



Presidents Report – “Roscoe’s Ravings”

I hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable Easter and did plenty of boating or boating-related activities. My only boating over the Easter weekend was a quick zap around the South Bruny Island National Park, viewing stunning scenery and watching the prolific native wildlife onboard one of the triple-motored wiz bang Bruny Island Charters vessels. What a trip. I can highly recommend it.

I didn't make it to the last meeting, as I was heavy with cold that I acquired after the Goolwa Festival. Not a lot happened in March except for the Working with Wood Show. The 'Eastern Shore Marine Preservation Society' did a wonderful job on refurbishing the *Teepookana*, which looked a picture whilst on display at the show. We only had a static presence with brochures promoting The Guild and the *Terra Linna*. Because I was in Goolwa I was unable to organise teams to be there to chat with patrons and sell some of our merchandise. Next time we will be more organised.

Towards the end of March I took delivery of our new name-board that was carved in Huon pine, by Mick Hubbard during the Australian Wooden Boat Festival. We will need to discuss at our next meeting how we are going to best display this work of art.

Our next scheduled outing will be the **Bishop's Bullock Point Rowing Day on Sunday 22 April**. John, Victoria and/or Jim Tayton will be the trip leaders for this outing and all these details are available further on in this edition. See you there.

What's that I hear you say Cheryl.... They'll

be coming to Bullock Point in 'droves'.

Roscoe



Secretary's Report

Notes from the last General Meeting

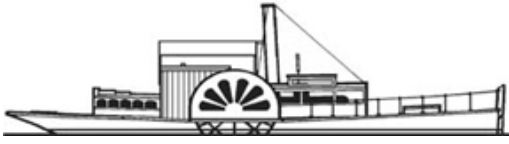
- Working with Wood Show at the DEC went well. Many thanks to the Eastern Shore team for their work on the *Teepookana*, she looked a treat. Pity about the bill though!
- We need another boat model working bee to re-stock for the next function. See the calendar for this and other dates.
- The drinks burgee that was a great success at the AWBF sales also needs re-stocking.
- Some members attended the Launceston wooden boat festival and reported it to be a great event. WBGW wishes to put it on the calendar for 2008

Terra Linna Sub Committee

To date the sub committee has not met mainly due to things just being a bit busy. However, work is progressing. The last General meeting ratified that the treasurer quarantine \$10,000 for work on the *Terra Linna*. It was also decided to make application to the Tasmania Community fund but to do justice to our application we will submit to the August round later this year.

PS Curlip

At a recent meeting David Barnes kindly showed a DVD on this little steamer. Some excerpts from the project web site follow;



This small steamer worked the Snowy River between Orbost and Marlo, towing barges of produce for trans-shipment to larger vessels bound for Melbourne. Launched in 1890 by Samuel Richardson, "Curlip" survived until 1919 when she was washed out to sea by a flash flood and broke her back on a sandbar.

The PS Curlip project is to build a 60ft wooden steam-powered paddle boat and launch it on the Snowy River as a major tourist attraction for the region. The Orbost & district community have already contributed nearly \$2 million to deliver the project to its current stage. The PS Curlip Committee, with a broad range of stakeholders, has worked over several years on the preliminary phases, including obtaining wide community support, conducting a Feasibility Study, and developing partnerships and a large volunteer and donor base.

PS Curlip is set to bring new life to the towns along the Snowy River, thanks to a Bracks Government grant for the reproduction of the historic paddle steamer and construction of mooring and tourism facilities.

John Thwaites, the Minister for Victorian Communities today announced a \$500,000 grant to *PS Curlip* for it's "A new beginning" project.

"This grant will reinvigorate towns along the Snowy who are working hard to provide attractive employment opportunities for young people," Mr Thwaites said.

The project will include the construction of the *PS Curlip*, development of infrastructure at Marlo Port and a Tabarra Interpretive Walk.

Following the showing some members asked about the origins of the recording. David Morton has kindly provided the answer.

It was on ABC Landline, 8 Oct 2006 and the story's transcript is here:

<http://www.abc.net.au/landline/content/2006/s1757230.htm>

Calendar 2007

- **10.30am, 22nd April 2007** Bishops Rowing Day Trip Leader John Bishop or Jim Tayton. See map in Skeg.
- **Time TBA, 26th and 27th May 2007** Orford Rowing Day Trip Leader David Gattenby
- **24th June 2007 Sailing Day on the Lady Nelson.** There is room for 30 passengers only who will get a chance to assist sailing the vessel whilst on our 2 hour cruise around the harbour. **"First in best Dressed"** so place your bookings with **Chris and Penny ph 62950278 or oldgaffers@bigpond.com** . **Cost is \$25.00 per head including tea and coffee.** Members are invited for a meal after the cruise, more detail later.
- **10.30 am, 22nd July 2007** Cygnet Yacht Club Trip leader Chris and Penny Morton
- **10.30am, 26th August 2007** Browns River Kingston Beach. Trip Leader Graeme Nichols & Graeme Hunt
- **10.00 am, 1 September 2007** Model Working Bee 185 Berridale Road Berridale. Host Peter Higgs
- **10.30am, 22nd and 23rd September 2007** TAMAR River event. Trip Leader Roscoe Barnett
- **10.30am, 21st Octoberber 2007,** Dodges Ferry. Trip Leader Graeme Hunt
- **Time, Date and Event TBA, Piners Festival or WBGT Inc gathering, Strahan.** Trip leader Peter Higgs
- **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 of 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.

Interstate news



Duck Flat Wooden Boats is having an Auction of a range Wooden Boats and canoes (20+) including a 10m River Cruiser (requiring completion) and a broad variety of boating bits and pieces that are in excess to requirements.

The Auction will take place at 25 Secker Road Mt Barker at 10.30am on Saturday 28th April 2007.

More items are being added all the time so the link is well worth keeping an eye on;

<http://www.duckflatwoodenboats.com/mainpages/auction.php>

You never know they may take phone bids? Ask Roscoe how. The auctioneer site;

http://www.mgs.net.au/marine28_04/details.htm

Most Wooden Boat Association Newsletters have written glowing reports about the Australian Wooden Boat Festival in 2007. One glowing report came from the WBA NSW Scuttlebutt by their Secretary Tony Curtis (a recent visitor to our WBGW meetings). I commend the article and other WBA news letters to all members.

Taken from "The Yachtsman's Quiz Book" by Martin Muncaster, 1982

The following illustrations show a halyard made up on a cleat. In which one (1,2 or 3) is the rope correctly made up?



Discuss the answer over a cuppa at the next meeting on 16th of April 2007

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 16 th. April 2007

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

Meetings calendar for 2007

16th April 07	20 th August 07
21 st May 07	17th September 07
18 th June 07	15th October 07
16th July 07	19th November 07

Guest Speaker/s, 16th April 2007

David Long will provide a DVD and give a short presentation on local boating.

At the meeting on the 21st of May Tony Lee will provide a DVD on the 20th Anniversary of the Battle of Trafalgar. This will probably take two meetings to view in it entirety.

Needed; Skeg articles by the 2nd Monday

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

<http://www.maritimetas.org/taswoodenboat-guild/>

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