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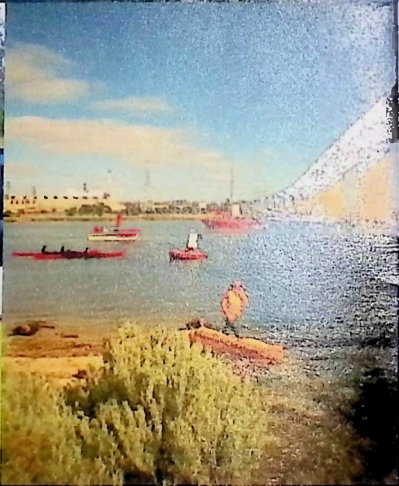
Darren Pearce—recent cave diving course



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Some recent 'Do NOT dredge the bay' protests.

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*Official Journal of the Victorian Sub-Aqua Group*

*In this October-November issue...*

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**VSAG General Meetings**  
3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday in the month

Bell's Hotel  
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**Editorial Submissions to:**



# Editorial

Alan Storen



*After very full-on diving in May, June and July with trips to Truk and Tasmania I was looking forward to some more relaxing dives around Melbourne in August, September and October. I had just logged my 100th dive for the year in Tasmania and the water temperature had gone from 29°C in Truk to 9°C in Tassy. Melbourne was somewhere in the middle - closer to Tassy temp I think. Unfortunately I have not had the pleasure of a VSAG Melbourne dive since mid-July as the only dive that went ahead was on a day that I had another commitment. Poor weather conditions have had a serious effect on the dive calendar. On the brighter side it probably means that, on the law of averages, there are many more great days ahead soon, so get your gear serviced and book into a club dive asap.*

*On the social side we have Dr Vanessa Haller (Skinner) as the guest speaker at our next club meeting on the 20th October. She is known to some in the club and it promises to be a good night and well worth the effort to attend. The Melbourne Cup weekend at the Prom is happening and so is the Xmas trip to Eden. Book NOW for Easter 2006.*

*The annual Christmas party is on again, back at Milanos and details are elsewhere in the mag. You must get your ticket(s) soon as numbers need to be locked in early. This will determine the size of the room they give us. Cut off date is the October meeting so get your tables planned, booked and paid for with Andy M. Late bookings might not be able to be accepted. Great prizes are on offer and a KrisKringle is planned.*

*The Blues Train Trip planned for October 22nd has been shifted to February 25th. We need people to book early and pay to confirm places. We need the money up front so get your groups organised.*

*A fantastic Family Day is planned at Queenscliff. Details are on Page 14. Limited to a maximum of 30 it is strictly a first booked / first in basis. It will be popular – ring now.*

*Some great articles in the last couple of DIVELOGS – if you missed out on them try to get one as they are, as always, a great read.*

*Alan Beckhurst has a great article on the dredging in the October issue.*

*Please read and respond to PFD issue on page 18.*

*Alan*

PLEASE NOTE NEW WEB SITE DETAILS:

**<http://members.iimetro.com.au/~vsag/>**



**CLUB MEMBER OF THE YEAR**

**2004—2005**

**Alan Storen**



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

**[storens@bigpond.net.au](mailto:storens@bigpond.net.au)**

# President's Report 2004 - 2005

## Activities for the Year.

Cup Weekend (Nov 2004) at Wilson's Prom.

Good diving. Barby on the Saturday included 12 other clubs.

Christmas Dinner (Dec 2004)

40 members in attendance, wine, song, and plenty of laughs.

Christmas Trip – Adelaide Shores Resort (Dec 2004)

Club dive on the exHMAS Hobart. A trip to Kangaroo Island. A couple of dives on 2 old barges. The women did the 'shop 'till you drop' thing.

Cape Jaffa (March 2005)

A good time to partake in some crays.

Easter – Wilson's Prom

A big turnout with 32 sites booked. Glass water dives. Good vis. The Prom at its very best.

Truk Lagoon (May 2005)

Nothing but beautiful wrecks. Good fun, good company, fantastic diving.

Queenscliff (June 2005)

Alan Beckhurst/ Mary Malloy's Lodge. 6 to 8 divers. Some great dives. Thanks due to Mary and Alan for their hospitality.

## Club Meetings.

Guest speakers during the year included: Barry Andrewartha from DIVELOG, Sport Diving. Alan Beckhurst on TRUK Lagoon.

## Finance.

VSAG finances are strong. Membership is up a little on last year.

On behalf of the committee I would like to thank all club members for their participation in the past year. Many thanks also to the boat owners – John Lawler, Mick Jeacle, Neville Viapree, Andy Mastrowicz, and Gerry DeVries for their support.

Thanks to Don Abel for auditing the books and Alan Storen for the Newsletter – a fantastic effort.

On ending my report I would like to thank the committee and conclude an enjoyable three years as President.

Yours in diving,  
Patrick Reynolds  
President.



**VSAG Xmas Trip**  
**EDEN**

26<sup>th</sup> December – 9<sup>th</sup> Jan

Pat has booked sites at Fountain Caravan Park.

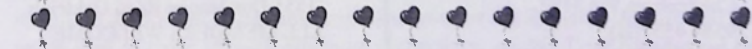
See Pat Reynolds for details



**GUEST SPEAKER**  
**Dive Medicine**

General Meeting  
October 20<sup>th</sup>

Dr Vanessa Haller ( Skinner) has agreed to be our guest for the Oct 20<sup>th</sup> meeting.





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month at: Leighoah Hotel  
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ALL MEMBERS WELCOME



## Dredge site vision

Alan Beckhurst

*It may seem that things have gone quiet since the footage aired last week, but since then, I arranged a showing of the full DVD to my local councillors (last Thursday), and they raised it in a meeting with minister Batchelor on Friday, as well as giving him a copy of the DVD. I also had a copy delivered to the opposition minister, Phil Honeywood, and another copy to Dan Grimm of the SDFV. Dan will make a streaming video available on the SDFV website.*

*Movement has mostly been within government, and the relative agencies. The opposition called for an inquiry into the extent of the rockfall, and a smaller, but perhaps more important inquiry into why the EMP (Environmental Management Plan) was not followed to enable dredging to be stopped as soon as the rockfall threshold was breached. The monitoring was not carried out until after the dredging was completed, instead of every couple of days.*

*This is significant, as it leaves the project with a major embarrassment with the failure of its EMP causing irreparable damage to the Canyon. The EPA was called into action, and questioned how it allowed this to happen, and has belatedly started its own investigation, and I believe it will include independent surveys of the site. It will likely be proven that the project has broken environmental laws, which will bring about the question of charges under the Act. Believe me, there are a lot of very scared people involved in this project, in the PoMC, the agencies, and the Government. It is quiet at the moment because they are all in damage control mode.*

*No matter how much they avoid the current controversy, this puts them in a poor position for the SEES, as they have highlighted their inability to (1) show technology which can dredge the RIP within acceptable boundaries, and (2) that they are not capable of managing their own EMP. I have heard from one of the regulatory people that unless it is proven that the Rip can be dredged within the target limits, the whole project will not gain approval under the act. Currently, they have failed in this crucial target.*

*The PoMC is lucky the breaches were reported early, as they now have the opportunity to research alternate technology, and perhaps trial it before the dredge leaves. This would be required to avoid getting another dredge trial approved. The problems with them doing any more dredging at the Rip are; they do not have much time to come up with alternate technology, as this Trial finishes on the 15th*

*October; and they have already dredged the 30,000 cubic metre limit from the RIP. Unless they can get another Trial Dredge permit before the Queen leaves, they will have to enter the SEES process with failed Trial results, and no proof that the RIP can be dredged successfully, which should lead to a failure of the project to proceed.*

*As you can see, the Project is currently sitting on a knife edge, and the proponents are frantically looking for ways to rescue it. Everybody now knows that the project is under detailed scrutiny from the community, so it will be hard for the proponents to attempt to "pull the wool over our eyes". Robert Doyle has seen the writing on the wall, and has advised the government to "get a Plan B together in case this Project fails to get approval". This should also be the community warning to the government! I have been pushing for independent monitoring, and it seems this will happen, so for now we will look at gathering evidence on the performance of the Trial Dredging to be used at the SEES, and possibly to provide evidence on breaches of the Environment Act. I would imagine the Blue Wedges are already planning to block any application to extend the dredged material limits, or timing of this trial.*

*The Government must be feeling nervous by now, and it is probably the best time to be getting people to write to their MP's expressing their lack of confidence in the project, and pushing for alternatives to be considered. As I have said, 12 months ago this project was a 95% certainty to proceed, after the Panel Findings, it was 75%, but after this rockfall fiasco, who knows? We are making a difference!*

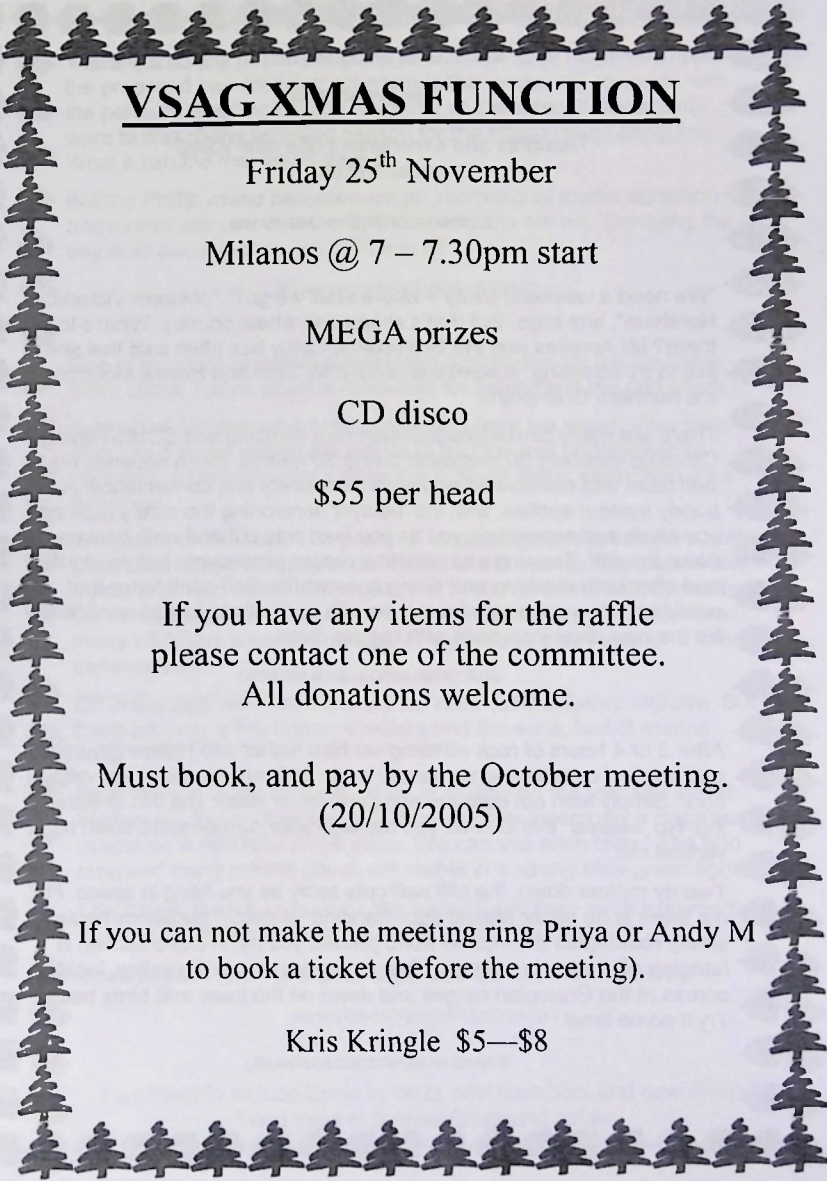
*Regards Alan*

## **WOMEN'S REVENGE**

"Cash, check or charge?" I asked, after folding items the woman wished to purchase. As she fumbled for her wallet I noticed a remote control for a television set in her purse.

"So, do you always carry your TV remote?" I asked.

"No," she replied, " but my husband refused to come shopping with me, and I figured this was the most evil thing I could do to him legally."



# VSAG XMAS FUNCTION

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November

Milanos @ 7 – 7.30pm start

MEGA prizes

CD disco

\$55 per head

If you have any items for the raffle  
please contact one of the committee.

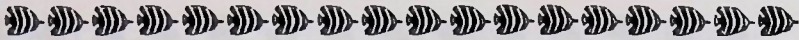
All donations welcome.

Must book, and pay by the October meeting.  
(20/10/2005)

If you can not make the meeting ring Priya or Andy M  
to book a ticket (before the meeting).

Kris Kringle \$5—\$8





**The Troubadour**

*Thoughts and experiences of a new VSAG member and diver.*

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"We need a weekend away – where shall we go?" "Western Victoria, Horsham", she says. But that's sheep and wheat country. What's to do there? Mt Arapiles and the Grampians! Cathy has often said that she'd like to try abseiling. A weekend around Mt Zero and Hollow Mountain in the northern Grampians.

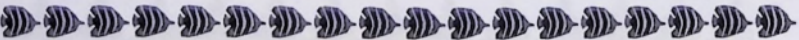
There are many similarities between rock climbing and SCUBA diving. Climbing vertically 30 metres or diving 30 metres, much depends on well fitted and maintained equipment for safety and convenience. A buddy system applies, with the 'belayer' tensioning the safety rope as you climb and supporting you as you lean way out and walk backwards down the cliff. Training and adopting proper procedures before, during and after both climbing and diving is essential. Self-confidence and confidence in your buddy increases with each climb, just as confidence for the new diver increases with regular dives.

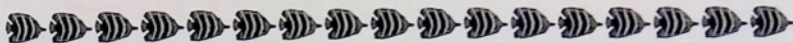
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After 3 or 4 hours of rock climbing we hike higher into Hollow Mountain until we find ourselves on a narrow ledge 150 metres above the valley floor. Simply lean out over the edge and lower away. But this is abseiling. No 'belayer' this time as you manage your own descent down a vertical cliff.

Twenty metres down, the cliff wall cuts away as you hang in space. For me there is no better feeling than 'hanging' at depth, buoyancy neutral, slowly rotating as the marine world passes you by. A close second is hanging off a rope in space, 100 or so metres above the valley, looking across at the Grampian ranges and down on the trees and birds below. Try it some time!

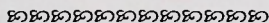
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There is a colony of 700 penguins at St. Kilda. One negative impact of the proposed bay dredging schedule is that works will co-incide with the penguin breeding season. I wonder at the outcry if any activity were to disturb the breeding season for the *Phillip Island* penguins. What a kaffuffle that would cause.

But the *Phillip Island* penguins are an international tourist attraction and money spinner. And the St Kilda penguins are not. Dredging the bay is all about money, isn't it? Or is it?



One of my more fascinating dives was a night dive on the Southern NSW coast. Tathra wharf is renowned for fishing and the odd shark.

A group of 10 planned a night, shore dive from the wharf. After stepping into 3 meter waters the plan is to find the reef underwater by compass, a fairly easy task since it is a 30-40 meter swim. And it's a large reef.

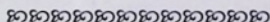
We gather on the reef. Ten powerful torches light the area with a soft glow which stops abruptly at the extent of the beams. It is slack water so the brief is to swim, with a buddy, a fixed number of kick cycles by the compass and then return on the reverse heading. I wonder how many VSAGers know the number of kick cycles they need for a fixed distance swim?

Off in the dark with just 2 torches we seek out the Tathra nightlife. But there are only a few bottom dwellers and the eerie, half-lit marine flora.

Near the end of the dive we gather in a circle on the reef and switch torches off. It is completely dark. Shaking fists vigorously a huge luminescence is released in the water. We can see each other! The odd crab and many marine plants are visible in a strong blue-green light.

Low on air, the return is easy. We surface and then swim towards the flashing safety lamp placed on shore before the dive.

Does anyone know of a good night dive site in Port Phillip Bay?



I am keen to include items by other new members and new divers. Send them to [twilliam@bigpond.net.au](mailto:twilliam@bigpond.net.au).



## SUNDAY AUGUST 28<sup>TH</sup> DIVE REPORT

*The pre dive email went out mid week for divers to show intentions for the dive on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> August. Four divers responded and that number remained up until the close of booking time on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup>.*

*Mick Jeacle was good enough to put his boat on stand by and would take divers out if numbers were in excess of those who had booked in...Mick was not needed so a fishing he did go!*

*A last minute cancellation from Jackie Storen left me with a crew of three divers for the day. Bob Thornhill, our newest member was in, Cathy Pedlow and Trevor Williams made up the team.*

*Slack water was scheduled for 9.03am so it was an early start to be at Sorrento by departure time 8.30. Trevor was up at 5.30 to join me at 7am for the run down.*



*Our trip over to the dive site was a bit lumpy and splashy as we were side on to a 30 knot northerly, but the boat handled the conditions well and no one went into deco!*

*Alan Beckhurst with Mury and a crew of three other divers came out of Queenscliff and we met at the approximate time of 9am on the bay. As these changeable tides go slack was on until around 9.20. That helped us a lot.*

*We had planned to dive the Awesome Reef site however the shipping was heavy and we chose to go with Alan's dive on the North Wall. The dreaded dredge (which is now referred to as "the bitch") was nowhere to be seen so no limitations on the dive area were experienced.*

*Bob and Trevor were first up and they had a great dive by choosing to explore the top of the wall moving North. Kelp beds were in strong growth and the fish life plentiful and healthy.*

*Cathy and I were next in and we had planned to dive the wall, however Cathy had some difficulty equalising and by the time she was clear we had moved with the slight current well over the wall and were heading down into oblivion. Viz was down to far*



*for safe diving so we surfaced and climbed back onto the boat.*

*We moved back onto the top of the wall again and over the side for take two. The area we dropped into was so good and colourful we decided to explore all around. About 10 minutes into dive we had a visit from a very cheeky and inquisitive seal who was very busy checking us out before satisfying it self we were not a meal and also friendly. A great experience when a seal comes to within inches of the face mask and looks you right in the eye with it'd big round ones full of fun and mischief!*

*All back on board we headed out through the rip heading West to get into the lee for lunch and decide our next dive plan.*

*Trevor and I were checking the sea bed terrain when a fairly big reef came up on the sounder....this will do us we agreed....glad we did as I was a large bommie,teaming with fish life and a couple of red creatures. Swell was almost nil and we had a great time checking out the holes, ledges and small canyons, just a sensational 45 minutes of diving.*

*Second dive for Bob and Cathy, not as great a dive site as ours but made brilliant by the visit of yet another playful seal...Cathy has nominated herself as the "seal magnet" for the day...too right! Cathy gets a "seal" of approval!*

*Happy divers, great spring type weather, great diving...life is great after a day like this with good company out on the bay and the sea and under both.*

*John Lawler.  
Dive Captain.*



**VSAG FAMILY SOCIAL DAY**  
**MARINE DISCOVERY CENTRE QUEENSCLIFF**  
**and**  
**ROCK POOL RAMBLE PT LONSDALE**

**SUNDAY NOVEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup> 2005 9.30AM**

The Committee of VSAG invites members and family to an exciting and informative tour of the **Marine Discovery Centre at Queenscliff** and a free **Rock Pool Ramble** at Point Lonsdale by a Marine Scientist.

The MDC tour will be conducted personally by VSAG member **Alan Beckhurst** who is a trained Volunteer at the centre. This day has been especially tailored by Alan for VSAG members and families!

Lunch at the Victoria Tavern Hotel. This is a great pub and the food is great... good value and reasonably priced.

Meet: Point Lonsdale Lighthouse Car Park

MELWAY REF: K6 499

TIME: 9.30AM

COST PER HEAD: \$10.00

Plan: Meet and assemble at the Pt Lonsdale car park 9.30am, for Rock Pool Ramble to 11am Approx. Move to MDC car park approx 11.15 AM for MDC tour to 12.45PM. Depart for pub for 1pm lunch booking.

**IMPORTANT NOTE: *MINIMUM NUMBER IS 20--- Max 30.. FIRST IN GETS BOOKED!!***

***As bookings have to be made it is important to have firm confirmations made by no later than: FRIDAY OCTOBER 28<sup>TH</sup>.***

Reply to John Lawler: [jylawler@tpgi.com.au](mailto:jylawler@tpgi.com.au)

Phone: 9589 4020      Mobile: 0414 922 916

Alan and Mary will be available to meet and carry up to 9 people only from the ferry for those wanting to go over from Sorrento.

# Eat right!

Make sure you get your daily dose of fruits and veggies.

Take your vitamins and bump up your vitamin C.

Get plenty of exercise because exercise helps build our immune system.

Walk for at least an hour a day, go for a swim, take the stairs instead of the elevator, etc.

Wash your hands often.

If you can't wash them, keep a bottle of antibacterial stuff around.

Get lots of fresh air.

Open doors and windows whenever possible.

Try to eliminate as much stress from your life as you can.

Get plenty of rest.

OR

Take the doctor's approach.

Think about it...

When you go for a shot, what do they do first?

They Clean your arm with alcohol...

Why?

Because Alcohol KILLS GERMS.

So.....

I walk to the liquor store. (exercise)

I put lime in my Corona...(fruit)

Celery in my Bloody Mary (veggies)

Drink outdoors on the bar patio..(fresh air)

Tell jokes, laugh....(eliminate stress)

Then pass out. (rest)

The way I see it...

If you keep your alcohol levels up, flu germs can't get you!

My grandmother always said,

"A shot in the glass is better than one in the ass!"

Live Well - Laugh Often - Love Much

## CREATION

A man said to his wife one day, "I don't know how you can be so stupid and so beautiful all at the same time".

The wife responded, "Allow me to explain".

God made me beautiful so you would be attracted to me; God made me stupid so I would be attracted to you!



## Senior Humour

\* I feel like my body has gotten totally out of shape, so I got my doctor's permission to join a fitness club and start exercising. I decided to take an aerobics class for seniors. I bent, twisted, gyrated, jumped up and down, and perspired for an hour. But, by the time I got my leotards on, the class was over.

\* Reporters interviewing a 104-year-old woman: "And what do you think is the best thing about being 104?" the reporter asked. She simply replied, "No peer pressure."

\* The nice thing about being senile is you can hide your own Easter eggs.

\* I've sure gotten old! I've had two bypass surgeries, a hip replacement, new knees. Fought prostate cancer and diabetes. I'm half blind, can't hear anything quieter than a jet engine, take 40 different medications that make me dizzy, winded, and subject to blackouts. Have bouts with dementia. Have poor circulation; hardly feel my hands and feet anymore. Can't remember if I'm 85 or 92. Have lost all my friends. But, thank God, I still have my driver's license.

\* A 97-year-old man goes into his doctor's office and says, "Doc, I want my sex drive lowered." "Sir," replied the doctor, "you're 97 Don't you think your sex drive is all in your head?" "You're damned right it is!" replied the old man. "That's why I want it lowered!"

\* My memory's not as sharp as it used to be. Also, my memory's not as sharp as it used to be.

\* It's scary when you start making the same noises as your coffemaker.

\* These days about half the stuff in my shopping cart says, "For fast relief."

\* Don't let aging get you down. It's too hard to get back up!

\* Remember: You don't stop laughing because you grow old, You grow old because you stop laughing.

\* THE SENILITY PRAYER : Grant me the senility to forget the people I never liked anyway, the good fortune to run into the ones I do, and the eyesight to tell the difference.

## The Personal Flotation Device (PFD) Issue

A Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS) - Marine ( Personal Flotation Devices and Other Safety Equipment) is open for public comment. It will have a n impact on divers and boat owners and should be read by all.

Issues involved are:

\*\*Wearing a PFD while travelling in vessels under 4.8m ( this might in the future become 6.0m or 6.5m ) and in all vessels in times of heightened risk. You are required to wear a PFD between the time you gear up and then motor over to a dive site Your wetsuit/drysuit is not sufficient! Impossible!

\*\*Need for a bucket/Lanyard, Compass and parachute flare.

Alan Beckhurst and Mick Jeacle have each drafted a response and have made them available for members to read, and draft their own response.

Unless the thought of wearing a PFD over your wetsuit appeals to you, please send a Submission in within the next week (close date is the 24th Oct)

Send submissions to [pdfreview@doi.vic.gov.au](mailto:pdfreview@doi.vic.gov.au) , or hard copies to Marine (Personal Flotation Devices and Other Safety Equipment) Regulations - Submission, Marine Safety Victoria, P.O. box 2797, Melbourne, Vic 3001.

# SUB 'N PUB!

Alan Beckhurst

*We have had a winter policy of a single dive and a sausage sizzle, but for the last weekend of winter '05 we made a small change. We still made a single dive trip, but went to the pub for a counter meal after the dive. Everyone seemed to like the idea, and Freediver was booked out, but J'OD had to pull out as his dad was sick. Cameron's wife Andrea, and their two boys came down with Jeff, and Ian Fox, Mary and myself filled out the crew. The forecast was for strong winds, as usual, but conditions turned out to be quite tolerable.*

*Flood slack was due at 9.00 a.m. and we were on the KNAwesome site on time, but shipping forced us to relocate to North Wall. Mary and Ian dropped into the 10 deg water, and the vis looked O.K. We were lucky the dredge was not operating, as the previous days vis report was 2 metres. We were joined at the site by John Lawler and a VSAG crew, although they entered a bit later than us. Mary and Ian returned with reports of an excellent dive through colourful caves with 15 metres vis. The video review later confirmed they'd had a great dive.*

*Cameron, Jeff and I opted to make our dive on the J1 sub, but the vis was poor at the site. We decided to press on into the gloom, and found clearer water inside the wreck. We penetrated almost the full length and back, finding new evidence of storm damage. Just aft of the conning tower, a 4 metre long section of the roof has collapsed into the wreck, and further back, the remains of a bulkhead is laying to one side. As Jeff was inspecting the fallen ceiling, another chunk of metal fell onto the back of his legs, but no injury sustained. I get the feeling this wreck won't last much longer, so get down to it soon!*

*Dives over, we headed back to Queenscliff, retrieved and washed the boat, unloaded it at Boarfish Lodge, washed all the gear, and hung it to dry, 30 minutes before our lunch booking at the Vic Tavern. I love it when a plan comes together! Jeff wasn't feeling well, and decided to have a sleep in Boarfish as we joined Andrea and the kids at the pub. Meals at the Vic are good value at between \$9 and \$13 for a delicious lunch. We all agreed that Sub 'N Pub makes a great day! Our thoughts went to J'OD and his family as we celebrated our own good fortune.*

*Back to Boarfish to pack up the nearly dry dive gear, but not before we adjourned to the house to review the video shot on the dives, and a hot cuppa 'n biscuits. The weather was extraordinary for winter, 23 deg and sunny. It was simply one of the best winters dive day I could remember.*

Alan B

## Port Admits to Damaging Rock Falls (Victoria)

Source: <http://www.theage.com.au/text/articles/2005/09/02/1125302744708.html>  
3 September 2005

Delicate sea sponges and coral have been damaged during the channel deepening trial, the Port of Melbourne said yesterday.

The port authority was accused of covering up the damage when it banned local divers from the area at the entrance to Port Phillip Bay.

In the trial dredging's first major environmental hurdle, up to 20 cubic metres of rock has fallen into 30-metre deep water and hit the biodiversity-rich aquatic life in the canyon at the bay's heads — the same type of ecosystem that is protected in two nearby marine national parks.

This was the bad news coming from the preliminary results of trial dredging at the heads. The good news for the Port of Melbourne Corporation was that it believes it has proved its technology designed to remove rock at the heads works.

Chief executive Stephen Bradford said that, for the first time, the port had proven how to deepen the heads without using explosives.

Mr Bradford described the rock falls as "three isolated incidents" in a "small and local" area.

To allow bigger ships into the bay, the port wants to remove about three metres of rock from plateaus. The environmental problem occurs when rock falls below 20 metres and into the canyon environment.

Under the environmental thresholds set for the project, the port must find a way to stop the rock falling below 20 metres.

A group of local divers were told yesterday they were banned from diving in the area because of safety concerns over "substantial" rock falls. The divers wanted to document any damage done by the Queen of the Netherlands dredge.

One of the divers, Len Salter, president of the Dive Industry Victoria Association, said: "We were quite rudely told to leave the site and that we had no right to be there. They are just trying to cover up the biggest stuff up."

**Last Update:** Friday, September 2, 2005. 8:00pm (AEST)

### Dredging test 'caused massive damage'

A group opposed to channel deepening in Port Phillip Bay says it is concerned that a trial dredge has caused massive environmental damage to the heads.

The Port of Melbourne has revealed that the trial did not meet a performance measure required under its environmental management plan.

It says rock debris has fallen into an area known as the Canyon, to depths of approximately 30 metres, instead of the 20 metres set by the plan.



The port authority has extended an exclusion zone around the area.

John Willis from the group Blue Wedges says the port authority is trying to cover up the problem.

"The dredge has actually caused a major rock fall, changed the entire condition and structure of Port Phillip Heads, and doing a massive amount of damage," he said.

"We've just been kicked out of the area, we had a diver ready to go down to have a look to see what the damage is going to be."

But the Port of Melbourne chief executive, Stephen Bradford, says the exclusion zone has been extended because of safety concerns.

"These are three very small localised rock falls," he said.

"The reason we've extended the exclusion zone to October 15 is to enable the Port to do further work to determine the stability of those rocks."

## **Shark Attacks Spark "Kill or Be Killed" Debate**

Source: <http://www.planetark.com/dailynewsstory.cfm/newsid/32556/story.htm>  
19 September 2005

In the past 50 years, 60 people have died after being attacked by a shark, 1.2 fatal attacks a year. This compares with two to three deaths each year from bee stings and hundreds of drownings by beach swimmers and fishermen.

"Shark attacks are very prominent in the media when they occur, but they are rare events," said Barry Bruce, a government marine scientist who has studied great whites since 1987.

Great whites are "hot-spot hunters", which target oceanic biological activity, like big schools of fish, seal colonies and dead whales. The sharks do not intentionally hunt humans.

"We are not seeing a trend of increasing shark attacks against a trend of increasing population," said John West, who runs The Australian Shark Attack File.

The odds of a shark attack are 15-20 million to one, he said.

"Unfortunately, they test to see if you are edible, but they can only use their teeth or nose and in doing so they do a lot of damage to soft, squishy humans," said West.

Humans are not sharks' ideal prey because we are bony and have less flesh than seals or dolphins but unfortunately one exploratory bite by a great white, which has poor eyesight, is enough to kill most humans.

According to reports of attacks, very few great whites return for another bite.

Australia regards the great white as an endangered species and has protected it for the past 10 years. Great whites are also protected by South Africa, Namibia, the Maldives and by the US states of Florida and California.

Scientists say there is no evidence that shark numbers have risen dramatically as a result of protection, as counting is impossible, and sharks have slow reproductive cycles...

# REPORT ON THE ABALONE REGULATIONS

Ian Williams (SDFV)

Here's the latest I have to provide you with information regarding the Abalone Regulation Changes resulting from last years Regulatory Impact Statement. Sorry to have taken so long but this still hasn't finished and has consumed an enormous amount in time. I've tried to condense a huge amount below and you still don't have all of it. The quick summary after 18 months of follow up and research is this. At the lower end, as recreationals you're very good with a high level of compliance (95% or better- refer Rob Jolly's presentation to AFC & RMFC) with the amount of abalone you take (0.7% compared to 99.3% commercial); middle level poaching is down over the past 18 months (refer Rob Jolly, Dallas De Silva, Scott Falconer), only a small number of inner, shallow and easy access reefs are noted ("several inshore reefs" as referred to by Department of Environment and Heritage abalone assessment report, page 22 ); Fisheries officer numbers have doubled to 80; 1300FISH reporting is now available as an enforcement tool; abalone theft now is now an indictable offence with up to 10 years jail; Marine Parks (love 'em or hate 'em) already help protect abalone stocks; and last, of the "scientific" survey Fisheries referred to in the RIS, 22 of the 59 sample sites included water 2 feet deep (Ab Rec survey.zip). Closure of a localised area specific to a known or temporary problem is a common tool used by Fisheries. However, local inner reef closure (excluding deeper richer areas) was not included as an alternative option within the RIS. This I believe, contravenes the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994.

'For a regulation to represent the most efficient solution to an identified problem, it must not only be shown to be likely to yield benefits greater than the costs it imposes but also to yield greater net benefits (i.e. benefits less costs) than any of the feasible alternative approaches. It is for this reason the RIS *must include* cost/benefit analysis of not only the proposed regulation but of *all the identified alternatives*. (Italics mine)'.  
This along with some of the information below will need to go to the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee, as well as the State Ombudsman. Any offers of help will be greatly appreciated in background or planning these steps. We will not succeed in overturning the legislation otherwise.

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At the moment, the Minister has pushed ahead with his planned bag limit reduction from 10 to 5 and a 60 day season, for the 1st September, despite opposition from SDFV and VRFish. In essence, you've been done over badly by elements within Fisheries, the Abalone Fisheries Committee and a number of commercials.

The full details and changes are here at (<http://www.gazette.vic.gov.au/Gazettes2005/GG2005S165.pdf>)

Dates are as follows (and not as we requested either). They wanted to meet the printers deadlines rather than obtain feedback. I personally think it's a dog's breakfast and pity the poor Joe Average when he gets booked. All dates inclusive

1,2 October 2005

29 Oct- 1Nov 2005

19,20 Nov 2005

3,4 Dec 2005

27 Dec 2005 – 29 January 2006

11- 13 Mar 2006

25,26 Mar 2006

14-18 April 2006

22-25 April 2006

27-28 May 2006

The main benefactors are the commercial sector who appears to have a disproportionate say in recreational regulations. They will be able to continue to take their full quota while our take can only go down by an enormous amount. Incidentally, fixed days such as the open season in Western Australia has resulted in drowning and near deaths as people push the limits when they can only fish on those days. I will scan the article for you to read shortly. For the minister's sake, let's hope it doesn't happen here.

With the going price for a commercial licence valued at anywhere between 6-8 million dollars and there are 70 licence holders taking more than 99% of the 'shared' resource, I personally think greed and self preservation has got the better of a number of them, and Fisheries through the RIS and outcomes has catered to this at the expense of the recreationals.

## **Scientists Compare Rock Lobsters (Tasmania)**

Source: <http://www.abc.net.au/news/newsitems/200508/s1447218.htm>

26 August 2005

A group of Tasmanian scientists is using ground-breaking technology to investigate the relationship between rock lobsters and abalone.

The research uses underwater infra-red cameras.

The study near Maria Island is comparing rock lobsters inside the marine reserve with those outside the reserve.

Tasmanian Aquaculture and Fisheries Institute spokesman Hugh Pederson says the lobsters inside are behaving differently from the crayfish outside the protected area.

"We think rock lobsters are actually a predator and maybe a significant predator of abalone in the habitats we're looking at," he said.

Tasmanian Fishing Industry Council chief executive Andrew Febey says in future abalone and rock lobster quotas may change based on the results of the study.

"But it's still early days so there's no indication which way it might go," he said.

The research will be completed next year.



## Dear Brothers and Sisters of the Revolution!

*Please see attached image and ask yourself - does this Fishing Licence expire at 10am on:*

- 23 Aug 05 as alleged by Fisheries officers?
- 23 Apr 05 as alleged by Fisheries officers when finally convinced that it might not be August after all?
- 23 DEC 05 as claimed by the owner who knows when and where it was purchased?
- 73 Aug 05?
- 33 Duc 05?
- 73 Oul 05?

*You be the judge. And, speaking of judges, how do you reckon it's going to stack up in court?*

*The Fisheries officers were very friendly and polite and professional about it and all, but they'll still be going to get Head Office to check the archives and "get back to" me. Should I expect a fine in the mail in a couple of weeks, months, or years? What a pain. How will I ever be able to sleep at night... my momma always said I'd end up no good... The moral of the story is - Check the dates on your licence for clarity now! I bought this licence on the way to a dive, in a hurry. Never even bothered to look at the thing - I just paid my money, stuck the thing in my wallet and went out diving! I never gave it a second thought. Silly me - it's actually a legally binding document and unless you strike reasonable fair-minded gentlemanly Fisheries inspectors like I did, it would appear that it's your responsibility to prove its validity.*

*Next time I buy a licence - I'm gunna insist that the bastard gets typed!*

*Oh, and is anyone else besides me really naive enough to believe that just the act of going diving does not in itself automatically prove INTENT to catch crabs? I mean, you go diving with a pair of gloves on, and you've got a catch-bag on your belt - apparently that's proof that you're going equipped to catch crabs, and, ipso fatso, that proves the intent!*

*hmmmmmm.....*

*Cheers,  
Rob Kirk*

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## **Report on diving in Port Phillip Heads area**

*[Report by Alan Beckhurst after a meeting on the 11th October 2005 re the Diver Exclusion Zone around the Head's area dredging site ]*

*We left the Heads Safety Workshop with a guarded positive feeling. MSV, DSE, and the Water Police did not attend. It was established from the beginning that all discussions were ONLY about the rockfall area in the Canyon. But this does not mean that DSE, MSV, and the water police won't come up with something different. The workshop started with presentations from geologists, engineers, and Malcolm Venturoni from Professional Dive services. The early thrust was how unstable the site is, with large rocks migrating northward over the plateau, and eventually into the canyon. They highlighted cracks found in rock along the lip, and on deeper overhangs as a result of dredge head and boulder impact.*

*We were able to extract from them that in all probability, rock movement would only occur as a result of tide and wave action. Mal Venturoni admitted that they had dived the site in waves over 2 metres, and not seen movement of any rocks which would be large enough to be a concern to divers. It was pointed out that divers visiting this area would be briefed about the instability of the site, and requested not to put pressure on rocks, or go under ledges. The issue of communications to all of our divers was raised, and we satisfied them that we could reach all our clubs via e mail, and print mail, on our website, and would run an article in Diverlog, but we could not guarantee to reach all divers.*

*I asked that divers requesting shipping clearance from Lonsdale light should be advised of any periods the site was closed for future surveys, and requested that such surveys should not take place over weekends, which was agreed to. The SDFV and DIVA Codes of Practice were handed out by PoMC, and they commented that the codes addressed most of the concerns held by the Statutory bodies. The feedback from the PoMC indicated that they were satisfied that diving could recommence at the site, but they felt DSE may look at an indemnity mechanism, as thier concern would be liability. The concensus from the Geologists, and Pro divers was that the site would remain unstable for another 6 weeks or so, depending on weather conditions. The geologists could not differentiate the risks of diving under existing overhangs near the dredge site, and the current dredged area situation, so with anecdotal evidence of the tens of thousands of dives carried out in the Rip area with no reports of rockfalls, it was agreed that the risk was very small, although still present.*

*PoMC is today making recommendations to DSE, and they will direct the MSV and Water Police to either open the site from the 16th (Sunday), or extend the exclusion period. We are guarded as they may attach strings, like indemnity forms, briefings, registering to dive, or may decide to review all the requirements to dive at the Rip. We should know this week, as the exclusion expires at midnight Saturday, but they have made changes at the last minute in the past!*

*I will make a full report when the decisions have been made.*

*[Ed. Well done Alan—keep up the fantastic work— I know all divers will be in your debt!]*

# WHO DOES WHAT

A man and his wife were having an argument about who should brew the coffee each morning.

The wife said, "You should do it, because you get up first, and then we don't have to wait as long to get our coffee."

The husband said, " You are in charge of cooking around here and you should do it, because that is your job, and I can just wait for my coffee."

Wife replies, "No, you should do it, and besides, it is in the Bible that the man should do the coffee."

Husband replies, "I can't believe that, show me."

So she fetched the Bible, and opened the New Testament and showed him at the top of several pages, that it indeed says....."HEBREWS"

**From: 'Mick Jeacle'**

**Subject: Nimrod trip 2006**

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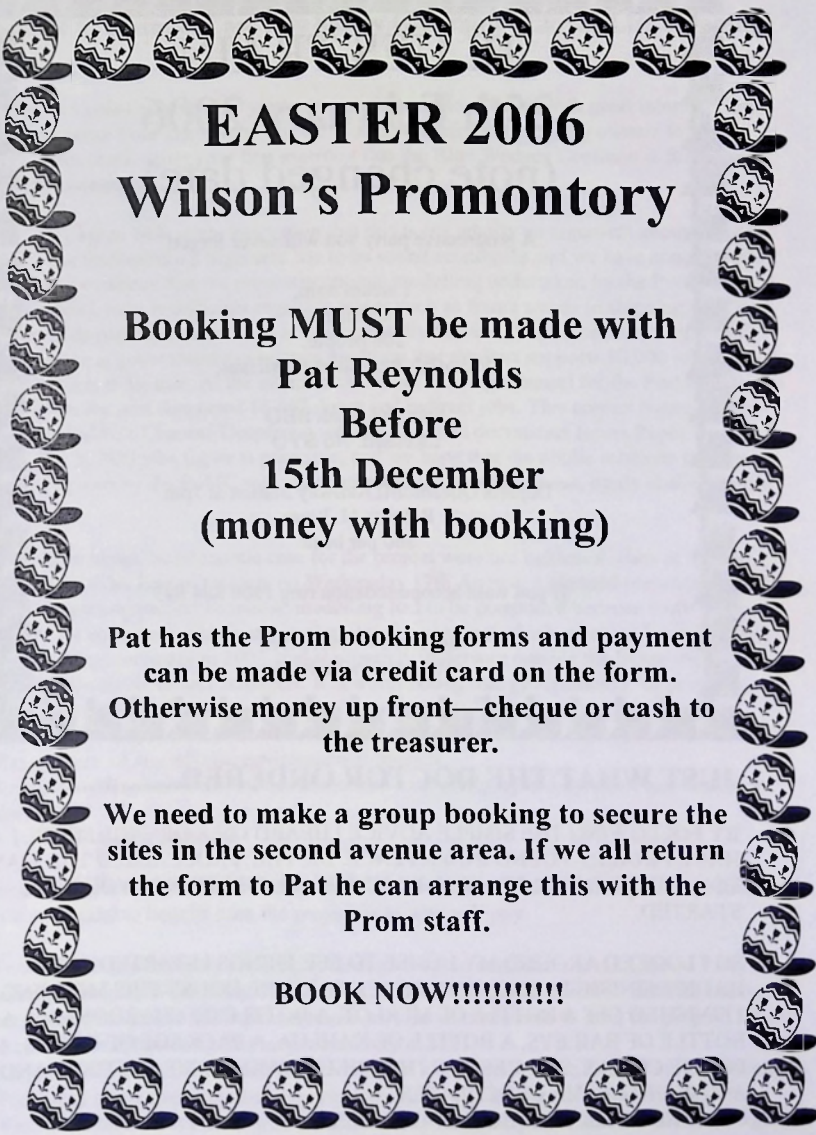
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# **EASTER 2006**

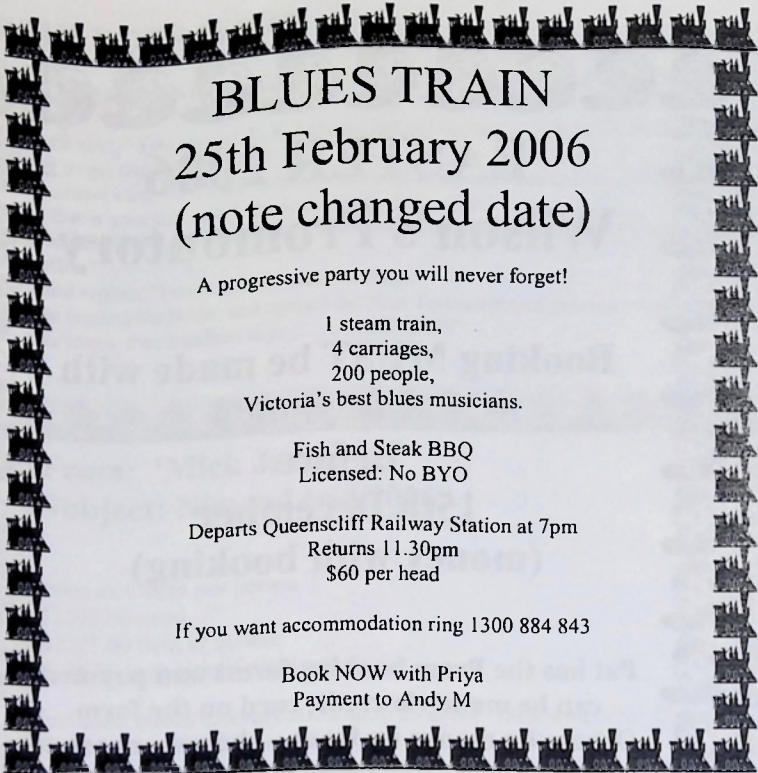
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I CAN NOT DESCRIBE HOW GOOD I FEEL!

**The following is a response by Jenny Warfe to an article entitled 'Loophole in Channel Case'. By Sandy Galbraith - Lloyds List Shipping News**

Many in our Coalition have read your recent article in Lloyd's List with great interest. Comments have come from interests as diverse as shippers, cliff top property owners to beach walkers - thus challenging your first assertion that the Blue Wedges Coalition is fundamentally unrepresentative.

We certainly agree with your observation that this is not wholly an argument about the environment. The underpinning argument has to be sound economics and we have considerable concerns and evidence that the present economic modelling undertaken by the Port is narrowly focussed, pays insufficient regard to issues such as future trends in shipping, fuel and therefore trade patterns, and as such is fundamentally flawed. One of the most simple and obvious issues is government's continued assertion that the Port supports 80,000 jobs. This is well known not to be true. At the independent Panel Hearing, counsel for the Port reluctantly admitted that the port supported 18,467 direct and indirect jobs. This correct figure is available on the PoMC's Channel Deepening website, in Panel documents Issues Paper No. 2 Page 4. The 80,000 jobs figure is pure spin, and we hope that the public relations company recently engaged by the PoMC will not continue to use this erroneous, easily challengeable figure.

Our concerns about the economic case for the project were not lightened when at the last PoMC stakeholder liaison meeting on Wednesday 17th August; a planned presentation of the channel deepening project economic modelling had to be postponed because more work needed to be done on it. This is rather alarming for a project which received "in principle" support from government in 2002, and is presently underway outside the living rooms of many bayside residents and taxpayers. It is worth noting that government's "in principle" support was predicated on three issues:

- \* Management of any adverse environmental impacts
- \* Resolution of technical difficulties associated with dredging in a dynamic and sensitive embayment
- \* A sound financing proposal

When last we investigated that matter, there has not been a fundamental agreement from those who stand to benefit from the project as to who will pay.

- \* PoMC CEO says industry should pay through levy on containers. (At a Liberal Party branch meeting on Wednesday 17th August, PoMC CEO Steve Bradford indicated that the Port planned to impose a \$20 per container levy on all containers to fund the project, He did not make it clear how long that levy would stay at \$20)
- \* Shipping Australia CEO says Vic. Government should pay (Llew Russell various articles)
- \* P&O says major importers and exporters should pay (Tim Blood - various articles)
- \* Vic. Government says those who benefit directly from the project should pay (The Age, ESC review 2004)



It seems "direct beneficiaries" are somewhat hard to define.

In its submission to the Essential Services Commission Review in 2004 in which the PoMC was seeking relief from present levels of regulation, the PoMC argued that Victorian taxpayers should not have to pay for the project because they will not benefit from it. In its Channel Deepening Project EES however, the PoMC appeared to be making assumptions that the project would be taxpayer funded, and to justify its economic modelling relied on an assertion that benefits accrued by shipping companies and shippers would flow almost entirely to "consumers" (taxpayers). At the Panel Hearing, the PoMC's own expert witness said benefits to Victorians would be "immeasurably minor". The Independent Panel Report of February 2005 noted that costs of the project at that time were \$545 million and that direct benefits to Victorians were \$523 million - an apparent dis-benefit. Since that time, an additional \$32 million has been added for the "Trial" dredging. Furthermore, and based on recent reports in relation to toxicity issues in the Yarra/Maribyrnong Rivers, it seems likely that via the PoMC, taxpayers are to be exposed to more costs to ameliorate the past environmental damages of industry near the Yarra. Of course the issue of how to properly handle the toxic material which would be exposed in the Yarra sediments if the channel deepening was to proceed has yet to be defined, or costed.

We also agree with your observation that the appointment of an independent expert panel is an important step - and this has now occurred. However, there is a little point in appointing an expert panel who might be able to conceive of a project being designed and implemented with unlimited funds (from whatever source). What is patently obvious is that the experts need to know how much money is available for the project, or if indeed there is a blank cheque before they can provide informed expert opinions.

There is also little point in appointing an expert Panel, and then not using that expertise. We were alarmed to be informed today that one of the experts, Marine Ecologist Prof. Mick Keogh had to contact Channel 7 to obtain footage of the recent destruction to reef habitat at The Heads from rockfalls down the canyon wall, rather than him having been advised or consulted by the PoMC. So, government is using taxpayers funds to pay experts NOT to be consulted, whilst also paying Royal Boskalis whilst there is irrefutable evidence that Boskalis and the PoMC has caused permanent damage to some of our most important environmental assets. This defies logic, and is also incidentally outside the terms of the Port's Environmental Management Plan for the trial, which was clear that no permanent damage would result from the trial, and that rockfalls below 20 metres would result in the trial being halted.

Since the Panel Report was released in February a quick "Report card" on the project looks something like this:

\* President of Australian Peak Shippers Association, Frank Beaufort announces that channel deepening will not benefit exporters, only importers, and that his exporter members are not happy at the prospect of having to pay for the project. He also asserts that PoMC's estimate of 30% of ships not being able to load to capacity is excessive. He is quickly encouraged to remain silent.

\* PoMC forges ahead with Recommendation 45 from the Panel Report (small trial

dredge at or near The Heads), turning that recommendation into a large dredging project in itself, removing a total of 1.8 million cubic metres of rock, sand and silt from The Heads, North and South of the Bay

\* Project Stakeholder Advisory Committee (PSAC) not convened until late July. Trial due to commence 2nd August

\* Trial Dredge Environmental Management Plan (EMP) not released until 2-3 days before the trial commences. Woefully inadequate time for the public, and other experts to assess the EMP.

\* Belated appointment of Expert Scientific Panel - not announced until 24th August. (Panel recommended early appointment)

\* Late July - Peter Fitzgerald, economist and senior ALP figure expresses considerable concerns about shipping projections and economic modelling relied upon by the PoMC

\* Late July - Richard McEncroe, ex Treasury senior economist announces serious concerns about the government's lack of rigour in its support for the project, and the cost-benefit analysis relied upon.

- Dredging commences 6th August

\* Monday August 29th rockfalls into canyon - PoMC announced "incident" on Friday 2nd September, stating that it came to their attention late on Monday August 29th. Co-incidentally August 29th was the last day that dredging was scheduled for The Heads.

\* PoMC Press release Friday 2nd September assures the public that dredging techniques at The Heads has been successful, and that a small amount of rock debris (20 cubic metres estimate) constituted an insignificant and isolated incident

\* This incident has exceeded the 14-20 metre rockfall trigger within the EMP which should have caused PoMC to re-assess their dredging technique.

\* This incident exceeded the 20 metre threshold at which the trial should have been halted - the trial was not halted

\* A further 6 week diver exclusion zone was however immediately imposed on Friday 2nd September (same day that rockfall was announced). This exclusion zone was imposed without justification, consultation or notification with the Dive Industry.

\* This exclusion zone effectively puts the Dive Industry out of business for another 6 weeks.

\* Video shown on channel 7 news 5th and 6th September confirms that the rockfalls have been massive and extensive.

\* September 5th- ANL announces that it doubts the necessity of Yarra dredging to Swanson Dock

\* International Shipping consultant Richard Clarke, and Cpt. John Turnbull, Master Mariners Association secretary announce that the Yarra should not be dredged at all, and that a "hell of a lot of money can be saved", and that the international trend is away from siting major ports in its centres.

All in all, the report card for the project is not looking too positive is it?

It is also critical that we do not commit community funds to a project which we cannot afford, or has not been properly justified when other options have not been properly explored or costed. To that end, it is critical to note that the Terms of Reference for the origi-

nal EES specifically excluded looking at alternatives

Because of these critical limitations, we haven't even had a proper community debate about whether this is the right project for Melbourne. I am sure that you are aware of our suggestions that Melbourne need not "whither on the vine" if this project does not proceed. We say that amongst other things, Melbourne could market itself as the premier port for medium sized shipping into/from Australia, and become an important transport hub around that restructuring. The introduction of the DUKCR technology, which we understand would obviate the need for channel deepening for many years based on current projections for deeper draught vessel arrivals, could also address the access issues which the Port claims affects a (poorly quantified) portion of vessels arriving/leaving the Port. At the recent Liberal Party meeting mentioned above, Steve Bradford confirmed that, due to the small size of our market, maximum 13 metre draught vessels would probably be the largest vessels to arrive in Melbourne for at least 10 years.

These are merely some suggestions; we believe that it is up to government, not the Blue Wedges Coalition, to properly evaluate a range of options, and to put those options in front of the public in a fully transparent manner. We have however obtained considerable economic opinion from a variety of sources that the present project lacks innovative thinking as well as economic credibility; surely the 21st Century deserves some innovative thinking. Comments we have recently received include international opinion that the port of Brisbane is likely to increasingly become the port of first call for container ships bringing manufactured goods from Asia, as it is closest to Asia. Brisbane is located close to the ocean and to deep water, so a deep water channel is cheap to build and maintain. It makes economic sense that the port of Brisbane should become a major port of first call for the largest container ships. This doesn't mean that ships won't come to Melbourne. Having unloaded a portion of their cargo in Brisbane, and possibly in Sydney, they will ride higher in the water and they won't need extra depth to visit the Port of Melbourne. The overall size and vitality of the Victorian economy and Melbourne's good transport connections to NSW and SA will ensure it remains an important port.

So, does it really mean Melbourne as a backwater if it is not always the port of first call? Surely not, as Melbourne continues to grow (another million by 2030), goods will still arrive and leave to meet consumer demand, and based on market forces. The PoMC has admitted that trade will quadruple through the Port by 2030 regardless of whether channel deepening proceeds - so we need not be concerned about lack of jobs particularly in goods handling. So where's the problem? Perhaps only in a dedication to doing things the way we always have, rather than in identifying opportunities for new business enterprises and new markets built around being responsive to change, and in making innovative economic and environmental decisions for our long term well being - not just the next 20 years.

I trust you will now agree that the concerns of the Blue Wedges Coalition are not merely those of "environmentalists", but of concerned residents and taxpayers. Concerned for our fiscal, as well as our environmental well being - which are of course inextricably linked.



# Coconut King Prawns in Mango & Sweet Chilli

## Ingredients

Green King Prawns ( bought, shelled & deveined are easier )  
Shredded coconut  
Carnation milk  
Flour  
Sweet Chilli sauce  
Mango's  
Fresh Limes

Roll shelled & deveined Prawns in Flour , dip in Carnation milk , then roll in Shredded coconut

Place Prawns on paper towel and put in Fridge

Simmer & stir Mango's and add fresh lime juice and sweet chilli sauce to preferred taste

Bring a shallow pan of oil to boil , drop in prepared prawns .

When the coconut on prawns turns golden brown they are cooked ( happens quite quickly )

Set out Prawns and cover with prepared Chilli Mango sauce

ENJOY !!!

*[Ed. Anyone else with a favourite recipe you are prepared to share?]*

## BUMPER STICKERS

**If You Can Read This, I've Lost My Trailer.**

**Horn Broken... Watch For Finger.**

**The Earth Is Full - Go Home.**

**I Have The Body Of A God - Buddha.**

**So Many Pedestrians - So Little Time.**

**Eat Right, Exercise, Die Anyway.**

**Honk If Anything Falls Off.**

**Cover Me, I'm Changing Lanes.**

**Fight Crime: Shoot Back!**

**(Seen Upside Down On A Jeep)**

**If You Can Read This, Please Flip Me Back Over...**

**Guys: No Shirt, No Service :Gals: No Shirt, No Charge**

**Caution - Driver Legally Blonde.**

**How Many Roads Must A Man Travel Down Before He Admits He is Lost?**

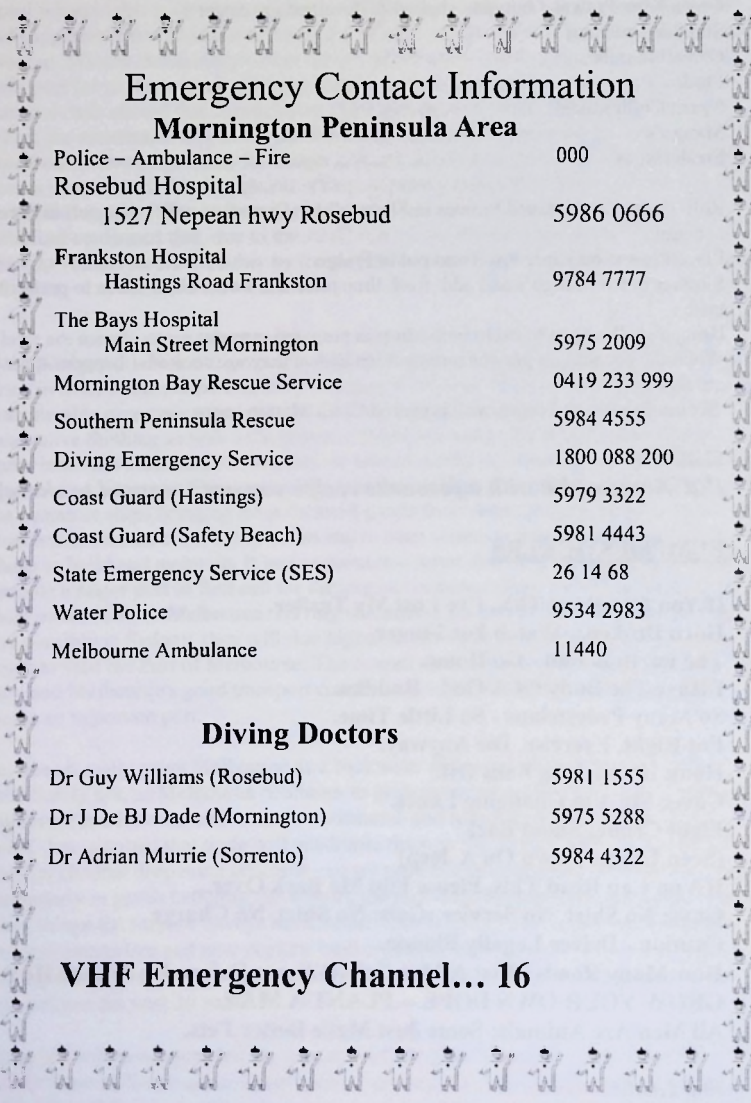
**GROW YOUR OWN DOPE -- PLANT A MAN.**

**All Men Are Animals; Some Just Make Better Pets.**

*And Lastly:*

**POLITICIANS & DIAPERS:**

**BOTH NEED TO BE CHANGED, AND FOR THE SAME REASON**



## Emergency Contact Information

### Mornington Peninsula Area

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

### Diving Doctors

|                              |           |
|------------------------------|-----------|
| Dr Guy Williams (Rosebud)    | 5981 1555 |
| Dr J De BJ Dade (Mornington) | 5975 5288 |
| Dr Adrian Murrie (Sorrento)  | 5984 4322 |

### VHF Emergency Channel... 16

# PORT PHILLIP HEADS (PT. LONSDALE)

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

## OCTOBER - 2005

| Time m             | Time m              | Time m              | Time m              |
|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| <b>1</b> 0251 0.48 | <b>9</b> 0343 1.51  | <b>17</b> 0423 0.46 | <b>25</b> 0505 1.38 |
| 1018 1.10          | 0922 0.47           | 1109 1.25           | 1031 0.49           |
| SA 1555 0.69       | SU 1527 1.31        | MO 1702 0.33        | TU 1540 0.21        |
| 2215 1.02          | 2127 0.09           | 2353 1.37           | 2246 0.21           |
| <b>2</b> 0421 1.02 | <b>10</b> 0422 1.47 | <b>18</b> 0536 0.46 | <b>26</b> 0544 1.29 |
| 1112 1.13          | 0959 0.50           | 1201 1.30           | 1110 0.53           |
| SU 1716 0.59       | MO 1601 1.28        | TU 1758 0.19        | WE 1719 1.14        |
| 2326 1.09          | 2204 0.08           |                     | 2325 0.29           |
| <b>3</b> 0532 0.45 | <b>11</b> 0504 1.41 | <b>19</b> 0053 1.50 | <b>27</b> 0327 1.21 |
| 1157 1.18          | 1036 0.53           | 0632 0.45           | 1150 0.57           |
| MO 1804 0.48       | TU 1639 1.25        | WE 1248 1.34        | TH 1805 1.07        |
|                    | 2245 0.12           | 1845 0.08           |                     |
| <b>4</b> 0622 1.20 | <b>12</b> 0552 1.33 | <b>20</b> 0145 1.50 | <b>28</b> 0005 0.38 |
| 0622 0.48          | 1116 0.56           | 0719 0.44           | 0716 1.15           |
| TU 1234 1.23       | WE 1724 1.21        | TH 1331 1.37        | FR 1237 0.60        |
| 1840 0.37          | 2330 0.18           | 1926 0.02           | 1903 1.01           |
| <b>5</b> 0708 1.32 | <b>13</b> 0647 1.25 | <b>21</b> 0231 1.63 | <b>29</b> 0053 0.48 |
| 0701 0.46          | 1201 0.58           | 0801 0.44           | 1313 1.10           |
| WE 1310 1.28       | TH 1821 1.16        | FR 1411 1.37        | SA 1336 0.61        |
|                    |                     | 2011 0.01           | 2025 0.99           |
| <b>6</b> 0737 0.45 | <b>14</b> 0623 0.25 | <b>22</b> 0314 1.61 | <b>30</b> 0154 0.56 |
| TH 1345 1.31       | FR 1300 0.60        | 0840 0.44           | 0910 1.09           |
| 1945 0.19          | 1937 1.12           | SA 1448 1.35        | SU 1459 0.58        |
|                    |                     | 2051 0.03           | 2153 1.03           |
| <b>7</b> 0827 1.49 | <b>15</b> 0730 0.35 | <b>23</b> 0352 1.56 | <b>31</b> 0315 0.63 |
| 0812 0.45          | 0905 1.18           | 0910 0.44           | 1004 1.09           |
| FR 1419 1.33       | SA 1418 0.57        | SU 1525 1.32        | MO 1621 0.49        |
| 2017 0.13          | 2115 1.13           | SU 2130 0.47        | 2302 1.13           |
| <b>8</b> 0304 1.52 | <b>16</b> 0254 0.42 | <b>24</b> 0430 1.08 | <b>24</b> 0300 1.48 |
| 0846 0.45          | 1010 1.20           | 0955 0.46           |                     |
| SA 1453 1.32       | SU 1550 0.47        | MO 1601 1.27        |                     |
| 2051 0.10          | 2243 1.23           | MO 2209 0.14        |                     |

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LAT 38 18 LONG 144 37 TIME ZONE +1000  
Times of Start of Flood and Ebb, Slack Water, Add one hour for Official Summer Time

## OCTOBER - 2005

| Time Start          | Time Start           | Time Start           | Time Start           |
|---------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| <b>1</b> 0559 flood | <b>9</b> 0640 ebb    | <b>17</b> 0110 ebb   | <b>25</b> 0654 flood |
| 1300 ebb            | 1210 flood           | 0741 flood           | 0755 ebb             |
| SA 1525 flood       | SU 1722 ebb          | MO 1335 ebb          | TU 1323 flood        |
|                     |                      | TU 2015 flood        | WE 1243 ebb          |
| <b>2</b> 0655 ebb   | <b>10</b> 0624 flood | <b>18</b> 0235 ebb   | <b>26</b> 0723 flood |
| 0725 flood          | 0724 ebb             | 0843 flood           | 0833 ebb             |
| SU 1350 ebb         | MO 1242 flood        | TU 1424 ebb          | WE 1517 ebb          |
| 2018 flood          | 1754 ebb             | 2107 flood           |                      |
| <b>3</b> 0759 ebb   | <b>11</b> 0708 flood | <b>19</b> 0337 ebb   | <b>27</b> 0235 flood |
| 0830 flood          | 0809 ebb             | 0941 flood           | 0905 ebb             |
| MO 1450 ebb         | TU 1315 flood        | WE 1506 ebb          | TH 1443 flood        |
| 2057 flood          | FR 1630 ebb          | 2153 flood           | TH 2001 ebb          |
| <b>4</b> 0819 flood | <b>12</b> 0745 flood | <b>20</b> 0430 ebb   | <b>28</b> 0245 flood |
| 0859 ebb            | 0855 ebb             | 1024 flood           | 0543 ebb             |
| TU 1503 ebb         | WE 1354 flood        | TH 1643 ebb          | FR 1353 flood        |
| 2150 flood          | FR 1918 ebb          | 2233 flood           | TH 2103 ebb          |
| <b>5</b> 0848 ebb   | <b>13</b> 0830 flood | <b>21</b> 0515 ebb   | <b>29</b> 0333 flood |
| 0900 flood          | 0945 ebb             | 1107 flood           | 1053 ebb             |
| WE 1552 ebb         | TH 1443 flood        | FR 1623 ebb          | SA 1703 flood        |
| 2203 flood          | FR 2010 ebb          | 2307 ebb             | 2237 ebb             |
| <b>6</b> 0935 flood | <b>14</b> 0833 flood | <b>22</b> 0607 ebb   | <b>30</b> 0447 flood |
| 1030 flood          | 1039 ebb             | TH 1137 flood        | 1123 ebb             |
| TH 1630 ebb         | FR 1561 flood        | SA 1055 ebb          | SU 1833 flood        |
| 2235 flood          | FR 2134 ebb          | 2344 flood           |                      |
| <b>7</b> 0915 ebb   | <b>15</b> 0433 flood | <b>23</b> 1212 ebb   | <b>31</b> 0023 ebb   |
| 1109 flood          | 1138 ebb             | MO 1740 flood        | 0655 flood           |
| FR 1625 ebb         | SA 1740 flood        | SU 1730 ebb          | MO 1223 ebb          |
| FR 2311 flood       | SA 2335 ebb          |                      | MO 1923 flood        |
| <b>8</b> 0957 ebb   | <b>16</b> 0518 flood | <b>24</b> 0019 flood |                      |
| 1140 flood          | 0518 flood           | MO 1245 ebb          |                      |
| SA 1653 ebb         | SU 1915 flood        | MO 1804 ebb          |                      |
| 2345 flood          |                      |                      |                      |

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LAT 38° 18' LONG 144° 37'

TIME ZONE - 0300

TIMES AND HEIGHTS OF HIGH AND LOW WATERS

## NOVEMBER - 2005

| Time in     | Time m      | Time m      | Time m      | Time m      |
|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| 1 0448 064  | 0452 43     | 17 0625 152 | 0547 127    | 25 1129 050 |
| 1655 112    | 1022 048    | 17 0611 062 | 1129 050    | FR 1343 137 |
| TU 1754 036 | WE 1031 023 | TH 1215 126 | FR 1343 137 | SA 2231 041 |
| 2358 126    | 1 2031 014  | 1 1817 006  | 2 0627 122  | 26 1212 050 |
| 0549 062    | 10 0539 36  | 18 0125 152 | 0627 122    | SA 1240 135 |
| 1141 116    | 1107 048    | 18 0655 055 | 1212 050    | SA 1240 135 |
| WE 1753 026 | TH 1723 19  | FR 1255 122 | SA 1240 135 |             |
|             | 23 9 23     | FR 1901 003 |             |             |
| 3 0344 136  | 11 0620 36  | 19 0211 100 | 0215 031    | 27 0759 117 |
| 0632 051    | 1188 348    | 19 0140 062 | 0759 117    | SU 1350 049 |
| TH 1225 122 | FR 1820 15  | SA 1341 122 | SU 1350 049 | SU 1954 135 |
| TH 1830 016 |             | SA 1941 003 |             |             |
| 4 0125 148  | 12 0024 034 | 20 0251 157 | 0107 031    | 28 0107 031 |
| 0710 035    | 0728 24     | 20 0815 045 | 0758 113    | MO 1255 045 |
| FR 1335 124 | SA 1259 040 | SU 1420 122 | MO 1255 045 | MO 2114 135 |
| 1806 011    | SA 1953 18  | 20 0224 006 | 2114 135    |             |
| 5 0235 152  | 13 0118 040 | 21 0925 152 | 0212 070    | 29 0212 070 |
| 0547 052    | 0800 21     | 21 0857 042 | 0251 111    | SA 1350 039 |
| SA 1245 023 | SU 1413 041 | MC 1459 125 | TU 2222 117 | SA 1538 066 |
| 1848 002    | SU 2123 19  | 21 0153 011 |             | SA 2243 066 |
| 6 0245 157  | 14 0234 056 | 22 0422 146 | 0332 075    | 30 0332 075 |
| 0825 052    | 0900 26     | 22 0934 047 | 0345 110    | MO 1255 045 |
| SU 1427 122 | MO 1530 032 | TU 1637 122 | WE 1651 031 | WE 2322 126 |
| 2023 003    | MO 2308 29  | TU 2141 017 |             |             |
| 7 0328 155  | 15 0308 051 | 23 0427 140 | 0427 140    |             |
| 0552 045    | 1028 21     | 23 1012 042 | 1012 042    |             |
| MO 2134 004 | TU 1635 032 | WE 1816 117 | WE 1816 117 |             |
|             | TU 2343 41  | WE 2217 024 | WE 2217 024 |             |
| 8 0409 153  | 16 0513 051 | 24 0512 132 | 0512 132    |             |
| 0542 045    | 1132 24     | 24 1045 045 | 1045 045    |             |
| TU 1845 122 | WE 1736 012 | TH 1857 132 | TH 1857 132 |             |
| 2145 007    | WE 2253 032 |             | WE 2253 032 |             |

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LAT 38° 18'

LONG 144° 37'

TIME ZONE - 1000

Times of Start of Flood and Ebb (Slack) Water. Add one hour for Official Summer Time

## NOVEMBER - 2005

| Time Start    | Time Start    | Time Start    | Time Start    | Time Start |
|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|------------|
| 1 0149 ebb    | 9 0045 flood  | 17 0332 ebb   | 25 0131 flood |            |
| 0759 flood    | 0754 ebb      | 0924 flood    | 0824 ebb      |            |
| TU 1307 ebb   | WE 1315 flood | TH 1415 ebb   | FR 1429 flood |            |
| 2009 flood    | 1825 ebb      | 2122 flood    | 1956 ebb      |            |
| 2 0250 ebb    | 10 0126 flood | 18 0421 ebb   | 26 0207 flood |            |
| 0858 flood    | 0832 ebb      | 1010 flood    | 0555 ebb      |            |
| WE 1349 ebb   | TH 1400 flood | FR 1500 ebb   | SA 1516 flood |            |
| 2048 flood    | 1923 ebb      | 2201 flood    | 2059 ebb      |            |
| 3 0341 ebb    | 11 0210 flood | 19 0505 ebb   | 27 0246 flood |            |
| 0344 flood    | 0910 ebb      | 1048 flood    | 0929 ebb      |            |
| TH 1426 ebb   | FR 1457 flood | SA 1541 ebb   | SU 1622 flood |            |
| 2126 flood    | 2036 ebb      | 2239 flood    | 2220 ebb      |            |
| 4 0426 ebb    | 12 0309 flood | 20 0545 ebb   | 28 0338 flood |            |
| 1022 flood    | 0952 ebb      | 1125 flood    | 1006 ebb      |            |
| FR 1502 ebb   | SA 1616 flood | SU 1621 ebb   | MO 1729 flood |            |
| 2204 flood    | 2208 ebb      | 2315 flood    |               |            |
| 5 0509 ebb    | 13 0408 flood | 21 0622 ebb   | 29 0003 ebb   |            |
| 1056 flood    | 1041 ebb      | 1200 flood    | 0500 flood    |            |
| SA 1538 ebb   | SU 1744 flood | MO 1701 ebb   | TU 1047 ebb   |            |
| 2243 flood    | 2349 ebb      | 2350 flood    | TU 1827 flood |            |
| 6 0551 ebb    | 14 0540 flood | 22 0656 ebb   | 30 0130 ebb   |            |
| 1129 flood    | 1136 ebb      | 1234 flood    | 0705 flood    |            |
| SU 1615 ebb   | MO 1853 flood | TU 1741 ebb   | WE 1135 ebb   |            |
| 2323 flood    |               |               | WE 1916 flood |            |
| 7 0633 ebb    | 15 0121 ebb   | 23 0024 flood |               |            |
| 1201 flood    | TU 1232 ebb   | 0726 ebb      |               |            |
| MO 1654 ebb   | TU 1950 flood | 1822 ebb      |               |            |
| 8 0003 flood  | 16 0234 ebb   | 24 0058 flood |               |            |
| 0715 ebb      | 0829 flood    | 0754 ebb      |               |            |
| TU 1236 flood | WE 1327 ebb   | 1347 flood    |               |            |
| 1737 ebb      | WE 2039 flood | 1905 ebb      |               |            |

ADD ONE HOUR for DAYLIGHT SAVINGS

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TIMES AND HEIGHTS OF HIGH AND LOW WATERS

## DECEMBER - 2005

| Time m      | Time m      | Time m      | Time m      |
|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| 1 0454 075  | 9 0326 142  | 17 0108 148 | 25 0547 129 |
| TH 1042 111 | FR 1156 036 | SA 0634 063 | SU 1146 037 |
| TH 1957 022 | FR 1227 122 | SA 1229 059 | SU 1816 110 |
|             | FR 2315 025 | SA 1539 059 | SU 2342 051 |
| 2 0914 139  | 10 0610 136 | 18 0153 150 | 26 0922 124 |
| 2 0952 071  | FR 1158 022 | SU 0719 058 | MO 1225 034 |
| FR 1137 114 | SA 1258 120 | SU 1515 120 | MO 1916 111 |
| ● 1745 013  |             | SU 1923 059 |             |
| 3 0101 148  | 11 0605 041 | 19 0232 149 | 27 0202 051 |
| 3 0309 055  | FR 0858 131 | MO 0502 053 | TU 0701 179 |
| SA 1236 118 | SU 1254 029 | MO 1359 120 | TU 1907 031 |
| SA 1832 006 | SU 2050 120 | MO 2005 011 | TU 2023 114 |
| 4 0147 154  | 12 0103 054 | 20 0309 147 | 28 0123 071 |
| 4 0721 090  | MO 0749 125 | MO 0542 050 | WE 0747 115 |
| SU 1312 122 | MO 1354 025 | TU 1439 120 | WE 1356 028 |
| ● 1912 032  | TU 2114 125 | WE 2246 014 | WE 2130 119 |
| 5 0302 150  | 13 0207 065 | 21 0342 144 | 29 0330 078 |
| 5 0362 054  | MO 0345 121 | MO 0321 047 | TH 0841 111 |
| MO 1400 126 | TU 1459 022 | WE 1519 118 | TH 1452 023 |
| MO 2004 000 | TU 2221 131 | WE 2120 019 | TH 2232 126 |
| 6 0316 155  | 14 0321 071 | 22 0414 140 | 30 0345 081 |
| 6 0943 049  | MO 0344 119 | MO 0368 046 | MO 0942 109 |
| TU 1452 127 | WE 1651 017 | TH 1559 116 | FR 1500 018 |
| TU 2050 002 | WE 2322 139 | TH 2155 025 | FR 2341 133 |
| 7 0400 152  | 15 0457 072 | 23 0464 157 | 31 0500 078 |
| 7 0930 045  | MO 0442 115 | MO 0334 042 | MO 1049 110 |
| WE 1540 127 | TH 1659 015 | FR 1640 114 | SA 1705 011 |
| WE 2137 008 | TH 2229 053 | FR 2229 053 | ●           |
| 8 0442 147  | 16 0518 145 | 24 0515 153 |             |
| 8 1016 040  | MO 0542 065 | MO 1110 040 |             |
| TH 1630 125 | FR 1158 115 | SA 1726 112 |             |
| ● 2225 017  | ● 1751 010  | ● 2304 042  |             |

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Times of Start of Flood and Ebb (Sb) in Water. Add one hour for Official Summer Time

## DECEMBER - 2005

| Time Start    | Time Start    | Time Start    | Time Start    |
|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| 1 0325 ebb    | 9 0113 flood  | 17 0407 ebb   | 25 0139 flood |
| TH 0823 flood | FR 0305 ebb   | SA 0556 flood | SU 0811 ebb   |
| TH 1227 ebb   | FR 1413 flood | SA 1420 ebb   | SU 1451 flood |
| 2008 flood    | FR 1949 ebb   | SA 2130 flood | 2045 ebb      |
| 2 0329 ebb    | 10 0155 flood | 18 0469 ebb   | 26 0315 flood |
| 2 0923 flood  | MO 0237 ebb   | MO 1039 flood | MO 0837 ebb   |
| FR 1315 ebb   | SA 1314 flood | SU 1512 ebb   | MO 1936 flood |
| ● 2053 flood  | SA 2101 ebb   | MO 2219 flood | 2152 ebb      |
| 3 0415 ebb    | 11 0243 flood | 19 0528 ebb   | 27 0237 flood |
| 3 1005 flood  | MO 0313 ebb   | MO 1116 flood | MO 0904 ebb   |
| SA 1410 ebb   | SU 1619 flood | MO 1601 ebb   | TU 1522 flood |
| 2138 flood    | SU 2224 ebb   | MO 2256 flood | TU 2321 ebb   |
| 4 1041 flood  | 12 0340 flood | 20 0601 ebb   | 28 0330 flood |
| SU 1500 ebb   | MO 0752 ebb   | MO 1152 flood | MO 0935 ebb   |
| 2222 flood    | MO 1723 flood | TU 1647 ebb   | WE 1725 flood |
| 2352 ebb      | 2352 ebb      | 2331 flood    |               |
| 5 0541 ebb    | 13 0459 flood | 21 0630 ebb   | 29 0503 ebb   |
| 5 1115 flood  | MO 1039 ebb   | 21 1227 flood | MO 0502 flood |
| MO 1557 ebb   | TU 1823 flood | WE 1732 ebb   | TH 1016 ebb   |
| 2306 flood    | TU 2306 flood |               | 1826 flood    |
| 6 0520 ebb    | 14 0113 ebb   | 22 0304 flood | 30 0211 ebb   |
| 6 1153 flood  | MO 0343 flood | TH 0557 ebb   | MO 0726 flood |
| TU 1545 ebb   | WE 1511 ebb   | TH 1500 flood | FR 1114 ebb   |
| 2345 flood    | WE 1819 flood | TH 1516 ebb   | FR 1927 flood |
| 7 0658 ebb    | 15 0221 ebb   | 23 0336 flood | 31 0311 ebb   |
| 7 1233 flood  | MO 0300 flood | FR 0721 ebb   | MO 0845 flood |
| WE 1742 ebb   | TH 1229 ebb   | FR 1335 flood | SA 1223 ebb   |
|               | TH 2010 flood | FR 1901 ebb   | ● 2025 flood  |
| 8 0331 flood  | 16 0318 ebb   | 24 0100 flood |               |
| 8 0732 ebb    | MO 0304 flood | MO 0745 ebb   |               |
| TH 1326 flood | FR 1325 ebb   | SA 1411 flood |               |
| ● 1845 ebb    | ● 2057 flood  | ● 1549 ebb    |               |

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# VSAG Meeting and Dive Calendar

| Dive Date | Location | Dive Captain | Phone | Meeting Point | Time |
|-----------|----------|--------------|-------|---------------|------|
|-----------|----------|--------------|-------|---------------|------|

## October

|                                |                       |            |            |          |     |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------|------------|------------|----------|-----|
| 16                             | Sorrento—tba          | Alan S     | 9803 3573  | Sorrento | 9am |
| 20                             | Meeting—guest speaker |            |            | Bells    | 8pm |
| 23                             | Barwon Bommie         | JohnLawler | 0414922916 | tba      | 9am |
| 29,30, 31, Nov 1 Wilson's Prom |                       |            |            |          |     |

## November

|    |                         |             |              |          |     |
|----|-------------------------|-------------|--------------|----------|-----|
| 6  | Phillip Island          | Darren P    | 0414 314 824 | Newhaven | 9am |
| 13 | Wreck Dive tba          | Alan S      | 9803 3573    | Sorrento | 9am |
| 17 | Meeting                 |             |              | Bells    | 8pm |
| 20 | Queenscliff Family Day  | John Lawler | 0414 922 916 |          |     |
| 25 | VSAG Xmas Party Milanos |             |              | Milanos  |     |
| 27 | Mystery Dive            | Alan S      | 9803 3573    | tba      | tba |

## December

|    |                                                              |             |              |          |     |
|----|--------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|--------------|----------|-----|
| 4  | Phillip Island - Cray/ab dive                                | John Lawler | 0414 922 916 | Newhaven | 9am |
| 11 | Heads Area---Back beach                                      | Andy M      | 9809 0984    | Sorrento | 9am |
| 15 | Social Meeting at Bells - come and join us for a xmas drink. |             |              |          |     |
| 18 | Local diving                                                 | Alan S      | 9803 3573    | tba      | tba |

## DIARY DATES

25 Nov Christmas party

26Dec-9 Jan Christmas Trip---Eden See Pat for details

25 Feb Blues Train - Book with Priya 0414 310 727

ANY TIME Interested in a shore dive ( Saturday, etc) or a night dive (shore or boat). Ring Alan Storen on 9803 3573 (H). Free gear hire is available---wetsuits depending on size!





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