



Presidents report 2005/6

Well here we are again at that time of the year when we have the “changing of guard”. Many on the committee have held office for their 3 year period and it is time to move on. One of the refreshing sections of our constitution is the section that prescribes 3 years as the amount of service. It is refreshing in that it demands change which augers well for the ongoing health of our organisation.

I must say the last 3 years as president has been both challenging and very rewarding. I would not say that there has been any dramatic change but there has certainly been a growing interest in Guild activities as well as a healthy growth in membership. So much so that we are often at capacity levels in the Mariners Cottage when General meetings are held. This is a clear indicator that members value the social and shared interest in general wooden boat activities including restoration, building and cruising.

It has been interesting to note an increased number of craft both on and off the water in the safe custodianship of many dedicated members. This in its self is a clear indicator that the Guild does truly foster the “art and craft” of wooden boat building and education.

One of my goals as President has been to see that the interest of Tasmania’s wooden boat heritage and its craft be fostered beyond the Hobart precinct. This has seen the Guild attend and meet in locations such as Strahan, Port Sorell, The Tamar River regions and Orford/Triabunna. This has fostered many good friends and members of like mind from those locations making the Guild a truly Tasmanian organisation. We must continue to encourage and foster this trend.

The outcomes of the Port Sorell meetings have provided great inspirations to all Guild members when we see the quality and dedication to both wooden

boat restoration and the building of new craft by members of that community.



Colin Wragg of Pt Sorell with his new “Snapper Boat” under construction



Guild members inspect Charlie Ritchie's restoration work on “Coralyn” at Pt Sorell

Our presence at both the Australian Wooden Boat Festival and the Clarence Seafest has both grown and added considerably to the financial coffers of the Guild. The funds raised have enabled us to have a very professional presentation at public events and has provided a \$5,000.00 fund for the restoration of the “Terra Linna”.

The Terra Linna project is slowly coming together with 2 grants from the Australian Maritime Museum which enabled the taking of her lines and the writing of a brief history. These activities have led to the taking off of quantities and a number of other project applications for additional assistance to commence work. It is now apparent that we will have to raise funds through a sponsorship program for materials needed before work can actually commence. The sponsorship program will be launched through the ABC Sunday Mornings show hosted by

Chris Wisby in the near future. It is hoped this will breathe new life into the "Terra Linna" Project.

To support this project and other fund raising needs the Guild holds model making working bees. Although very time consuming the models have netted considerable funds for the Guild over the last year. Peregrine School have assisted selling models at their market stall and their efforts are much appreciated. Together with other stock in hand, e.g. smocks, wine glasses, stubby holders the Guild has an opportunity to run a stall at the Salamanca Markets before Christmas.

Rowing days have continued to be great attractions for both members and the foul weather. It does not seem to matter how we attempt to plan ahead for a great day we never seem to fail at getting bad weather. Never the less we have a great time and our rowing and big boat days grow in size and attractions.

The Guild's Library is growing into a very valuable asset for the Guild and members alike. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Millard for his untiring work in regard to our Library. I commend members to make use of this asset and borrow from it.

Many Guild members enjoy co-membership with both the Wooden Boat Centre School at Franklin, the Maritime Museum Tasmania and the Australian Wooden Boat Festival. This is valuable collaboration that assists meeting our Goals and Objectives.

This year saw us face a new challenge, that of our home at the Mariners Cottage. It has all worked out after negotiations and we will continue in our home albeit with some costs we have not encountered in the past.

I would like to sincerely thank my partner Dallas for her continuing support and interest. Without this I could not have filled my tasks to the level that I have.

Finally I would like to take the opportunity to thank all office bearers, particularly the 2 new officers of Flags and Mess, and committee members for their continuing support and commitment to our goals and objectives. Without this the Guild would not exist.

The Annual General Meeting

**Monday 19th June 2006 at the Mariner's Cottage
Napoleon St. Battery Point, Hobart commencing
7.30 p.m.**

To be preceded by a Committee meeting at 6.00pm

The Agenda

- To confirm the minutes of the last AGM
- To receive from the Committee, and Auditor of the Guild, reports on the activities and transactions of the Guild during the preceding financial year
- To make changes or otherwise to the Articles of Association
- To elect officers of the Guild and Committee members
- To appoint the Auditor and determine remuneration.

Elections

The following are to be elected;

- President
- Two Vice Presidents one of whom shall be the Senior Vice President
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- Five Committee Members which shall include the Flags and Mess Officer.

The above listed members will 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.

Any position for which no nomination has been received may be filled at the AGM.

If there are more than the required number of nominations for any positions a ballot will be held. Only financial members of the Wooden Boat Guild of Tasmania Inc. may nominate or be nominated for any position, or vote in any ballot.

All subscriptions are now due. Complete the attached membership form and pay the required subscription prior to the commencement of the AGM.

July Rowing Day, Austin's Ferry Sunday 30th July



Courtesy W.L. Crowter Library, Boyes
G.T.W.B. 1787–1853

The aim of the day will be for Guild members, in their craft, to re-trace the journey traveled by the original Austin's Ferry.

In 1802 James Austin and his cousin John Earle, both of Somerset, England, were convicted of stealing honey to the value of 30 shillings. They were transported and arrived in Van Diemens Land in 1804. They were released in 1809. Austin was granted land on which his cottage still stands today. His cousin Earle soon joined him.

Soon after establishing themselves Austin and Earle were able to offer travelers transport across the river. The craft were like large floating bridges and were towed across the river by a small sailing boat. The largest ferry was capable of carrying five loaded carts and their teams of oxen or 100 head of cattle or 300 hundred sheep or a proportional quantity of other produce.

An extract from "A walk back in History, Austin's Ferry" and "Glenorchy 1804-1964, Alison Alexander.

So come along and enjoy the day rowing or sailing Austin's course. There is plenty of room for members larger vessels to moor or join in the fun. Weather permitting we will hold an bar-b-q on the banks of the Derwent or if not at 185 Berriedale Road.

There may even be a re-launching of "Eltin Ronan"

Model making days

To help raise money for the *Terralinna* restoration project there will be model making at Peter Higgs' Berriedale workshop on Saturday **24th June** and Saturday **22nd July** starting at 10:00 am. Bring your lunch. There is a BBQ onsite. Please flag intended attendance to Peter.

Where We're Going

1. The Lady Nelson is booked for Sunday 25th June for a 2 hour cruise departing at 1300 from the Elizabeth St. Pier. All hands muster at the pier (how nautical is that?) at least 15 min prior to departure. The ship's Historian will be aboard

Cost will be dependant on numbers, but may be partially subsidized by the Guild. Cost of the charter is \$330, so individual cost is unlikely to exceed \$10.00. No tea, coffee etc. will be available. Maybe we can adjourn to a local establishment after the cruise.

Maximum number of passengers for which they are licensed is 32. First in best dressed --advise Chris and Penny asap 6295 0278; 0422 644 808;

oldgaffers@bigpond.com.

2. Sunday 30th July 2006 Austin's Ferry rowing day, James Austin Park, Austin's Ferry Road, Austin's Ferry. 11.00a.m. start.

At the last meeting

There was much discussion about the leasing of the Mariner's Cottage by the Wooden Boat Guild of Tasmania Inc. It was resolved that we would lease the property which included an annual fee of \$1.00 plus proof that the Guild held a Public Liability policy for the premises.

The Mariners Cottage will be shared by The Cruising Yacht Club of Tasmania and The Wooden Boat Guild of Tasmania Inc.

We also discussed the Australian Builders Plate and agreed to MAST attending the AGM to outline their details for implementation of the same.

Trevor Semmens – Rhykenologist

Something about myself & background to my collection

I am:

- a retired ex servant of the public (sheep & insects!)
- a hobby woodturner, supplying a number of Tasmanian craft outlets
- a member of:
 - Tools & Trades History Society (TATHS), England
 - Hand Tool Preservation Association, Victoria
 - Woodcraft Guild Tasmania (past President), Hobart, &
 - Hon. Member of The Trades & Tool Group, N.S.W.

I have a collection of over 240 species of timber in the form of eggs, and a collection of some 1378 woodworking planes, mostly wooden, from a number of countries – England, Scotland, America, Canada, Scandanavia, Netherlands, Germany, India and Australia, which date from the early 1700's till now.

It all started back in October 1982 when a friend invited me to go with him to his father's workshop to look at, principally timber, knowing that I'd possibly be interested in it for woodturning. This was in Smithton, N.W. Tasmania. Whilst there he said, "if any of the tools or equipment in the workshop take your fancy, put in an offer for the family to consider". This I did. Don't ask me why, but for some reason I put in an offer for an old trunk with about 30 wooden woodworking planes in it. The offer was accepted, but it wasn't until months later when I started looking at what I had purchased that I discovered names stamped on the planes. What did they mean?. Who manufactured them?. Who did they belong to? I will tell you more on the 19th.

General Meetings are on the 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 after the AGM which commences at 7.30 pm Monday 19th June 2006

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

Meetings calendar for 2006

19 th June (AGM) + general meeting	18 th September 16 th October
17 th July	20 th November
21 st August	18 th December

Guest Speakers, 19th June

1. At the next meeting **Rhykenologist** Trevor Semmens will talk on and show some of 1378 woodworking planes in his collection. Trevor is a woodturner, and is a member of

Tools & Trades History Society (TATHS), England

Hand Tool Preservation Association, Victoria

Woodcraft Guild Tasmania (past President), Hobart, &

Hon. Member of The Trades & Tool Group, N.S.W.

2. Colin Finch, Mast to advise on the implementation of the Australian Builders Plate.

Officers of the Guild

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