



AMATEUR BOAT BUILDERS' ASSOCIATION

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SUPER HARRY'S SLICK FARRIER



Once again, we were knocked out by Harry Speight's impeccable craftsmanship and his attention to detail; integrating every aspect of design and function into a stunning craft.

The February Toolbox meeting was held at Rod Busher's Exclusive Coatings in South Fremantle. This is the respected paint shop Harry selected to complete the fairing and apply the final paint finish. The Farrier was

completed to an exceptional standard by Harry. But, the work of Rod and his workers has taken the Farrier to an elite concourse finish. This Farrier appears to have more in common with aeronautics and space travel.

There has been a marked reduction in new boats being built in Western Australia, so Rod has centred his business on exceptional quality and craftsmanship. He and his team worked on Greg Norman's super yacht *Aussie Rules*. Rod said he new the quality of finish Harry was striving for and was relieved to be working on a boat where the craftsmanship was really appreciated. He said, All too often people know what has to be done, but insist on cutting corners.



The monocoque-style construction has been enhanced by the integration of all hardware mounting and lockers within the interior. It's a super smooth finish - with non slip texture - where it's needed.



It's almost incomprehensible to think the Farrier is built from strip planked timber and epoxy.



Harry can certainly be pleased with his efforts over the many years it has taken to get to this final stage.



Rod Busher, has nearly completed the fitout of his family's timber launch. It was built by Back and Mather and has just been fitted with a new 480 hp Cummins engine, new fuel and water tanks, a desalination plant and a luxurious uncompromising fitout throughout.

Our thanks to Harry Speight and Rod Busher.

DECEMBER TOOLBOX MEETING



We visited the Maylands Boatyard for the end of year Christmas toolbox meeting to have a BBQ and see what has been happening at the Yard post Arno.

A surprising development was a Mens Shed had been set up with much of Arno's old tools and equipment. Latest news is that it's ticking over but yet to get into full swing.

Worthwhile considering if you're just starting out or lacking some vital equipment or tools.



It's an impressive location beside the Swan and was so quiet, without any chainsaws.



We were able to see the original MTT Ferry Valhalla undergoing a new lease on life as her new owners were hard at work doing what owners of old wooden vessels do: sand, scrape, repair, replace, etc. She looks great and in safe hands.



Thanks to Peter Leggatt and Peter Russell for the afternoon tea and BBQ and the Maylands Boatyard for allowing our visit.



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TECHNICAL MEETING

The March Technical Meeting (Wednesday 28 March) Robert Bingham will be showing how he researched, designed and then built his own marine heat exchanger and cooling system for his V8 ski boat *Bruce*. We saw this boat last year and now we can hear more about its technical attributes and Robert's many skills.

See you at the South of Perth Yacht Club, 8:00 pm with dinner before if you are interested.

TOOLBOX MEETING

April Toolbox meeting will be held on Saturday 14 April the Maylands Boatyard. Alun Dufty's will be showing his motor launch *Margaret* which was recently serviced on the Maylands slip. Alun and had to undertake an additional repair to beyond his planned work to prevent a problem with electrolysis. He has recently undertaken extensive work on the main cabin.

LIBRARY

The ABBA Library has an extensive collection of books and magazines. We are currently seeking a custodian of the library. Mike Rogers has done a terrific job over the years as our Librarian but feels

it's time to hand the role over to another member. If you have room for the collection of books and magazines please contact Paul Thompson or Chris Davis.

Thanks to Mike and Patricia for taking care of our library for so long.

