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Duyfken Delayed!

The *Duyfken's* arrival into Townsville Port has been delayed due to unfavourable winds. The vessel, a replica of the ship which in 1606 is celebrated as the first European contact with Australia, was due to arrive in Townsville tomorrow (Friday, 25 August). The arrival has now been pushed back to Saturday with the crew hoping to arrive early in the day and open to the public in the afternoon.

Updated information on the ship's arrival time will be distributed as soon as it is known.

About the visit:

Townsville Port Authority is proud to be the sponsor of the Townsville leg of the *Duyfken's* 400th Anniversary voyage, bringing Australian history to life.

On its anniversary voyage, the *Duyfken*, meaning 'Little Dove', will visit 25 ports around Australia, covering a total of 12,000 kilometres of Australian coastline. The journey is a partnership between the Australian Government, *Duyfken* 1606 Replica Foundation and Australia on the Map: 1606-2006.

The voyage honours the achievements of Captain Willem Janszoon and his crew who charted more than 350km of the Gulf of Carpentaria coast of Australia's Cape York Peninsula. Making landfall on the Australian continent, this was the first time in recorded history that Aboriginal Australians met people from the European world. The *Duyfken* replica was crafted in Fremantle, Western Australia over three years and was completed in 1999.

The *Duyfken* will be berthed on the Quarterdeck Pontoons of the Breakwater Marina and is open to the public at the following times during its visit:

Saturday, 26 August, 2006	TBA – 5 pm
Sunday, 27 August, 2006	9 am – 5 pm
Monday, 28 August, 2006	12 noon – 5 pm
Tuesday, 29 August, 2006	12 noon – 5 pm

The ship will also be open to schools for visits exclusively during the hours of 9 am to 12 noon on Monday 28, Tuesday 29 and Wednesday 30 August. Entry is free, however all visitors are invited to make a gold coin donation to benefit the not-for-profit *Duyfken* Replica Foundation for ongoing maintenance and upkeep of the ship. The ship will depart Townsville Port on Wednesday, 30 August.

More information about the *Duyfken's* visit to Townsville is available from Kelly Dalling on (07) 4781 1544. General information about the *Duyfken* can be found on the website www.duyfken.com.

Note to chief of staff:

If you wish to visit the ship, please contact Kelly Dalling, Assistant Public Affairs officer, on (07) 4781 1544, 0409 8940195 or email to kdalling@townsville-port.com.au. Media wishing to get footage of the ship entering Townsville Port are encouraged to contact Kelly for the final ETA closer to the arrival time.

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