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### **Editor's notes**

We got that Annual General Meeting for the past year out of the way again and I am pleased to say that there were no dramas or contentious issues. In fact, the meeting was a very pleasant event, thanks to the hospitality of Rowan and Sallyanne Sawers. The past few years lacked good attendance hence it was decided to stage the event at a private home. Probably a good decision although numbers were more than expected. Rowan did an excellent job fitting them all in whilst Sallyanne was the perfect hostess.

The quick run down is that all serving committee persons decided to carry on, we now have the luxury of adding John Burgess to our lot and the annual subscription rate for next year will remain as is. I should mention here that John Burgess has been around sailing for many, many years, he held the top post at Yachting Victoria a couple of years ago and he is an ardent Noelex supporter. John will fly our pennant at the monthly YV meetings, keeping the Noelex name at the forefront.

The only other item concerned the amendment of some administrative requirements which entailed the ratification of a rule change to allow ordinary committee meetings via electronic means such as email. That item was passed without hassles, making it so much easier in the future to document official discussions that do not really require the physical attendance by committee persons.

Fred Viergever – Editor.

### **President's Report**



The Association's Annual Report was tabled at the Annual General Meeting and contains all the information members may like to know pertaining to the year 2007/2008. A copy has been uploaded to our web site where you can study it all to your heart's content. The report also includes statistics where you can see where Noelex yachts go around this country, once sold to a new owner.

There were no challenges or murmurs for that matter to take over from me so it seems that you will have to put up with me for another year. That includes my moaning re the lack of articles for Telltales and the ever running battle each April to get those elusive \$60.00 subscription renewals.

We are doing quite well so far with a starting figure around 180 paid up members.

In General Business discussions at the AGM it was decided that this Association goes ahead with some financial support for the upcoming trials at Albury/Wodonga Yacht Club for the World Championship series for Blind Sailors which will be held in New Zealand early 2009. The class to be used in that regatta will be the Noelex25.

It was agreed that we support this very worthy cause which gives some persons physically not as well off as others the opportunity to also experience what sailing is all about. We will contribute \$1,000.00 whilst our friends at AWYC will make their boats and facilities available to help prepare some Aussie participants to represent Australia in the World Championships.

Furthermore, AWYC will also again run its annual CBH regatta over 13/14 September which comprises classes with a CBH of .725. This event is becoming quite popular as the different classes are about evenly matched but each class is competing in a mixed fleet as a stand alone event. It would be nice to get a couple of dozen NX25s' competing.

Details of the event are available from Albury/Wodonga Yacht Club or you can contact Terry Caldwell or Phil Clements. The Notice of Race and Sailing instructions are available at the AWYC web site for viewing and downloading for those who intend to make this a weekend to remember through participation.

Fred V – President.

### ***Treasurer's report***

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Our financial status has changed little from that shown in the Annual Report, now on view on our web site. Current paid up membership is 180.

Joan Rockliff - Treasurer

### ***Handy Hints***



There seems to be a lot of interest lately, particularly our 'cruisers', to convert their manual keel winch into an electric unit. It does make lifting easier but the drawback is the need for a dual battery system. I recently had a chance to inspect the manual winch on David Wilcox's boat which is impressive. Just 19 turns instead of the 100 or so with the standard top operated winch and the side mounted handle folds away neatly. Anyone interested should contact David on the chat site.



The boson's mate!

### ***Membership***

As a rarity, we do not have any new members to list on this occasion.

As at the date of writing, the total financial membership stands at 179.

Membership director.

## For Sale

The following boats remain for sale as shown on the web site and were featured with full description in previous issues of Telltales:

- **Noelex25**

NX794 'Director's Special' at \$47,000.00

NX960 'The Mistress' at \$42,000.00

- **Noelex30**

NX1533 'The Colonel' – asking price \$90,000.00

NX30 Pisces

### New listings:

#### ***NX933 'Wild Honey'***

Australian built 1988 with pop-top and headliner.



Description and inventory:

<u>Hull color</u>	cream with purple/mauve stripes
<u>Sails</u>	main – jib – genoa and spinnaker
<u>Interior</u>	teak timber and insect curtains – porta-potti – 70l.EvaKool refrigerator – 2-burner metho stove – de-luxe interior cushions – Electric keel winch
<u>Engine</u>	8 Hp Yamaha 2-stroke
<u>Electrics</u>	twin 12V batteries – large solar panel with targa bars on transom – auto helm
<u>Communication</u>	VHF radio – 27 MHz radio - AM/Fm/cd
<u>Other items</u>	Sun awning – boom cover – Pro Furl jib furler – boat cover
<u>Safety</u>	3 Pfd's – flares – mooring lines – fenders – boot hook
<u>Trailer</u>	Registered Tracer tilt trailer with over ride braking system LED lights – as new tyres and electric trailer winch.

Asking price \$50,000.00

Located in Melbourne and stored under cover

Optional item: 1990 Nissan Patrol – price by negotiation  
Contact Association on (03) 9796 8269 email [noelex@noelex.com](mailto:noelex@noelex.com)  
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## *Humour*

### ***The Squirrel and The Grasshopper***

International version  
**REST OF THE WORLD VERSION**

The squirrel works hard in the withering heat all summer long, building and improving his house and laying up supplies for the winter.

The grasshopper thinks he's a fool, and laughs and dances and plays the summer away.

Come winter, the squirrel is warm and well fed. The shivering grasshopper has no food or shelter, so he dies out in the cold.

**THE END**

### **THE AUSTRALIAN VERSION**

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A social worker finds the shivering grasshopper, calls a press conference and demands to know why the squirrel should be allowed to be warm and well fed while others less fortunate, like the grasshopper, are cold and starving.

The ABC shows up to provide live coverage of the shivering grasshopper; with cuts to a video of the squirrel in his comfortable warm home with a table laden with food.

The Australian press informs people that they should be ashamed that in a country of such wealth, this poor grasshopper is allowed to suffer so while others have plenty.

The Labour Party, Greenpeace, Animal Rights and The Grasshopper Housing Commission of Australia demonstrate in front of the squirrel's house.

The ABC, interrupting a cultural festival special from St Kilda with breaking news, broadcasts a multi cultural choir singing 'We Shall Overcome'.

Bill Shorten rants in an interview with Laurie Oakes that the squirrel got rich off the backs of grasshoppers, and calls for an immediate tax hike on the squirrel to make him pay his 'fair share' and increases the charge for squirrels to enter Melbourne city centre.

In response to pressure from the media, the Government drafts the Economic Equity and Grasshopper Anti Discrimination Act, retroactive to the beginning of the summer. The squirrel's taxes are reassessed. He is taken to court and fined for failing to hire grasshoppers as builders, for the work he was doing on his home, and an additional fine for contempt when he told the court the grasshopper did not want to work.

The grasshopper is provided with a Housing Commission house, financial aid to furnish it and an account with a local taxi firm to ensure he can be socially mobile. The squirrel's food is seized and re-distributed to the more needy members of society - in this case the grasshopper.

Without enough money to buy more food, to pay the fine and his newly imposed retroactive taxes, the squirrel has to downsize and start building a new home.

The local authority takes over his old home and utilizes it as a temporary home for asylum seeking cats who had hijacked a plane to get to Australia as they had to share their country of origin with mice.

On arrival they tried to blow up the airport because of Australians' apparent love of dogs.

The cats had been arrested for the international offence of hijacking and attempted bombing but were immediately released because the police fed them pilchards instead of salmon whilst in custody.

Initial moves to make them return to their own country were abandoned because it was feared they would face death by the mice.

The cats devise and start a scam to obtain money from people's credit cards.

A 60 Minutes special shows the grasshopper finishing up the last of the squirrel's food, though spring is still months away, while the Housing Commission house he is in, crumbles around him because he hasn't bothered to maintain it. He is shown to be taking drugs.

Inadequate government funding is blamed for the grasshopper's drug 'Illness'.

The cats seek recompense in the Australian courts for their treatment since arrival in Australia.

The grasshopper gets arrested for stabbing an old dog during a burglary to get money for his drugs habit. He is imprisoned but released immediately because he has been in custody for a few weeks. He is placed in the care of the probation service to monitor and supervise him.

Within a few weeks he has killed a guinea pig in a botched robbery.

A commission of enquiry, that will eventually cost \$10 million and state the obvious, is set up.

Additional money is put into funding a drug rehabilitation scheme for grasshoppers.

Legal aid for lawyers representing asylum seekers is increased.

The asylum seeking cats are praised by the government for enriching Australia's multicultural diversity and dogs are criticised by the government for failing to befriend the cats.

The grasshopper dies of a drug overdose. The usual sections of the press blame it on the obvious failure of government to address the root causes of despair arising from social inequity and his traumatic experience of prison.

They call for the resignation of a minister.

The cats are paid \$1 million each because their rights were infringed when the government failed to inform them there were mice in Australia.

The squirrel, the dogs and the victims of the hijacking, the bombing, the burglaries and robberies have to pay an additional percentage on their credit cards to cover losses, their taxes are increased to pay for law and order, and they are told that they will have to work beyond 65 because of a shortfall in government funds.

**THE END**



*Here's a letter from Johnny on a holiday camping trip*

*Dear Mum & Dad,*

*Our Scoutmaster told us to write to our parents in case you saw the flood on TV and are worried. We are okay now; nobody had cramps this morning. We had a bit of rain last night; only one of our tents and 2 sleeping bags got washed away. Luckily, none of us got drowned because we were all up on the mountain looking for Adam when it happened.*

*Oh yes, please call Adam's mother and tell her he is okay. He can't write because of the cast on his wrist. I got to ride in one of the search and rescue jeeps. It was neat. We never would have found Adam in the dark if it hadn't been for the lightning.*

*Scoutmaster Keith got mad at Adam for going on a hike alone without telling anyone. Adam said he did tell him, but it was during the fire so he probably didn't hear him. Did you know that if you put gas on a fire, the gas will blow up? The wet wood didn't burn, but one of the tents did and also some of our clothes. Matthew is going to look weird until his hair grows back.*

*We will be home on Saturday if Scoutmaster Keith gets the bus fixed. It wasn't his fault about the wreck. The brakes worked okay when we left. Scoutmaster Keith said that with a bus that old you have to expect something to break down; that's probably why he can't get insurance.*

*We think it's a neat bus. He doesn't care if we get it dirty and if it's hot, sometimes he lets us ride on the fenders. It gets pretty hot with 45 people in a bus made for 24. He let us take turns riding in the trailer until the highway patrol man stopped and talked to us.*

*Scoutmaster Keith is a neat guy. Don't worry, he is a good driver. In fact, he is teaching Jessie how to drive on the mountain roads where there isn't any cops. All we ever see up there are logging trucks.*

*This morning all of the guys were diving off the rocks and swimming out to the rapids. Scoutmaster Keith wouldn't let me because I can't swim, and Adam was afraid he would sink because of his cast, it's concrete because we didn't have any plaster, so he let us take the canoe out. It was great. You can still see some of the trees under the water from the flood.*

Scoutmaster Keith isn't crabby like some scoutmasters. He didn't even get mad about the life jackets. He has to spend a lot of time working on the bus so we are trying not to cause him any trouble.

Guess what? We have all passed our first aid merit badges. When Ryan dived into the lake and cut his arm, we got to see how a tourniquet works.

Steven and I threw up, but Scoutmaster Keith said it probably was just food poisoning from the leftover chicken. He said they got sick that way with food they ate in prison. I'm so glad he got out and became our scoutmaster. He said he sure figured out how to get things done better while he was doing his time. By the way, what is a pedal-file?

I have to go now. We are going to town to mail our letters & buy some more beer and ammo. Don't worry about anything. We are fine and tonight it's my turn to sleep in the Scoutmaster's tent.

Love as always - your only son  
Johnnie

### **Noelx Yacht Squadron Inc.**



Those members that have ordered Silver Cards should receive their renewed item in the next few weeks.