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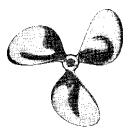
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Sporting a new paint job, *RESURRECTED* hits the water at Goolwa Aquafest

Historic Winton

With some vintage water craft being shown at last year's Historic Winton, the organisers were keen to have us back again this year and, naturally, the CAWPBA was happy to oblige.

We put eight boats on show, namely, *Impala*, *Invader*, *Pagan*, *Renegade*, *Ric Shaw*, *Scrubcat*, *Stormy* and *Woodray*, offering the public a good spread of raceboats and runabouts. We had a couple of classic tow cars that certainly fitted in with the weekend as well, with Craig Allardyce towing his Seacraft *Woodray* from Gippsland behind his EK Holden ute and Dave Pagano towing his Lewis skiff *Renegade* down from Sydney behind his Citroën Safari wagon.

Unfortunately, the weather was not going to be kind on the weekend and while Saturday wasn't going to be too bad a day, Sunday was an altogether different proposition with poor weather - wind, rain and hail - predicted.

This certainly kept numbers down, including both the display vehicles that normally fill the skid pan area and the public.

We thought we were going to be sited in a different area this year, but the skid pan was again our allocated area. There was some talk about us being situated towards the front, but nobody there

seemed to really know where we were positioned, so we went back to last year's location, which gave us a great view of the racing. That said, Saturday wasn't a bad day with plenty of people taking an interest.

Saturday night saw us head into Benalla for a meal at the pub before heading back to the racetrack caravan and camping area where we had set up earlier. It was a fresh night, with the area damp from rain earlier in the week. The forecast, which we were watching closely, was tipping heavy rain overnight, although the sky was mainly clear with plenty of stars visible. We gathered around a camp fire provided by Andy and Mitchell and cured a few of the world's problems before retiring for the night. Some of us had the luxury of retiring to a camper, others in the back of cars and utes, others again in a tent and two more in swags.

A couple of hours after turning in, down it came, and did it come down! It absolutely bucketed rain and for some duration. The morning light showed large pools of water all around the campsite. Darren struggled to get out of his van without stepping into the lake that had formed underneath it and the kids in their tent woke to discover they were surrounded by a moat. Those in swags woke up a little damp. She was a rough night, indeed.

Historic Winton cont'd



But . . . a rough night is soon forgotten when one is offered a hot coffee and a toasted cheese sandwich for breakfast. Ross's camper-van's kitchen was in full swing and was an absolute Godsend. Many thanks Ross.

Sunday was very quiet. The skid pan was probably only about 25% full and the spectator numbers just weren't there. The weather held for most of the day and just when we were looking to pack it all up and call it a day, a couple of rain squalls came through, which slowed us down somewhat.

Most had travelled a considerable distance and were keen to head off early. Dave returning to Sydney, Craig back to Gippsland and Darren to Cranbourne were the bigger distance travellers.

Regardless of the weather, this is such a great event with so much



incredible two and four wheel machinery on show and in action. It was just another excellent weekend. Thanks to those of you who dragged a boat there.



Leslie J. Maloney's skiff "HOW - DO" racing on Albert Park Lake in Melbourne, circa 1954.

BANKRUPT III

Meagen has been trying to find out all the information she can regarding *BANKRUPT III*, she and her partner's new treasure, but with no luck so far.

If you know anything about this classic runabout's history, please let us know and will pass the information on to Meagen.

This gem is yet another example of what keeps getting pulled out of sheds.



Goolwa Aquafest

April means Goolwa Aquafest, and Goolwa Aquafest means a great event for classic boat owners of all types of boats, whether timber or fibreglass, displacement or hydroplane, skiff or runabout, 1950's or 1990's and later.

With over 60 boats registered, the 2017 event looked to be as big as ever. Boats came from all over South Australia as well as several from Victoria and NSW.

Unfortunately though, the weather forecast threatened a lousy day for Sunday, the main day for the event, with rain and strong winds being predicted.

What this led to was that on Saturday, the usually quieter lead up test and tune day, saw the car park full of boats. Whether it was the ever increasing popularity of the event or owners wanting to get a run in just in case the weather was as bad on Sunday as they were predicting, nobody was sure. But it meant for an action packed Saturday on what was a warm and sunny day with a light wind.



Wooden boats were represented by *Pagan*, *Fury*, *Tia Maria*, *Jayme II*, *Redwing*, *Miss Dee*, *Hi Fi*, *Dodo*, *T-Bird*, *Gi Gi*, *Resurrected*, *Rascala*, *The Jet*, *Glued and Screwed* and included a few hydros such as *The Sting*, *U-Too*, *After Midnight* among others.

There was plenty of action all Saturday keeping spectators well entertained.



Frank Wicks brought along the ever popular *The Jet* and was kept quite busy by a film crew taking some footage of the boat as a pilot to a movie that is planned to be made about the boat and its designer, Jack Kenner. As a spin off, also learnt was that it seems Jack Kenner had a bit to do with the design of *Pagan*, which certainly got Pagan's

owner, Ray Russell excited. That's one of the great things about these events in that something is always learnt about our old boats.



A boat not seen by most of us appeared on display in the carpark on Saturday was *Redwing*. *Redwing* was built in 1960 by SA boat builder Jack Newcombe. The boat was sold to NSW and during its life was fitted with a range of motors which included its original 318 Chrysler, then a 350 Chev, then a 253 Holden and then its current 308 Holden.



Apart from getting a new deck some years ago, the boat is in excellent and really quite original condition. The murals on the transom are somewhat unique. Also interesting is the original timber trailer. The trailer was built from timber recovered from a disused windmill built in 1918 that was located on the first owner's father's farm. Recycling gone wild!



Tia Maria has had some work done by owner Mick McCardle with exhaust pipes now coming out through the transom instead of last year's layout with them positioned over the side decks .

Hi Fi was circulating quickly with its new 350 Chev engine offering an increase in power over the previously fitted 313 ci Chrysler.



once those keen souls had had enough, the meeting was officially abandoned.

I have to admit, it wasn't very hard to take sitting in the warm Goolwa Aquatic Club's clubrooms, looking over a windblown and rainy lake while having a meal and a few refreshments with some exceptionally good people, on Sunday afternoon.

Although a shame, you can't do anything about lousy weather other than complain about it. All the same, it was, as Aquafest always is, an excellent weekend.



Roll on Goolwa 2018.

Resurrected had received a facelift for this year's event, sporting a new livery with the yellow hull being painted a deep blue. Very classy Nick. Nick also mentioned that the 350 Chev powered Gill hull is up for sale.

After a pretty wild Saturday night, Sunday arrived with the weather as bad as they had been predicting. Grey skies, rain and a strong wind whipping up some decent size whitecaps. The water level had also dropped - something to do with the wind driving the water back. This meant the water was quite shallow on the far side of the course. This, along with rough water and poor visibility, made it too risky for "spirited demonstrations".

To try and give the spectators who had travelled to the event something for their trouble as well as boat owners, many of whom had travelled a considerable distance for the weekend, the organisers allowed any boat owner who was keen for a run to do a few laps of the course individually. Several went out, including a couple of woodies, and



INVADER

Invader is a 16' Lewis skiff, built at Taren Point in late 1966 and sold for £700/0/0. Haynes Hellyer have verified from their records that the boat's gearbox was purchased on the 1st January 1967.



The original owner of *Invader* approached Frank Lewis saying that he wanted a racing skiff built that he could also occasionally take the kids for a ride in. Subsequently a "dickie seat" up the front was incorporated into the original design - absolutely unique amongst skiffs.



Invader was raced from 1967 – 1973, winning numerous titles and trophies across NSW. It was travelled to race as far as Broken Hill in the 1960's.

At one stage, the boat belonged to the Lake Burrendong Speedboat Club in NSW.

The hull was originally set up with a Ford 289 Windsor V8 running a mild cam, two 4 barrel carburetors and stainless rods and pistons. It ran exhaust pipes straight off the engine and achieved 6000 rpm.



The engine was later changed to a Ford 302 Windsor V8 and exhaust pipes altered to exit through the transom.

Its fastest recorded speed running the 302 Windsor was 73mph, recorded at Lake Cargelligo in NSW.

Invader was last in the water in 1996, prior to its engine being removed and fitted to a drag car. The boat was then parked in a shed in rural NSW where it sat for 13 years until Adrian Ousman purchased it from its original owner.



The boat was offered for sale again and was purchased by Ross Foster in January 2011. Ross restored the boat over the next few years, replacing the deck that had been previously removed and fitting a 283 Chev V8. The 283 will be replaced once the proposed 350 Chev has been built. This should offer nearly double the horsepower of the 283. Ross retained the original forward dickie seat and its access hatch. The exhausts now come out over the side decks.



The boat's first post restoration test run was in May this year and Ross said the boat ran extremely well - fast, smooth and no apparent vices.

Invader's first public showing was at Winton recently, with the boat looking resplendent and impressing all those admiring it.

Another run in June was equally successful. With the boat showing plenty of potential with the 283, the 350 should make it really quick.



Been there, done that

Is it a case of “everything old is new again” or is it just that “nothing is new - someone will have already done it”?



Merchandise

Caps are available now and black or white polos with the CAWPBA logo embroidered on the right breast are available on order. Check with us for pricing. We just need a couple more to make an order.

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President's Pronouncements:

Sometimes I think it's strange the way the world turns around. I have spent the last few weeks pulling apart one of the last major manufacturing plants in Australia, I helped put it in, now it's going the other way.

It's a weird feeling watching the end of an era of making something, I wonder how our classic boat constructors felt when their skill was not required anymore?

In the end, I guess it makes our task of keeping the work of these craftsmen around for the future generations even more important.

So just remember you're not spending all that money for you, your spending it for those past and for those in the future.

If you know of any events coming up that you think members might like to participate in put it out there. If you think that an event might like our involvement as a group, please tell them to contact us.

Alan

Around the Traps

NSW:

- I received a note from Bob Walker regarding *RONAL*, the skiff that was featured in the last newsletter. Bob found the boat listed in the 1968-69 and 1969-70 issues of the Deepwater Syllabus. The owner was listed as G. Holmes.

Victoria:

- That prolific Seacraft (and clinker hull for that matter) restorer, Ken Lemin, has another project. Ken has recently taken possession of a 1966 Seacraft 140. It seems to be in reasonable condition, so I don't think it will be too long before we see it back on the water. (It's OK Karen, this is just another "last one").

- I received some photos from the son of the owner/driver of a skiff called *HOW-DO* that was raced during the 1950's (one of those pics appears elsewhere in this newsletter). More pics from this collection will appear in the Nostalgia section of the website over the next few weeks, so keep on checking back.

South Australia:

- There was quite some interest when hydro racer and legend Ernie Nunn's well known hydroplane *Wasp Too* was put up for sale a several weeks ago and even more when it was sold and who bought it. Well, it can be revealed that the boat has travelled to SA and is now owned by Andrew Martin.

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As always, your contributions to the newsletter are most welcome

Coming Events

November:

- CAWPBA National Regatta. 4th & 5th. Lake Talbot, Narrandera, NSW. This is our big one. More info shortly.

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March:

- Paynesville Classic Boat Rally. 3rd and 4th. Refer their website at: <https://www.thepaynesvilleclassic.com.au> for further details

April:

- Sydney Classic and Wooden Boat Festival. 13th - 15th. Refer the website at: <http://www.anmm.gov.au/whats-on/events/classic-wooden-boat-festival-2018> for further details

Please let us know of any events relative to our passion that you think should be listed here.

Please check for confirmation of dates and venues

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Just for laughs

- I don't trust graphs - they're always plotting something
- I don't trust atoms either - they make up everything
- Past, Present and Future walked into a bar. It was intense.

Quote for Today

"The worst thing in this world, next to government, is anarchy"

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