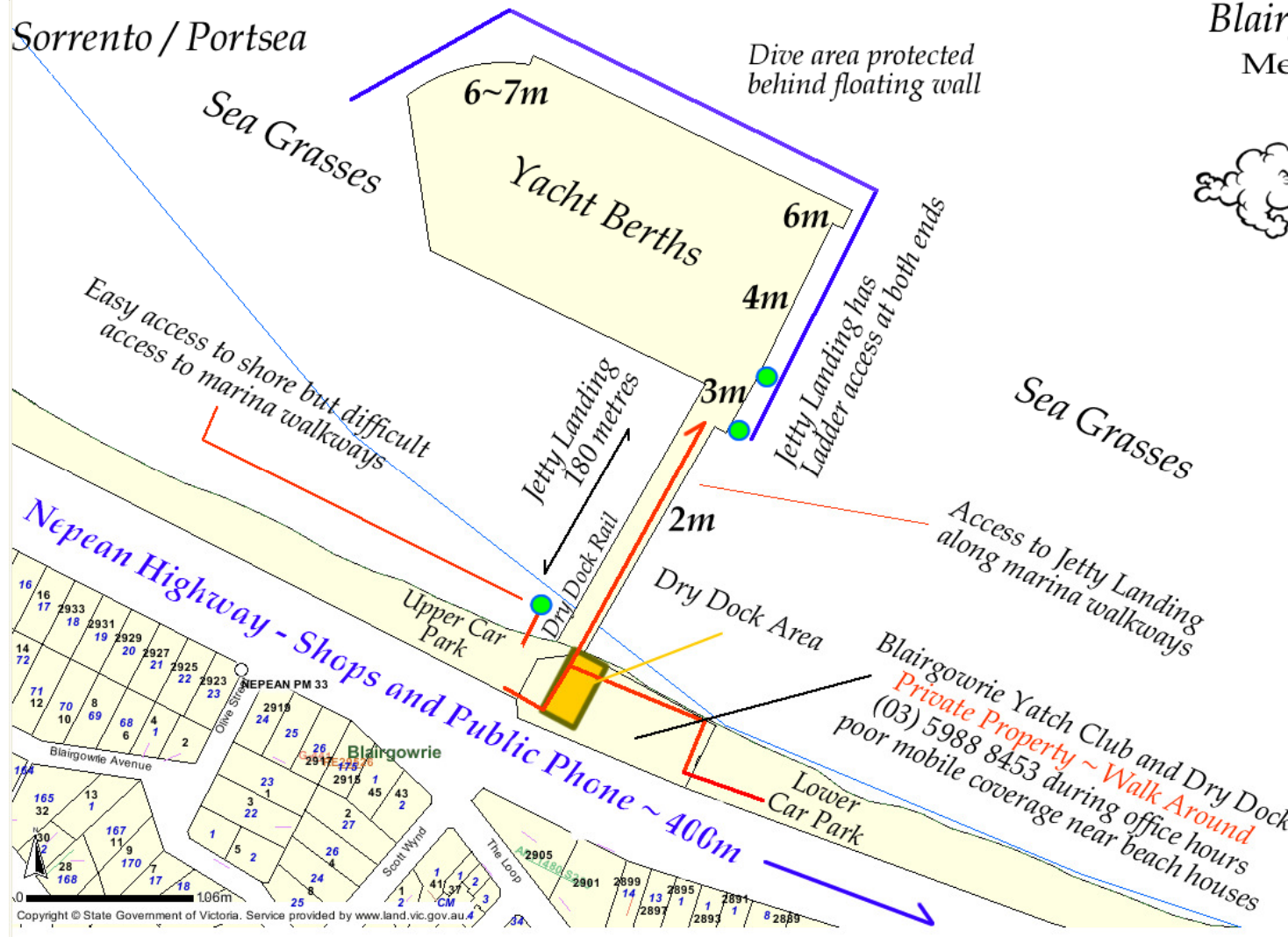
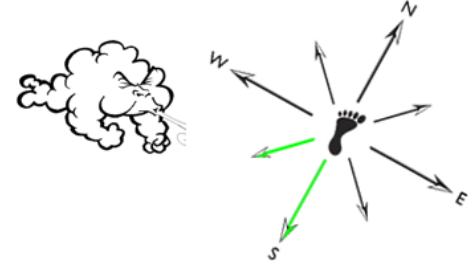


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Dive area protected behind floating wall



● Entry Points



Blairgowrie Marina – Port Phillip Bay <sup>1</sup>  
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Dive is shore entry and across the sea grass beds, or off the jetty landing approximately 180m out along the walkway.

Access to the Marina is from the upper car park on Nepean Highway or from the Lower car park behind the Yacht Club. The Northern stairs in the upper car park have difficult access to the marina walkways. The Eastern stairs have better access to the walkways. Care must be taken if walking through the Dry Dock Area for overhanging cables etc. from the gantry.

## Emergency Contact Numbers

### Blairgowrie Yacht Squadron

Office : 9:00am to 5:00pm, 7 Days

(03) 5988 8453

(03) 5988 0100

Radio : VHF Channel 16 <sup>2</sup>

### Public Telephone Box

Blairgowrie Shopping Centre

Approx 400m East along Nepean Highway towards Melbourne.

### Car Parking :

Two FREE car parks are available.

1. Nepean Highway overlooking the Marina. This is a public area
2. Spaces are available behind the Yacht Squadron. This entrance is off Nepean Highway and approximately 50 metres before the upper car park.

Parking availability will depend on

- Season (Summer / Winter)
- Time (Morning / Evening) and
- Yacht Club activity including
- Fisherbloke activity

Each Parking area is approximately 100-120 metres from the actual marina walkway platforms.

Dive Site Co-Ordinates <sup>3</sup>

GDA94 Zone 55 – 305370, 5752080

38° 21' 30" S, 144° 46' 21" E

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The Wave Wall at the end of the pier does not fully meet the sea bed. This allows water to continue to flow and replenish the sea grasses

### NOTE :

**Dive about 1 metre above the sea bed and use the Weather Wall to protect against currents.**

### Flora and Fauna (Biota)

Sea Grasses, Spider-crabs, Box Fish, Epiphytes, Shellfish, Seastars <sup>4</sup>

Penguin (on occasions), Octopus, Squid– sighted during visits

Look at some photos from Matt Skippers Dive Site : <http://www.pcmus.com/Dive-Photos/Blairgowrie-Pier.htm>

### Other Background

The Blairgowrie Safe Boat Harbour and Marina was the first green field site developed in Port Philip Bay in 30 years. <sup>5</sup>

Blairgowrie Marina and surrounds are a registered site by the Boonwerung people as an Area of Sea in the Indigenous Land Use Agreements (ILUA) <sup>6 7</sup>

A high seas chase was undertaken after a the luxury yacht Premier Cru was stolen from the Blairgowrie Marina and sailed to Devonport in Tasmania in early 2005. The thief left a note of apology and has so far, never been caught <sup>8 9</sup>

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