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## George Town Tasmania “The Home of the Norfolk”



Hi

Welcome to the first copy of the “Bass & Flinders Centre Communiqué.”

This newsletter has been compiled to provide you with an up to date knowledge of “what’s happening” and what is “scheduled to happen” in the coming months. Should you not have received a copy of this newsletter direct and you would like to be placed on the circulation list (circulated by email) please send your email details to me at [donmackrill@dodo.com.au](mailto:donmackrill@dodo.com.au).

I hope the newsletter provides more people with a knowledge of what is actually happening in what we consider will be a wonderful exhibit and something that George Town can be extremely proud of. It is hoped to get a newsletter out at least monthly. Sometimes this may occur more frequently dependant of the news available.

Don Mackrill - Company Secretary - George Town Norfolk Pty Ltd

**From this - Oct 2005**



**To this - July 2006**



**In storage George Town**

What’s it all about!!

Some seven years ago a group of dedicated people, who after the replica vessel Norfolk’s visited George Town as part of the Bass & Flinders 200 years celebrations, the Friends of the Norfolk was formed with the intention of “finding a home” for the vessel. Bern Cuthbertson the skipper and owner of the vessel had indicated that his wish was for the vessel to be displayed after the re-enactments of Bass & Flinders explorations and George Town was his choice of location. Many discussions, investigations, written documents have transpired, since that time, suffice to say that she is now in her final resting place at the Bass & Flinders Centre in Elizabeth St George Town.

No doubt many people have seen the considerable activity at the old George Town Picture Theatre over the past months especially with the cranes working to “raise the roof”. Since last November Project Hahn (under the onsite supervisor Gary Jones) have managed a group of “long term unemployed persons” who have participated in completing many and varied tasks within the building.

George Town Norfolk Pty Ltd is the business identity who will eventually run the operation. GTN P/L has three directors who give their time freely (along with many others) to this project. It is without any doubt a “community based project” with many organisations, businesses and individuals providing us with assistance to develop this “must see” display within the “oldest Town in Australia’ If you have been involved your support is very much appreciated. If not give us a call and see what you can do to assist.

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## **What could the future bring ? - our future philosophy!!**

As the Bass & Flinders Centre (trading as George Town Norfolk Pty Ltd) is a “not for profit” organisation, it is our intension to hopefully offer the George Town Community something in return.

That “something” could well be an opportunity to apply for a community grant, similar to that currently offered by the George Town Council on an annual basis.

To facilitate this (we envisage that after perhaps one or two years trading) we will allocate funds from the previous years trading for ongoing maintenance and upgrading of displays. Finances not allocated will then be offered via the Bass & Flinders Community Grants to applicants on successful application.

Again we stress this operation will be run “by the community for the community” via a registered company Management Team and with the assistance of dedicated volunteers. Should you wish to be listed as a “volunteer” when the centre opens please don’t hesitate to contact us.

### **Future events and dates:**

**1st September 2006** - Raising the Roof function. This will be function to celebrate the “Raising of the Roof” - and what a task that has been - it will be an opportunity to meet again in the Centre - enjoy each others Company and hear more about the future of what we consider a very worthwhile and exciting project. - more details on this within the month - put the date in your diary please.

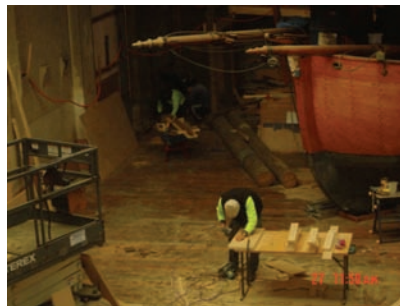
**27th October 2006** - Refloating the Norfolk - Project Launch. This will be the scheduled completion date of our funding project via the Australian Governments \$250,000 grant. And the State Government Grant of \$150,000 A number of both State & Australian Government members will be present. - similarly more details will be available and invitations will be sent out by 1st September.

### **Web page:**

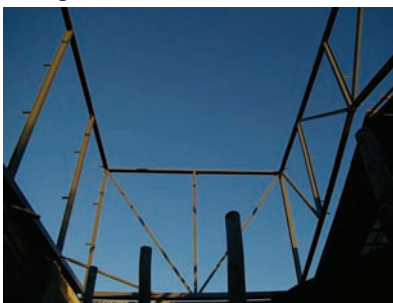
**We are currently working on a web page for the Bass & Flinders Centre. Internet Tasmania (via Mike Wilkinson - a resident of Low Head) and the Port Dalrymple Hight School will be assisting us with the design and production of our web page. We are most appreciative of the assistance provided by both of these organisations, another example of community assistance. When up and running our web page address will be [www.bassandflinders.org.au](http://www.bassandflinders.org.au)**



Ramps to the Mezz floor & wharf



Project Hahn members - “hard at it”



Raised roof section - what will this look like in a few weeks?

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