

# The MOBI Yacht Association Inc.

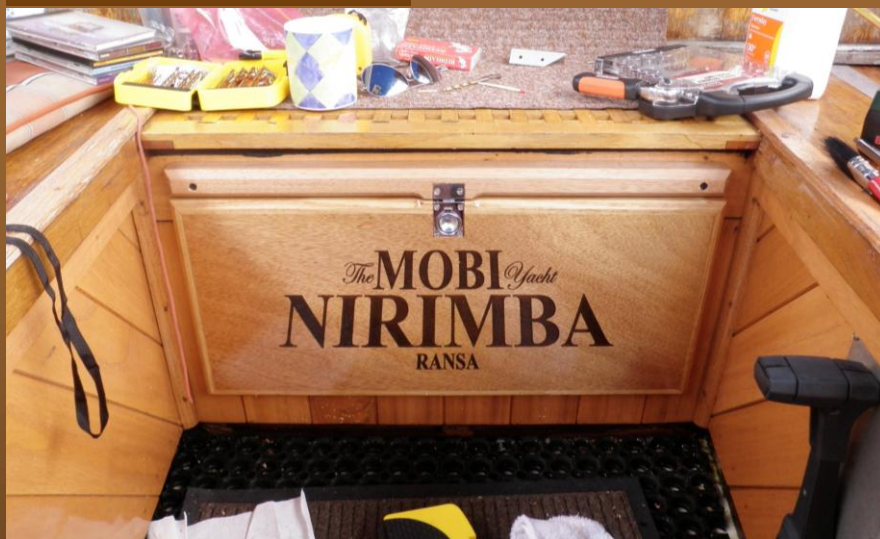
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*Just remember...  
She's YOUR yacht...  
And YOUR heritage...*

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Photo below: Cockpit looking fwd...



## It's your heritage

Maintaining The MOBI Yacht 'Nirimba' is achieved through the generous donations and annual Membership Fees of our band of ex-RANATE brothers who have voluntarily chosen to become 'Strake-Holders' in their yacht.

Want to donate to a truly worthy cause, to perpetuate your Naval heritage? **Contact us today.**

## Change to Newsletter Editions

Welcome to Volume 1 Edition 2 of our Newsletter. The first thing you'll notice is that despite the 'best laid plans of mice and men'... we didn't quite make the envisioned 'Quarterly' Newsletter, due to some real personal challenges, however, in this and future editions we will still be endeavouring to keep you up to date with what's happening with regard to your heritage icon, The MOBI Yacht 'Nirimba', as well as what the Association is up to, *only annually.*

Please remember to keep us informed if you change your e-mail address..

The best way to keep in touch is to log onto [www.RAN-SkilledHands.org](http://www.RAN-SkilledHands.org) and then when we get e-mail 'bounce-backs' we'll advise Members to via our RAN Skilled Hands Forum/ Website.

## Yacht maintenance update

Our very small band of very dedicated 'Strake-Holders' have achieved a lot in the way of maintenance in our working bees over the past couple of years. We will be highlighting their achievements in another section of this newsletter.

We can always use an additional hand, not just on maintenance/ working bees, but sharing in our many social outings on Sydney Harbour, *come and join us.*

## The 2010 and 2011 AGMs

The 2010 AGM was successfully held on-line via [www.RAN-SkilledHands.org](http://www.RAN-SkilledHands.org) opening last November, bringing us back into line with our Office of Fair Trading reporting obligations.

The scheduled AGM for 2011 will be held on-line commencing 1<sup>st</sup> Nov., so if any 'Strake-Holder' Members have any suggestions for inclusion in the agenda for our 2011 AGM, could you please e-mail [roman27@tpg.com.au](mailto:roman27@tpg.com.au) A.S.A.P.

## Your Current '10 Executive

At the Nov., 2010 AGM, all existing Executive and Committee positions became vacant. Nominations were called for, accepted and seconded then those Members participating on-line in the AGM were polled for their choices.

The ballot results were as follows:

- President – Rick Pengilly
- Vice President – Gordon Robertson
- Secretary/ Treasurer – John Kelly
- Committee Members:
  - Brian Staples
  - Steve Shepherd
  - Chris O'Keefe
  - Dave Warren

Ralph Hannaford was again invited to take on the responsibilities of Public Officer, which he graciously accepted.

Gordon Robertson has since resigned as Vice President, however, reviewing the position it has been decided not to continue, nor renew the position.

(Note: New elections will be held in Nov.)

## Become a 'Strake-Holder' Member

Our AGMs are open for the input of all 'Strake-Holder' Members. If you're not yet a 'Strake-Holder' Member, but want to become one (*to support our efforts to preserve The MOBI Yacht 'Nirimba',*) e-mail Rick on [roman27@tpg.com.au](mailto:roman27@tpg.com.au)





## ANMM Heritage Listing

I'm sure that you'll all be pleased to know that, at the invitation of David Payne, (*the nephew of our yacht's designer, Alan Payne,*) we recently lodged an official application to have The MOBI Yacht 'Nirimba' added to the **Australian National Maritime Museum's** [Register of Historic Vessels](#).

This is in recognition of her unique pedigree (*even though her launch date would normally exclude her,*) along with the fact that it is believed she's the only one of Alan Payne's 'Sylph' design still afloat...

*I've now been advised by David that our application was **successful** and she'll soon appear on their register.*

We'll update you of developments on: [www.RAN-SkilledHands.org](http://www.RAN-SkilledHands.org)

### TMYN Salutes the Fleet

If case you missed our **RAN Fleet Entry** exposure on Channel 9 News on the 13th March 2009, you can still view the video clip on-line here: [TMYN Salutes The RAN Fleet](#) or for an even better clip, here's the SMH: [Navy Yacht Salutes The RAN Fleet](#) (*We're at the 30 sec. mark in the first video, at the 1 min. mark in the second.*)

You can also click [HERE](#) to read the full report with heaps of photos on our RAN Skilled Hands website.



### The MOBI Yacht 'Nirimba' launches a channel

We've now created our own multi-media Channel on **YouTube** which we've called [The MOBI Yacht 'Nirimba' Page](#) where we'll upload various video clips which we hope might be of interest to our Members and friends.

By clicking the links below, you can check some of our videos, including: [NYE 2010 Aboard The MOBI Yacht 'Nirimba'](#) - Sydney Harbour fireworks, [Australia Day 2011 Aboard The MOBI Yacht 'Nirimba'](#) in Darling Harbour, [HMAS Adelaide departing Sydney](#) on her way to be sunk as a dive wreck, and Jim Clark's [Mega Yacht 'Athena'](#) taken as we cruised around her...!

### TMYN Ongoing Maintenance

Keeping up with the maintenance of The MOBI Yacht 'Nirimba' has been an ongoing labour of love for our dedicated bunch of volunteers and our version of 'The Shed'...

Since the yacht was first brought back from Queensland, we've used Noakes Ship and Boatyards in McMahons Point for our out-of-water maintenance.

Whilst this won't necessarily always be the case, it has been convenient and the boys at Noakes have come to know us and the yacht very well over the past 6 years. (*Personally, I just think they like us because we always bring the rain..!*)



Over the five or six times we've come out of the water, we've accomplished a huge amount of maintenance/ modifications through the efforts of our volunteers.

We've had Greenies turn into Chippies, Chippies turn into Tiffies, Tiffies turn into Greenies, and all of us into Dibbies... In other words, with our RANATE training, there hasn't really been anything that we haven't been able to turn our collective talents to...

So as a tribute to our 'Skilled Hands' I'd like to acknowledge our regular workers and crew with the next two pages of fun photos from our various outings on Sydney Harbour and our achievements 'on the tools...'

*Ned, Ellen, Gordo, Sandy, Charlie, Dave, Shep, John, Jack, Buck, Fritz, Patrick, Rosco, this is for you guys...*



### Membership Fees

I'm sure you will all appreciate that maintaining a yacht in the water in Sydney is not like keeping a steam truck at a Naval base in Victoria...

There are a number of ongoing costs which must be met, such as insurance, registration, mooring, as well as essential maintenance costs, like (*the annual*) slipping, anti-fouling and painting, as well as just the normal repair and maintenance that, like any other operational vessel, we encounter on a week to week basis.

We strive to break even through the modest donations of guests that join us for outings on Sydney Harbour, but these contributions alone won't maintain the yacht.

At our first AGM it was unanimously agreed that we should levy a small Membership Fee of \$50.00 per year which would go directly towards the yacht's maintenance and upkeep.

It's our intention to keep the yacht in prime condition by slipping her once a year, refurbishing her anti-fouling and zinc protectors. The best time to do this has been determined to be mid to late September, and to that end, it's been decided that our **Membership fees should be paid by the 15<sup>th</sup> September each year.**

The bank details for EFT or direct deposit of your annual Membership Fee (*now due*) are as follows:

Acc. Name: MOBI Yacht Nirimba  
Bank: Westpac  
BSB: 032 382  
Acc. Number: 199217

Or you can mail your cheque or M/O endorsed 'MOBI Yacht Nirimba' to:

John Kelly  
36 Turvey Crescent,  
St Georges Basin, NSW, 2540

*We forgot to levy the \$50 fee first year, but if you're feeling flush, we won't say no to \$100..!*



