



Presidents Report – “Roscoe’s Ravings”

Well it’s been boats, boats and more boats for poor old Roscoe....as my children, grown up as they are, would say....”I’m over boats....!”

No.... that’s not true at all.

It’s only been a couple of weeks since I recovered from Hobart’s fantastic Wooden Boat Festival, and successful it was, I’ve heard nothing but glowing comments from far and wide, check out the NSW WBA news letter, Scuttlebutt, and even ‘arry Driftwood from Afloat...and now I’ve just returned from an absolutely fantastic weekend in Goolwa, South Australia.

A very different type of Festival to ours, but great just the same. Plenty of little riverboats, putt putts, yachts out sailing, instead of being tied up in their berths the whole weekend, a fleet of 16 Halversons, steam paddle wheelers and even a steam train....what more could a boy want?? But I think the best part of the whole experience was that I could do what I wanted, go where I wanted and look at what I wanted....no responsibilities, if you get my gist.

One event I was able to attend was a breakfast hosted by the Wooden Boat Association of South Australia....a BBQ breakfast starting at 0730 on the Sunday morning....give us a break....0730! My colleagues (from Sydney) and I were staying at a very ‘rustic’, but interesting hotel about thirty minutes drive from Goolwa and the thought of getting up that early on Sunday morning, especially a ‘holiday’ Sunday morning was a bit hard to swallow, but we managed to get there and it was certainly worth the effort.

I had an interesting chat with the President of WBASA (along with many members) and discovered that we, as fellow Associations share many of the same problems, but one very important thing we had in common was, the love of all boats wooden....and of course, canoes and kayaks, sorry! Something else they had, which was a wonderful asset, was access to a slipway and boatshed where restoration work could be carried out, it wasn’t theirs but members were involved.

So, I would like to think that now all the Festivals are over, Roscoe has nearly finished moving into his new shop, the Working With Wood Show is over and our Secretary has been successfully joined in matrimony....congratulations from all the Guild, Peter and Dallas....we might be able to get on with our task of getting the Terra Linna project back on line, not that we’ve dropped the ball by any means, I think we just need to run a little faster, if you know what I mean?

Our ‘Big Boat’ weekend didn’t happen because of one thing and another, but, we will schedule another one for later in the year, so don’t be disappointed. We’ve got a full programme for the next few months’ outings and we need some ‘trip leaders’. These matters will be discussed at the next meeting. We also need guest speakers for our meetings; they are always very informative, thankyou David for your video last meeting. So if you’ve got any ideas, or got anything you would like to tell the group, or know of anyone who can spin a good yarn....no silly, about boats....speak to me or someone on the committee and we’ll get something organised.

See you at the next meeting.

What’s that I hear you say Cheryl....a yarn....don’t try and pull the wool over my eyes!

Roscoe



Secretary’s Report

Just of late things have been a bit busy in the Higgs and Manning household so apologies for this being a short Skeg again. Whilst I have your attention though on behalf of Dallas we both thank all members for their well wishes and congratulations on our recent wedding. They have all meant a lot to both of us.

Secretary's report continued

Notes from the last General Meeting

- A special welcome was extended to Tony Curtis Vice President of the NSW WBA and Roger Wallis a Cape Horner.
- The Guild formally congratulated Bill Foster on his award announced on Australia Day 2007, the Order of Australia Medal . Well earned Bill.



Bill Foster, OAM, at Terra Linna Bar B Q January 2007

- A report on the success of the Terra Linna meeting held at Margate January 2007.
- Mention of the valued academic side provided by the Guild's "Marine Art, Clogs, Kippers, Couta's and Ketches" forum held during the 2007 AWBF.
- The need for the WBGT to address the Sullivans Cove Authority in regard to the work of the "Common European Maritime Heritage Congress" following Thedo Fruithof's presentation at the Forum.



Thedo at the 2007 AWBF photo Penny Morton

- The Calendar was discussed with a resolution that the next Committee Meeting would decide on the 2nd half of 2007 Calendar. Suggestions were;
 - Port Sorrell Oct/Nov

- Launceston Tamar Raid
- Find out about Piners Festival
- A vote of thanks was made to Cherelle Gadge and Robin Singleton for their efforts in managing the stall and providing raffles at the 2007 AWBF. The stall raised considerable funds for the Guild.
- A Merchandising Advisory Group was formed to consist of Cherelle Gadge, Robin Singleton, Amanda Stark, Victoria Bishop and Caroline Tayton. Their purpose is to advise the Committee on merchandise needs for fund raising efforts.
- New MAST legislation in regard to their power to remove vessels termed an "eyesore". The Guild has been requested to follow this up with MAST.
- Tony Curtis from the NSW WBA requested information from members in regard to a 29 ft Gaff boat called "Anonyma" circa 1970 owned by M.C. Roche of Kingston. Members knowing anything about the boat are urged to forward it to the Secretary so he can advise Tony.

Terra Linna Sub Committee

Letters for fund raising donations are drafted and are currently being distributed. Members are asked to advise of any prospective donors to send details to the secretary so contact can be made.

Hope to advise at the next General Meeting funds available for the Terra Linna Project. The funds referred to are only those raised to date by members in sales of merchandise.



Chris & Penny aboard "An Old Captivity" at the AWBF 2007.
Photo Dallas Manning

Calendar 2007

- 3rd and 4th March 2007 Barnes Bay “Duck Pond” rally and clean up. Apologies that this was a non event but hopefully we can make it up later this year.
- 16th, 17th and 18th “Working with Wood” show at the Derwent Entertainment Centre. Members are encouraged to attend a talk about our Guild to the public whilst they view the Teepookana.
- 22nd April 2007 Bishops Rowing Day
- 26th and 27th May 2007 Orford Rowing Day
- **24th June 2007 Sailing Day on the Lady Nelson.** There is room for 30 passengers only who will get a chance to assist sailing the vessel whilst on our 2 hour cruise around the harbour. **“First in best Dressed”** so place your bookings with Chris and Penny ph 62950278 or oldgaffers@bigpond.com . **Cost is \$25.00 per head including tea and coffee.** Members are invited for a meal after the cruise, more detail later.



Peter Lindsay receiving Noel Hall's 1/2 model of the Terra Linna, January 2007. Photo Dallas Manning.



Re-launch of 'Eltin Ronan' for the 2007 AWBF. Photo Dallas Manning.

General Meetings are on the 3rd Monday of each month, inc. public holidays, but not in the month of January.

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 19th March 2007

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

Meetings calendar for 2007

No meeting Jan 07	16th April 07
19th February 07	21 st May 07
19th March 07	18 th June 07
	16th July 07

Guest Speaker/s, 19th March 2007

Speaker needed! PC and Data Show available.

If there are no volunteers Roscoe will talk for a short while on his recent visit to the SA Wooden Boat Festival. I Peter Higgs, will then follow with an insight for members into the presentations made at the WGBT Forum “Marine Art, Clogs, Kippers, Couta’s and Ketches”.

Have you looked at our Web site lately? Its worth a look!

<http://www.maritimetas.org/taswoodenboatguild/>

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