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Title

Hull of the double ended carvel built surfboat titled BOOFA

Date

1946

Primary Maker

Towns Brothers

Medium

Cedar, kauri, plywood, silver ash, spotted gum, pacific maple, leather, paint

Dimensions

Overall: 1735 x 7160 mm Vessel Dimensions: 7.16 m \times 1.75 m (23.49 ft \times 5.74 ft)

Name

Surfboat

History

BOOFA is a double edged carvel built surfboat. It was built in 1946 by Towns Brothers Newcastle for the North Curl Curl S.L.S.C. and was paid for by Manly Amusement Centre, the name deriving from the sponsors dog Boofa. In the 1950's BOOFA was given to the Narooma S.L.S.C and then saw service with the Pambula S.L.S.C. BOOFA was displayed by Eden Whaling Museum as a boat similar to the whale boats used in that era, that is as a double ended and steered from a single oar from the stern whaler. By that stage BOOFA was in a dilapidated state and required restoration work. This then carried out by the Department of Corrective Services at Long Bay.