





## SOUTH PACIFIC DIVERS NEWSLETTER

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### MEETINGS

Third Monday each month at Haberfield Rowing Club.

### COMMITTEE

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### EDITORIAL

As you can see we have a new committee, who along with the members, extend sincere thanks to the outgoing committee for all the valuable work they have done in the past year. Two people in particular deserve mention. Barry Lines was a witty informative writer of the Newsletter for the past year and I am sure all members noticed the difference. A special thank you goes to Bob Smith, foundation member of the South Pacific Divers for the last three years. I am sure all members will join with me in thanking Bob for all his work and enthusiasm and wish him luck in his travels. It seems to be the time for good-byes; we also wish Danny and Geraldine the best of luck in their trip to South America.

Last but not least, we hope we can do the good job for the Club that the past office holders have done.

### OUTINGS

- July 27      Deportation Party for Dany and Geraldine.  
Flat 1, 63 Pine St, Cammeray.
- July 29      Lecture and slides. "Water, Friend or Foes". By Dennis Graner,  
Project Manager for the National Association of Underwater  
Instructors in the U.S.A.
- August 2      Night Dive. For details and time/place ring underwater City on  
Thursday 1st.
- August 3      Wine Bottling Night. Free wine and food. \$4.00 double. \$3.00 single.  
6 Marlow Ave. West Ryde.
- August  
10th-11th      Weekend Dive. Jervis Bay. Meeting at Currawong Camping Area 8 a.m.
- August 11      City to Surf Race.
- August 18      Trawler Dive from Ganamatta Bay. Ring Underwater City for bookings  
and details.
- August 19      Meeting.
- August  
24th-25th      Ice Diving Weekend. Camping at Sawpit Creek.
- Sept 7-8th      Jervis Bay Weekend. There will be a trawler on Saturday. Camping  
at Huskisson.
- Sept 14-15      Four-wheel-drive outing - may be a dive.
- Sept 16      Meeting.
- Sept 22      Dive. Whale Beach.      Sept 28-29      Dive. Seal Rocks.



### HAPPENINGS

Mike burns has recently acquired a \$100 16mm projector for the club. Any complaints as to quality of entertainment at the meetings should go to him at his new mansion with Greg at West Ryde.

Tex is having a get-well party; after trying to Kung-Fu a sandhill I'm not surprised.

Fees are due - pay up- Fang is saving for another trip to Heron Island.

For instructions in treating garfish bites , repairing radiators and house hunting see Larry Reynolds.

LOST - Barry Lines - last seen wandering in grass in Tahiti (skirts, that is!)

For instructions in beard growing see the committee.

Congratulations to the athletes in the city to surf race. Stretcher bearers will assemble at the finish line. NOTE - those foolish enough to participate can buy a T-shirt as proof of their foolishness at \$6 each. See Brenda).

Good luck to Smith - I hope he learns German quickly and remembers to go easy on the beer.

WANTED 12 - 15 strong bodied, weak minded members for the SPD Football Team. They hope to train one night each week and after dives in order to thrash teams from other clubs. For information see next meeting.

Don't forget the lecture Monday night 29th at Revesby Workers Club at 8 p.m. You should learn about the latest diver rescue techniques and the U.S. diving scene as well. We also need the money to pay expenses.

### REPORT ON SUNDAY'S DIVE AT LABOGI

After hasselling around at Labogi with about 15 cars in tow we found that the rock ledge had been washed away. So we fanged around to Boat Harbour(after pushing Larry's car out of a 4 foot bog and beating off all the kids on scramblers and repairing Hassell's muffler) we geared up for a dive. Smith gave misleading directions to a cave, some gave up but Roger West and Dick Taylor kept looking and submerged to find themselves half a mile offshore with no cave. So plenty of practice for the Surf to City race was had by Roger and Dick to return to find everyone eating and planning the afternoon venue.

So on an average of 20 bods in Ben and Fang's 4-wheel drives we fanged around to voodoo to test the latest club invention - The Parasail. With shaking knees and white scone John the Pom was launched but unfortunately the wind was wrong and John disappeared behind the sand dunes doing a quickstep and never to be seen again. After several successful attempts Les closed the day in style by cutting the ropes at 50 ft to do a free dive and succeeded in breaking an ankle (sorry, spraining an ankle) - all in a day's fun!!!!!!!