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George Town Tasmania “The Home of the Norfolk”

Bass & Flinders Centre “Communiq  ”



Hi all - and a good morning to you.

It is some time since the last Communiq  , two months in fact and a considerable amount of work has occurred at the centre.

As at 1st March 2007 we have had in excess of 2500 visitors with many positive comments relating to the displays that are available for perusal within.

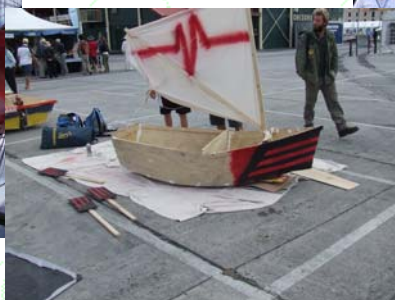
Whilst I hate to keep mentioning it, we are still in need of additional volunteers to staff the place. Those who are participating are doing a wonderful job and we are extremely thankful for their assistance. Weekends are the hardest days to fill as no doubt volunteers have many other things to do as well as “work” at the Centre. We are trying to spread the weekends out so that a volunteer only get one half day shift per month but this does on occasions create a workload for some. Should you be able to assist us by volunteering for a half day session over a weekend please make contact with the Centre on 63823792 and give you details to either Tim Cory or the volunteers on duty.

Since the last edition of Communiq  , considerable work has occurred in the theatrette and the kitchen area. The kitchen has had the basic bench and cupboard units completed and installed and the theatrette is virtually ready for the installation of the screen and the electronic projection equipments. This is planned to take place next week, so in no time we could be viewing some screenings in this area. Continual thanks must go to Norm Smith Snr who virtually lives at the Centre completing the many and varied tasks of maintenance. Thanks also to Clive Watson who has continually assisted us with the wiring installations throughout the building. At the moment we are planning to install internal lighting into the Norfolk to make it a easier exercise to “look & see” down below.

Our “Duty of Care” requirements towards our patrons has required the installations of security cameras throughout the Centre. These will be installed within the next two weeks and will provide the volunteer staff not only a greater opportunity towards security but that of observations re patrons moving around the Centre should there be an accident. This will include the Upper Gunn Deck area and the walk ways leading to the wharf, which is normally “out of site” from the shop area.

Discussions are still continuing with our Ghost Tour segment but I am doubtful if we will get this to start before September of this year. Whilst it is still in the planning stages we consider that this added attraction will provide another “after hours” involvement within George Town.

Don Mackrill - Company Secretary - George Town Norfolk Pty Ltd



Some pictures from the Hobart
Wooden Boat Festival.
Bass & Flinders Vintage &
Wooden Boat Festival Nov
2007 in York Cove.



Web page Bass & Flinders Centre

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

www.bassandflinders.org.au

Check out the current and past Communiqués from the web page.

Email can now be sent direct to the Bass & Flinders Centre at:

info@bassandflinders.org.au

Bass & Flinders Boat Festival

Work is still progressing on this event. Peter Hale a Director of the Centre will be coordinating this venture. In conjunction with the GT on Show Festival 2007 we have already indicated that we are in the early planning stages of this venture. Refer the basic program on the Bass & Flinders web page

DVD's for purchase

At the Bass & Flinders Centre we are currently showing two wonderful DVD's made by Moonbird Productions (Lionel Jensen). Those DVD's are.

Heart beat of a River (The Tamar)

&

Islands of the Moonbirds. (Furieux Group)

Both of these DVD's are excellent as gifts and certainly promote our wonderful Tamar Valley and also the Flinders Island area. Isle of the Moonbirds tells the story of the Sydney Cove and its discovery. Some great shots of salvage work etc.

Heart Beat of a River, commences with the Norfolk sailing across the Tamar Heads and then covers the many and varied aspects of both East & West Tamar areas. We hope to get more DVD's productions from Lionel for resale, so why don't you drop in and have a look at them on the "big screen" which should be up and running by mid March 2007. They would be a wonderful gift for overseas relatives or simply a great keepsake for your own library.



New bench top and cupboards in kitchen



Coming up fine - installation from grant funds (Tasmanian Community Fund Grant)



Norm hard at it

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