

## VIC Branch News

Victorian Branch members were treated to a very interesting Technical night last November. Hosted by Professional Diving Services in Hallam, diver and NDT expert Gerard Miller told us of the very different world of doing NDT underwater.

His experiences showed how there are unique challenges when it is hard to see, hard to move and everything is immersed. Even perfect coupling for UT has a flip side of not uncoupling that can lead to mistakes. Everyone learned something that night.

The VIC Branch Christmas BBQ was held at Emerald Park, the destination for the Puffing Billy. A good number came in spite of a cool cloudy day (so unlike Melbourne..!), and were treated to some great food. Special thanks to Dave Mullett and his family for organising both the venue and the food. Whilst there was plenty to see in the park, it was great to see the kids inventing their own fun sliding down hills and getting nice and dirty. Some took a ride on Puffing Billy as an extra treat.

At the time of writing, events for 2016 are still being planned, but there will be some interesting member events, including some in regional centres and probably

a revived golf day (to be held on a Sunday). Any ideas and proposals are welcome.

The Committee has lost a couple of members recently due to changes to their work, and in particular the committee would like to acknowledge the efforts of John Duenzl on the committee over the last few years. We are looking for replacements who can contribute to our future.

Have a great year!

**Richard Nowak**  
Vic Branch President



AINDT members at the Under-Sea NDT Tech Night at Professional Diving Services.



Gerard Miller presents on Underwater NDT at Professional Diving Services.



Attendee checking out the equipment.



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- 11:00 Presentation by Roger Hamlett
- 11:30 Tour & exhibition from supporting companies
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