



# M O N U C

## MONASH UNDERWATER CLUB



The Monash Underwater Club, established for over 30 years, gives scuba divers the opportunity to dive affordably in a fun and social environment. *Whether you've logged 100 dives, 10 dives or 0 dives there is fun to be had and skills to gained, under the water.* Dives are organised through a mailing list (see website), starting with a member expressing interest in wanting to dive. Other keen members reply, an appropriate time for gear hire at the gear locker is arranged, a dive site and meeting time is chosen... and WE'RE SCUBA DIVING. It's that simple! Chances to get down and diving are abundant with members go out every weekend for most of the year, even Winter.

### GEAR HIRE

The MONUC gear locker and air compressor is situated in the *Sports and Rec Building* and opens at least once a week. Cost of a complete set of gear is only \$25.00 (plus refundable deposit) for a whole week:

<b>BCD</b>	<b>\$10.00</b>
<b>Regulator</b>	<b>\$10.00</b>
<b>Full Tank</b>	<b>\$ 5.00</b>
<b>Air fills</b>	<b>\$ 2.00</b>

A small collection of club wetsuits, weight belt, snorkel, mask, fins, etc. are available for a minimum hire fee.



**SHORE AND BOAT DIVING** Our *Port Phillip Bay* has some of the best temperate diving in Australia; with piers, reefs and wrecks of surprising colour and beauty. *Rye, Portsea, Flinders* and various back beaches provide ample dive sites accessible without the need of a boat. With depths ranging between 3 to 10 metres, these easily accessible sites are a great way to become familiar with diving and gain confidence in one's underwater skills. Cuttlefish, squid, crabs, globe fish, colourful nudibranches, sea horses, weedy dragons, stingrays, etc are regulars in as little a 4m of water.



The custom built, aluminium *MONUC Boat* carries up to six people and goes out most weekends. *Portsea Hole, the Eliza Ramsden* (19<sup>th</sup> century wreck), *J-class submarines*, etc and sites beyond the heads are accessible with the MONUC boat. The rip contains spectacular reefs make fantastic dive sites inhabited with crayfish, blue devils, wrasse, abalone, etc. Older members teach newer members how to drive the boat thus providing opportunity for anyone looking to attain a boat license. The *MONUC Zodiac ("Zoe")* is a versatile alternative to the boat and carries 2-4 people.

**MONUC MEETINGS** MONUC meetings take place at the *Notting Hill Pub*, or, if there is a guest speaker, at the *Monash Sports & Rec Centre*. Recent meetings include research diving in *Antarctica*, underwater photography, show and tell of recent dives, meet and greet for new members/dive buddies, etc.

**DIVE TRIPS** Our recent club trip to *Eden, NSW* for 9 days produced 50 amazing logged dives between five members; with members learning the ins and outs of using the portable compressor (another MONUC asset) and driving "Zoe". The Queensland trip of July 2007 produced some spectacular photos of *Wolf Rock, Noosa* and *the HMAS Brisbane*.

MONUC's is affiliated with local dive store *AB Ocean*, and is able to coordinate merchandise and dive courses (*Open Water, Advance Open Water, Rescue Diver*) at a discounted price (Woo hoo!).

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