

## The History of "Brooke"

Built in Hobart in 1912 by E.F. Bayes for E.F. Boyes. Originally powered by a 10-12HP oil engine built by Brooke & Co of Lowestoft, UK (hence the boat's name).

"Brooke" had two or three owners before being bought by David Hova Harvey in 1929.

She was used mainly as a pleasure boat but also competed in local races and regattas during the 20s and 30s.

Nothing is known about her until around 1970 when the Dave Harvey I knew found the front third of "Brooke" sitting in the mud in the Carlton River and decided to rebuild his grandfather's little boat. Dave had some contracts to do with building Lake Peddar and that is where the huon pine for the rebuild came from. At a cost of around \$28,000, she was finished in 1976 complete with a 20hp Yanmar, two bunks, 60-litre ice-box and a toilet.

After Dave died, "Brooke" came to my family in 1989 and we had many years of fun. In the mid '90s my father found some rot in the stringers under the ice-box and completely gutted the interior.

Unfortunately, on 2003 during bad weather "Brooke" broke free from her mooring in Gordon and washed ashore on the Gordon Reserve foreshore. She then spent the next five years on a trailer in my father-in-law's paddock.

In 2008 I started stripping her back to bare timber and with the help and guidance of Justin Barr (JB Boat Building), began to rebuild "Brooke". She was launched on the morning of the 2013 Wooden Boat Festival.

"Brooke" is now 95% finished, with the interior fitout to be completed.

### Work done by JB Boatbuilders

Hull stripped to bare timber and completely splined with King Billy Pine. Then the hull was sheathed in three layers of 450g double-bias fibreglass cloth and epoxy resin. This was filled and faired and painted in two-pack polyurethane undercoat and topcoat.

Six frames were replaced and all bulkheads replaced in marine plywood and fibreglassed.

The cabin top was replaced in marine ply and the cabin top and sides fibreglass and epoxied then painted in two-pack polyurethane paint.