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How to make ironing fun

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For many, ironing is one of the most-hated household chores, but others will go to any lengths (and depths) to make ironing fun.

Vanessa Dillon (right) and Nathan Carey (below right) are part of an international band of Extreme Ironers. Overseas, dedicated ironers are taking their ironing boards up rock faces and on marathons, while Australians are perfecting their own version of Extreme Ironing: Australian Extreme Underwater Ironing.

According to Vanessa and Nathan, there's plenty of preparation involved in Extreme Underwater Ironing. Vanessa had to buy an ironing board, and prepare a special iron (apparently electricity and long cables don't mix too well with diving...).



Nathan and Vanessa wanted the ironing scene to look as natural as possible, so Nathan borrowed a very flattering dress, and dived with his ironing basket as well.

The pair encountered problems when just about every prop involved wanted to float to the surface, but diving weights were quickly re-employed as ironing board and clothes weights.

Apparently it's all heaps of fun, although your ironing board and iron end up a little rusty. Vanessa and Nathan would like to see a Queensland mass Extreme Underwater Ironing attempt, so if you're interested, visit the DiveOZ website listed below.



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Dive Oz - Australian Extreme Underwater Diving - <http://www.diveoz.com.au/aeui/>

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