



LAKE MACQUARIE CLASSIC BOAT ASSOCIATION INC.

*Building/ restoring & rowing in
wonderful wood*

January 2026 2025 reviewed



Lunch in the Hunter and visit to garden island just 2 of our Socials

Presidents report



President Steve Presidents report January 2026

Since my participation has been rather limited lately due to the new knee I don't have a lot to report on. However I have been posting pictures of the Guillemot to the "Iain Oughtred Boats Worldwide" Face Book page and it has been viewed with great interest and appreciation for the standard of workmanship and finish. Well done to all involved!

As progress continues on our builds I intend to keep the relevant FB pages up to date as people around the world are interested in what we are doing so the Navigator will be kept up to date on the "John Welsford Small Craft Design" page, the Weymss Skiff on the "Iain Oughtred Boats Worldwide" page and the Cadet 12 which is yet to be collected, on the "Australian Classic Dinghy Network" page. There is a presence of Cadet 12's in that group.

The problems with guttering and drainage we were experiencing in WS1 have been dealt with thanks to the efforts of many including our friendly Council contact.

There have been some pleasing sales of boats over the Christmas period which has not only freed up space but bolstered the bank account somewhat.

I hope we can all look forward to another good year of messing around in small boats!

Steve

Rowing A busy year for rowing

Australia day row the length of the lake



Then on to **Canberra** for a competitive row and participation in Boat festival weekend



Lots of rowing every Tuesday and Thursday .
And the new Weymss Skiff is well underway to add to the rowing fleet



A special mention is the row and cleanup of rubbish in Cockle Creek

This Australia Day Row it is planned to row to Swansea channel under the bridge (until the tide turns }

Tides in the channel are delayed from Heads to drop over into lake by 2.5 -3 hours. So an 8.40 am is low tide at heads on Australia Day will slowly turn.

Then back to the Australia day open day at LMCBA boat shed

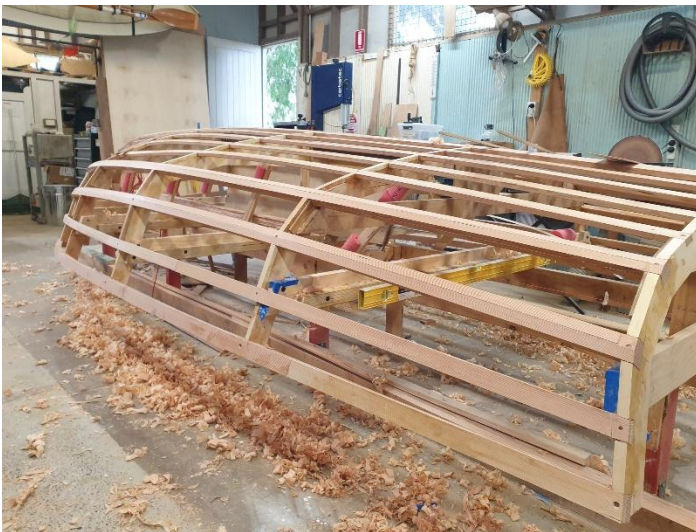


Elizabeth Island

A popular destination for a refreshing swim or other

Projects progress - a look back on last year and continuing projects (But not all . There were so Many)

WS 1 Pauls boat TS 16



January 25 to

Steves Boat



Jan 26.

*Feb2025 and **Steves boat** is launched . A truly 1st class build from scratch ..*

Well done Steve and Bob and team

WS1 Dinghy donated

This solid dinghy donated but rough /old .stripped and painted then identified as a Kingfisher – Rowing or outboard Dinghy 10 Ft X 4ft 2”



WS1 Peters boats

Peter takes sows ears mostly herons and restores them .

Both the red Heron and the blue boat above part of Peters many projects earning \$\$



Southport Nesting Dinghy.



*the quality of the build and
the finish they sold
immediately*



*Built and then sawn in half
From a kit and few sheets of
ply - 2 of these nesting
dinghies were built and with*

Over in WS2 plenty of activity on **6 new builds** ,1 restoration , 2
Model boats , and Joes **motors**

1 Kayaks upstairs **THE TEAM**

The pintail strip plank Kayaks are a great success with many members involved in the builds but with a core of about 6 leading the way guided by the enthusiastic Noel .The photo below is the launch of No1 at the beginning of 2025 .

The technique being used involves an inner gunnel or shear clamp to provide a strong support and allows affirm attachment for the deck.

A lot of learning has resulted in production-line strip cutting and many process developments eg the many steam bendings tried and mastered.



*3 small **kayak** builds as photos show*



2 .Wemyss Skiff (a 2/3 row boat to add to the 5/6 St Ayles skiff)

Team working Tuesday and Thursday started in



3 Guillemot feb 25 and jan 26 ready to go



5. Selway-Fisher Petite Brise

Started as a challenge but lots of hard work and skill has produced a great sailing boat



Now need to get it sailing . maybe on a Raid ..

Nutshell

for sale feb 2025 no offers but sold jan 2026



Model Makers

So many models and trophies its become an important section

And models, motors and trophies and belaying pins and sailing and to many to list



And a great finale Boatfest



And other boats



And don't forget Joe and his motors (and Smoke)



Chris G great work on the old **Towns** boat



AND Royal Motor Boat Club rowing team at the Open day "Row " past
And that was the year ---- Or part there of