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George Town Tasmania “The Home of the Norfolk”



Bass & Flinders Centre “Communiqué”

Hi all

Well at last the roof is back on and 99.9% finished—never thought it was going to happen—unfortunately the weather was against us—hope that is over for a while as we continue with the construction inside. Project Hahn are starting on the wharf which will become part of the main feature. Project Management are busy dotting the “I’s” and crossing the “T’s” so to speak. We are fast approaching the end of our Federal Government Grant and will need to apply for some additional funds to complete the project. From the start we were aware that the grant (which we certainly appreciated) would not provide us with a 100% completed project. So we are busy working on another application at present which closes around the end of August. Here’s hoping we are successful—how about a little prayer for the B&F Centre—an intricate part of your community.

Just this minute came back from the Centre after that very heavy rain shower and good news no leaks—well so far anyway. The water sure came down—had the roof not been completed the water that would have ended up on the floor and would have saturated everything which would have put us back days whilst the floor area and surrounds dried out. Thank goodness for the roof.

Don Mackrill - Company Secretary - George Town Norfolk Pty Ltd



A change on the “sky line”

Looking from the Macquarie St car park just before the roof went on.



A view from the front

Looking from down Elizabeth St (towards the Pier Hotel)

A call for volunteers.

As you are aware from previous newsletters, the B&F Centre is scheduled to open on Monday 30th October 2006. Whilst all displays will not be fully established and the Centre not totally completed, we are keen to have persons interested in becoming B&F Volunteers to make contact with Tim Cory. Tim will be involved in the training, rostering and other associated matters for the volunteers along with the Management Team at the Centre. A sub committee has been formed to consider a number of matters pertaining to volunteer issues and have already had their initial meeting. We perceive the B&F Volunteer will have an interest in the sea (may be a retired naval person) be interested in maritime history, the local history of the Tamar River and environs. These prerequisites are certainly not essential and other interested persons should also make contact. Tim can be contacted on 0420 013 723 or on email at timcory@bigpond.com or write to Bass & Flinders Centre PO Box 305 George Town 7253

Dates to remember:

- 1st September - Raising the Roof function - see details this Communiqué.
- 27th October - Project Launch. 30th October - Planned opening for business.

The KD & Raising the Roof Function 1st September.

We are aiming to have the KD on display at the theatre for the Raising the Roof Function on 1st September. By that time Project Hahn members will be advanced with the wharf structure and with a bit of luck people attending may be able to walk onto the wharf to see the Sloop Norfolk's topsides. This will be subject to safety.

A location for the KD has not been finally determined as yet—she has a 6 metre mast so will take up some space. Anyway all is going well with her final procurement.

Function: Raising the Roof. 1st September - commences at 7pm - cost will be \$5 per head - a light supper will be provided and it will be a BYO function. The objective is to celebrate the raising of the roof and the completion of a major stage in the upgrade of the building. It will be a fund raising function as we need funds to facilitate the overheads that are starting to occur.

Please put the date in your diary - come along listen and look re the building we are becoming extremely proud of (as no doubt many others are to). Give a member of the Project Team a call so we have some idea of numbers coming. (see below for numbers) - if ladies are prepared to bring a plate please contact Judy Leslie on 0418 145 292

Outcomes of Sub Committee Meeting held 3rd August

The sub committee have recommended the following to the Management Team.

Entry fee will be \$6.00 per adult—\$3.00 per child—family ticket \$15.00 (2 adults & 2 children) - a concession entry will be \$4.00 for an adult.—these prices are very comparable with other local attraction in George Town & on the West Tamar

Hours of opening: Monday to Sunday (inclusive) summer time 10am till 4pm daily. (volunteers will need to be at the Centre 30 mins prior to opening. Winter “times” to be discussed and established at a later date.

Hours for volunteers. AM shift 10am—1pm PM shift 1pm to 4pm.—minimum of 2 per shift could be 3

We will also require volunteers interested in conducting tours at scheduled times throughout the day.

Uniform: It is also recommended that volunteers should have a basic uniform and the dress of the sailor (Bass & Flinders period) has been suggested—same as the Meet & Greet wore some time ago in George Town.

Refreshments and other sales: Selected drinks and perhaps some light eats will be available from the Centre—there will also be a tourist style shop for memorabilia sales.—it is intended to have “Norfolk” & “Bass & Flinders Centre” badged items for sale

TAMAR CLASS YACHT - another item that will be on display.

A small Tamar Class Yacht has been made available to be placed on display when we open . The Tamar Class was specifically designed for youngsters and was sailed up and down the Tamar during the 50's 60's & 70's or that is when I remember seeing them about. Yacht Clubs had very strong competitions in those days for youngsters.

From the basic research we have done on the vessel that will be displayed (and let me tell you it is in immaculate condition), it was built in George Town at the local High School.. Again from my research we believe the teacher that was heavily involved in the project was Des Wooten currently the President of the George Town & District Historical Society. Speaking with some of the “lads” from that school era, it was said that the success of the project was directly related to the caliber of the teachers from that period..

Four Tamar Class were built, one for each School House. Some of those involved in building and or sailing was Ray Timmins, Tim Mooney and Dickie Leslie (although he said he did it under protest—no motorbikes available at that time). Hopefully we will get you some more info and perhaps some photos for the next issue of the newsletter. I'm sure there must some other lads (now grown men) around that would remember those challenges and Friday sports days at the George Town High School

Bass & Flinders Function Centre

It is the intent of the Management Committee to have the Bass & Flinders Centre available for hire as a function centre at night times.

Some groups have already shown an interest. We envisage that the Centre will be able to take up to about 60 persons comfortably.

Should groups/clubs/committees wish to discuss this possibility please contact Tim Cory 0424 013 723

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