



Roscoes Ravings

What an honour to be elected President of the Wooden Boat Guild of Tasmania.

I am looking forward to leading the Guild, along with assistance from the committee and immediate past President to another wonderful year of *'mucking around in boats'*. What else is there in life? Being a confirmed wooden boat 'queen' I'll be like a 'pig in', well, you all know what I mean!

I was lucky enough to pick up another (but don't tell Cheryl) beautiful little huon 10' clinker dinghy the other week. What's that I hear you say Ainsley, I've got more dinghies than you now. Couldn't be true!

As we all know The Guild is here for a number of reasons:

- The recognition and furtherance of the art, craft and science of wooden boat building in all its forms.
- The preservation, development and recording of the skills, processes, tools and materials associated with the craft.
- To encourage the use of wooden boats and to promote their access and enjoyment particularly to young people.
- Education and so on.

The list goes on but we are also here to enjoy ourselves and our beautiful wooden boats in the fantastic waters round Tasmania.

We are not just a "*bunch of geriatric nautical train spotters*" as someone at the last Wooden Boat Festival suggested!

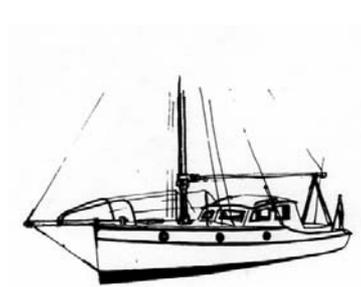
It would be remiss of me not to sincerely thank the outgoing committee. Some of them, who have notched up 3 years at their elected positions. Sorry Graeme, you *are* missing the treasurership already, I hear you say?

Peter. The Guild and I would like to thank you, and Dallas, for the fantastic effort and commitment that you have put in over the past 3 years. The Guild has achieved a lot; increased membership, visits to other parts of the state, meeting new enthusiasts, seeing new vessels and spreading the *'word'* of the Guild, not to mention your guidance with the "Terra Linna" project. And, on this note I would like to invite you to continue chairing the Terra Linna sub-Committee. We still have a substantial task ahead of us with the Terra Linna but we can achieve it. Thank you again Peter on behalf of all the Guild members and I look forward to your continued support. You didn't think you were going to get out of it that easily did you?

The Guild has a big year ahead of it along with all our normal activities and outings. The Terra Linna project will be on going with fund raising being one of our major objectives. I would like to see the Guild endeavour to sell more of its merchandise and I would also like us to have a presence at The Working With Wood show, the Huon Show and of course the Australian Wooden Boat Festival in February.

Phew! So, let's get on with it.

Roscoe, el-presidente



The Annual General Meeting

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

The following are the results of the elections for the Guild 2006/7

<i>President</i>	Ross Barnett
<i>Sen. Vice Pres.</i>	Robin Singleton
<i>Vice President</i>	Graeme Hunt
<i>Secretary</i>	Peter Higgs
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In the Financial report received and accepted it was reported that the Guild completed the year with a balance of \$8344.49. \$5000 of this is committed to the Terralinna Project and it was noted that there is about \$200 owed by various members to the WBG. Graham Hunt, Treasurer recommended that more should be done to raise money for our projects.

It was great to receive an influx of new memberships from both the North West and North of the State. Warm welcome to you all and we look forward to sharing some great "wooden boat" experiences in your regions as the year moves along.

Working Bee Saturday 24th June

The Guild had a very successful working bee with many members coming along despite the weather. Many thanks to Des for his donation of timber and his preparation by cutting and routing many blanks prior to the working bee. This enabled members to complete 91 hulls for rigging. Quite a valuable days work which demands we follow the new Presidents request for increase sales of stock!

There is ongoing discussions about a new model design but there has been no firm agreement on which way to go??



Working bee scene



Father and Son



This beats being treasurer!



Noel at the band saw again!

More articles please !

Members are reminded that we are always looking for SKEG articles. Please forward your article to the secretary Peter.higgs@tafe.tas.edu.au or higgsp@ozemail.com.au

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



Austins Ferry site, James Smith 1848



The Ferry to the right of Roseneath, Joseph Lycett 1824

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 near where we will hold our rowing day. 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 (see map attached). 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 won't be a re-launching of "Eltin Ronan" at Austins Ferry, regrettably!

Model making days

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

Due to personal reasons the working bee scheduled for 22/7/06 may need to be postponed or conducted at a new venue. Advice if required will be made at the General meeting 17/7/06.



David, Graham and Tony at the last working bee!

Where We're Going

1. **Cancelled till further notice! due to urgent repairs;** The Lady Nelson 2 hour cruise departing at 1300 from the Elizabeth St. Pier has been **postponed**. 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.

2. Sunday 30th July 2006 Austin's Ferry rowing day, James Austin Park, Austin's Ferry Road, Austin's Ferry. 11.00a.m. start. Bar B Q will be provided but BYOG&F
3. More calendar dates to be set at the meeting 17th August 2006. We need more members to host rowing, sailing and cruising days.

Trevor Semmens – Rhykenologist

Provided a very informative talk on Rykenology at the last meeting. Trevor held members in awe as he spoke of his collection of woodworking planes.

MAST and the Builders Plate

We also had as a guest speaker Colin Finch from MAST. Colin spoke with authority on the standards and needs for a Builders plate. Members enjoyed the explanation and thanked Colin for his input.

Some of the new President's "wish list"

Roscoe has a vision to move the Guild forward on an even keel by promoting some of the following initiatives;

- A Guild year book that includes a members wooden boat register. The register will include all members boats, including those operational and in/or awaiting restoration. We will require photographs, measurements and a story about your boats so start getting the information ready!
- Upgrade our brochures to be one publication that promotes the Guild, its need for membership and information about projects and activities. The brochure will also include a membership application.
- For every on water function have a member volunteer as the "Cruise Captain".
- See the Guild participate in the
 - Seafarer's Festival
 - Huon Show
 - AWBF including a welcome function
 - Woodworkers Show at the DEC



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 commencing at 7.30 pm Monday 17th July 2006

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

Meetings calendar for 2006

17 th July	18 th September
21 st August	16 th October
	20 th November
	18 th December

Guest Speakers, 17th July

We will be relying on members to present and talk about some of their recent boating experiences. Equipment will be available to assist.



Brian Templar, from Pt Sorell in his snapper boat at our Tamar Raid 2005

Officers of the Guild

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Directions to Austins Ferry

Take the Brooker Highway to the Claremont or Austins Ferry turn off. Travel to Main Road and then find Austins Ferry Rd. Turn toward the river into Austins Ferry Road and travel to the boat ramp at the Eastern end of the road. Boats can sail/motor to Austins Ferry and moor just off the ramp. Be aware of the submerged cables in the area. 11.00 a.m. Start. Any members travelling from the North or NW looking for accommodation may find The Riverfront Motel at Berridale a reasonable option.

