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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER July 2017

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VALE GREG GUY

It is with a heavy heart that we note the passing of our dear friend, Greg Guy. Greg was a visionary, who inspired many with his enthusiasm and deep-seated knowledge of all things nautical. In his own humble way, he invested so much of himself in the Franklin Working Waterfront Association, and the Wooden Boat Centre, and both organisations are so much the richer for that. Without Greg's input and vision, it is doubtful that the WBC would be the flourishing institution it is today at the centre of the Franklin community.

All who knew Greg will want us to wish Lynne, Brett and his extended family our sincere condolences for their loss. We were fortunate to be able to celebrate his involvement with us, in early July before his health deteriorated too much.

As per Greg's wishes we will have the opportunity to wish him a Bon Voyage at the Huonville Lawn Cemetery at 2.00 pm on Monday 21st August. Casual dress will be the order of the day and donations in lieu of flowers, to the Cancer Council, please.

This will be followed by a wake at the Wooden Boat Centre from 3.00 pm. Please bring a plate to share, while we celebrate his life.

It seems appropriate to conclude with the opening and closing couplets of John Masfield's poem, "Sea Fever":

*I must go down to the seas again, to the lonely sea
and the sky,*

And all I ask is a tall ship and a star to steer her by.

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*And all I ask is a merry yarn from a fellow laughing
rover,*

*And quiet sleep and a sweet dream when the long
trick's over.*

**REMINDER: SUBSCRIPTIONS
DUE
JULY 1, 2017**

A gentle reminder that FWWA membership subscriptions fell due on July 1, but must be paid by the Annual General Meeting which is scheduled for Sunday 24th September. Membership is \$10, and can be paid to the Treasurer, the Wooden Boat Centre or through direct deposit. The banking details are listed below. If using this method of payment, please add your name to the transaction so we know from whom the payment has come.

Account: Franklin Working Waterfront Assoc Inc
BSB: 633-000

Account number: 146051727

Reference: please use your name.

A nomination form for the Committee is attached at the end of this newsletter. More forms are available from the front desk of the WBC. They should be returned to the Public Officer prior to 5.00 pm Thursday 14th September. They may be lodged at the WBC marked: Attention Public Officer, or posted to Public Officer FWWA Inc PO Box 28 FRANKLIN 7113.

**MANAGER'S REPORT
10th AUGUST 2017**

People:

- Dave Nash continues work on Leshelen; Pete Laidlaw is close to completion of the Viking boat with the assistance of Mike Johnson.
- Pete Heading has just started as our 'Workshop Coordinator', in a volunteer capacity.

- Peter Shimeld is heading up the WHS advisory group – again in a volunteer capacity.
- Mike will begin the August Clinker course on the 21st August.
- Ea has been working to update our projects and news on the website.
- Julie has just made new banner flags for the front of the building – a fresh handmade look at the entrance to the building.
- Francis has all but completed the dragon's head and is well underway carving the tail for the Viking boat.
- Jen has again completed our stocktake.
- Fiona has been working to tame the garden just north of the WBC with assistance from Mark.
- Rob Taylor has assisted the LBT to almost complete the P2 pontoon in record time. Rob has been missed on Thursdays, with a long wish list of jobs waiting for him on his return.
- Christina is beginning a mural of a stylised lofting of the Viking build.
- Neal is making chopsticks and coat racks; Pete Parko is making mounted little boats.
- Bob will come back to work with us one day per week. Welcome back Bob.
- Our dedicated crew of guides continue to give fantastic tours as well as twiddle their thumbs a little to fill in time.

Tourism:

- Travel professionals from the Tasmanian Visitor Information Centre Network are doing a trade 'famil' of the Wooden Boat Centre in late August as part of their annual conference. This year the conference is hosted in the Huon Valley.
- Ea and Sonia have both attended a DST networking and branding meeting as well as the annual Destination South Tasmanian tourism conference/summit on Tuesday.
- One of our ex volunteers, Lotte is completing a tourism training through TasTAFE. She is looking to encourage fellow students to volunteer with the WBC as well as spreading the word with fellow volunteers at the Tasmanian Travel and Information Centre in Hobart.
- A group booking of 22 conference group attendees visited on Friday 4th August – notable as our only group tour for the past couple of months.
- We have just been renewing and updating all our tourism listings and publication inclusions for the coming tourism year.
- We would like to develop an E Shop, to give access to most of our merchandise through online purchase. We hope to develop this in the next few months, before it gets busy. We are looking for any IT technical advice available to get this up and running.

Education:

- Ongoing work to write assessment packages of 'skill sets' for our accredited training program continues. Further investigation into Specialty Timbers forest management and harvesting skill sets are in discussion.
- Our recreational short courses list for 2018 (and early 2019 for the planners amongst us) will be updated on the website and hard copy course list very soon.

Boat builds:

- We are just costing out a commissioned large public sculpture project for Franklin Square. Hopefully this work will be done in the shed in the coming months.
- The Viking build is still to have oars, mast and spars made and then later the rigging and builders trials. 8 Viking shields have been commissioned to a Viking toolmaker in Hobart. The sail to be made by Caroline Mason.

Restoration:

- Leshelen work progressing steadily.
- An old Captivity is for sale for \$9,000 ONO, less for FWWA or LBT members. This to be sold as is or to a potential sponsor with WBC available to do the work if required as course content.
- Donation of a free 11' King Billy Pine clinker dinghy – accepted.
- Donation of a 24' hard chine fishing boat and 'Mahita' publicised via Facebook for others to take up.
- The new boat cover funded by the Huon Valley Council Community Grants program is on 'Monty'. The boat looks loved and cosy against the elements with its new overcoat.

Asset management:

- The concept drawings for an extension to the building to build a classroom for 12 students; extra toilets; an ambulant toilet and shower; timber storage area and a timber breakdown machinery area have been completed. This is now being costed ready to look toward external funding.
- A tools list for the workshop has been created and costed.
- Maintenance work to the existing building and wharfs has been listed and costed ready for any potential funding opportunity.

Media:

- Facebook group following 867 currently; Ea doing Instagram; David Hume does our Twitter.
- An article about the Viking Boat will appear in Wooden Boat Magazine some time soon – perhaps October edition.

WHS:

- Pete Heading has started the mammoth task of ‘organising the workshop’. He will work on this mostly on a Friday if others wish to assist with this.

External interactions/opportunities:

- Discussions with Jeremy Rockliff at a luncheon with Will Hodgeman and his cabinet. Also a phone call from one of Jeremy’s staff about our VET training plans.
- Discussion and visit with Eva James from Forestworks – ‘Training and Skills Development Services Program’ to discuss funding for training to skill up workers of the Forest Industry.
- Discussion with Andy Gamlin about future boat builds and opportunities.
- Special Species Management Plan information session with Andrew Denman.
- Unsuccessful in our grant funding application to the Maritime Museums of Australia Project Support Scheme. This was looking to fund more interpretation boards and self guided capacity for our visitors.

Issues:

- Suggestion of a fundraising week each October to raise funds and profile and to celebrate the WBC community ownership.

Attachments:

Nil

IDEAS WANTED

As reported in the manager’s report, progress is being made with developing the TasTAFE courses. However, in the meantime, the management and committee are seeking ideas to keep the centre fully occupied, and the revenue coming in until these longer courses are up and running. Please share any ideas with a committee member or Anne for consideration.

SEPTEMBER PALAIS FILM EVENING WILL BE SUPPORTING FRANKLIN HISTORY GROUP

The September film to be shown at the Palais on the evening of Sunday 3rd will be the fresh and engaging 2016 Alliance Francaise French Film “Rosalie Blum”. It received a four and a half star rating when released, and Rod Quinn from ABC RADIO described it as: “*The sweetest, most delightful film you will see all year*”.

There will also be a slide show of historic photos, collated by FHG. This will be an excellent opportunity to support another community group occupying the Franklin foreshore. Entry is

\$5 and would be an excellent Father’s Day outing. Patrons are requested to bring a French inspired plate to win a prize of a complimentary haircut donated by Linda, a regular at these film evenings.



Funds received from this evening will enable the FHG to add more publications to their portfolio of albums and booklets for sale, which is their main income source. These publications also form an excellent reference point for the history of the district.

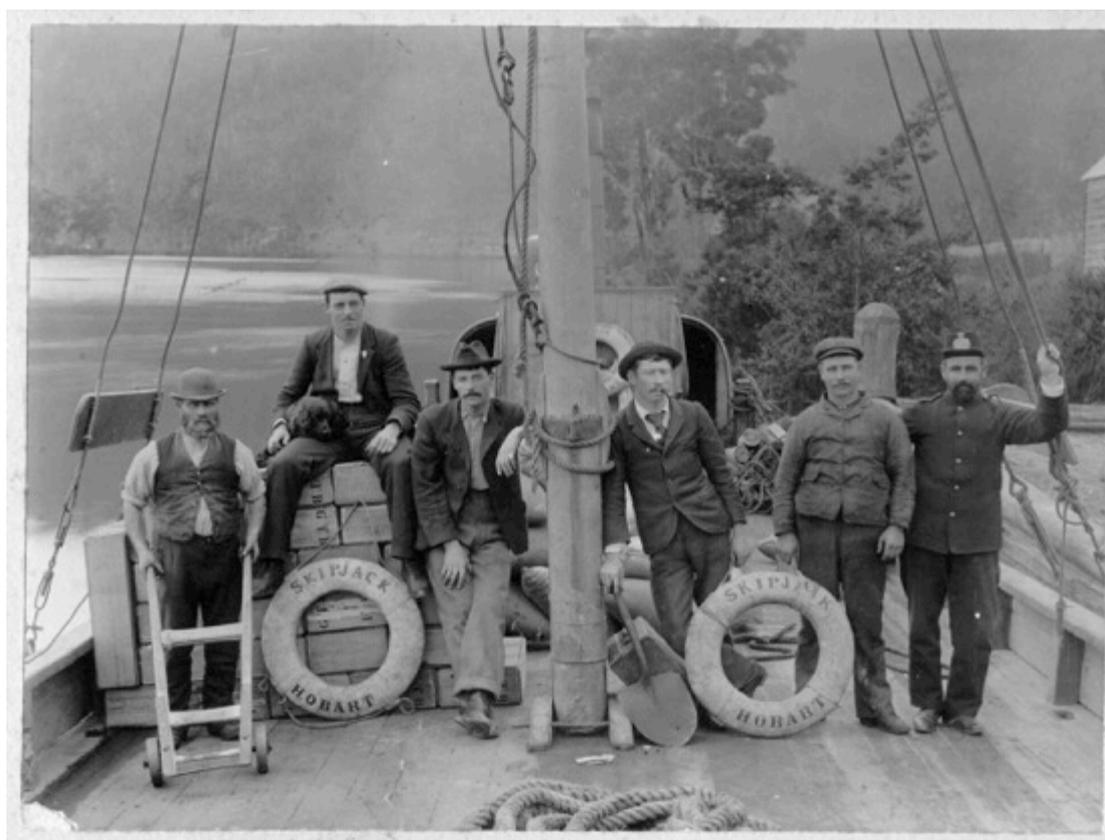
SKIPJACK

Readers familiar with the eastern side of the Huon River will most likely know of the last resting-place of the vessel *Skipjack* among the rushes, on the water’s edge just below the hulk of the *Taruna*.

Skipjack was built by J. Jefferson in 1861 and rigged as a ketch, before being converted to a schooner in 1867. She lost much of her beauty when the rigging was removed and she was converted to steam and screw in 1888. At that time 31 feet were added to her length. Over the page is the Certificate of British Registry and a photograph taken on board before she was converted to steam.



Certificate of British Registry after conversion to steam screw in 1888
 Document courtesy Rowe family of Orchardlea, Cradoc.



On the deck of *Skipjack* before she was converted to steam.
 Photograph courtesy Robyn Conway, who is the great grand daughter of Trooper William Lisson (far right) who was on board visiting his son, Robert (2nd from left with dog).
 The vessel is presumably loading apples on the south bank of the Huon River, just south of the Huonville bridge around 1900.

FRANKLIN WORKING WATERFRONT ASSOCIATION INC.
ELECTION OF COMMITTEE at ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2017

NOMINATION FORM

(This form to be used for the election of (a) President (b) 2 Vice-Presidents (c) Treasurer (d) Secretary (e) Public Officer (f) 4 Ordinary Committee Members)

POSITION SOUGHT:

CANDIDATE DETAILS

Name:

Address:

Telephone Number:

Facsimile Number:

Email Address:

I,being the above named candidate for the Position sought on the Committee of the FRANKLIN WORKING WATERFRONT ASSOCIATION INC ('FWWA') hereby consent to my nomination for that position and warrant that I am a full financial member of the FWWA as at the date of my signing this form.

Signed by
Candidate.....Date.....

NOMINATION

Name of
Nominator.....Signature.....Date.....

SECOND

Name of
Seconder.....Signature.....Date.....

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