

SOUTH PACIFIC DIVERS

NEWSLETTER

" W E T R A D "

APRIL 1986

THESE ARE THE NAMES OF THE DIVERS WHO WERE INVOLVED IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC DIVERS' ASSOCIATION MEETING HELD AT THE RYAN HOTEL, AUCKLAND, NEW ZEALAND, ON THE 14TH AND 15TH APRIL 1986. THE MEETING WAS ATTENDED BY 12 DIVERS FROM 10 COUNTRIES. THE MEETING WAS A SUCCESS AND THE ASSOCIATION IS NOW A REALITY.

President: John Blackmore
Treasurer: Ross Maxwell
Secretary: Audrey Mansfield
Dive
Organiser: Gary Roberts

Photographic Officer: Terry Mansfield
Social Secretaries: Miriam Roberts
Rhonda and
Karl Krister
Publicity Officer: Dinky Belveal

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April 4, 5 & 6 - BRISTOL POINT (Jervis Bay)

I think the seal of approval was put on this weekend by all of the members of S.P.D. and all their friends who went along, because I didn't hear any complaints!

Miriam, Lyn and I arrived about 6 p.m. expecting to see a few people already set up camp, but we were the first there. So we set up camp and waited for the others to show up. By about midnight another 18 or more people, not counting the kids, had arrived.

Unlike other club dives we had a flood of boats turn up, 6 boats, one duck and Larry's row boat (or should I say towed boat! I'll let Larry explain that one).

Saturday morning we awoke to the sounds of the birds and other wildlife including the snoring coming from the back of Fab's boat where he slept.

The weather was beautiful so we split up into crews and listened to the weather report..."a strong wind warning for waters north of Pt. Perp...." Not too bad, I thought but the voice went on to say "...a strong wind warning for waters south of Pt. Perp...." That got me a bit worried but what the hell, this was S.P.D.!!

The boat ramp at Murray's Beach was deserted then we saw why, you could almost surf on the waves, some of us braved it and launched there, Martin went to Husky and Larry & Co went to Summercloud Bay.

After the first dive (most went to the east side of Bowen Island) we came back and anchored on the beach for lunch and a bit of fun on a surfboard tied to the back of Martin's boat.

In the afternoon most of us went over to Pt. Perp for the second dive, once again the water was dirty but it was still a dive. When we got back it was time for a hot shower, dinner and a few drinks or should I say quite a few drinks.

Sunday morning was a little hard to handle for me after hanging asleep over a fence for an hour or so the night before - but I think everyone got away for a dive OK. I met them back at camp for a BBQ lunch around 1 p.m. after which we packed up and headed home. - GARY

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SOCIAL & DIVING CALENDAR

Saturday, May 3: LA CHAMPAGNE, 5 The Crescent, Fairfield.
Phone: 728 6819 (Licenced)

This was originally to be on April 26 but due to the long weekend, it was postponed. We have made a reservation, however we do need to pay a \$5 per person deposit in advance, so we need names and money in advance at the next Club meeting (April 24).

As the name suggests, it is a French Restaurant and it has a "set price" menu (see a copy at the meeting) - great food at reasonable prices.

Sunday, May 11: BASS POINT - Dive and B B Q

We'll meet at 10 a.m. at the picnic area near the curb and we'll organise the dive according to weather and conditions on the day, and finish with a B B Q or picnic.

May 16, 17 & 18: "MAN & THE SEA"

Being held at the Sir John Clancy Auditorium, Uni. of N.S.W., this is an exhibition of various water oriented industries and South Pacific Divers have been given a stand for this.

Copies of the brochure and competition entry form are shown further on in this newsletter. Anyone who would like to show their various diving finds at our stand (eg wreck pieces and bits, unusual bottles etc.) are welcome. We may also need volunteers to help man the stand on these days.

May 30 to June 1: JERVIS BAY WEEKEND

Accommodation at a house (at Huskisson) is still available at \$20 per person (bed only - meals at a small extra cost). Dives will be organised down there according to conditions and popularity. Anyone wishing to go please ring Miriam and Gary on 771 3459 URGENTLY as we need to know as early as possible if extra accommodation is required.

Saturday, July 5: BUSH DANCE & DINNER

We would like your thoughts on this as we'd like to have enough people to enable us to hire a bus (perhaps departing Bankstown Sports Club) to take us to the Winery for dinner and the bush dance. If you are interested let Rhonda, Karl or Miriam know so they can get the booking in as early as possible - Rhonda & Karl on 771 3506.

Friday July 18: AUSTRALASIAN UNDERWATER PHOTOGRAPHER
OF THE YEAR COMPETITION

Don't forget this one. Order forms for the tickets can be obtained from Audrey at the Club meeting if you don't have one already. Tickets (\$8.50 ea.) will be distributed after you have chosen your seats and paid. (We may need some volunteer ushers on the night).

Sunday, August 3: SOUTH PACIFIC DIVERS CAR RALLY

This will be a morning car rally with Bankstown Sports Club as departure point. Should be a lot of fun and we'll finish with a picnic/ BBQ at the Mystery Finish Line - where there'll be a prize presentation.

This takes us to the end of our term on the committee but to tide the Club over while the new committee settles in, we thought that one last weekend might be enjoyed.

August 29, 30 & 31: SKI WEEKEND _ SNOWY MOUNTAINS

We have at the moment tentatively booked 2 separate trips. The first one stays at Smiggins in the Snow Bunny - cost \$170 per person including return coach fare, 2 nights accommodation, 2 breakfasts and 1 dinner.

Alternatively - \$180 per person including return coach (with movies), accommodation at Vickers in Jindabyne for 2 nights, 2 meals while travelling, 2 breakfasts, 1 dinner, ski hire and maybe a ski instructor on board. As you can imagine this is very popular and we have to have definites. A \$70 deposit per person is required when we confirm which has to be done by June 2.

BOAT DIVES
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Boat dives are available from Aqua Sports, 430 Hume Hwy., YAGOONA Ph: 708 2826 Ask to talk to Glen Percy.

St. John's Ambulance First Aid Course: This is available to anyone wishing to learn the valuable skills involved in this course. It is run over a six week period at a cost of \$50 - The latest First Aid Book and Triangular and Roller Bandages are supplied, to keep. For any further information you can phone Peter Jermyn on 707 3086.

Short Story by Dr. David Bellamy
(from The World Underwater Book - published by Pelham Books)

CORAL REEF BLUES

In 1967 I was sitting in my laboratory up to my demand valve in marine pollution when the postman called. One letter stood out from all the rest. The envelope bore the crest of The Royal Society.

This is guaranteed to make every blue-blooded scientist's heart beat a little faster because the highest honour which can be bestowed on a scientist is a Fellowship of the Royal. With seaweed-stained fingers I tore at the envelope to find a letter not informing me of the final accolade, but of something equally exciting. It was an invitation to lead Phase Six of the Royal Society's Expedition to Aldabra in the Indian Ocean.

My mission was to survey the reef front, laying the foundations for a complete study of the structure and functioning of a coral atoll. It was not all that comforting to read in Cousteau's book that diving on the outside of the reef was dangerous due to adverse sea conditions, and to an abundance of sharks. As I was not sure whether or not they awarded posthumous Fellowships of the Royal, I hid the book from the eyes of my family and got on the telephone to summon up a team of divers. Ed Drew from the Gatty Marine Laboratory, St. Andrews, a seaweed man and a dab hand with radioactive tracers underwater. John Lythgoe of the Vision Research Unit, our man from the Medical Research Council. John is an expert on underwater vision and fish and the only man I know who appears to do without breathing while under water, reputedly because he doesn't like bubbles in his pictures.

The local Durham team, Jim Barnes who taught me to dive, although he doesn't boast about it, and if you have ever seen me under water you would understand why. Jim is one of those people you must have on an expedition, a skilled mechanic who can make anything out of nothing at very short notice. Dai Jones, a rare combination of botanist and zoologist whose sole aim in life revolves around microscopic plants and as it is them, as you will see, what makes the reef tick, he had a key role to play. To complete the team and to record the epic struggles of this historic expedition, there was Ley Kenyon, cameraman, story-teller, etc. etc.

Hardly, it seemed, had that hot telephone line had time to cool than we were together in Mombasa loading our stores on to the gallant ship Manahini, which was destined to take us to the atoll.

It was at this juncture that I found out the real meaning of Bruce Forsyth's 'I'm in charge'. Mike Williams, captain of the Manahini, said 'Where to?'. I thought he was joking, so I said 'Zanzibar', and turned in. Next morning there we were, the whole ship suffused with the smell of cloves, steaming into Zanzibar. Our journey wasn't wasted as we were able to see many of the commoner fish we were to encounter over the next two months in the superb whale-size aquarium at the Fisheries Research Laboratories. Remembering Cousteau's warning, we obtained a shark cage.

Aldabra was everything we had dreamed of, an island paradise not only for divers but especially so for the biologists. It is the home of the last of the natural populations of the giant land tortoise of the Indian Ocean and of the flightless rail, a bird which, like the lamented dodo, safe and isolated in its island retreat, has lost the necessity and hence the ability to fly. A few square miles of dry coral rock sticking about 15 ft. out of the sea, a ring of islands fringing a shallow lagoon. Every hot-blooded diver will know what happened. Once the party and the phenomenal amount of gear needed for such a venture had been landed it was straight in the water, blue, warm, crystal clear.

Our mission was to go where no man had been before, fearlessly to seek out new.....well, it was something like that, and suddenly we realised this was it and we only had two months in which to accomplish our various tasks.

The success of the expedition, and it was a success, was due in the main to two factors, good weather and two Seychelle fishermen, George and Harry. Their boat-handling skill and fantastic eyesight, especially for picking out bubbles in rough water, made every dive as safe as it could be. Our aim was to study the reef front at as many points of the compass as possible. (We managed 14).

The real problem was getting to some of them - it looked easy, a short, safe trip across the lagoon and then a short walk over the island to dive on the reef, but it was 'no go' on at least three counts. (1) The islands are covered in dense, prickly shrubs which grow out of the coral rock which is eaten away by erosion leaving deep holes full of razor sharp slivers of coral. (2) The lagoon is very shallow. There are no tide tables, which means that you get stuck very often. The mud is very sticky and is infested with blacktip sharks. So it's easy to leap out and start to pull the boat along, but it's not so easy to leap back again. (3) Cover boats must be present on each dive. This, therefore, meant a long trek around the outside of the atoll, and don't run away with the idea that if something went wrong you could land anywhere. Zodiacs are full of air, the reef front is made of sharp coral and it is at least a good rule of thumb to keep the two apart.

The fourteen transects were, however, completely surveyed from the reef edge to a depth of 160 ft. Again we were lucky, because it was at about this level that the reef rock gives way to a psychedelic world of white sand and garden eels which stretches away invitingly to the bottom of the ocean. Our survey showed a number of important things, but perhaps the most interesting were the following:

While drift diving at about 80 ft. along the area of reef front near transect 6, Ed and Jim noticed great grey shapes passing them in more or less regular succession. Closer scrutiny showed that they were not a school of whales but underwater headlands of coral rock protruding about 100 metres from the present-day reef front. They are massive structures and are separated from each other by sloping channels which are partly infilled from the landward end by coral debris. Unfortunately the 'bastions', as it was decided to call them, were too large to be accurately surveyed by free-swimming divers, so they were examined as follows.

The survey team submerged opposite a fixed mark to a depth at which the peaks of the bastions were clearly visible. Finning and drifting on the current at a fixed speed, the 'occurrence' of the bastions was timed by one diver while the other sketched the relevant features. Regular surfacing to allow time checks against fixed landmarks helped to minimise the inaccuracies. It was all well worth while. Analysis of the results indicated that we had found something very exciting.

The bastions are in all probability all that is left of the reef that was formed during the last glacial period. During the time that the land masses of the more northerly latitudes were covered with a thick blanket of ice, all sorts of things were happening way down in the tropics. For a start the water needed to make all that ice had to come from somewhere, namely the sea, which meant that during the glaciation the sea was at least 100 ft. shallower. Aldabra must have been sticking way out of the water during this time and while its older reef rock was being worn away by erosion new reef rock

was being laid down. The melting ice gradually filled the sea up again submerging the old glacial reef, and we were therefore the first human beings ever to set fin or eyes on it.

The second thing which soon became clear is that, according to all the theories of reef growth, Aldabra is growing the wrong way round. The good book of coral reefs says that the most active growth of corals is along the side of the reef which is exposed to maximum wave action. Looking at the map of Aldabra this would appear to be true. The 'fat' end of the atoll that looks as if it is growing gets the full brunt of the dirty weather whipped up by the great Trade Winds. However, stick your head underwater, as we did on numerous occasions, and it is at once clear that it doesn't. The only area of Aldabra which could be said to have 100% healthy living reef surface was the section at the most sheltered end of the atoll. The explanation may well be that now and again Aldabra gets the full force of a hurricane which kills off the most exposed sections - which is enough to make anything forget a theory.

Whatever the reason, the reef front on transect one was the most fantastic place to dive, a coral garden in the real meaning of the word. Ed Drew set himself and three calypsophots the arduous job of making a complete photographic record of the reef front from foot 0 to the bitter bottom. For obvious reasons of decompression he did it the other way round. From this photographic record and the other detailed transect results it was easy to see that the reef-building communities were beautifully zoned. The fascinating thing was that there is no need to be able to identify the corals themselves to see the zonation, because each zone was picked out by the preponderance of one particular growth form in the make-up of the living reef community.

The following zones were easily recognisable: Zone 1. To about 6 metres below low-water mark the community was dominated by honeycomb, branching and columnar growth forms. Zone 2. approximately 6 - 14 metres deep, was a closed community dominated by soft corals. These are among some of the most revolting animals to have to walk on. They come in all shapes and sizes but always with the same texture, a cross between wet putty and rotting mushrooms. There was something very Freudian about laying down on them. Zone 3. 14 - 28 metres, was a more or less closed community dominated by massive brain corals. Zone 4. 28 - 38 metres, contained open communities dominated by encrusting forms which covered the reef rock with a thin living layer. Zone 5. 38 - 45 metres, was a very open community in which the main reef builders grew as thin flat plates which stood out like brackets, looking exactly like toadstools growing on the side of tree trunks. Mixed in with these were gigantic sea fans, some over 2 metres tall, and sea whips. Zone 6. 42 - 44 metres, was one of the weirdest places I have ever been, bare white coral rock with colonies of a black coral (*Dendrophyllia*) which look like dead trees dotting the landscape and bathed in that once experienced, never forgotten, soft blue grey twilight of deep water.

Time for many reasons was very precious down here. This was a pity, because it was an ideal place to sit and think about the reef, for at this depth you are sitting below the level of the main reef-building communities. Everything, at least reef-building-wise is happening, above the 38 metre level. The reason is simply that, although the coral organisms are animals, they can't get on with the job of reef building unless they have sufficient light to keep a whole host of microscopic plants which live in their tissues alive. It appears that the plants give the corals just that little bit of extra energy which is necessary for their main construction job. It may well be that it is light, or at least lack of it, which determines the zonation.

Only in the shallow well-lighted waters can the branching forms which, if you think about it, must shade themselves grow. The deep water, black, branching *Dendrophyllia* contains no plant life; it does not build reef rock and is probably banished by competition to the deep water.

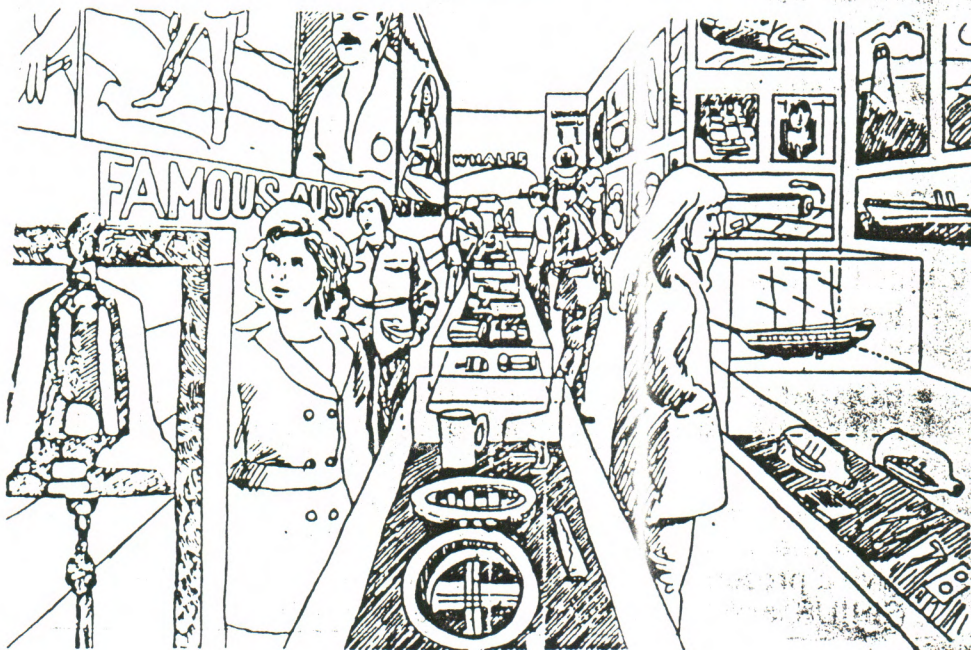
The team was not kept at work all the time. However, even on our days off it was difficult to keep them out of the water and as the best diving of all was to be had in the reef channels this was the scene of most of the pleasure diving. The formula to heaven, although I must admit the first time it seemed a pretty hairy experience, was as follows. On an incoming tide take boats to a position just off the mouth of East Channel. Kit up and once submerged you are in the grip of the current, part of the body of living water which was being 'sucked' into the lagoon. Everything was happening, very fast and as you approached the narrowest section of the channel it got faster, 4 knots, 5 knots, was it really 6 knots? It seemed about 200 m.p.h. But there it was, the mouth of the channel, with its underwater sand dunes, the top of which appeared to boil in the current.

Each member of the team had his own method of progression. Dai walked with gigantic strides as if wearing seven-league boots, gracefully sidestepping the sharks which lay doggo, or 'sharko', feeding on passing fish. Jim turned graceful somersaults. John Lythgoe rolled along the bottom. And as for me, well I used to like to dive through the 'boiling' sand at the crest of the dunes. It was like going through a sandblaster, the ideal way of getting a rapid dry-clean. Once past the dunes the scenery was fabulous, a fast-moving panorama of corals all of which seemed to be of the stinging variety, turtles, great groupers which looked about the size of front doors. Perhaps the most fabulous of all, a living sea of reef fish, each variety performing its own special tasks in the reef community and reaping the benefits of channel life where a constant stream of food ebbed and flowed with the tide.

The journey through the channels never lost its fascination and we soon realised that this was the perfect way for carrying out rapid and extensive surveys, although we never attempted the main channel at full flood, when the tide reputedly runs at 17 knots. Survey of the channels revealed one fascinating fact. In the waters of the channels the corals, which were confined to deep water on the reef front, were abundant in shallow water, *Dendrophyllia* itself coming almost up to low water mark in the inner extremities of the channels. This fact gave us the final clue to the relationships between the reef front zonation and light penetration. Owing to the continual tidal movement within the channel the waters are turbid due to suspended particles, and some of these particles represent food for the coral animals. So in the absence of a beautifully zoned light environment and in the presence of an abundant supply of food it is easy to understand why the zonation breaks down.

What would happen if a coral reef was polluted? Answer, the zonation would probably break down in the same way as it does in the reef channels. Shades of Operation Kelp! Coral zonation, another method to monitor marine pollution. Unfortunately our coral island holiday was soon over and we were back to part one, the polluted North Sea.

MAN AND THE SEA EXPO



**On the 17 - 18th May 1986 at the
Sir John Clancy Auditorium, Univ. of N.S.W.**

- Presentations by world renowned speakers on historic wreck discoveries, underwater research and salvage, film making and the underwater environment.
- Premier screenings of underwater film productions.
- Exciting audio visual productions of wreck diving, cave diving, and overseas dive locations.
- Displays of marine artifacts and relics collected locally and overseas.
- Presentation of entries in the Nikon Man and the Sea photo competition and prize giving.
- Extensive display of trade and travel stands as presented by the diving, marine, photography, travel and associated industries.
- Fashion parades, door prizes, guessing competitions and loads more.

ALSO UNDER EXPOSURE 17 - 18TH MAY

- Presentations by leading international underwater photographers on practical underwater photography and applied techniques.
- Audio visual and film presentations on photography.
- Displays of the latest in underwater still, motion film and video equipment.

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Will run concurrently on Saturday 17th and Sunday 18th of May, at the UNIVERSITY OF NEW SOUTH WALES.

A full days program of exciting interest packed presentations by internationally renowned diving personalities. Commencing at 9.00 a.m. daily, in the Sir John Clancy Auditorium, the program includes

- ## UNDEREXPOSURE —

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Tickets will be computer allocated on a first come, first served basis. To ensure prime seats, return the completed reservation form promptly with your payment, and your tickets will be posted directly to you.

Please forward our reservations for the following:

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Stephane Westmore, a knife embedded in his foot, is lifted into a helicopter

Agony of diver who stabbed himself

A STUDENT in agony with a diving knife embedded in his left foot was rushed by helicopter from Orpheus Island, off the north Queensland coast, yesterday.

Stephane Westmore, 22, a marine science research assistant at James Cook University, stood on the knife while launching a boat in shallow water.

The 15cm blade cut through his diving boot, pierced the ball of his foot and sliced upwards to lodge in his ankle.

A State Government helicopter, on stand-by for Premier Sir Joh Bjelke-Petersen to inspect the cyclone-ravaged area, whisked Westmore to Townsville where he underwent surgery.

He is now said to be in a satisfactory condition.

Rescuers in North Queensland, declared a disaster area yesterday by the State Government, have begun a massive clean-up operation.

The worst-hit centres of Babinda and Innisfail, south of Cairns, were still without power, water and telephone services yesterday.

Both centres were in the direct path of Cyclone Winifred's 220km per hour winds, which flattened houses, destroyed crops and severely damaged more than 1500 buildings.

WITH GOOD WINE—FIRST
LET IT "BREATHE"



IT'S NOT BREATHING!



QUICK! "MOUTH-T
MOUTH!"



ENTRY FORM



Man and the Sea PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION

Most original photograph depicting
man in the underwater environment.

1st PRIZE: Dive Expedition to Fiji*

* to the remote Yasawa islands Fiji. Must be taken by 30th June '87 or be forfeited. On a scheduled group departure. Travel Agent reserves the right to alter departure date.

2nd PRIZE: Nikon Ultimatic Camera

3rd PRIZE: Nikon L135 Camera

All entries close by April 30th, 1986.

All entries to be transparencies - 35mm or 2 1/4"

Presentation of all entries at Man and the Sea
Expo to be held May 16th, 17th and 18th at Sir
John Clancy Auditorium, University of N.S.W.

Further Enquiries: Richard Swansborough 327 5411

Send to: Man and the Sea Photo Competition
P.O. BOX 279
WOOLLAHRA N.S.W. 2025

Name _____

Address _____

_____ Postcode _____

Phone: Home _____ Business _____

Title of entry _____

N.B.: Trip must be taken within 12 months of winning. Allways Tours
reserve the right to reschedule tour date based on group tour bookings.

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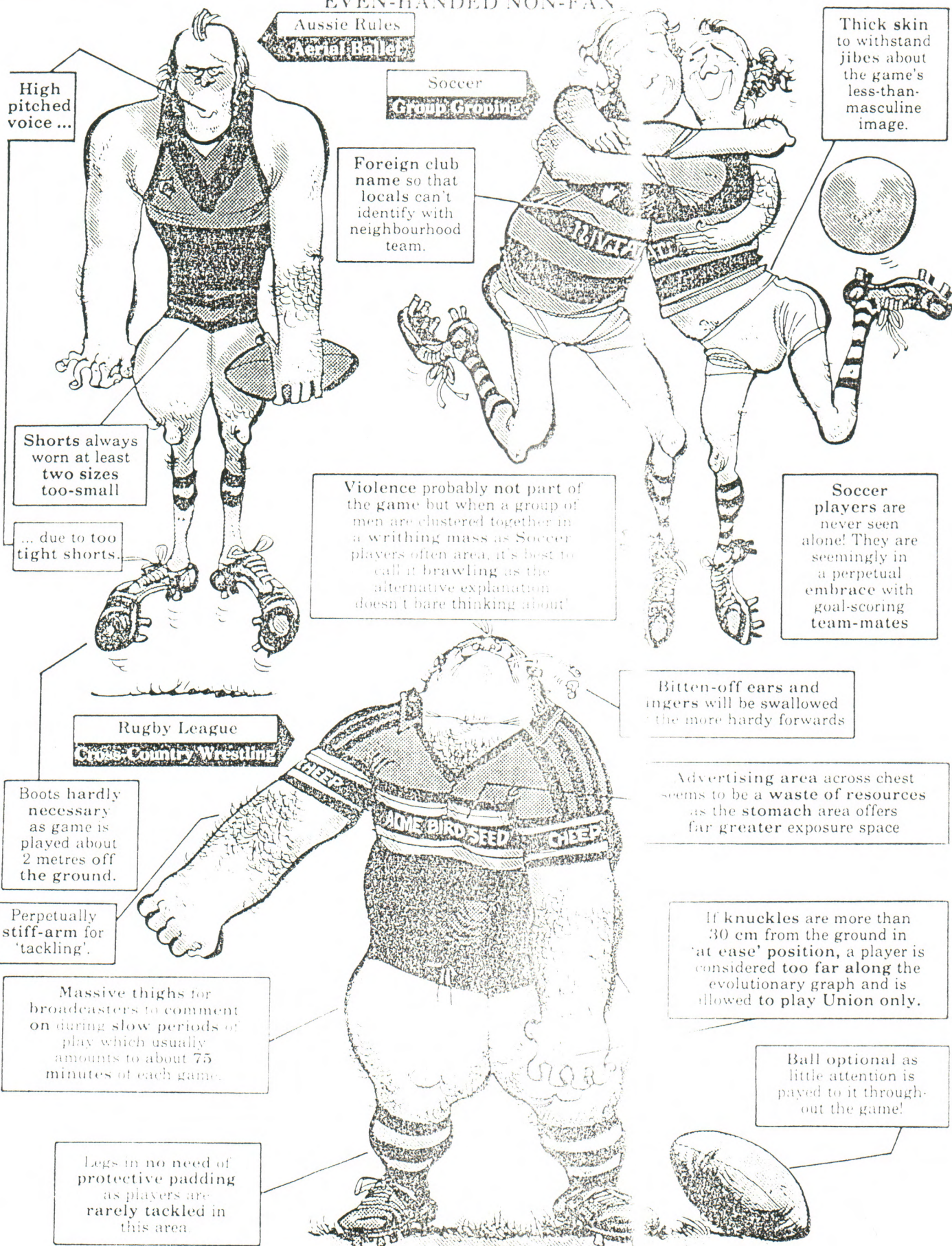
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MAY 1986

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STOP PRESS!!
After Martin K.'s recent debut
on 2DAY FM Radio it is rumored
he is now taking singing lessons!

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ANY FAIR MINDED, UNBIASED, NON COMMITTED,
EVEN-HANDED NON-FAN

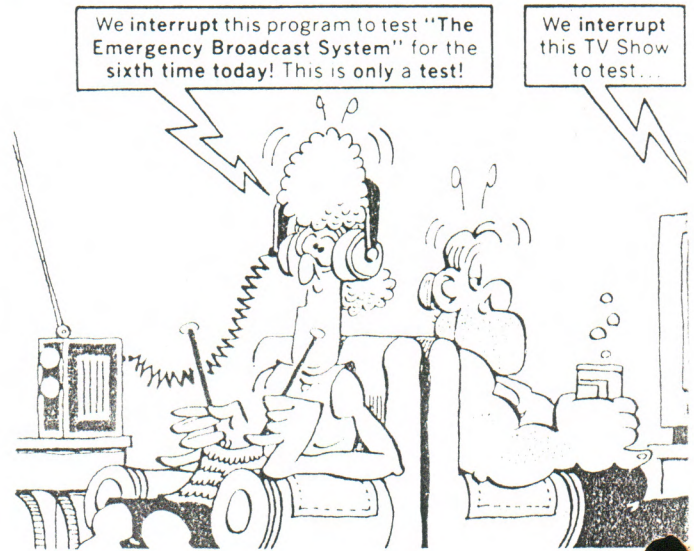


IMPORTANT CLUES TO LOOK FOR WHICH MAY INDICATE A PENDING ATOMIC ATTACK

CLUE NO. 1—Politicians start leaving the country!



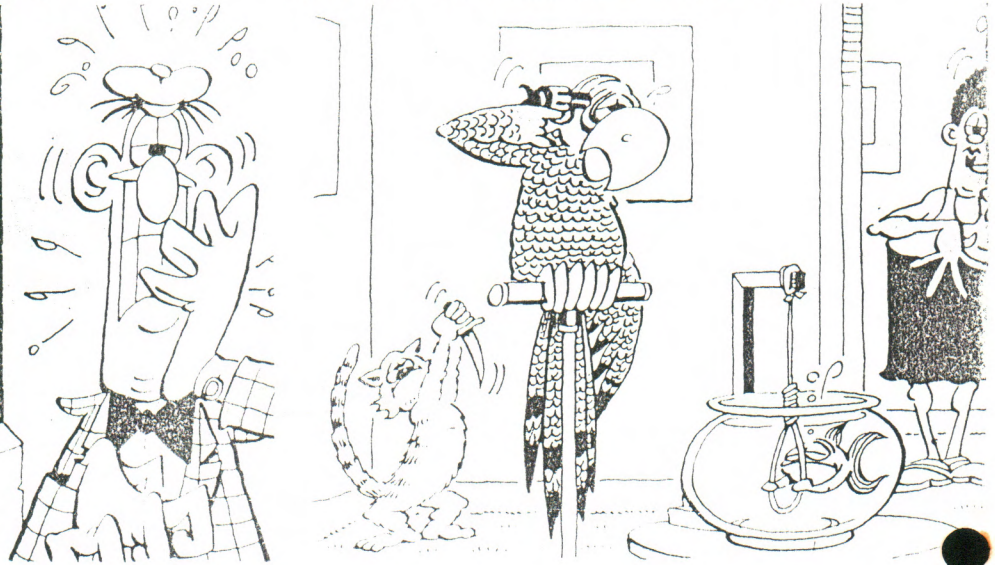
CLUE NO. 2—Emergency broadcast tests increase!



CLUE NO. 5—Weird book titles begin to appear!



CLUE NO. 6—Pet animals start acting strangely!



EMERGENCY WARNING SYSTEMS THAT WILL ALERT YOU TO THE COMING HOLOCAUST



MINUTES OF MEETING OF SOUTH PACIFIC DIVERS

Held at Bankstown Sports Club 17.3.86

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Meeting Opened: 8.05 p.m. by the President, J. Blaszcak

Visitors: Were welcomed by the President.

Apologies: None.

Minutes of the previous Meeting: Were read and accepted by Jim Smith and Peter Stratford.

Business Arising from the Minutes: George Roberts Trophy has still not been returned. Still chasing up. *Now returned*
First aid course: \$54.00 for course includes bandages and first aid book. We just have to select required course. Persons interested please contact committee.

Correspondence: Outgoing: Re. Sponsorship of zoo animal
Letter to Ben Cropp re. films.
Letter to Hon. Mr. M. Cleary re. invitation to Presentation Evening.
Incoming: Letter from Hon. Mr. M. Cleary. Unable to accept invitation.
Correspondence from W. Carnell re. book he is writing.
Letter from Frog Dive
Letter from Aqua Sea Products
Letter from Ben Cropp
Letter from Ron Taylor

Treasurer's Report: B/F in cheque account \$ 1,084.23
Income 66.60
Cancelled cheques \$ 210.00
Expenditure \$ 332.83

Balance in cheque a/c \$ 1,028.00

Interest bearing a/c \$ 3,000.00

Accepted Peter Stratford, seconded Rick Latimer

Dive Reports: Nelson's Bay Weekend

The following people gave reports:

Brenda Park off Peter Stratford's boat - dived Broughton Island.

Tony Latimer off John's boat - dived Lighthouse and Halifax

Rhonda reported on dive from John's boat at Big Island.

Audrey reported on diving from Terry's boat - Lighthouse and Halifax and Peter Jermyn from Larry King's boat.

Cindy suggested that it would be good if all the above person's wrote something on their weekend's diving for the "Wet Rag".

Carl and Rhonda gave a glowing account of their honeymoon in Vanuatu. The diving part that is.

Pat and Lynn gave a report on their trip to Lord Howe. Viz. 100'. Nothing worse than 60'. Pat to show slides after meeting.

Social Organiser's Report: Rhonda reported that no-one seems very interested in going to Australia's Wonderland so this will be put off until a later date.

Photographic Officer's Report:

George Roberts comp. judged. Slides to be shown after meeting.

Entry forms now available for next stage of George Roberts comp.

Entry forms for the Australasian Underwater Photographer of the Year now available.

Advertisement in In Depth for big comp.

Order forms for tickets to the Presentation Night 18.7.86 now available to members. Contact Audrey after meeting.

Terry asked that members give some thought to next year's photographic officer.

General Business:

The club now has nine passes to the Zoo. Any member wishing to use one of these passes to contact a member of the committee. *Not passes.*

Kym Kohen informed the committee that Richard Taylor has still not been able to contact the "Takaroa" re. the prize won in last year's Australasian comp. Committee to investigate and make arrangements for Richard's trip. ✓

Meeting Closed:

George Roberts competition slides were shown and Pat and Lynn showed some slides from Lord Howe.