

	<p><b>RATLINES – SEPTEMBER 2022</b></p> <p>The official newsletter of the Wooden Boat Association of Cairns, Inc. ABN 56 194 994 249</p>
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**WELCOME TO THE SEPTEMBER EDITION**

**Club News:**

**The Ports North Master Plan:  
Insurance & Incorporation:**

Has now been released, see summary on P4.  
Current, financials being readied for audit.

**Boatbuilding Projects:**

**Brendon’s Hartley:** Has left the building! She’s gone home for some prep work for the engine fit.



**Refurbished trailer, of course!**



### **Roger's Kiribati Tri:**

Dormant.

### **The 16'Skiff:**

Dormant.

### **JW's Scruffy:**

Dormant.

### **Ongoing Maintenance and Improvements:**

We're now looking to obtain two grants. The first being for an Automatic Defibrillator to be permanently mounted inside the clubhouse. The second being for another 20' shipping container to house a permanent timber rack and fixed woodworking machinery.

**Two donated oscillating wall fans** have now been mounted in workbay 1.

**The Scheppach table saw** has now been designated at surplus to our requirements as the Dewalt saw is far superior. It will be advertised for sale very shortly.

### **Recent events at Lake Tinaroo:**

As Dermot has now commissioned *JULES* – his latest project and a new chapter in his sailing history – it was fitting that a bunch of members (including new member Louis) travelled to the lake to see her swanning around for the first time. She sits & travels very well in the water with 3 people aboard, and although further work is needed with the outboard she is indeed a lovely boat.







And of course, IONA went exploring too (with new crew members).





It was a lovely, clear, warm day with just a hint of a breeze in the morning, only spoiled by the nearness of two members to a head-on motor vehicle accident on the Atherton-Kairi road. It just goes to show how close such events can be at any moment.

### **THE PORTS NORTH MASTER PLAN - SUMMARY**

The much-vaunted and much-anticipated 30-YEAR Master Plan was released in the second week of September. Lots of hype about what was going to happen, lots of pages in the report and a number of maps that explain 3/5<sup>th</sup> of 5/8<sup>th</sup> of absolutely f... very little.

The plan talks about lots of new wharves, infrastructure, 5,000t synchrolift and large hardstands, moving the barge facility, consolidating the trawler berths to Tingira Street, moving both boat ramps, relocating some operations to Mourilyan, and so on, but little detail.

A phone call to our federal member (where most of the money is expected to come from) revealed that he hadn't even been provided with a copy of the plan and was as much in the dark as we are.

An email to the state member for Cairns requesting clarification also remains unanswered.

So to summarise: we're still in the dark, so keep calm and carry on making shavings & sawdust.

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Ladies and Gents, this concludes Ratlines for September, 2022.

And, as always, if there's more you want to see or know about please let us know by return email – [WBACairns@gmail.com](mailto:WBACairns@gmail.com)

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And finally, some other photos from Tinaroo & Tingira St.:



The lake's birdlife is never far away.



Glen doing some fine tuning.