

# George Town Tasmania “The Home of the Norfolk”

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## Bass & Flinders Centre “Communiqué”

Hi all - Good morning

Some basic information for you all re the attendances (visitors) to the Centre for the first six weeks of operations.

Week ending 5th Nov	87 visitors	
Week ending 12th Nov	155 visitors	
Week ending 19th Nov	316 visitors (GT on Show week)	
Week ending 26th Nov	118 visitors	
Week ending 3rd Dec	56 visitors	
Week ending 10th Dec	85 visitors	
Total:	817 visitors	weekly average 136

Home locations of visitors as follows:

Qld: 76	NSW 74	Vic 54	SA 3	ACT 0	WA 17
Local 382	Tas (Other) 177		O'Seas 32		

Work is progressing well with the theatrette with much thanks to Norm Snr & Norm Jnr.

Protection of the Norfolk deck has required all visitors and staff who access this area to wear “over shoe covers” This will assist in the deck wear. We are endeavouring to obtain something a little more attractive which may be retained as a memento of their visit to the Bass & Flinders Centre.

Our finances are slowly improving with the recent announcements of the Centre being awarded a grant from the Tasmanian Community Trust Fund for \$58,400 and a further \$5,000 from the Australian Maritime Museums located at Darling Harbour Sydney.

These funds will be used to complete the kitchen area, the theatrette (electrical/electronic/equipments) and the interpretation signage on the Bass & Flinders Walk, plus other interpretation signage through the B&F Centre. As a maritime tourist venue we are grateful to both of these organisations.

Additional volunteers are still required to assist with the daily operations. Should you have a friend that you consider would/could join the ranks of the volunteers please give those details to Tim Cory so that he can follow them up. Contact Tim on 0424 013 723

Don Mackrill - Company Secretary - George Town Norfolk Pty Ltd



The Bass & Flinders Centre is being used for a number of photo takes. In this instance a recent wedding in George Town  
Photographs taken by Natasha Brady Launceston

For further bookings this area please contact :-  
Don 0418 362 232  
or Tim 0424 013 723

## Web page Bass & Flinders Centre

The web page is up and running and can be found at:-

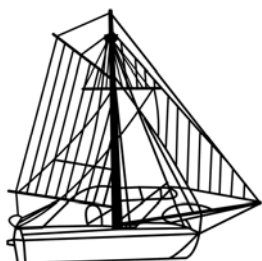
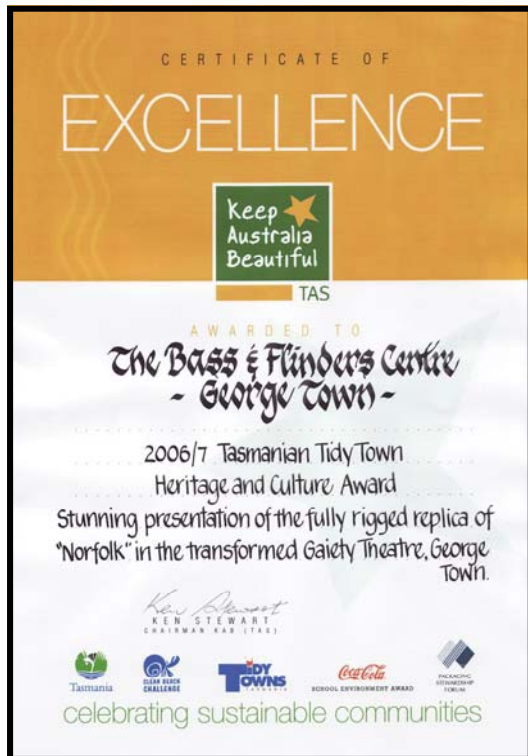
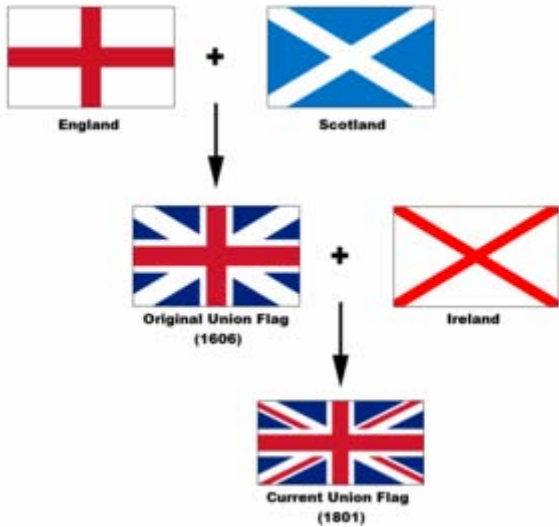
[www.bassandflinders.org.au](http://www.bassandflinders.org.au)

In January 2007 it is intended to simply have a "link" on the webpage that will take you to the latest Bass & Flinders Communiqué rather than send the actual newsletter out to you via email. Please contact the Secretary on 0418 362 232.

## Flags, flags and more flags:-

A correction on the info provided last Communiqué re the Union /Union Jack Flag.

Thank you Peter Cox for providing me with the correct info - I indicated that the Welsh came onboard in 1801, it was in fact the Irish. Some more info is listed below:



## Dates to remember:

- 17th December 2006 - 4.30pm Christmas BBQ for volunteers at Don & Sue's meat provided bring your own refreshments and a salad. Volunteers are asked to indicate their attendance on the listing at the B&F Centre

## VOLUNTEERS

So when Bass & Flinders made their voyage of discovery around Van Dieman's land in 1798 they would have been sailing under the Union Flag, which was made up of the flags of England and Scotland. This flag flies proudly on the front of the Bass & Flinders Centre as a mark of respect to Bass & Flinders and the country they represented.

## Merry Christmas to all from Management and Volunteers at the Bass & Flinders Centre

Some future plans for the Bass & Flinders Centre.

## Bass & Flinders Ghost Tours:

As George Town is the oldest town in Australia and has many a story to tell we are working on the establishment of the Bass & Flinders Ghost Tours. We envisage these commencing from the B&F Centre and providing participants on the tours with some spicy information perhaps about George Town distant past. During the early days of settlement there were murders, hangings etc that occurred within walking distance. Not only will this provide another avenue of tourist attractions, but as they will be conducted at night, should assist with visitors staying in town and using the various accommodation houses. It is hoped to get these up and running by February 2007

## Bass & Flinders Boat Festival

In conjunction with the GT on Show Festival 2007 we have already indicated that we are in the early planning stages of this venture. Directors Peter & Tim are basically working flat out on this and from what I had heard to date, it sounds fantastic - more info on this one soon - follow it on our web page.

## STOP PRESS

### The Bass & Flinders Centre was awarded a Certificate of Excellence (see opposite)

at the State Tidy Towns Awards held at Burnie on Friday 8th Dec 2006.

Congratulations to all the volunteers who participate in getting the Centre up and going and more to the point keep it viable for the day to day operations.

Congratulations also to George Town Council for their award (population of 4000 & over). We were pleased to hear the Chairman say that "the Norfolk certainly helped George Town over the line" we congratulate the other award winners in George Town - the Pipe Clay area restoration & Low Head Maritime Museum

## Norfolk Project Team 2005-2006

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