



MyState Financial Australian Wooden Boat Festival

11-14 February 2011 Hobart Tasmania



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Only **100** days to go!

PREMIER OF TASMANIA LAUNCHES 2011 FESTIVAL

The honourable David Bartlett MP, Premier of Tasmania, officially launched the 2011 Australian Wooden Boat Festival at the Waterside Pavilion on 5th October 2010. He acknowledged that the Festival has developed into Australia's premier maritime event, so much so that his government has significantly increased its funding of the Festival thereby allowing it to grow in size and to make it free of charge to the general public.

NAMING RIGHTS SPONSOR ANNOUNCED AT FESTIVAL LAUNCH

Australian Wooden Boat Festival Chairman, Steve Knight, announced that MyState Financial, a major Financial Institution in Tasmania, has agreed to become the first naming rights sponsor of the Australian Wooden Boat Festival. He said that not only will MyState Financial provide a significant cash contribution but it will also provide major marketing and promotional support. The name of the Festival for the duration of the sponsorship will be: *MyState Financial Australian Wooden Boat Festival*

MyState Financial Managing Director John Gilbert said: "MyState Financial is very proud to partner with the Australian Wooden Boat Festival as the naming rights sponsor of this world class event. We are pleased to have the opportunity to support such an iconic national event held here in Tasmania. We look forward to sharing a fantastic Festival experience with the many locals who attend, as well as those who come from interstate and overseas to enjoy this event." He announced that Jessica Watson, Australia's latest and youngest record achieving solo around the world sailor, will be visiting the Festival as the special guest of MyState Financial. Jessica will hold a question and answer forum as well as working alongside the young boat builders as they prepare their boats for the "Quick 'n' Dirty" race which is traditionally the closing event of the Festival.



Jessica Watson heading for Hobart

PRIDE, PASSION, PRESERVATION AND DOLLARS

On looking over the list of boats registered for the 2011 Festival one is overawed by the extent to which many boat owners have gone to preserve our maritime heritage. Literally millions of dollars and countless hours of labour have been lavished on restoring and preserving some of the finest wooden boats to be found anywhere in the world.

Here are a couple of examples.

Miss Eve

Miss Eve was originally built by Milkraft Boatyards (Brisbane) in 1962 for Stan Fox who kept the boat at Pittwater in Sydney. She is 64 feet overall in length, carvel hull over Spotted Gum hardwood frame with a Teak deck. She is powered by a mirror handed pair of 6L3B Gardner diesels located in a vast engine room below the main saloon.

Her second owners were the Hannan family who had the privilege of enjoying her for twenty years before selling her in 1993. Miss Eve is now owned by Devonport (Tasmania) based Peter and Una Rockliff who have an extensive history in the Tasmanian fishing industry. Miss Eve was a feature vessel at the second Australian Wooden Boat Festival in 1996. In 2005 she returned to Brisbane where she underwent a major refit by the original builders. She will certainly be a major attraction at the 2011 Festival.



Miss Eve before and after her major refit in Brisbane

Gretel II

This elegant timber 12 metre yacht was designed by Alan Payne and built by Billy Barnett for the 1960 America's Cup Challenge sailed off Newport Rhode Island USA.

Gretel II trounced the other challenger *France* 4-0 including a comprehensive victory on a fog shrouded course, but went down 4-1 to the American defender *Intrepid*. One of these races she lost on protest in what was a famous incident at the time, and the Americans regarded *Gretel II* as one of the most serious threats to their dominance of the Cup since the mid 1880's.

In 2007-09 *Gretel II* underwent a multi-million dollar overhaul and refurbishment in New Zealand so that once again she could grace Sydney Harbour and sail the east coast of Australia.



Gretel II on Sydney Harbour

LATE REGISTRATIONS - BOATS AFLOAT & BOATS ASHORE

With almost 400 boats registered for positions on the water and almost 500 boats registered overall for the 2011 Festival, any late registrations received for boats afloat will now be held on a waiting list - until such time that we are advised of any withdrawals.

However there is still room for more boats on land. Late registration fees do not apply and there is no doubt that there will be a lot of interest in the boats ashore from the general public in 2011.

For a complete list of all boats registered for the 2011 Festival, click onto the AWBF website: <http://www.australianwoodenboatfestival.com.au> , go to the Boat Registration page and click onto “View Boat List” on the top right hand side of the page.

VOLUNTEERS – WE NEED YOU

We are keenly seeking volunteers for the February 2011 Festival. With less than 3 months to go we have only one third of the volunteers required. Volunteers are the backbone of the Festival which has a very small permanent staff with the rest being entirely made up of volunteers.

Vacancies available range from –

- Office work in the Festival Headquarters prior to the Festival
- Festival set up and breakdown
- Staffing exhibits
- The Clean Team & Rubbish Removal

Of course, some roles are more glamorous than others but *all* are essential for the successful running of the Festival.

As a volunteer you will receive a Festival polo-shirt (commitment of 2 shifts) and hat; a letter of appreciation and invitation to attend our famous post Festival ‘thank you’ BBQ. It’s great being part of the team and best of all its F U N.

Please contact Annette Ritchie, our Volunteers Manager, at ritcha@warringah.nsw.gov.au or 0418 43 44 53.and express your interest. We would love to have you on board!!

Also required: Volunteer for the Indigenous Watercraft Display

The AWBF urgently requires a volunteer to co-ordinate and arrange the signage and transportation (to and from the Festival) of a Tasmanian Aboriginal paperbark canoe and Tiwi Island canoes currently in storage at the Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery (TMAG). If you are interested in taking on this job, please contact Rob McGuire at the Festival Office.

TAWE NUNNUGAH 2011

Following highly successful expeditions in 2007 and 2009, Tawe Nunnugah (local Aboriginal words for “going” and “canoe”) will take place again from 3-11 February 2011.

A 9-day expedition involving sailing and rowing boats, through the D’Entrecasteaux Channel, between Bruny Island and the mainland of southern Tasmania, Tawe Nunnugah is about the challenge of sailing a beautiful historically significant part of the world in fine seaworthy hand-built craft while having fun.

The route stretches from Recherche Bay, the most southerly inhabited settlement in Australia, to Hobart, Tasmania’s capital, and is timed to finish on the first day of the 2011 MyState Financial Australian Wooden Boat Festival.

Does this sound like your thing? For more information and an Expression of Interest form, go to the Living Boat Trust website at " <http://www.lbt.org.au/Welcome.html>



Tawe Nunnugah boats anchored at one of the 2009 campsites

SCRIMSHAW EXHIBITION

In the August 2010 edition of E-News we announced a major exhibition of Scrimshaw, “The Whalers Art”, calling for anyone who has any pieces (of scrimshaw) which they would be willing to submit for inclusion in the exhibition. Exhibition convenor Colin Thomas has received several items to date but is looking for more. If you can help please contact Colin. On 0419 552 280 or email, colin@integritysampling.com.au as soon as possible.

PARENT AND CHILD BOAT BUILDING- NEW FOR 2011 FESTIVAL

Expressions of interest are still being sought (see E-News August 2010) from family groups to participate in this brand new Festival attraction. The parent and child boat building project will involve building a mini six foot boat under the guidance of David Golding, an experienced Hobart based boat builder. If you are interested in this fun project please contact the Festival office for an information pack - .Phone (03) 6223 3375. Email: office@australianwoodenboatFestival.com.au

COMMUNITY BOAT BUILDING RETURNS IN 2011

This popular hands-on event is designed for small groups of friends, family, community groups or corporate teams who have always wanted to build a small boat but have never had the opportunity.

Under the watchful eye of Mark Singleton, a professional boat builder, teams will build a quality boat to a design that they can select from a **2.4M Boatcraft Pacific Joey**, the **Peace Canoe** or the **14ft Kaholo** stand up paddle board. Teams will receive some training and then building and launching their boat in Constitution Dock on the last day of the festival.

The Peace Canoe is an attractive, simple and easy-to-build general purpose canoe for basic transportation. This is a chine, plywood and timber canoe which is fastened and glued together with Sikaflex adhesive – it’s a great muck-around family boat

The Boatcraft Pacific Joey is a 2.4m lightweight pram dinghy designed for stitch and glue construction. It is ideal as a small tender and is suitable for rowing, sailing or to carry a small outboard of up to 2HP.

The 14ft Kaholo Stand Up Paddleboard is all the rage on surf beaches and used for general recreation. It’s got great directional stability, lifts over waves & has plenty of buoyancy. The board is made of marine plywood, stitched-and-glued together and sheathed in fibre glass, with a grid of bulkheads and stiffeners inside to make the board stiff and light.

For expressions of interest and registration kits please contact the festival office Ph. (03) 6223 3375 or Email: office@australianwoodenboatfestival.com.au

TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation at special rates are now available for the 2011 Festival. TasVacations, the Festival's official travel and accommodation company, can arrange all your travel and accommodation needs for the Festival weekend, as well as pre and post Festival travel within Tasmania. Contact TasVacations by email holidays@tasvacations.com or free call 1800 030 160.

SPIRIT OF TASMANIA:

We have been advised by the Spirit of Tasmania that there are significant upgrades being carried out on the West Gate Freeway in Melbourne. Boat owners and visitors planning to use the Spirit of Tasmania ferry service are encouraged to look out for new directional signs. Project enquiry line Ph: 1300 881 137 or Email: www.m1upgrade.com.au

FEEDBACK REQUIRED

If you have any ideas for future editions of E-News please get in touch by email: media@australianwoodenboatFestival.com.au

ps: keep it pretty!

Thousands of keen photographers will be pointing their cameras at the hundreds of beautiful wooden boats at the Festival to create fond memories of our unique maritime event. As a boat owner you can help make these photo opportunities very special. Give some thought to the type of tender you have on your boat or nearby in the water. Remember it is a wooden boat festival, so please avoid aluminium, fibreglass and plastic tenders. And, please, no washing hanging from rigging or handrails during festival opening hours.

