

New South Wales

## SOUTH PACIFIC DIVERS

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### CLUB MEETING, 20th Oct.

A large meeting with the guest of honour being John Gillies who spoke mainly on the opinions of scuba divers and spear fishermen on the ban. We all thank John for coming along. Slides were shown by Alan Moule.

### PAST ACTIVITIES:

21st Sept: Club dive to Kurnell.  
October — Long Week-end: This was an outing to Montague Island with about 20 divers and 6 boats attending. Saturday was a bit rough and only a short dive held at the Island with yours truly having to drop a weight belt.

Sunday turned out great with dives being held with the seals all day and rolls of film being belted off.

Monday was also a good day with Denis and his crew spending the day at the Island getting more movie film.

I understand that he is off there again next weekend.

September 28th: Barbecue held at Dick Taylor's — A great night, but the highlight was Lindsay, who tried to convince us that he was a Cardinal. Notice: There will be an annual S.P.D. colouring-in contest with the judges being Father Tom, and Mother Superior Lindsay. First prize is a large colouring-in book complete with 3 pencils !!!

Also, a committee has been formed to operate the S.P.D. annual photographic competition (this one is for real!) More news about this later.

### Future Activities:

Oct. 26th: — Bass Point.

Nov. 9th: — Trawler day at Jervis Bay.

Also remember the Club's Christmas-type party is being held at Boat Harbour on Dec. 20th.

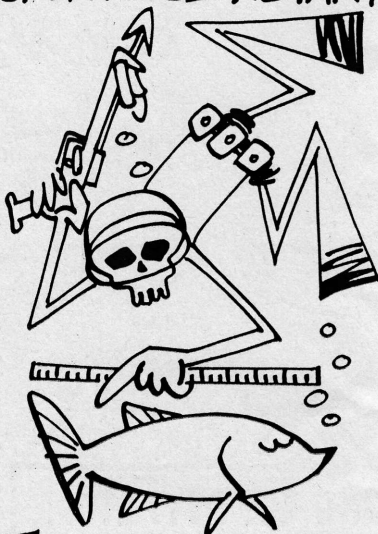
Robyn is also arranging a theatre night to see "The Battle of Britain".

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# THE RATS

INTRODUCING:  
RON MCEWAN,  
SPORTS SECRETARY



THE GUV'NOR, EXABALONE DIVER, FISHERIES EXPERT & SKINDIVER EXTRAORDINARY, KNOWS EVERY FISH BY ITS' FIRST NAME, HOW MANY POINTS PER POUND, BONUS WEIGHTS, WHERE TO DIVE & HOW TO GET THERE & HOW TO OPERATE EVERY PIECE OF DIVING EQUIPMENT EVER INVENTED. HE HAS HOWEVER FORGOTTEN HIS HOME ADDRESS, SO ANY PERSONS KNOWING THE WHEREABOUTS OF RON'S FLAT, PLEASE LEAVE THE MESSAGE WITH JOHN GAULT 30 8107 OR ROB REED (KING RAT) 302455 81 BLAIR ST, BONDI, 2026

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Good dives were had over the last long weekend. An interclub outing was arranged for Shoal Bay, and we were happy to see so many Sydney divers there. Members from the Underwater Photographic Club and a couple of the North Shore boys were present.

The Saturday dive was held off Big Island, water conditions were reasonable, with visibility around 30 ft. A number of large blue grouper were seen on this dive. On Sunday the weather turned to the worse, however it was still possible to get boats out through the heads. Two dive locations were selected, Cabbage Tree Island and South Head. Some interesting hard coral specimens were collected off Cabbage Tree, most of the coral had shells, similar to a pippy but more elongated, completely entombed by the coral growth. These shells were still alive and varied from about  $\frac{3}{8}$ " to  $\frac{1}{4}$ " in length.

Monday's dive off Uralla Reef made the weekend. Our navigational experts took a wrong mountain peek for one of the markers. After about one hour's fishing with our anchors we managed to locate the reef. This wasn't a bad effort when you consider that the reef is about 2 miles out, there's a lot of water out there.

The dive was held in 80 to 112 ft. with visibility around 15 ft. Even with this dirty water many fish were sighted, including schools of tuna and mullet, several grey nurse sharks and a sun fish about 8 ft. long and probably weighing around 2 tons. The reef itself consists of a massive rock formation dotted with numerous varieties of sponges and soft coral.

Permission has finally been granted for the construction of four artificial reefs in Lake Macquarie. These will be built by the club, in conjunction with fisheries department biologists.

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