



Pressing business

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EXTREME sports people have ironed in the Alps, the Antarctic and while floating down on a parachute somewhere in-between.

Now an enthusiastic Geelong bunch is going to take extreme ironing to a new level — sea level (actually, about 10 metres below).

Thirty divers will attempt to set an Australian record next month for the most number of people ironing underwater at the same time.

With an iron and a rumpled shirt in hand, the bunch will launch off the St Leonards Pier and participate in the latest extreme sports craze sweeping the world.

Some say it's crazy.

Others will tell you it's the first symptom of a mid-life crisis.

But according to Bay City Scuba shop manager Ray Hill, it's just a fun way to raise money for local charity Cottage by the Sea.

"It's just a laugh, that's all," Mr Hill said.

"We saw photos of people ironing while parachuting and we thought why not do it underwater.

"And we thought if we were going to do it, we may as well do it for a charity as well as set an Australian record."

Although most people will do anything to avoid ironing at home, Mr Hill has had little trouble finding the 30 "iron" men and women needed to break the old record of 14.

Interested? Then ring Geelong Bay City Divers on 5248 1488 to register. The Australian record attempt will be held on November 7 at 10am.

FLAT OUT: Geelong divers will attempt an underwater ironing record next month for charity. Perhaps it could be called 20,000 creases under the sea.