



Presidents May report—"Roscoe's Ravings"

Thank you to all Wooden Boat Guild committee members and their respective partners. It has been another excellent year for the Guild.

Our major project, the restoration of the *Terra Linna* has moved forward with plenty of blood sweat and tears over the last twelve months. Along with our many and profitable fund raising efforts we were fortunate enough to receive a donation of 4,212 super feet of assorted King Billy, Celery Top and Oregon from Nyrstar which is now stored at the new *Terra Linna* work site, Noel and Noelene's property on the eastern shore. Our thanks again to the Hall's.

The *Terra Linna* herself was also relocated to this site and after being blown over during a very severe storm; she is upright again and now has a temporary enclosure protecting her. Regular working bees have been rostered and restoration work is underway, slowly but surely. The *Terra Linna* committee have also been sourcing Huon Pine to replace the damaged or usable planking. Our thanks must go to the Committee Chairman, Peter Higgs for what we have achieved in this last twelve months.

We have travelled the countryside far and wide to attend our many 'rowing day' outings. These have been very well attended and have initiated new membership enquiries, which is very pleasing. We had Gleuwein at Cygnet and at the Browns River outing, not only did we have probably one of the largest turn outs to a rowing day but to top it off Noel and Noelene launched their new Adirondak Guide Boat. A beautiful looking craft.

The Guild travelled to the Tamar River. Members on route to stay at the Low Head Pilot Station visited the Bass and Flinders Centre at Georgetown for an educational morning. The Pilot Station museum was extremely interesting and not to mention the Low Head Lighthouse 12 o'clock fog horn....what a cracker! We had many local wooden boat enthusiasts speak to us while we were there and as a consequence we gained some new members.

Another beautiful Terry/Alf Lean vessel, *Kit of Cloudy Bay* was launched at the Wooden Boat Centre at Franklin. Another fantastic vessel from the school, which I had great pleasure viewing at the Sydney Clas-

sic and Wooden Boat Festival in March of this year.

We had a great row out to Spectacle Island on our Dodges Ferry rowing day, the previous day was a shocker and we would have all kept our boats on their trailers! We visited and participated in the Seafarers Festival on the Bellerive board walk with the Guilds *Teepookana* making a guest appearance. Our presence at the Festival was well worth the effort, informing the public of the wooden boat cause, selling merchandise and raffle tickets. The day was a good one for the *Terra Linna* fund.

Many members of the Guild are directly involved with the coming Australian Wooden Boat Festival, and while members were at Bellerive, I was in Sydney organising some replica traditional 18footers to be displayed and race at the coming 2009 Festival.

We sadly lost one of our founding members, David Murphy who insisted our need to focus on our goals and responsibilities in regard to communicating, educating and researching Tasmania's Maritime Heritage.

For the first time ever we had the Guild split! On the same weekend some members attended the Huon Show whilst others attended the Celebration of the Piner's Punt on the west coast at Strahan. It was a wonderful weekend in Strahan promoting the Piner's punt along with their history and the characters that made it so. It is hoped that there will be future such events to keep this history alive.

We had our Christmas get together and the Guild had a presence on Franklin Wharf for the completion of the Sydney Hobart, Melbourne Hobart and Launceston Hobart. Again we raised more money for the *Terra Linna* fund. The President and *Teepookana* made another guest appearance at the Wooden Boat Rally in Launceston at the Seaport Marina along with other Guild members. Again, we attracted many interested public and this lead to new members.

Duckpond "Clean Up Australia Weekend" was an excuse for members to get out in their 'big boats', not that they really need an excuse. As well as big boats, there were small ones and on the Sunday we had a fantastic response to help with the clean up with some members coming especially for the day. Then we had the storm with gusts of up to 93 knots, knocking the *Terra Linna*

over and putting the Presidents *Maori Lass* on the beach. There is nothing worse than seeing your boat that needs at least five feet of water lying on its side in only two feet of water. Very little damage to either and they are now both back where they are supposed to be.

The *Teepookana* made but yet another guest appearance, this time at the Geelong Wooden Boat Festival along with our Sen. Vice President and Secretary, who were representing both the Guild and the AWBF. Meanwhile I was at the Festival in Sydney, which I must say, was much better than the one I attended two years earlier. Mind you nothing can beat our Festival in Hobart!

Our latest outings to 'Green Island' and the Wooden Boat Centre where the new vessel is taking shape, were also very well attended and very much enjoyed with large attendances at each.

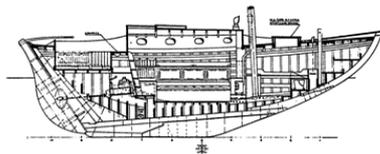
Our monthly meetings are still very well attended; we only just have enough room, if all the regulars were to be there at once we would be in trouble! I must also thank all the Guest Speakers over the past twelve months for a wonderful job, we have had some great yarns and lessons on how to build wooden boats/canoes along with some very patient wives who let their husbands build in the living room, of all places! Remember to keep sending articles in for the Skeg and keep an eye on our website for brilliant photos and other Guild information.

Thanks for another great year. Thank you again to all the Members and to the hard-working Committee. As President of the Wooden Boat Guild of Tasmania; I hope you have all had as much fun as I have.

Oh, and by the way, the little sailing dinghy *Lovett Bay* has finally arrived from Sydney....

No Cheryl....I wouldn't contemplate working on it in the living room....although with no pot belly stove in the shed it is a thought....and I would put down some plastic!

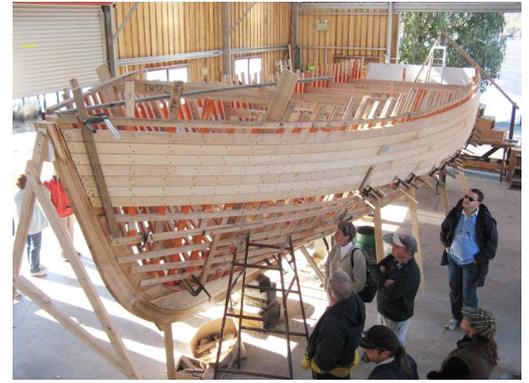
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Franklin rowing day.

Sunday the 25th. May proved a perfect day in all respects unless you fancied a bit of sailing, and even this became briefly possible in the mid-afternoon. The mighty Huon was at its best with perfect reflections when members began arriving at 10.00hrs.. When the majority had turned up they were treated to a most comprehensive tour of the

current School building project, when Dean Marks, the "Head Master" described the progress to date and answered many tricky questions from the floor.



This proved a most valuable rehearsal for dean, leading up to the conflicting visit from 1230 until about 1330hrs by the Peppermint Bay cat. loaded with paying tourists bent on a guided tour themselves. The over-lap didn't seem to affect either party as our trusty Guild Members took the overlap time to congregate on the School's own jetty with barbecue facilities and a sumptuous combined lunch, thereby staying out of the way of the tourists.



There is little doubt that the presence of the diverse group of members' boats added greatly to the active boaty ambience that the visitors absorbed.

A testing of the atmosphere revealed that there was little stomach for a competitive event, and so the previously canvassed race did not take place. instead most took the opportunity to voyage through the canal to the eastern shore and were well-pleased. My thanks to all who made the time to attend and make the event a social success.

Many thanks to Grahame Dudgeon for being the trip leader and organising the rowing day at Franklin and out tour of the Wooden Boat Centre.

Secretary's and Terra Linna report

Well it certainly has been a very busy month WBGT wise and things are really getting under way for the 2009 Australian Wooden Boat Festival. So if you have not got your boat/s entered yet you had better get to the AWBF site and register them as applications are flowing in fast.

<http://www.australianwoodenboatfestival.com.au/>

The AWBF has now set up a new office in the top level of the Salamanca Arts Centre off Wooby's Lane. Its official street address is So if you can't get to the web for your entry you can go to the office and register your boat/s. It might pay you to ring first as the office is not

always occupied. **Festival Office: 03 6223 3375.**
Space 229, Salamanca Arts Centre, 77 Salamanca
Place, Hobart Tasmania 7000

How to find the AWBF office: Space 229 is on the top floor of the building which houses Mezethes Greek restaurant on the ground floor, at the corner of Wooby's Lane and Salamanca Square. The door to our staircase is in the back right-hand corner of the Salamanca Arts Centre courtyard, which can be accessed off Wooby's Lane, or Salamanca Place, through the arcade.

AGM. The Guild's AGM will be held at the Mariners Cottage on Monday 16th of June 2008. Some officers of the Guild will be entering into their 3rd year in office and this will mean there will need to be a change of guard. So members will need to be thinking of a continuance plan to ensure a smooth transition in 2009.

Please see the members application form attached as all members must be financial for 2008/9 to vote at the AGM.

Please accept this as due Notice for the 2008 AGM.

Terra Linna Report

We now have the *Terra Linna* in a position and protected enough that work on her restoration can continue with some comfort and protection from the elements. This has been a timely as this week the Guild has been advised that it was successful in its application for the Tasmania Community Fund it applied for in the current round.

We did not get the amount that we applied for which was \$55,000 but we have been granted an amount of \$25,000 to allow us to make the spars, provide the rigging and sails. This is a tremendous boost to our project and places us in a very privileged position in Tasmania Communities.

A condition of the funding as per our proposal is that we will involve two other community groups in the restoration namely Rosney College and The Police and Citizens Youth Club Hobart. This will provide some alternative training opportunities for youth in both organizations.

We have to negotiate a contract with Tasmania Community Grants for the funding to become available to us. During these negotiations We will try and ask for the funding to be made available to complete the hull of the vessel before the spars, rigging and sails are commenced. The reasoning for this is that we had intended to undertake the restoration of the hull as the first stage with the spars, rigging and sails being the final stage.

We did indicated that the hull could take the first year and in discussions with Noel I think this is a pretty good guesstimate. That would mean we may be close to the

hull (definitely not complete though) for the 09 Festival for viewing purposes. However, the remaining work will probably see the first TCF grant out i.e. completion by May June 09. I would then suggest if negotiations go OK that we re apply next year to complete the restoration. Sure in the mean time we do try and raise other funds but practically we have a big task ahead.

Given the work required and now having a time commitment to meet I would seriously recommend all second half year (08) rowing days be cancelled to be replaced by Terra Linna working bees.

I am reasonably confident we will need 650 super foot of Huon for the hull and at the current rate that will cost us \$14,300.00. Over and above this the material Noel and I inspected the other day (which will be ideal and better than the previous Huon I inspected with Dean) will have to be re-sawn and milled/thickened (preferably using a thickening sander not cutters to retain maximum plank thickness. I would estimate this may cost up to \$5,000.00. Over and above this we will need fixings, epoxies and other consumables probably amounting to another \$4-5,000.00. So we are already up to and possibly over the \$25,000.00 TCF are offering when other incidentals will be needed.

STOP Press TCF will not allow changes so we do have to do Spars, Rigging and Sails first!!!

Noel has now removed several planks from the lower section of the hull of the *Terra Linna* in preparation for keel repairs, centre board case and re-planking. In doing this work Noel has discovered that the thickness of the planks vary considerably and that very few of the nails have heads on them. This is possibly due to the many years of sanding the hull has suffered.

Surprisingly through a contact made via the AWBF office a member of the Gatehouse family has contacted me in relation to the *Terra Linna's* history. There are some historic bits and pieces plus many photographs to be examined in the Gatehouse family collection.

Next Rowing Day—Trial Bay Rowing Day

The next rowing day will be held at Trial Bay (about 1 km south of Kettering township) on Sunday 22 June. Those coming with a boat should meet at the launching ramp (see the map) at 10.30 am. High tide is about 1pm, so there should be plenty of water by then, and the tide stays up for the rest of the day, so recovery won't be a problem. The plan is to row around Kettering Point to my berth in the South Haven Marina (bring a fender if you have one). If the weather is (as it was last time) strong from the south-east then the Trial Bay ramp loses much of its appeal. We will meet there no matter what the weather, but can launch in Little Oyster Cove if conditions are too unfavourable.

Golden Wedding Anniversary

Chris and Penny Morton have just celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary so big congratulations from the Guild! Family traveled from America to be with them on their special day.

From there we plan (weather permitting) to have the 57 ft huon pine tug Victory in at the marina for members and friends to inspect, and participate in a short cruise in the Channel. After this there will be a barbeque at the Tayton's house at 70 Ferry Road (BBQ supplied, but bring your own food and drinks). Those who want to can then return to Trial Bay or, as a more relaxing alternative, haul out at one of the two ramps in Little Oyster Cove.

Members coming without a boat are welcome to join in at any point. I estimate the fleet will arrive at the marina about 11.30am, and the Victory cruise setting out around noon, returning for refreshments from 1pm.

See map last page.

Jim & Caroline Tayton—Trip Leader



FOR SALE DUE TO CIRCUMSTANCES

How would you like to be boating in a new wooden boat of the design, "Snapper"?

Member Colin Wragg has one almost complete and it could be yours for \$7,000 or \$9,000 with a new motor.

Colin is renowned for his boat building perfection and resides at Port Sorell and can be contacted on 0417127245.

You can be assured of a first class wooden boat of Australian design that would serve you well!

Calendar 2008

- **Terra Linna Working Bee 10.am 14/6/08**
- **WBG T General meeting and AGM 16/6/2008
7.30pm—6.00pm Com mtg**
- **Trial Bay rowing day 22/6/2008—Trip Leader
Jim Tayton**
- **Terra Linna Working Bee 10.am 13/7/08**
- **WBG T General meeting 21/7/2008 7.30pm—
6.00pm Com mtg**
- **New Norfolk Rowing Day 27/7/2008 Trip
Leader Peter Higgs**

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 up to 12 photos, sized appropriately, of the event for inclusion in the following Skeg.

Members wishing to submit photos: All members photos are most welcome as contributions for the Skeg or other publications. For the Skeg members are asked to restrict their submissions to 6 in total per month and to have resized the photos to the following specs.

400 Pixels wide X 300 Pixels high, or

5.7 cm wide X 4.2 cm high, with a resolution of

180—250 pixels per inch

If you can not size a photo your system probably has a function that enables you to save it for email. This is also probably quite a good solution.

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

*The next general meeting & AGM 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 16th June 2008*

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

Guest Speaker, 16th June 2008

Robert Virtue

Tasmanian One Design Yachts

Also see [http://www.virtue.id.au/Onedesign/
index.htm](http://www.virtue.id.au/Onedesign/index.htm)

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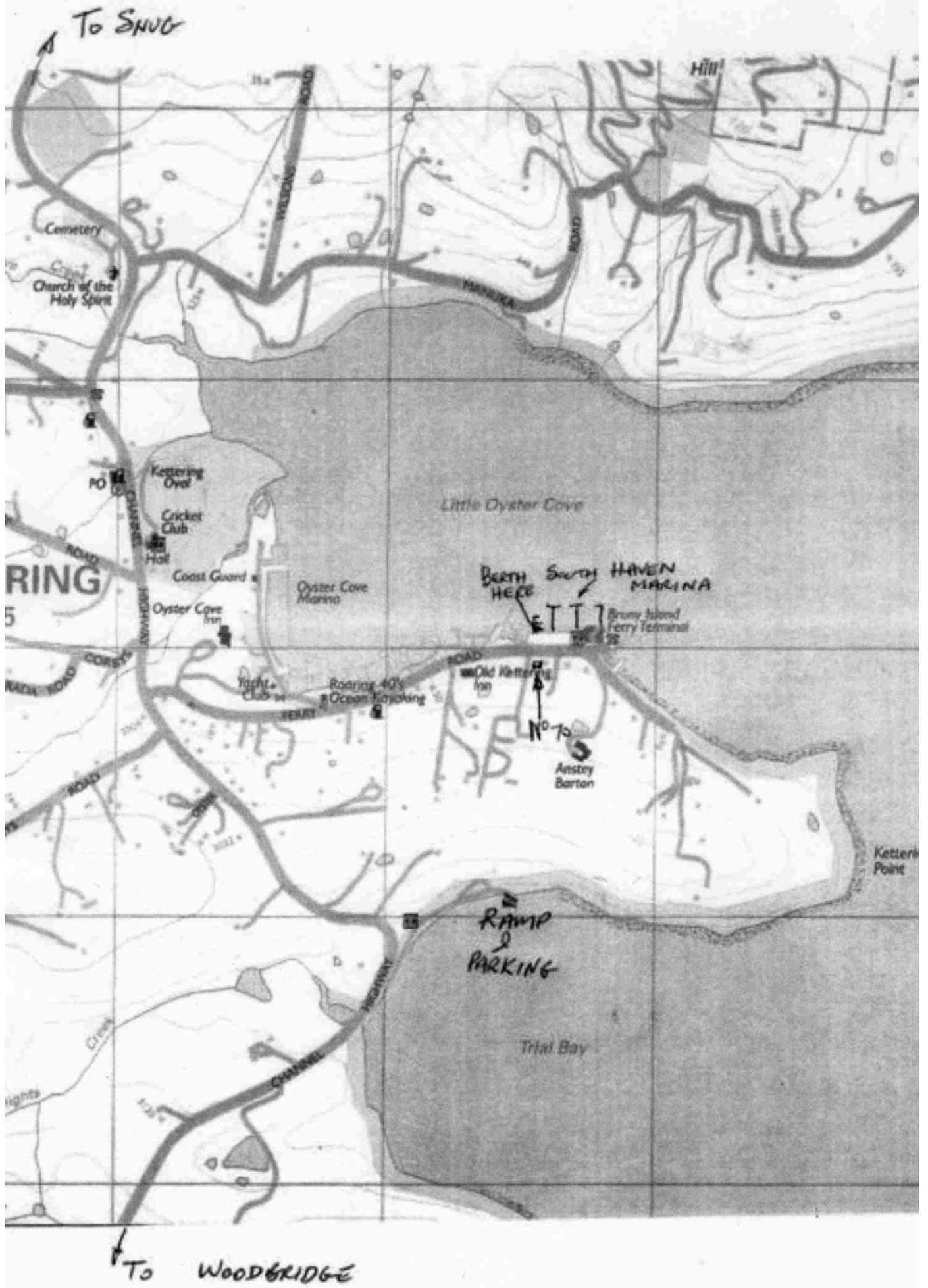
1. **Skeg articles by the 2nd Monday of each month.**
2. **Skeg photographs by the 1st Monday of each month.**
3. **Speaker/demonstration (it can be a demonstration of a wooden boat building activity or problem) for next month.**

Try this link to our Web site to check our next function and the weather!

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

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THE WOODEN BOAT GUILD of TASMANIA INC

Membership Application

I / We
(preferred name) (surname)

and
(preferred name) (surname)

hereby apply to join/continue my/our membership of The Wooden Boat Guild of Tasmania Inc. for the membership period 1st May 2008 to 30th April 2009.

My/our address for correspondence is:

Phone:

Street.

(Home)

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(Bus.)

Town

(Mobile.)

State Postcode.

(Fax)

email

Please send the newsletter by: email post

Areas of interest
(tick many)

Boating
Restoring
Motoring

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sailing

Annual Subscription : Full member / family \$35.00

Concession (Student, Pensioner) \$15.00, Amount remitted \$

I prefer to pay by Credit Card. Details: Card type (circle): MasterCard | Visa Expires:
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Name on card:

Credit Card Number:

Please make Postal Orders, Cheques, payable to "The Wooden Boat Guild of Tasmania Inc." and Forward to:

The Wooden Boat Guild of Tasmania Inc.
P. O. Box 28
Battery Point, Tas 7004

I / We agree to abide by the Rules of Incorporation and By Laws of the Guild

Signed

Date