



# Lake Macquarie Classic Boat Association inc.

*The Adoration of Wooden Boats*

## OCTOBER 2024



### Sydney Heritage Fleet

"A community-based non-profit organisation, Sydney Heritage Fleet's mission is: To build and maintain an internationally recognised centre of excellence in maritime heritage for the benefit of all Australians offering on-board tours & cruises."

**A visit is in planning ..**

**What day Do you prefer ?**

## President \_ Steve Price



Presidents report September 2024

### President report

There hasn't been much new happening this month although we have relocated the "Teal" to WS1 to free up space in WS2 and bring more activity into WS1, it's nice to see more activity in the shed again!

The other news is, of course, the theft of our flat bed trailer from the car park. The theft has been reported to the police and we are not expecting to see it recovered.

We have also received confirmation from the Council that our request to build a new shed in the park precinct has been rejected on "heritage" grounds.

Steve

### *Committee meeting minutes*

*Glen has sent out to all members this month and gives members an idea of boatshed committee issues .*

*Note*

**Boatfest/Lakefest 2025:**. Boatfest Sub-committee BC, TP, JM and SP .  
Date set **15th and 16th February 2025.**

# Safety Issues

**First Aid training;** There are 10 volunteers for the First Aid Course. Any more? John O'N arranging date

Our safety man Terry is off travelling again ...

so we have an extract from our insurer **Everest Risk Group** ... reminding us of [the Mens Shed Safety manual](#) that is available online to all boatshed members . see it on

<https://everestrg.com.au/wp-content/uploads/sites/11/2021/01/AMSA-Complete-Mens-Shed-Health-Safety-Manual.pdf>

It is 103 pages long but has a lot of detail guidelines that we need to refer to if reviewing a boat shed activity or policy, as our Insurance is based on the mens shed safety Manual .

It has approved plant use guideline from table saws, routers , and even to screw drivers

## *Oldies are especially vulnerable*

***'Many senior athlete injuries happen when they recognize that some of their physical strength and skills have lost their edge. Fear and pride take over and to avoid others from seeing them struggle, they push themselves to the point of injury'. [Golden Oldies Coach.](#)***

In the Men's Shed environment, we recognise the above Health & Safety trap.

Members of the Australian Men's Shed Association and our boatshed have a Duty of Care to themselves, their Shed colleagues, family members and visitors to operate safely so that afterwards we can return home to our loved ones unharmed.

AND apart from the Insurance aspect **Health & Safety Legislation**

Federal and State laws require that management provide a safe working environment and safe work systems.

In order to help meet these obligations you are expected to advise management of any safety hazards or problems that you come across. The laws require that you must take care to ensure the health and safety of others who are on the premises including other workers, family or visitors.

One issue in our shed is hearing with resultant misunderstanding and even conflict resulting . Be sure you heard ..



"You're talking to your wallet again!"

## The Rowing group

### The LMCBA St Ayles Skiff

Maintenance Time on the St Ayles Skiff. Mario and the crews put in a top effort to keep our Skiff in top condition and true to the original design.

A group in Pt Stevens is reported on tv as the first mens shed rowing group using a restored surf boat.?? We will enquire further .

Tuesday rowers at Swansea on a recent row



**Late news** from TV show and from Mens shed grants list **Jimmy's Beach Aquatic Club Men's Shed** Tea Gardens- Delivery Myall River Classic,-health and wellbeing guest speaker, catering, water safety, first aid kit, first aid defib training; **Surfboat cover**, battery and charger, polisher, sander \$506

## Projects progress

Restoration of **Petite Brise** . (16 ft Gunter Yawl)

Chris and John and WS2 are well underway restoring the beautiful Petit Brise (photo of other) that was condemned until this project was undertaken. Note motor in Stern Well





# Guillimot

More progress on the Guillemot



And the oars well underway with Craig now fitting the leather

## The Canoe Build in WS2 upstairs Deck on and fitting out



## Joe's Motors a Museum Piece

Joe's latest motor is a true classic likely from the 1950's and made in the USA

This one below is in the NZ museum

### Neptune Mighty Mite 1.7

horsepower outboard motor, a small portable 1950s model.

Black steel tank with brass cap over aluminium motor painted dark green, the lower leg and propeller comprise of aluminium and steel tubing.



Brass Cylinder



So Joe and LMCBA now has 2 off 40's 50's Museum pieces and also the classic Honda for display as part of our marine heritage collection ..



## Southport Nesting Dinghy



This innovative new build is well on its way . As we are building 2 at the same time there are lots of interesting jobs and learning

Lot of new work , Router trimming, and sanding and gluing etc ,and especially Wiring at moment on the second boat .

A great replacement for those hard to row Inflatables that depend on their motor to return to the Yacht .



## **And a Nutshell restoration in WS1**

[7'7" Nutshell Pram](#) Glued-lap plywood rowing or sailing tender with plenty of capacity. Designed by Joel White. Built by Nigel Shannon at Shannon Boats from Taree. Wal McC. is running the restoration in WS1. *This is a*



*very pretty little boat with tan sails and the works..*

A few day visits to Sydney maritime heritage sites are proposed . Likely a Monday

## Australian National Maritime Museum

As the national centre for maritime collections, exhibitions, experiences and knowledge, we are custodians of historic vessels and a cultural hub for Australian maritime heritage and contemporary stories of the sea. These stories come to life for visitors at our Sydney Harbour site. Sydney Heritage fleet is part of the Museum . It similar to LMCBA volunteers but 20 times larger .

### Intended Trips

1&2 Trips to both Sydney Heritage Fleet at ***Darling Harbour*** and also workshops at ***Rozelle***.

The Fleet now comprises 10 historical vessels which is amongst the largest such collection in Australia. A community-based non-profit organisation, the Fleet's mission is:

**To build and maintain an internationally recognised centre of excellence in maritime heritage for the benefit of all Australians by presenting through research, acquisition, conservation, restoration, education and operation, our continuing maritime history.**

The Fleet's 1200 strong membership and 450 dedicated [volunteer workers](#) restore, operate and maintain the fleet of vintage vessels. In the process they preserve traditional technical methods and skills.



Member Kathy is an active Member and will co-ordinate our visit likely a Wednesday or Friday and Chris is also an active Steam volunteer . See Editor Graeme for more info



### ***3 Cockatoo Island Restoration***

Volunteers at Cockatoo Island continue to use their lifetime of skills to restore the heritage of Cockatoo Island including the No. 2 Travelling Steam Crane .

*The return of the ferry Fitzroy a 1928 ferry not only brings the story full circle but also provides the Harbour Trust with a timely opportunity to preserve Australia's maritime heritage.* Constructed by Cockatoo Island Dockyard apprentices using spotted gum, it was used to ferry dockyard workers to and from the island during the period from 1928 to 1963.. This is being restored at present.

As is restoring an RAN Captains Launch built in 1945. Designation- Fast Motor Boat Sydney– 45802.

Glenn is planning on a Monday and please advise him of your interest .

