



Author Barbara Miller and the *Duyfken* replica, aboard which her book was launched.

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DUTCH ARRIVAL ON *DUYFKEN* IN DETAIL

A LOT of nautical activities take place aboard the *Duyfken*, but few would connect the replica Dutch ship to a book launch.

Cairns author Barbara Miller made the trip west to launch her new book *The European Quest to Find Terra Australis Incognita: Quiros, Torres and Janszoon* aboard the ship while it was docked at the Fishing Boat Harbour.

Miller said her book focused on the original *Duyfken* and the trip it made to Queensland, bringing with it the first Europeans to land on Australia.

"I got interested in including the story of the Dutch on the *Duyfken* because they were the

first Europeans to set foot on Australian soil," she said.

"I was especially interested in telling this story because I know the Aboriginal people from Mapoon, Weipa and Aurukun where the Dutch made contact and I wanted to record this bit of contact history, it being the first one to occur in Australia.

"This is not another dull history book, It is easy reading but well researched."

The European Quest to Find Terra Australis Incognita: Quiros, Torres and Janszoon is available for purchase at the WA Maritime Museum or from www.barbara-miller-books.com