

## MyState Australian Wooden Boat Festival, Hobart

By David Edwards

(David's member number is 52; he has been a member of the MMCCNSW since 1980. Ed)

The 2019 MyState Wooden Boat Festival was held in Hobart, Tasmania, between Friday 8 and Monday 11 February 2019, and was a great success. There was one very unusual entry by MMCCNSW member David Edwards.

David entered his 13ft King Billy Pine clinker dinghy called 'Daniel Moore'. This boat could be up to 100 years old and is a typical example of a small rowing dinghy.

Clinker (or lapstrake) construction means that the hull planks overlap each other, typically by about 20mm. The planks are fastened together and to the internal ribs, using copper nails and roves. The nails have flat heads and square cross sections, and are driven into the planks from the outside.

The rove is a dished copper washer which goes on the inside of the boat. The rove is an interference fit on the copper nail, and once it has been forced into place the remaining nail is cut off and peined (using a ball pein hammer) over the top of the rove, thus clamping the planks together and to the ribs. The peining also ensures that the inside finish is smooth.

### Classic lines of David's traveller attracted attention



King Billy Pine is a unique Tasmanian timber which is now very rare. It is ideal for boat building as it is light and strong, and has good rot resistance properties – but not quite as good as Huon Pine.

David's boat is called the 'Daniel Moore' after his great great grandfather, a convict who arrived in Van Diemen's Land on the transport 'Canton' in 1840. After receiving his ticket of leave, Daniel married, then lived and worked as a seaman in the early 1850s in the town then known as Spring Bay. The name Spring Bay is now reserved for the bay, and the town is called Triabunna. David and Kerry have a shack (holiday house for mainlanders) in Triabunna. Some MMCCNSW members who came to the 2005 National Rally in Tasmania came to visit David and Kerry there.

The 'Daniel Moore', mounted on a wooden cradle, was displayed on a borrowed wooden trailer kindly provided by Mike Meerding, a Datsun 1600 aficionado. The wooden boat and wooden trailer were towed by David's wooden car – his 1963 Morris Minor Traveller.

Over the four days of the 2019 MyState Australian Wooden Boat Festival, there was much interest in both the boat and the car. The next festival will be held in 2021, and David plans to have the boat fully restored by then.

