



Presidents report—"Roscoe's Ravings"

We had another very well attended meeting last month....thankyou again to Chris and Penny for their presentation. As Peter always mentions in the Skeg, we are al-



What's that you say Cheryl/ Just keep rowing!!

ways in need of Guest Speakers, or Presenters for our monthly meetings. We have the equipment available for PowerPoint presentations; all you have to do is speak to one of the committee and we'll, or should I say, Peter (our PowerPoint guru), should be able to sort something out with you. We await your stories of adventure, mystery and intrigue....and of course anything relating to just mucking about in boats.

Speaking about mucking around in boats....the Guild's *Teepookana* was put to good use in a publicity promotion on the Hobart waterfront just recently by the Hobart Repertory Theatre Society, who are putting on a production of *The Wind in the Willows*. It's the 100th anniversary of Kenneth Grahame's classic. Thank you Jim Tayton, Bill Foster and Peter Higgs for doing all the behind the scenes organising, transporting, launching and supervising.

I recently went to a free lunchtime seminar on *Maritime Records* at the National Archives of Australia, 85 Macquarie Street, Hobart. What an extremely amazing place, if you are looking for information, maritime or other, go down and see them, they will be more than happy to help you out.

Now....I've got 15 starters for the Tamar River / Low Head Raid....who else wants to come along and join us but hasn't put their hand up? It's going to be a wonderful, 'once in a life time', 'never to be repeated at this price' adventure. Is that a

good sales pitch or not? We've got plenty of room so just give me a ring, **0438 300 229** and make your booking at \$35 per person per night.

I've been told by a little 'birdie' that someone is having a 'birthday' on that very Saturday....that should make our evening BBQ dinner even more interesting. Unless the birthday person opens their mouth beforehand and lets on who it is, there will be a prize for anyone who can guess who that person is before the cake is cut....!! How's that for an even greater incentive to be there?

The weekend will start at the Bass and Flinders Centre in George Town at 1030hrs, then lunch in town and on to the Low Head Museum for a history lesson and then to our accommodation. We'll have a BYO BBQ dinner in the boat shed and heaven knows what will happen after that....karaoke, dancing girls, loud music, cards.... knowing us, probably the 'sandman'....

Now whilst on about events who's going to my Dinner? That's right it is time for the Presidents Dinner and I expect you all to be there in your Presidents Dinner regalia. Robin and Cherele have organised a great venue and menu at great value which you will see at the back of the Skeg and don't forget to RSVP early as there are limited seats.

I have just recently received our invitation to the Huon Show....and would you believe it's on the same weekend of the Piners week-end in Strahan. I believe we can still attend both. Not all of us will be going to Strahan, so if I can have some volunteers from those not going to the West Coast to man, or should I say, person, our site at the show, it would be very much appreciated. We will be in the same position as last year, in the 'shed' along with the Living Boat Trust.

Setting up will be minimal and we only need one or two boats (Mr & Mrs Bishop?) to be displayed.

The finer details can be sorted out in due course. I really think we should have a presence there to 'compliment' the Living Boat Trust who will be sharing with us, as they did last year. Maybe we could have another extremely successful raffle we'll see what the Mess Officers think.

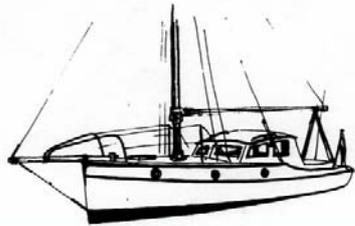
Our last outing; a trip up the Browns River Kingston was sensational, hundreds of boats, thousands of members, balmy weather....sorry....just getting a bit carried away there but it was a cracker, there is a full report later in this edition.

After this month our calendar is hotting up heading towards the silly season (heaven forbid) with outings, festivals, shows, President's dinner and a trip to the West Coast for a Celebration of the Piner's Punt (try not to miss this one). So....be there or be square.

See you at the next meeting, and

bringalongafriend.

Sorry Cheryl....I really haven't got time to do the lawns.



Roscoe

Brown's River Rowing Day



Dez and Dulce ripping along under the steel spinnaker!

What a great turnout and what a great day! After the lovely calm and sunny Saturday weather we were hoping it would be the same on Sunday 26 August. As it turned out, it was not quite as good with some cloud

and some breeze but several pairs of shorts indicated that the winters are warming in Tasmania!

We were returning to Brown's River after about five years. Five boats and 14 people last time. This time there were 13 boats and many more people. Boats began arriving around 10:00 and

co-leader Graeme Nichols (*Scurrybreac*) was assisted by other willing helpers as the boats were launched into the river on the beach right near the concrete footbridge that he and I designed many years ago.



Graeme N, Judy H and Millard Ziegler aboard "Scurrybreac"

I arrived later than I had wished with one (wood and canvas) kayak instead of two. President Rosco and Cheryl Barnette had *Bumtickle*, Ainesley and Ros Smith



Graeme H in one of his 2 "Cockle Shell Heroes" canoes

had the little yellow tender – "we really must get something bigger with a pointy end Aines". Robin and Jo Nolan had their dinghy and their dog. Des and Dulcie Hutchins arrived with the blue square-back canoe. Ian Johnstone

and Cathy Hawkins had a feather dinghy. Rob Wallace and young Will had a tender. Brian Marriot and Jim Bonham had Brian's strip planked canoe *Cats Cradle*. Carol and Jim Tayton had brought her veteran *Jo Dwyer*. *Teepookana*, the Guild's piner's punt, was there thanks to Peter and Dallas Higgs. John and Victoria Bishop arrived in their new car so it took a while to work out who had the red and white canvas and wood double kayak.



Noel and Noelene enjoy "Deb" in Browns River after the naming and blessing admirably conducted by pastor Graeme.

Of course the special highlight of the day was the launch of Noel and Noelene Hall's new Adirondak Guide Boat. After I had announced the launch would take place at this outing, Noel and Noelene had more than the

usual rush to get it finished. They arrived right on time with the guide boat on top of the van. Many hands made easy work of unloading and friends

gathered round for the speeches, bubbly on the bow and a toast with gluhwein (what else for the WBGT in winter?) to *Deb*.



Rob and William setting out.

After the ceremony (see elsewhere in this *Skeg*) it was into the boats and off on our row. Ian slipped away early and we found him fishing, but I rather think the rest of us disturbed the fish.

Noel and Noelene set off in *Deb* and Noel was heard to remark 'Well, there's no water in her yet!' A very pleasant row or paddle up Brown's River was had by all. It is more extensive than many imagined and there are some very interesting riverside homes. We went right through the golf course (fore!), up to the main Channel Highway Bridge. Brian and Jim explored side streams and dead ends and Roscoe went back to his childhood searching for, and finding golf balls (different story to what some of the Golfers told us!). Des and Dulcie used the iron paddle to catch up. While we were up the creek, so to speak, Bill and Shirley Foster and Robin and Sherelle arrived.

After we returned to the mouth, the Hall grandchildren had their first row in *Deb* and we had a very pleasant BBQ in the shelter there.



The Bishop's in their "Cockle Shell Heroes" double canoe.

Chris and Penny and David Morton, Peter Bush, Judy Hunt, Amanda Stark and Millard Ziegler also crewed, took photos or provided moral support. A great day and thanks for coming.

Graeme Hunt and Graeme Nichols



Bill Foster OAM with his model yacht!

Launching *Deb*

A crowd of friends and well-wishers gathered beside the beach at Brown's River on Sunday, 26 August 2007, to help Noel and Noelene Hall launch their new Adirondak Guide Boat. What a lovely looking craft and well worth the flurry of activity in the shed over the last couple of months.

Noel had been looking for something to take on Guild rowing days – something smaller than *Farewell*. Something he could transport on top of the van and something the grandchildren could row. On a trip to Port Sorell a couple of years ago Noel was taken by Colin Wragg's pair of lovely Guide Boats and the idea firmed up at the last Australian Wooden Boat Festival. Colin was very helpful and before too long Noel had bought the plywood and set up the forms.



Pastor Graeme doing all the right things to ensure Noel & Noelene's "*Deb*" is fit for purpose on the water!

Of course this is not the first boat Noel has built. It is the latest of many - about 100 Noel thinks. It is however, the first of many clinker dinghies built almost entirely without fastenings. Not to be defeated when he found the epoxy would not 'go off' in our cooler than usual winter, Noel switched to the new polyurethane glue for laminating and the ply laps.

It was very much a team effort. Whenever I called in to check progress I found Nolene out helping Noel.

It was appropriate that the boat was launched in Brown's River, Kingston. The first dinghy Noel ever built at age 16 was launched at Kingston. Noel's Grandfather also had a Shack on Brown's River (where the golf course is now) and Noel spent many hours as a boy on that stretch of water.

Up until the last minute, Noel and Noelene had not decided on the name. Noelene poured sparkling over the bow and named her *Deb* – but there seems to be another name used by the family – *HaHa*. I'm not sure of the significance of the latter, but *Deb* is daughter Robyn's second name.

We salute our stalwart Guild members Noel and Noelene Hall and wish them and all their family fun and happy times in...
Deb.

Graeme



Noel and Noelene watch on intently. Afterwards Noelene was grateful to be told by Noel "you do not have to go to the shed and varnish tonight!"

Graeme

The "Terra Linna" Column

The Terra Linna project is moving along with a small group going to Zinifex (Nyrstar Hobart) on the 24th of September to select the timber they are making available to the project.

As well, a small band attended the working bee to make model boats which are the mainstay for our Terra Linna fund raising last Saturday. The group cut and machined 214 stock blocks for models out of the Celery Top Pine that Sherelle and Robin kindly collected. Of the above 5 have been finish sanded and shaped, 19 cut and routed and 3 only routed.

For the Seafarers Festival and the Huon Show it is estimated we will need 100 finished and bagged. So we need another working bee. Please see the calendar.



Ros and Aine's on Browns River in their yellow tender.

Calendar 2007

- **10.00 am, 1 September 2007** Model Working Bee 185 Berriedale Road Berriedale. Host Peter Higgs
- **10.30am, 22nd and 23rd September 2007** TAMAR River event. Trip Leader Roscoe Barnett
- **10.30 am 6th October Working Bee** 185 Berriedale Rd Berriedale.
- **10.30am, 21st October 2007**, Dodges Ferry. Trip Leader Graeme Hunt
- **Sunday 28 October 2007** Seafarers Festival, Bellerive Board Walk.
- **Saturday 17th & Sunday 18th November 2007** Huon Show
- **Saturday 17th November 2007, A Celebration of the Piner's Punt.** See following email and I will advise as more detail is resolved. Trip leader Peter Higgs
- **Presidents Dinner 23rd November 2007** 6pm for 6.30pm Bellerive Yacht Club
- **10.30am, 2nd December 2007** Rowing Day and WBGT Christmas Luncheon, Mariners Cottage Battery Point.

Trip Leaders responsibilities; the Trip Leader is to confirm meeting paces and times (including maps) for the Skeg edition prior to the event. Skeg closing time is 2nd Monday for text and 1st Monday for photos every month. Following the event the Trip Leader is to provide a short story and photos of the event for inclusion in the following Skeg.

Hooray its gone!

STOP PRESS!

Whilst on about the calendar Roscoe wants me to remind you all to advise him of your bookings. "First in best Dressed" cos Roscoes arranging everyones bedding! See his article on page 1.

Roscoe's Sleeping Arrangements!

Now he's got your attention Roscoe wants to enlighten you to his arrangements for;

10.30am, 22nd and 23rd September 2007 TAMAR River event. Trip Leader Roscoe Barnett

My intention is to stay at the Low Head Pilot Station overnight, probably have a meal in George Town, and on Sunday go for a row somewhere and check out the Bass and Flinders Centre where the Norfolk is now living.

The Low Head Pilot Station can provide the following ac-

d.. Boat Crew West Sleeps 6 (1 x Queen, 2 x 1 single, 1 x 2 singles)

e.. Light House Keepers Sleeps 6 (1 x Queen, 2 x 2 singles)

The first four cottages are located within 150m of each other at the Low Head Pilot Station the Light House Keepers Cottage is 900m by road to the north of the Pilot Station (5 m south of the cliff!!).

"First in best bedded" Roscoe.

A Celebration of the Piners Punt

The following is an email received from our contact Dianne Coon of Strahan in regard to our pending visit.

Hello Peter

Great to hear from you. I have pencilled Saturday 17th and Sunday 18th November into the diary, and think we could call the event "A Celebration of the Piners Punt". After mentioning it to a couple of people the bush telegraph seems to have got to work, and I have been contacted by locals seeking the date so they can book their friends into accommodation, so it has obviously fired imaginations.

In order to avoid \$3,000+ public liability insurance premiums we will have to refrain from publicly using words like 'race', or 'regatta', but we can certainly organise something on the Saturday which parades and shows off the punts, using the main park in Strahan where the Piners Festivals take place. I'm sure demonstrations of boat building skills and techniques will be popular if they are sufficiently portable to be set up in the park.

The Piners Festival Committee has a healthy bank balance, so I'm sure they will agree to fund a dinner /BBQ for the Guild. The Storytellers event became a major highlight of the Piners Festival and is pretty easy to stage, so I'm thinking that we can run something like that in the Visitors Centre on the Saturday night. Since the last Festival, two of our stalwarts - Denny Hamill and Harry McDermott - have died, and I think the Committee might fund two prizes in their name: a schools art prize, and a storytellers / poetry prize.

So, if you confirm that the date is OK by you, I will start officially notifying the community and rustling up some organisers.

I share your hope that this might kick start the Piners Festival. Thanks so much for the initiative.

Regards

Dianne Coon
Strahan"

I believe the Posters are up in Strahan and there is much interest amongst local Punt owners.

Peter

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 17th September 2007

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

Guest Speaker/s, 17th September 2007

George Burrows (past member and previous owner of "Terra Linna") will speak about original Pond Yachts, their design features and racing. George will bring along some of his own antique Pond Yachts.

Needed;

1. **Skeg articles by the 2nd Monday of each month.**
2. **Skeg photographs by the 1st Monday of each month.**
3. **Speaker/demonstration for next month**
4. **Volunteers Huon Show**

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

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

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**Presidents Dinner
à la Christmas
Friday 23rd November 2007**

Bellerive Yacht Club

Marina Room (downstairs)

6pm for 6.30pm

MENU

Nibble Platters at the BAR

CARVERY	Turkey with cranberry sauce Ham with apple sauce Baked potato& pumpkin with hot seasonal vegetables
DESERT	Christmas Pudding with brandy sauce Pavlova with fresh fruit and King Island cream

Cheese Platter

Tea and Coffee

\$40.00 per head

RSVP to Robin 62439033 by Friday 16th November – limited seats

Help needed

"Some members may recall Terra Nova - an Allan Payne designed sistership to

Nocturne - which was built in Hobart during the early 1950's. She competed

in the 1952 Sydney-Hobart Race, owner-skipper K.Gourlay. If anyone has an

early photograph of her, Jim Tayton would really appreciate a copy for an

article he is preparing."



Clockwise, Taytons, Rob & Jo, "Cats Cradle" and "Teepookana"

