

The Little Dove - she needs you!



Volunteering with Duyfken

A SENSATIONAL opportunity exists for *Have a Go News* readers to volunteer on the Duyfken - the replica of the ship that discovered Australia.

“Australia’s Christopher Columbus” is a title you could give to Captain Willem Jansoon. In 1606 aboard Duyfken he and his crew were the first Europeans in recorded history to sight our country.

The Fremantle-built replica of the original Duyfken is inspirational in so many ways. World experts undertook rigorous research to ensure that the design was as close as possible to the original. The materials used are the same as in the original (European oak; maritime pine; hemp and manila ropes; flax sails). She was built and rigged by craftsmen using 16th Century techniques.

Showing visitors around is a tremendously satisfying experience when you watch their initial impressions grow into almost awesome joy as they feel the atmosphere and they learn a little of the original ship, of the spice trade, and of this replica. It is hard not to be moved when you get to the main hold - standing on 400-year-

old ballast bricks, surrounded by hand-worked timber and the scent of spices.

Volunteering with Duyfken allows you to be part of this. The ship is berthed at Little Creatures Brewery in Fremantle - where you get the cooling early sea breeze. You can be a tour guide, help out with maintenance, or crew the ship when she goes sailing. The website (www.duyfken.com) has a lot of information.

Sign up online as a Friend of Duyfken and as a volunteer, or contact Mark by email (marketing@duyfken.com) or phone 0417 239 987.