



## Report on SEAWORKS OPEN WEEK

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### An icon of the Yarra River

### Launching the "Raven"

Highlights of the eight day Open Week at Seaworks included:

- The opening ceremony on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup>, where Trevor Huggard, chairman of Seaworks Foundation, introduced Steven Bradford, CEO of Port of Melbourne Corporation who unveiled the Harbour Trust Honour Board. The board was restored by Geoff Dougall.
- Ten heritage maritime organisations were represented with stands and displays
- Wooden boat exhibition (sail & power) was sponsored by the Wooden Boat Association's President Andrew Cohen (MHAV committee member)
- MHAV's campaign raised funds of over \$10,000 to help fund the purchase of eight maritime artefacts at the National Trust auction. Items included models of *Archibald Russell* and *SS Iberia* displayed at Seaworks.
- MHAV's publicity campaign led to the donation of superb ship builders' models - three from British Phosphate Commission and five Howard Smith ships from Svitzer Australasia who also donated eight other maritime artefacts - all displayed at Seaworks
- Exhibition of ship builders' & heritage ship models with stories and pictures prepared by Kate Lance & Tim Horton (MHAV committee

members)

- MFB & Coast Guard display on Monday
- Wednesday Australia Day holiday - see details at left
- *Enterprize* – open ship Wednesday and one hour sails on Thursday & Friday
- Cosmodome sponsored by Charles Treleaven with takings donated to Seaworks (MHAV member)
- Commercial exhibitors
- Morgue tours conducted by Geoff Dougall

- Superb display by the Ship Modellers Society
- Band playing on Sunday as *Young Endeavour* departed with a fresh trainee crew for Sydney
- Hobsons Bay City Council sponsored Tall Ships Victoria, *Enterprize* and Seaworks

Rennis Witham & Geoff Dougall are to be congratulated for the extraordinary effort preparing for and conducting the event.

As the principle participating supporter of the event, MHAV members worked a total of 450 volunteer hours.

### Seaworks Maritime Collection

MHAV has made a major investment in a large part of the Seaworks maritime heritage collection, particularly the shipbuilders' models.

We are looking forward participating in the development of a suitable Collection Policy and Conservation Plan.

### AUSTRALIA DAY'S "Battle on the Bay"

The Australia Day holiday saw passengers boarding the *Lady Cutler* at Docklands for a luncheon river cruise to Williamstown.

In the meantime *Young Endeavour*, Australia's sail training ship

operated by the navy, departed from Geelong.

Passengers boarded the *Enterprize* from Workshops Pier and set sail.

Taking on more passengers, over 200, the *Lady Cutler* headed for Point Gellibrand where the *Enterprize* & *Young Endeavour* were already engaged in the "Battle on the Bay".

Returning to Williamstown, the ships were confronted with cannon fire from Workshops Pier.

The *Lady Cutler*, sponsored by Jeff Gordon (MHAV committee member), donated the day's fares to Seaworks.



## Seaworks Development

Following the successful launch of the site under the management of the Seaworks Foundation, the MHAV is looking forward to reviewing development plans to see how we can continue to support and assist with the development of this unique site.

## PEOPLE Your committee

At the February committee meeting, the outstanding services of our outgoing committee members were warmly recognised:

- Jose Moyse-Middleton has served on the committee for the last four years. Jose has offered to continue with the catering.
- Tony Lewis has been representing Bay Steamers (ST Wattle)
- Lindsay Rex - After many years on the committee including a term as president and more recently as secretary, Lindsay is taking a break. Lindsay hopes to find a replacement to represent the World Ship Society.
- Charles Treleaven, the "founding father" and long serving committee member of the MHAV, also served a term as president.

A warm welcome was given to our new committee members:

- Jeff Gordon was elected at the last AGM. Prior to acquiring the *Lady Cutler*, Jeff spent many years with the Hobart Maritime Museum
- Peta Knott replaces Tony Lewis from Bay Steamers. Peta works with Museums Australia, supporting maritime museums in Victoria.

### Maritime Interest Groups

The MHAV committee includes four elected members and a representative from each of the 13 "Maritime Interest Groups". At present only four MIG's are represented on the committee.

## Yarra's own Riverboat Man

*An icon of the Yarra River, Laurie is a long standing member of the MHAV*

*From "Black & White" with John Hamilton in the Herald Sun, January 19, 2011*

"If you're near the Yarra today, give a big wave to Laurie Dilks. Laurie is in charge of Work boat No. 46, and today he'll be dodging logs and other debris in the swollen river as he moves barges near the Charles Grimes bridge.

"It's 50 years today since Laurie started work within the Port of Melbourne as a shipwright. And it's ten years since he started chugging along on the work boat.

"One of the special people on our river."

## Launching "Notorious"

You may recall the committee's visit last year to the construction site of the caravel *Raven* at Bushfield, 10 k's from

Warrnambool. She now has a new name.

Felicity & Graeme Wylie have been sending us regular bulletins. The latest schedule for February is:

- transport the 'heavy, high and wide load', on Tuesday 8
- launch the hull at Port Fairy on Thursday 10
- load 10 tonnes of bluestone ballast Friday 11
- replace quarter deck and masts on 12th



Felicity tells us that the ship will be "at Port Fairy for some months, to raise funds for further requirements with sea trials later this year, perhaps around

November/ December. Our main focus now is to finish final hull preparations, involving cleaning up caulking and applying antifouling."

"The keel was laid in 2002. During the ten year odyssey by one amateur boat builder, the ship has consumed over three hundred tonnes of reclaimed



timber, mostly Monterey cypress salvaged from farms in the Western District. Grown knees came from Cannon Hill at Warrnambool, with keel and rudder timbers reclaimed from the Warrnambool breakwater."

**What an outstanding achievement by two extraordinary people.**

Best wishes to Felicity and Graeme for the future.

More details at [www.madeiraship.com](http://www.madeiraship.com)

**Your continued support of the MHAV is greatly appreciated**