



NORTHERN TERRITORY

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The photograph shows one of our members, now at Teacher's College in Adelaide, Tony Boase, with his N.T. record 45lb. Jewfish, taken on the Iron Ore Wharf. With him is J. Gabriel with a nice-sized Groper.

Spearfishing took quite a while to get on the move up here this year, mainly due to very dirty water (that is dirtier than it normally is), but now club competitions have started in earnest and are being held at every possible opportunity. At the present the A Grade is being led by B. Hosie with J. Pfizner second and R. Tarlton third. B Grade, D. Dkilariff 1, J. Mazlin 2. Womens, S. Hosie.

Our Marine Display at this year's Darwin Show was very successful. We had aquariums filled with tropical reef fish, a big awesome looking stonefish, and a deadly Ringed Octopus really drew in the public. In our large fresh-

water tank we had a couple of water snakes as well as several large Barramundi and some large yabbies, which were lucky to survive the weekend judged on the looks and remarks that were made by several people.

I believe the N.T. Championships are to be held in the middle of October this year, so get all your gear in order — don't miss out this year.

S. HOSIE,
Publicity Officer

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Firstly, I must thank the club for my nomination as "pub" officer. I'll do my best to keep up the good work done by my predecessor.

General Meeting

Election of Officers was the main item on the agenda. They are —

President: Denis Robinson. Secretary: Alan Moule. Minutes Secretary: Bob Smith. Treasurer: Ron Smith. Publicity Officer: Des Hennessy. Safety Officer: Norm Rogers.

A few new projects for the next 12 months were raised.

1. Deep diving programme with the ultimate goal being a dive on the Peaks. People interested should contact John Sumner or Lindsay Ditchburn.

2. We know of many "diveable" wrecks along the coast and we are planning to make an assault on as many of these as possible.

3. Club member Rod Fordham found some caves in the Catherine Hill Bay area. Attempts will be made to explore these.

Past Activities

Bank Holiday weekend saw some members down at the snow for an ice dive. Unfortunately, no dives were made because the roads were cut — or was it really that the water was a little too cool for them?

August 18th — Ron Bob and Lindsay and friends went down to Bass Point. Visibility was poor so they went on to Kiama for a few jumps in the blowhole.

Hero of the month award goes to John and Lindsay for fishing some guy out of the white water at Bass. On a serious note, though, this should serve as a warning to beginners not to mix rocks and white water, it only leads to trouble.

They tell me Tom Byron has sold the Owens, the reason being mutiny of the crew! However, he is now getting a 19-foot Hairns Hunter with 150 horses running along behind — should really move.

Club Dives

First dive, August 25th, Stoney Creek, Jervis Bay; second dive, September 8th, Terrigal and Maitland Bay.

Any people wishing to join the best club in Sydney, contact 50-0268, or come along to Kingsgrove RSL third Monday of the month. Visitors and new members especially welcome.

Any correspondence to the Secretary, Alan Moule, 30 Wolli Street, Kingsgrove (50-4859).

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