News (November 2008)

During the last months the team has been extremely busy with a number of matters. We have gone to the field several times and undertaken ADCP deployments and recoveries, topographic surveys of both Jimmy’s Beach and Shoal Bay, and one winter intensive field campaign where we measured the hydrodynamics in Shoal Bay during a week (please check our fieldwork log below for more details). The past winter has been pretty energetic and ADCP work has been difficult at times, once again, we thank Shane (and colleagues) from Feet First Dive in Nelson Bay for his resourcefulness and availability in helping us to getting the job done.

Genoveffa Pezzimenti has finished her honours thesis meanwhile Tim Austin and Ana Vila-Concejo are making good progress with data analyses. While Tim is focusing on the hydrodynamics of Port Stephens, Ana is dealing with the morphodynamic evolution of the estuarine beaches. Wenping Jiang is finishing setting up her MIKE 21 hydrodynamic model for Port Stephens with great help from our partners from DHI, especially Craig Allery.

We have presented our work at a national conference – Tim Austin at Coast 2 Coast in Darwin; and at an international conference, Ana Vila-Concejo in Liverpool (UK) at Physics of Estuaries and Coastal Seas (PECS). Additionally, we are currently preparing several papers that will be submitted by January 2009.