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Presidents Report –

Greetings fellow NESAs members and affiliated hangers-on.

I am running late with this report as I have been quite busy of late and it looks as though I will only get busier. This will be my last report as National President, as I will be resigning at the next AGM. I am not resigning because of the work load nor am I resigning because my work load is increasing, I am resigning because I feel that it is time for some new management, and I feel that change will bring new enthusiasm and will encourage further growth in the class.

Over the last few years I feel that we have seen the National E re-emerge into the Australian sailing scene. I hope we can build on this success.

We can still improve, and last edition I wrote a discussion paper discussing the corporate structure of NESAs and the State Branches. I will place this on the agenda for the AGM for further discussion. The key to any successful organisation is communication.

This seems to be a good lead into thanking Dick Owen, for his ongoing contribution to NESAs with the Newsletter. We all owe Dick a huge vote of thanks. I think that the other remarkable contribution to NESAs, is from Darren Upton who maintains our website. Without Dick and Darren, our communications would be zip

I look forward to seeing you all at Toukley, until then,
Good Sailing
Mark Foster
E557 *Mister E*

Editor's Jottings

Only two weeks to go to Christmas Day and the Newsletter is still awaiting its final touches. Usually the December issue is fairly light as everybody is preparing for the big day, others are getting their boats ready for the Nationals, and others both, hence articles are slow to be submitted..

For the "old hands" who competed in the Nationals at Humpybong in the 1970s, I regret to have to report the passing of Margaret Sutherland, whose husband Maurice, was a Life Member of this Association. I am indebted to Association Life Members Cal and Fay White for their article on Margaret's life.

I don't know where the Newsletter would be without our Life Members. Llew Bowen has again provided us with some history and a poser. Would that there were more like the early E sailors to share their days in the then Lazy E, or the more modern National E.

Life Member Ray Cole has offered some contributions to future Newsletters. These will cover early days of the Class. One of his sources has been named as Bill Stirling (before my time). However I will have a special interest as Bill Stirling was an early owner of E 240 *Haggis*, which was my first E.

I'm sure that there are many stories of experiences at Club or National events out there which would be of interest to many E sailors and may even spur others to contribute to the Newsletter.

Look forward to seeing old faces, and some new ones at Toukley. I still need a crew – any takers??

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.

Dick Owen

E 534 *Expo's E*

More Early Days

On reading the September Newsletter, I thought I should share some memories

Years ago, Graham Tindale (N.S.W.) E58 , visited Canada and discovered a large fleet of Es. Fibreglass hulls were making an appearance.

On the day he visited their race, there was a film of ice on the water, so the fibreglass boats were sent around the course to break the ice and save damage to the ply boats.

As entertainment at a Club meeting, a film was shown of racing Es in England. The location looked like an enormous brick pit holding a lot of water. Obviously they had wind problems. If unable to make their way out of a hopeless position, they were entitled to drop their anchors to stop their boats. Imagine our amazement at what sailors would do to have a sail!!!

On one occasion, I think, to celebrate Jack Holt's birthday, we (N.S.W.) arranged through Qantas to bring him out to Sydney. We arranged for every Holt designed dinghy to attend at Clontarf on the Harbour. I recall 60 Enterprises regularly sailed from Clontarf at the time. All sorts of designs turned out for the event on an almost perfect day – not a breath of wind – ALL DAY!!

There is an opinion that when designing the E, the designer wondered what to call it. He doodled away and experienced a bright thought! Perhaps we could run a competition to see how many members know of it, or can work it out.

Llew Bowen
Life Member Ex E518

(OK folks. Llew has thrown down the gauntlet. If you know the answer, or can work it out, send your answer to me. The answer will appear, and those who solved the problem will be acknowledged, in the March issue - Ed)

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National Entries

Toukley is very much on the writer's mind and I am pleased to say we have 19 paid entries to date (10 Dec).

Boat No.	Boat Name	Helm	Crew
288	Arabesque	Kevin Hancock	Anne Hall
508	Costl-e	Marion Enander	Edward Nixey
520	Alphaglassy	Robert Nuttall	Anthony O'Flynn
521	The Fury	Peter Nixey	David Johnson
525	Grumpee 2	Alan How	Wendy Cooper
530	Bramble Belle	Wally Knights	Sandra/Ian Knights
531	Victor-E	David Alderton	Vicky O'Flynn
532	Miss Muffett	Laurie Alderton	Cathy Nuttall
534	Expo's E	Dick Owen	TBA
536	Tangara	John Frey	Deusey Frey
537	Firewind	Dennis Paton	TBA
541	Black& Blue Bird	David Owen	Sue Halloran
546	Ruthless	David Wise	Tony Ritter
554	Herbie	Dan Osinga	Craig Finger
556	Petronella	Will Jones	Graeme Martin
557	Mister-E	Mark Foster	James O'Reiley
558	Miss Conception	Justin Hayden	William Nixey
559	Miss Teak	Terry Dawson	Jim Allen
560	Honalee	Emily Jones	Amy Flanagan
Peter Nixey	E521 <i>The Fury</i>		

VALE
MARGARET EMILY SUTHERLAND
8th. October 1920 – 19th. November, 2004

It is with great sadness that we hear of the passing of Margaret. She and Maurice will be remembered by the older members for their friendship and for all the work they did for the Association over many years.

They brought the E to Qld. in 1966 and under their nurturing the class grew amazingly from their E 101 *Skipjack* to having 70 Es on the Queensland Register by 197, with another 7 under construction. A fleet of between 16 and 18 sailed regularly at Humpybong each Sunday with an ever-increasing number of boats in Toowoomba, sailing on Cooby Dam, and others at Cleveland, Lake Cootharaba and Brisbane Sailing Clubs.

Maurice and Margaret **WERE** the E's. We had such great help from them both. They were always there early (as we all were to be later) to help newcomers and take prospective sailors for a sail. Before setting out for the afternoon's race we would all sit around together chatting and having lunch. They were hard to beat in those days – Maurice wasn't called 'the old fox' for nothing. We can still see them now, sitting close together on the gunwale, keeping that boat just so flat even without the benefit of trapeze – much envied and admired by those with light and novice crews who *were* on trapeze.

They organized, not just State and National Titles, but picnic days to encourage the non-racing members to be part of our group. We had b-b-cues – who can forget Margaret's Pavlovas!!! We went to the Frostbite Regatta hosted by the Warwick Sailing Club each year and all camped together on Leslie Dam with a huge bonfire enjoyed at night – much needed – Warwick on the June weekend!!!! Can remember one morning having to walk through ice around the edge of the dam before the race. We can only ever remember Maurice and Margaret capsizing *once* (it just wasn't their thing) and that was at the Frostbite on a particularly windy day – something we're sure Margaret would never have forgotten – she had to be 'towed' into shore through that freezing water!!!!

The Boat Show was another 'must' for them and we were all co-opted. Maurice supported the development of the first 'glass' E by the National body and bought the prototype *Evolution* and brought it to Queensland. It, of course, took pride of place on our stand at the Boat Show that year. Sailing over from Humpybong to Sandgate to be part of the atmosphere at the start of the Brisbane to Gladstone Yacht Race each year was another must and Maurice and Margaret were never happier than when the non-sailing members of the families could be persuaded to come with us on these days.

These are just some of the things Maurice and Margaret did to make "Sailing an E" one of life's remembered joys.

They were such good fun too. Shall we ever forget when they had a camper on top of their car - Maurice and Margaret were not young and not what you would call 'light-weights' either – the year we camped at Fort Glanville, S.A. we think. Well *everyone* was so interested in it and asked how hard it was to erect and did it take long. Well this night, there was a crowd of us sitting around after dinner chatting and up they drove, screeched to a halt, both jumped out, flew around like maniacs and had everything up and shipshape in about a minute flat, much to the laughter and clapping of us all.

Margaret, whose time we felt must have been totally taken up with E matters and her family of five, had another important string to her bow. She was one of the top people in the Creche and Kindergarten Association and for many years responsible for passing all the Child Care Centres for accreditation to the Association. Well, I knew her, well before our E days. Our kids went to the Mitchelton Child Care Centre – not quite up to scratch in Margaret's eyes it would seem. We had *several* visits to check on things and what a commotion there would be when the word would spread "Mrs Sutherland is coming today". She would strike fear into the toughest heart. I told her about her 'reputation' later and how she enjoyed it.

She was Queensland's Mother of the Year in 1985 and was presented with an OAM in 1986 for her work with children. Both well deserved honours.

They were the days.

Cal and Fay White
 Ex E241 *Southwind* and E392 *Simoon*

With the weather being very hot and the winds light, there was bound to be some troubles on the water. The Local Newspapers were all hyping up the sighting of a 5m White Pointer Shark from the day before, but this did not put off our competitors.

One Boat did have some trouble though, as their Rudder Blade came adrift and floated off leaving the skipper with a tough decision, but after swimming after it, his crew managed to maneuver the boat and collect both Skipper and Rudder and finish the race. It was a sight to see.

The racing was close and a good lead up to the Nationals at Toukley.

Norm Waugh E512 *Mugs 'n' Thugs*

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Queensland

Not much good news from Humpybong. In the space of nine days, three former Club members passed on. Some of the earlier E sailors would remember Margaret Sutherland, who with husband Maurice, was instrumental in introducing Es to Queensland. Roger Dark was President for several years and was a keen supporter of our Class at the Club. Barry McConnell and I had several seasons hotly contesting the 125 Class races and became Commodore soon after I transferred to Es. Although their names would be unknown to modern day Club members, I consider myself fortunate to have known and enjoyed sailing with them.

RESULTS

Heat 1

- 1st E545 *Magnum* C.Balkwill/ N.Westover
- 2nd E546 *Ruthless* D.Wise/ T.Ritter
- 3rd E512 *Mugs'n'Thugs* N.Waugh/ M.Fawcett
- 4th E525*Grumpee 2* A.How/ W.Cooper
- 5th E448 *Control Flow* A.McComb/ R. McComb

Heat 2

- 1st E512 *Mugs'n'Thugs* N.Waugh/ M.Fawcett
- 2nd E545 *Magnum* C.Balkwill/ N.Westover
- 3rd E546 *Ruthless* D.Wise/ T. Ritter
- 4th E525*Grumpee 2* A.How/ W.Cooper
- 5th E448 *Control Flow* A.McComb/ R.McComb

I had hoped to have Aengus Callinan come to Toukley and crew for me at the Nationals. Unfortunately he has transferred to Cairns and so I am still short of a crew. Jeff Pedersen, who crewed for me many moons ago at a Nationals at Humpybong, sails E 449 *Pyewacket* (ex Peter Miller). When he found out that *Expo's E's* mainsail was a bit of a mess, he offered me the use of his unused new main and jib. How can I thank him? All I need now is a crew!!

Merry Christmas to all, and I look forward to our meeting at Toukley

Dick Owen
E 534 *Expo's E*

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Notice of the Annual General Meeting of the National E Sailing Association and the National Committee of Management appears in the following page. All financial members are invited to attend.

Any member may speak at a meeting of the Association but only Registered Owners, Honorary Life Members and Members of the National Committee shall be eligible to vote (18.1 NESAs Inc Rules).



National E Sailing Association Inc.

Annual General Meeting

The 2004-2005 Annual General Meeting of the Association will be held at Toukley Sailing Club at 8.00 PM on Thursday 30th. December, 2004.

Agenda

- 1 Meeting opened
- 2 Apologies
- 3 Minutes of previous AGM
- 4 Business arising from Minutes
- 5 President’s Report
- 6 Treasurer’s Report
- 7 Other Reports
- 8 Election of Officers of the Executive Committee
- 9 Nomination of Branch Delegates
- 10 Discussion on items proposed by retiring President
 - a) NESA corporate structure, and Branch reporting
 - b) National Championships in Queensland
- 11 Close

Following the AGM, a Meeting of the National Committee of Management will be held. This is open to all financial members to speak, but only National Committee Members may vote.

The ordinary business of the National Committee Meeting are set out in Section 27.2 of the Rules of the N.E.S.A. Inc., including amendments up to September, 1996.

All financial members are invited to attend this meeting following the AGM. Sub Sections (c), (d) and (e) are of particular importance to financial members

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I have a half completed an article on the old days of the Lazy E Championships describing adventures and misadventure crossing the Nullabor and at Humpybong and Belmont etc which I can finish. I also have a file of poems and caricatures written by Bill Stirling, (his E was Haggis) featuring some of the characters of the Lazy E fleets. Some of the stuff may be more suitable for later issues, as I may not be able to get it together for the coming one.

The Vic Championships for Es are to have, at my invitation, 2 heats at Carrum Sailing Club where I am presently Commodore. This is set for Mar 6.

A few Saturday back I had an appointment with a client at Elwood Angling Club who wanted some design work on his motor launch, and as I walked past the sailing club I was accosted by some E sailors I did not recognize rigging their boats. Almost unrecognizable at first glance are the latest Es as well as the skippers. Somewhere in this office I have a shot of a cherubic little boy called Ricky sailing with his father Leo at Lake Macquarie. He was one who greeted me and he is about 50 times the volume now compared to what he was in the picture, but clearly from recent reports still cherubic in nature!!!

Ray Cole
Life member

(I have already taken the management rights for this photo. It will be auctioned in two formats – 1 the original, and 2 after airbrushing his clothes. Ed.)

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