



Newsletter December 2022

With another year drawing to a close, the Christmas Lunch is on, on the 15th December at the Catalina Club (aka Rathmines Bowling Club) start time 12 md some will be there sooner. Boatshed members, wives/partners are welcome the arrangement is simple order drinks at the bar meals at the canteen. I am counting on Glenn's approval to my plagiarising of his excellent minutes from our November committee following, how better to showcase what goes on at these monthly chat shows.

1. **Concrete Slab** for Work-shop #2. Peter Turner and Bill Coote.
 - a. The slab is down and in use.
 - a. Obtain quote for asphalt & gravel to cover access road to concrete pad.
 - b. Complete all works before April 2023.
2. **Business Plan Actions.** Jeff Marriott.
 - a. Latest amendment accepted. Publish & place on noticeboard.
3. **Lakefest Report** by President. Bill Coote
 - a. Lakefest 2023 is proceeding with representation on the committee from LMYC, RMYC Toronto, WASC and LMCBA. This year expect radio-controlled yacht sailing to be included. There will be advertisements in the Newcastle Herald and Afloat Magazine early in 2023.
 - b. The Rathmines Community Hall will be made available for a display of wooden boats, half models and scale models produced by members not to mention boat motors.
4. **Treasurers Report** – Peter Turner - In the month of October there has been a large amount of expenditure on various items required to maintain progress on our boat projects and equip our boatsheds. There is need to raise funds via sale of boats, fortunately we have plenty to sell.
5. **General Advice to members.** Nine items discussed including;
 - a. Classic Speed Boat Carnival at Marmong Point was the most significant item. Boatfest Flyers were delivered to the Café and the Chandlery at Marmong Point.
 - b. In addition to the drill press, two additional donated items (belt sander & plunge router + bits) are also for sale. Bids on items to be submitted to the Treasurer.
6. **Skills Development** workshop dates. Deliver training on an ad-hoc basis.
7. **Fire Safety Drill;** Conduct random drill before morning tea using attendance sheets. Action by Secretary.
8. **Test and Tag of Tools** and Appliances; Terry, Terry, Brian and Peter have completed the Test and Tagging for this year. This is no small job the team have put the hours in to get the job done. Thanks Terry, Terry, Brian and Peter. Ad hoc tools testing can be done during the year.
9. **10 Foot Skiff Viola** collected. John McNally has formed a crew to sail Viola, he has taken her away after she spent several years on the rafters of WS 1 she joins the fleet of Historical Skiffs.
10. **Expenditure on Consumable Items:**
 - a. Incidental items absorbed in to overheads for work in sheds. Cost reported in Overhead figure.
 - b. Specific items (paint etc.) purchased for a project to be allocated against the specific project.
11. **Constitution Review.** Small changes will be put up for approval at the next AGM. Bill Coote.
12. **Ongoing Work on Sunshine.** It is not fully functional and requires some engine work to ensure it is ready for sale. Sunshine is in storage with Geoff Cave pending finishing work on Rhythm in WS 2.
13. **Rhythm II Marketing** at the speed boat Regatta 5th & 6th November. A positive exercise with Flyers distributed and good contacts made. No immediate offers for the boat however useful overall with members supporting the display and answering questions from event patrons.
14. **VS Skiff Restoration.**
 - a. Estimate for the work completed and on clip-board.
 - b. Invite member participation at morning tea.
15. **Sale of Project boats to members.**
 - a. Selling price to members for a project boat is cost + 30%.
 - b. Access to floor space (for member build) at \$30/week to a financial member.

16. **New projects** – 6 projects covered. Poddy Mark II, kayak & Guillemot on hold. Pully blocks for Guillemot a potential new small-scale project.
17. **Ongoing work** – additional item is half model of yacht for donation as trophy for Lakefest Regatta.
18. **Safety** – Matix of responsibilities tabled by Secretary. Suggested that categories of work be subdivided For ease of management. Action Secretary.
19. **Grants.**
 - a. Grant application for \$500 for Australia Day has been submitted to Council and has been successful.
 - b. Rural Regional Communities \$10k for Covid-19 recovery not deemed viable.
 - c. Department of Social Services Volunteer Grants – between \$1,000 and \$5,000. Possible use for First Aid Training – Investigate – Action by Secretary.
20. **Member Joining Pack.** Pack document finalized. Take (passport) photos of Committee for inclusion.
21. **William the Fourth Actions:** William the Fourth crew are obtaining a design for the davit in order to estimate the cost. Amount of funds sought will depend on estimates of the combined cost for the davit plus the Guillemot build.
22. **Member Welfare.** Two members recovering from medical and related events are expected to return in the near future.
23. **Workshop #2 Reorganization:**
 - a. Invitation to purchase surplus drill press will be issued at morning tea. Submit bids to Treasurer.
 - b. Belt Sander, plunge router and bits are also available for sale to members.
24. **Orbital Sander** – Makita 240 V Preferred.
 - a. Seek support from Bunnings for Not-for-profit organization.
 - b. A battery powered Ryobi sander is also require for Workshop #2.
 - c. The Bunnings Trade card has not yet arrived. Due to be delivered to the PO Box.
25. **Trailers.**
 - a. Decision made to hang on to Viola (Flat Top) trailer.
 - b. Sale price of \$200 put on the Rescue ONE boat trailer.
26. **Public Relations.**
 - a. North Coast Classic Speed Boats event was positive in terms of promotion.
 - b. Hal Harper awards assessors from the Wooden Boat Association NSW are due to visit 17th of November to view the Pittwater scull.
 - c. Australia Day 2023 and Boatfest / Boat Bits event planning is underway.
 - d. Invitation to the Mayor to be issued for a morning tea now that Workshop #2 has some space.
27. **Working Alone Policy.** The detailed policy document is to be circulated to the Committee for final review and agreement.

So, you can see, the range of items up for discussion each month is significant, the meetings generally take an hour requiring much of the discussion and research by committee done before they meet.

More on Australia Day, Boatfest and Boat Bits Bonanza.

Lake Macquarie City Council (LMCC) have approached the Classic Boat Association with the idea of using the Rathmines Hall for a display of classic wooden boats on the Sunday of Boatfest, 5th February 2023. LMCC also recently announced five grants of \$500 each for organisations to run an event on Australia Day. The Classic Boat Association was successful in gaining one of the grants, we propose having an OPEN DAY at Boatshed number 1 on Australia Day just 10 days before Boatfest. This will be an ideal time to promote Boatfest and Boat Bits Bonanza.

On Australia Day the boatshed will be open from 8am till 2pm with boats on display and sale of sausage sandwiches to people in the park. On the Sunday of Boatfest we will be joined by several food vendors, LuLu's Gelato, Southern Foods and a Coffee Van.

Boat Bits Bonanza, the car boot sale of boat bits, will be on in the area to the North of Boatshed 1 from 8am till 2pm. So, if you have any boat bit to get rid of bring them along, if you are working on a project and need parts bring your money along. We will need many volunteers to help out on the day. Should be a good day.

Find out more on any item listed by asking one of us; Bill, Jeff, Peter T, Glenn, John, Steve, Chris, Bob or Nick.

Till Next time,
Bill