



Australian Wooden Boat Festival

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Have we got news for you!

Staging a Wooden Boat Festival is not unlike maintaining a wooden boat. All you need is time, money, dedication, and a lot of patience to deal with the unexpected. But, with all the hard work comes a great deal of satisfaction and the pleasure of being part of a community which values the preservation of traditional skills and the beauty of our natural resources. With just under a year to go until Festival '09 we are still very much on the "hard work" end of the journey, but, it's all starting to come together and we've got lots to share in this first edition of our newsletter. Please feel free to send this newsletter to anybody you know who is interested in the Festival - they can register to receive their own copy each month via our website.

Boat registrations are now being invited: no increase in fees

If you registered your boat in 2007, you should already have received email notification of registration for 2009. If you have not previously registered a boat for the Festival, but would like to enter in 2009, you will find all the information plus an on-line registration form here:

<http://www.australianwoodenboatfestival.com.au/html/boatreg.html>

Trade exhibitor "Maritime marketplace" information to be released soon

Booking forms for space in the Maritime Marketplace will be emailed to previous exhibitors in the next few weeks. If you did not participate last time, but would like to be included in this distribution please contact Festival Manager, Rob McGuire at manager@australianwoodenboatfestival.com.au

New Festival offices at Salamanca Arts Centre

We have secured a fantastic space in the Salamanca Arts Centre for the Festival office. As well as giving us a lot more room for desks, meetings and storage, the SAC has many other facilities that will be of benefit to the Festival.

We have been lucky enough to secure some good office furniture from Hydro but are on the scrounge for a kettle, microwave, waste bins, heaters and any up-to-date office equipment. If you have items to donate please let us know. Thanks to Josephine and Tolly Jaworsky for the vacuum cleaner!

How to find us!

Space 229 is on the top floor, up above Mezethes Greek restaurant on the corner of Wooby's Lane and Salamanca Square. You will find the door to our staircase (no lift access, sorry) in the rear corner of the internal courtyard – access from Wooby's Lane, or the arcades directly from Salamanca Place. Our new phone number and address details are given at the end of this newsletter.

Give us a call and arrange a time to drop in and see us - but beware you might be put to work if you look like you're at a loose end!

If you aren't familiar with Hobart, the Salamanca Arts Centre website www.salarts.org.au has a great page of information on how to get to Salamanca Arts Centre and find your way around.

Promoting the Festival interstate

A number of AWBF Inc Members and staff have been promoting the Australian Wooden Boat Festival interstate, attending the Geelong Wooden Boat Festival, and the Sydney Classic & Wooden Boat Festival over the weekend of the 8th/9th March. Covering their own expenses, we thank them for their investment in the Festival and for their hard work in promoting AWBF.

The organizers at Geelong kindly gave us an area to display **Teepookana** (pictured right being taken for an outing) in conjunction with the Tasmanian Wooden Boat Guild. Designed by Adrian Deane and built by the members of the TWBG in the 1990s, she is a design based on the traditional West Coast piners punts used to get to the Huon Pine on the Gordon and other West Coast rivers. Construction is clinker of King Billy pine over Huon pine ribs. As well as showing off the pretty Teepookana we added some new names to our database and handed out postcards with details of Festival '09.



Prizes at Geelong Wooden Boat Festival

TWBG members Graeme Hunt and Peter Higgs, who transported Teepookana to Geelong are pictured (left) picking up a prize at the Geelong dinner – Teepookana being the first interstate (we claim “overseas”!) entry to the Victorian event, and also the first vessel to be rowed in the Sail Past!

Congratulations to the Geelong organizers for putting on a good show, and for switching the year in which their event is held so it falls in the “off” year for the Australian Wooden Boat Festival. We look forward to seeing more Victorian entries in 2009.

Festival '09 program

The focus for 2009 will be the boats afloat and ashore. They are the heart and soul of the Festival after all! Because we are The **Australian** Wooden Boat Festival, we would like to welcome more boats from interstate and introduce them to the joys of cruising the wide variety of Tasmanian waters.

It's early days, but we're already talking to the Heritage Fleet to see what tall ships and other vessels might be tempted to visit. The Duyfken, who is now up in Cairns could also be back for a second visit.

Details are yet to be confirmed, but we're hoping to have the wonderful replica vintage 18ft skiffs coming from Sydney to race during the Festival. (pictured right is '**Yendys**', skippered by Ian Perdriau, on Sydney Harbour).

The call for more on-water activities has also spurred us into talking to surf clubs around Australia about bringing their old wooden surf boats to Hobart.

If you have an idea for any aspect of the Festival please let us know. Better still, see the next article and you might want to put your hand up as a project leader.



Festival Organising Team – volunteers are now invited to join us in planning the 2009 event

Volunteers are now wanted to be part of the 2009 Festival Organising Team. If you would like to be part of an exciting and forward-thinking group of people and want to be an integral part of the next Festival, please contact Rob McGuire: manager@australianwoodenboatfestival.com.au or by phone on (03) 6223 3375 to discuss any of the following positions:

- Box Office and Ticketing Manager
- Merchandise Manager
- Public Services Manager
- Shipwrights Village Manager
- Maritime Marketplace Manager
- Displays Manager
- Assistant Entertainment Manager - Theatre
- Assistant Entertainment Manager - Concert
- Functions Manager
- Newsletter Editor
- Off Site Activities Manager
- On Water Activities Manager
- Site Manager
- Assistant Site Manager – Fencing
- Assistant Site Manager - Flags & Signage
- Assistant Site Manager - Permits & Licences
- Assistant Site Manager - Rubbish Removal& Recycling
- Assistant Site Manager - Cleaning
- Assistant Site Manager – Security
- Assistant Site Manager – Parking
- Project Manager – Special Events
- Volunteer Officials Manager

Festival Faces!

Every month we will introduce you to different people involved in the Festival. Here are Rob McGuire, Festival Manager, Bronwyn (Bronnie) Long, Festival Assistant, and Lois Ryan, Marketing Media & Sponsorship Manager.



Rob
Festival Manager



Bronnie
Festival Assistant



Lois
Festival Marketing Media & Sponsorship

Story of the Month: *L'Hirondelle*, one brave swallow

They say “one swallow does not a summer make” (ie just because one good thing has happened you cannot be certain that more good things will happen and the whole situation will improve), but in this month's story from Terry O'Connor, it may just be that “one L'Hirondelle owner does not give up easily”! Terry's story is reproduced word for word as he sent it to us – and we love it. Terry, we hope somebody can find a 2001 Festival flag for you!

Story of the Month is available as a pdf file on our website:

<http://www.australianwoodenboatfestival.com.au/html/hotnews.html>

We would love to hear from you!

To contribute stories or make any suggestions for the e-newsletter please get in touch with Lois by email:

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