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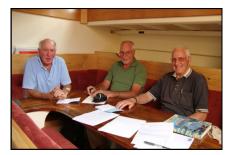
Since our last "Ketch Up", our volunteers have been frantically finishing off the interior of the Julie Burgess and it is looking great as you can see from the photos. She has been slipped, completed her final survey and is now being spruced up ready for the Australian Wooden Boat Festival. We are just waiting on the final survey documentation and we will then be able to increase passenger numbers on the short trips and also be open to charter for ventures into Bass Strait. It has been an all out effort to finish before Christmas so that the volunteers can enjoy some well deserved rest and relaxation.



The Galley.



Our Beautiful blackwood table.



Committee members master of the vessel G.B. Kent with Peter Higgins and Ian Martin at work in the new saloon.

Crew training is ongoing and there has been much excitement on windy days and the opportunity it brings to get the sails up. Twelve of the crew have now completed "Elements of Shipboard Safety" with the Australian Maritime College. The Julie Burgess attended the celebrations of the new wharf development at Ulverstone and it provided a great training run for the crew. A local aroup of ladies had a river sail and Christmas lunch aboard the Julie Burgess on December 5 and on December 9 she completed a two hour trip with paying passengers. A second trip scheduled for the 16th was cancelled due to the weather conditions. There are three trips scheduled on Sundays in January (13th, 20th and 27th) at this stage as we build momentum in the commercial venture. If you wish to book for a two hour sail on the Julie Burgess then just contact the Bass Strait Maritime Centre on 6424 7100. It is \$30 pp and you can use your credit card to purchase a ticket over the phone or you can arrange to pay on the day. **Vouchers for Christmas presents** have been very popular.



Julie Burgess on her way to the new wharf development at Ulverstone.





Julie Burgess returning from the new wharf development at Ulverstone.



As we ease into this commercial venture, it is inevitable that a number of "teething" issues emerge with the vessel and the logistics. We are gradually working our way through those and ask for your patience as we work towards providing a truly memorable Julie Burgess maritime experience.



There is plenty happening at the Bass Strait Maritime Centre as momentum builds towards the opening in 2013. As mentioned in the last newsletter, we are embracing the social media and news and photos of the Julie Burgess are included on the Bass Strait Maritime Centre Facebook page so keep an eye on that as well as the website.

NEWS FLASH!

The Australian Wooden Boat Festival (www.australianwoodenboatfestival.com.au) is fast approaching and the Julie Burgess will set sail on February 3 for a leisurely trip to Hobart. Expressions of interest are being sought for passengers. Cost is \$1200 pp each way – just contact the Bass Strait Maritime Centre 6424 7100 if you would like to be part of this venture. An additional ten passengers will be picked up at Kettering on Friday 8th February to take part in the Parade of Sails with the other tall ships. These tickets have already sold.

A **big congratulations** to our all our Julie Burgess volunteers on being awarded the national "2012 Sustainable Communities Award – Awarded to the Julie Burgess Volunteers - Heritage and Culture - For your enthusiastic & highly valued contribution to the refurbishment of the 1936 fishing ketch Julie Burgess".



On behalf of the Julie Burgess Trust Special Committee, Our Community Partnerships Manager, Lester Jackson and Jessica Tavner, our Administration Trainee, I would like to thank you all for your interest and support and wish you all a happy and safe Christmas break. We look forward to catching up with you all in 2013.

Kind Regards, Margaret

In Kind Support/Sponsorship

The 1.87 million funding received from the Australian Government has now been fully expended and we have met our obligations. It has been heartening to see how the local community businesses and members have embraced the Julie Burgess Project and we hope that support will continue as we ease into our formal operations. We sincerely thank those who have already given generous discounts or donated goods and services,

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Cummins

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Devonport Electrical
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Total Care Logistics
TTP Recycling
VEC Civil Engineering

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Contributions are very much appreciated and are recognised with letters and certificates and acknowledged through our newsletters and on the Julie Burgess website.

We are now focusing on sponsorship opportunities and if you would like to register your interest, then please contact me. We are continuing to identify ways and means in which corporate, small business and individuals can participate. Watch this space for future opportunities.