

Welcome to the new look WMA Newsletter I trust you will find it informative, and would welcome any input you may have in future issues.

It is anticipated that a newsletter will be produced every month allowing members to be brought up to date with all the latest news happening both at the Tavern and the Seaworks site as well.

There will also be a look back at where we came from and some history of the site and maritime articles that I am sure you will enjoy reading.

*“From the President’s desk”*

Dear Members, we have a new look Committee due to our previous president Patsy Toop and Vice President Peter Hemphill resigning or not standing for the Committee due to their positions and work commitments on the Seaworks Board.

We thank them both for all the hard work they have done over the last few years.

The new Committee now consists of;

Dick Budzieney - President, David Baird - Vice President,

Chris Thomas - Treasurer, Gordon McLean, Janis Brooks, (Also on Social Comm.)

Alf Pelns, and Geoff Dougall, acting as members secretary and together with Alf Pelns the major labour force in the Tavern, Geoff is also the Seaworks site manager.

The Committee is currently putting up a proposal to Seaworks to develop a co-operative approach to the development of the site.

One of the WMA’s strengths is its large group of fee paying members (around 250).

Our members bring with them a diverse range of skills and a consistent desire to participate in the development of the Seaworks site. Hopefully as a result of this proposal our skills can be utilised.

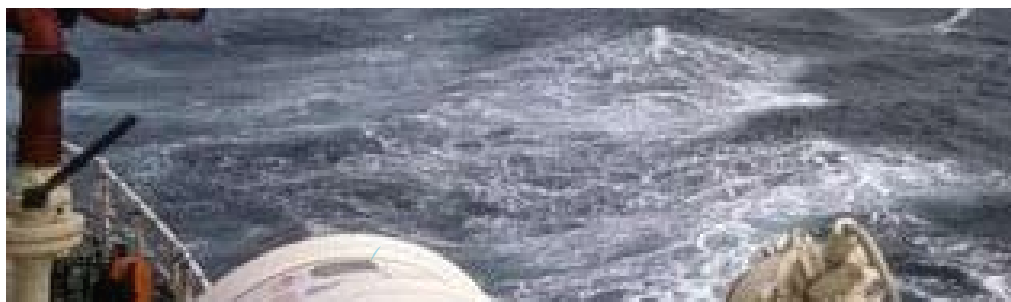
An informal approach to the Seaworks Board with a draft I am pleased to report had a favourable response. A formal proposal will be put to Seaworks in early March 2012.

Keep the vision going

Cheers Dick

As a follow on from Dick’s remarks, Therese Pritchard who is the new Executive Officer of Seaworks invites all members of the WMA to come and see our new museum which is located in the Nelson Room in the large shed fronting onto Nelson Place.

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In particular we are looking for volunteers to help us man the museum on a roster basis, along with anyone who has a flair for assisting with documenting and displaying the artifacts.

The museum is open every Sunday from 11am - 3pm. and anyone who is interested will be trained and given information on this important collection which is growing all the time.

The museum is an integral part of the site and houses a vast collection of maritime artifacts.

Members are invited to call in any Sunday or if they wish can make an appointment to view the collection during the week.

Interested people should contact Therese on 0417 292 021, or Geoff Dougall on 0416 235 366.

Any WMA members who are not familiar with the site or who would like to know more about the vision for the site can also contact us and we will gladly organise a tour for them.



### *Ongoing Maintenance of the Tavern.*

Over the last few weeks there has been a lot of hard work done by Alf Pelns and Geoff Dougall to finally finish the female toilets within the Tavern. This work has been done on a volunteer basis and has saved the WMA a significant amount of money. Fortunately the toilets were completed in time for the recent classic car rally which had a record crowd in attendance.

Work is now well under way to complete the men's toilets, (pictured opposite.)



It is anticipated that both these amenities will be available for the "Bikes by the Bay" event in March. A plan has also been sent to the Seaworks Board for approval to place 3 support beams across the Tavern to support ceiling



fans along with the fitting of 3 fans in the Bar area as well. The Committee is also obtaining a quote to provide gas wall heaters which allow us to do away with the old patio heaters and should prove much more efficient and run at less cost.

This work is necessary to upgrade the Tavern to a condition that will enable members and guests better comfort as well as making the facility more attractive for people wishing to book functions.

With all this work to be done the WMA board will be looking for volunteers to help with some of this work, a number of working bees will be held possibly on a Saturday, so as members attending can have a BBQ and a drink afterwards in the Tavern. Members will be advised as soon as the dates are set. If any members have time on their hands during the week, we would appreciate your help in giving the Tavern a thorough clean up which is now long overdue.

## *Bikes By the Bay*

is on again this year on the 18th March at SEAWORKS

The event this year will be celebrating V-Twins

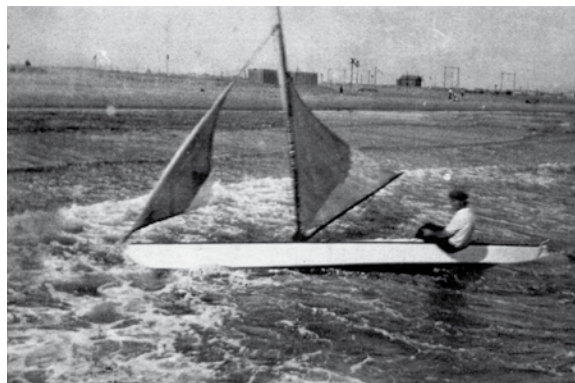
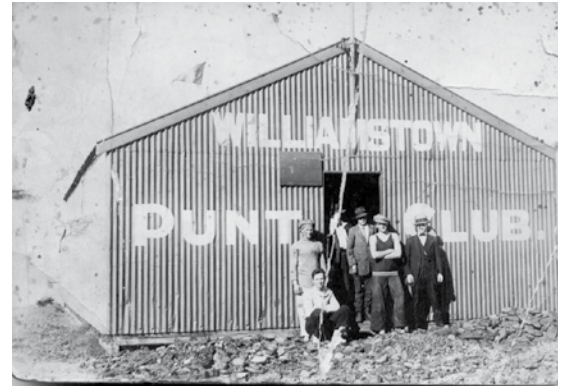
All members are welcome and record crowds are expected.



# "A Splash from the past" The Williamstown Punt Club

The Punt Club was purely a Williamstown development which commenced in 1913 when two boys named Charles Bush and George Walker constructed a flat bottomed poling punt, in which to fish for eels along the strand. later this punt was covered in with knocked down kerosene case slats and fitted with a calico sail. The Punt Club was formed the next year with 6 punts, and its meetings were conducted at Parson's Boat shed.

Paddles were used on the punts as rudders until August, 1914, when the practice was discontinued.



The sail area was set at 70 square feet, all punts being double ended and no bowsprits or jibbooms were rigged.

The club moved to the Marine Underwriters shed, now (the Scout Boatshed) in 1918, two years later their new club house began construction, with twenty punts being on the register.

This building was officially opened by Baron Foster, the Governor General of Australia, on November 5th, 1921. This small club went on to become the Williamstown Sailing Club

The punt club held many fine regattas off Williamstown and pictured opposite is "Thetis" owned by Mr B.Gibson, the father of Cliff Gibson, the photo was taken in 1914.

The Seaworks museum are currently investigating the possibility of making a replica punt or having a model done to showcase these unique vessels that played such an important part in Williamstown's rich maritime history.

How the WMA began, 2004  
The first Boat Show,





## Whats on at The Pirates Tavern & Seaworks Calendar of Events

<i>Sunday 26th Feb</i>	<i>Summer Music Sunday 3pm</i>	<i>BENDER' (great rock covers from all eras)</i>
<i>Friday 2nd Mar</i>	<i>After Dark Music 7.30pm</i>	<i>'THE LONG &amp; THE SHORT OF IT' (country, pop, blues &amp; originals)</i>
<i>Sunday 4th Mar</i>	<i>Summer Music Sunday</i>	<i>'ZEPTEPI' (folk, punk, rock)</i>
<i>Friday 9th Mar</i>	<i>After Dark Music 7.30pm</i>	<i>'TUKO' (laid back soul)</i>
<i>Sunday 11th Mar</i>	<i>Summer Music Sunday</i>	<i>'TWO ROSE BLACK</i>
<i>Friday 16th Mar</i>	<i>After Dark Music 7.30pm</i>	<i>'THE LONG &amp; THE SHORT OF IT' (country, pop, blues &amp; originals)</i>
<i>Sunday 18th Mar</i>	<i>BIKES BY THE BAY</i>	<i>SEAWORKS</i>
<i>Summer Music Sunday 3pm</i>	<i>'COMPLETE BARSTOOLS'</i>	
<i>Friday 23rd Mar</i>	<i>After Dark Music 7.30pm</i>	<i>'SUPER COOL DUO' (boppy upbeat 80's &amp; 90's)</i>
<i>Sunday 25th Mar</i>	<i>Summer Music Sunday 3pm</i>	<i>BENDER' (great rock covers from all eras)</i>
<i>Friday 30th Mar</i>	<i>After Dark Music 7.30pm</i>	<i>'DJ &amp; THE BROATCH' ( 60's, 70's,80's rock covers)</i>
<i>Friday 6th April</i>	<i>TAVERN CLOSED</i>	<i>GOOD FRIDAY</i>
<i>Sunday 8th April</i>	<i>TAVERN CLOSED</i>	<i>EASTER SUNDAY</i>
<i>Friday 13th April</i>	<i>After Dark Music 7.30pm</i>	<i>TBA</i>
<i>Sunday 15th April</i>	<i>Music Sunday (now monthly)</i>	<i>TBA</i>
<i>Friday 20th April</i>	<i>After Dark Music 7.30pm</i>	<i>'THE LONG &amp; THE SHORT OF IT' (country, pop, blues &amp; originals)</i>
<i>Friday 27th April</i>	<i>After Dark Music 7.30pm</i>	<i>TBA</i>

*As from the 1st April Sundays will revert back to the 3rd Sunday of the month*



# LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU FOR SOME GREAT MUSIC ALL THROUGH MARCH AT THE PIRATE'S TAVERN



THE PIRATE'S TAVERN HAS A GREAT  
VARIETY OF MUSIC RIGHT THROUGH  
MARCH TO SUIT ALL TASTES

A SPECIAL MUSIC SUNDAY ON THE 11TH MARCH  
WILL FEATURE THE CELTIC BAND  
"TWO ROSE BLACK"

*"Two Rose Black" is a Celtic Folk Music Band, made up of Garry Rose and his 15 year old daughter Georgia along with Alex Black. Georgia was a finalist in the Golden Fiddle competition at Tamworth. Garry Rose has for 30 years run the Briagolong Bush Band who have played at many festivals, including Pt. Fairy, Maldon, and Beechworth.*



*His daughter Georgia is a 15 year old Fiddle player of note, she has been wowing audiences for several years with a maturity and flair. Although classically trained and regularly winning eisteddfods, her exposure to Celtic music from an early age means she has developed a love for all kinds of music which is evident in her playing.*

*Alex Black is recognised as a great folk/jazz fiddle player since the 1980's, being lead fiddle in bands such as Paradiddle, Celts, Celtic City Suns, and currently performing with John Schuman's touring band "The Vagabond Crew".*

The Pirates Tavern will continue to host  
great entertainment every friday night and from  
the end of march every 3rd Sunday of the month

*The months program of bands will be publicised via this newsletter every month*