



A-Viking

Newsletter of the Australian Viking Ships Museum

Welcome to the first issue of A-Viking, the newsletter of the Australian Viking Ships Museum.

At the last meeting of the Museum, in March 2005, it was agreed that a newsletter would help members and supporters of the Museum to stay informed with projects and events that the Museum is involved in.

This newsletter will be lodged at the ASVM website [<http://www.australianvikingshipsmuseum.surf.to/>] and thus will inform the general public of the work and aims of the Museum.

Community Benefit Cards

The President, Richard Amy, announced at the last ASVM meeting that he had arranged for members and friends to contribute to the Museum while shopping at the *Ritchie's* Supermarket chain. The scheme works by using a card that allots a 1% donation to the Museum of the total cost of purchases made at *Ritchie's* supermarkets.

The cards and information will be mailed to members shortly.

If you are interested in having a card mailed out or additional ones for friends and family, please call (03) 5989 2953 or email rahra@satlink.com.au.

Mooring at Albert Park Lake

The AVSM is in negotiations for applying for mooring rights at Albert Park Lake, to enable members and their families and friends to participate in sailing and maintaining the vessels of the Museum.

As part of this endeavour, the Museum will display the *færing* on Sunday 12 June 2005 at 11:30am, at the 1st Victorian Sea Scouts boathouse at Albert Park Lake.

The Sea Scouts are located at Aquatic Drive (Melways map 2K, at reference grid G6).

When entering Albert Park Lake from Clarendon St, turn left on Albert Rd and then right at Aquatic Drv. The Sea Scouts have the last boathouse next to the Albert Park Yacht Club.

Members are invited to bring their families and friends. Hope to see you all there!

Tasmanian Wooden-Boat Show

President Richard Amy, displayed the museum's *færing* at the Tasmanian Wooden-Boat Show in February this year. It attracted a lot of interest from the public and Richard was able to distribute plenty of information pamphlets about the Museum.



Skuldelev II replica longship in Tasmania

Eric Thorup also travelled to the Boat Show and took the above photograph of a replica of one of the five Viking ships discovered in Roskilde Fjord, Denmark in 1962. The Viking-Age ships unearthed in Roskilde are believed to have been built in Dublin, Ireland around 1042.

Viking Waterford, Ireland

The 'SAVE VIKING WATERFORD' Action Group has called on the Irish government to take control of the Woodstown Viking Site by ordering an immediate publicly funded, full excavation of the site.

The government has known about the existence of the site for **nearly two years** and an announcement about the future of the site has been delayed several times.

Apart from Woodstown, we have no evidence of a large ninth-century Viking settlement from anywhere in Western Europe so European scholars are seeking answers here to questions which have long puzzled them.

If you wish to support the preservation of this Viking-Age settlement and port visit the "Viking Waterford" website at: <http://vikingwaterford.com/index.htmlw>.

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This web site is intended as a source of information for those who wish to find out more about the

9th Century Settlement found at Woodstown

near Waterford City, which was first excavated by archaeologists in April 2003 in preparation for the N25 Waterford Bypass Project and about Waterford's Viking Heritage



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Paul Gosling, Director of the Heritage Studies Programmes, Galway/Mayo I.T.

The 'Save Viking Waterford' website



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