



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

The Australian Wooden Boat Festival is over. For some of us life is now getting back to some sort of normality!

I know I mentioned most of this in my last ravings but it was all a little rushed and now I have time to thank everyone.

It was an absolutely great Festival and I would like to thank Rob, Lois and Bronnie and all the Project Managers for making it all happen.

As far as the Guild was concerned it was also a huge success. Along with making quite a bit of money to buy some more copper nails for the *Terra Linna* project, meeting and greeting interested wooden boat owners was the other order of the day. Because of Festival duties I was unable to attend a meeting held at our site and chaired by Peter Higgs including representatives from other Wooden Boat Associations Australia wide. Many, many thanks to all the Guild members who contributed to the Welcome BBQ, the setting up of the WGBT stall at the Festival site, the manning of the stall during the Festival, again another very successful raffle and of course the dismantling of the whole show and returning it all to the Cottage. Thank you all.

Peter Higgs



An 18 footer leads the Sail Past, 1 of Roscoes AWBF project and contribution!

Speaking of the Mariners Cottage - we seem to be running out of room! Our storage requirements are becoming far too large for the space available. One can hardly get to the library because of 'stuff'. We are also filling the meeting area regularly and, if we get too many more new members we are going to be in trouble. The committee have briefly touched on this subject and will pursue it further but we are definitely going to have to look for another venue to at least store our belongings along with the *Tee Poo Kana* and not to

mention a couple of dinghies that are stored down here at the 'dinghy farm'. There must be an empty shed out there somewhere with our name on it. Keep your eyes open please.

I missed the Launceston Wooden Boat Rally because of work commitments....bugger.... and unfortunately the Guild was not represented this year at all. From speaking with the organisers it was a really good weekend with plenty of boats attending. We could possibly make it a Guild weekend next year, as it is not the AWBF year.

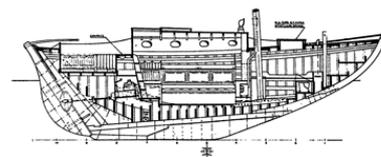
The Duck Pond / Clean up Australia Day weekend was a beauty, we had plenty of full bags of rubbish to show for our hard work. Thanks to all who attended and also to Peter and Dallas for being the trip leaders. There will be a full report later in this edition.

At the last committee meeting we discussed the WBG event calendar for the next six months and we have some good outings planned along with some more *Terra Linna* working bees. Would you believe it's less than two years to the next AWBF and the *Terra Linna* will be there – finished – you just watch this space! I'll have to have a chat to the Festival Dock Master to make sure we get a good berth for her at the 2011 Festival!

See you at the next meeting on the 16th and don't forget to bring a wooden boat friend along!

Yes Cheryl....my term as President is coming to an end soon and then I'll be able to paint *Maori Lass*....oops...I mean the house.....

Roscoe



Secretary's and Terra Linna report

As Roscoe has outlined we are fast running out of room at the Mariners Cottage. Over and above what we store there we have 3 boats in storage at members properties. One being the *Terra Linna* at Noel and Noelene Hall's home, a beautiful little wooden dinghy at Roscoe

and Cheryl Barnett's home and the Teepookana which generally lives at Dallas's and my home.

So we do have to seriously consider boat and other goods to be stored at a WBG home. I am currently writing to local councils to find out if there are any buildings or sheds, preferably close to the water, that we could possibly arrange a lease for. If you know of any such building please let me know so I can follow it up.

Cleanup Australia Day, the Duckpond, Barnes Bay.

Many thanks to all members who attended. Your efforts are really appreciated. Each year we leave thinking that things are improving.

Dallas Higgs



This hole is full of disposable nappies, excreta and rubbish!

What a disappointment it was returning this year to find quite a mess. Again one area that we are not equipped to clean up is a disgrace. It certainly is a council responsibility to provide some facilities so that visitors have no excuse for leaving mess such as this.

We also located the names and addresses of 3 people possibly responsible for dumping rubbish at the clean up site. Hopefully the council will follow up.

On a brighter side many thanks to the Bruny Island Ferry Company for their support to offset part of the ferry cost for members using the ferry. This was a very generous offer and great support for the Clean Up Australia day.



Part of our in water clean up

Dallas Higgs

Members attending had a good time and did a marvellous job of collecting 10 bags of rubbish plus 8 bags of recyclables with a total rubbish weigh in of just over 180 Kg's.

We covered some 4 square kilometres in our clean up including an in water clean up.

Some interesting items found were several camp chairs, some disposed of in the water. One such chair was totally encrusted with oysters. The leg of a wetsuit, quite a bit of foot ware, fishing line and ropes and unfortunately many

disposable nappies.

It was great to see so many big boats come down for the 2 days but I didn't get the same level of enthusiasm from Ros Smith when I greeted her at *Ainesley's Bar!* That's right we had cause to rename the sand spit at the entrance to the Duckpond.

Dallas Higgs



CYCT to *Lady Daphne's* rescue!

Coming around *Big Bill's Point* into the Duckpond Ainesley asked Ros if she could remember which side of the marker he should take *Lady Daphne*. Ros retorted you're the skipper, aren't you? "I don't know Aines I hate this!!"

Graeme Hunt and I were on the shore waving frantically trying to signal that *Lady Daphne* should be a lot wider of the marker but it was to no avail, we were too far away. Just then we noticed *Lady Daphne* come to a shuddering halt. She was hard aground but lucky it was just sand.

Graeme went to the camp and got Noel to get *Farewell* to go to the rescue. I took off in *Teepookana*. As I arrived with Ros appearing beside herself another boatie and his wife, members of the CYCT, had taken their boat to the rescue. They made 3 attempts of towing them off to no avail.

Soon Noel arrived on *Farewell* with Graeme. By now there were quite a few people watching from the shore so Ros and Ainesley, there was no way I could keep this little story out of the Skeg! You see some one else would have written a letter to the editor and then I would have had no choice but to publish it. So I thought it better I put something in before it got too embellished!

Anyhow after about 4 attempts Noel persuaded *Lady Daphne* to regain

dignity and

refloat so Ainesley could anchor her neatly in the Duckpond for a peaceful night.

Dallas Higgs



A damsel rescued from the Spit!

Some members mentioned we should re-name *Ainesley's Bar* to *Ros's Spit!* But that might be a bit unfair and anyhow we were wondering what we might do Saturday afternoon anyhow. Following

this Graeme and I had a lot of fun landing several lovely Australian Salmon which probably would not have happened had it not been for *Lady Dapne*. So thanks Ainesly and Ros!

The Terra Linna Report

Well we did come to a bit of a standstill due to Christmas and the Australian Wooden Boat Festival but we are back in full swing. Apologies for listing the last working bee on the same weekend as the Cygnet Regatta. The last Committee and General meeting shifted the working bee to this weekend the 15th of March.



Members working on spars

Peter Higgs

The last of the Huon Pine re-sawn by Andrew Denman has been delivered to the restoration site. Many thanks Andrew for your fine work in preparing the Huon for our restoration work.

We are still getting in prices for the spars and sails but are very close to having them all in. The one hold up is debate around the diameter of the mast and the amount of ballast required. On Andrew Denman's advice we are contracting Murray Isles to do the calculations so we get it right. Until this is done we can not finalise the spars quotation.

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Peter Higgs

Noelene's "Delicious apple squares" tasted at Bruny Island

- 340 g packet of vanilla cake mix
- 1 cup desiccated coconut
- 125 g butter, melted
- 400g of cooking apples
- 300g carton sour cream
- 1 egg lightly beaten
- 2 teaspoons cinnamon sugar

1. Preheat oven to 180 deg C Lightly grease an

18X28cm slice pan. Line base and sides with baking paper.

2. In a large bowl combine cake mix, coconut and melted butter.. Press into prepared pan. Bake for 20 minutes until golden. Cool slightly. Press apple over the base.
3. In a small bowl, combine sour cream and egg. Pour over apple and sprinkle with cinnamon sugar.
4. Bake for 15-20 minutes until set. Allow to cool in the pan. Cut into squares and store in an airtight container.

Enjoy!



Letter to the editor by Stewart Edwards - Another 2009 AWBF story by anew member.

Dear Peter, I attended my first WBGT meeting last night and enjoyed myself. Over the next few months I look forward to being acquainted with the members of the Club and being involved in activities conducted by the Club.

You asked for pictures of member's boats for inclusion in a future publication of the SKEG; these are attached for your interest.

I thought it wise to accompany the pictures with a little background as to how I came to be the proud owner.

Barb & I lived in Brisbane up 'till a year ago and I had been communicating with Andrew Denman (Denman Marine, Kettering) for some months prior looking for a small wooden boat. In January 2008 he called me to say he had found a Fazackerley 12 foot dingy on a registered trailer and a 4 HP Seagull outboard in working order for \$1,200. I asked him why he was not in his car to see the seller with a cheque already made out!!!!



1963 Reg Fazackerley 12' dingy as purchased



First day in the water after Andrew's restoration

Long story short, he purchased the boat on my behalf and took it back to his workshop at Kettering. Being the ultra fussy, pedantic pain in the ass that I am, I asked Andrew to restore the boat to her former glory. He accomplished this over

2 months and we picked her up shortly after we arrived to live in Hobart on 12 February 2008.

My dear wife Barb has a fixation on all manner of things to do with chooks, thus our Fazackerley has been named "Little Chook". Here are some before and after restoration pictures for member s interest.

1963 Reg Fazackerley 12' dingy as purchased First day in the water after Andrew's restoration

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Little Chook at the AWBF 2009



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I have included two more pictures of the AWBF '09 which I feel are worth sharing.

James Craig AWBF '09 (formerly Clan Macleod) Winning team at the Fast & Dirty AWBF '09



Winning team at the Fast & Dirty AWBF '09



James Craig AWBF '09 (formerly Clan Macleod)

On another subject, the 'Norfolk Island Wooden Boat Guild' has a static display of Lighters previously used to unload all incoming goods to the island. The same method is used today with wooden Lighters made from the same design; cargo includes small boxes up to motor vehicles and containers. Depending on the size of the item, single Lighters are used for the small items and in the case of much larger items, two or more Lighters are roped together to cater for the movement from the cargo ship to the somewhat unsheltered unloading facility at Kingston near Emily Bay.

The Lighters are not motorised and several crews row the Lighters to shore.

The pictures below show two decommissioned Lighters on shore near the foreshore of Kingston.



In closing, I must add that I'm still looking for the mother ship to Little Chook; I understand that finding the right boat is all a matter of compromise however; I

have been looking for a year now without success.

Maybe there is a boat out there that may be available? My requirements are fairly simple. A wooden boat of less than 30' with a full keel, not a dedicated sailing boat, more a motor sailor with the ability for it to sail to windward, a fairly hefty diesel inboard, 35hp would be ideal. An electric anchor winch is necessary. Now for the hard part full standing headroom in the main cabin, this equates to +6' below the overhead beams. Metho stove and head would be ideal. We have no more need than berths for 4 people.

I look forward to a long and interesting association with the WBGT and its members.

Stew Edwards

Many thanks Stew and Barb for submitting such an informative article and welcome to the Guild! Apologies about the quality of photos but coming from a PDF down grades them. Editor.

Next Rowing Day—New Norfolk 22nd March 2009 - Come along and enjoy the Autumn turn of colour!

The day promises to be quite an interesting outing. Dallas and I have done a reccy again establishing that it will still be best to meet at the boat ramp opposite the New Norfolk Caravan Park on the Esplanade off Ferry Road (**marked X on the map**). If, as it was last time we had a rowing day, the ramp is occupied by the speed boats we will venture on to another location to launch.

We have planned a mystery rowing day with participants having to gather information about some historic land marks along the way. Both on the water and on the land members will be given an opportunity to team up and find the solutions. The on the land members will have to relay their findings to the boat crews for recording. You will be required to provide evidence of being at the land marks so it will pay you to bring along your pen and paper and perhaps your cameras. All Mystery Rowing/sailing directions will be given out on the day and a prize of sorts will be presented at the Guild meeting following the event if we can not come to a conclusion at New Norfolk. This will enable the Trip Leaders to judge the evidence and award a winner. No correspondence will be considered.

Calendar 2009

- 22nd March Rowing Day will be at New Norfolk. Come along and have some fun amongst the beautiful Autumn colours. Trip Leader Peter & Dallas Higgs
- 12th April TL Working B & 20th WBG meeting
- 26th April Shag Bay (Geilston Bay) trip leader BM
- 10th May TL Working B & 18th WBG meeting
- 24th May Huon River/Pt Huon TL & location to be advised
- 7th June TL Working B & 15th WBG AGM meeting
- 21st June rowing day TBA
- 12th July Working B & 20th WBG meeting
- 26th July rowing day possibly Marieville Esp TL Bryan Walpole
- 9th August Working B & 17th WBG meeting
- PH to pursue a trip on the *MV Egeria* for members.
- September rowing day Orford trip leader DG

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, articles are preferred to be in MS Word with no formatting. Members are asked to restrict their photographic submissions to 6 in total per month and to have resized the photos to the following specs. No PDF's please!

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 16th March 2009

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

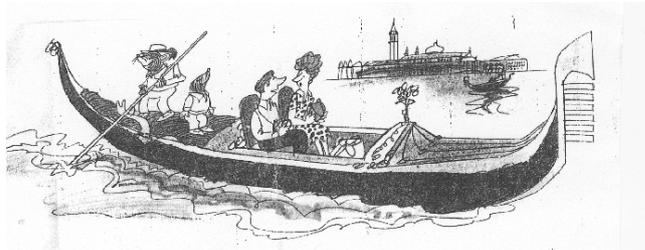
Guest Speaker, 16th February 2009

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

Feature Movie "Ainesley's Bar"

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



"Ignore them, Edith, they're just messing about!"

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

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

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Following the water events we will retire to Tynwald Park (**marked P on the map**) where members will be able to cook their bar-b-q or perhaps enjoy lunch, scones jam, cream and a coffee at the Oast House

See map last page.

Peter & Dallas Higgs—Trip Leaders

Classifieds

Wanted: 2003 AWBF boat plaque. Contact Charles Burns wk 62311575

Notice is hereby given that the AGM of the Wooden Boat Guild of Tasmania Inc. will be held at the Mariners Cottage at 7.30pm on May the 18th 2009.

- To confirm the minutes of the last preceding annual general meeting and any of general meetings since that meeting.
- To receive from the Committee, auditor and servants of the Guild reports upon the transactions of the Guild during the last preceding financial year.
- To elect officers of the Guild and Ordinary Committee
- To appoint the auditor and determine his remuneration.
- To receive notices of motion

Notices of motion and nominations for officers and committee members must be with the Secretary 14 days prior to the AGM.

More AWBF photos by Graeme Hunt



Jim Tayton always apologises for John so thought it best that members saw a picture of John as a reminder



Storm damaged Bow Sprit being repaired, but the timber was not acceptable!



Victoria brushing up on her Japanese



Has anyone seen my ole son Dave?

More AWBF photos by Ainesly Smith



Wow look at us now!



The onshore Dock Master and his canoe!

WBGT members at lunch!



New Norfolk Rowing Day
this Sunday.

Meet at X 10.00am and
Bar-B-Q at P

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