



Presidents January/February report— “Roscoe’s Ravings”

....what's that I hear you say Cheryl?... “Why am I sitting in a lounge chair on the balcony when there is so much to do!”

“Well it is not every year you have a 0th Birthday coincide with the AWBF and I feel like I have hit a brick wall. So hence the lounge chair on the deck!”

“Yes OK I will get some jobs done but before I do I must write a short Ravings for the Skeg!”

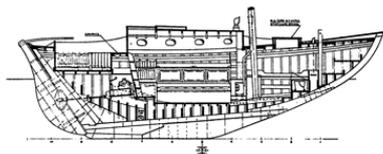
To all members who staffed the WBGT tent at the 2009 AWBF a really big thank you! You have assisted our projects by raising a total of \$6,325.00 (less costs TBA). This is fantastic!

I don't like to single people out for fear of missing someone but in this instance I must thank Cherelle and Robin for their efforts and Brian Marriott for his untiring work with stock and money collection and counting.

I must also thank all members concerned with the success again of our Aust. WBA Welcome Bar B Q. Our Interstate colleagues really enjoy this gesture and it seems to kick start the AWBF for real enthusiasts.

....what's that I hear you say Cheryl?... “yes I am feeling a bit more energetic now so I am off down to *Maori Lass*, oh Freudian slip, the garden for a bit of a tidy up!”

Roscoe



Secretary's and Terra Linna report

The majority of this Skeg will be a Pictorial of the AWBF 2009

Well I concur with Roscoe, what a great Festival but I too have been a bit blown out.

Firstly I also would pass on my vote of thanks to members for their efforts at both the Guild Tent and the Welcome Bar B Q.

Given the time we stage the Welcome Bar B Q and some comments that it is on before many WBA members arrive from interstate, would it help or hinder if we hosted a WBA welcome Breakfast. This could be an egg and bacon on the barbie affair on the Saturday or Sunday morning followed by the WBA meeting. Just a thought! It was raised we may look at an alternative at the WBA meeting at the Festival.

Cleanup Australia Day The Guild has nominated to clean up the Duckpond at Barnes Bay again on Clean Up Australia Day. This is one of our big boat days and will be held at the Duckpond on the weekend of the Sat. 28th February and Sun. 1st of March. The Clean Up will commence at 930am on the Sunday. The usual bar b q will be on an the Saturday evening. For more details see; <http://events.cleanup.org.au/?Duckpond+Barnes+Bay>

I was lucky enough to host a meeting of Australian WBA representatives at our tent at 10.00am on the Saturday. The purpose of the meeting was to talk about things each state were doing and to raise common issues that could benefit all WBA Australia wide if resolved on a national basis. The following are my notes from the meeting.

WBA Meeting held at the AWBF Saturday 7th February 2009

Present: Geoff Willams Qld WBA, Ian Mortleman Qld WBA, Gill Cook Far North Qld (Cairns) WBA, Jenny & Trevor Twigden WBA SA, John Curtis WBA NSW and Peter Higgs WBGT.

State Round Up:

Tasmania; Informed the meeting of the restoration work being carried out on the *Terra Linna*, including the State Government Community Fund grant for spars and rigging. It was noted that the *Terra Linna* is on the Australian Register of Historic Vessels. Also, reported our monthly meetings and boat days. This included that we meet in regional locations to try and include all interested wooden boat enthusiasts across the state in our work. One member apologised for not being able to

attend the WBGT Welcome party as they arrived after it was held. This was confirmed by another attendee. WBGT undertook to look at alternatives to a Thursday evening event at AWBF for the future. It was also confirmed that some delegates never received an invite to the Welcome Bar B Q.

WBA Qld Brisbane; Meet at the Qld Maritime Museum in Brisbane where they assist the Museum in the restoration of wooden boats. The following points were raised as what WBA Qld saw as national issues for consideration;

They would welcome the investigation of a national WBA Public Liability policy so that together we could negotiate a more reasonable policy and price for the same. The SA representative's spoke of an SA based broker they used by the name of Webster, Hyde & Heath as a possibility for negotiations (see more in SA report).

WBA Qld are offering to manage the WBA web site which was kindly established by Robert Virtue. They are inviting all states to contribute to the site information, including state events, boats for sale etc. or at least to link to the site so nationally WBA members are aware of what is happening in other states. This will be helpful when WBA members travel interstate. For input WBA's are advised to contact John Tanniker, Qld President or Martin Krynan at info@wba.qld

WBA NSW; The WBA NSW are conducting a Raft Up of wooden boats at Darling Harbour on the 6th to the 9th March all WBA participants Australia wide are most welcome to attend. The WBA NSW will be involved in the Working with Wood show in Sydney in mid July. WBA NSW is currently operating with 270 members. An issue raised was that *Watercraft*, the WBA news letter, needs contributions from all states. WBA members are urged to contribute articles to the editor of *Watercraft* to ensure this worthy magazine benefits and represents all WBA's. A member present asked that the *Watercraft* should be published on the WBA web site in an endeavour to cut costs of publishing and postage. This way each state could download and distribute the magazine to their members who do not have access to the web.

WBA SA; Reported having 70 active members and they meet bi monthly at the Brecknock Hotel last Monday of the month in Adelaide. The WBA SA committee meet on the uneven (odds) months and then they conduct a general meeting on the even months at the same venue. They meet on The WBA SA have monthly events most months which are made up of boating days and "Shed Crawls" to see restoration or construction work in pro-

gress. Not that they are responsible for but they are involved in next months Goolwa Music and Wooden Boat Festival where they will host a breakfast at Goolwa on the Sunday morning. As reported above, the WBA SA have been successful in taking out a Public Liability Insurance Premium with Brokers Webster, Hyde and Heath for \$800.00 annually. Contact details P 08 8362 5553 E info@whhib.com.au W www.whhib.com.au. In addition, for water events, they can cover visitors for a fee of \$10.00 for the day thus allowing them entry into the event whilst covering the WBA SA for any mishap.

WBA Far Nth Qld. Cairns; Have approximately 60 members and have just recently completed the re-location and restoration of their club house on the foreshore. You may recall this being covered in the Skeg 2 years ago when they first demolished the building in an Industrial site. All WBA members visiting Cairns are welcome to visit the new WBA Nth. Qld. Clubhouse. The activities of this very active WBA cover;

Knotology courses are conducted regularly.

Wooden Boat building courses to involve young people in the Cairns WBA. However, one of their recent students was an 80 year old Grandmother (and Great Grandmother we suspect!) who on graduation now has construction plan copies of a larger Catamaran she intends to build next.

The Tinaroo Raid is a Cairns WBA annual event held on the Qld Queens Birthday weekend and all WBA members are invited to participate. Copies of a slide show were made available for WBA at the AWBF. If you did not get yours let me know and I will forward a copy to you.

Working with the North Qld Historical Museum which has a large quantity of nautical memorabilia to be housed in a new location. More on this one later.

The meeting closed at approximately 11.30am with all attendees indicating value in meeting when some form of national gathering of WBA's occur.

And one for after the Festival

- **Don't forget the Launceston Wooden Boat Rally on the 21st and 22nd of February. To enquire phone 0419307557**

The Terra Linna Report

Work is progressing with Noel continuing with things as he can on his own. This is much appreciated Noel and Noelene. Members are advised that the *Terra Linna* working bees for 2009 re-commence on Sunday 8th

March 10.00am

Peter Higgs

Note of thanks from Chris & Penny Morton

Wish to thank Guild members for their many expressions of support for Chris's double knee replacement. The operation and recovery has gone very well!

For sale

Tom Thumb is for sale ... a 16' motor sailer, perfect for pottering.

Darrel Rist is selling her for only \$5000. Ph 64 286 394.

I can attest that she is a good boat since I spent my youth fishing for cocky salmon from her, motoring to the beach on warm sunny Sundays, catching glimpses of kingfishers when creeping up creeks and venturing into Bass Strait to the islands for mutton birding. I can even remember my aching arms holding the dolly while she was rivetted and roved.

She was built from plans for "Pioneer", published in the American Rudder in the late 1940s. Although she was designed to be a trailer-cruiser to be built from that new and modern material plywood, Tom Thumb was made by my father in the more traditional way with caulked planks of King Billy and sawn frames interspersed with steam bent ribs.

She once had an inboard engine which was also built by my father (except for the piston which was out of an Austin seven). Now Tom Thumb is equipped with an outboard engine.

Pictorial of the 2009 AWBF.

The following is not complete. Every effort was made to take photographs of members boats but time did not permit this to happen. This is a first attempt at providing a glimpse of the Festival to members mainly about their entries. The next Skeg will hopefully cover those missing and a story to go with them. Photographers included, Dallas Higgs, Russell Hill (a work colleague and friend)



and Peter Higgs. Other contributions will be gratefully received.





Calendar 2009

- Launceston Wooden Boat Rally 21st and 22nd of February. To enquire phone 0419307557
- **Saturday 28th Feb and Sun March 1st 2009 WBGT Inc Clean Up Australia Day at the Duckpond. Clean Up commences 9.30am on Sunday. If you don't have a big boat to come join the campers on the shore. Read more at <http://events.cleanup.org.au/?Duckpond+Barnes+Bay>**
- **WBGT Committee meeting 6.00pm 16/12/2009 followed by a General meeting commencing at 7.30pm**
- **Terra Linna working bee at Noel and Noelene's 8th March 10.00am start. BYO tools and lunch/refreshments. We need a group burning off all spars in readiness for the work needed on them.**
- **March 16th 2009 WBGT Committee meeting commencing 6.00pm and General meeting commencing 7.30pm**
- **22nd March Rowing Day will be at New Norfolk. Come along and have some fun amongst the beautiful Autumn colours. 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 1st 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 articles & photos: All members articles and photos are most welcome as contributions for the Skeg or other publications. For the Skeg members are asked to restrict their photographic 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.

All SKEG articles must be with the editor in a digital form by the 1st Monday of the month.

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 16h. February 2009

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

Guest Speaker, 16th February 2009

Peter Higgs will show a slide show of the Nth Qld (Cairns) WBA "Tinaroo Raid" and some shots from the 2009 AWBF

The March meeting will be seeking a speaker/demonstrator for the meeting.

Skeg articles by the 1st Monday of each month. If the deadlines can't be kept the SKEG will be out late!

1. Skeg photographs by the 1st Monday of each month.
2. Speaker/demonstration (it can be a demonstration of a wooden boat building activity or problem) for next month are always needed so get your name and topic in.

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

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

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