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Newsletter of the Wooden Boat Guild of Tasmania Inc.

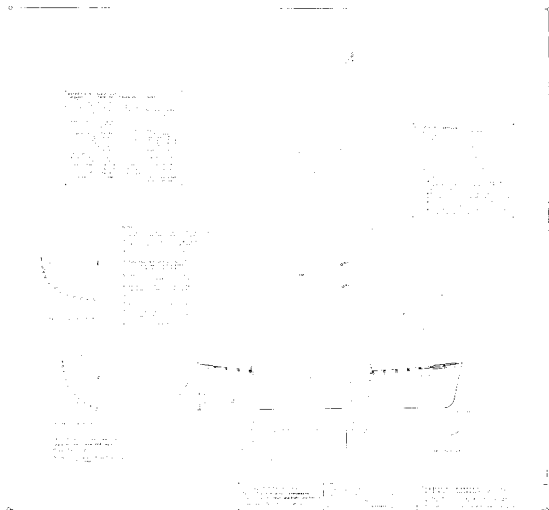
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Terra Linna Sub Committee

Following on from the last General meeting the Terra Linna sub committee is pursuing all issues raised by Guild members at the meeting held at Brookfield Vineyards. Particularly the committee is investigating ways of the Guild self funding some initial boat building works. This will be maintained in the budget limitations of the Guild but will hopefully assist by demonstrating the Guilds commitment to the project when we apply for grants from funding sources.

It is intended that the proposed work will involve the engagement of a shipwright to undertake work according to John Philp's recommendations.

It is also intended that the Terra Linna sub committee seek donations of timber and fastenings to assist the proposed work.

There is an intent to raise funds for the project with a variety of small activities which include model sales, raffles and possibly the sale of a restored dinghy.

In the mean time Noel Hall is soldering along with his Terra Linna model which the Guild commissioned as a result of the Australian Maritime Museums 2004 grant. The model will be presented to the Tasmanian Maritime Museum by a representative of the National Maritime museum in the second half of the year.



Noel discussing his model with Peter at the last rowing day.
Photo courtesy Millard Ziegler

Coming and immediate past events.

General meeting Monday 19th April 2004

If you did not get along to view Penny and Chris Morton's video "*an sgoth*" covering the history of the *Hebridean skiffs*, particularly the re-construction using old techniques, you missed a great video!

This meeting, Monday 17th of May, Bill Foster will show the video "*Trading Ketches*" by Garry Kerr. It sounds like a night you can't afford to miss!

The meeting also decided to recind the decision previously made to invest funds in Coogans when it was deemed more relevant that a "Terra Linna" trust fund be opened. The trust fund will hopefully allow the Guild the flexibility to fund Terra Linna work whilst providing a moderate higher interest income on monies invested.

Moorilla Rowing Day, Sunday 25th April.

Many members attended dawn services on the day prior to our event and several tendered apologies due to Anzac Day activities. "Lest we Forget"!

Any how, 4 dinghys (dare I say it including the Presidents "Tinnie") set out from the Montrose boat ramp at approximately 11.15a.m.



L-R Rob, Hatty & William – Peter, Ross & Cheryl – Ross at Montrose. Note how akward tinnies sit in the water!
Photo courtesy Millard Ziegler

Arrivng at Moorilla winery about 11.45p.m. It was decided at the out set that those who ventured up in boats would probably shuffle the cars back and that way every one who wanted to would get a row. I think that worked out pretty well as you may see by the enthusiastic faces in

the next photo!



In the Teepookana bow to stroke Victoria, David and Amanda.
Photo courtesy of Millard Ziegler.

The next challenge was to land on the pontoon at Moorilla. Although appearing a simple task it involved about a 1 mt. jump from craft to the deck of the pontoon. All succeeded some needing a little more encouragement than others particularly when two landing ladders failed!!

Once all craft were secured we set out for the short walk to the winery not being sure of what lay ahead.



Members making their way up to the winery with Teepookana moored under the landing bridge.

Photo courtesy of Millard Ziegler.

We were met at the entrance to the winery by Karl,

our guide, who outlined for us all what lay ahead. Although only booking for a wine tasting Moorilla had decided we would get the tasting and a winery tour as well!

So with introductions completed Karl walked us through the oldest vines on the property which were originally planted by the Alcorso family some 40 years earlier. This included Shiraz, Riesling, Cabernet, Pinot and Traminer vines. As a result of these experimental plantings it was proved that the cooler climate vine of Riesling and Pinot would be worthy of further plantings.

Karl then entertained us in a Marquee on the lawns in front of the “Cellar Door” with a fantastic view down the Derwent through the “Sheoak” Casurinas. Despite the President loosing even more hair the day before due to the weather and the fact that a “bikie gang” was to meet at Montrose same place and similar time to us the day was going extremely well!

Members were treated to 4 varieties of wines cheeses and bickies with every finer detail of the grape variety, vintage, cellar life, nose and palate explained to great detail by Karl.

Soon after this we were invited to the wine making areas where Karl proceeded to describe the making of wine from the crushing through to cellaring and finally to bottling. Members listened and questioned with interest the whole process.

We thought wooden boat builders had it bad until Karl told us that the French Oak casks used for cellaring the vintage before disgorging cost \$1,500 each. That was bad enough but to then be told a cask has a life expectancy of approximate 4 vintages certainly made us all think about what we take for granted in this fine old craft. Karl added that we could purchase bulk wine from Moorilla, bottle and lable it ourselves and sell it for fund raising. Something the Guild must consider seriously

Karl then bid us farewell and members dispersed to the Cellar Doors for purchases and then on to the Moorilla Museum. All for \$6.50 per head, I am sure we got value for money.

We set out on the return row to Montrose so we could partake of our bar-b-q lunch at Dallas and Peters home in Berriedale. The afternoon proved very relaxing and enjoyable for all concerned other than the president who was continually informed by other members that he had a lot of work ahead considering the wooden boats lying around awaiting restoration.

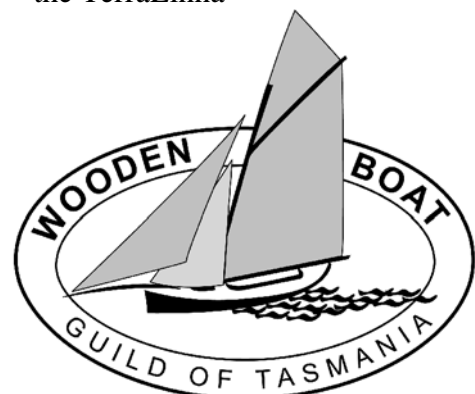


Bow to stroke Graeheme, Penny and Cheryl
Photo courtesy of Millard Ziegler.

A Guild logo? It is now a time for decisions.

As long as I have been involved with the Guild there has been discussions, debate and indecision about the Guilds Logo design and colours. As a result the last General meeting resolved that options for the logo be printed in the next Skeg so that members could be informed before a decision was to be made at the Guild meeting on Monday 17th of May so here is your opportunity

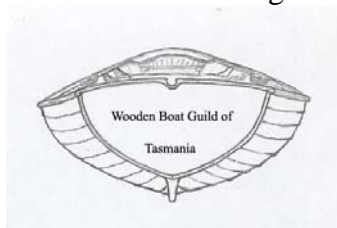
1. We can stick with our current logo that depicts a “Cadet Dinghy”
2. Andy Gamlin has submitted a take on the TerraLinna



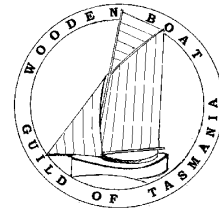
3. Ross Barnett has put up a strong argument that we should have a similar look to all other states Wooden Boat Associations as depicted here.



4. Peter Higgs is suggesting similar but with a Tasmanian flavour by depicting a Piners Punt as part of the states Maritime Heritage.



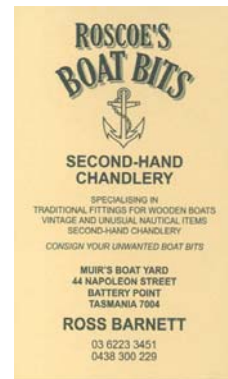
4. Millard is suggesting



Other considerations are that we have a Guild logo and a Terra Linna logo. It is now up to members and a decision will be made on Monday night.

Next Rowing Day to be on the Coal river commencing at Richmond heading out for Midway Point. Information to be advised by Graeme Hunt.

Members should consider supporting our member.



General Meetings

3rd Monday of each month, inc. public holidays.

***The next meeting of the
Wooden Boat Guild of Tasmania Inc.
Mariners Cottage, Napoleon St Battery Point at***

***7.30 pm
Monday 17th May 2004***

***Following the May meeting the next Guild meeting will be on
Monday 21st June 2004.***

Mariner's Cottage, Battery Point.