

# NOTICE TO MARINERS

**GIPPSLAND PORTS**



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**AUSTRALIA - VICTORIA**

**NO.341(T) OF 2017**

**PORT OF CORNER INLET & PORT ALBERT**

**ENTRANCE TO PORT ALBERT- PORT ALBERT APPROACH CHANNEL**

**SHOALING**

- DATE:** 18<sup>th</sup> December 2017 – Effective Immediately
- PREVIOUS NOTICE:** Notice to Mariners No 047(T) of 2017 is referred and cancelled.
- DETAILS:** Mariners are advised that Bathymetric Survey results have identified that shoaling continues to occur midway between the Port Albert Fairway Buoy RW (L Fl.10s) in Charted Position :  
Lat. 38° 43.974' S  
Lon. 146° 42.675' E Datum WGS84  
And the Outer Green Buoy (Fl.G.3s) in Charted Position:  
Lat. 38° 44.743' S  
Lon. 146° 41.261' E Datum WGS84

The shoal has been identified with least depths less than 0.1m (LAT) and extends for a distance of approximately 400 metres along the length of the channel and encroaches into the channel by approximately 300 metres. Deeper water of 3.0 metres (LAT) exists in the channel to the Northwest of the area of shoaling.

The Bathymetry results also confirm that channel configurations are changing. An opening through the bar has become apparent to the Southeast of the entrance with least depths of 1.4 metres LAT being recorded. The opening is narrow with shallow banks on either side, is not marked and not recommended for navigation at this stage of the configuration change.

Further Bathymetric surveys are planned in 2018 to confirm the changing channel configuration. Until that time the Fairway Buoy and Outer Green Buoy will remain in their current positions as the best water over the Bar still lies to the Northeast of the Entrance.

Gippsland Ports is planning to relocate the Fairway Buoy and Outer Green Buoy when survey results indicate a deeper approach to the Port Albert Entrance.

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Due to the compromised depths Mariners are advised to take extra precaution when navigating through the Port Albert Entrance Channel. Transits of the Channel should not be attempted without local knowledge of the area. Transits should be conducted at high water with little or no swell.

To consult the latest Bathymetric Survey for the Port Albert Entrance and Approach Channel. Mariners are advised to visit the Gippsland Ports website at <https://www.gippslandports.vic.gov.au/publications/bathymetric-surveys/>

Further information can be obtained by contacting Gippsland Ports Port Welshpool Office on 0356881303.

**CHART AFFECTED:** Aus.181 & 182

**PUBLICATIONS AFFECTED:** NP14 Australia Pilot Vol 2, Vol K List of Lights.  
Gippsland Ports Waterways Online mapping at;  
<https://www.gippslandports.vic.gov.au/boating/waterways-online/>

**FURTHER NOTICE:** A further notice will be issued.

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