

George Town Tasmania “The Home of the Norfolk”

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Hi

It appears that the first copy of the Bass & Flinders Centre Communiqué received some good vibes - a number of additional people have requested that they be placed on the circulation list no problems with that - the more the merrier.

The most disappointing news in the last fortnight was when some person or persons unknown, decided to break into the B&F Centre and steal a much used drop saw, some electrical extension cords and some other products. The Police have been involved.

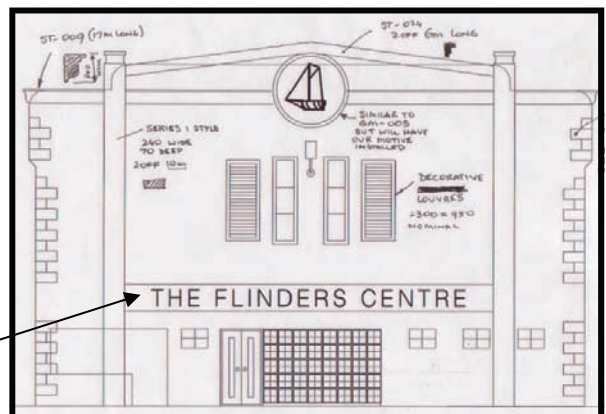
Stealing from the Community, (that's what we consider the B&F Centre to be), is about as low as you can go. Lets hope the Police have some success in tracing the culprits.

Don Mackrill - Company Secretary - George Town Norfolk Pty Ltd

Front view of Bass & Flinders Centre prior to upgrade



The future “look” for front of B&F Centre



Meeting with George Town Council Officers.

Recently the three directors met with a number of GTC Senior Management representatives to discuss the completion of the street scape immediately in front of No 8 Elizabeth St..

Our main concern was having the upgrade completed by 27th Oct 2006 which is the date of the Project Launch.

The Council commitment includes having U/G power connected and the front footpath area upgraded. We appreciate the Councils commitment towards the Bass & Flinders Centre and

Note:

Name will be changed to Bass & Flinders

Bass & Flinders Centre “Communiqué”

Dates to remember:

- 3rd August - Sub Committee meeting re development of items for centre's operations. (See item this newsletter)
- 1st September - Raising the Roof function - more details next issue of newsletter.
- 27th October - Project Launch.
- 30th October - Planned opening for business.

Stop Press. Local assistance saves the KD for the Tamar Valley.

Ivan Dean MLC recently provided a \$3000.00 cash injection to assist us with the procurement of an excellent display vessel to supplement the Norfolk

With Ivan's continuing ongoing support, the Bass & Flinders Centre have successfully negotiated the procurement of the KD (see picture below). It was built at the Cockatoo Naval Dockyards in Sydney during 1929 as a Naval ships boat commonly called a *Gig* or *Cutter*. (Often used as life boats or message boats for the Navy at the time)

The boat has an inscription of manufacture carved in the stem of the boat. (The inscription reads 16ft, 142, C1, SY, 1929)

This boat was designed to be sailed traditionally or as a cat because of the placement of mast footages. She is also able to be rowed by 6 oarsmen. The thwarts were fo'ward in this boat to allow for stores to be transported in the stern (She was a naval ships boat) .

The boat did not have a name prior to the 1st Tamar Sea Scouts purchase of the boat in 1963; however she was named on 24/09/1964 after the restoration was completed to honor the founder of Sea Scouts in Northern Tasmania Kenneth Dickinson. **(more on the KD next issue) and again thank you to Ivan Dean MLC for making this happen.**

The KD under sail - soon to be on display at the Bass & Flinders Centre George Town



How's your knowledge of nautical terms - well my knowledge is sadly lacking and I've been advised to "sharpen up a bit" - so with the assistance of Bern Cuthbertson's book "In the Wake of Bass & Flinders" - I will include some of the terms that might assist you when discussing the prize possession the "Norfolk" at the Bass & Flinders Centre.

Abaft: behind eg: the mast. - **Abeam:** off the side of the vessel - **About:** to stand about on other tack. - **Aft:** stern and from where the vessel is steered. - **Ahull:** to drift without



You do it this way Tim!!



Scaffold up for the sheeters

Project Progress

Front half of existing roof upgrades new custom orb - finished.

Steel work for raise section finished.

Scaffolding - should be finished 21/7

Sheeting and raised roof - should commence Monday 24/7.



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