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Here we go again

Welcome to the first e-news letter for 2010. The ninth Australian Wooden Boat Festival will be held in Hobart from 11 to 14 February 2011. It is time for all you wooden boat owners to start polishing the bright-work and varnishing the topsides in readiness for the biggest wooden boat festival in the world.

Great News

The Premier of Tasmania, David Bartlett chose the inaugural three day Kettering Wooden Boat Rally held over the weekend of 6, 7 & 8 February to announce an almost doubling of State Government funding for the 2011 Australian Wooden Boat Festival which will result in the event being expanded to cover the entire Sullivan's Cove waterfront in Hobart.

What this means is next year entry for the general public will be free. It will also mean that the site will no longer be enclosed by an ugly fence.

The expanded site and free entry will attract many more visitors. The bigger site will also provide for greater participation by boat owners both afloat and ashore.

In making the announcement Mr. Bartlett said that 'The Australian Wooden Boat Festival has established itself as Australia's premier celebration of maritime and wooden boat culture'.

More Space – More People

Now that there will not be an entry charge for festival goers there will be no need for a large section of Sullivan's Cove to be fenced off. Consequently it is envisaged that the festival site will be almost twice the size of previous events. Included in the new site will be Princes Wharf No.1 shed which will provide a huge undercover and secure display area. Festival organisers anticipate that attendances will exceed 100,000 in 2011.

Two old faces and a new one

Following the highly successful 2009 festival Manager Rob McGuire returns to have his steady hands on the helm for 2011.

Also returning for the 2011 festival is Festival Assistant Bronwyn (Bronnie) Long. Bronnie is the cool, calm and collected member of the team that keeps the whole thing on the wind.

The new kid on deck is Michael Goodwin who has taken on the job of Marketing Media and Sponsorship Manager. (Lois Ryan has moved on to new pastures with the Tasmanian Government) Michael has been a boating tragic for---er---well---a long time.

Michael is an experienced event and marketing manager and will also be responsible for the entertainment program in 2011.

Festival poster

Renowned marine artist John Ford was commissioned by AWBF to paint the artwork for the 2011 festival poster and other print material. Based in Adelaide John has won several major art awards and held a number of solo art exhibitions. His work has been commissioned for many Australian and international private and corporate collections.

To view the 2011 poster visit: www.australianwoodenboatfestival.com.au

More space for more boats

Boats ashore manager Graeme Hunt faces a major challenge in filling a much larger space available for boats ashore in 2011. He is very keen to feature a wide range of boats including those either under restoration or construction. Having access to Princes Wharf No1 Shed means that we can create a spectacular display of fully rigged boats.

Calling all Fazackerley owners

Do own or know someone who owns a Fazackerley dinghy? If so we would love to hear from you. AWBF member and Maritime Heritage Coordinator for the Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery Peta Knott will be organising a special feature display of Fazackerley dinghies'' at the 2011 Australian Wooden Boat Festival.

The Maritime Museum of Tasmania organised the first Fazackerley Dinghy Festival as part of the recent Royal Hobart Regatta, 11 dinghies' came from around Tasmania for the event in various states of repair. Their provenance was checked by Bill Foster an experienced shipwright, of the eleven dinghies' two were found not to have been built by Reg Fazackerley. All owners were very pleased to learn more about their boats. The maritime Museum of Tasmania now has a list of 30 Fazackerly vessels still in existence.

Contact: office@australianwoodenboatfestival.com.au

Boat registrations

Boat registrations will be open in April 2010. If you registered your boat in 2009 you will receive an email with full details for 2011 registrations. For new registrations details will be posted on the AWBF web site.

Contact: <http://www.australianwoodenboatfestival.com.au>

Travel and Accommodation

Tas Vacations have been appointed as the official festival travel and accommodation company. They can arrange all your travel and accommodation needs pre and post festival.

Contact: holidays@tasvacations.com

Free call: 1800 030160

Maritime Marketplace

One of our many popular attractions at the festival the Maritime Marketplace will now be bigger than ever at its' new location in the massive Princes Wharf No.1 shed opposite Salamanca Place. Potential exhibitors can lodge an expression of interest by email to:

manager@australianwoodenboatfestival.com.au

Have you got news for us?

We would love to hear from you with news items, stories, tall tales and ideas for the 2011 festival program. Please send your information to Michael Goodwin.

Email: media@australianwoodenboatfestival.com.au

The Australian Wooden Boat Festival is supported by the Tasmanian Government through Events Tasmania.