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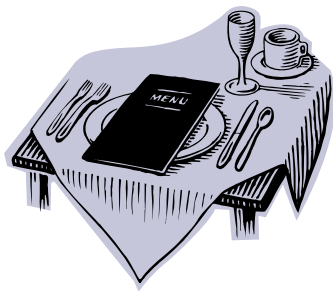
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NOTICES

VSAG Committee meets at 8 pm every 2nd Tuesday of the month
(except in January)

All Members Welcome

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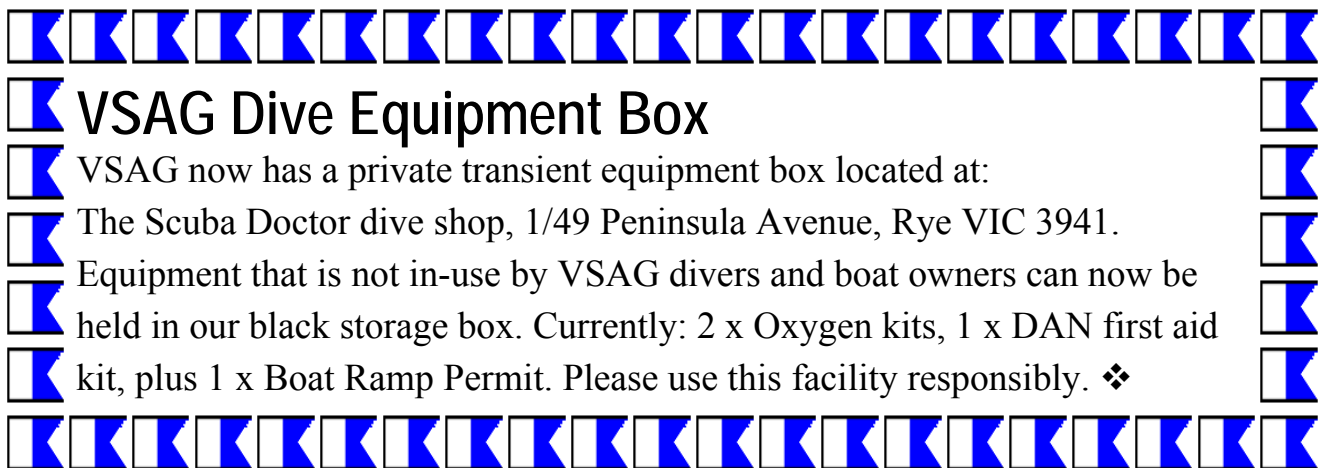
**VSAG Monthly meetings are at 8 pm on the
3rd TUESDAY of each month at BELL'S HOTEL
157 MORAY ST, SOUTH MELBOURNE**

All are welcome to join us for a meal at 7 pm
before the meeting.

Tuesday Night Special—all meals \$15

VSAG on Facebook

Did you know VSAG now has a
Facebook page? Check it out at
[https://www.facebook.com/
vsag.divers](https://www.facebook.com/vsag.divers) and 'Like' us.



VSAG Dive Equipment Box

VSAG now has a private transient equipment box located at:

The Scuba Doctor dive shop, 1/49 Peninsula Avenue, Rye VIC 3941.

Equipment that is not in-use by VSAG divers and boat owners can now be held in our black storage box. Currently: 2 x Oxygen kits, 1 x DAN first aid kit, plus 1 x Boat Ramp Permit. Please use this facility responsibly. ❖

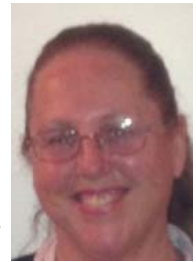
VSAG Committee 2013–2014



Back row: John Lawler, Ian Scholey, Lloyd Borrett, Graham Ellis, Trevor Williams

Front row: David Flew, David Geekie, Peter Galvin, Benita McDonough.

Right: Christine Reynolds



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DON'T FORGET.....



The 60th Anniversary of the formation of the
Victorian Sub-Aqua Group will be held on

Saturday 16th August 2014

at **Milano's Brighton Beach** — 4 The Esplanade, Brighton.



Time: From 6.30pm until midnight

Dress: Preferably - Gents — Jacket & Tie ~ Ladies — After 5

For a bit of nostalgia



Chris Llewellyn has sent in a link to a video - "Easter at the Prom 1985".

The mighty Hunter gathers have just returned to the Tidal river camp with their harvest and are willing to tell all and sundry about their diving prowess, courage and skill. The crays were abundant and the stories tall...

Some classic footage, filmed by past club stalwart Max Synon, capturing many VSAG characters in their prime (well better than they look now ☺)

http://youtu.be/qug2dBf_79Q

And from Charlie Brincat - "Tidal River 1995 Boat Launching"



Check this one out on the VSAG Facebook page

MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS DUE NOW

It's that time of the year again. End of the current financial year means that VSAG Member Subscriptions are needed for the upcoming year.

If you have not already paid, please do so ASAP or you will no longer be included on VSAG Mailing list.

Singles: \$80

Families: \$100

Direct deposit can be made to the VSAG account:

Bank: ANZ

BSB: 013-322

Account No: 938510327

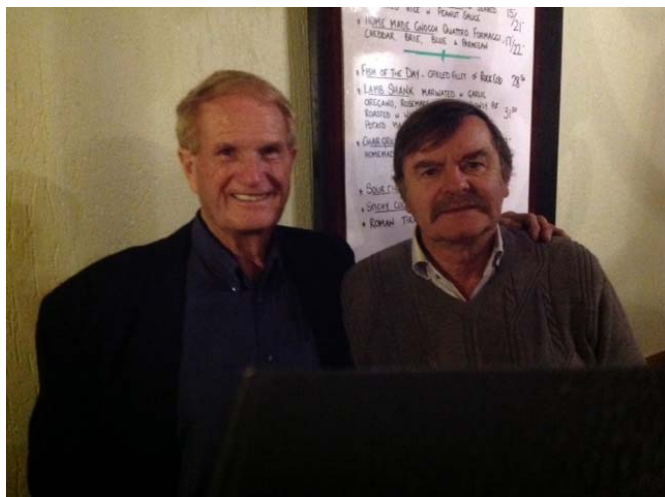
Please ensure that you include your name and description eg. "John Smith Subs" with your deposit so that the Treasurer can update our records.

Thank you



LIFE MEMBER'S DINNER

Some photos taken at the recent Life Member's Dinner held on Friday 26th June @
The Olive Tree Restaurant, South Melbourne



Pat Reynolds & Alan Storen



Bob Scott & Des Williams



John Goulding



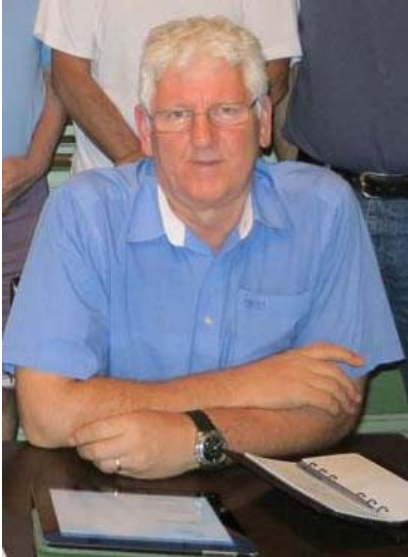
*L-R Barry Truscott, Frank Coustley and
Alex Talay*



Left: Frank Coustley & John Lawler

MEMBER OF THE MONTH

JULY



This month the VSAG Committee presented the award to Trevor Williams in appreciation for rejuvenating the VSAG points scoring system and instigating the Annual Awards Night.

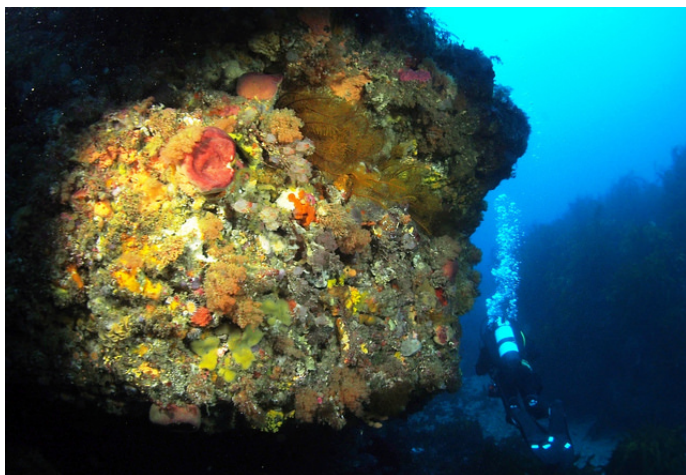
Unfortunately, Trevor can no longer serve on the Committee due to other commitments but he has been the driving force behind this valuable rejuvenation and we are hoping to continue his work. Many thanks Trevor!

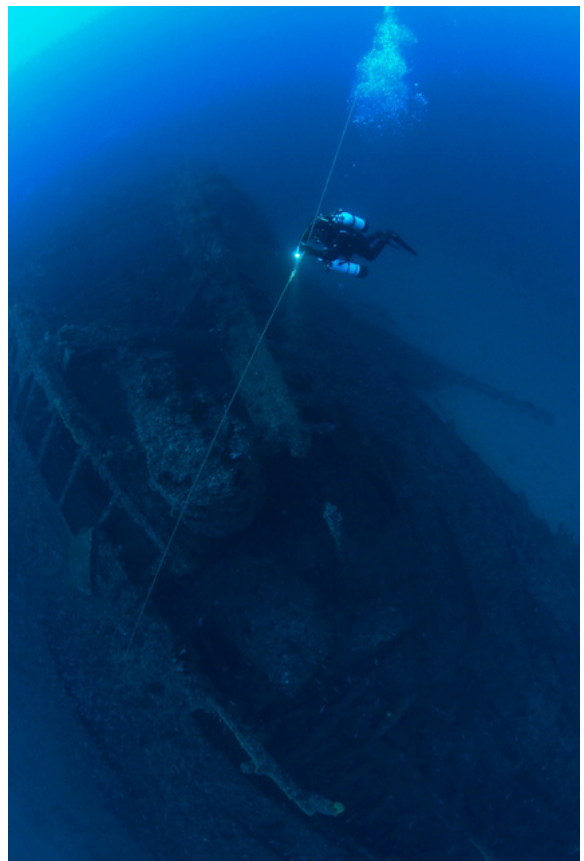
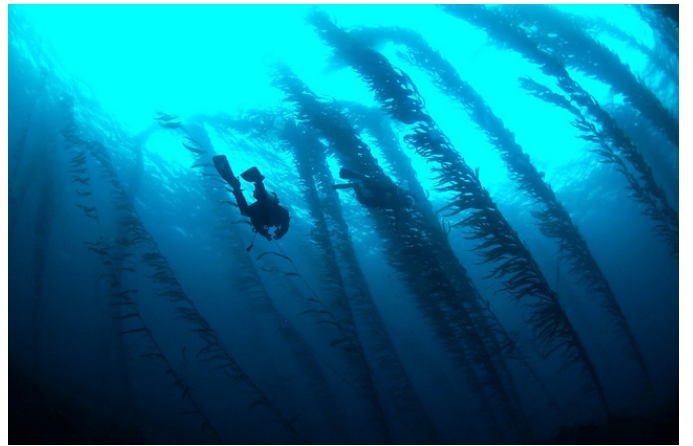
**Just for a
laugh**

**Men can fix
Anything!**



*Photos from Phil Watson's Dive Trip
to Eaglehawk & the wreck of The
Nord, Tasmania in June 2014*





CONFESSIONS OF A SLUG ADDICT

by Ian Scholey

Ok, I admit it, (and I know that you Cray Bashers aren't going to get this), but I am obsessed by Sea Slugs. There, I feel better now I have come out and revealed that to the world. Now, I get as frustrated as the next man when the weather is no good for a boat dive, but do I despair?

The answer is no. I just go and spend hours hunting for Nudibranch. And when I say hours, I mean hours.

I have several theories as to why I am afflicted in this way:

It could be the challenge of the chase - some of them are really small and are a really hard to find.

It could be the bright colours - they really do come in almost every colour combination.

It could be the weird and wonderful shapes they come in.

It could be that the little buggers are pretty slow, so when you do find them at least you can photograph them.

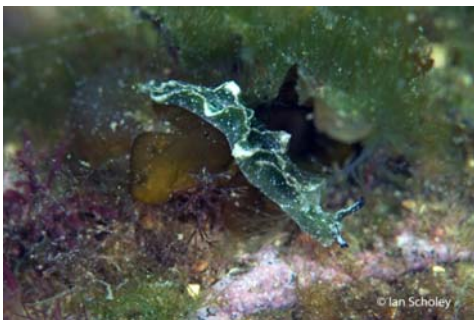
I have pondered this long and hard and I

think it's probably all of the above.

So, is there a cure for this addiction or am I destined to spend the rest of my life with a slug fetish? Perhaps S.A.F. (Slug Fanciers Anonymous) is the place for me. Well I don't know.... perhaps I will consider that once I've found a few more.

If anyone wants me, I'm at Blairgowrie, Nudibranch hunting. Here are my contenders for Nudibranch of the Month for June/July. Sorry if I infect anyone else with my affliction. ❖





VSAG CLOTHING NOW AVAILABLE!

The Committee have done some work on sourcing a few items of distinctive, quality VSAG clothing.

A minimum order of 10 units of each is needed before an order can proceed, but there are already lots of people interested.

We have the following available:



Polo shirt: **\$40**

60% Cotton, 40% Polyester



Beanie: **\$16**

The beanie is acrylic
One size fits all

The polo shirt comes in the following sizes:

Size	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL	5XL
Half Chest	52 cm	55 cm	58 cm	62 cm	65 cm	71 cm	79 cm

NOW ALSO AVAILABLE



Club Fleece: **\$40**

Front zipped 350g fleece

The Fleece comes in the following sizes:

Size	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL	4XL	5XL
Half Chest	51.5 cm	54 cm	56.5 cm	59 cm	61.5 cm	64 cm	66.5 cm	69 cm
Body	70 cm	72 cm	74 cm 76 cm	76 cm	78 cm	80 cm	82 cm	84 cm

If you are interested in purchasing any items, then please email Ian Scholey — secretary@vsag.org.au or ischoley@inet.net.au — ASAP with your size requirements. He will then confirm back whether we have sufficient interest and will at that time advise payment details.

VALE TOM WENDE

Tom Wende, well known for his charter boat, "Midnight Raider", died suddenly from a heart attack on 14th June 2014.



For those of you who had the opportunity to dive off Oz Charter's "Midnight Raider" boat & who knew Tom Wende, his passing has been a sad time and will leave a big hole in the industry.

Tom was the most passionate driver on the VARS committee to win the Canberra for Melbourne and probably one of the hardest working charter operators on the bay and the oceans.



A memorial service to farewell Tom was held on Friday 27th June at Point Nepean

National Park. A huge crowd of dive industry personalities, family and friends gathered to say their good byes to this very colourful dive personality.

VSAG was represented by members Claire Cooper, Peter Beaumont, Lloyd Borrett, Ian Scholey and John Lawler.



Tom's well recognised dive boat "Midnight Raider" is now off the water and housed at a Sorrento boat storage facility.

It is not the length of a life, but the depth of life that touches people and Tom touched many people's lives & will be sadly missed. ❖



VSAG AGM



From the Secretary, Ian Scholey

The committee would like to invite you to attend the club Annual General Meeting at **8pm on Tuesday, 19th August 2014**. The meeting will be held at Bells Hotel, South Melbourne and will be followed by our normal monthly club meeting.

This is an opportunity for members to nominate for the committee and help set the direction of the club. We would welcome any nominations from interested members. I will send out a nomination form for anyone interested. The completed form needs to be returned to me prior to the meeting commencing. Please email to Secretary@Vsag.org.au.

As is usual each year, the term of some members of the current committee have ended and they will need to renominate. This year, David Geekie and Graham

Ellis have reached the end of their 3 year terms. At present there are already 4 vacancies on the committee so there is plenty of opportunity to join and make a contribution. Should we have more nominated individuals than vacant spots, you will be asked to vote for your preferred representatives at the AGM, otherwise nominated individuals will just be appointed.

Once the make-up of the new committee has been finalised, there will be a spill of positions within the committee and the new committee will elect office bearers for the coming year.

VSAG Annual General Meeting Agenda

- 1. President's Report**
- 2. Treasurer's Report**
- 3. Committee Nominations and Election**
- 4. Motions (if any)**
- 5. Any other business**

Looking forward to seeing you all on the night and if anyone has any questions please don't hesitate to contact me. ❖

OUR LATEST PHOTO COMPETITION WINNERS

WINNER — MAY



Dumpling Squid - Blairgowrie Marina Night Dive

© Ian Scholey

RUNNERS UP IN THE MAY PHOTO COMPETITION



Leafy Sea Dragon - Rapid Bay Jetty,
South Australia - Peter Beaumont

**Tambja verconis
nudibranch -
Blairgowrie Marina Night Dive -
Peter Beaumont**



WINNER — JUNE



**Dumpling Squid - Mordialloc Pier -
David Reinhard**

RUNNERS UP IN THE JUNE PHOTO COMPETITION



2nd Place - John Mills - Giant Cuttlefish - Pope's Eye

EQUAL 3RD IN THE JUNE PHOTO COMPETITION

Phil Watson - SS Nord in Tasmania



EQUAL 3RD IN THE JUNE PHOTO COMPETITION



Ian Scholey - *Ceratosoma ameona nudibranch* - South Channel Fort

Don't forget your entries to the VSAG Photo Competition

Members are invited to submit up to 2 photographs each calendar month for entry into the competition.

Your colour or black and white photo can be of any diving related subject. Both underwater and above water shots are acceptable. Photographs can be taken locally or overseas and they do not have to be taken on a VSAG dive day (although that would be even better). The only rules are that the photograph be your own work and should be taken in the calendar month of entry.

Entries should be in Jpeg format and sent via email to ischoley@iinet.net.au before the end of each month. Please include as much detail with your entries as possible e.g. Location, names of any people pictured, fish species if known.



Merri Marine Sanctuary

Located at the mouth of the Merri River in Warrnambool, the Sanctuary covers 25ha of coast from the Breakwater to Thunder Point. Merri and Middle islands sit just offshore and are the remains of an ancient sand dune that stretched from Pickering Point thousands of years ago.

Between these islands is a deep canyon packed with sea life. Such a diverse range of marine life can be found in the area because of the varying sandy and rocky habitats and cool, nutrient rich, oxygen charged waters.

Within this sanctuary, kelps and colourful sponges create an alluring underwater world. Overhangs and crevices provide excellent hiding spots for marine animals including giant cuttlefish, draughtboard sharks, parrotfish, schools of zebra fish and southern rock lobsters.

Access

This park is very close to Warrnambool and is easy to access via the shore at Stingray Bay or Pickering Point, or boat

under the right conditions (launching point at the Breakwater).

Diving and snorkelling

The sanctuary is exposed to large swells and south-westerly winds from the Southern Ocean in winter, with currents carrying water from the west and south into the sanctuary. In spring and summer the Bonney Upwelling brings cold water and nutrients to the coastline, with its predominant south-east wind and current flow. Surface water temperatures vary between averages of 13.5°C and 17°C. Tidal variation is 0.8 metres for spring tides and no variation for neap tides.



Snorkelling and scuba diving enable visitors to experience the underwater habitats and view species and habitats that are difficult to observe from above the surface, particularly smaller or cryptic animals such as seahorses, pipefish, sea urchins, nudibranchs, sponges, octopus and cuttlefish.

The sanctuary provides some good areas for shore-based scuba diving and snorkelling, especially when the wind is from the north. The islands also provide some protection from swells.



Divers can access the sanctuary from Stingray Bay, Pickering Point or Breakwater Rock. Virtually all of the sanctuary is accessible to divers, who enjoy exploring caves, crevices and diverse habitats supporting a range of interesting species.

Several local operators provide dive charter services and are licensed to operate in the sanctuary.

For more information visit <http://parkweb.vic.gov.au/explore/parks/merri-marine-sanctuary> ❖



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The March of the Spider Crabs at Rye

photos by Phil Watson and David Reinhard

The annual gathering of Spider Crabs at Rye Pier once again created much interest this year.

Spider Crabs reside in Port Philip Bay for 12 months of the year. However, in April through to July each year, as the water cools, the crabs gather in the shallows in their tens of thousands! This aggregation is continuously “on the move” and has been referred to as the “March of The Spider Crabs”.

This amazing natural phenomenon is believed to be linked to a mating ritual. Throughout this time period the crabs gather and play “stacks on the mill”.



The mountains of crabs can be up to 2 metres high and cover areas up to a kilometre long.

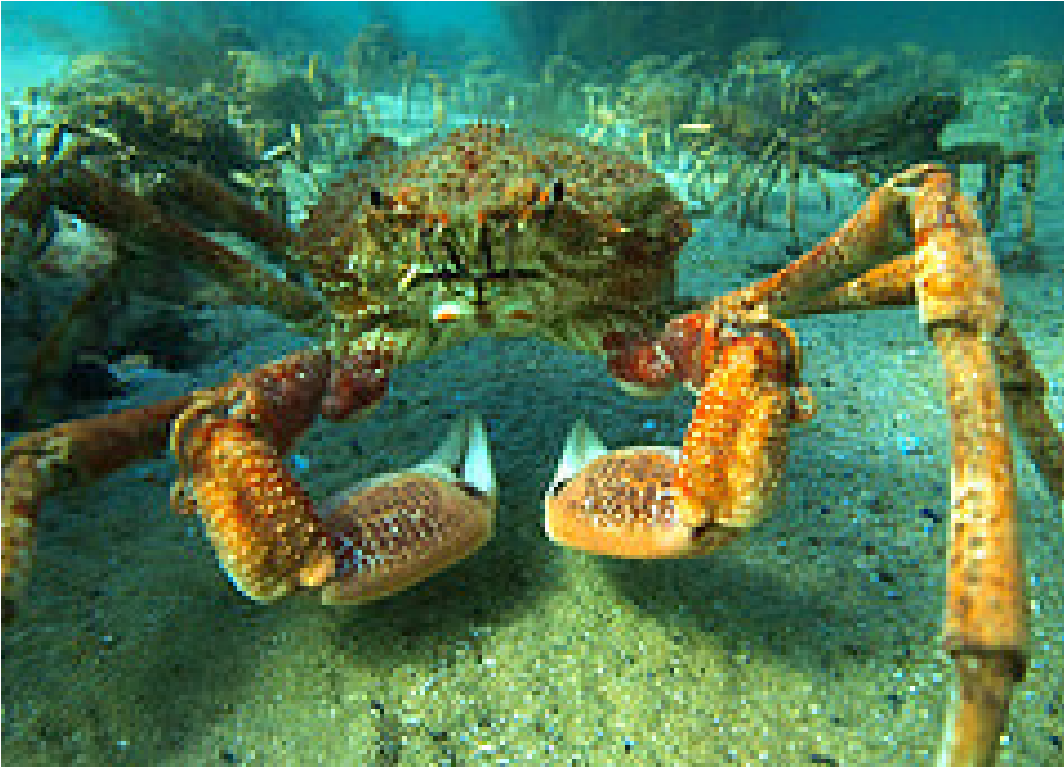
Throughout the cycle the crabs often moult their shell and at times mass “die offs” of Spider Crabs can be seen. The Spider Crab march is an amazing visual experience and resembles scenes from a science fiction film. The gathering also attracts predators such as sting rays and even sharks.



Some VSAGers were lucky enough to witness this event and Phil & David have produced the wonderful photos that you can see with this article.

*Sandy Webb getting
crabby at Rye Pier*





If you missed the event, there are also some more photos & great videos available on the web. Just Google “*Spider crabs Rye 2014*” or click on these links below:

“*Annual migration of spider crabs at Rye Pier on World Oceans Day*” – Marine Ranger Jonathon Stevenson Parks Victoria

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iKuV6VjqPT4&feature=player_detailpage#t=105

“*Stingray feeding on spider crabs*” – Brett Illingworth

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DgL3uY91nzQ&feature=player_detailpage#t=7

Dive Reports

CHIMNEY ROCK & CHARLEMAINE REEF

JUNE 1, 2014

By Leanne Van Der Merwe

On June 1, Trevor Williams and I went out on David Geekie's boat for a dive.

An early start for the day was greeted by some light drizzle and overcast skies as David, Trevor and I loaded the boat for the trip to Queenscliff. There we met up with Alan Beckhurst and co and launched, setting off on a rough trip through the rip, and on to Chimney Rock.

Trevor and I kitted up for the first dive, which proved to be a lovely site, full of colour, a balmy 16 degrees and 10-12 metres visibility. We had a maximum depth of 23 metres, catching sight of two Southern Blue Devils, some beautiful biscuit stars, juvenile Horseshoe Leather-jacket, Old Wives, and the usual Wrasse.

A very purple hued dive, the colours would have been a bit more vivid had the sun graced us with its presence. But, at least there was only the odd spot of rain out on the water, not enough to dampen the day.

We lunched, then searched around for our next dive site, settling on Charlemaine Reef for an exploratory dive which would

have been more aptly named "The Washing Machine". David and I were treated to an enthusiastic surge, a lot of kelp and not a lot of much else. Suffice to say, that site won't be going on the shortlist in future. But at least we didn't get cold with all the surge!

The weather was looking increasingly gloomy, and we headed back to shore, then back to Melbourne via a coffee shop for a nice hot beverage. A long day, but a good one. ❖

QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY WEEKEND

EX-HMAS CANBERRA

By Alan Beckhurst—GetUnder Dive Club

I dived with Victorian Sub Aqua Group out of Queenscliff, Victoria Australia, over the Queen's Birthday Long Weekend in June. We had 3 days of diving, culminating in a visit to the wreck of the 4100 ton frigate, the Ex HMAS Canberra.

Sunk in 2009, this ship has become a 140 metre long reef, rich in plants, invertebrates, and fish. I swam along the top deck to the engine air intakes, then down

to the engine room to find that the huge gears in the gearbox are now home to a colony of anemone!

From there I made my way through the ship to the bridge to film Dave gazing out the windows. I couldn't resist some more time watching the schooling pike swarm around the masts. What an excellent dive! ❖

To view Alan's video of this dive, click on the link below:

<http://vimeo.com/97702515>

LADY CHERYL

JUNE 8, 2014

report by Michael Ngai ; photos by Ian Scholey



Bottom Time: 30min

Max Depth: 11m

Bottom Temp: 15C

Many of the VSAG crew were staying at Alan Beckhurst's & Mary Malloy's Boarfish Lodge in Queenscliff over the Queen's Birthday long weekend. I was one of the few VSAG'ers who elected to do a day trip instead.

Forecast for Sunday wasn't looking flash and it appeared that diving would be limited to within the bay. I was assigned on Dave Geekie's boat along with Ian Scholey. For our first dive we were planning to dive Lady Cheryl at the 9.30am slack.

A quick meet up at Al's at 8.15am to load the boats and we were off. John Lawler was assigned the task of dropping the shot as we didn't have the marks for the site. It was a well-positioned shot, thanks JL. We must have circled and waited for a good 15min or so but the tides still appeared to be running. It must be slack soon? So we thought. A quick decision was made to splash up-stream of the current so we would be carried into the wreck on descent.

As soon as we descended, we found ourselves quickly carried away by the current past the shot line. Ian and I were swimming pretty hard against the current to prevent us from being carried any further from visual range of the wreck. I hit

the bottom roughly 5m away from the wreck with Ian probably 3m away. We swam at a steady pace up to the wreck and approached the stern.

This wreck was a small fishing trawler that sank 2 years ago (?) It's roughly 30m in length and it reminded me greatly of a similar vessel the "Friendship" that I dived in Hawaii just earlier in the year.

Remembering that Ian had told me that the prop had gone but there was a round casing that remains, I was tasked to get in that casing and pose for Ian's photos - easier said than done! Struggling under the current, I pulled myself up and into the casing and Ian was busy snapping away. I could see Ian holding on for dear life while taking a few photos of me. Surely, we've got to be the winner of the photo comp this month for our efforts alone!



As we swam round to the leeward side of the wreck towards the bow, the current had stopped and we were given a little more freedom to swim around at our lei-

sure to investigate. There were some wide openings on this side of the wreck. Swimming in, I quickly realised that this was a "real" wreck complete with bits of wire and metal hanging down and blocking your entry. I swam around the more open areas - there were some individual rooms to look into. There was what appeared to be a jacket in one corner, a bucket full of silt lying in another corner.



We swam back to the stern, still within the protection of the wreck and came across the toilet. Ian took a few photos of that and was satisfied with the level of



facilities on the Lady Cheryl.

Hmm ... looks a bit blocked up to me... not sure if I want to use it any time soon.

Up we swam to the top of the wreck to do a quick safety stop. The current was running fairly hard at this stage. Both Ian and I were holding onto the railings, flying like a flag under the current! I was glad that it was over when we finally surfaced.

Despite missing the slack and battling current at times, I had a great time diving this wreck for the first time. Definitely something different to what's out there in the Graveyard, the amount of growth in merely 2 years was amazing and I would definitely come back for a visit on a slack ❖

POPE'S EYE

JUNE 8, 2014

report by John Mills

As part of a joint GetUnder -VSAG initiative last year, Priya and I decided to get our boat licences as we never felt comfortable about booking onto dives and not being able to look after a boat if the divers with licences wanted to dive.

During the introductions at the course, Mick the instructor asked, "So what sort of boat are you looking to get?" My response was "We're not really looking to get anything, we just need to be able to look after members boats on dives if required". We left the course as proud boat licence holders.

Sometime later we booked onto a dive on the ex-HMAS Canberra and I noticed the boys with their Rigid Inflatable Boats (RIB's) and thought, "They look like fun boats". A seed was sown.

I did some research and thought this would be ideal for us as it was easy to tow, it would fit in the garage (just) and they were nice stable boats that would be hard to sink. We started looking around and went to the dealer. We looked at the RIB I was considering and Priya thought it may be a wee bit small. As it happened they had an ex-demo 5.7m model. We checked it out and came to the conclusion this was the vessel for us. We took delivery of it.

After a handover and a few trial runs we started to get the hang of handling it. I am getting better at backing the trailer and driving the boat off it and Priya is coming to grips with driving the boat back onto the trailer.

We did our first diving trial with one of Priya's groups. I was the Captain (Des Williams referred to me as the chauffer). All was fine, just a few refinements with layout and getting back in the boat. During the surface interval one of the guys gave us a lesson in tying bowline knots.

The Queen's Birthday weekend was on the VSAG schedule. As much as we would have liked to have stayed for the whole weekend it's unfortunate that this falls in the school reporting period for Priya. We decided to set Sunday aside and have a go at launching from Sorrento, linking up with the VSAG crew. I am now gaining an understanding of watch-

ing the weather forecasts, particularly the wind. Sunday was looking OK. I rang JL and it was confirmed that it was go for Sunday. They expected to be leaving the creek at Queenscliff at 8:45 to meet the slack tide.

We hooked the boat up at 6:00am, made the journey to Sorrento and got on the water with enough time to link up with the others. The radio was set at channel 73 and we set a course for Queenscliff. About halfway across I felt the phone vibrate and JL's boat confirmed they were underway. The radio kicked in and we were informed that because of the wind the other boats were heading to the Point Nepean side to look for some sites.

We could see the boats leaving Queenscliff and headed in the general direction with them. We caught up at the site of our most recent wreck, the Lady Cheryl. The wreck was sounded, a shot line was dropped and Dave Geekie put his crew on it. The current appeared to be stronger than expected. After some radio chatter it was decided that the tide had come early and there *was* more current than expected. Plan B was instigated and it was decided to head to Pope's Eye and have a look there.

After we had geared up, I dropped Priya in with David and Christine from JL's boat. We idled around and I donned the dry suit in the meantime. JL asked Dave Geekie what his plans were over the radio. His response was "I'd like to do a drift dive but I don't want to leave someone on the boat in this chop, so I'll lower my standards and dive here".

After 50 minutes, the divers surfaced. I picked Priya up and got her in the boat. I geared up and dropped in with JL. We had a dive for about forty minutes and looked at the fish. I got some images and footage of a cuttlefish. (see page 20)

I surfaced and Priya picked me up. We checked with the others what their plan was. David indicated that they would "head back to Queenscliff for lunch and sit down in front of the fire". We said our farewells and headed back to Sorrento. ❖

SKIPPING FOR THE TECH- NICAL DIVERS

JUNE 13, 2014

by John Lawler



WHO: Steve Cartlidge, Hannah Smeeton, Chris Long, Darren Pearce, John Lawler

WHERE: Bass Straight - Coogee - John and Hannah - 33 metres

Bass Strait - Rotamahana - Steve, Chris & Darren - 42 metres

Port Phillip Bay - Eliza Ramsden - Steve, Chris & Darren - 20 metres

CONDITIONS: Swells to 2+ metres, Viz around 5 metres, sunny day mixed with cloud cover and occasional rain squalls....very cold wind.

WHY? Hannah mentioned to me that Steve (GetUnder Dive Club) had a crew for Sunday 13th but no experienced licenced boat driver. I offered to drive Ocean Runner and Steve was comfortable with the offer. I had driven this boat on another occasion so had a feel for this solid plate boat.

THE DAY: Loading the gear is a massive exercise! In addition to the rebreather units, comes a number of sling tanks as back up, two sets of twins and some normal standard dive gear (mine). Estimated total weight - ½ ton!

After the safety brief, the plan was to check the conditions at The Heads. Whilst the rip was swelly, it was agreed we could exit safely, so with PFDs on we went through. A dive plan was then agreed on, with Hannah and me diving the Coogee and the three tech divers onto the Rotamahana.

Hannah is a very experienced diver and such a pleasure to dive with ... so cool! This was our second dive to the beautiful Coogee. Conditions between the two

dives couldn't have been more different. First time - clear water on the wreck, and calm conditions up top. Today - viz was ordinary and hanging on the line during deco, the 2.5metre swells pushed us around, but still after 6 weeks since my last dive, this was wonderful! Depth 33.6 metres, run time 38 minutes.

Next dive, it was Steve, Chris and Darren. For my first time witnessing up front the gearing up of rebreather divers on KISS units and stage tanks, this was such an enlightening, learning experience - the pre-dive tech diver calm mixed with some good humour and banter (nerves?), the mental processes, the extreme understanding of the gear, confidence and no doubt the challenges of the dive ahead, were well front of mind. (Most likely to do this sort of technical diving, a win in Tattlotto would be beneficial as the price of one rebreather unit could well be in the region of 7-10K!)

Over and onto the shot line buoy and into 40 metres, the tech divers disappeared effortlessly. Their run time was 43 minutes - smiles and good stories. "What were you pointing at mate?" "Aah, cuttlefish." "Oh, aah, thought it might be a cray." "Nah, cuttle." "Goodbye dinner." The dive comments from the divers was amazing and belly laughing continued.

No need to go the gym for fitness - just be on a rebreather techie dive boat and haul all the gear back onto the boat in 2.5 mtrs swell!

Next, a fast run back in to the bay. (Ocean Runner seems to have only two speeds - very slow and very fast). Lunch

over, the plan was to dive the Lady Cheryl... "Got the marks Steve?" "Ah, well no!" A call goes out to Ian Scholey. "Yep, be right with you JL. OK, here we go"....etc.

On the site of this sunken fishing trawler, the swells were far too big over the area to even think about a dive so another plan was hatched - Eliza Ramsden. Shipping movements checked. No shipping so the site was found and shot. Not quite slack water time which was good as the re-breathers need a fair bit of kit-up time, but soon done and onto the wreck at 20 metres. Run time 38 minutes.

Chris was noted as saying " We had such a good time on the Eliza that we waited 'till the current was running before leaving the bottom so were hanging sideways like flags at the safety stop."

With the day slipping away very quickly, the planned scallop dive was cancelled and it was back to Sorrento for end of dive day disciplines. A day of adventure, challenges, safety, mirth, good friends. ❖



L-R: Steve Carlidge, Hannah Smeeton, Chris Long & Darren Pearce

NIGHT DIVE - THE HURRICANE

JUNE 13, 2014

report & photos by Ian Scholey

Divers: Ian Scholey, Peter Beaumont

Max Depth: 12.2m

Dive Time: 74 Minutes

We were planning to do a shore dive at Rye Pier but a last minute boat offer from Peter Beaumont was too good to turn down. So instead, we headed out for a slack water dive on the wreck of The Hurricane in Capel Sound.

The Friday night dive is always a good excuse to call POETS Day (piss off early, tomorrow's Saturday) at work and I accordingly knocked off at 4 pm and headed down to Rye for the 6.45 pm launch. Conditions were excellent with a full moon casting plenty of light on the water and this created an enjoyable boat trip to the dive site.

With the anchor dropped onto the northern side of the wreck, Peter and I splashed in and descended the line. On the seabed we made sure the anchor was secure and attached a strobe and a reel. We use the reel to ensure we get back to the line and then use secondary reels and lines to allow us to separate with the cameras and find each other again.

The shot was a good one and we were

right on the wreck making navigation easy. There is always a lot of life on The Hurricane and tonight was no different with seemingly every nook and cranny home to a sleeping Leatherjacket, Goatfish or Cowfish.



It is so much easier to get close to the fish with the camera at night and there were plenty of photo opportunities.



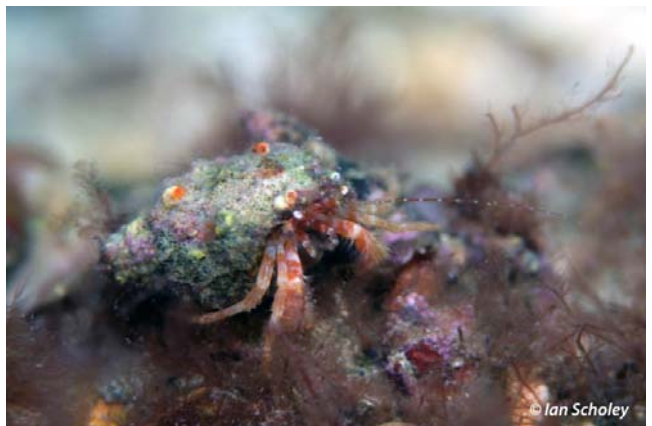
The wreck is not known for its Nudi-branches but at night they seemed to have emerged and I saw several different types. I am a bit of a Nudi spotter deep down and was delighted to find one I have never seen before. It was less than 10mm in length and just floated past me before settling onto a small piece of weed on the wreck. I snapped several shots to try and get something decent and was pleased with my results. (See page 13 - top left).



As an hour's dive time came up, Peter signalled that he was heading back to the surface and handed me the reel before swimming back along the line. I continued to explore for a few more minutes before heading back to free the anchor and start my own ascent.



Back on the surface the wind had now picked up and a steady Northerly was blowing. The return boat trip was slightly more bumpy than the outward but we were soon safely back at the deserted boat ramp, satisfied after a really good dive.





I have really enjoyed getting out for night dives recently. The life is very different at night as the hidden stuff from the day ventures out. We are trying to make the Friday night dive a part of our dive schedule, so pencil it in your calendars if you fancy joining us some time.



SHORE DIVE - BLAIRGOWRIE MARINA

JUNE 15, 2014

report & photos by Ian Scholey

Divers: Ian Scholey, Peter Beaumont, Dickon Roddie

Dive Time: 2 Hours, 17 Minutes

Max Depth: 5.9m

With The distraction of the World Cup, and particularly the England vs Italy game, I had to be well organised today. So with the Hard-drive recording the football, buddies briefed on not mentioning the score and a radio blackout in the car, I headed off to Blairgowrie for a very early 7.30 am meet. Thanks to the other divers for agreeing to the early start. I can't stand the now constant crowds at Blairgowrie so prefer to be coming out of the water as the first of them start to arrive.

We kitted up and entered the water from the beach. I like to do it that way rather than walking down the jetty to the landing as there is usually loads of good stuff to see in the shallows.

I have been checking out the photographs on the *Blairgowrie Nudibanch facebook page*. I am always amazed at the stuff people find there. I must have dived it 150 times and they still find Nudi's I haven't seen. Mission for the day was find a new Nudi so it was a very slow swim along the pier looking as carefully as I could.



We found a couple of types of Pipefish, a Sea Moth and several Weedfish but although there were plenty of the usual Nudi's about I wasn't having much luck

finding anything new.



An hour and a half into the dive Peter and Dickon headed back while I decided to keep going for a bit longer.

Just as I was about to turn around I noticed a very small Nudi on a piece of weed - bingo, something new! After taking a few snaps I continued back towards the exit and promptly found a second one the same.



Continuing on a little further I found a Blue Ringed Octopus out hunting and followed it around for several minutes. It seemed unconcerned by the camera and continued searching every hole for a meal.

Eventually I headed back to the car park and then onto The Scuba Doctor for a coffee. As for the football, well, I think I will stick to diving, same old England -

losing again despite playing quite well.



The link to the Blairgowrie Nudibranchs Facebook page :

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/BlairgowrieNudibranchs/?fref=ts>



PHIL'S REEF & RICKETT'S POINT

JULY 22, 2014

report by David Flew; photos David Reinhard

Finally a day with low winds!

The plan had been to go from Mordialloc to Quiet Corner, allowing plenty of time to set up the boat and everyone's gear.

The fog put paid to that, so we reversed the order and dived "Phil's Pinacle" first. This is an isolated reef about 1 NM off Mentone. The "organised" ones (Phil and David R) went in first, leaving the rest of us to eventually get our acts together!



David Flew's boat "Karingal"

huge SMB with independent air supply and 65 m reel for a site 20 m by 30 m and max 8 m depth? Lloyd just needs to dive more!!

With the exception of Phil, we were all in "testing" mode :

- David R was trying a variety of thermal wear with his relatively new drysuit. I think he concluded his choice was not warm enough and he needed more lead.
- JL only brought 3 dry suits, the "try-dive" one which fitted had presumably been put away with some water in one boot - successful dive once he had loaded up with some rocks. Needed more lead.
- I was trying my "waist belt" solution - obviously I'd removed some lead during dry land testing. Managed to get back onto the swim platform and acquire a shot weight from it's storage place without actually getting back into the boat. (Note to self : There has to be a better way of providing spare weights during test dives!!) Needed more lead.
- Lloyd was in "remembering how to dive" mode. Now we all know Lloyd is a conservative diver, but a 15L tank, dual inflation wing,



Lloyd checking out his eyelids after his first dive in quite a while!

With all safely back on the boat, time for cake ... Birthday cake for Lloyd that is.



"Phil's Reef" has been changed by the recent Westerly storms - quite a bit of sand moved away, the undercut sections seem deeper and go back further. I found a large old anchor I'd not seen before.

Vis was not wonderful, however still plenty of fish around - one of the few



places this is true for the top end of the bay. Old Wives mostly hiding in the crevices, a few rays, globe fish, loads of hula fish... and I'll leave it to others to name the rest. My impression is there are more urchins than in the past. Algae is covered with fine silt.



David Reinhard & Phil Watson enjoying some of the birthday cake

Second dive was changed from Quiet Corner to the Ledges at Ricketts Point - I'll leave it to one of the Rickett's enthusiasts to write it up.

Water temperature 11.8 to 12 degrees, I don't believe anyone was REALLY warm.

Divers: L-R Phil Watson, David Reinhard, John Lawler, Lloyd Borrett & David Flew



THE HURRICANE AND SOUTH CHANNEL FORT

JULY 19, 2014

report & photos by Ian Scholey

Divers on Sea Eagle: Ian Scholey and Peter Beaumont

Divers on ME3: Graham Ellis, John Lawler, Arthur Kokkinos and Stephen Vajda

After what seemed like weeks of blown out weekend diving we finally got the rub of the green from the weather gods. It wasn't looking too good when I left my place in Frankston amidst a thick layer of fog but it soon cleared as I headed further down the peninsula. By the time I had

reached Rye it was a perfect crisp winter's day with hardly a cloud in the sky.



Sea Eagle

Peter Beaumont was first to arrive and we busied ourselves getting Sea Eagle prepared and gear stowed while the other boats and divers arrived gradually. After a quick discussion on dive sites we agreed on The Hurricane as first dive site. With a sniff of slack water still remaining, Peter and I got Sea Eagle in the water and headed off to the dive site while the other boats got themselves sorted.

Dive One: The Hurricane

Dive Time: 1 hour 21 minutes

Max depth: 12.1m

Unusually for The Hurricane, there wasn't another boat in sight as we pulled up and dropped the anchor on the mark for the stern of the wreck. Quickly in the water, we headed down the shot to find it inches away from the wreck. Hooking the anchor safely on a piece of wreck we began our dive.

The visibility was very good at 8-10m and the first thing I noticed was the large schools of Pinkies, Long Fin Pike and Barber Perch hovering above the wreck. I also noticed that someone has laid a line

running the length of the wreck which will help people find the stern section if they don't know the wreck well.

As usual, progress along the wreck was slow with frequent photo stops along the way. The fish life on the wreck really is a good representation of what is to be found in the bay with numerous types of Leatherjacket, Cowfish and Wrasse to be seen.



© Ian Scholey

I have also noticed more Nudibranch about during recent dives on the site and today was no exception. Eventually we made it to the bow and I briefly checked out the pyramid containing details of the wreck, although there is not much to see with the amount of growth now covering it. At the bow I found a Big-bellied Seahorse to photograph. For a change it was a cooperative subject, refraining from turning away from the camera that seems to be the normal response. Peter signaled that he had seen a large ray but I hadn't seen it.

With time ticking on I slowly swam back along the wreck expecting to bump into divers from the other boats but there were none to be seen. I was keeping an eye out for Peter's ray and out of the corner of my eye I thought I'd spotted it.



As I swam closer it turned out to be two Giant Cuttlefish displaying to each other. It looked like they were more than just good friends. As I cursed the macro lens I had on the camera and tried desperately to get far enough away to get a decent shot, they were completely oblivious to my presence and continued to dance together with tentacles entwined. I watched the show for a good 10 minutes before reluctantly heading back to the anchor.



There was still no sign of divers from the other boats, so with Peter ahead of me up the line, I dragged the anchor back onto the sand. With a stiff current now running, the anchor immediately started to drag.

Back on the surface I hauled myself back into Sea Eagle and noticed ME3 retrieving two divers who had missed the wreck. Confident our anchor would not have dragged too far, a quick radio call had them in the water again and heading down my anchor line. Questioning the absence of the 2nd RIB we learned that they had returned to Rye after some boat issues, which was bad luck. (See article by John Mills on pages 42-43).

Dive Two: South Channel Fort

Dive Time: 1 hour 27 minutes

Max Depth: 12m

Discussion soon turned to second dives and we opted for a dive out of the quickly increasing current at South Channel Fort while ME3 opted for a Scallop drift.

Conditions were still great as we headed west to the fort. We stopped briefly to investigate a fin in the water but found a seal lazily floating around instead of a dolphin or shark.

When we arrived at the fort we were pleased to find that once again we had the dive site to ourselves. Dropping over the side of the boat it was clear that vis was not so good with plenty of particles in the water to make photography difficult. It does become a bit of a challenge to avoid backscatter and you need to get in really close to avoid it.

With that in mind I slowed right down and tried not to spook the fish. First up, I headed under the pier and in the ripping current explored the pylons. Eventually, fed up with fighting the current I drifted with it into calmer water. I worked my way around the island, exploring at different levels until I hit the current again. Turning around I stayed a few lengths behind Peter as we headed back to the boat.

Find of the day was a very small yellow Nudibranch with a splattering of Orange spots. After taking a few shots myself I caught Peter up and beckoned him to come back and take a look. That was the last find of the dive and we were soon back on the boat and heading back to Rye.



As we ran back across the bay, I could see what I thought was rain in the distance and getting closer. Actually it turned out to be a bank of fog coming in which was a surprise at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. By the time we reached Rye and the channel markers you could not see the next set of markers.

The boat ramp was busy with everyone running for home to avoid the fog. We waited our turn and it was obvious that

sand on the boat ramp was causing a lot of problems. Having reversed the trailer down the ramp, I lent a hand to push the car, boat and trailer in the next lane to get it moving. It was almost inevitable that I would struggle in my 2 wheel drive and that proved to be the case. In the end we used the outboard to give us extra grunt to get the car moving and the trailer out of the sand.

As we unloaded gear from the boat we were relieved to see ME3 pull up alongside us. They had followed us back to the ramp after a very successful Scallop drift. The catch bags were full with some very nice sized Scallops. Hopefully they tasted as good as they looked.

Despite the fog and sand on the ramp we had a good day's diving. Not that we were at all desperate after so many week-ends doing shore dives. Hopefully this is the start of a better run of weather. ❖



Should Have Stayed in Bed... (Boating – 101 The Hard Way)

by John Mills.

I think back to when we embarked on our journey of boat ownership. We were having dinner with one of our long standing diving friends and his wife. We told them we had just laid out our hard earned savings on the RIB.

He said “That’s great, you’ll have a lot of fun. However you will probably make the same mistakes that most boating newbies make in that you will launch without the bungs and will, at some point, bog it at the prom”. I thought it would be pretty hard to leave the bungs out.

This adventure starts in early July 2014. After weeks of winds and frustration at having the boat in the shed, the weekend of the 20th was looking good according to the forecasts. JL had indicated at the meeting that a crew was probably going out on Sunday so I said, “Keep me informed”. Sure enough JL, true to his word, indicated that they were going out on Sunday.

Priya and I discussed earlier in the week how fortunate we were this year to get to July without catching a bug. We should have said nothing as by Thursday she had a sore throat. We thought about pulling out and she said “It’ll be OK, I’ll just rug up and you can dive and I’ll drive”.

Come Sunday, we got up early, hooked up the boat and ventured towards Rye.

There was a slight incident at the service station as we managed to tag the trailer on the protective barrier at the fuel pump and cracked the mudguard on the trailer. The bloke next to us said, “Lucky you have an inflatable boat”. I thought, “Yep, one of the best things with a RIB is the built in bumpers”.

We hit Rye at about 9:00am, which was good as we were on target. We had another project on the go - running in a new diesel engine in the towing vehicle. The manual says not to go over 80 km/h for the first 800 km when towing, so we plodded along at this speed. On arriving at Rye, we turned into the wrong entrance and had to turn the boat and car around. JL rang and I informed him we would be there as soon as possible while we did this.

A guy in a commodore pulled up behind us and I thought, “Great, now someone wants to park when we want to turn the boat around.” The guy got out of the car and I noticed he had on one of the smart new all black Victoria Police uniforms. He said, “Do you know that you are driving an unregistered trailer?” Priya said “No way, as we bought the boat from a dealer in May.” It seems that the rego had not been paid or transferred. Oh good, another thing to sort out next week.

This took about ten minutes. We eventually got to the ramp and Priya did an excellent job of backing the trailer down the ramp. With a little persuasion we got the boat off the trailer and headed to the

pier. There was some drama with boat keys and trailer locks, so I got the marks for The Hurricane off Graham and said we'd meet him there.

When we got under way we weren't that far behind and could see the other boat. We made our way up the Channel and throttled up after the 5-knot zone. I just couldn't get the boat on the plane. Priya said, "The weight can't be right." I thought "No, we only have half the gear as she isn't diving." I then got that heavy feeling in my stomach "Uh-Oh there may not be bungs in the boat!"

We headed back to the ramp and I radioed Graham with the news. We winched the boat onto the trailer as it was handling like a dog with all the water in it and it was difficult to drive on.

Priya had to engage low range 4WD to pull the boat up the ramp due to the extra weight with the water. I am so glad we didn't tow it with the commodore. We left the trailer and boat half way up the ramp to drain the water. Luckily it wasn't too busy. Priya went and checked out the wash down facilities and I wandered off to Rye to find bungs at the fishing tackle shop.

Half an hour later the water was still streaming out of the bunghole. One of the blokes retrieving his boat said, "Gee that's a lot of water." I sheepishly exclaimed, "Yeah, we're idiots, I forgot the bungs." He said it wouldn't sink because it's inflatable.

When the boat was drained, we ummed and ahed, and considering that Priya was

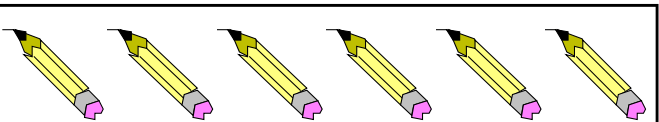
not well, we decided to pull the pin. I radioed the guys and said we were done.

It was a little disappointing, but we live and learn, cop it on the chin and move on. I returned the parking ticket to Lloyd at the Scuba Doctor and explained our predicament. He said, "Maybe you need a checklist." I can't disagree with him.

In hindsight... we take for granted the skills and experience of the people in the club with boats. Until you are in the deep end and learning from scratch, you realize how easy it is to make basic mistakes.

I think back to that dinner with our friends and concede, he was correct. It's not that hard to forget the bungs.

We still have to try and launch at the Prom yet. ❖



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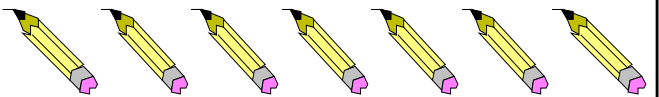
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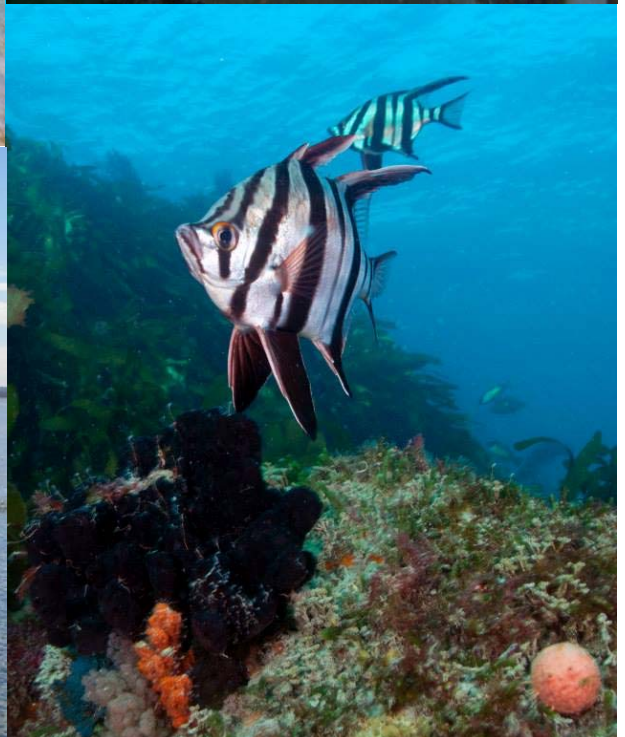
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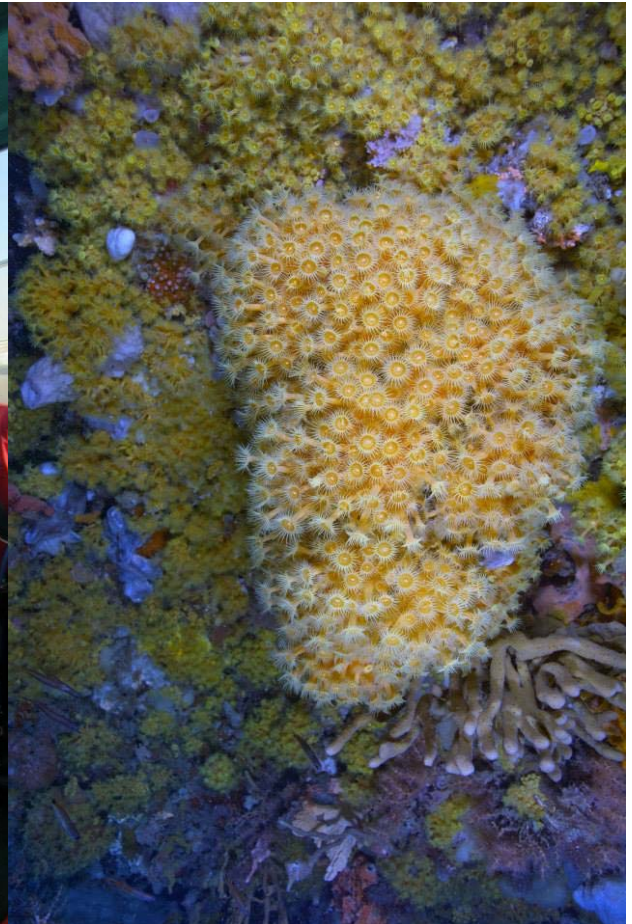
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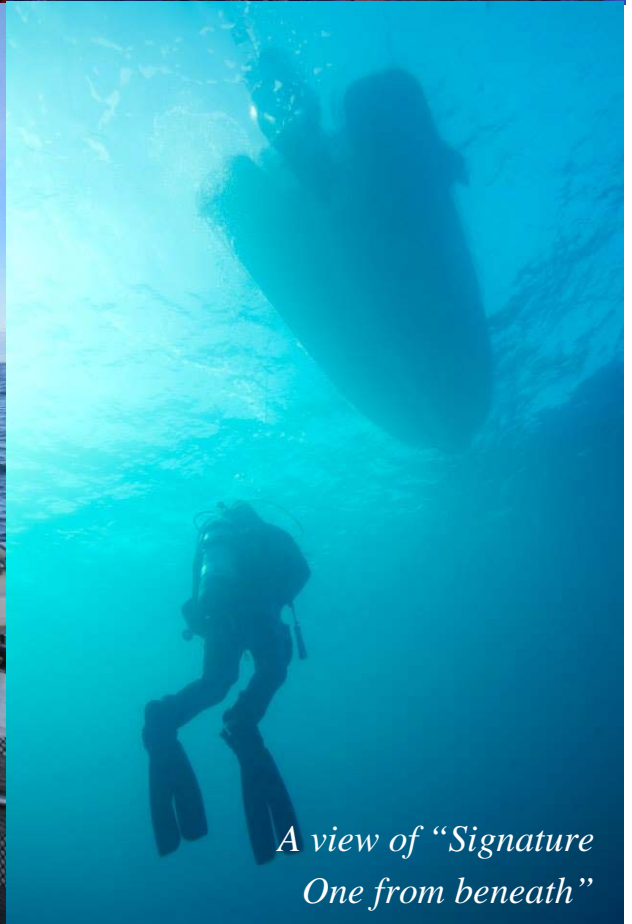
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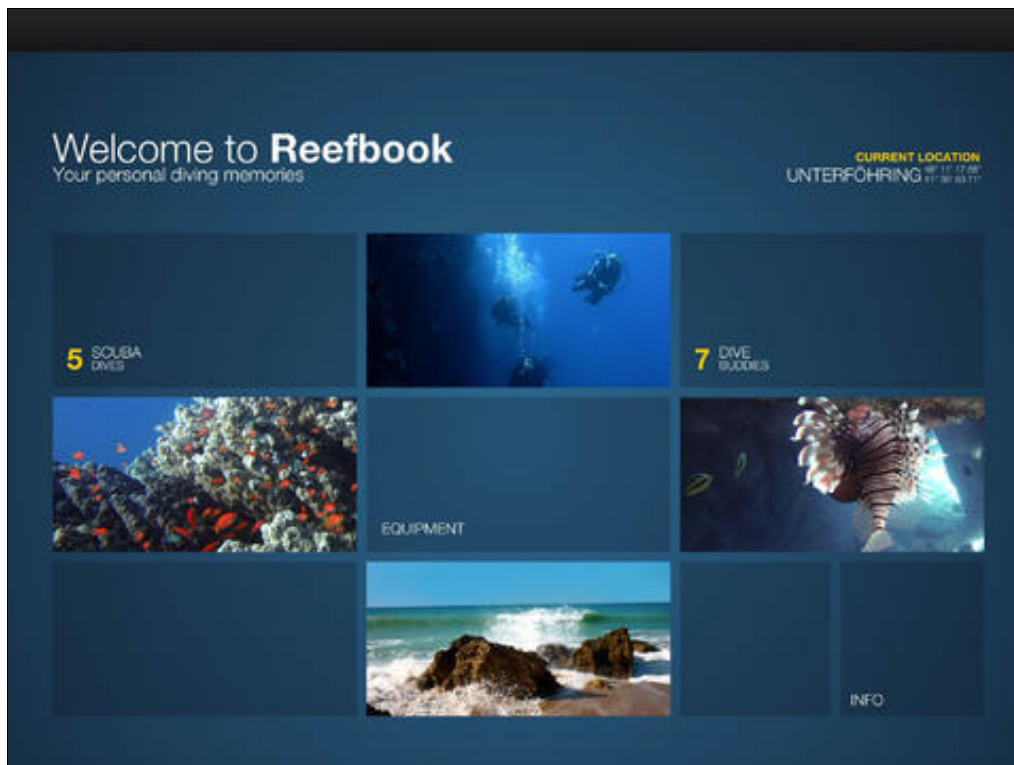
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Port Phillip Bay polluted with microplastics, experts say

MELBOURNE'S bays and rivers are in danger of becoming a "plastic soup" if nothing is done to curb litter from spilling into the city's waterways.



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A record-breaking school of mobular rays took over the waters off the coast of Baja, California and it was all caught on film!

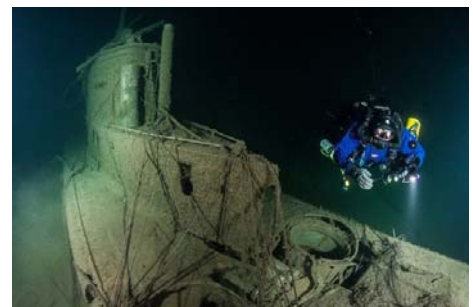


They are like a spectacular group of UFOs flying out of the sky to amaze. These rays are amazing and when you see them up close you realize that they are very intelligent and fascinating creatures.

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Finnish divers find century-old German sub

Finnish divers have released an unprecedented video showing the well-preserved wreck of a German submarine from the First World War in the Gulf of Finland.



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VSAG Dive and Meeting Calendar

Activity Details

Dive Coordinator (DC) nominated below.

Dive site determined by DC and advised by email based on forecast conditions.

Boat Captains for the dive will be confirmed by email prior to the weekend.

Dive day can swap between Sat and Sun depending on conditions!

Dive Coordinator is responsible for organising a dive report after their weekend.

Dive sites adjusted on the day to suit divers and conditions.

Aug 9/10	DC David Geekie 0419 300 686
Aug 16	VSAG 60th Anniversary Dinner
Aug 17	DC Graham Ellis 0403 070 920
Aug 19	General Meeting, Bells Hotel, 8.00 pm
Aug 23/24	DC Graham Ellis 0403 070 920
Aug 30/31	DC Ian Scholey 0439 310 646
Sept 5	DC Ian Scholey 0439 310 646
Sept 6/7	DC Benita McDonough 0419 399 000
Sept 13/14	DC Peter Galvin 0417 061 564
Sept 16	General Meeting, Bells Hotel, 8.00 pm
Sept 20/21	DC John Lawler 0414 922 916
Sept 26	DC Ian Scholey 0439 310 646
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Oct 21	General Meeting, Bells Hotel, 8.00 pm
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Oct 31	DC Ian Scholey 0439 310 646
Nov 1/2	DC John Lawler 0414 922 916

Book in for a dive day ASAP after receiving notification via email. Please provide the Dive Captain with your full name, mobile phone number and e-mail address.

You are required to call the Dive Captain between 6:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. the evening prior to the dive day to confirm that you will still be coming on the dive.

Tidal Streams at the Heads — August 2014

RED italic times are slack water with EBB about to start (Flood Slack) which are the best diving conditions near the Heads. **BLUE** are Ebb Slack.

August						
				Fri 1	Sat 2	Sun 3
				0:23	0:56	1:30
				5:50	6:31	7:13
				12:13	12:44	13:15
				18:25	18:51	19:17
Mon 4	Tue 5	Wed 6	Thu 7	Fri 8	Sat 9	Sun 10
2:05	2:42	3:24	4:11	5:07	6:12	7:24
7:58	8:48	9:43	10:46	11:58	13:13	14:21
13:47	14:20	14:56	15:41	16:42	18:08	19:45
19:45	20:15	20:50	21:32	22:29	23:43	
Mon 11	Tue 12	Wed 13	Thu 14	Fri 15	Sat 16	Sun 17
1:06	2:26	3:39	4:44	5:44	0:47	1:34
8:33	9:36	10:32	11:22	12:08	6:41	7:36
15:17	16:05	16:47	17:28	18:06	12:52	13:33
21:05	22:09	23:05	23:57		18:45	19:23
Mon 18	Tue 19	Wed 20	Thu 21	Fri 22	Sat 23	Sun 24
2:20	3:05	3:51	4:40	5:32	6:32	0:17
8:31	9:25	10:21	11:21	12:26	13:32	7:36
14:13	14:53	15:37	16:28	17:35	19:03	14:32
20:02	20:42	21:25	22:13	23:11		20:23
Mon 25	Tue 26	Wed 27	Thu 28	Fri 29	Sat 30	Sun 31
1:28	2:33	3:28	4:16	4:58	5:38	0:24
8:36	9:27	10:11	10:48	11:23	11:55	6:17
15:20	15:58	16:28	16:55	17:21	17:48	12:27
21:21	22:06	22:44	23:18	23:51		18:15

Tidal Streams at the Heads — September 2014

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September						
Mon 1	Tue 2	Wed 3	Thu 4	Fri 5	Sat 6	Sun 7
0:57	1:32	2:10	2:51	3:38	4:34	5:42
6:57	7:39	8:25	9:16	10:14	11:20	12:31
12:59	13:31	14:03	14:40	15:24	16:26	17:52
18:43	19:13	19:45	20:23	21:11	22:16	23:39
Mon 8	Tue 9	Wed 10	Thu 11	Fri 12	Sat 13	Sun 14
6:59	1:08	2:31	3:42	4:43	5:39	0:20
13:39	8:15	9:21	10:18	11:08	11:53	6:30
19:28	14:37	15:27	16:12	16:53	17:34	12:35
	20:47	21:50	22:44	23:34		18:13
Mon 15	Tue 16	Wed 17	Thu 18	Fri 19	Sat 20	Sun 21
1:04	1:46	2:28	3:09	3:53	4:41	5:40
7:19	8:06	8:52	9:39	10:31	11:28	12:31
13:15	13:54	14:33	15:14	16:01	17:02	18:23
18:52	19:32	20:12	20:55	21:44	22:44	23:56
Mon 22	Tue 23	Wed 24	Thu 25	Fri 26	Sat 27	Sun 28
6:50	1:13	2:22	3:19	4:06	4:48	5:26
13:32	8:01	9:00	9:48	10:29	11:05	11:39
19:43	14:23	15:04	15:39	16:10	16:40	17:10
	20:42	21:28	22:07	22:43	23:17	23:51
October						
Mon 29	Tue 30	Wed 1	Thu 2	Fri 3	Sat 4	Sun 5
6:04	0:25	1:02	1:41	2:23	3:10	5:06
12:13	6:43	7:23	8:06	8:53	9:44	11:42
17:41	12:46	13:20	13:55	14:35	15:24	17:28
	18:13	18:46	19:24	20:08	21:05	23:20

Tidal Streams at the Heads — October 2014

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September		October				
<i>Mon 29</i>	<i>Tue 30</i>	<i>Wed 1</i>	<i>Thu 2</i>	<i>Fri 3</i>	<i>Sat 4</i>	<i>Sun 5</i>
<i>6:04</i>	<i>0:25</i>	<i>1:02</i>	<i>1:41</i>	<i>2:23</i>	<i>3:10</i>	<i>5:06</i>
<i>12:13</i>	<i>6:43</i>	<i>7:23</i>	<i>8:06</i>	<i>8:53</i>	<i>9:44</i>	<i>11:42</i>
<i>17:41</i>	<i>12:46</i>	<i>13:20</i>	<i>13:55</i>	<i>14:35</i>	<i>15:24</i>	<i>17:28</i>
	<i>18:13</i>	<i>18:46</i>	<i>19:24</i>	<i>20:08</i>	<i>21:05</i>	<i>23:20</i>
<i>Mon 6</i>	<i>Tue 7</i>	<i>Wed 8</i>	<i>Thu 9</i>	<i>Fri 10</i>	<i>Sat 11</i>	<i>Sun 12</i>
<i>6:14</i>	<i>0:48</i>	<i>2:19</i>	<i>3:38</i>	<i>4:44</i>	<i>5:39</i>	<i>0:07</i>
<i>12:46</i>	<i>7:34</i>	<i>8:55</i>	<i>10:06</i>	<i>11:04</i>	<i>11:54</i>	<i>6:29</i>
<i>18:51</i>	<i>13:51</i>	<i>14:51</i>	<i>15:46</i>	<i>16:34</i>	<i>17:19</i>	<i>12:38</i>
	<i>20:17</i>	<i>21:29</i>	<i>22:29</i>	<i>23:20</i>		<i>18:02</i>
<i>Mon 13</i>	<i>Tue 14</i>	<i>Wed 15</i>	<i>Thu 16</i>	<i>Fri 17</i>	<i>Sat 18</i>	<i>Sun 19</i>
<i>0:51</i>	<i>1:32</i>	<i>2:11</i>	<i>2:49</i>	<i>3:26</i>	<i>4:05</i>	<i>4:47</i>
<i>7:14</i>	<i>7:57</i>	<i>8:37</i>	<i>9:17</i>	<i>9:56</i>	<i>10:38</i>	<i>11:24</i>
<i>13:20</i>	<i>13:59</i>	<i>14:37</i>	<i>15:15</i>	<i>15:55</i>	<i>16:40</i>	<i>17:34</i>
<i>18:43</i>	<i>19:23</i>	<i>20:03</i>	<i>20:43</i>	<i>21:27</i>	<i>22:17</i>	<i>23:19</i>
<i>Mon 20</i>	<i>Tue 21</i>	<i>Wed 22</i>	<i>Thu 23</i>	<i>Fri 24</i>	<i>Sat 25</i>	<i>Sun 26</i>
<i>5:38</i>	<i>0:34</i>	<i>1:55</i>	<i>3:08</i>	<i>4:06</i>	<i>4:53</i>	<i>5:35</i>
<i>12:16</i>	<i>6:46</i>	<i>8:08</i>	<i>9:22</i>	<i>10:19</i>	<i>11:06</i>	<i>11:46</i>
<i>18:42</i>	<i>13:11</i>	<i>14:06</i>	<i>14:55</i>	<i>15:40</i>	<i>16:19</i>	<i>16:57</i>
	<i>19:55</i>	<i>20:56</i>	<i>21:45</i>	<i>22:27</i>	<i>23:06</i>	<i>23:43</i>
October					November	
<i>Mon 27</i>	<i>Tue 28</i>	<i>Wed 29</i>	<i>Thu 30</i>	<i>Fri 31</i>	<i>Sat 1</i>	<i>Sun 2</i>
<i>6:13</i>	<i>0:20</i>	<i>0:58</i>	<i>1:38</i>	<i>2:19</i>	<i>3:03</i>	<i>3:50</i>
<i>12:24</i>	<i>6:51</i>	<i>7:30</i>	<i>8:09</i>	<i>8:50</i>	<i>9:32</i>	<i>10:17</i>
<i>17:34</i>	<i>13:00</i>	<i>13:36</i>	<i>14:13</i>	<i>14:53</i>	<i>15:38</i>	<i>16:31</i>
	<i>18:11</i>	<i>18:49</i>	<i>19:29</i>	<i>20:15</i>	<i>21:08</i>	<i>22:13</i>

Emergency Contact Information
Mornington Peninsula Area

Police – Ambulance – Fire 000

Water Police no longer use the 1800 088 200 number

The new 24/7 No is : 03 9399 7500

Diving Emergency Service 1800 088 200

Rosebud Hospital
 1527 Nepean Hwy, Rosebud **03 5986 0666**

Frankston Hospital
 Hastings Road, Frankston **03 9784 7777**

The Bays Hospital
 Main Street, Mornington **03 5975 2009**

Southern Peninsula Rescue (Sorrento) **0417 038 944 (new number)**

Mornington Bay Rescue Service 0419 233 999

*Coast Guard (Queenscliff) 03 5258 2222

*Coast Guard (Hastings) 03 5979 3322

*Coast Guard (Safety Beach) 03 5981 4443

State Emergency Service (Vic) **132 500 (new number)**

Diving Doctors:

Dr Pamela Dagley (Eltham) 03 9439 2222 (VSAG member)

Dr Vanessa Haller (Carrum Downs) 03 9782 6666

Dr Adrian Murrie (Sorrento) 03 5984 4322

Dr Guy Williams (Rosebud) 03 5981 1555

VHF Emergency Channel 16 (club channel 73)

27 MHz AM Emergency Channel 88 (club channel 96)

*Coast Guard is not always manned & operates mainly during daylight hrs

And finally Ian Scholey went looking for the rumoured Spider Crab
Aggregation at Rye Pier on April 13 ... not a crab in sight !!

(They came in June this year, but nice photo Ian 😊)

