

Affiliated Events – St Ayles Skiff Regatta/Huon River-fest, Feb 2015

Organised by each group

1. **Living Boat Trust** – breakfasts, information, assistance etc
2. **Wooden Boat Centre** – special boat tour, music performances & talks through Alec Jordan to describe the St Ayles Skiff process. This also had the benefit of being able to use the Cartela for a performance by the Gadds that was packed out. A donation box was a good idea with close to \$200 being offered to the restoration of the Cartela.
3. **Local Businesses** – were encouraged to add to the festival by providing specials/entertainment/something different. Frank's Cider bar/café had cider tasting and pizzas as an evening meal with live jazz. General response from businesses was more encouraging.
4. **Franklin History Group** – the most positive support with a history “walk & talk” and canal tours on the Nancy with Alan Cato, the latter extremely popular so the number of tours offered was increased
5. **Franklin Traders** – Through Sarah at the Post Office, an art exhibition was organised to showcase local talent, with an opening on Friday night. The exhibition ran for about a week.
6. **Franklin Bowls Club** – barefoot bowls
7. **Franklin Primary School** – art/on the water/fundraising
8. **St Ayles Skiff Committee** – **general coordinating of land/water action**
 - a. **Music**
 - b. **Art**
 - c. **Talks**
 - d. **Film**
 - e. **Opening and Closing Ceremony**
 - f. **Community and Corporate event activities** – Lighthouse, Jazz, Karate, racing etc

The idea of the Huon River-fest was to show what Franklin has rather than introduce an artificial fair-type event. It also aimed to involve locals as much as possible. This was a general success judging by responses from the general public.