

MODEL SHIPBUILDING AT VAUCLUSE

It will be recalled that the Waverley Men's Shed operates an Annexe at the Mark Moran Village at Vaucluse. This Shed is operated principally for the residents of the retirement village, but it is greatly supported by the Waverley Shed.

Although creative capacity is limited by the nature of the set-up of the Vaucluse "Men's Cave", it is an ideal location for the building of models, anything from ships to planes, as long as there is no need to use open flames. In fact, both **Dach Hall** and **Tom Wolf** build their models at the premises.

For example:

Dach scratch built (from the plans and not a Kit) a model of the 48 ft Schooner, "**Landfall II**". Dach had spent over two and a half years sailing the ship across the Indian Ocean, the Red Sea and the Mediterranean, then up to England and eventually across the Atlantic Ocean to USA. The model at a scale of 1:50 took just 2 years to complete to a standard that it was awarded an award at the SMSC Expo of 2018.



Dach also completed the building of "**Polar**" from a kit. This is a scale model of an arctic trawler.



Tom completed a 1:50 scale model of "**HMB Endeavour**" from a kit, The model is different however as Tom modified it so as to reflect the model to appear as the replica ship berthed at Darling Harbour. This required a lot of carving to replace with timber parts those items that were made of metal in the kit.

Tom converted of an older scratch built model into pirate ship named "**Isabella**". This required the cutting, sewing, painting black and installing of sails and a realistic pirate flag



One lady resident of the Village was overheard talking about how much she used to enjoy life with her late husband on board a 25ft "Top Hat" sailboat called "**Adagio**" on Sydney Harbour. She was so enthused about it that Dach and Tom decided to build her a scratch half model which takes pride of place in her unit,

All the models are on display at **Mark Moran Village** and are there for the enjoyment of the residents and their visitors.