



AMATEUR BOAT BUILDERS' ASSOCIATION

December January 2017

PETER'S KITCHEN RULES!

Our December Toolbox event was a return visit to the Maylands Boat Yard for our now customary Christmas gathering and sausage sizzle. A big thank you once again to Master Chef, Peter Russell, who kindly provided the BBQ and supplies and attended to the cooking arrangements, as well as having earlier obtained the blessing of the owners for us to gather on the premises. Members who were able to attend enjoyed an informal opportunity to talk about all things topical — no doubt with a marine flavour of course.



Peter on the job, Bruce and Neil supervising



.....and what a splendid feast it was.



A fine bunch of gentlemen taking a break from their weekend boat building??



Wise men definitely solving the world's problems!



And to top off the afternoon, member Alun Dufty took the opportunity to unveil his beautiful new traditional timber tender build by master shipwright and ABBA supporter Aaron Woodall. A very impressive job admired by all those present.



Thanks to Peter Russell for the catering, Alun Dufty for providing the key exhibit and all members who attended. This was another successful afternoon. ABBA hopes it was followed by an enjoyable Christmas break for all members.

December Technical Meeting - Up the River Again in Southern Tasmania



At the technical meeting last April, we viewed the first half of a video “Two Men in a Punt – In the wake of the Huon Piners”. At our most recent Tech Meeting on 7th December, we viewed the second half of this video. This second half focuses on how the journey seen in the first half was developed and the background to the making of the first half including much of the unused footage of the wilderness through which they were travelling.

As your editor observed in the April May 2016 newsletter, it is difficult to recount the content of the video in this newsletter but the background and summary transcribed from the DVD cover below will give some signal of the story line to those who were unable to attend either of these meetings.

“A special tree, the Huon pine, grows in the wet temperate rainforests of Western Tasmania. Slow growing, some trees have been dated at over three thousand years old. Fine grained, stable, and containing a special oil which inhibits rot, it was quickly recognised by the pioneers as ideal for boat building and a host of other uses.

‘Two Men in a Punt’ follows in the wake of the piners. Ron Morrison, himself a descendent of a prominent pining family, was involved in the closing era of pining. We join Ron and his friend, Franz, as they re-trace a journey up the Gordon river and its tributaries re-discovering the remains of old camps-sites and logging operations.

Their adventures are interspersed and enriched by unique interviews with old piners, recorded in 2003, whose experiences date back to the 1930’s when everything was done by horse and by hand.”

In the video, Ron Morrison and Franz follow the trails of the old Huon pine loggers in the Tasmanian forest east of Strahan. It’s a gentle documentary, un-staged and lots of friendly banter, with cuts to the interesting interviews with the various old piners. There is a strong connection to Tassie boat building through the Huon pine subject matter, and there’s a reasonable smattering of pictures/films/discussions on boats. But the main focus is the relationship between Ron and Franz, which is entertaining, and the wilderness through which they were travelling, which is stunning.

Ed’s Note: The DVD is available on loan from me if anyone who missed out would like to view it.

ADMINISTRATION NOTES

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FEBRUARY TECHNICAL MEETING

Our next Technical Meeting will be on Wednesday 1st February, as usual in the Heritage Room at South of Perth Yacht Club, 7.30pm for an 8pm start. This will be a presentation by SoPYC member Brian Orr who has spent 10 years rebuilding a Spirit 28 at Maylands Boat Yard. The Spirit is a 28 ft masthead sloop designed by EG Van de Stadt and locally built in fiberglass. Brian will share all the trials and tribulations of his journey with us now that he has finished the project and has the Spirit actively sailing out of SoPYC.

MARCH TOOLBOX VISIT

The next Toolbox will be on Saturday 4th March, as usual at 2.00pm. This will be a visit to view member Rob Bingham's completed restoration project on his Halvorsen launch Karrawa. She is penned at the new marina at Coogee. More details of where to find her and associated parking arrangements will follow.

SPECIAL NOTE -- SHIRTS & ABBA LOGOS

Don't forget — if members wish to bring along their own shirts to the next meeting then Bruce Cadee can arrange for logos to be embroidered. Members can bring as many shirts as they like

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but the club will pay for up to 2 logos. If we could do this in batches if at all possible this would be best for our supplier.

ABBA LOGO

Members are reminded that Bruce Cadee has made arrangements with Shaun Luong of Image Embroidery at 26 Tulloch Way, Canning Vale (Phone 9456 2324 Mobile 0403 250 389) for an embroidered ABBA logo. The logo can be applied to your own clothing (assuming it can be accommodated in their equipment) or to shirts, caps or hats purchased through Image Embroidery. Feel free to call in on Shaun to look at the limited range of clothing he has on site or visit the following web sites to choose your preferred style, size and colours. The weblinks below are only examples of the wide range available. Half chest measurements are included on the web sites to help ensure you select the correct size. Ladies styles are also available.

Clothing (excluding Logos)

Style 1300 – Aussie Pacific Mens Murray Polo, Navy/White/Ashe or White/Navy/Ashe - **\$20.00 + GST each**

Weblink: http://www.aussiepacific.com.au/the-murray-polo-navy-white-s?color=Navy%2FWhite%2FAshe&primary_color=Navy&secondary_color=White

Style 1304 – Aussie Pacific Mens Eureka Polo, Navy/White/Ashe or White/Navy/Ashe - **\$21.00 + GST each**

Weblink: http://www.aussiepacific.com.au/mens/polos/eureka-polo-sky-navy-s?color=Sky%2FNavy%2FAshe&primary_color=Sky&secondary_color=Navy

Hats/Caps (excluding Logos)

Style 4199 – Headwear Brushed Heavy Cotton Cap, White/Navy (many other colours available too) - **\$6.50 + GST each** **Weblink:** <http://au.headwear.com.au/productDetails.cfm?&prodID=53&prodCatID=2&pageNumber=1>

(Also refer poly/cotton legionnaires hats Styles 4057 or 4126 for maximum sun protection under website sub heading 'Hats, Visor & Beanies' <http://au.headwear.com.au/productList.cfm?&pCategoryID=7>)

Style 4199 – Headwear Brushed Heavy Cotton Cap, White/Navy (many other colours available too) - **\$6.50 + GST each (includes poly/cotton legionnaires hats for maximum sun protection under website sub heading 'Hats, Visor & Beanies')**

Weblink:

Style 4223 – Brushed Sports Twill Bucket Hat, White/Navy (many other colours available too) - **\$8.00 + GST each**

Weblink: <http://au.headwear.com.au/productList.cfm?&pCategoryID=7&page=2>

To make your annual membership even more value for money, ABBA will pay for up to 2 logos per financial year to be applied to your items of clothing. The current cost to ABBA is \$7.15 per logo. There is no intention for this to be an ABBA uniform so the choice of style and colour is totally yours. If you are seen wearing the logo while building, working on or using your boat or anywhere for that matter it might get people asking questions and wanting to join our association. You are free to deal direct with Image Embroidery but please ensure you get an itemised invoice showing a separate price for the logo and present this to Bruce Cadee for