

SHAVINGS THE NEWSLETTER OF THE WOODEN BOAT ASSOCIATION INC.

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President's Report

OK we seem to have survived COVID lockdown and restrictions are now easing, so we go into the next phase of our "new normal", social distancing is still required and gatherings of up to 20 people are now allowed.

During breaks from my boat building at docklands I have observed more activity on the water with kayakers and boaters appearing more frequently. We are still not able to safely utilise the APYC facilities but we will keep you informed of developments as restrictions change.

Our Annual General Meeting which is usually held in late July is currently under review and again, we will advise whether we will postpone or make other arrangements (perhaps a "Zoom" meeting), depending upon restrictions at the time.

This is also being monitored and will be advised to you.

Your committee held a Zoom meeting last week which was a success and it was suggested that

we have an on water get together later this month so,

Expressions of Interest required

In attending a boating trip on the Yarra or Maribyrnong River Sunday 28 June

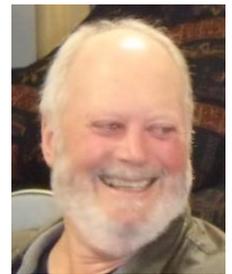
Restrictions will apply ... only family members in each boat.

Please let me know if you are interested on 0438519033 .

A decision on " go / no go" will be made by Wednesday 24 June and communicated to those who have responded to the EOI.

Keep on doing what you are doing , stay safe and well and we will be on the water soon.

Cheers all,
Chris.



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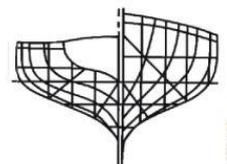
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Interested in building a scale model?

Matt Palmer is restoring a 45' wooden boat built in Tuncurry during WW2 for the US Army Transport Small Ships Section.

He has been able to locate a number of drawings and is seeking someone who would build a scale model for him.

If you were interested in this, please contact Matt on 0433 839 118 to discuss a price.

Website: www.wt85protrude.com.au

Email: ahoy@wt85protrude.com.au

Another catch up with WBA members online

We've now had a couple of online sessions, and I'm thinking that until we can get together face to face I will keep hosting Zoom meetings for WBA members each month. The next session will be on **Wednesday, 17 June, at 8pm**. If you are interested in attending, email me at shavings@woodenboat.asn.au and I will send you an invitation which will contain the login details.

In a Zoom meeting we will be able to see each other (if you have a camera connected to your computer), talk, and share photos and details of current projects.

If you haven't used Zoom before, it's easy. Visit www.zoom.us to download the free software. You don't need to sign up for an account, but you can if you wish (the basic accounts are free).

Go to <https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/201362033-Getting-Started-on-PC-and-Mac> for an overview of what Zoom is, and how to use it with a webcam and microphone.

I look forward to welcoming you to our next virtual meeting!

Peter

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Building Boats – Part 3. Chris Kelly

Since my last build report the progress has been reasonably swift

Floor panels fitted to the building frame, side panels fitted to the frame , bow attached. All components glued, filleted, sanded and fibreglass taped.

The transom was fitted together "on the bench" then attached as one component, glued, filleted and taped in place .

Internal bench side panels, again glued, filleted and taped.

Sand everything, again then first coat of clear epoxy sealant internally.

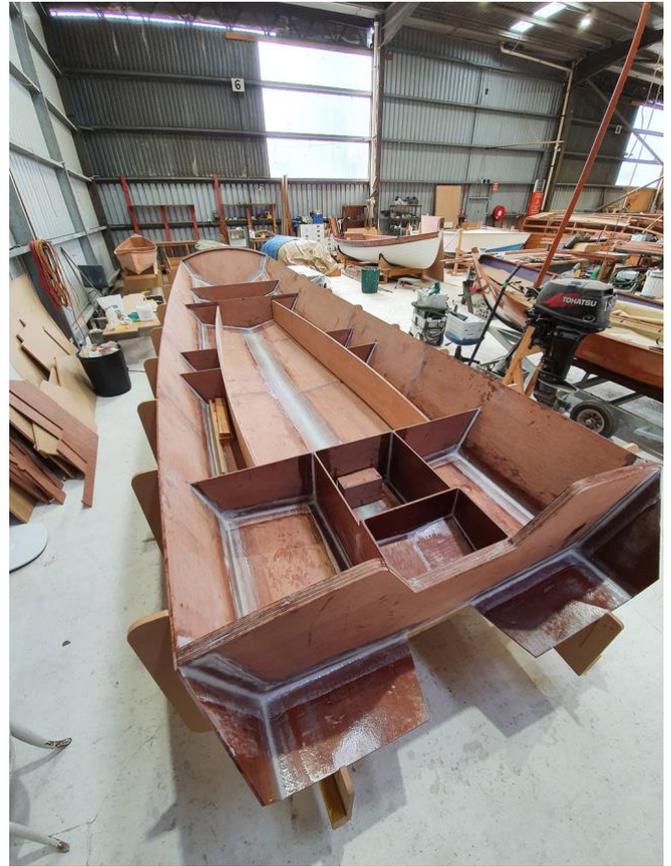
I have now entered the stage where the appearance of progress will slower as there are numerous jobs to do which don't appear to show much for effort involved ...

- Fairing to be done
- Drill holes to get conduit for wiring through sealed compartments .
- More clear epoxy
- Sand
- Paint internally
- Flooring / decking to be cut and offered up for fit.

All prior to my next report .

Photos below to indicate the build stages.





Lapwing news

I've managed a couple of good weekends working on the lapwing in the last month, plus the Queen's Birthday holiday, so definite progress has been made!

I removed the gunwales, glued the laminates together, taped the planks, and reinstalled the gunwales, to let the epoxy set whilst holding the timbers to the correct shape. In a seek or two I'll remove them once again and sand them again, and apply the Deks Olje that will be used to finish them.

The centreboard case has been installed. Side panels were screwed to the logs, and offered up to the hull for final shaping. The outside of the case was drawn onto the port garboard plank (the centreboard is offset), and then the internal dimensions of the case were marked by reducing the outside dimensions.

A few small pilot holes were drilled, and then the centreboard slot was cut with a Japanese saw.



The case was then taken apart, and the starboard panel screwed and glued, and fibreglass taped to the keel, and then the rest of the case was screwed and glued and taped to it, with a couple of chocks inserted to make sure that the case was still going to accept the centreboard.



Since then, the bulkhead fillets have also been reinforced with fibreglass tape, and the thwart stringers have been cut and fitted, further reinforcing the centreboard case.



I've started fitting the floor timbers, with a few more to go this weekend. With the temperature dropping at night, I've had to resort to placing a

heater in the boat, and covering the boat with a tarp and old blankets to keep everything warm enough for the epoxy to cure properly.



Cutting and shaping the floor timbers occupied an amazing amount of time, but I needed them to create a level surface so that I can create a floor that can be lifted to form a bed if I use this boat for camp cruising.

In another couple of weeks I hope to be able to turn the boat back over, to finish the bottom of the centreboard case, paint the outside of the hull, and install the keel rubbing strip.

It's frustrating at times, knowing that the boat is sitting just a few metres away, with lots of little things that need doing, but this annoying people called clients keep getting in the way ☺

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\$2500.00 Contact: 0438519033



Bits and pieces for sale

Copper nails 1.25" - 2", Brass screws 5/8" - 4", copper rivets and washers, silicone bronze boat nails 3/4" - 1", various brass fittings, traditional hand woodworking tools, and some timber.

Items located in Research, Melbourne. Contact: Alan West 03 9437 1253

Heron Dinghy – Free



I have a Heron dinghy that my dad and I spent many happy hours in, that needs a new home since Dad passed on.

Yes, it does look a little tired, and needs a new centreboard case, side decks, and at least, repairs to her bottom, but overall is a worthwhile project. It comes with sails, fittings, and two sets of masts and spars, and is currently stored in Ringwood, Victoria. The trailer registration has lapsed, and one of the cross braces needs tacking back on, but the main drawbar seems sound. Please give me a call if you are interested. I would be sorry to see her become part of a Guy Fawkes bonfire.

Steven Todd – 040282634

Light weight "Sharpie" skiff, rowing /sailing

Designed by Steve Redmond, built by owner.

17' LOA, 3'4" Beam, 2" draught. Built of Gaboon marine ply, epoxy-glued lapstrake. Supplied with oars, sail, mast, sprit boom, rudder, daggerboard. On an Easy trailer, flat checker plate base and boat launch frame. Located Melbourne metro area. Sensible offers considered. Phone: 0438519033.



For Sale: Timber Putt Putt "Polly"

Circa 1938 ex Navy sail training dinghy of 12ft, converted to a motor boat and is now fitted with a "Hall" single cylinder 2 stroke motor of 3HP. The motor dates from 1962 and is an updated model with roller bearings instead of plain bearings and has an alloy crankcase. Engine has a sealed fresh water cooling system, and has an electric starter added. Boat is a batten seam carvel construction and has just been renovated with a full repaint. Has a canvas sun awning. On an excellent trailer, which is currently registered in NSW. If sold to a non-NSW resident it will be sold unregistered as the rego cannot be transferred interstate. The boat is unregistered as it is not required in NSW for boats of this power and speed.

Asking price is \$6,000 and offers will be considered. Call David on 0414442518 or email djstott@bigpond.com. More pictures and video of engine running are available. More photos at <https://www.woodenboat.asn.au/for-sale-or-wanted.html>



Knee replacement. David O'Dempsey

*"A new knee purchased?" You kindly enquire,
It sounds a bit drastic – how'd that transpire!
Were you careless and lose the original hinge,
Or was it just annoying - with an occasional
twinge?"*

*"It's amazing the things they can do to us now
From kidneys and lungs – I simply don't know
how?
My poor mind quite boggles at the thought of it
all -
I just can't imagine a new knee install!"*

Well it starts with a visit to your local doc.
(these days no longer dressed in a surgical
frock),
Who bills you, and sends you to a specialist
friend,
Whose financial commitments go on without
end!

The X-Rays are taken and the verdict
announced

*"your knees are quite bugged – they have to
come out!"*

*"It's a simple procedure I've performed oft
before*

*And we'll soon eliminate that pain you can't
ignore."*

*"There will be some costs that your insurance
doesn't pay,*

*And my team of assistants need wages on the
day,*

But it will be worth it – their praises I sing,

*And don't you worry about pain – you won't
feel a thing."*

*"We'll make a small incision from hip-joint to
toe,*

And peel back the flesh (but it will re-grow)

Then saw off the bone from below and on top

*Using templates and a multi-tool we bought at
the shop"*

*There'll be holes drilled in places to locate the
screws*

*And you may be surprised to learn we also use
glue!*

*Then the ends of the new joint are hammered
into your bones*

*And hopefully you won't give out cries or a
groan!"*

We put you all together and seal up the tissue

*With staples (not stitches) so little blood can
issue,*

*And we'll send you off to Ward, all wrapped up
and clean*

Asleep in the depths of a comforting dream."

.....He lied about the pain, I'm suffering still

But I know it will soon pass – be over the hill –

And after a couple of weeks, (or maybe four or
five),

I'll be active and pain free, feeling glad to be
alive.

It really is wonderful how we can be repaired

And if you are suffering there's no need to be
scared

Of a little pain and inconvenience that surely
will pass

And a better existence that can be yours at
last.

Launching ramp cameras

Maritime Safety Victoria sent out their June "Shipshape" email newsletter today, with the following information:

More boaters will be able to check conditions at their local ramp from the comfort of home as Maritime Safety Victoria launches new cameras across Victoria.

The ramp and carpark cameras, which feed live images to the Boating Vic website and app

every five minutes, are already live at six locations, with 19 more lined up this year.

You can find out more at <https://transportsafety.vic.gov.au/maritime-safety/newsroom/> and view the cameras via <https://www.boating.vic.gov.au> or the Boating Vic app, available through the App Store or Google Play.

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