



Presidents August report—“Roscoe’s Ravings”

Well....the last couple of weeks haven’t really been boating weather, in fact as I write these Ravings it’s sprinkling, the wind is blowing and it’s cold....I should be down on *Maori Lass*, but not in this weather. The last time I was on board a couple of weeks ago I noticed that the for’d hatch had been forced and that there had been an uninvited visitor....they borrowed my brand new 12mm, whipped ends, white double braid headsail sheets....only been used twice....bastards! If only that second-hand boat bits shop was still in Battery Point, I could get some more at the right price!

Since the last meeting the Guild has had an outing to New Norfolk which Cheryl and I missed because of my work commitments (it’s a worry when work gets in the way of one’s social life) and there will be more about that later from the Trip Leader. There was also a *Terra Linna* working bee last Sunday, also missed by the President but I’m sure we’ll read about that in the *Terra Linna* report.

It’s very exciting that after all this time of having the *Terra Linna* in our ‘care’ that we have finally got down to the restoration. Once the keel has been attended to, and the moulds go in, then the planking will start. ‘WOW’.... that will make her look more like the vessel she is supposed to be. For those of you who haven’t seen her of late, the poor old girl is looking a bit ‘plain’! But the project is definitely moving forward. “*You cant make an omelette without breaking the eggs*”.

Secretary Peter mentioned in the last Skeg, as well as the *Terra Linna* working bees there will still need to be model-making bees. These little models are still good sellers and have helped us over the years with the Guild’s income. We have a few opportunities coming up to market these, the Bellerive Seafarers Festival, the Huon Show and especially the Australian Wooden Boat Festival, so, if you can’t work on the *Terra Linna*, you might be able to help in the manufacture of the models. There are some components that you could make at home if you are interested. Just speak to any of the committee and we will organise something for you.

At the last meeting, “Sullivans Cove” was listed on the agenda because as President, along with many, many others, we have grave concerns that they, the powers that be, may overlook simple things such as, maritime heritage and wooden boats in relation to the Cove. We had a discussion on the subject of how we, as the Wooden Boat Guild could “make a meaningful contribution to what we would like the Cove to look like and support from a maritime heritage and wooden boat perspective”. It was brought to the meetings attention that

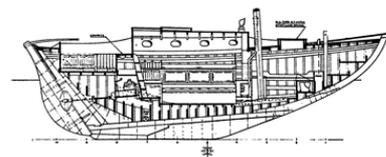
the Guild had already sent a submission to the Water-front Authority some time ago, and it was decided by the meeting that the Committee would have discussions with the Maritime Museum and the Australian Wooden Boat Festival and formulate a Wooden Boat Guild ‘position statement.’

As far as the Calendar goes, my apologies for not getting it right last month, I didn’t realise that Peter hadn’t received the relevant information. With any luck we will get it right this month.

One outing I know for sure is the Presidents Dinner, Friday 26 September at Brookfield Vineyard Cafe with the theme being wear a ‘nautical hat’....although Peter has suggested that other attire should be worn as well!! Also, one of our other outings will be a row on the Browns River along with a BBQ lunch with members of the Vintage Boat Club at one of their members house which backs onto the river. I hope his wharf is large enough!

No, no Cheryl....it’s the sheets off the headsail....not the bunks!

Roscoe



New Norfolk rowing day.

By Trip Leaders Dallas and Peter Higgs

Well the morning dawned grey, overcast, cold and very foggy. But what is new this winter! Least of all the frost on the banks of the Derwent did not deter the brave of the Wooden Boat Guild of Tasmania. But it did sort out the fair weather sailors from the hardy!

Other than the trip leaders the first on the scene was Graeme Nicholls with that classic of his own creation “*Scorrybraec*”. Next were Brian, Eva and Jim towing the beautiful “*Mary Clare*” Brian was surprised that Graeme Hunt had not arrived but as usual when Graeme goes to New Norfolk he is determined to turn up with a new craft. The last rowing day there he arrived with 2 new (to Graeme) folding canoes. This time he arrived with a batten seam commuter boat.

Photo Graeme Hunt

Graeme’s Commuter boat



It had been used by

a New Norfolk resident to commute to the Boyer Paper Mill (now known as Norske Skog, no relative of Norske Skeg!) for some 50 years. Graeme is now committed to many hours of restoration. Watch out Judy, Noel and Noelene!

Before Graeme arrived new members Paul Davy and wife Jen together with Luke, Laura, Jack & Gina their children and don't forget Vincent van Go-Go their beautiful and aptly named dog who never stops, all arrived. Paul and Jen arrived with their family boat called "DART" a plywood runabout that had not been in the water for some 15 years. Paul and Jen were to relaunch her and set off on the Guild's mystery New Norfolk row.

All boats were launched without trouble except *Teepookana* and *Eltin Ronan*. You heard about fair weather sailors well the trip leaders were taking no chances given their experiences with the winter lurgies they had been experiencing and battling. Anyhow, some one had to judge the New Norfolk Mystery Row.

As launching occurred all children had a great time as Vincent van Go-Go chased and fetched sticks into the Derwent River. On his return the sticks were duly dropped at the feet of the children amongst a joyous and proud spray of chilled Derwent water.

Soon after launch the crews witnessed the blessing of *Dart* by HCC Alderman Eva Ruzicka to ensure all who sailed in her were kept safe. We might have some more launchings for you to officiate at Eva. Many thanks!

Photo Peter Higgs



Eva blesses "Dart" on her re-launch

With out any more time to loose the crews were given their New Norfolk Rowing day conditions and clues and off they set to solve the same;

1. What is the structure in the picture below and where is it located?



2. What year was the Bush Hotel established?
3. What is the name of the white building downstream of the bridge on the township side of the river?
4. In relation to the existing New Norfolk bridge where was the original bridge located?
5. What strategy has been used in the environmental and aesthetic quality of storm water entering the Derwent River?
6. What year was the original New Norfolk bridge first used and for what sort of traffic?
7. What is the age of the New Norfolk Toll House?

8. What was the name of the vessel that transported settlers from Norfolk Island to Tasmania

9. How many passengers did HM Colonial Schooner *Estramina* carry to Tasmania? What was the break down of passengers?

10. New Norfolk settled in 1807/08 was originally called the Hills. It has had 2 name changes since then. What were the two new names and in what years did they occur?

11. In what year did the New Norfolk Rowing club experience a flood of approximately 3.5 metres through its boat house?

The following conditions/rules also had to be abided by.

Rules:

- Trip leaders decisions are final no correspondence can be entered into!
- Each boat must have an on land crew as well (given the small number of members present this was dispensed with)
- On land crews must pass on the information they find to their boat crew at the location. This means it can not be passed on in bulk at the end of the water activity.
- All paper work to be handed in to the trip leaders by the boat crew at the bar-b-q at Tynwald Park Bar -B- Q area 4.



Graeme Hunt checks all clues

Photo Dallass Higgs

One of the reasons for introducing the Mystery Row was to include all shore based members in the days rowing event. Although there were not many shore based participants it seemed to work so perhaps some thing similar can be offered by other trip leaders.

All crews set out in beautiful conditions albeit a little cold. It was interesting to see the new members boat surrounded by the other crews all trying to gain information about the clues given for the Mystery Row.

"Mum" was obviously the word and all crews settled down to a nice steady pace as they set about mixing a lovely days rowing with some mental exercise to boot! It was interesting to note that although some were left on the banks including Vincent van Go-Go, crews became quite independent and relied only on their own information. Many boat skippers were

Photo Peter Higgs



Paul, Jen and Family in "Dart", with Jim, Brian and Eva in "Mary Clare"

left waiting near the banks whilst crews walked the banks and bridge in search of the answers to the clues.

Photo Peter Higgs



Skippers await crew with the correct answers

All crews soon returned to the ramp and were warmed with a welcoming Gluewine as all helped, including Vincent van Go-Go, to retrieve all craft.

Soon after all crews retired to Bar B Q area 4 of Tynwald Park for a well earned Bar B Q and refreshments. The good nature soon gave way to much bargaining as competitiveness prevailed through as the New Norfolk Mystery row answers were revealed. The winners were Graeme and Graeme in *Scorrybreac*. They gladly accepted their bottle of RED!



Checking the answers

Photo Peter Higgs

Given the rivalry and great Bar B Q facilities Paul and Jen invited us all back to their home to have a warm cuppa and of course to look at their array of other boats they are restoring slowly but surely. As well as Dart they have a nice Herron and what appears to be a South East Tasmania take on an Orkney Yole, it is a double ender with a very wide beam. If you want to get a better idea of Paul and Jen's boat just do a Google on Orkney Yoles.

Photo Peter Higgs



Proud restorer Paul discusses the Yole with Guild members

After much discussion, warm tea and coffee and plenty of free advice we all departed having shared again another special day enjoying boats, the water, nice food and most importantly lovely company on a WGBT rowing day. So next time its a little overcast, foggy and cold and you decide to stay at home think of your fellow members having a great time messing around in boats!!

Secretary's and Terra Linna report

Well the year is slipping by and again at a rate that takes some believing. I have to apologise for not being able to attend this months Guild meeting. However, I

remain most interested and fully committed.

We have just received the Deed back from the Tasmania Community Fund so our project is full steam ahead, more about that in the *Terra Linna* report. Also the \$25,000.00 funding has been deposited in the Guild's bank account.

We at TAFE are still experiencing difficult times with email having made a change from Novell to MS and Groupwise to Outlook and we are advised that until the whole organization is migrated the problems could continue. So if I have missed any ones email I apologise.

The application has been made for us to be part of the Bellerive Seafarers Festival where we will still have our normal display and sell our Guild memorabilia to raise funds. Also we would like to be part of the water events again so members participation is encouraged.

Most Guild secretary stuff is going along OK and it and the Terra Linna stuff just blurs together so I will move over to that report.

The Terra Linna Report

Currently I am gathering expressions of interest from local Sail Makers, Riggers and Spar makers to engage those skills to fulfill the Tasmania Community Grant Fund (TCF) requirements. There has been great interest from the local crafts people both in regard to their skill areas and their general interest in the *Terra Linna* restoration project.

We do have contacts interstate for some of the work if needed. So if we do not get a satisfactory expressions of interest from Tasmania crafts people we can pursue expression of interests from the interstate contacts.

In regard to the sails, one sail maker has suggested we do not have a top sail as designed but install a pole mast where the topsail pole is scarfed on to the mast. This method is used quite extensively on traditional craft in contemporary restoration work and allows easier setting of the top sail, saves on maintenance provides a lot lighter solution aloft. The latter being a preference given the limited ballast *Terra Linna* will carry. Members questions, suggestions?

Photo Peter Higgs



Have we got a deal for you!

We will leave our decision until all Eol are submitted.

At the working bee last Saturday Robin Singleton delivered the blocks and spar hard ware that Andy Gamlin had

been storing for the project. There was also a very delicate but in excellent condition bronze mast head burgee pole, including an old burgee. Noelene has undertaken to make a new burgee. Obviously there is maintenance to do on the blocks and hardware but we are in a great position for some authentic running rigging for the project as a result of Andy's foresight. As this work is to be funded from the TCF we will engage the experts for restoration work.

We may, funds being available have some spar hardware sections re-cast in bronze as spares.

We are reasonably confident that we have enough spar material in the spars and flag pole we have been storing apart from a 20 foot piece of Oregon for the boom. We will contact Nyrstar in the first instance to see if they have anything that would be fit for purpose. If not we will have to purchase the same.

One working bee task that has to be undertaken by Guild members though is the removal of paint from the spars so the spar makers/restorers can have a clean start. So please bring along heat guns etc to get this off so we can deliver the spars in a workable state.

The Guild's focus is now on the hull restoration and we have stripped the garboard and planks from the keel to the turn of the bilge. All floors have been removed as well as all stringers. This has allowed good inspection access for the keel, keelson and bow and stern posts. All look in good working condition. Bill Foster has given his seal of approval to proceed with the restoration leaving these members in place and sealing them with epoxy for added strength/protection.

Having progressed to this point Noel has led the team



Cutting the slot under supervision

the slot for the new centre board case.

This task took 3 of us 4 hours to complete. We commenced by drilling 4 X 18mm holes through the keelson and keel, a total of 7" thick of an oak keelson and Celery

Photo Brian Marriott

with a big clean up of the keel and reshaped the bow knee out of Celery Top Pine. He has also constructed the centre board case logs ready for installation. We are waiting for new stainless steel bolts to be threaded for some of this work to proceed. However, last Sunday's working bee saw the cutting of

Top Pine keel. Plus encountering 3 metal components in the process. Following this we used a 9" circular saw to cut the edges of the centre board slot. Once this was done it was a hammer and chisel job to remove the unwanted stock to the 4" cut depth. It was not long before that was out

and we then brought in the big gun chain saw to remove the remaining 3" plus of the slot. Clean up is still continuing to true the sides and ends but it was a big job well done!

Soon after Noel had the centre case logs in place to



Charles checks the fit of the centre case logs and trims the slot

ensure they fitted. The slot has only left approximately 1" of keel timber on the sides. We will reinforce this with a timber and lead foil on either side through bolted fore and aft of the slot to strengthen the keel and improve ballast.

If you want to see a great work in progress drop better still come

around and have a look or along to the next working bee, BYO. Members are also asked to participate in the model making by taking some home and working on them in their own workshops. We desperately need some models for the forthcoming Bellerive Seafarers Festival, Huon Show and Australian Wooden Boat Festival.

Peter Higgs

**Next Rowing Day— Browns River
10.00am 28/9/2008**

Trip Leader Roscoe. Meet at the boat ramp off of Tyndall Road, Kingston.

Photo Brian Marriott



Cleaning out the slot

Photo Peter Higgs

Calendar 2008

- **WBG**T General meeting 18/8/2008 7.30pm—6.00pm Committee meeting
- No rowing day but a Model Working Bee 24/8/2008 10.00am Noel's 51 Hill St.
- *Terra Linna* Working Bee 10.am 7/9/08 BYO
- **WBG**T General meeting 15/9/2008 7.30pm—6.00pm Committee meeting
- Presidents Dinner, Brookfield Vineyard Café Margate Saturday 26th September 2008 6.00pm for 6.30pm. Bar and nibbles, Mains Buffet Roast and Veg. Desert (serves of 2 X alternate drop! [I don't mean a drink]) \$35.00 per head incl tea and coffee. Dress wear a Nautical hat and of course some other attire top and bottom! *NOTE date correction.* RSVP to Robin and Cherelle.
- **WBG**T rowing day 28/9/2008 10.00am Browns River followed by bar-b-q at the residence (1/2 way along Browns River) of the Commodore (or other office bearer) of the Tasmania Vintage Boat Club. Trip Leader Roscoe.
- *Terra Linna* Working Bee 10.am 12/10/08 BYO
- **WBG**T General meeting 20/10/2008 7.30pm—6.00pm Committee meeting
- Bellerive Seafarers Festival Sunday 26th October 2008 10.00am (set up before 9.00am) to 4.00pm. Water events included.
- *Terra Linna* Working Bee 10.am 9/11/08 BYO
- **WBG**T General meeting 17/11/2008 7.30pm—6.00pm Committee meeting
- **WBG**T rowing day 23/11/2008 10.00am Venue to be advised or may be Huon Show?
- *Terra Linna* Working Bee 10.am 7/12/08 BYO
- **WBG**T General meeting 15/12/2008 7.30pm—6.00pm Committee meeting
- **WBG**T Christmas bar-b-q and rowing day 21/12/2008 10.00am Mariners Cottage Battery Point.

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 18 th August 2008

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

Guest Speaker, 18 th August 2008

Graeme Hunt and guest speaker on the building of the “Lady Nelson”.

Also see <http://www.virtue.id.au/Onedesign/index.htm>

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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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.

We are getting an incredible number of photos so many thanks to all the enthusiasts but apologies if I do not put your favourite picky in the Skeg. We do have to have room for some words also.

Port Sorell Reflections

by Graeme Hunt and David Long

Graeme and Judy Hunt and David Long and Sally Ridgway were lucky enough to spend some time in the wooden boat oasis that is Port Sorell, in March and April this year. Judy and Graeme were there for Easter and David spent four days there later in April.

Graeme writes:-

"One of the great pleasures of our Easter in Port Sorell is catching up with our wooden boat friends. Brian Templar was busy making oars when we called and we arranged a fishing trip on the estuary in Brian's Snapper Boat. What a lovely time; to motor out into the bay, try for a fish, see the estuary shoreline from the water, motor upstream, catch a fish and see Zoe (Brian's loyal builder's companion) delight in the catch. On the way upstream Brian showed us his old boat and Bruce Tyson's current boat. A lovely day on the water with a special short cut through the islands on the way home. Brian has the Snapper Boat very well set up for solo launching and retrieving. He has plans to build an extended Acorn skiff this winter to add to his extensive homebuilt fleet. Thanks Brian and Zoe. "

David also caught up with Brian and Colin Wragg as well:-

"I met two very enthusiastic and skilful boat builders, Brian Templar and Colin Wragg. They both have some lovely plywood clinker skiffs, one of which Brian uses with an electric motor. He also has a diesel inboard powered clinker Snapper boat about 17ft long with a gaff mainsail and also makes very nice oars. Colin has nearly finished a very attractive clinker fishing boat

about 18 ft long with an outboard motor embedded in the stern out of sight. As it became dark I was unable to complete the full tour of all his boats."

Of course both Graeme and David spent time at Muddy Creek. David also caught up with Murray Griffiths:-

"I was impressed by the number of wooden boats of various sizes and shapes lying in the creek. I say 'lying' as it was low tide and there was no water in the creek. The chap in charge of Murray Griffith's slip told me the tides range from 3 to 3.5 m there.

I was privileged to spend an hour or so with Murray Griffiths who is now 92 years old and has been 'around' wooden boats most of his life having first gone to sea at the age of 14. He bought his first boat in the early 1930s and until fairly recently operated a slip and repaired boats at his yard in the creek. He and his good mate Clyde Clayton owned and operated many well known boats eg Edith, Bell Brandon, Reemere, Miska and Patsy II & III to name a few. His last boat, a Couta boat, is in a museum in Queenscliff in Victoria."

Graeme continues:-

"I was keen to catch up with new member Geoff Winspear. Geoff welcomed me in and showed me his fleet of kayaks, canoes and dinghies and told me of his Piners Punt in Muddy Creek. Geoff and his wife Barb go for a row most days. Geoff also told me of the work of the Port Sorell History Group. Later in the day I called round on my bike to see their Chairman, retired furniture maker Mick Halley, and was very impressed by the panels the group has made to display the interesting history of the area. I also had a look at the Group's whale boat, recently rescued from Dunally and worked on by Charlie Griffiths. The boat will not be fully restored but used to display boatbuilding and boating of the early days in their 'History House'. I am hopeful the Group will bring the boat to the next Australian Wooden Boat Festival in Hobart but they need a sponsor. Charlie continues work on Coralyn but has been concentrating on another of his father's smaller boats of late which he showed at the Launceston Wooden Boat Rally. I missed Charlie at Port Sorell but had caught up with him at Geelong."

David concludes:-

"I also had the opportunity to see an interesting little sailing dinghy built by a local farmer Roger Montcrieff. All in all an anticipated 2 day stay at Port Sorell turned into 4 days full of interesting people and their boats."

Port Sorell – a great wooden boat destination and great people.

Photo by David Long.





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