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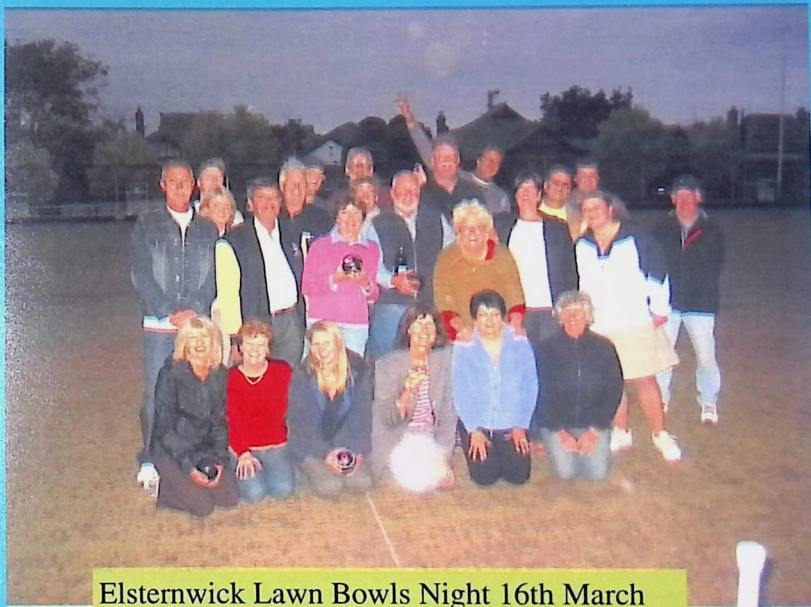
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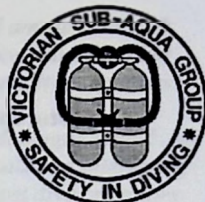
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# Editorial

Alan Storen



*With summer come and gone and winter approaching it is now over to the serious divers to do their thing. It is still not too late to book in for a 20°C dive in the bay but you must get in quick before the dredging. I still think that it is a 'when' rather than an 'if' but I am still protesting loudly, as are many others. One can only hope that environmental issues outweigh the economic ones and the government resist the pressure from big business and the unions.*

*On the social side we held a lawn bowls night recently and it went down very well. I have reported elsewhere in the mag but I know the committee would welcome any other suggestions that you might have on other events.*

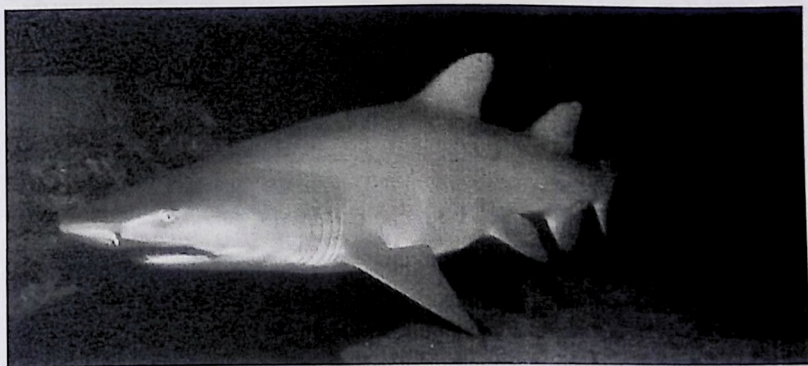
*Our visitor last month was Barry Andrewartha, editor of Divlog, Scuba Diver, Freediver and other magazines and it was great to hear of his involvement in the dive industry over many years. I found it particularly interesting as he recalled many 'early diving day' experiences, both in and out of the water.*

*Our guest for the April meeting is to be a member of the Police Search and Rescue Squad—operational circumstances permitting. He will talk about his equipment, training and special tasks he has been involved in. Please try to make the effort to come and support. If you hear of other speakers please let one of the committee know. Labour Day saw the 'almost annual' trip to Cape Jaffa and some came back with a smile on their face and a bag of crays.*

*The club trip to Truk is getting close (May 19 departure) and I am sure all wish those going a great trip. Pat and I are staying at Guam for a few extra days but not sure if we are diving. I have dived there previously and found it not quite as good as Truk but still interesting.*

*I am writing this editorial having just got out of the water at Montague Island. No grey nurse sharks to be seen but several wobblygongs, mega seals and interesting marine life. I found it hard to get a dive up here this time as most dive operators had changed their operation to cater for the day-tripper to the island or the fisherman. My solo diving training/ qualification was essential as they would not take me out without it. They essentially drop the walkers off on the island for the three hour tour and then took me to the various dive spots to do a double dive. I recommend that you do not go unless you have a solo ticket or a dive buddy. It was the same at Batman's Bay and Bermagui.*

*Until next edition  
Alan*



**Reports on dives and other activities are urgently needed. Please submit to the editor. Photos also needed of club trips and social activities.**

# DIVE REPORT— SUNDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY.

## “GEORGE IS ALIVE AND WELL”

John Lawler - Dive Captain

*How many VSAG'ers have had the great experience of diving on the great Phillip Island former bucket dredge wreck/dive site the “George Kermodé” ?*

*Well I think George has been one of the mainstay dives we in VSAG have enjoyed for many years and certainly in my time a big hit with divers. From Newehaven it is an easy and enjoyable journey to the wreck site off Smiths beach.*

*And for the petrol heads like me on some days we get the added bonus of the roar of the V8's atop the cliffs at Lindsay Fox's race track. Too good!*

*I recall one dive occasion we visited the site travelling out from Flinders over Western Port channel, past Seal Rocks, around Pyramid Rock and onto the dive site and to say the sea conditions were testy getting there would be understating the fact. It was rough and swelly. The adrenaline was flowing but so also was the sea sickness before and after the dive from several divers.*

*On our latest dive day we departed from the Newhaven boat ramp on the lowest of low low tides ( need to keep in the channel as the rocks can play havoc with props!) and headed out down the channel on calm water until we rounded the Eastern point of the island and then ran into the Southerly swells.*

*Alan Storen was skippering my boat for the day and was applying his new boating skills really well.....keep the grunt up Alan...the Yamaha has 175 HP to get us there!!*

*Mick Jeacle and his crew of Tony Tiping, Jackie Storen and Cath Pedlow hit the wreck site with almost pin point accuracy and my GPS confirmed the same location give or take a few metres difference. What an amazing instrument the GPS is.*

*Discussing the safety aspect of our position via VHS radio with Mick it was agreed both boats would do a two up/two down dive profile, despite both boats being at anchor.*

*My boat had Alan Storen, Meg Johnson and Trevor Williams as crew for the day and Alan and Meg were the lead divers. Their report on surfacing was the wreck Vis was ok but only around 5mtrs. Both divers had a really satisfying dive.*

*Trevor and I found the dive to be really good and the swell was nowhere as difficult as expected and in fact the dive was quite comfortable. Some progressive reports on the condition of the wreck suggested that some parts of the internal structure had become*

*unsafe and so a penetration dive did not form part of our dive plan.*

*Despite some concerning reports from Alan and Mary Beckhurst about the savaging the J4 submarines took during the recent Wednesday storm, the George Kermode is only showing some minor external structural fractures. I noted only two and these were on the North side ( IE if the vessel was upright on the port side). Whilst the vessel has shown some structural fractures, overall George is alive and well!!*

*The fish life on the wreck is extraordinary and as always the large schooling Sweep are seen all around. The occasional Southern Rock Lobster can also be seen living under the metal sheetings on the sea floor.*

*The afore mentioned sea sickness determined that some of Mick's crew had done their days diving. Boredom must have had already set in highlighted by the fact that around ten minutes after clearing our departure with Mick, a call came over the radio that his boat's motor wouldn't fire up. I advised a return to help which was greeted with " Nah only joking".*

*My crew decided to look for some diving opportunity off the south side of the Island but it was too swelly for comfortable diving as was the bay in between the two extreme island points. Trevor was keen to fine tune his new dive gear so a dive on the shore line on the North side was our final diving for today.*

*Back to the ramp for a quick boat wash down and over to the sunny San Remo pub for some cold refreshment to wash away the salt. We were entertained by the Jackie and Cathy stories of the Cray Fish Catch Training Course they had attended and which was conducted by a dive club in Portsea.*

*Seems the "course teacher" took the students to the dive site and after swimming around an area for quite some time where some crays were seen, the students had to surface as time was up.*

*The teacher who apparently was on twins/nitrox continued the dive and surfaced some time later with a bug or two. Seems the students didn't actually learn or be shown how to catch the crays, but were shown the area and the ledges where they lived. Interesting! Guess in the dive industry these days it's a tough game and an entrepreneurial way to make money has to be respected. As for the actual "how to catch" it will probably be the next course which will no doubt be called "advanced".*

*It seemed a long trip back to Melbourne but the company of new club member Trevor Williams was a bonus.*

*Thanks to all the divers who came down to Phillip Island for the dive day and as always to Mick Jeacle for supporting me and my crew with his boat.*

## EARLY-ONSET ALZHEIMERS

*As a fellow member of Getunder Diving Club, Alan Beckhurst introduced me to John Lawler as a contact for some mid-week diving. In introducing me to the members of his "2<sup>nd</sup> Club" Alan was prepared to risk face, and yet he even went to great efforts to give me a good rap. I suspect that he lied through his teeth and told them that I was a good diver just so that he might get a chance at some mid-week diving on John's boat himself. Anyway, we've done some great dives together through the past year, which have basically kept me living while I worked weekends.*

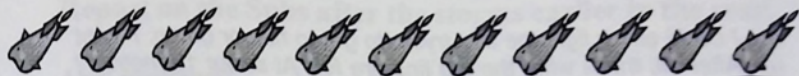
*On Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> of January (well, almost a Friday 13<sup>th</sup>) I met up with the VSAG boys at Portsea ramp for yet another glorious mid-week day of diving. Also diving were Rob Birtles and Alan Storen. Charlie came along to crew. The thing with VSAG is that they're all semi-retired, or self-employed, or schoolteachers, so it's not impossible to get a crew mid-week. On that fateful day, AB was committed to volunteer work at the Marine Science Centre so I was on my own - diving with strangers in a strange Club and trying hard to make a good impression.*

*The plan was to rip all the remaining crays out of AB's "Secret Reef" during slack-water, then go out and do a sub. Yes, a reverse profile but we'd have plenty of surface interval. Anyway, I made a mental note to use the 88 first and save my 95 for the sub.*

*After a long, slow, leisurely cruise down towards the Rip (plenty of laughs, plenty of stirring, nobody's in a hurry) I was buddied with Rob Birtles and started gearing up. Purely out of habit, (and totally forgetting my mental note) I kitted up my 95, and in we went. After 10 minutes of sand we surfaced, chastised Charlie severely about his navigation skills and got dropped off again - this time on a low, sandy reef. Either AB's been more secret about his Secret Reef than we thought, or we missed it altogether.*

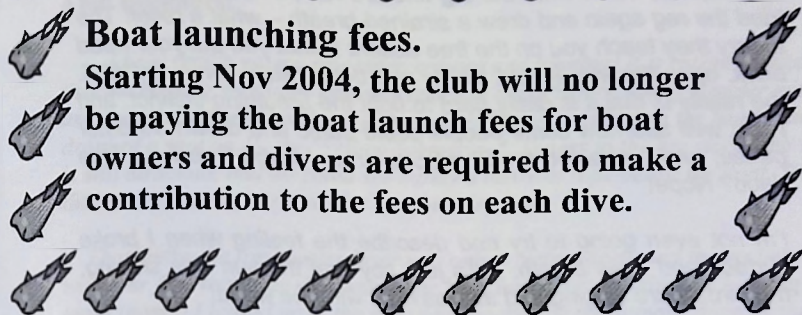
*A nice, leisurely lunch watching the surf pounding on Nepean beach then we went out towards the subs to find a huge rolling swell outside the heads, so we came back inside for a drift off Shortlands. Me and Rob Birtles were stirring each other un-mercifully as we geared up, yet somehow my mental note came into play and I "remembered" that I was going to use my 95 for the 2<sup>nd</sup> dive.*





## **Boat launching fees.**

**Starting Nov 2004, the club will no longer be paying the boat launch fees for boat owners and divers are required to make a contribution to the fees on each dive.**



*Then, an unforgivable mistake! After nearly 30 years of diving, I forgot to check my contents gauge after setting up my kit! Forgetting which tank you used first isn't really a problem as long as you check your contents gauge. That's because if you check your contents gauge like you're supposed to, you'd realise that you've put on a tank with 80 BAR in it instead of the anticipated 240 BAR.*

*It was a very fast drift in fair 3-4 metre viz, so I moved up the line to scout for ledges. When a likely-looking ledge appeared I signalled Rob and he hooked in, did a quick check for crays, unhooked and away we went again. I picked up a near-new spring-loaded catch-bag complete with torch and antique bottles as we raced along at about 4 knots, and I divided my attention between jettisoning unwanted bottles and looking for ledges.*

*A big ledge loomed up and, quick as a flash, Rob was onto it and hooked in. As I fought my way into the current to get back to the ledge I became conscious that the ol' Oceanic reg was getting just a little bit tight to breathe. Then on the next breath there was no air at all! Just before Rob ducked under the ledge I gave him the ol' point-to-reg "I want to Buddy-Breathe" signal. Because either he hadn't seen me or because I hadn't done the correct slash-under-the-throat "Out of Air" signal, he ducked under the ledge. I then tried several of the ol' pull-hard-on-driftline-hey-you-mongrel-gimme-air-for-chrissakes signal, but of course the line was hooked in and he couldn't feel it.*

*So, I could either fight the tide trying to get to him or go up. I went up. After all, that's what the big fins are for! At about 10 metres I tried the reg again and drew a strained breath – what a relief! The theory they teach you on the free ascent is that you put your head back, open the airway and slowly and deliberately come up. Well, the reality is that it is really hard to fight the breathing instinct, and I can well see how some people could panic and drown. Another pause, and a strained breath at 5 metres. Maybe time for a little deco? Nope!*

*I'm not even going to try and describe the feeling when I broke surface and drew breath. Let's just say that the sun was shining, the birds were singing and all was right with the world!*

*Back on the boat and the tank still had a few PSI left, so it wasn't a hose rupture or reg failure (I'd have heard a hose blow). Quite oblivious to what had really happened I was cursing the dive shop for not filling the tank properly when it dawned on me that I mustn't have checked the contents gauge and I'd really be much better off just shutting up altogether.*

*In the post-mortem the only conclusion I can reach is early-onset Alzheimer's Disease. I clean forgot which tank I'd used first and clean forgot to check my contents gauge. We were having a great day, lotsa laffs, nice sunshine, good company, good clean fun, worries all forgotten.*

*And then I almost killed myself.*

*Yet again a timely reminder. You can never take diving for granted. It is definitely a fine line between adventure, and mis-adventure!*

## **Rob Kirk**

*EDITOR: Rob has applied to join VSAG and is obtaining a current medical.*

## Report on the Subs after the storms earlier in the year.

Alan Beckhurst

*I have finally got my new video camera and housing! It is recommended that the housing should be pressure tested at depth before taking it under with an expensive camera inside, so Mary and I slipped out through the heads, and dropped a shot on J5, the "Yellow Submarine". Thanks to the big storm, the vis is still atrocious, and we could see barely a metre of rope below the float. Still, this was a housing test dive, not a sightseeing trip.*

*Thankfully, the fresh water layer was only 3 metres deep, and the vis below it was over 4 metres! Our shot was at the bow, but, after checking the housing for leaks (none!) I looked up at the sub to be shocked by the damage done by the storm. For those who are familiar with the damage done to the J1 after the '95 storm, now the J5 is similar. Much of the bow has collapsed down to the torpedo tubes, with debris scattered about the bottom. Sheeting has been ripped away from much of the hull, leaving gaping holes everywhere.*

*The conning tower and stern remain unchanged, but I was concerned about the integrity of the pressure hull. The J1 broke aft of the conning after the '95 storm, so I entered the hatch in the similar position on the J5 to have my fears confirmed. A fracture of the pressure hull is letting light in just aft of the hatch, J5 is now broken. In almost a carbon copy of the J1, the bulkhead forward of the control room is shattered, and debris all over the floor.*

*Sorry, there are no pics as yet, Mary took my pressure tested housing, this time complete with video camera, back down for a lap of the sub in poor vis. Of course she returned babbling about how many fish she saw, but with some good footage of the exterior damage as well. As I haven't got video lights yet, and there was 3 metres of fresh water soup on the surface, it was a challenge for the Sony's low light capabilities.*

*It was sad to see such a dramatic step in the inevitable demise in these wonderful wrecks, and once the dredging starts, I'm afraid local diving will only be a shadow of the excellence we have enjoyed. The "Yellow Sub" is yellow no more, its signature yellow zoanthis are laying on the bottom with the surface plating. I have yet to dive the remainder of the subs, but noticed similar damage to a lesser degree on the Coogee. Hopefully soon the vis will improve and we can check the others.*

## **REPORT: VSAG Lawn Bowls Night 16<sup>th</sup> March Elsternwick Lawn Bowls Club**

Alan Storen

*It was great to see 24 VSAGs and partners/friends in attendance and a fantastic night was had by all. We started with drinks at about 6pm (come on it was a VSAG function!) and into the instructions and practice soon after. The serious games started at about 6:30 and most managed to get at least one bowl/ball within about a metre of the kitty during their 10+ ends. The continued drinking actually improved some people's game! Every group seemed to be enjoying themselves even if it was at their opponents/ partner's expense. To finish off the bowling part of the evening all were sent to the far corners of the green and asked to bowl at a centre bottle of wine – closest to keep. Bruce Dart was the star and I hope he enjoys the wine over a candle lit dinner with Dawn.*

*Next was the meal and the choice was soup (tomato and corn) and main (fish and chips, chicken parma, lamb curry) or main and desert (date pudding). No complaints were heard and all seemed to enjoy. Quantity and quality was excellent.*

*All left saying we should do this sort of thing more often and so I will be recommending the same at the next committee meeting. If you have any further thoughts for other functions please let me know and I will pass on to the social committee.*

Those in attendance were:

AJ Storen

Alan and Jude Storen

Andy and Gail Mastrowicz and 7 friends/rels

Barry and Marie Truscott

Bruce and Dawn Dart

Chris Storen and Renee

Jackie Storen

John and Yvonne Lawler

Mick and Annie Jeacle

Pat Reynolds

*Editor: Photos on the front and back cover.*



# Dredging Protest

Darren Pearce

For those of you who are interested Please find enclosed pictures I took of the Westgate Bridge Rolling Blockade' protest. It was great to see a huge turn out from recreational divers to fishing anglers to commercial fisherman all standing together for one cause. As a recreational scuba diver and Fishing angler I would be devastated if we allow our bay to be dredged for the Sake to allow Larger draft ships to enter the bay **THE MAJOR BENEFICIARIES OF THE PROPOSED CHANNEL DEEPENING OF PORT PHILLIP BAY WILL BE THE INTERNATIONAL SHIPPING COMPANIES?** and little will benefit us in Victoria **If this goes ahead forget all the Good diving in our bay.** I was Most amused to find out that SDFV has Given Unanimous support to the 'Australia day popes eye rally', considering they took it upon themselves not to oppose the dredging in the first place. Is the SDFV going to be involved in future rally's ? I did not see anyone from the SDFV At the Westgate rolling blockade today.

Darren





**NEWSPAPER Article for FATHOMS**

***From the Star newspaper in Johannesburg, So Africa***



**An Australian deep-water diver has discovered the 10-year-old remains of a fellow diver while setting a new world record, South African Broadcasting Corporation news reported on Friday.**

**Australian David Shaw found the skeletal remains of Deon Dreyer, who died in 1994 inside Boesmansgat near Daniëlskuil in the Northern Cape, at a depth of 271m.**

**Shaw broke the former world record of 242m for diving with re-breather equipment instead of the normal scuba-diving equipment, set by three German divers.**

**He says he wanted to go further, but had to stop when he discovered Dreyer's remains.**

**It took Shaw nine-and-a-half hours to complete the dive, most of this time taken up by decompression.**

**Verna van Schaik broke the world record for women on Monday**



**when she reached a depth of 221m at Boesmansgat. -- Sapa**

Article supplied by Herb Epstein



# NEW MEMBERS APPEAL.

JOHN LAWLER  
MEMBERSHIP OFFICER.

The Victorian Sub Aqua Group has a membership of approximately 57 members. Of those members are several who join in for selective diving, both local and overseas, and several who have chosen to remain members but do not dive.

On most weekend diving activities, the divers are now down to a fairly static group of around six to ten divers and therein lays the opportunity to build on our regular active diving base.

Our club is fortunate to have many young members but also the club is experiencing an aging factor and over the next ten to fifteen years it is probable many of our club elders may not be diving.

Such is the fact of life with many clubs.

**Basically the club needs more new diving members!**

Short of taking out an additional specific advertisement in the dive magazines, it may be we have to turn to all our current members to look out for potential new members.

Good news is that the VSAG club notice which appears in Dive Log is having some benefit in that the club is getting some enquiries and one or two new members.

The children of several members are now grown adults and we are seeing new members from this, which is really great for the club.

**But despite this the club still needs more members.**

Diving is the cornerstone of the VSAG. Social events, dive planning, club property, safety and boats are still integral to the functioning of the week to week events and this will require members to fill committee positions as an ongoing yearly work in progress.

The purpose of this communication is to ask each and every member of our club to be on the lookout for any potential new members. It would be of great benefit if you could inform a potential new member of the benefits of joining VSAG. If a potential new member is ok to pass on a contact number I would be most happy to follow up with the person.

Thank you in anticipation.

## **DIVE REPORT**

### **SUNDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2005**

JOHN LAWLER.

*With many VSAGers on Christmas holiday in Adelaide and elsewhere, it came as no surprise that the number of available boats and divers for the scheduled dive on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> January would be limited.*

*However four divers were around for the day and so we had a crew for the dive. Alan Storen, on his way home from SA on Saturday, called in from Ararat to book in. Robert Birtles, very dehydrated from several months of non diving booked in, Leo Maybus, and Gabreil Sekias, who kept me company to and from the dive site was in also. Dream Crew!*

*Alan and Mary Beckhurst on Freediver and Darren Salter (Get Under Diving Group) both had crews and we all met for the slack water dive at the area now fondly known as "Awesome Reef".*

*Awesome reef was found by Alan Beckhurst in June 2004 when Mary Malloy, Alan Storen and I dived this new place during the June 2004 long weekend. On that day back then the wind was blowing 35+ knots North West on the bay but at 90 feet it was just calm and very special.*

*This general area of magnificent reefs, bommies and swim throughs is located on the west side of the shipping channel and ranges from 60 feet to 90 feet in depth. Understanding shipping movement is a must when diving in this area!*

*Dived on the slack flood this area is awesome in it's beauty, abundant fish life, crays, and spectacular all round scenery.... it really is a divers paradise! Alan Storen and I experienced this place again on our dive this day.*

*Robert and Gabriel dived in the general but were not fortunate to land in the reefs called Awesome, carried north by the last of the flood tide perhaps.*

*After some lunch we moved out through the heads and went west and Robert and Alan dived for crabs but ran out of reef and had a poor dive catch wise.*

*We then headed for the J4 submarine (90 footer) and Leo and Gabriel went for the wreck on Alan Buckhurst's shot line. This shot line is not a normal straight up and down unit and has another chain weighted line hanging of it. The two divers went down this line and missed the wreck by turning in the wrong direction and had the dive away from the wreck on the reefs around the west side of the sub.*

*The banter between Leo and Alan B is best left for another time about this line set up!*

*The weather conditions for this day were simply magnificent! Light winds, calm seas and bright sun was all that divers and boaties could wish for...it was a magic day to be out on the seas and our great bay.*

*Diving over and farewells made we headed for the traditional stopover at Portsea Pier before the retrieval at the Sorrento ramp.*

*Another fabulous dive day and from my personal point of view made better by the crew on my boat...lots of laughs, good fun...A quality day's diving with great VSAGer friends.*

*Thanks to Alan and Mary for your company (and for the use of your shot line!)...as always a great pleasure to be in your company.*

**Finally...unless by some miracle the power of big money and vested interests in the bay can be halted, go diving in the south end of our bay soon because it may be never be the same again if the dredging goes ahead!!**

# SAVE OUR BAY PROTEST POPES EYE MARINE RESERVE WEDNESDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2005.

John Lawler.

*It was an enormous task by the numerous people involved in pulling together the Save Our Bay protest at the Popes Eye on Australia Day at 10.30am.*

*Good conditions helped the divers and boats, but just in case help was needed the two Water Police boats were on stand by in the area south of Popes.*

*A large flotilla of commercial and private boats attended this event and the media from CH7 CH9 and CH10 each sent helicopters out to cover off the protest.*

*Red protest banners, flags, shirts, hats and balloons were displayed with great visual impact both on the divers inside the annulus and boats around the perimeter.*



*It was significant to note the great sense of working together by both commercial operators and the private sector and general participants in this opportunity to send the government another strong message against the unthinkable dredging of the bay. To the people from VSAG who felt strongly and deeply enough to put aside other Australia Day events and participate in this rally, thank you!*



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WINNER.

**BILL BELL**

CONGRATULATIONS TO BILL  
FROM THE MEMBERS OF THE  
VICTORIAN SUB AQUA GROUP.

# MARCH GENERAL MEETING PRESENTATIONS

JOHN LAWLER  
March 2005

Our monthly general meeting in March was a huge evening with the large number of VSAG'ers enjoying a presentation from dive industry guru Barry Andrewartha.

After the (now almost legendary) Cape Jaffa 5 day dive weekend trip, the sensational Elsternwick Club VSAG Social bowls night and finally the general meeting, March month was a big VSAG event. Just great!

Barry gave us an insight into his career in diving and related many stories of some of his more colourful and challenging dive experiences. Great stories.

The history behind the foundation of Dive Log and Sports Diving got a solid airing, all making for a most interesting presentation.

In the role of VSAG's Public Relations Officer I had the pleasure of asking Barry to make a presentation to Alan Storen. In December 2004, Alan was recognised for his contribution to Marine Education. The award scroll appears in this issue.

My brief for the scroll was given to Josie Mare who did a magnificent job in setting up the format, style and colour selection. All in all a very notable professional end result. Thank you Josie

Not only has Alan been recognised for his contribution to Marine Education, his input into the VSAG club activities is of the highest order.

Next month we have another presentation from the Victorian Police Search and Rescue Squad, a presentation which will be really interesting and not to be missed.

Safe and happy diving.

## Certificate of Recognition

Presented to

**Alan Storen**

In recognition of your  
2004 Award of Excellence in  
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## Things You'll Never Hear A Woman Say

1. What do you mean today's our anniversary?!
2. Can we not talk to each other tonight? I'd rather just watch TV.
3. Ohh, this diamond ring is way too big!!
4. And for our honeymoon we're going fishing in Alaska!
5. Aww, don't stop for directions, I'm sure you'll be able to figure out how to get there.
6. Is that phone for me? Tell 'em I'm not here.
7. I don't care if it is on sale, 300 dollars is too much for a designer dress.

## Things You'll Never Hear A Man Say:

1. Here honey, you use the remote.
2. You know, I'd like to see her again, but her breasts are just too big.
3. Ooh, Antonio Banderas AND Brad Pitt? That's one movie I gotta see!
4. While I'm up, can I get you anything?
5. Honey since we don't have anything else planned, will you go to the wallpaper store with me?
6. Why don't you go to the mall with me and help me pick out a pair of shoes?
7. Aww, forget football, Let's watch Melrose Place.
8. Hey let me hold your purse while you try that on.

## State Suppresses Vital Environment Report

Source: The Age: <http://theage.com.au/news/National/State-suppresses-vital-environment-report/2005>

7 March 2005

A high-level report calling for an overhaul of antiquated environmental laws that cover projects such as the controversial Port Phillip Bay channel deepening, has been suppressed by the Bracks Government for more than two years.

The confidential report, leaked to The Age, says Victoria's Environment Effects Act 1978, under which the channel deepening is being assessed, is weighted in favour of development over the environment and is in urgent need of modernising.

Senior environmentalists and legal academics say the Government has chosen not to act on the 140-page report's sweeping recommendations, preferring to use the existing outmoded laws to assess major projects such as the \$545 million channel deepening, the new power station at Hazelwood and the toxic waste dump.

"The current laws were written when we were all around in cheesecloth and platform shoes, when we understood a lot less about our natural world. It was an old-fashioned act and blasting and digging great holes in Port Phillip Bay is pretty old-fashioned, too," said Blue Wedges Coalition co-ordinator Jenny Warfe.

Former planning minister John Thwaites initiated the review in 2000, saying the 1978 act was outdated. Compiled by a committee headed by former Australian Chamber of Manufactures chief Dick Seddon, the report of the review was submitted to former planning minister Mary Delahunty two years and three months ago.

The Government has repeatedly refused to release the report and has denied freedom of information requests from The Age and the Opposition. New minister Rob Hulls has not yet responded to requests to release it.

The report points out that Victoria's Environment Effects Act has fallen behind those of other governments. It says the act does not state its objectives, makes no mention of "sustainability" and fails to define "environment".

In particular it notes that: "The protection of the environment appears to be of less importance than the promotion of economic wellbeing . . . the biophysical environment is less important than other considerations, particularly economic"...



# **CDAА course.**

Darren Pearce

Alan i got through my cave diving course last week it is the haardest thing i have had to learn in diving or anything else i have ever done see jpg picture

I really enjoyed the cave diving i did last week see jpg photos

**Well Done, Darren and congratulations**



# Labour Day – Cape Jaffa

## Alan Storen

*Dive Captain: Mick Jeacle*

*Boats: John Lawler, Mick Jeacle, Nev Viapree, Andy Mastrowicz.*

*Divers: above plus Bruce Dart, Alan Storen, Gabriel Sekias and friend from Sydney- Derek, Chris Llewellyn, Barry Truscott, Anthony Finnegan, Charlie Brincatt, Martin Taliana, Andy's rels and friends. (Total 16)*

*Most set out from Melbourne early Friday and headed for Jaffa. Accommodation was at the Cape Jaffa Caravan Park and most had settled by late afternoon. Saturday saw the boats launched early and off to a mark given to us by a local. A few sightings but not many crays in the bag, and so boats headed off to all points of the compass to find their own. There were reputations on the line and each had contributed \$5 to the kitty for heaviest cray! Fortunately (maybe unfortunately) I did not have a reputation so the pressure was off and I could enjoy the diving-which I did! Some good diving was had but not as many crays as some, the hunters and gatherers, had hoped. Andy's group had the biggest and it weighed in at over 4 Kg. The rest of the day was spent relaxing with an ale or two, or a red for some! Sunday again saw an early launch and each off to their secret spots. Nev and Charlie headed to the wineries and Robe. Andy's crew again came in with a full quota but at the end of the day the heaviest was one caught by Llew- the pressure was on!! Nev and Charlie headed home early Monday but Andy and crew headed out to meet the challenge. They caught their quota but not heavy enough to take the \$75 from Llew! Andy and crew headed back to Melbourne at lunchtime while the rest had a second dive. The final two groups – Mick's and JL's crews headed back to Melbourne on Tuesday morning after a 'social' evening.*

*Highlights/lowlights of the trip:*

*\*being overtaken by Llew in his BM, towing Mick's boat, at 109.999kph (some said faster but I believe Llew!)"*

*\*on arrival finding that a tyre on Mick's boat trailer was down to the canvas, with wires showing.*

*\*brakes on Mick's boat trailer breaking on the way over.*

*\*Finny bogging Llew's BM in the sand- some saw the funny side!*

*\*Llew catching the heaviest cray (high for him, low for everyone else).*

*\*JL's boat trailer tyre blowing out on the return trip*

*\*Andy and crew's catch – seemed to bag out each day-well done!*

*\*Llew's curried sausages- or was that last year?*

*\*Gabriel and Derek opting to sleep under the stars each night – did we snore that much?*

*\*fine food, good wine and good company – definitely a highlight!!*

# VSAG at the Prom – Easter 2005

Alan Storen

Gerry DeVries, Andrea and family  
Robert De Vries, Vicky and family  
Andy Mastrowicz , Gail and family and relatives  
Paul Tipping and Leslie  
Bob Scott and June  
Tony Tipping and Marg  
Trevor Williams and Cath  
Barry Truscott, Marie and family  
Alan Storen and Jude  
Chris Storen and Rennee  
Jackie Storen  
Pat Reynolds and family  
John Mills and Priya  
Darren Pearce  
Martin Taliana and  
Jeanette Large  
Leo Maybus and Cathy and family  
Andrew Maybus  
Lauren Maybus and family  
Jim Turner and family  
Ian Springall

*Some arrived before the official start of Easter and were greeted by 'Parks' doing some backburning. Nothing too serious they thought but the helicopter water bombing the fire provided some entertainment for the young (and old) kids. The smoke moved in on the Thursday night and caused more concern. Most arrived on Friday and there were some delays as the smoke(!) crossed/blocked the road. No need for concern said 'Parks'. Water bombing seemed to go on all day.*

*On Saturday it was time to dive and the fire was forgotten. Pat as DC took names of about 24 divers wanting to get wet. With only two boats – Andy's and Gerry/Rob's it was a tight fit. It was decided to have two shifts. The first shift geared up, boat launch went without any major effort or drama and boats headed to the Glennies for the first dive. All had a good dive and then back to Tidal River for the change over. The second group had their dive at the Glennies and, after the dive, boat retrieval went without any difficulty.*

*Sunday saw fewer divers wanting to get wet and a double dive was planned. With both boats filled it was again out to a different spot at the Glennies. The wind started to blow up and the second dive was aborted. We returned to Tidal and retrieved the boats. Many did not get the Tuesday off and many schools also started back after the Easter break. This meant that many packed their van/tent/boat and headed back on Monday morning. The highlight of the afternoon was Leo and Cathy packing their two tents, van*

and annex. Those that had not left set up a viewing gallery on the opposite side of second avenue to Leo's campsite and were entertained while enjoying and ale or two and giving them helpful hints and advice on how to pack and fit the tent into the undersize bag. What are friends for!! Finally Leo gave up, got out some food- camembert, pickled onions, ham, olives, etc, together with a couple of ales and had a well earned break. When we had eaten all their food the 'friends' all pitched in to pack the last tent. It was the longest pack up in Prom history but he did have a lot to pack!  
Gerry and family, Rob and the Storens left on Tuesday morning leaving Pat to fight the fires later in the week.

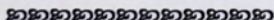
*Another very successful Prom trip but next year hopefully we will have more boats.*



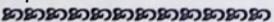
## (The) Troubadour



This is hopefully the first of an occasional column about the thoughts and experiences of a new VSAG member and diver. Perhaps new members and divers will empathise with some of the items. Perhaps it will stimulate the memories of older, more experienced members.



VSAG is an excellent club. It has a dedicated leadership, a very strong dive and social program, and most of all members who care about their sport and their environment. Improving diving techniques or skills, using or acquiring equipment, knowledge of dive sites, meeting other members – the assistance has been tremendous. It is a club to be proud of!



Late in 2004 a dive on the 90 foot sub was scheduled. As a new diver I had two concerns:



- 1 I hadn't been to that depth before.
- 2 I didn't want to spoil the dive for others.



When I voiced these concerns the immediate responses were "We'll take care of you". "We'll do this dive for you".



A short, accurate briefing and down we went. Mick Jeacle led with Alan Storen following to make sure I got down ok. We dived the plan exactly, which shows the advantage of being with divers who know the site well.





After a long surface interval in a slight swell, I became sea-sick. Oh how I longed to be back in the water again. We moved across to a nearby wreck, the Coogee. As we descended to around 30 meters again, the sea-sickness disappeared. Unfortunately the swell on the bottom brought it back again and eventually the dive was aborted. We ascended correctly, maintaining good rate of ascent with a safety stop. Not the most successful dive, but confidence rose at being able to follow correct procedures under difficulty.



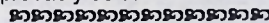
I have since learned of the benefits of "half a Kwell" before going near Bass Strait. Thanks Mick.



Some say VSAG is waning. This is not true! Sure, some older members for personal, family, health or other reasons have reduced their involvement. However, there is a persistent stream of potential new members on the dives and at meetings. A dedicated core and a steady flow of interest by new members is the strength of any club.



What is needed are strategies to encourage and maintain the involvement of new members – simple things like shore and night dives, equipment days, sharing dive site and GPS reference information with other boat owners. Many other ideas are out there. Older members will probably be stimulated as well.



Well that's the first column away. There is more where that came from and I am keen to include items by other new members and new divers. Send them to [william@bigpond.net.au](mailto:william@bigpond.net.au). And hopefully there will be sufficient interest for a second.



# SDFV Communications proposal

Dear All,

Following on from last Tuesday's SDFV committee meeting, can you remind your club that \$50 subs are due and more importantly:

re: Communications

The SDFV is an affiliation of recreational dive clubs, and is the peak-body representative of the interests of divers (as a community). The SDFV has a volunteer Executive, which takes care of the formalities of office, and Club-nominated SDFV delegates, who form the basis of the SDFV as a body.

The SDFV meets formally every second month, where matters needing SDFV attention are discussed and a formal position on a particular issue, or a process for tackling an issue, are established and agreed amongst the SDFV delegate body.

The intent of the Executive is always in the interests of the SDFV, as a collective body, but often efforts are thwarted by the indifference or apathy of Clubs to have a say, or offer a view for the SDFV Executive to work with. Recently, there has been activities and events which have highlighted the persistent difficulty in communicating issues to member clubs, and subsequently engaging the divers represented by the SDFV in open and healthy discussions, and in the formulation of SDFV policy or official position.

At the most recent SDFV meeting (5 April 2005), these communication Issues were discussed, and new approaches have been proposed. These include:-

1. Improved information exchange via e-mail & website (SDFV needs help with website - any advice from Clubs would be highly welcome)
2. An informal e-mail dialogue mechanism (chat room), in which views And opinions can be shared without being misconstrued in anyway.
3. A formal communications protocol for soliciting input for official SDFV output in submissions, etc.

Attached is an outline of a process where the formulation of an 'official' position of Clubs on a particular matter is encouraged and can be escalated to be part of the formulation of SDFV policy/position. (ie Item #3 in list above).

Please take the few minutes to read what is proposed. I trust you will all see and appreciate the intent.

In the coming days, two ISSUES will be released for clubs to consider Under the structure of this new approach.

Please try and contribute to making it work. We need new approaches to help preserve the respect the SDFV has in the community, and also as more productive tools which allow the SDFV to continue to contribute effectively in representing the common interests of recreational divers.

Cheers,  
John Hawkins.

A note from Dan - with the new website address of [www.sdfv.org.au](http://www.sdfv.org.au) the discussion list address will probably change, but for now ANY sdfv delegate can send mail to all delegates by sending to this email address: [sdfv@ecselists.eng.monash.edu.au](mailto:sdfv@ecselists.eng.monash.edu.au)

To: **All SDFV Clubs**  
Date: 6 April, 2005

### **Proposed new process for communications and the formulation of collective views.**

#### *Basis*

The SDFV (Executive) has to prepare many official submissions and articulate SDFV policy in response to never-ending consultative processes within the community. Many issues before the SDFV (and hence clubs) require Club input, and need to be addressed with open dialogue, and out of session (that is, in between the formal bi-monthly SDFV delegate meetings).

The following process is aimed to streamline formal information flow, and provide the SDFV Executive with input to guide the formulation of a formal SDFV policy/position in relation to any particular issue. The proposed 'new' general approach is:-

1. SDFV 'issues' will be disseminated to SDFV Club delegates via

the e-mail/website, generally on a standard *proforma*.

*Where possible, the 'issue' will be described in summary form on a specific ISSUE Summary pro-forma. The purpose of the Summary is to give everyone a heads-up and same level of intrinsic information. The Summary will also identify any existing SDFV policy or position in relation to the issue, and any recommendations from the SDFV Executive which might apply, and the time frame (response period) available to Clubs to formulate and issue a response.*

*This also means dissemination relies heavily on both modern electronic tools (e-mail, website), and participation of the Club Delegates in their role to get the issue to their club membership.*

2. Clubs are invited to formally respond, as a Club, to the SDFV ISSUE. All responses are to be commonly viewed (seen) via the e-mail system. Hence, all clubs will be exposed to the views of other clubs during the response period.

*The Club response needs to be considered as a formal and official position of the Club. That is, it must carry authority from the Club to be considered in the formulation of SDFV policy/position. Dialogue and unfretted discussion between individuals is encouraged on the e-mail system (like a chat room), and hopefully will be a resource for Clubs in formulation of their official response. The views of individuals with 'individual affiliate membership' status with the SDFV will be treated as per Club responses.*

3. Majority response will form the basis of the 'common view', which will be used by the SDFV Executive to formulate the formal SDFV policy/position in relation to the ISSUE. In the case of no clear majority views, or significantly dissenting views, from the Clubs, it will be the responsibility of the SDFV Executive to formulate formal SDFV policy/position which best reflects the essence of any common views and the best interests of the SDFV as a collective body.



4. If there is no response, the SDFV will formally take a 'default position'.

The 'Default position' will be

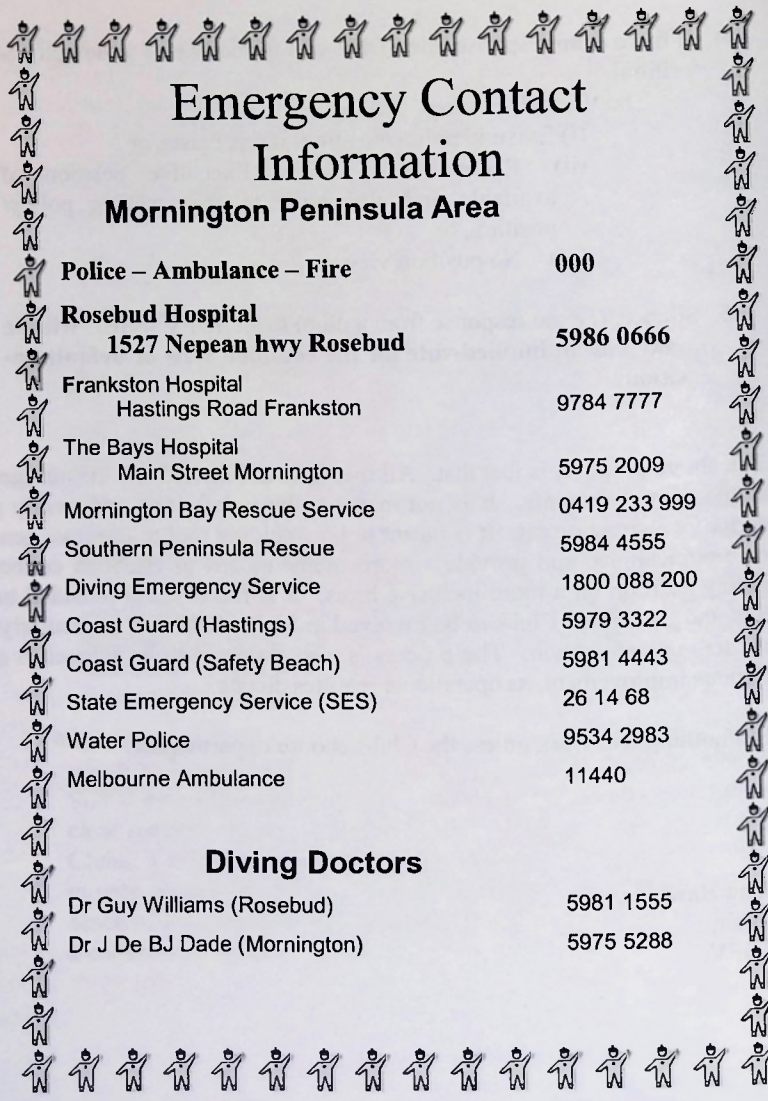
- (i) Existing policy/position, if one exists, or
- (ii) Recommended SDFV Executive position, if available and alternative to any existing policy/position, or
- (iii) No position/view.

5. Silence, (*i.e.* no response from a club) to an SDFV ISSUE **will be taken as an implied vote for the common view or default position.**

The above proposal is just that. All members are invited and encouraged to suggest improvements. It is not meant to be a definitive and overly prescriptive instruction set. It is meant to be a guiding tool to improve general communications, and provide a more robust means to establish collective policy/position on a more inclusive basis. It is flexible and intended to allow and encourage Clubs to be involved in SDFV business, particularly for matters out of session. The process is also expected to be subject to continuous improvement, as operational realities dictate.

But nothing will work unless the Clubs choose to participate.

John Hawkins,  
Chair,  
SDFV.



# Emergency Contact Information

## Mornington Peninsula Area

<b>Police – Ambulance – Fire</b>	<b>000</b>
<b>Rosebud Hospital</b> 1527 Nepean hwy Rosebud	<b>5986 0666</b>
<b>Frankston Hospital</b> Hastings Road Frankston	<b>9784 7777</b>
<b>The Bays Hospital</b> Main Street Mornington	<b>5975 2009</b>
<b>Mornington Bay Rescue Service</b>	<b>0419 233 999</b>
<b>Southern Peninsula Rescue</b>	<b>5984 4555</b>
<b>Diving Emergency Service</b>	<b>1800 088 200</b>
<b>Coast Guard (Hastings)</b>	<b>5979 3322</b>
<b>Coast Guard (Safety Beach)</b>	<b>5981 4443</b>
<b>State Emergency Service (SES)</b>	<b>26 14 68</b>
<b>Water Police</b>	<b>9534 2983</b>
<b>Melbourne Ambulance</b>	<b>11440</b>

### Diving Doctors

<b>Dr Guy Williams (Rosebud)</b>	<b>5981 1555</b>
<b>Dr J De BJ Dade (Mornington)</b>	<b>5975 5288</b>

# PORT PHILLIP HEADS (PT. LONSDALE)

LAT 38° 18' LONG 144° 37' TIME ZONE -1000  
TIMES AND HEIGHTS OF HIGH AND LOW WATERS

APRIL - 2005

Time m	Time m	Time m	Time m
1 0351 1.34	0541 0.37	0458 1.23	0604 1.24
FR 0955 0.07	9 1225 1.37	17 1105 0.24	25 0608 0.34
FR 1649 1.48	SA 1811 0.46	SU 1800 1.33	MO 1301 1.42
MO 2223 0.50	● 0037 1.34	● 2327 0.59	● 1845 0.62
2 0427 1.31	● 0037 1.34	0533 1.17	0047 1.28
10 1034 0.08	10 0633 0.24	18 1141 0.31	26 0646 0.23
SA 1733 1.43	SU 1325 1.49	MO 1842 1.25	TU 1348 1.53
● 2302 0.55	● 1905 0.46		TU 1927 0.60
3 0508 1.28	11 0121 1.37	0008 0.64	27 0130 1.32
11 1116 0.11	0719 0.15	19 0618 1.11	27 0728 0.15
SU 1823 1.35	MO 1415 1.57	TU 1219 0.39	WE 1430 1.60
SU 2344 0.59	MO 1949 0.46	TU 1930 0.19	WE 2008 0.58
4 0553 1.23	12 0201 1.39	0050 0.68	28 0209 1.34
12 0202 0.17	0800 0.10	0712 1.05	28 0807 0.10
MO 1922 1.27	TU 2029 0.47	WE 1303 0.48	TH 1512 1.62
		TU 2027 1.15	2045 0.57
5 0032 0.63	13 0237 1.38	0147 0.69	29 0248 1.35
0952 1.17	0839 0.08	21 0826 1.03	29 0849 0.08
TU 1257 0.26	WE 1539 1.60	TH 1400 0.57	FR 1554 1.60
TU 2032 1.22	WE 2105 0.48	TH 2128 1.14	FR 2125 0.50
6 0135 0.65	14 0312 1.36	0305 0.65	30 0329 1.34
0813 1.13	0916 0.10	0954 1.06	30 0932 0.09
WE 1406 0.36	TH 1915 1.55	FR 1515 0.63	SA 1638 1.55
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7 0303 0.61	15 0345 1.33	0433 0.57	
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# Port Phillip Heads - Tidal Streams

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Times of Start of Flood and Ebb ( Slack ) Water.

APRIL - 2005

Time Start	Time Start	Time Start	Time Start
1 0032 flood	9 0217 ebb	17 0137 flood	25 0215 ebb
FR 0547 ebb	0853 flood	0655 ebb	0906 flood
FR 1850 ebb	SA 1504 ebb	SU 1345 flood	MO 1555 ebb
● 2120 flood	● 2120 flood	● 2048 ebb	MO 2157 flood
2 0108 flood	0301 ebb	0212 flood	26 0252 ebb
10 0939 flood	0939 flood	0729 ebb	0945 flood
SA 1331 flood	SU 1605 ebb	MO 1421 flood	TU 1643 ebb
● 2038 ebb	2208 flood	2126 ebb	TU 2236 flood
3 0142 flood	0341 ebb	0251 flood	27 0327 ebb
3 0557 ebb	1019 flood	0909 ebb	1024 flood
SU 1414 flood	MO 1658 ebb	TU 1500 flood	WE 1729 ebb
2128 ebb	MO 2250 flood	TU 2210 ebb	WE 2312 flood
4 0223 flood	0415 ebb	0345 flood	28 0402 ebb
4 0742 ebb	1055 flood	0908 ebb	1104 flood
MO 1501 flood	TU 1741 ebb	WE 1548 flood	TH 1815 ebb
MO 2218 ebb	2326 flood	2301 ebb	2345 flood
5 0843 ebb	1130 flood	0512 flood	0440 ebb
TU 1559 flood	WE 1823 ebb	1038 ebb	1146 flood
TU 2315 ebb		TH 1659 flood	FR 1900 ebb
6 1011 ebb	0000 flood	2357 ebb	
WE 1715 flood	TH 1204 flood	0643 flood	30 0020 flood
	FR 1801 ebb	1230 ebb	0519 ebb
7 0020 ebb	0032 flood	0048 ebb	1299 flood
TH 1203 ebb	0551 ebb	0742 flood	1944 ebb
TH 1858 flood	FR 1238 flood	SA 1357 ebb	
	FR 1938 ebb	SA 2010 flood	
8 0123 ebb	0104 flood	0134 ebb	
FR 1345 ebb	0623 ebb	0326 flood	
2020 flood	SA 1311 flood	SU 1501 ebb	
	SA 2013 ebb	● 2110 flood	

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<b>2</b> 0457 1.29	<b>10</b> 0043 1.33	<b>18</b> 0555 1.14	<b>26</b> 0051 1.31
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MO 1813 1.40	TU 1355 1.61	WE 1846 1.29	TH 1938 0.70
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TU 1909 1.34	WE 1436 1.63	TH 1225 0.57	FR 1457 1.65
	WE 2002 0.61	FR 1932 1.25	SA 2022 0.65
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MO 2025 ebb	MO 1559 ebb	TU 1343 flood	WE 1835 ebb
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MO 0653 ebb	MO 0944 flood	MO 0801 ebb	MO 0955 flood
MO 1353 flood	TU 1645 ebb	WE 1417 flood	TH 1721 ebb
MO 2104 ebb	TU 2230 flood	WE 2117 ebb	TH 2251 flood
<b>3</b> 0227 flood	<b>11</b> 0330 ebb	<b>19</b> 0325 flood	<b>27</b> 0324 ebb
TU 0754 ebb	WE 1020 flood	FR 0907 ebb	MO 1041 flood
TU 1439 flood	WE 1728 ebb	TH 1458 flood	FR 1804 ebb
TU 2145 ebb	WE 2307 flood	WE 2155 ebb	FR 2329 flood
<b>4</b> 0329 flood	<b>12</b> 0405 ebb	<b>20</b> 0431 flood	<b>28</b> 0415 ebb
WE 0912 ebb	TH 1054 flood	MO 1033 ebb	MO 1126 flood
WE 1533 flood	TH 1806 ebb	FR 1550 flood	SA 1846 ebb
WE 2322 ebb	TH 2341 flood	FR 2235 ebb	
<b>5</b> 0456 flood	<b>13</b> 0440 ebb	<b>21</b> 0542 flood	<b>29</b> 0009 flood
TH 1048 ebb	FR 1129 flood	SA 1215 ebb	SU 0510 ebb
TH 1645 flood	FR 1842 ebb	SA 1711 flood	SU 1210 flood
TH 2325 ebb	FR 2325 ebb	SA 2321 ebb	SU 1926 ebb
<b>6</b> 0622 flood	<b>14</b> 0014 flood	<b>22</b> 0641 flood	<b>30</b> 0053 flood
FR 1230 ebb	SA 0516 ebb	MO 1344 ebb	MO 0609 ebb
FR 1826 flood	SA 1203 flood	SU 1910 flood	MO 1253 flood
	SA 1914 ebb		MO 2002 ebb
<b>7</b> 0022 ebb	<b>15</b> 0046 flood	<b>23</b> 0009 ebb	<b>31</b> 0142 flood
SA 0728 flood	MO 0552 ebb	MO 0733 flood	MO 0713 ebb
SA 1357 ebb	SU 1236 flood	MO 1451 ebb	TU 1336 flood
SA 1952 flood	SA 1945 ebb	MO 2034 flood	TU 2036 ebb
<b>8</b> 0117 ebb	<b>16</b> 0119 flood	<b>24</b> 0059 ebb	
MO 0821 flood	MO 0630 ebb	MO 0822 flood	
SU 1504 ebb	MO 1310 flood	TU 1545 ebb	
MO 2057 flood	MO 2014 ebb	MO 2129 flood	

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# PORT PHILLIP HEADS (PT. LONSDALE)

LAT 38° 18' LONG 144° 37' TIME ZONE -1000  
TIMES AND HEIGHTS OF HIGH AND LOW WATERS

## JUNE - 2005

Time m	Time m	Time m	Time m
1 0800 1.28 1146 0.42 WE 1851 1.42	9 0049 1.29 0657 0.23 TH 1412 1.57 FR 1936 0.71	17 0632 1.18 1156 0.63 FR 1845 1.33 SA 2002 0.66	25 0118 1.34 0719 0.11 1442 1.62 SA 2002 0.66
2 0032 0.49 0720 1.26 TH 1240 0.55 1842 1.37	10 0130 1.29 0738 0.24 FR 1448 1.56 SA 2015 0.68	18 0038 0.51 0737 1.20 SA 1245 0.72 SA 1928 1.29	26 0214 1.38 0814 0.13 SU 1530 1.62 2054 0.58
3 0840 1.28 FR 1339 0.67 2034 1.33	11 0211 1.29 0818 0.26 SA 1522 1.53 SA 2053 0.65	19 0125 0.46 0846 1.25 SU 1345 0.81 2016 1.26	27 0307 1.40 0906 0.18 MO 1615 1.60 2146 0.50
4 0238 0.41 0950 1.34 SA 1445 0.76 2128 1.30	12 0249 1.28 0856 0.29 SU 1554 1.51 2130 0.63	20 0218 0.40 0955 1.32 MO 1453 0.88 2110 1.24	28 0401 1.39 0958 0.26 TU 1659 1.57 2239 0.43
5 0341 0.36 1055 1.41 SU 1800 0.81 2222 1.28	13 0329 1.26 0930 0.33 MO 1527 1.48 2207 0.62	21 0318 0.33 1100 1.41 TU 1608 0.90 2210 1.24	29 0501 1.37 1047 0.37 WE 1741 1.53 2331 0.38
6 0437 0.31 1153 1.48 MO 1711 0.81 2315 1.28	14 0408 1.24 1003 0.39 TU 1700 1.44 2243 0.60	22 0422 0.25 1202 1.49 WE 1718 0.87 2315 1.26	30 0610 1.35 1135 0.49 TH 1823 1.47
7 0528 0.27 1245 1.54 TU 1808 0.78	15 0449 1.21 1037 0.46 WE 1732 1.41 2319 0.58	23 0524 0.18 1259 1.56 TH 1817 0.81	
8 0004 1.28 0814 0.24 WE 1331 1.57 1855 0.74	16 0537 1.19 1113 0.54 TH 1807 1.37 2357 0.55	24 0019 1.30 0623 0.13 FR 1352 1.60 1911 0.74	

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Times Stated are Eastern Standard Time.

# Port Phillip Heads - Tidal Streams

LAT 38° 18' LONG 144° 37' TIME ZONE -1000  
Times of Start of Flood and Ebb (Slack) Water.

## JUNE - 2005

Time Start	Time Start	Time Start	Time Start
1 0239 flood 0821 ebb WE 1420 flood 2112 ebb	9 0245 ebb 0949 flood TH 1759 ebb 2250 flood	17 0301 flood 0901 ebb FR 1422 flood 2100 ebb	25 0304 ebb 1024 flood SA 1746 ebb 2314 flood
2 0347 flood 0939 ebb TH 1510 flood 2150 ebb	10 0329 ebb 1027 flood FR 1746 ebb 2326 flood	18 0350 flood 1016 ebb SA 1509 flood 2131 ebb	26 0411 ebb 1112 flood SU 1824 ebb
3 0456 flood 1107 ebb FR 1615 flood 2235 ebb	11 0412 ebb 1102 flood SA 1819 ebb	19 0446 flood 1153 ebb SU 1609 flood 2209 ebb	27 0000 flood 0518 ebb MO 1157 flood 1900 ebb
4 0558 flood 1234 ebb SA 1743 flood 2326 ebb	12 0000 flood 0454 ebb SU 1137 flood 1848 ebb	20 0545 flood 1323 ebb MO 1733 flood 2256 ebb	28 0623 ebb 1239 flood TU 1932 ebb 1932 ebb
5 0655 flood 1349 ebb SU 1915 flood	13 0032 flood 0537 ebb MO 1210 flood 1915 ebb	21 0645 flood 1434 ebb TU 1934 flood 2353 ebb	29 0145 flood 0727 ebb WE 1320 flood 2003 ebb
6 0018 ebb 0745 flood MO 1451 ebb 2028 flood	14 0106 flood 0620 ebb TU 1241 flood 1939 ebb	22 0745 flood 1531 ebb WE 2053 flood	30 0241 flood 0833 ebb TH 1402 flood 2036 ebb
7 0111 ebb 0830 flood TU 1544 ebb 2125 flood	15 0140 flood 0708 ebb WE 1312 flood 2005 ebb	23 0057 ebb 0841 flood TH 1621 ebb 2145 flood	
8 0200 ebb 0911 flood WE 1829 ebb 2211 flood	16 0218 flood 0800 ebb TH 1345 flood 2032 ebb	24 0200 ebb 0934 flood FR 1706 ebb 2230 flood	

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## VSAG Meeting and Dive Calendar

Dive Date	Location	Dive Captain	Phone	Meeting Point	Time
<i>April</i>					
21	Meeting—Water Police			Bells	8pm
24	tba	Alan S	9803 3573	Sorrento	9am
25	tba	Alan S	9803 3573		9am
<i>May</i>					
8	Catch and cook day	Pat R	9789 1092	Sorrento	9am
19	Meeting			Bells	8pm
19	Truk Lagoon trip				
29	Pinnacles	Gabriel Selias	9584 4557	tba	tba
<i>June</i>					
11-13	Queens b'day Queenscliff				TBA
16	Meeting			Bells	8pm
26	Barwon Bommie	Alan S	9803 3573	Sorrento	9am
<b>DIARY DATES</b>					
11-13 June	Queenscliff	Alan S			
Sept	Ski Weekend				
Nov	Cup weekend—Wilsons Pron				