

Project News

July 2015

SS Dicky Wreck film project

Background

Sunshine Coast Council is commencing a project to celebrate the history and the stories of the *SS Dicky*.

The *SS Dicky* was an iron-hulled steamer, driven ashore at Caloundra during a cyclone in 1893. The wreck has long been an attraction to both tourists and locals, however it was badly eroded by ex-tropical cyclone Oswald in 2013 and continues to deteriorate.

Without action there will be a visible loss of this significant local heritage icon for the area. Other factors for relocation include the safety and mobility of the wreck.

SS Dicky Taskforce

In late 2013 council developed the *SS Dicky* Taskforce to evaluate and provide a recommendation on the long term option for management of the site. The taskforce includes a number of stakeholders from: council, state government, Community Heritage and the Dicky Beach SLSC. In March 2014, the Taskforce made a recommendation to council for the removal and relocation of the wreck.

Long term strategy

Three key pieces of documentation were completed to inform the preferred long term strategy for the wreck. These documents (*now available on council's website*) include a Heritage Impact Assessment, Conservation Management Plan and Wreck Interpretive Plan.

On 18 June 2015 council endorsed the long term strategy for the wreck which includes:

- removal of the exposed stern, starboard and port ribs
- ongoing management of loose pieces as the wreck breaks up into the future

- main portion of the wreck to remain insitu
- delivery of a wreck interpretive display as part of a greater open space landscape plan for the area
- conserve remaining removed pieces
- creation of a short film and mobile display that documents the community connection of the historic shipwreck to the area



Exposed hull July 2013 (SCC)

Film project

Stories and memories of the *SS Dicky* are what we are hoping to share – dances on the deck, parties, and personal stories. The aim is to bring together from all angles, past and present, the story of the *SS Dicky* through the eyes of the community.

The film is a key part of the interpretation of the *SS Dicky*, and will remain in the community for future generations.

The film project was developed in partnership with the Friends of Caloundra Lighthouse, and formed part of a grant application to the State Government.

Film project activities

- Gathering stories about the wreck from Dicky Beach / Caloundra / wider community residents and holiday-makers.
- Filming the key parts of the relocation process.
- Interviewing selected current and former residents and holiday-makers. All welcome.
- Filming short digital stories to create a mini documentary.
- A themed celebration featuring a screening of the film, and a story performance set in a location in Caloundra.

The film project team

- Project coordinator – Gail Robinson community arts worker and consultant
- Film-maker – James Muller, Earthbase Productions
- Sunshine Coast Council, Cultural Heritage Services.



Kathleen Pegg with her daughter Pam on the Dicky wreck 1938 (Picture Sunshine Coast)



Beerwah group standing in front of the Dicky wreck c.1930 (Picture Sunshine Coast)



Edith and Lillian Bevan with Mary Tutt beside the SS *Dicky* c.1940 (Picture Sunshine Coast)

How can you help?

Cultural Heritage Services is calling for people to share their stories, images and old family film footage – plus any artefacts you may have - in order to create a film that is a lasting legacy of the *SS Dicky*.

If you can assist please contact Cultural Heritage Services:

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Rusted remains of the SS *Dicky* c.2005 (Picture Sunshine Coast)

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