

THE TIMBER SURF BOAT IN THE CLUB HOUSE

The surf boat hanging from the clubs hall ceiling was originally built for this club by local boat builder, Mr. Ray Burton from Australian Cedar and Spruce, and was launched in February 1982. It was donated by STC and Monier, both long time supporters of our club.

After some years of competition, the boat was sold to Bribie Island Surf Club in Queensland and subsequently sold to a Brisbane sports club where it was a ceiling decoration for many years.

After that club closed down and following much tracking down and negotiation by Mike Tamblyn, the old boat was purchased by three club members and after being fully refurbished by many willing boat rowers, it was donated back to the club.

At a special Dedication Ceremony on 4th February 2007, the boat was re-Christened “The Adrian Pickett” and “The Richard Gee” in memory of the two surf boat sweeps and coaches most instrumental in surf boat development of this club.

The Christening was performed by Mrs. Peggy Gee and Mrs. Laura Pickett, the widows of those two great sweeps



“The Christening”



“The Launching”

After the formalities, the boat was rowed to sea once again, the honor of this last row going to “The Tweakers”, all of whom had competed in the boat back in her heyday.

When the boat returned to the beach many club members had a last row in the old girl before she was finally lifted into her new and final home.

This is a fitting resting place for one of the last timber surf boats built in Australia.



The club is indebted to Craig Kelly, Michael Hunter, and Mike Tamblyn and their families for their generous donation