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Terra Linna Sub Committee

The yacht "Terra Linna" circa 1890
Courtesy "100 Years Sailing" RYCT



The Terra Linna sub Committee is now even more confident that the restoration project is achievable!



Noel Hall, Millard Ziegler, Des Hutchins and Graeme Hunt at the last working bee!

**Whoever thought this could lead to banking
\$5,200.00 ++**

Well that how much we banked as takings following the Guild's presence at the Australian Wooden Boat Festival 12, 13 and 14th February 2005.

A great job well done to all Guild members, families and friends!!

Thanks so much for making it a success!

AWBF Welcoming Bar-B-Q

On the advice of Committee member Roscoe the Guild this year decided to host a welcoming Bar-B-Q for visitors from like WBA and International visitors.

This was also a roaring success with the visitors not minding a cooler evening to just mix it with the locals and talk about the pending festival and of course wooden boats.



Roscoe remonstrating with Peter Gossel, President WBA NSW.

Sincere thanks to Millard and Graeme for stepping in and organizing this due to my work commitments!



It was great to see Andy Gamlin hosting the Vikings there also!!



Final of the "Quick N Dirty" in Constituion Dock, Australian Wooden Boat Festival,
Hobart 2005 (Whimbrel's bow to the bottom right)

Some of the AWBF business for WBG Tas. Inc.

A short report on the WBAs meeting 12 Feb at
WB Festival 2005

Peter Gossell, President of the N.S.W. Wooden Boat Association, convened a meeting at the Guild's tent at the Wooden Boat Festival on Saturday for members of WBA. There were other overseas representatives of WB Associations in N.S.W. (Sydney), N. Queensland (Townsville), Victoria, (Melbourne and Gippsland). The meeting's purpose was to improve communications and enable an exchange of information on what other groups do. All WBAs had similar activities to us but some were undertaking projects unique to their areas. Townsville, for example, were trying to retain a slipway for local use and were also restoring a pearling lugger.

Here are some of the ideas and activities, many of which are similar to ours. We can consider and develop some of the following for our use.

Qld have a big marquee which they hire out about five times a year at \$500 a time. This is their major source of income.

North Qld had a sail to Magnetic Id. on Clean up Australia Day to clean up an area of the island. This social activity was very successful but March is a bad time for weather in N Qld.

NSW has on the water activities at three major

regattas around Sydney and also have "mess-about days" for putt-putt owners separate from sailing days since the two types don't mix well.

They also appoint a boat manager for the club's boats.

NSW find that having guest speakers at meetings increases numbers.

Having barbeques before meetings increases participation.

One association has an auction dinner where members donate items which are auctioned at the dinner. This raises about \$600. They also have a "silly awards" night.

The Sydney branch gets heavily involved in the Working with Wood Show which increases their membership.

Qld wants all associations to be more involved in the Australian Amateur Boat Building magazine. The AABB magazine has a readership of about 9 000. We can publish our up-and-coming events in this mag.

Our Watercraft magazine needs more contributions.

WBAs need to develop internet links to each other and update their section of the WBA site regularly.

NSW has their "Hal Harper" award for the best boat built, restoration project or historical project completed that year. The award is open to anyone in NSW but the participants are nominated by a member. The entrants are judged by a panel of members who give the award based on enthusiasm rather than the amount of money spent on the project. They look for the goals and aspirations behind the project. The winner receives a trophy and the project is recorded in their awards book with photos and articles along

with the runners-up. The award is given wide publicity and generates much interest. NSW is hoping that other states will develop their own similar awards which, in time, might become part of a national award.



Peter Gossell, President NSW WBA discussing wooden boat business.

Many contacts were made at the festival over last weekend. Kevin McNear has a beautifully restored 21' huon pine motor launch. He and the co-owner Athol McNear bought it in 1976 and use it on the Great Lake They want to find out more about its history. The boat was built in Cygnet in 1902 for a person with the surname Henry and was used as a vegetable carrier on the Huon R. She is strip carvel planked and was originally fitted with a Clay motor. She now has a single cylinder Simplex. **Does any one know more?** Reply to the secretary.

International Visitor to AWBF & WBGT

We also made contact with John Weiss of the Traditional Small Craft Assoc. Inc. of the USA.. John Weiss is the secretary to the Puget Sound chapter of the TSCA.and gave us information about his association and presented some of the TSCA's magazines to us. These are in the library. We will be following up with further communication with him and this association.

A Gallery of Guild members AWBF entries



Ian Johnstons "Tinderbox", a 19' "Swampscott

(chined) dory".



The Marriot's in their stripped planked "Canadian Canoe".



Rob Wallis's "Westwind" a 24' Marine Plywood Clinker, mast head sloop.



Frank Lazenby's "Thowra" c 2000 27' Celery Top sloop.



and his c 2004 Celery Top clinker rowing dinghy which Frank built last year when he had nothing to do!



Lewis and Liz Garnham's "Latura" a 24' Huon Pine carvel built motor launch.



Noel and Noelene Hall's "Farewell" a 29' King Billy and Celery Top cold moulded motor sailer.



& their family collection of "Zlotty Rog" NS 14 and "Bindaree" a 11' Tamar Sailing Dinghy.



Chris and Penny Morton's "An old Captivity" c1998 29' Western Red Cedar cold moulded yacht.



Des and Mathew Hutchins 12'6"MPW planing hull "Skua" c 1998



& their 14' glued/clinker ply batten Canadian Fishing Canoe "Auks" c 1989



Grahame Dudgeon's "Fantine" a 16' Dory style paddle canoe c 1988.



Graeme Hunt's "Swan Point" 17' stitch and glue Gaboon Plywood canoe c 2005



David and Barb Murphy's "Whimbrel" (ctr. from stern) 30' c 19-2 Huon Pine carvel built yacht.



Roscoe & Cheryl Barnett's "Maori Lass" 30' c 1950 Celery Top Pine.



Rob and Jo Nolan's "Shearwater" 23' Norwalk Is Sharpie of Gaboon, King Billy, Huon Pine and Celery Top Pine.



The Guild's "Teepookana" 14' Piners Punt King Billy on Huon Pine. In the background is the "May Queen" on which member Bill Foster has worked so hard to restore. On occasions some Guild members assisted.



Ctr. L.H. Andy Gamlin's 15' clinker Whitehall and ctr. R.H. John and Victoria Bishop's "Mystic" a Whitehall 17' Huon Pine carvel planked, CTP keel and thwarts and Horizontal knees!



And lastly (I hope I have not missed any one!) Pete and Dallas' "Eltin Ronan" a 12' stitch and glue dory style surf/rowing boat c 1980. The AWBF uncovered quite a bit of information about this boat. It was built to row the Tasman??

Vikings (and Faroe Is). Visit.

Thanks to member Andy Gamlin the AWBF 2005 had a International theme with Andy arranging the visit which included sailing, rope making and traditional Viking ship wright skills. It was a great attraction. Well done to the Vikings and safe travelling home.



L.H. "Tribekikur" from the Faroe Is. L 5.25m B 1.5m sail area is 7 sq.m.

R.H. "Gokstad" boat from Norway L 9.7m B 1.86m and sail area is 14 sq. m.



"Estrid" from Denmark L. 7.7m B 1.64m with 10sq. m. sail.

AWBF Forums

Forums were held in the Tasmanian Museum and the following Guild members presented very well to their audiences.

Bill Foster spoke of the "May Queen restoration to a very enthusiastic group.

Chris and Penny Morton spoke of their family experience of building an "Old Captivity".

And Peter Higgs spoke of his passion for wooden boats and in particular the "Evolution of the Australian Surf Boat".



Model cold moulded ply Surf Boat by Maritime Model Museum NSW

What a great Festival and many thanks to all members of the Wooden Boat Guild of Tasmania Inc.

Calendar of Events

The following events are listed as Guild events for all to enjoy.

1. Big "Wooden Boat" (small boats are still most welcome) weekend as a return visit to the "Duck Pond" Bruny Island. March 05.
2. "Tamar Raid" commencing at "Low Head Pilots Station" to meet with resident boat builder and then to row/sail onto wineries, coffee shops and B&B's. Handicapped Time trials will be conducted. Late April 2005.
3. Tinderbox/Howden (dependent on the weather) Rowing Day followed by a Bar-B-Q at Barnett's "Tinderbox" residence. May 2005.
4. Visit to the Wooden Boat Centre and other Huon Boat Building activities June 2005
5. Re-Visit "Muddy Creek" August 2005.

Whew!!! Sounds a lot!! But should be fun.

Meetings calendar for 2005

21st February

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18th April

16th May

20th June

18th July

15th August

19th September

17th October

21st November

19th December

General Meetings

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

*The next general meeting of the
Wooden Boat Guild of Tasmania Inc. will be held at the
Mariners Cottage, Napoleon Street, Battery Point at
7.30 pm*

Monday 21st. February, 2005

There will be a committee meeting held at 6.00pm prior to the General Meeting.

*Following the February meeting the next Guild meeting will be on
Monday, 21 st. March, 2005. (presenter required)*

Mariner's Cottage, Battery Point.

*Presentation on the 21st Feb will be by Bill Foster who will talk about his work and experiences on the
"May Queen" (if he has overcome the AWBF Forum)*

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