

The JULIE BURGESS Ketch...up

Welcome to another edition of our "Ketch Up".

All is well with the *Julie Burgess*. Since our last newsletter, she has achieved survey standards for sheltered waters and she has been out and about with sea trials, crew training, initial commercial trips, sail training orientation trips, a special trip for our volunteers and more recently the Tasmanian Labor Senate Team as we work up to developing a formal sailing schedule for the season ahead. The Scout Venturer Leaders toured the *Julie Burgess*, we had a get together for our volunteers on a lovely Saturday afternoon and more recently hosted a group of family and friends as part of a special birthday celebration. These activities have provided valuable learning opportunities for our future planning and allow us to review and document what works and what doesn't work as we ease into the commercial sector.

At this stage the priority is to ensure that our crew become proficient and learn the intricacies and idiosyncrasies of sailing a newly refurbished 1936 ketch before the pressure is on from a regular sailing schedule.



Inaugural Julie Burgess Commercial sailing 17 June.



Volunteer's enjoying a cuppa and catch up 30 June.



Scout Venturer Leaders visit 21 July.



Julie Burgess in full sail (except for her topsails) 4 July.



Braddon MHR Sid Sidebottom and the Labor Senate team enjoying their sail on the Julie Burgess 3 September (from left) Helen Polley, Lisa Singh, Anne Urquhart, Sid Sidebottom, Catryna Bilyk and Lin Thorp.

We have identified twelve people to form the nucleus of a pool of crew members. One of the essential qualifications is to have completed "Elements of Shipboard Safety" with the Australian Maritime College which is quite challenging. It is a three day course with one spent at the Bell Bay Marine Fire Fighting Centre learning all about fire fighting, the second day is theory and a tour of one of the AMC's training vessels at the Beauty Point Centre and the final day is the remaining theory and practical assessment at the AMC Newnham Campus Survival Training Centre. That involves multiple water activities including jumping into the water, with and without a lifejacket,

climbing a 3 metre wall using a rope ladder, jumping off 3 metres into the water and climbing in and out of a life raft, flipping the life raft over, being air lifted out of the water and then completing a full simulation of abandoning the vessel utilising all the safety equipment. Our volunteers are to be commended for their commitment!

The committee is currently taking advantage of the colder weather to go full steam ahead to finish her off internally in preparation for her final survey which will allow her free rein in Bass Strait.



I have recently been to Melbourne and caught up with Bill Burrell at the *Enterprize*. Most of the tall ships spend these colder months doing the necessary maintenance and the volunteers were hard at it on a sunny but bitterly cold Melbourne morning. I really appreciated the opportunity to talk with Bill and also his willingness to share information and give advice on a range of topics. It is well worth checking the *Enterprize* website. www.enterprize.org.au

The *Alma Doepel* is alongside the *Enterprize* and is being readied for major restoration work. Chris Holliday kindly showed me over the beautiful old ship and the workshop before taking me to see the new submersible pontoon which is under construction and is integral to the restoration effort. Drawings of the pontoon are on the website. www.almadoepel.com.au

I met the manager of the Polly Woodside and also a few volunteers who were working away on maintenance. While she is not a working ship, her location, the interactive displays, the children's education programs and activities certainly keep her alive and maritime history at the forefront in one of Melbourne's most prestigious precincts.

Again it shows that volunteers are the life blood of the not for profit sector. So to our volunteers – we can never say it enough – but thank you!

Sadly we have recently farewelled our long term work experience participant, Ken Williams. Ken has been coming regularly, rain, hail or sunshine for two days a week for well over twelve months. He worked alongside the shipwrights and volunteers and at times gave extra hours when the pressure was on. Ken has moved out of the area but we

hope to see him on his visits back to Devonport. We thank Ken for his contribution to the Julie Burgess Project.



Julie Burgess Trust Special Committee Member Ian Martin thanking Ken Williams for his contribution.

Planning is well underway for the next Australian Wooden Boat Festival to be held in February next year. The *Julie Burgess* has a berth and we will be there to market the Julie Burgess operations as well as the Bass Strait Maritime Centre. So put 8-11 February in your diary and keep an eye on proceedings at www.australianwoodenboatfestival.com.au



Our next step is to embrace social media and launch our Facebook page. We are currently finalising one for the Bass Strait Maritime Centre which will draw together the Maritime Museum and the Julie Burgess Project. The 'Project' itself will come to an end when the operations of the Julie Burgess are formally launched and the Julie Burgess Trust Special Committee transitions to an Operations Sub-Committee of the Devonport Maritime & Heritage Authority.



If you wish to put your name down for a trip on the Julie Burgess for when the weather warms up, please contact Jessica Tavner on 6424 7100 or jtavner@devonport.tas.gov.au



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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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.