

Divers strike while the iron's cold

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Extreme underwater ironing world record.

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A Geelong diving club yesterday raised more than \$600 for a children's charity, and reclaimed a world record for Australia - the emerging extreme sport of underwater ironing.

The record now stands at 43 scuba divers, set by the Bay City Scuba Diving Club, in three metres of water in Port Phillip Bay, off the St Leonards Pier, on the Bellarine Peninsula.

The dive took just 25 minutes. Club spokesman Alan Igoe said the dive, using cold non-electric irons, was first suggested as a social event. "We always try to do something to get our members diving after the winter break, but this gained momentum and took off as a chase for a world record," Mr Igoe said. Money raised yesterday will go to the Cottage by the Sea children's holiday charity at Queenscliff.

For more about extreme ironing around the world, see the Extreme Ironing Bureau site at www.extremeironing.com or go to the Australian site www.diveoz.com.au for local information.

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