

SOUTH PACIFIC DIVERS

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Treasurer: Ross Hipwell
Secretary: Audrey Mansfield
Dive
Organiser: Gary Roberts

Photographic Officer: Terry Mansfield
Social Secretaries: Miriam Roberts
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President's Report

Well another year has drawn to a close and I hope all Club Members will be present at the Annual General Meeting on the 18th August, 1986 for the election of the New Committee.

Looking back over the year's activities, a number of events come to mind. Firstly, as a club, we celebrated our Silver Jubilee at the Bankstown Sports Club with one hundred and twenty members and guests in attendance. What a top night that was! For a dive club to survive for twenty-five years, it certainly says something about the members, who have come and gone, but have not been forgotten over the years.

On the dive scene, its pleasing to see new members along at the dives and even more pleasing to see the old members helping out. Most of the dives we have had are oldies but goodies, such as the Tuggerah, Valiant, Birchgrove Park, Port Stephens, Seal Rocks, Jervis Bay etc. Judging by the roll-ups, our organisation and communication has reached a very high level and I am sure will continue. Well done Gary!

Socially, its been a very hectic time, with some of the highlights being the Silver Jubilee celebration at the Sports Club, our Christmas party at the Roberts residence, theatre nights and dinner parties at various venues, which from all accounts were well received by Club members.

Undoubtedly the highlight of the year was the Australiasian Underwater Photographer of the Year presentations held at the Bankstown Sports Club on the 18th July. What can one say about it, a superb effort by Terry and Audrey Mansfield in the organisation of the event. Our thanks to all Club members for readily lending their assistance over the year, in the preparation of the Audio Visuals shown on the night.

I feel I should point out to members, a particular Committee member for her fine work over the year, I refer to Audrey Mansfield, who does a tremendous amount of work. Nothing is too much trouble for her, and as always greatly appreciated by myself.

Our Treasurer Ross Hipwell has done a fine job over the year and thankfully has not left town, although I hear he's on his way to the Great Barrier Reef for a holiday!

My thanks to Cindy Belveal for the printing of the Club's magazine over the year, a quality publication indeed!

The year has been a reflection on the Club as a whole and the willingness of Club members to work together.

I wish the new Committee an even better year.

- Regards, B.J.

MINUTES OF MEETING OF SOUTH PACIFIC DIVERS CLUB

Held 21.7.86 at Bankstown Sports Club

Meeting was opened at 8.10 p.m. by the President, John Blaszcak.

Visitors - Wayne Shields, Graham Wakeling, Kay Mathews, Ron and Jenny Mines-were welcomed.

The president congratulated members who came a place in the 1986 Australasian Underwater Photographer of the Year competition. Kim Kohen, 1st Place, Open; Neil Vincent, 2nd Place, Novice; Martin Kandilas, 3rd Place, Open.

Apologies were received from Brenda Park, Mark Hartley, Martin Foetchl and Trish.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read. Accepted Rick Latimer, seconded Larry King.

Correspondence

Incoming: Scuba Divers Association leaflet re. Oceans 86, and Scuba Divers Assoc. Renewal of Membership.

Sea Safety literature.

Outgoing

Gen. correspondence re. A.V.

Treasurer's Report

Balance B/F in chq. a/c	\$ 3,150.50
Deposits	\$ 2,220.10
Expenditure	\$ 397.65

Balance in chq. a/c	\$ 4,972.95
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Fixed Term Deposit	\$ 3,000.00
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Accepted by Martin Kandilas, seconded Rick Latimer.

Dive Reports

Gary reported that all went well at Seal Rocks weekend.

Rick Latimer has been diving the Kello. Big blues with viz around 40 to 60 ft.

Pat, Lyn and Brenda had a couple of dives at Halifax Park, Nelson's Bay where Brenda sunk her camera and Lyn was chased by a Moray much to Pat's delight.

Martin Kandilas dived Shell Harbour with 90 ft. viz at Blues' reef. Dived Coal Loader. Plenty of jewel anenomes and a bull ray.

Tony gave the following report on his adventures on the Seal Rock's weekend.

To start off with Larry was ½ hr. late. Then an "asian" hit his boat. Tony was following Larry. Larry drove like Jack Brabham through red lights. Finally catches up. They then call in to Pizza Hut and order a Big Mac and French Fries. Tony takes it easy along the freeway (140). Larry finally catches up to tell Tony his boat is halfway off the trailer. Take off again. Larry flashes his lights - catches up and gives Tony his licence plate. Hit dirt road - lost light - wired back up - no lights at all (Tony is an electrician). Saturday, motor stopped and put hole in exhaust.

But he said he had a great time and will go again.

Apparently the seas were up pretty big at Seal Rocks but the weather was beautiful.

Dived Baron's Hut. Very lumpy and a bit of a current. 50ft. viz. Saw Blue Groper, Lion Fish and sea horse.

Bruce dived the Centurion and found bronze spike 40 cm. in length.

Social Organisers Report

Sunday, 10th August - car rally. Sausage sizzle - prizes - family day.

Publicity Officer's Report

Cindy thanked Martin, Kathy and John for articles.

Photographic Officer's Report

Terry thanked club members for their assistance on the audio visual night and explained the problem with Ron Taylor's video and having to have the lights on at one time.

Kelly and Martin thanked the committee for a job well done on the A.V. night.

General

An octopus reg. went missing at Seal Rocks. If any members find they have an extra piece of equipment would they please contact someone on the committee.

The president explained the current situation with the Bill Lovin films and the importance of keeping the club members informed as to what was being done.

Nominations for the 1986-87 committee

<u>President:</u>	J. Blaszczyk	Accepted
	Martin Kandilas	Declined
	Gary Roberts	Declined
<u>Secretary:</u>	Lynn Manly	Declined
	Lyn Vincent	Accepted
	Audrey Mansfield	Declined
<u>Treasurer:</u>	Ross Hipwell	Accepted.
<u>Publicity Officer</u>	Cindy Belveal	Accepted.
<u>Dive Officer:</u>	Gary Roberts	Accepted.
<u>Social Secretary:</u>	Kelly Smith	Accepted
	Miriam Roberts	Declined
	Jackie	Declined
<u>Photographic Officer:</u>	Neil Vincent	Declined
	Terance Mansfield	Accepted.

Discussion followed re. a separate committee for the A.V. night. Terry pointed out that the photographic officer should be able to choose his own assistants because it is important that he be able to work with them. This was generally accepted by the members present. Terry finally pointed out that the photographic Officer should still report on all matters to the club president and committee.

Meeting closed at 9.15 p.m.

This letter was received from Margaret Lamb, one of the prize winners at the Australasian Photographer of the Year Comp.:

The Committee & Members,
South Pacific Divers Club

I am writing to express my thanks to you all, somewhat more coherently than on the evening, for enabling the photographers of the diving community to enter such a competition. With my heart still pounding and my legs turned to jelly, I am afraid my speech was rather brief!

The interest aroused by your photographic competition & presentation evening is seen with the large number of divers & friends who attend each year and have such a great night.

With the step up next year to the open section & the competition being so strong, it will certainly be a challenge for me to improve my photography. I am hoping to enter again and look forward to another very enjoyable evening in 1987.

The plaque is sitting in a very prominent position in my lounge for everyone to see, and I hope to put to good use the wonderful prizes that I won.

My thanks once again to you and your sponsors for a night I will long remember!

Yours in diving,
Margaret Lamb.

Congratulations Margaret and thank you for taking the time to write to us. We wish you the best of luck for next year.

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The Annual General Meeting is being held at our next Club meet at Bankstown Sports Club - 18th August. This night we'll be in the Function room, and a light supper will be provided. We will also have a special raffle (at \$1 a ticket) of TWO tickets to OCEANS '86 valued at \$75 each.

OCEANS '86 is being held at the Centrepont Exhibition and Conference Centre Sydney between September 25 - 28.

S.P.D. Club has been allocated a stand and any members who are willing to help man it on these days please talk to one of the Committee members.

BOAT DIVES are still available at a reasonable price from AQUA SPORTS, 430 Hume Hwy., YAGOONA. Talk to GLEN PERCY.

Car Rally - Sunday, 10th August, 1986

Cars began to gather at the starting point, Bankstown Sports Club carpark at 10.30am. By 11am - on the dot - Gary and Miriam had us all marshalled for a prompt start to what was my first car rally.

Despite being a novice and with the help of our two co-navigators, the Belveal contingent managed to reach the destination point without opening our envelope and I might add in the fastest time! That's about all we did right, unfortunately speed did not count towards points, which it turned out we desperately needed if we were going to win a prize.

As the cars arrived one by one along the Georges River Recreation area no one was able to surpass Rick Latimer and family when it came to the Scavenger Hunt. Rick emerged from his car (almost) fully suited for a dive in which each item counted for points.

Rick and Co. needless to say took the 1st place, Rick James and Bob Lewis 2nd place, Jackie and Ralph 3rd place with Sam and Sonia receiving the "boobie" prize for the least points - much to my surprise, I thought we had it for sure!

The sky was pretty threatening by the time the BBQ was going but fortunately the rain held off, everyone pitched in to clean up the picnic facilities (which had been underwater just a few days earlier), set up the salads and munchies, and we all had a very enjoyable afternoon.

I would like to thank Gary and Miriam for setting the whole thing up - no easy task I'm sure. I had a lot of fun and maybe the next car rally we have I might even know what I'm doing!

- Cindy

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17	A.G.M. *18 CLUB MEETING	19	20	21	22	23
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