



WHERE WE'RE GOING

May Queen

The WBG will have a viewing of SV *May Queen* at Constitution Dock, Hobart, at 2 pm on Sunday 23 April.



May Queen at Constitution Dock; photo Graeme Hunt

The *May Queen* will be open for our inspection as an authentic floating exhibit of the Maritime Museum of Tasmania Inc. Brochures will be given to each person going on board. If this time is inconvenient then members may visit at other times listed on page 2.

Admission: Gold coin donation

At the next meeting of the WBG on Monday 17th April, Graham Hunt will be presenting a talking picture show on the Duckpond weekend. The WBG had 24 members and families of members to help remove rubbish around the Duckpond in Barnes Bay, Bruny Island on Clean Up Australia Day. As an adjunct to the event we had a gathering of members' bigger boats anchoring there for the weekend.

The next Rowing Day will be on Sunday April 30th from Trial Bay to Little Oyster Cove. We will launch at Trial Bay at 10:30 am and row around to Kettering to Jim and Carol Tayton's place at Kettering for lunch. (BYO everything). Trial Bay is the first bay south of Kettering and the launching ramp is on the northern side of the bay.

WHERE WE'VE BEEN

WBG at the C&WBF - Sydney, 11 and 12 March 2006
Classic and Wooden Boat Festival—Darling Harbour
Australian National Maritime Museum

by Ross Barnett

The Wooden Boat Centre of Tasmania hired a triple trade stall at the C&WBF, ANMM Sydney staffed by Terry Lean (Head Tutor) and Kelvin Aldred (student and major boat sponsor). I shared the site, representing the AWBF and the WBG of Tasmania, along with John Deegan, a member of the AWBF. The stall presented well with an abundance of enquiries. The four of us promoted the School, the AWBF, the Guild, TT line and all things Tasmanian.

On behalf of the Australian Wooden Boat Festival (AWBF) we promoted the 2007 Hobart Festival and attracted attention with the Guild's 14' Piners' Punt, *Tee Poo Kana*, which I delivered personally to the site with a Foster 10' clinker sailing dinghy, a 6' stitch and glue dinghy and all the other equipment necessary for the stall.

For those who may have been sorry that they were unable to attend, I must say that the Festival was rather disappointing overall, for the following reasons:

This 'event' is run and organised by (generally) non boating 'federal public servants' (I mean no offence to public servants) and is just another one of their many 'events', as opposed to our 'Festival' which is run and organised by passionate volunteer boating people.

There was a distinct lack of wooden boats. We counted around 60.... the program suggested 82 private, 8 ANMM, 5 Sydney Heritage Fleet, total of 95 vessels afloat. I did not count the vessels ashore, but again the program suggested 27. Grand total of 122.

The reduced number of vessels was, I believe, caused by the increase of the registration fees. Members of the Wooden Boat Association refused to be part of the festival because of this issue. From my recollection, it used to cost me \$50 for my 30' vessel. At this festival they were charging \$75 up to 30' and \$150 for 30' and over. A week or so prior to the Festival the ANMM suddenly reduced the entry fee to WBA members, but the damage had already been done.

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The **Tasmanian Heritage Festival** has many events of interest in April.

Here is part of the **Events Program**

1 April – 30 April

Hobart historic pub tour. Special maritime edition of the Hobart Historic Pub Tour, 3 old waterfront pubs, stories of whaling and trading, rum smuggling, captains and publicans; tall (but true) stories of early adventures, both legal and otherwise!

Admission: \$22.50 per person, Concession \$20. This activity is not suitable for children.

1 April – 30 April

Maritime Museum Tasmania

16 Argyle Street, Hobart

Phone: 62341427 Booking essential

Time: Time made when booking Duration 2 hours.

Port walk and guided tour through Maritime Museum to view important colonial painting of Hobart, whaling and the sea interpreted. the walk includes Hunter Street (the old causeway to Hunter Island, Victoria and Constitution Dock concluding with Abel Tasman's memorial.

Admission: \$12 Adults, \$10 Concession, Children no extra charge.

1 – 30 April

Devonport Maritime Museum Historical Society Inc.

6 Gloucester Av, Devonport

Phone: 64247100 Time: Tue – Sun. 10 am – 4.30pm

Exhibition of maritime memorabilia.

Admission: \$3 per person

Saturday 1 April – 30 April

Narryna Heritage Museum Inc.

103 Hampden Road, Battery Point

Phone: 62342791

Time: 10.30 am to 5.00 pm Weekdays except Mondays, 2.00pm to 5.00 pm Weekends & Public Holidays Closed Good Friday

“From Ship to Shore” exhibition – Featuring cabin furniture, scrimshaw, nautical instruments and whaling relics.

Admission: \$6 Adults \$5 Concession \$3 Children. Group rates available

1 – 30 April

Round Earth Company

Strahan Visitor Centre, Strahan

Phone: 603 64717700. Time: 5.30

The Ship That Never Was.

Admission: \$15 Adults \$11 Concession Student/

Backpacker \$7.50 Child U/13 Free

Booking essential. Teachers and Supervisors FOC

Sunday 9 April – 30 April

White House

Village Green, Westbury

Phone: 63931171 Time: 10 am to 4 pm Tuesday - Sunday

Swordsticks, Sails & Shells. An exhibition of nautical and aquatic items including pieces rescued from shipwrecks, scrimshaw, sailors love tokens, model boats & ships, maps and paintings and much more. “Put-put” boat races and model steam boats

1 April – 30 April

May Queen Pty. Ltd Constitution Dock Hobart

Phone: 62300322 or 0419666077

Time: 10am to 4 pm

Thursday 13 April & Saturday 15 & Sunday 16 April

Thursday 20 April & Saturday 22 & Sunday 23 April

Thursday 27 April, Saturday 29 & Sunday 30 April

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Wednesday 5 April

National Archives of Australia,

Conference Room, 85 Macquarie St, Hobart

Phone: 62306111 Barrie Paterson

Booking essential by 29 March Time: 12.30 to 1.30 pm

Presentation of maritime records in the national archives collection. Presentation by National Archives staff on maritime, immigration and exploration records in the National Archives collection – informal talk and display of original records

Admission: Free seminar

Monday 10 April – 28 April

Glenorchy City Council,

Foyer, 374 Main Rd, Glenorchy

Phone: 62166771

Time: Stair display during office hours 8.25 to 5.25

Riverine Cultural Landscapes. A display of images relating to evolution of the riverine cultural landscape of Glenorchy. This display will include aerial photography demonstrating the city's sprawl along the river foreshore, indigenous land use, pre – colonial and early contact accounts of the river and district, colonial images 20th century development including industry and shipping. Then and Now images.

Admission: Free

Wednesday 12 April

Maritime Museum Tasmania

21 Argyle Street, Hobart

Phone: 62341427 Booking essential

Time: 9.00 am – 3.30 pm Duration 1hour per booking.

Sullivan's Cove 1804 – Special schools program day for school groups to visit the maritime museum and experience the early stories of Sullivan's Cove in 1804. Hear about the whaling, the seamen and the boats.

Admission: \$3 per child or \$60 per class

Booking essential. Teachers and Supervisors FOC

Wednesday 12 April

Runnymede,

Meet Franklin Wharf Pier, Hobart Waterfront

Phone: 62781269 Time: 1.45 pm start.

The Derwent River of Bowen, Collins and Knopwood – An afternoon cruise on the “Regent Star”. Cruise will be accompanied by Graham Brownell and will feature descriptions of the historic sites on the shores of the Derwent River. Includes afternoon tea.

Admission: \$20 per person no concessions.

Thursday 13 April

Franklin House, 413 Hobart Road, Launceston

Phone: 63447824 or 63446233

Time: 12.00 noon Lunch 1 pm

Lunch with Bern Cuthbertson - Master Mariner; as Guest Speak Bern will tell tales of the Sea and "Norfolk" a must for everyone. Followed by a tour of Franklin House.

Admission: \$20.00 p. p. \$18 National Trust Members.

Booking essential by Monday 11 April.

Thursday 20 April – 30 April

Schoolhouse Gallery,

Rosny Historic Centre, Rosny Hill Rd., Rosny Park

Phone: 62458740

Time: 11am to 4 pm Tuesday to Friday

12 pm to 4 pm Saturday & Sunday

Maritime exhibition exploring the Maritime History of Clarence featuring historic photographs and memorabilia from the Moorings Museum and Rosny heritage collection.

Admission: Free entry

Friday 21 April

Australian Maritime College

AMC Campus, Maritime Way, Newnham

Phone: 63354741

Time: 10.30am – 11.00 am or 2.30 pm – 3.00pm

Australian Maritime College 'Heritage Tour'. A walking tour of significant historical sites featuring Newnham Hall (exterior), the 1837 residence of Launceston Port Officer, Matthew Curling Friend, and the signal post – a replica of one erected in 1835 forming part of the telegraph system from George Town to Launceston. The tour also takes in various outbuildings and the grounds, which include heritage paddocks and orchard.

Admission: Free Bookings must be received by the day prior to tour. Book at www.amc.edu.au or phone Kim on 63354741.

Wednesday 26 April

Heritage Tasmania

Level 6, 134 Macquarie Street, Hobart Phone: 62334152

Time: 12.30 - 1.30pm

Tasmania's Maritime Heritage: Mike Nash, Parks and Wildlife Services, will provide an overview of maritime heritage - from our lighthouses to our shipwrecks and high profile mariners. Join Heritage Tasmania and the Tasmanian Heritage Council at this special Heritage Festival Lunch time Seminar.

Admission: Free For further information contact Ester Guerzoni or email ester.guerzoni@heritage.tas.gov.au

Wednesday 26 April

National Trust of Australia (Tasmania)

at "Autographs on the Beach"

Mersey Bluff Road, Devonport. Phone: 63446233

Time: 12.30 – 1.30 lunch Tour afterwards

A special luncheon with guest speaker Mr. Bernie Smith CEO Tas Ports. He will provide insight into the amalgamation of the Ports in Tasmania. Guests are then invited to tour the Devonport Maritime Museum and see a visual display of the history and mapping of the Port area in Devonport.

Admission: \$ 25 per person includes lunch and tour.

Friday 28 April

Clarendon Homestead

234 Clarendon Station Rd, Evandale

Phone: 63982166 Time: 6.30pm

Heritage Festival celebration "They Came By Sea" lecture with guest speaker Mr. Colin Denny president **Maritime Museum of Tasmania** followed by refreshments.

Admission: \$15 RSVP by 21 April June Holmes

Saturday 29 and Sunday 30 April

Clarendon Homestead

234 Clarendon Station Rd, Evandale

Phone: 63986220 Time: 10 – 5 pm daily

A wooden boat exhibition relating the history of James Cox arriving by sea and the family's connection with boats.

Admission: \$10 Adults, \$8 Concession. Includes tour of house and grounds.

Saturday 29 and Sunday 30 April

The Australasian Institute of Maritime Archaeology (AIMA) Nautical Archaeology Society (NAS)

Venue: St. Helens

Phone: 0418303184 Time: 9 am – 5.30 pm

Introduction to Maritime Archaeology: A two day practically oriented course for divers and members of the public. nationally (AIMA) & internationally (NAS) recognised certification. Topics: archaeological principles, site formation processes (ie shipwrecks), underwater search/recording techniques, remote sensing, position fixing, site recording, artefacts & conservation. Admission : \$180. Booking essential.

Saturday 13 May

Circular Head Heritage Centre,

Senior Citizens Centre, Seniors Dr, Smithton

Phone: 64521667 Time: 1 pm

We came by Sea: Circular Head will be celebrating 180 years since the first settlement of Europeans. The first settlers arrived at Stanley aboard the **Tranmere** on October 27 1826. Descendants of some these early settlers will talk about their families at the event. There will be a play performed by local students, and a photographic display and local history books will be on sale. Admission: Gold coin donation

For many more events and exhibitions around Tasmania see

<http://www.heritage.tas.gov.au/media/pdf/HERITAGE%20FESTIVAL%20PROGRAM.pdf>

For enquires contact NATIONAL TRUST OF AUSTRALIA (TASMANIA) Phone: 03 63446233

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John Wedd conducting a tour. of the May Queen: photo G Hunt.

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The Museum Events Manager explained what one was entitled to with the entry fee: the standard four passes for each vessel, plus two tickets to the Friday evening Welcome Function. There was neither a flag nor a plaque, such as we supply to our vessel registrants. I certainly did not think there was a need to increase the entry fee by so much.

The trade stalls were set away from the main marina area of the Museum, as they always have been. Unfortunately this is mainly due to the layout of the Museum itself. The problem this caused is that there is nothing physical to tie the two areas together and/or the Museum staff were unable to find an appropriate non-physical way to link the two areas. As a result, many of the public were unaware of our existence 'round the corner'...as it were.

Despite the superb weather, which was fine, hot and sunny (as opposed to the last Festival when it rained for most of the time) I believe the attendance figures were down to around 4,500 - 5,000 for the two days, compared with the previous Festival (with the rain) when the attendance was 9,000 -10,000. Could this have had something to do with the cost of entry coupled with a dearth of interesting vessels resulting from the higher registration fee? Although entry to the Museum itself is free, the standard adult entry fee for the public was \$18 this year. It was also brought to my attention that publicity was sadly lacking in the lead up to this year's Festival, which presumably also had a negative impact.

On the positive side, my opinion is that our visit was well worth the effort. The many members of the public who viewed our display were more than happy with the information they received from both the WBC and the AWBF. Many members of the public were aware that our Festival existed but were unsure of when and where. The TT line handouts tended to give the 'customer' a 'complete package'.

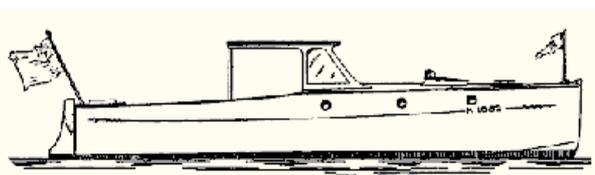
Another positive was that I came away confirmed in my belief that we have a wonderful Festival here in Hobart and we all know why it works:

Dedicated boat owners

Passionate volunteers

A Community that supports our Festival

At the last meeting of the WBG Lew Garnham presented a talk and pictures on his motor launch "Latura". This Huon pine boat was built in 1924 and after being found at Carlton River in 1996 in a dilapidated state was lovingly restored. Lew's research into the history of the craft and his rebuilding of her showed a dedication to detail and a devotion to a task the likes of which many of us wished we could emulate. Thanks for the inspiration Lew.



General Meetings are on the 3rd Monday of each month, inc. public holidays.

The next 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 17th April 2006

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

Meetings calendar for 2006

17 th April (Easter Mon)	21 st August
15 th May	18 th September
19 th June (AGM)	16 th October
17 th July	20 th November
	18 th December

Guest Speaker

On Monday 17th April, at the Mariner's Cottage, Graham Hunt will present a talking picture show on the Duckpond weekend.



Boats on the Duckpond: photo David Murphy

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