***The Avontuur's masts are in!***

*Timbercoast has reached a big milestone in their pursuit of putting cargo under sail in the South Pacific this week when they stepped their brand new masts onto their ship the Avontuur.*

*The dreary winter weather miraculously parted and with the help of Sean and Danielle from TopSail Rigging the 2 steel masts with their wooden topmasts were bathed in brilliant warm sunshine as they were stepped. This is a huge milestone for all of the volunteers tirelessly working away to return to Avontuur to her previous use as a sailing cargo vessel. Work is currently underway to finish the standing rigging before the Christmas break.*

*The Avontuur is a 2 masted gaff rigged schooner that will be proving the viability of small scale cargo transport along the East Coast of Australia by linking ethical and sustainable producers with conscious consumers. The ship is currently being refitted at the Elsflether Werft in Northern Germany and will be operating in Europe during the 2016 summer before travelling down to Australia to provide a viable alternative in the shipping sector.*

*Watch the highlights from the big day here:* [*https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rUHOFr8yJt8*](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rUHOFr8yJt8)

*More information on their project can be found at* [*www.timbercoast.com*](http://www.timbercoast.com)