

The Big Winners... *Duyfken* volunteers and *Have a Go News!*



Top row from left; Rupert Lodge
- Peter Bowman (CEO) and Robin
Chester (Captain)

Second row, from left; Kieran
Bogumil - Jill Millman - Bob Me-
redith and Mirjam Hilgeman

Third row; Gabby Curran

WHAT A NIGHT it was on Saturday 25 July when 52 dedicated *Duyfken* volunteers gathered with members of the *Duyfken* Foundation Board to celebrate what has been a fantastic year for the *Duyfken* Family.

It was also a time to thank the team from *Have a Go News* for their continued support of *Duyfken* through the offer of space in their paper to share all the tales from *Duyfken*.

Volunteers are the heart of what makes *Duyfken* tick and without their efforts the Foundation would be unable to deliver its education program to 4,000 Year 4's from across the State. Nor would we be able to have 800 passengers enjoy the joy of sailing aboard a 16th century tall ship over the summer period. And nor would we have been able to keep *Duyfken* in pristine condition without the weekly efforts of the volunteers in the maintenance section.

Yes... it's a big family of committed volunteers who have taken into their hearts this beautiful little ship; a ship that has no peer anywhere in the world; a ship that holds tightly to her sailing pedigree; and a ship that belongs to us all – the people of Western Australia.

Over the past year this merry band of 'vollies' has contributed well more than 5000 hours of volunteer hours to *Duyfken* to make sure as many people as possible get to experience her splendour.

During the night vollies were recognised for their individual contributions with the presentation of Certificates of Service. Five of our Platinum Vollies contributed more than 250 hours each over the past 12 months, whilst others achieved Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards.

As we head towards 2016 the demands on this team of vollies will grow as we prepare the ship for her big adventure as the centrepiece for the 400th Anniversary of Dirk Hartog's arrival on the coastline of Western Australia back in 1616.

Sailing from Fremantle to Bunbury, and then port hopping through Mandurah, Hillarys, Jurien Bay, Geraldton and Denham, before heading out to Cape Inscription on Dirk Hartog Island, this adventure will capture the spirit of the communities that define the strong connection between those of Dutch heritage and the rest of us Australians.

This event is one for the bucket list and one you may well want to be part of – as a volunteer in the *Duyfken* family.

To register your interest go to www.duyfken.com/volunteers and complete an application form.

They look forward to welcoming people aboard *Duyfken* at some time in the year ahead.