on a "first come first served basis"

We will be asking Andy to provide an account of his Churchill Scholarship travels overseas. When we mentioned this to Yvonne she suggested we would need a week and not just one night on that subject.

A travelling account.

On a recent family visit to South Australia the Guild President Peter Higgs was fortunate enough to witness a historical wooden boat farewell. Sunday, 9th August (reportedly one of the coldest days in SA history as it snowed in many country areas and the temp never got above 8 °C) saw the farewell of several historic paddlesteamers to celebrate the 150th anniversary of Captain William Randell and Francis Cadell's epic race to navigate the waters of the Murray - Darling River systems by way of Paddlesteamers. Both men were vying for a share of a South Australian Government River Trade Initiatives scheme valued at £4,000. The voyages in 1853 were the beginning of shipping on the Murray Darling System in 1853 opening up trade and transportation to South Australia, NSW

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Paddlesteamers in South Australia photos' & text from the Advertiser and Tait Schmaal 10/08/2003

To celebrate it is planned to re-enact the 1853 voyage to raise awareness of the River navigation heritage and of the environmental importance of the River Systems as well as linking the communities along the route.

Paddlesteamer replicas Mary Ann (the Randell craft)and Lady Augusta (the Cadell craft) were the main attraction and they were followed by the Goolwa's own Oscar W. Many small craft mainly of the wooden boat variety saw them off or intended accompanying the Paddlesteamers along the voyage. The event will culminate in a large celebration at Swan Hill Victoria on 17th September 2003.

Any Guild members in the vicinity of Swan Hill on the 17th September would experience a real "wooden boat" treat if they could attend.



Stop Press:

and Victoria. More about this historic account at a later General Meeting of the Guild.

Members who have provided email addresses will receive their Skeg publications via email in future unless the Guild is otherwise advised.

Next General and Committee Meetings

General Meetings

3rd Monday of each month, inc. public. holidays.

***The next meeting of the
Wooden Boat Guild of Tasmania Inc.
Mariners Cottage, Napoleon St***

***Battery Point at
7.30 pm***

The Committee meet at the same venue and date at 6.00pm.

***Monday
18th August 2003***

***Don't forget Chris & Penny Morton's "An Old Captivity"
presentation on that night.***

***followed by the September meeting on
15th September, 2003***