



PORT OF WILLIAMSTOWN ACTION GROUP INC

Annual General Meeting

Tuesday 06 October 2026 1500 hrs (Venue: Online Via Zoom)

Attendance

Jonathan Fryer (President), Anthony Beck (Secretary), Peter Garner (Treasurer),Steve Walker, Peter Harris, Warwick Norman, David Gaylor, Daren Keast

Apologies

Dani O'Hare, Rod Austin , Damian Purcell

Introduction

President JF welcomed members to this fifth Annual General Meeting of the Port of Williamstown Action Group (PoWAG) . Also welcomed were Commodore David Gaylor (Hobsons Bay Yacht Club) and Commodore Daren Keast (Royal Motor Yacht Club Vic)

President acknowledged traditional owners of the land upon which we meet this afternoon.

Notice of meeting, as per rule 33 was noted as having been circulated.

Minutes

Minutes of previous meeting were approved.

Correspondence

- Email from Anthony Beck advising he will be standing down as Secretary due to family obligations (Latter advised he is happy to stay on for next period with assistance)
- Email from Peter Garner advising he will relinquish Treasurer duties at end of financial year

Annual Report

The President has previously circulated a PoWAG Update 2026 which provided a detailed report to members and interested parties. He also thanked Tony Parkes from Architecture HQ for developing the visual representations of the breakwater.

The update key points are as below :



General Position and Current Challenges

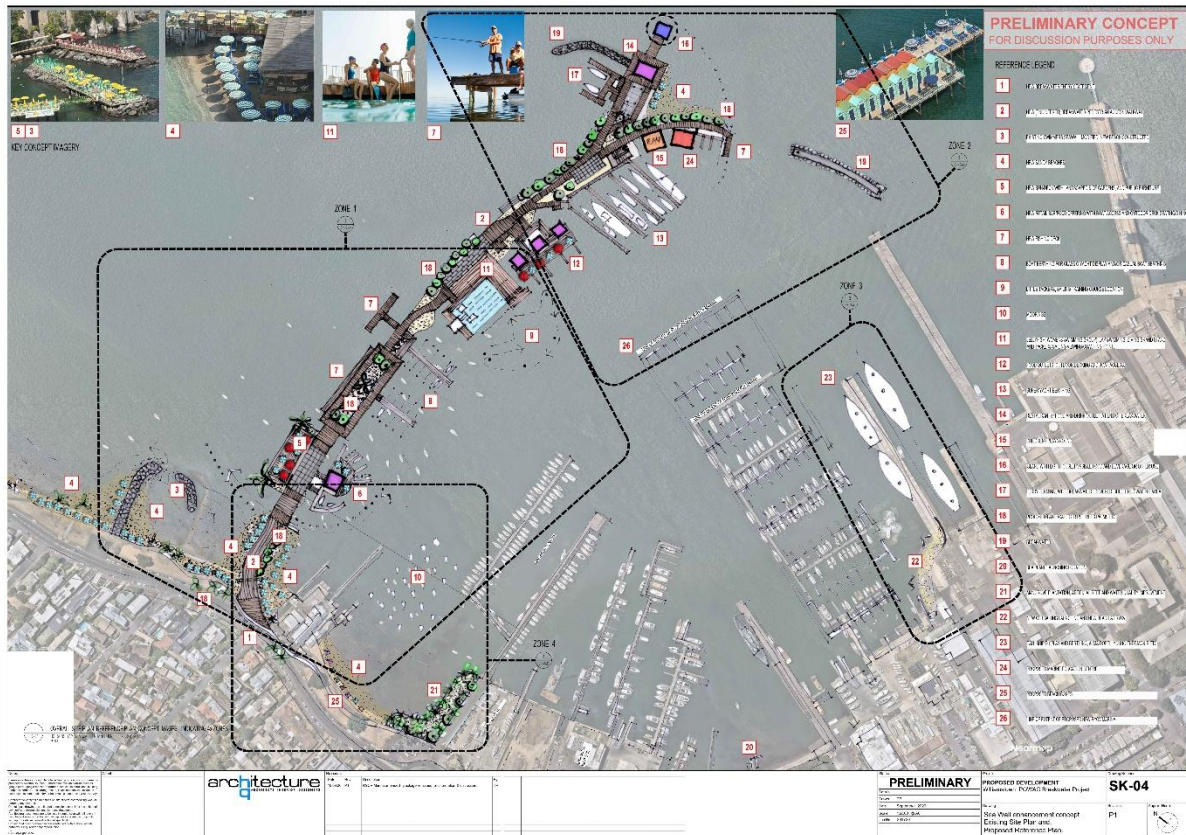
The PoWAG working group has met with the Hobsons Bay City Council, Department of Transport, Port of Melbourne and Melissa Horne MP and the Hon Steve Bracks. Out of these there has been strong support for the Maritime Precinct Development concept.

In particular the Council identified the need for an articulated vision of what the final picture should look like and that the next stages of the 2023 Local Port Action Plan need someone from Council or State Government to take ownership and fund developing the next stages of asset development to archive a living maritime heritage waterfront.

We also identify the sale/ future use of the BAE site as pivotal in supporting the needs for deep harbour ship maintenance facility making Williamstown a world class maritime destination for super yacht servicing as well as commercial vessel servicing. Now is the time to lobby for the best use.

PoWAG has developed visual sketch representations of a Hobsons Bay Precinct Rock Wall Breakwater which integrates with existing features of Williamstown. This proposal includes casual recreational berthing on floating pontoons—the only such facility in our precinct— and shows what could be possible with increased community facilities and boosts the underdeveloped Williamstown Marine Precinct. (refer attached)

**PORT OF
WILLIAMSTOWN**
ACTION GROUP



Next Steps

- PoWAG will continue to lobby Council and State Government to take the next steps of the Local Port Area Plan
- We will seek funding for necessary concept /environmental studies for the breakwater development
- PoWAG will be having its AGM in October 2026, if you are interested in joining our working group check our website www.powag.org and make contact via our email safeharbour@powag.com.au

Finance Report

Treasurer shared a written financial report for the financial year as follows

Membership,
11 corporate members



Financial activity,

- Total income of \$ 1000.00
- Total expenses of \$738.60
- Surplus of \$ 261.40
- Bank Balance at 30 Sept 2026 \$4,498.74 .00

Treasurer recommend we investigate lower cost website provider than Go Daddy.

- Memberships for 26-27 were issued on 17/9/2026
- Seaworks to be added to list of corporate members and be invoiced for current period

It was resolved that the Finance report be adopted.

Election of Office Bearers and Committee

The President outlined the process to elect office bearers and committee members consistent with PoWAG's rules

Meeting called for nominations and the following members were elected to the following positions

Election of President JF elected as President

Election of Vice President Dani O'Hare

Election of Secretary Anthony Beck

Election of Treasurer Peter Garner (Until end of financial Year)

Election of Committee Members

The Chair called for nominations as Committee members. The meeting nominated and elected

- Mr Steve Walker
- Peter Harris
- Mr Rod Austin
- Mr Warwick Norman
- Mr Damian Purcell

General business

SW noted that now we have the breakwater visual drawings, we have opportunity to start getting people behind supporting the project. Out of the yacht clubs, boating industry and locals etc there is a huge voice – we need to harness the people power .



JF raised suggestion that before we go too far with public action, we need to address one of the key questions re waterflows/ silting dredging etc that might be caused by the break water construction. This would need funding for a study could be \$100 to \$200K.

JF to follow up with DP his CSIRO contact.

AB suggested we should start discussions with potential floating marina manufactures as they stand to gain from the three clubs (RYCV, RMYC and HBYC) building floating marinas once a permanent safe harbour solution is in place.

SW suggest we talk to Bellingham and Marine Structures. He would be happy to make introductions if PoWAG can provide him with some bullet points to list what we want and what the upside for them would be to fund initial studies. JF & Group to action

It was also agreed that Port of Melbourne should be contributing to funding construction. Need to keep pushing this as they are holding community consultations re Webb dock works.

Group to set up meeting with Paul Lindeman (Running for State Liberal seat) . Also suggested we get Jonathan Marsden back into group as he did a lot of work for local area.

JF said we had contacted Melissa Horne MLP to see if she agreed with us contacting Greensquare Data centre developer on edge of Yarra River in Spotswood in regards financial contribution for Public realm obligations .Awaiting response .

Conclusion

The Chair thanked members for their participation and declared meeting closed at 1540

Anthony Beck
Secretary
6th October 2026