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Living Boat Trust

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About Us

The Living Boat Trust (LBT) is an incorporated non-profit association based in Franklin. We aim to maintain traditional boat building, repairing, rowing and sailing skills, and to be a vital part of our community. We celebrate the history and beauty of this area and strive for a sustainable way of life for all concerned.

What we do

The hub of our activities is our shed, donated by the Forestry Department and over the years we have improved the building and amenities with grant funding and support from community members.

Drop in Tuesday to Thursday and you will find an extensive collection of tools, sailing and rowing gear, marquees, BBQ's, trailers and all the other paraphernalia accumulated by an active community and maritime organisation such as we are.

The LBT maintains a small fleet of 'Grebe' dinghies, a replica whaleboat, and an historic motor launch ('Nancy') and a variety of other small wooden craft.

How do I get involved?

Our shed is a hub to meet good people, have good talks, do good work and eat good food.

Why not join us on a Monday for the working bee at 5pm followed by dinner with the LBT community around 6:30pm.

Get 'on the water':

- on a casual basis members take out our Grebe dinghies for a row or a sail around Egg Island or down the river
- there is also a group that goes out for a row on Thursday mornings
- excursions are organised on a regular basis

Get involved in building and repairing boats. If you want to participate simply come along.

Every second year, the LBT run the "tawe nunugah" which means "going" by "canoe" in the local Aboriginal language. This expedition takes over 10 days and cannot be achieved without the power and drive of a large number of volunteers. This may be an activity that you would like to get involved in. The next tawe nunugah is in 2019.

Perhaps being a tour guide, skipper or a crew member on the 100 year old Nancy floats your boat. We give people a unique Franklin experience with our guided tours and history of the river.



Skipper or crew the Nancy



Rowing to Huonville for lunch

Become a Member

The Living Boat Trust (LBT) offers membership and the fee also covers insurance.

Contact Us

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