



SCUTTLEBUTT

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HOBART

Holder Danske at the Australian Wooden Boat Festival

Photo credit: Nick Giles

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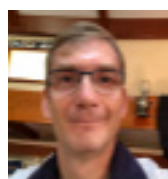
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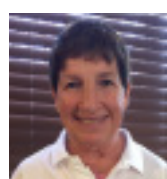
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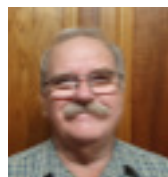
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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

March 2023

February General Meeting

Thanks to a number of members who shared information about their current projects at the February General Meeting.

Bill Thompson spoke about progress to date on his new build of a copy of Dragonfly, a 22 ft harbour launch. **Michael Coleman** shared images of his latest skiff build: this one is a modified Iain Oughtred-designed Macgregor Canoe. **Denis Songe** showed some photos and the actual items in his production line of wooden blocks. **Glenn Reynolds** reported on the process underway to convert his yacht Free Spirit from a diesel to an electric motor. **Brank Young** presented a 'show and tell' session on his adventures in model making and the use of foils for boats. **Ross Marchant** brought along a Halvorsen-built model of his WW 2 Air Sea Rescue Boat. I rounded out the session with a single-handed **lapstrake planking clamp** made from plans in Wooden Boat Magazine # 29.

The 'new builds' and projects illustrated have just scratched the surface on activity being undertaken by Members. Positive feedback to the session will hopefully see another session of this type later this year.

See in this issue of *Scuttlebutt* for photos from the session.

A big **Thank You** also to our 'photo-correspondents' who have kindly supplied some terrific photos from the recent **Australian Wooden Boat Festival at Hobart**: an eagerly anticipated event that appears to have lived up to expectations. Thanks to: Rod Hallewell, Nick Giles, Phil Heaney and Nick Lawther.

Bantry Bay 2023

10 boats and 15 Members (and a very friendly goanna) gathered for the 2023 edition of the Bantry bay Raft Up on Saturday, 25th February. A big 'Thank You' again to **Peter Mathews** once again, for his superb support of the event through making his BBQ available for 'cook-ups' from Friday evening to Sunday lunch-time. Thanks also to Members who made their boats available for some serious boat hopping on Saturday evening; starting with **Fleming** for 'happy hour' and then moving to **Martindale** for dinner on the BBQ and main deck. Thanks to Team Martindale for the provision of many chairs for the event- greatly appreciated.

Talk at the event raised the possibility of holding additional events of this type at various locations. Talk after the event rate the 2023 experience the best in recent years. Terrific weather and quite a bit of 'boat-hopping' added to the experience. Kudos also to **Malcolm Boyd** and **Jon Bell** who launched their craft at Roseville Ramp and joined the event. **Stephen Walkerdale** also joined the event after launching his impressive Swallow 17 at Tunks Park and sailing to Bantry Bay. **Dick Branson** came all the way from Dolans Bay (Port Hacking with Starlight).

Thank you to all participants for making the event a great success.

Scuttlebutt Articles

Members present at the February General Meeting were asked to provide responses to the question – "What would you like to see more of/less of in *Scuttlebutt*?"

See in this issue of *Scuttlebutt* to responses as well as a chance to add your thoughts to the valued suggestions.

March General Meeting

Our Guest Speaker will be WBA Member, **Brett Mould**, of Norglass Paints.

I look forward to welcoming Members and guests to our next meeting.

Peter Widders

On the Horizon

Tuesday 11th July General Meeting @ Dundas Sports Club
Come & join us at our WBA Meeting for a Shipmate's Night.

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AUSTRALIAN WOODEN BOAT FESTIVAL

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SCUTTLEBUTT ARTICLES - A QUICK SURVEY

"What would you like to see more of/less of in Scuttlebutt?"

More of

Members at the February General Meeting provided the following responses:

Tools and techniques

Block making

Boat cleaning + Damp rid recommendations

Repairing dry rot

Electric motors

Timbers: alternatives + rarer timbers. Forestry NSW publication

Member's Boats – every boat has its story.

Boatbuilders' stories

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VALE NICK CASSIM

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Nick Cassim died in Royal North Shore Hospital on Australia Day this year. He joined our club in 1958 after purchasing his first yacht Julitha. It didn't take long for Nick to get involved in Club affairs. In 1960 he was division Representative for Division 3 and also joined the Social Sub-committee. He joined the Board in 1962 and had a rapid elevation through the ranks being elected Commodore in 1965. He was elected an Honorary Life Member in 1970.

His subsequent yachts were Neraida, Ondine and then his beloved Lolita (A156), which he has owned since 1965. His last race was about three months ago in the Classics, and since then he enjoyed the occasional Saturday afternoon lunch cruise with the oldest average age crew in the Club! Nick's crowning achievement at the Club was finally winning the Kelly Cup in 2014 – it took him 56 years. With Lolita Nick also did some Hobarts and a number of offshore races.

Nick was the Club's Honorary Solicitor until he died, having been appointed in 1962, a period of 61 years. What an outstanding period of service.

Tony Saunders

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Nick was WBA membership number – H001 and honorary legal officer to the WBANSW.



WBA DONATION PROGRAM UPDATE

In 2022, the WBA donated \$500 to 4 organisations working on Wooden Boat Projects. Here, Dave Giddings reports on his work with the 'Muck-About' Canoe Building Program, which was one of the recipients.

·Eden Canoes is going ahead in leaps and bounds with their program. I have asked for an update as the last report was in late October 2022.

·Skillset College at Bathurst have finished their 1st round of canoes. Lockdown stuffed them up last year as the plan was to build over one to two terms to get them on the water in November 2021. They achieved their goal in 2022 and have completed a display canoe from the Train the Trainer session I did with teachers in May 2021. It has been painted by an artist is beautiful with graphic attached. It will be displayed on the wall in their common area and likely never see water.

·The Principal of Killara High School has shown positive interest in building canoes. I will be following up later in February as they have been looking for a project for kids who are struggling in the classroom.

·Youth Off the Streets– has not progressed as the teacher was going flat out leading up to Christmas. He indicated he would be in touch early this year. He indicated that money is not the issue. It is time to pull the program together. I will offer assistance to get the build program running.

·WA connection: I met in October 2022 whilst in WA for the Timbecon open day. He has been working with Kimberly tribes for over fifteen years. I told him the Eden canoes story and he was excited. I sent him the articles and some photos to discuss with the team. He has since presented the program to the Charity board and is confident Donors will be found to fund the program. His next step is to head to Derby to discuss with the elders and bring them onboard. They must be financial as he is considering bringing a group to Eden to discuss with their team. Peter is aiming for a build later this year.

·The Melbourne connection was becoming frustrated as he felt like he was hitting a brick wall. Brian Parsonage in Melbourne called leading up to Christmas as he had a win with his Aboriginal liaison team. They have finally painted the canoe he

built and have gained funding to do a trial build. Probably in April /May 23.

·Brian Parsonage has sown the seed with a retired Police Officer who is involved with the aboriginal community in Western Victoria. He has passed on the articles I wrote along with Eden Canoes doc's used to get the program rolling and is confident they will do something later in 2023.

·I am off to Hobart with the hope of spreading the word and see if anyone will take up the bait.

Dave Giddings

WBA Member



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BANTRY BAY RAFT UP

PHOTOS BY DENIS SONGEON



Stephen Walkerden's impressive Swallow Boats 17 built by Denman Marine. (Pictured below left aswell)



Martindale





Peter and Grace Widders' King Billy (foreground) and Denis Songeon's Solaris.



A gaggle of dinghies: at least 2 of the 'right stuff'.



Massimo and Daria Francioni's Karen, a Halvorsen 26.



John Eastway's Flemingo was our venue for 'Happy Hour' on Saturday evening.



Dick Branson's Starlight travelled from Port Hacking for the Raft-Up.





PROJECT UPDATE - Bill Thompson



1. Measuring the height from the seat to the pins and swivels (rowlocks), showing the one-piece outrigger and its expensive Italian hardware.
2. The veneer of River Red Gum in all its glory, paired with Silver Ash trim.
3. Steaming in 2 x 4mm laminated ribs when steaming failed dramatically (2 broke, 2 ok) to bend in 8mm ribs. After bending in they have to dry before epoxy gluing.
4. Ribs glued in, with cedar wedge at the hog and epoxy "wedges" at the lands.
5. Just a few more coats of varnish to go, but the interior is largely done (except for the foot stretcher).



PROJECT UPDATE - ROWING HEIGHT

By Michael Coleman

ROSS MARCHANT'S HALVORSEN 38 MODEL



WHATEVER HAPPENED TO THAT POMPEII NET BOAT?

Mid October 2022 Mordialloc - A couple thousand kilometres from home near the Tweed in NSW. Outside the boatyard gates, I hesitated. Would the boat measure up to the photos and the description? The price was very fair regardless. Inside, I allowed the stacks of familiar timbers and mechanical parts to distract my nerves. My kind of yard. I felt very much at home.

I almost bumped into it. A wonderful, old, timber fisherman's boat, in red and black livery, cradled on a very good road trailer. A true working boat, heavily built and a wide, uncluttered stern for handling the heavy nets. No name on the bow, just registration numbers, as befits such a boat. I walked around it, many times, pretending to inspect it properly while I contained my happiness. I didn't care if I found flaws.

The next day, I met with the owner, Bruce. He told me of the boat's history, the addition of the standing lug rig, a small foredeck and stern thwart. Now with a small outboard, it was originally designed to be propelled just by oars. While a fisherman may not want all those, I felt the retired boat accepted them graciously. I knew that I would appreciate them as I explored rivers and bays in my own retirement.

With the business done, the trailer hooked up and lights checked, I took the slow coastal road home, visiting friends and family along the way. On Port Stephens, at a friend's place, I eagerly launched the boat. Oh how the water came in, but the planks took up and became tight as a drum in less than 24 hours—a testament to those builders at the Pompeii yards.

Inland from Tamworth, at Lake Keepit, I spent a day on the

water with my friend and his granddaughters. The boat was easy to launch and retrieve single-handed. With 2 adults, picnic and 3 very active girls, there was still space and stability to spare. As we all walked and clambered about, the boat remained stable and performed flawlessly, seeming a bit amused at all this fuss.

Now home, the engine is getting its well-deserved service. Several years of old antifoul is being removed from the boat, a few new coats applied. Sadly, the red and black livery is not suited to this hot climate. The black gunwales get hot enough to burn skin. I am thinking of a new livery of red antifoul, light grey topsides and light beige gunwales. The colours will match the oars, the interior and the floorboards, keeping the original fisherman's heritage. Perhaps even some "eyes" painted on either side of the bow?

I'll keep the boat on the water on the Tweed, using it for pleasure and exploring. The rivers and bays of NSW and beyond, beckon. Already, I dream of rowing, sailing and motoring down the Murray to its mouth in SA. There are wooden boat festivals all around too and ... well, with a trailer and such a boat, almost anywhere is possible.

Pottsville February 2023

Link to downloadable photos

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/qOctH1cxUuNLktvd9>



THE PAYNESVILLE REPORT

By Chris Dicker



After a visit to Strahan, Westwind is resplendent with the heady perfume of Huon pine and honest sea miles.

I am sure the Hobart festival will be very well reported in this issue so I will just say that in many ways it was the best one yet.

I had agreed to be part of a new initiative where people book to have an organised tour of certain boats. Westwind was amongst the three Muir boats, Travassa, Westwind and Westward. This occupied me for 20 minutes in the morning and 20 minutes in the afternoon.

I found talking to the six people per tour most enjoyable. I have long said that Westward is a historic boat, launched in 1947 so Westwind, launched in 1937 must be prehistoric.

Without further ado we spent far too little time in Cygnet catching up with friends. The wind was fair to bypass Recherche Bay so we sailed on to Maatsuyker Island, even boldly anchoring for the night in 14 metres of crystal clear water, the kelp growing from the seabed to the surface like swaying trees. The seals sending a constant cacophony of barks and grunts with the odd plaintive cry of a cub. Seabirds coming and going into the night. It is really an awesome, enchanting place. There were great lifts of shearwaters (mutton birds) that took to the air as we approached, the noise they made was like a waterfall.

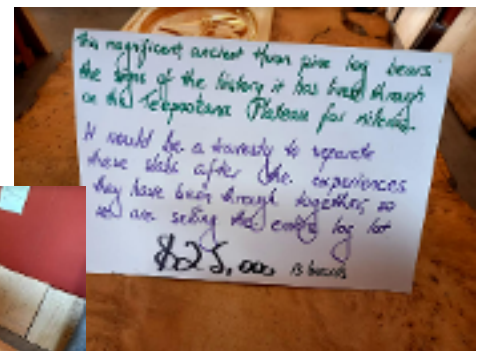
From Maatsuyker we easily made Pt Davey where we spent some days sitting out a blow. We spent the time on a trouble free trip up the Malealuca inlet where we tied to an historic landing for a most enjoyable walk around Malealuca.

When the wind moderated and came in fair we had a lively overnight sail to Hells Gate and Macquarie Harbour where we are currently tied up in downtown Strahan.

My crew, Mike Warner, has caught a bus into Queenstown, 40 km away to buy a 75x150x2.4m length of Huon pine. The bus driver said if he could not fit it in the luggage compartment it can come into the bus. The locals cannot do enough for you here.

There are strong northerlies until Sunday, when next the wind is fair it will be an express trip home as Mike has to rendezvous with a lift back to Lake Macquarie.

Safe and happy sailing to all.



CLASSIFIEDS

FOR SALE: This beautiful and historic classic boat deserves a new owner. Mokoia was designed by Arthur Robb as an ocean-going improvement of his winning design for the NZ Yacht Squadron's competition of 1947, becoming the forerunner of Robb's well-known Lion class.

Mokoia was built in England in 1948, and competed in international racing from the beginning – including the first transatlantic race for small yachts in 1951. "Since sailing to Australia in 1972 (a story in itself) her various voyages are largely unrecorded, but she has certainly had a quiet life for the last 25 years since sailing from Hobart to Port Macquarie. Further background and details provided on request to 0432 978 132 (Mike)



FOR SALE

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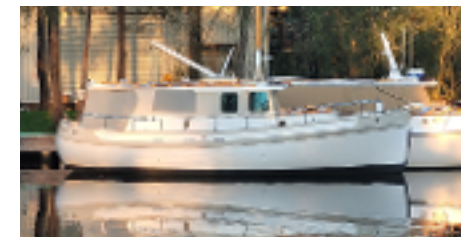
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Tuesday, 11 April 2023 TBA

Tuesday, 9 May 2023

Tuesday, 13 June 2023

Tuesday, 11 July 2023 – Shipmates' Night (Games/Trivia/Sea Shanty Singing)

Committee Meetings –(Sporties Club at Gladesville)

Monday 20 March

LOOKING FOR:

Hi!

I'm wanting to talk to a wood boat builder in the Southern Highlands/ Wollongong/Illawarra region, regarding a possible excursion to explore how boats are built!

Would you have any contacts for that area?

Thank you very much,
Jenneth Tollin-Graham
0415 158 941

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