

Scuttlebutt

January 2017



The winner of the 2016 Hal Harpur Award, Ken Barrows is presented with the plaque by Jon Bell, President of the WBA

Photograph by Greg Widders



President's Report

Jon Bell

I hope everyone had enjoyable Christmas and New Year celebrations and is ready to get on with the serious business of building, using, maintaining or just appreciating their own or anyone else's wooden boat. That reminds me - must have a word with Santa about his new sleigh - definitely not wooden!

In that context, we wrapped up last year with the Hal Harpur award night, of which more will be reported elsewhere in this issue. At that event, we celebrated and marvelled at the achievements of the seven people who completed their boat last year and were nominated by an encouraging (*=arm-twisting) friend and/or supplier. We're a retiring bunch, we boat-builders, and remain convinced that everyone else can see the miniscule flaws and work-arounds which we just know are hiding in the depths of construction but, to my mind, just getting it finished is something to be proud of and ought to be shared. Arm-twisting should be unnecessary (but not outlawed...)



Santa on the Woronora



More than 75 members and guests were in attendance

Many people contributed to the success of the evening; in no particular order I'd like to thank all the nominees who were able to join us on the night (some of whom travelled a fair way and had to stay over), the judges for doing the same in re-

verse and for their time and effort spent on deliberations, Keith Chambers and John Gale from The Mid Nth Coast Maritime Museum for their donation of not one but three splicing fids from recycled prop shafts, each in a recycled timber presentation box, David Glasson (last year's Hal Harpur winner) for returning to pass it on to Ken Barrows, this year's winner, Kevin Isle for the replica Canon which made a spectacular Christmas raffle prize (won by Gayle Smith), John Dikeman as guest ASWK moderator (and for acknowledging all the people I'd omitted to welcome including regular Scuttlebutt contributors Chris and Gilli Dicker en route to Hobart in *Westwind*), Wilfred Pirrota as stand-in raffle ticket seller, Ross McLean for audio set-up and Chris Goddard for compiling the audio-visual presentation and Greg Widders as photographer.

Malcolm Boyd was confirmed as Treasurer. Thanks for stepping forward, Malcolm. However, could members please direct any membership monies to Ross Andrewartha in the first instance.

Our guest speaker for January is Pascal Geraghty from RMS, reprising his unexpectedly entertaining talk last year on safety with regulatory updates and, weather and overlords permitting, a chance to experience flare operations first hand.

The Hobart AWBF in February is the next major event; if you haven't yet been to one it really should be on your bucket list. Fresh from the UK via Hobart will be our speaker at the February meeting, Nick Lawther. Nick is



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also VP and Merchandising officer; we'd like to build a small team around him to spread the load and make it easier for people to buy WBA products, so please see or call Nick in February.

Also on the Horizon is the raft-up at Bantry Bay (Feb 25/26) - email events@wbansw.asn.au for details and/or to register interest, or even to propose another event.

Looking forward to an illuminating year and to catching up with as many people and boats as possible.


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Hal Harpur Award - 2016

There were 7 acceptable nominations received, the largest number for some years and all new boat builds.

In no particular order:

- **Kevin Isle** for fabrication of a half scale model of a Robert Logan yacht, the first racing yacht on Auckland Harbour.
 - ◊ nominated by Christopher Goddard
- **Antony Harvey** for building a 4.2 metre Selway Fisher style cat boat.
 - ◊ nominated by Dave Giddings
- **Marcel Kievit**, for building a 4.8 metre Fisher Design Canadian Canoe.
 - ◊ nominated by Dave Giddings
- **Ken Barrows** for building a 4.6 metre clinker build gunter rigged sloop.
 - ◊ nominated by Dave Giddings
- **Gary Thorn** for fabrication of a tunnel race boat based on a 30 year old vessel
 - ◊ nominated by Dave Giddings
- **Michael Bourne** for building a 4.57 metre beachcruiser sail boat.
 - ◊ nominated by Dave Giddings
- **Mark Swithenbank**, for building a 4.6 metre 'Stevenson' Weekender
 - ◊ nominated by Dave Giddings

The winner - Ken Barrows - *Jessie*

The Tomales Bay One Design was designed by Paul Garside for California conditions. It is planked with a double skin on bent frames to ensure stability of the wood. The inner skin is about 1/8 inch and runs on a 45 degree diagonal. The outer layer is about 1/4 inch thick and is laid fore and aft in epoxy glue. Decks are similar construction, double skin with a 125 gram (4oz) fibreglass skin.



This was a new build started in 2009 and completed in 2016. It is a traditional wooden boat reflecting Paul Garside's interest and affinity for traditional English vessels. The boat was constructed from Australian timbers with Oregon deck frames and spars. Some North American cedar was also used in the decking.

Specifications

Length: 15 ft 0 in
Beam: 5 ft 10 in
Draft, CB down: 3 ft 7 in
Weight: 600 lbs
Sailing rig: Gunter sloop
Sail area: 116 sq. ft
Building time: 1000 hours





The majority of bronze fittings were cast specifically for the vessel



Special Award for inspirational build - Michael Bourne

for building a 4.57 metre glued lapstrake beachcruiser sail boat designed by Ross Lillistone from Qld.

Ellen was built by a novice home builder with no experience in boat building or working with epoxies or plywood. It took 18 months to complete and is finished in British Racing Green to complement the classic style of a clinker style sailing boat.



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Café and Boat Hire

Proprietors and hosts
Jonathan and Jane Bell

Two new members in the last month.

Tim Barlass of St Ives. Proud owner of *Crackerjack*, a 1950s vintage 28ft carvel plank gunter rigged vessel.

Michael Bourne, of Lilli Pilli, builder of *Ellen* a 4.8 metre glued lapstrake beach cruiser.

Judges' Award - for service to the community:

Marcel Kievit.

for building a 4.8 metre a Paul Fisher design Canadian Canoe.

A new build using Bote Cote Marine epoxy using Pink Marine Ply and fibre glassed externally and clear finished outside. Sealed internally using AQUACOTE U/C & White AQUACOTE Topcoat.

The canoe has been built as a donation for a raffle prize for Bosom Buddies ACT (a non profit breast cancer support group in the A.C.T.)



Marcel Kievit is presented with a boxed splicing fid donated by the Mid Nth Coast Maritime Museum



yes, even has fabricated a wooden canopy for his utility!

BOATING ON THE MYALL RIVER

from Rob Hardy

Tea Gardens is a relaxed and pleasant town (away from the holiday periods) on the Myall River before the road crosses the singing bridge into Hawks Nest. The riverside vista is particularly pleasant and the temptation to dine at one of the waterfront cafes is great. Tea Gardens is not a great distance by water from Port Stephens. There are good boat ramps on



Motoring up the Myall River towards Tamboi

either side of the river, however the one on the Tea Gardens side is preferred due to ramp grip and the floating pontoon jetty alongside. It is from here that a trip up the Myall River can commence. If you plan to motor as far as the Broadwater, it is important to choose the day carefully to take advantage of tidal flow. It is about 26 km from Tea Gardens to Tamboi. There is an hour tide delay at Tea Gardens from published tide times at Fort Denison, so it is wise to be in the water and underway well before high tide. This way you will carry the incoming tide all the way up the river and the outgoing tide on the return.

With a group of other putt putt boats, we set off before 0900 on a day in December when the tide was high at 12.19 (after adjustment). We carried the incoming tide all the way to The Broadwater including a lunch stop. There is a tide delay of about six hours at Tamboi which is a small fishing village on the Myall River, almost at The Broadwater. The other consideration is water depth and although the advised depth is about 1.4 metres in the river, we encountered some areas of 0.8 metre.

There are navigation marks all the way and there are a number of 4 knot zones.

It is a very pretty run with normally not much traffic apart from the occasional runabout or small motor cruiser. After leaving Tea Gardens the river wanders through some open areas and then into some bends before coming across the Myall River Camping Ground on the right. A private and well patronised spot, the tourists are always enthusiastic wavers as the putters travel past towards the remains of the first prawn shot, Zeiningers, the shed now showing more signs of collapse than on a previous outing. After initially passing mangroves, the river turns to pine forests and forestry camps until eventually into more natural river timbered foliage.

There are a couple of jetties on the way, some of which have seen better times, however there is a more substantial jetty at Engels Landing (about 15km north of Tea Gardens) where picnics can be had either on the jetty or in the reserve nearby. With tide assistance, we pressed on and stopped about an hour later at a grassy area against the river bank. Calculations after lunch showed that we had about 90 minutes of tide and so decided to keep going in the hope of reaching The Broadwater. There was some excitement when the river opened up on arrival at The Brasswater but we still had some distance to go.

Almost as the river reaches The Broadwater, fishing shacks appear with boats pulled up on the shore, marking the start of the little fishing village, Tamboi.

Tamboi looks like there have never been any changes apart from the arrival of a few solar panels and a guess would be that there will never be any. So laid back. No urgency. The world is miles away and so are the cares. The only effort



Fishing shacks at Tamboi, Myall River

seemed to be elbow bending and friendly waving. There is a public jetty at Tamboi, Sheddons Landing where there are 2 covered picnic tables but no toilet facilities.

Five minutes later and we had arrived at The Broadwater, which is the first of the Myall Lakes. It was a beautiful calm day. The temptation to keep going to Mungo Brush and further was there, however the realisation was that there was a return journey to undertake. At Tamboi, the tide was still coming in (slowly), but we knew that we would have a couple of hours of running against it before we came to slack water and eventually the outgoing tide. In a little boat doing about 5 knots, it is amazing the difference in speed against the shore when the current is going your way.



MS Molly (John Dikeman) on The Broadwater, Myall Lakes

Although the return trip seems longer than the outgoing, it is still very pleasant and by the time we reach Tea Gardens, we are in the late afternoon. The bird life intensifies, the mood at the camping site is more mellow and the shadows are starting to reach across the river. By the time we reach the boat ramp, we realise that an overnight stay at Tea Gardens is the preferred option. There are a number of accommodation options ranging from camping through to the hotel, the Country Club and many private options.

We are so lucky to have these places so close to home, and after a great day, the crews decided that we would return and launch the boats another time in the Myall Lakes at further our exploration.

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December Meeting Raffle Winner



HHA winner, Ken Barrows, drew the raffle.

Won by Gayle Smith, a replica wooden canon, made by Kevin Isle for display in Peter Gossell's canon box at a WwW Show.

(Peter's real canon was stored in a secure location until he obtained the licence).

Keith Chambers
presenting Peter
Minehan with a set
of fids fabricated by
Mid Nth Coast
Maritime Museum
'for his services to
the museum.



Steam Boat Association of Australia - Hobart Dinner

For those that haven't read Steam Leak or heard through other means, the dinner at the Black Buffalo Hotel **will go ahead** on Saturday 11 Feb 2017 commencing at 6pm.

The Steam Boat Association has decided to hold its February general meeting at the venue but this will only be a notional meeting to which all are welcome.

For those who haven't notified Andrew, or those who have made a late decision, please 'reply all' so that both Andrew & I will be able to gauge numbers for the hotel catering. This dinner is a PAYG affair and is of high standard but reasonable cost if 2015 experience is any gauge.

For those arriving prior to the Thursday (9th) the Wooden Boat Guild of Tasmania are holding a meet-n-greet BBQ from 4.30 pm on Thur 9th Feb at the Guilds new home at the old Mariners Cottages Napoleon St Battery Point. If you intend to come along on the Thursday, please also reply to Andrew so that catering may be organised.

I look forward to seeing you all in Hobart

Terry Lance

Secretary SBAA

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Based on a series of highly popular articles written for Classic Boat Magazine, this witty collection recalls some of the incidents the author has survived in over half a century of messing about in boats.

Most sailors will find something to relate to in these escapades from around the world and they will bring a wry smile to any boaters lips. The author's wonderfully witty cartoons help bring these anecdotes to life. All these stories are true so WBA member Alan Williams writes under a pen name so that his architectural clients do not think they are entrusting their work to a seagoing Mr Bean. Copies are available from Boat Books in Crows

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Not THE CAIRNS REPORT

from Chris & Gilli Dicker

I spoke with Chris just prior to going to press. *Westwind* is in Eden waiting for a good weather window prior to heading in to Bass Strait. The run down from Botany Bay was uneventful. They are hoping to take a passage to the west of Flinders Island.

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Our New Treasurer - Malcolm Boyd



Without too much persuasion, Malcolm Boyd has stepped in to the Treasurer's role.

"I am pleased to be able to help on the committee of the WBA as Treasurer and hope that I can be of use. Whilst I am not an accountant, I am a civil engineer who can manage accounts in a practical way which should be more than enough. It is amazing what you can do with spreadsheets!" said Malcolm.

"...my only concern is that between the beginning of November and the end of February I have twilight sailing at Castlecrag which is one of the few commitments I have to enjoy sailing my Folkboat. That will interfere with a few committee meetings but I am sure that we can get around it.

I have also offered to make a presentation to the WBA in 2017. The talk will be around my experience living in Paris on the River Seine some 16 years ago and getting to know the river culture of that region. I joined an organisation who restored and re-created historical wooden boats and learned a lot about the history of the river. It was at Chatou, a place where many of the impressionist painters spent their weekends and the river and their work was intertwined in many ways. One of them, Gustav Caillebotte, designed and built racing yachts as well! Ideally I could do the May talk, but could, at a pinch, do the April talk. The other demand on my immediate time is that I have signed on as training crew for the James Craig voyage to the Wooden Boat Festival in Hobart in February! I will be away from 29 January to 14 February inclusive.



Malcolm's Folkboat. It was built by Hald and Johannsen in Dee Why in about 1965 – the same time/place as Ann Gash's Folkboat which she sailed around the world.



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Looking forward to helping the WBA keep growing".

— — ON THE HORIZON — —

THIS YEAR 2017

January 10 th	WBA Meeting, Sporties Club, Guest Speaker: Pascal Geraghty from RMS
January 16 th	Committee Meeting
February 10 th - 13 th	Australian Wooden Boat Festival, Hobart
February 14 th	WBA Meeting, Sporties Club, Nick Lawther : 'UK Adventures'
February 20 th	Committee Meeting
March 14 th	WBA Meeting, guest speaker, Jon Simpson from AUSTA
February 20 th	Committee Meeting
February 25 th /26 th	Bantry Bay weekend
March 14 th	WBA Meeting, Sporties Club
March 20 th	Committee Meeting
April 11 th	WBA Meeting, Gladesville Bowling & Sports Club
April 17 th	Committee Meeting
May 9 th	WBA Meeting, Gladesville Bowling & Sports Club
May 15 th	Committee Meeting
June 13 th	WBA Meeting, Gladesville Bowling & Sports Club