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Annual Report 2003/4

Financial Report (Not Audited)

Cash at Bank	7074.65
Last Year end	4546.51
Difference	2528.14
Less ANMM	2500.00

Effective profit	28.14	less outstanding lost?
Watercraft cheque	89.95	
Loss	- 61.81	

The WBG Tasmania managed to retain a neutral trading position in 03/04.

\$1500 will be transferred to a special Terralinna account.

The increased subscription rates this financial year are justified and will deliver a small trading profit next financial year if there are no extraordinary outgoings.

Graeme Hunt
Treasurer

Presidents Report 2003/4

Firstly it is pleasing to be able to report on the Wooden Boat Guild of Tasmania's year 2003/4 which saw us celebrate 10 years of existence.



Ian, Bill and Ainesley (former Preidents) cutting the Guilds 10th Birthday Cake!

I would like to reflect over the first 10 years initially and then report 2003/4.

The Guild has now been in operation 10 years, but no one seems to be sure of the date we did set sail. So if anyone can help us with that we can set the records straight.

In that time membership has grown and the Guild has worked hard at nurturing and fostering the art and craft of wooden boat building. Whilst doing so it has provided a lot of support and fun for members as they have engaged in their own wooden boat building and or restoration programs together with Guild activities.

We have now participated in 5 Australian Wooden Boat Festivals at Hobart. Further more members of the Guild were responsible. Our first 2003/4 function was to attend the

Wooden Boat Festival in Hobart. What an achievement.

The Guild has built and maintained the Teepookana, a traditional Piner's Punt. Built to traditional lines she is constructed of King Billy Pine on Huon Pine and rows very well featuring at most festivals and rowing days.



Noel instructing during the Teepookana 2003 maintenance program

More recently the Guild has rescued the Terra Linna a circa 1880 double ended yacht measuring 28 ft (wl) X 9 ft X 3.9ft. In most respects the Terra Linna is identical to the half decked double ender whale boats of that time. She enjoyed a successful racing life but is now in dire need of restoration work. It is the goal of the Guild to restore her to her full sailing capacity. Work has commenced thanks to the support of the Australian National Maritime Museum initially but it is envisaged we are embarking on a long term Tasmania Maritime Heritage restoration project.



Noel discussing his Terra Linna model with Graeme with the Terralinna in the background.

Now for 2003/4

Our first 2003/4 function was to attend the commencement of the Australian Seafarers Festival at Bellerive in October. This enabled the Guild to raise some funds from sales of models and other memorabilia.

In November we had the Presidents Dinner and 10 year celebrations at the Bellerive Yacht Club. This was a great night of celebration, story telling and reflection expertly MCd by Lance!

As well, during the winter and spring months we had monthly working bees on the Teepookana. These were held at Des's home workshop whilst Noelene Hall made the new cover for the craft at her home. The Teepookana looks like new again and has finally taken up. The Guild thanks Des, Noel and Noelene for their generosity and support in this important project.

Following this we attended the Strahan Piners Festival in November. It was great to see 5 original Piners Punts on the water and another replica on the shore. It is apparent that the Piners Punt is an endangered wooden boat design/species.

The Guild has a role to play in ensuring this important heritage wooden boat design of Tasmania is both culturally and craft wise kept alive.



Piners punts getting ready for races at Strahan.

One of the highlights of the weekend was that Teepookana was in great demand and was loaned out several times to ensure there was a full fleet of Piners Punts on the water.

In January we had our first 2003/4 rowing day at Victoria and John Bishops Bullock Point home.



Members enjoying lunch on Victoria's and John's balcony at Bullock Point.

What a delightful setting with brilliant rowing and sailing between squalls!



Members set out for home as a squall hits Bullock Point

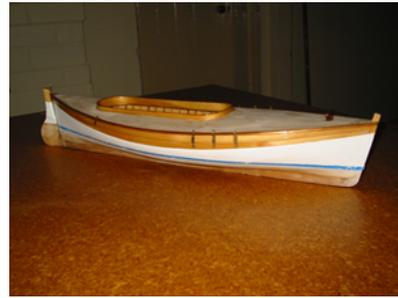
In March 2004 we re-visited the Terralinna at Brookfield. We tried something different in having our monthly General meeting outside. The weather was kind and the meeting a success.

Although it is acknowledged we have a long way to go on this project it was reassuring to note the progress so far. This project has gained national recognition by being approved twice now for The Australian National Maritime Museums annual grants to assist state and regional museums and maritime heritage bodies in their work.

This year the Guild has been funded to build a scale model of the Terralinna which will be presented to the Tasmanian Maritime Museum. The purpose of the project is to assist the Guild in its interpretation of the craft which will inform and enable re-construction so the Terralinna will sail again.

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Major sponsors and time will be needed to achieve this goal with project planning being undertaken by the Terralinna sub committee.



Noel's model work coming on.

The last rowing day for 2003/4 was held with members rowing to Moorilla Winery from Montrose. We soon settled into the Wineries tastings and had a tour of both the wine making facilities and the museum. What a fascinating and enjoyable day.



Members enjoying a Moorilla wine tasting! What a rowing day!!

General meetings have been held on the 3rd Monday of each month and have been very well attended. It has been interesting to participate in the enthusiastic presentations members have made about their wooden boat building and cruising experiences both in Tasmania and abroad.

We have also experienced videos that have covered wooden boat heritage stories from the UK and our own Tasmanian Trading ketches.

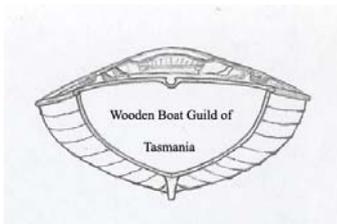
A particular highlight for 2003/4 has been for one of our founding members Andy Gamlin to report to the Guild his findings as a Churchill Fellowship Awardee. Andy traveled USA and Europe studying wooden boat schools specialising in heritage craft as well as researching maritime heritage water front projects. Congratulations Andy on a task well done.



Oslo Maritime Cultural Centre

Guild Logos

At the last General Meeting Guild members approved in principle that the Guild adopt the Piners Punt type log as the official Guild Logo. It was also approved that we adopt a second logo depicting the Terralinna as the Terralinna Project logo.



Guild draft logo



Terralinna Project draft logo

Artwork is being finalized for presentation at the AGM on the 21st June.

Australian Wooden Boat Festival 2005

David Murphy, Guild secretary is now a member of the AWBF Organising Committee and reporting back to the Guild on the planning for the 2005 Festival.

The Guild wishes to make quite a presence at the Festival by way of setting up our new enclosure sporting all of our badging. We wish to promote the Terralinna Project, raise funds by selling Guild product and memorabilia. We have also been asked by the WBF if the Guild would be prepared to host live demonstrations of wooden boat restoration, oar and or spar making etc. Members are asked to consider activities we could engage in and advise the Guild Committee so planning and resourcing can occur.

Graeham Dudgeon is again organising a dinghy display and Graeme Hunt will organise a kayak display at the Festival. Members are asked to contact either members if they can assist with craft.

See you at the best Wooden Boat Festival in the Southern Hemisphere.

Presidents Conclusion.

It is obvious that the Wooden Boat Guild of Tasmania has both a bright future but more importantly a place in the Maritime Heritage of Tasmania.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Guild Committee and members for their support during the year to make all things possible. Lastly I would like to thank my partner Dallas for her continuing support. Without this I could not have done my tasks and I am most grateful for her support.

Peter E Higgs
President 2004
Wooden Boat Guild Tasmania Inc.

If you did not get along to view the video "***Trading Ketches***" by Garry Kerr kindly arranged by Bill Foster, you missed a great video on Tasmania's maritime heritage!

This meeting, Monday 21st of June, our AGM, Ainsley will talk about Roy's boats.

We will also have Colin Able attend to display prints of watercolours of 8 of Tasmania's steam ferries including SS Breone, Cartela, Silver Crown. Colin will have the prints for sale @ \$30.00 each or 4 for \$25.00 each.

Richmond Rowing Day, Sunday 4th July 2004.

Commonsense has prevailed. The expedition "Richmond to the Sea" will be postponed until fairer weather.

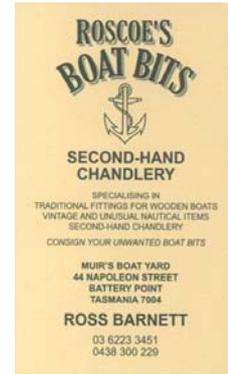
The next rowing and paddling day will be a recon trip!

Meet at the end of Jacomb Street. (Over the bridge, right into Parramore Street, then right into Jacomb Street.

Start Time 10:00am. It is a grassy bank below the town weir, not a launching ramp.

We can row and paddle up and down the sheltered Coal river to the next weir and check it out for the expedition and also the state of the tide which is High in Hobart at 11:15. A messing about in boats day. Suitable for dinghys, canoes and kayaks, supervise kids etc. Depending on the weather we could have a BBQ of perhaps take the sensible option of a late lunch at the Richmond Bakery. Details to be discussed at AGM.

Graeme Hunt Expedition Leader.



General Meetings

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

***The next meeting of the
Wooden Boat Guild of Tasmania Inc. is the A.G.M. and will be held at the
Mariners Cottage, Napoleon St Battery Point at***

***7.30 pm
Monday 21st June 2004.***

***Following the May meeting the next Guild meeting will be on
Monday 19th July 2004.***

Mariner's Cottage, Battery Point.



The Wooden Boat Guild of Tasmania

Annual General Meeting Notice

The Annual General Meeting of the Wooden Boat Guild of Tasmania Inc. will be held on Monday, 21 June, 2004 at the Mariners Cottage, Napoleon Street, Battery Point commencing at 7.30 pm.

Agenda

- To confirm the minutes of the last AGM and any subsequent General Meeting.
- To receive from the Committee and the Auditor of the Guild reports on the transactions of the Guild during the preceding financial year.
- To elect officers of the Guild and Ordinary Committee.
- To appoint the Auditor and determine remuneration.

Elections

The following are to be elected:

- A President
- Two Vice Presidents – one of whom shall be Senior Vice President
- A Treasurer
- A Secretary who shall also be Public Officer of the Guild
- Two Committee persons.

The above listed elected members form the Committee of the Guild.

Written nominations for the above positions signed by two members of the Guild and accompanied by the written consent of the candidate may be received prior to the commencement of the AGM on 21 June.

Any position for which no nomination has been received is automatically filled by the nominee.

If there are more than the required number of nominations for any position a ballot will be held.

Important

Only financial members of the Wooden Boat Guild of Tasmania Inc. may nominate or be nominated for a position, or vote in any ballot.

All subs for the 2004-2005 financial year are now due.

All subs and renewals, accompanied by your Membership Application should be sent to:

Treasurer, Wooden Boat Guild
PO Box 28, Battery Point, Tasmania 7004.

Wooden Boat Guild of Tasmania
Nomination Form for Office Bearer
or Committee Member

I hereby nominate for the position of

Nominated by Signature

Seconded by Signature

I am prepared to stand for the above position. Signature

Nominations should be sent to:

Secretary, Wooden Boat Guild
PO Box 28
Battery Point, Tasmania 7004

or brought to the meeting.