

# ELWOOD SEAHORSE OLD BOYS



Season 1941 – 1942 Magazine Cover

## MEMBERS PLEASE NOTE

2009 ANNUAL DINNER WILL BE HELD ON  
**TUESDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2009**  
AT THE ELWOOD SAILING CLUB FORESHORE, ELWOOD  
COMMENCING 1800 HOURS

**ELWOOD SEAHORSE OLD BOYS REUNION**  
**11<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2008**  
**AT THE ELWOOD SAILING CLUB**

**PRESENT**

Brian Adeney	John Broderick	Brian Cole
Brian Carroll	Russell Darbyshire	Rick De Jong
Andrew Dodd	John Dodd	John Douglas
Mark Forster	Ian Frey	John Frey
John Hanby	Ted Masur	Prosper Labb
Ted Montfort	Andrew Plympton	Bryan Proven
Malcolm Proven	Bob Roache	John Pyers
Ken Robinson	Steve Wright	Peter Smith
Geoff Taylor	Rod Dovey	Davan West
Paul Peeler	Will Jones	Graeme East
Scott Barnett	Andrew Barnett	Daelene East
Les Wright	Rhonda Barnett	Frank Weir
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**APOLOGIES**

Ian Atkinson	Charlie Conabere	Bob Brown
Wally Carlisle	Michael Golding	Ross Hammond
Tim Dorning	Stan Kurth	Robert McQuade
Peter Fielding	Glen Norton	Jim Oliver
Jamie Harrison	Peter Reid	John McDonald
Vic McCandlish	Krystal Weir	Chris Wilson
Dennis Mercovich	Ted Roache	Jack Carroll
Alison Pennington	Geoff Blick	Paul Carver
Alan Swann	Alan Carlisle	John Gill
Gary Sheard	Robert Cork	Allan Goodall
Greg Alward	Chris Heywood	John Shepard
Ian Cook	Robert Stamp	Bruce Fitcher
Helmut Wagner	Tony Watt	John Stamp
Daryl Martin	Bruce McPhail	Ian Thompson

## **2008 DINNER**

38 members attended our 2008 dinner at the club as listed. We were pleased to welcome some female members and note that they are always welcome. A fine 3 course meal of soup, chicken or beef with chat potatoes & veggies was followed with either lemon coconut or chocolate mud cake topped with cream & strawberries. Drinks were supplied all evening. Coffee or tea ended the enjoyable meal.

Again we were privileged to have as one of our speakers the President of Yachting Australia, Andrew Plympton, Summarising our sailing results at the Beijing Olympics, Andrew felt that the team did not perform up to the expected levels only obtaining 2 gold medals and one silver and a fourth place. The other competitors not being placed.

Yachting Australia was already in the process off hiring living quarters and boat storage facilities in plenty of time of the 2012 London Olympics. The program for preparatory training has already been completed and the selected crews ready to begin the four year lead up.

It should be noted that Andrew has recently been promoted to the executive of the Australian Olympic Committee. We congratulate him on his appointment and look forward to his annual attendance.

Our second guest was old club member Rod Dovey. Rod started sailing with his father Cliff as a Bailer Boy in the mid 1940's in Aquila II E8.

He recounted his sailing experiences including cruising around the bay in a Seahorse. Another of his memories was the day a car arrived in the carpark with a Plywood Dinghy on a trailer. The boat was carried down to the beach and rigged for sailing and then set off on the water without even talking to club members. Up to that time all boats either sailing or fishing were heavy and needed to be kept next to the water in organised clubs. Rod believed that this was the day that sailing changed as people could buy a boat, keep it wherever they wished and sail it without ever knowing anything about sailing.

Rob also continued his reminiscences of the club and its personalities such as Es Prior, Jo Johansson and Harold Cooper. Rod, Es and Jo entered a 12square metre Sharpie yacht in the 1956 Olympic trials but Australia's representative was Roly Tasker. However Tasker and the Russians both used Elwood at their home base for the Olympic sailing events. Tasker won a silver medal so it wasn't a disadvantage.

There were many more memories that Rod recounted too numerous to mention here but he graciously donated a book of recollections of the ESC from 1943 - 1958 and a beautiful photograph of Aquila II. These are both on display at the club.

## **NEWS FLASH**

John Dodd was so over whelmed by Commodore Mark Fosters request for more old boy volunteers that he nominated for the position of Commodore for 2009/2010 and was duly elected. John was last Commodore in 1988 - 21 years ago when he was a Young? Man.

## **COMMODORES REPORT**

Mark Foster welcomed the members back to their club. He advised that the club was in good shape and that the training scheme should produce more members in the future. The refurbishment of the foreshore was nearly complete and as a result some great benefits had been acquired by the club from the Port Phillip council.

## **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from 42 members as listed and we acknowledge the following donations.

Paul Carver \$10	Peter Smith \$40
Gary Sheard \$50	Peter Reid \$60
Chris Heywood \$60	Tony Watt \$30
Daryl Martin \$30	

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Our **bank balance** at the 9<sup>th</sup> September 2009 was \$752.59

## **From last years replies**

**Ian Atkinson wrote:** Thanks for the kind invitation. Sorry age and distance precludes attendance - seems strange as he is only 85 this year.

**Daryl Martin:** Advised that we picked a bad date (even though it's the same every year!!) As for him as he has a hernia operation booked for the date. However he added that he would have rather been at our dinner.

**Chris Heywood:** Said that unfortunately he was unable to attend due to international travel on this date.

**Charlie Conabere:** "Won't be attending any more reunions as it is now too far for me to travel".

**John Gill emailed:** To John Dodd and Seahorse team, "Sorry I am unable to enjoy the entertainment and friendship at the Seahorse dinner this year. I will be in Adelaide, hopefully, buying a trailer sailer 'Lidgard 8'. Have a good night".

**Young Tony Watt:** (Only 79) Noted, "Sorry John getting a little beyond 'late' nights".

**Alan Swann:** (A young 85) also could not attend.

**Jack Carroll:** (79) Ex sailfish sailor, "Enjoyed my visit to Elwood last year and met up with a few old friends but I am unable to come down."

## **Elections**

John Dodd was re-elected to the position of President for the year ending 10<sup>th</sup> November 2009.

## **NEWS ARTICLE FROM THE AGE 72 YEARS AGO**

Three young members of the Elwood Canoe Club spent an anxious and bitterly cold half-hour clinging to the keel of a tiny sailing punt after it had capsized in the Bay, about half a mile off St Kilda Pier, yesterday afternoon. They were rescued by a yacht from the St Kilda club. The youths were Selby Joy, 16 years, St Kilda Road, Elwood, William Crofts, 18 years, Vautier Street Elwood and David Collins, 17 years of Elwood. In company with two other punts, they were passing St Kilda Pier when they were trapped in a south-westerly squall. One punt put back to shelter, another was beached, but the third overturned in a heavy sea off the pier. Scrambling free from torn sail, the youths gripped the keel of the vessel until Mr Brooks, of the St Kilda Dinghy Club who with a companion, was sailing in a new yacht from Adelaide, picked them up.

**- The Age, 1 October 1937**

## **NEW ESC HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS**

### **BRIAN ADENEY**

Brian Adeney is a long standing member of Elwood Sailing Club and regular competitor in club events. For many years Brian has assisted in the management of the club and in particular in race management and with the club's training program and club boats. Although Brian has kept a low profile, his work has benefited most club members and most of the club's on water programs and events.

In appreciation for continuous years of service to the club and fellow club members, we believe that it is fitting for Brian to be nominated as a Life Member of Elwood Sailing Club.

### **JOHN PYERS**

John Pyers is a long standing member of Elwood Sailing Club and regular competitor in club events. John has served on General Committee and has assisted the club in many ways over the past years. More recently assisting in the race control tower while recovering from surgery and unable to sail. In more recent years, John's passion for ESC has been matched by his passion for the A Class catamaran. John has personally been responsible for much of the growth in the club fleet. John is regularly at the club during the week and willingly and cheerfully assists the club in numerous tasks upon request. John also assists many members with their boats. John epitomises clubman ship.

### **Vale**

Selby Joy and Peter Reid



**Rod Dovey sailed in this boat Aquila II. This was the boat in the photo donated to the ESC.**



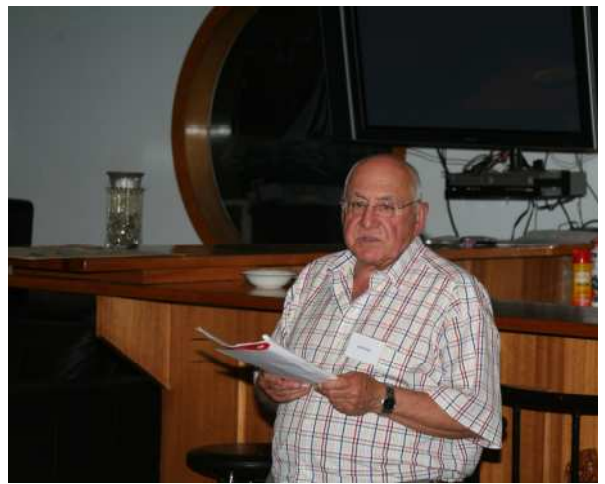
**PHOTOS FROM 2008 ANNUAL DINNER**



**Rod Dovey presenting photo of Aquila II to commodore Mark Foster.**



**More happy members at the dinner.**



**The President still talking.**



**The President donates a Poster of 1974 Quickcat Championships held at Elwood to Commodore Mark Foster.**



**Chairman of Yachting Australia Andrew Plympton more relaxed after Beijing Olympics.**



**The Elwood Seahorse old boys and girls on the night.**

I will / will not be present at the ELWOOD SAILING CLUB on  
**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2009**  
Annual Dinner and Reunion.

**Please advise by Friday 6<sup>th</sup> of November 2009**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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Years ESC Member: \_\_\_\_\_

\$60.00 is enclosed and covers:  
3 Course Meal, Pre Dinner & Dinner Drinks  
(\$50.00 only if over 70 years)

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