



OCTOBER 1986



MINUTES OF MEETING OF SOUTH PACIFIC DIVERS CLUB  
Held on 15.9.86 at Bankstown Sports Club

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

Visitors - Linda Alexander.

Apologies - Gary Roberts, Karl and Rhonda Krieter, Ralph and Jackie.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read. Accepted by Jim Smith, seconded by Peter Stratford.

Correspondance:

Incoming - State Library of N.S.W. asking if we were interested in re-registering for video borrowing. Terrigal Underwater Group. Thankyou letter from Margie and Bob Mansfield. Thankyou letter from Kim Kohen. Heron Island Underwater Festival (15th - 22nd November 1986).

Outgoing - Letter and cheque to State Film Library. Letter to the manager of Bankstown Sports Club.

Treasurer's Report:

Balance b/fwd in cheque account	\$8007.75
Income	<u>233.10</u>
	\$8240.85
Expenditure	<u>4025.01</u>
Balance in Cheque account	\$4215.84
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Accepted by Lyn Manly, seconded by Peter Flockart.

Dive Reports:

Peter Flockart has been diving with Dive 2000 for the last three weeks and has been diving the Gap and the Chapel. Water has been dirty and temperatures of 14 Celcius. Fish life has been fair with kingies around. Peter found a Bayler shell with a big animal inside.

Peter also mentioned that a Deep 6 diver got into some trouble on Sunday the 14th and later read in the "Herald" that a diver had died of a cerebral embolism.

Martin Kandilas has been diving Jerasalem Bay looking for an outboard motor. Says that although he had his 7mm wetsuit on plus gloves and hood he still was cold - water temperature was 9 Celcius. Found the outboard motor and also saw on his dive a "Hair tail" fish which swims vertically. Martin was amazed.

B.J. reported that he has been diving and trying out his new housing - which leaks.

Bruce Gardiner went diving at Bass Point and the conditions were lousy. Kelly attempted to sunbake and the weather was so lousy that they had a booze up instead.



Social Secretary's Report:

Christmas Party - 5th December (Friday), time approx. 7 p.m.  
Kelly reports that our Christmas party has been booked with the Bankstown Sports Club and is to be held in the function room.  
Smorgasbord affair. B.J. hopes to have the tickets organised for the next meeting. We want a good turn-out and will require approximate numbers at the next meeting.

Publicity Officer's Report:

Cindy has brought to our attention that one of Peter Stratford's friends has been offering the cover drawings for the mag. which are greatly appreciated. Also, Cindy wants a few more dive reports - so holidayers how about some stories!

Photographic Officer's Report:

Terry has stated that the entries for the Australian Underwater Photographic competition will close one month earlier than previous (1st May). This is to give him time for such matters eg. duping of slides.

The George Robert's Perpetual trophy competition will be one round only - opening December and closing at the February meeting. The winner will be announced at the March meeting. There will be five slides entered.

General:

Martin brought to the Club's attention the matter of the Club fees going up. A motion was moved by Jim Smith and it was accepted with the members that Club fees will now be \$10.00 single and \$15.00 double.

Club membership fees are now due by 1st January 1987 and membership will be effective until January 1988.

B.J. is looking at getting a few cards made up so members can use these at selected dive shops and get a discount.

Meeting closed at 9.06 p.m. and slides were shown by Lyn and Pat Manly from numerous Eastern coast dives.

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President: John Blaszcak  
Treasurer: Ross Hipwell  
Secretary: Lyn Vincent  
Dive Organiser: Gary Roberts  
Photographic Officer: Terry Mansfield  
Social Secretary: Kelly Smith  
Publicity Officer: Cindy Belveal

Any contributions to the Wetrag will be gratefully accepted.  
Please forward these to: Cindy Belveal,  
49 Central Rd.,  
NARWEE 2209

Correspondance to:

South Pacific Divers Club,  
P.O. Box 823,  
BANKSTOWN 2200



## OCEANS '86 Report:

OCEANS '86 was held at the Centrepont Exhibition Centre between 25th and 28th of last month. I believe all who were able to attend will agree it was a great success. Those who were fortunate enough to hold a Masterpass even moreso.

The Conference included speakers such as Jean-Michel Cousteau, Stan Waterman (Underwater Cinematographer), Reg Lipson and Dr. George Lewbel (marine biologists). S.P.D. Club members Lyn & Pat Manly were also invited to show their Audio Visuals on the beautiful and exotic experiences of diving New Guinea.

The Exhibition side of OCEANS drew large numbers of people introducing them to all the new equipment on the market and new travel/dive packages available.

The South Pacific Divers stand was well represented and also captured a great amount of interest from the crowd.

Thanks to all the members who allowed their various treasures and finds to be displayed and to the members who made themselves available to man the stand at various times. A special thanks to Gary and Miriam Roberts who ensured everything ran smoothly for the South Pacific Divers Club stand. A fine effort by all.

- Cindy

## GENERAL INTEREST

\*S.P.D.'s Christmas Party tickets will be available for purchase at the October Club meeting - \$15 each - this includes Smorgasbord (similar to the 25th Anniversary night), disco and door prize. Drinks can be purchased at bar prices; dress to be along the lines of the Bankstown Sports Club Code.

\*Unfortunately, due to the August elections, committee changeover, OCEANS '86 EXPO and boat owners on various holidays this month, we were unable to organise any dives or weekenders for this month.

Dive suggestions can be discussed at the next meeting (Monday, 20th October) for November's calendar (e.g. perhaps a weekend to Jervis Bay or Ulladulla).

## BOAT DIVES:

Available at reasonable prices from AQUA SPORTS, 430 Hume Hwy., YAGOONA. Talk to GLEN PERCY.

## FOR SALE:

VIVITAR 55mm MACRO. Would suit a NIKON mount, \$250.  
Phone Peter Nicholas 709-2631.

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# MARINE STUDIES

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## GLOSS

### Global Sea Level Observing System

There was some progress towards the establishment of the Global Sea Level Observing System [GLOSS] at UNESCO headquarters in Paris last December when the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission [IOC] Task Team on GLOSS presented a draft implementation plan for consideration by the 19th session of the IOC Executive Council. At the December meeting, attended by representatives of Australia, Brazil, France, India, USA & UK, many scientific and practical aspects were explored.

The major accomplishment of the meeting was the identification of 250 sea level stations that would form the basic network of permanent sea level observing stations. Of the proposed 250 stations, 150 are already operating; in order to become part of the sea level network, they will require simply the cooperation of the member states involved plus minor resources for data processing and transmission. The implementation of the remaining 100 stations may require assistance to the member states concerned and, in some cases, new technology. The total network of 250 stations will form a system to which other

networks, regional or national, may be related.

The proposal for the establishment of GLOSS was adopted by the IOC in March 1985—GLOSS will provide high quality standardised data from which sea level data products will be produced for international, regional and national research programs. GLOSS's main elements are a global network of permanent stations; data collection for international exchange with unified formats and procedures, which may include IGOSS near real-time data; data analysis and product preparation required for scientific and practical applications; and assistance and training for sea level stations both as part of GLOSS and for the improvement of national networks.

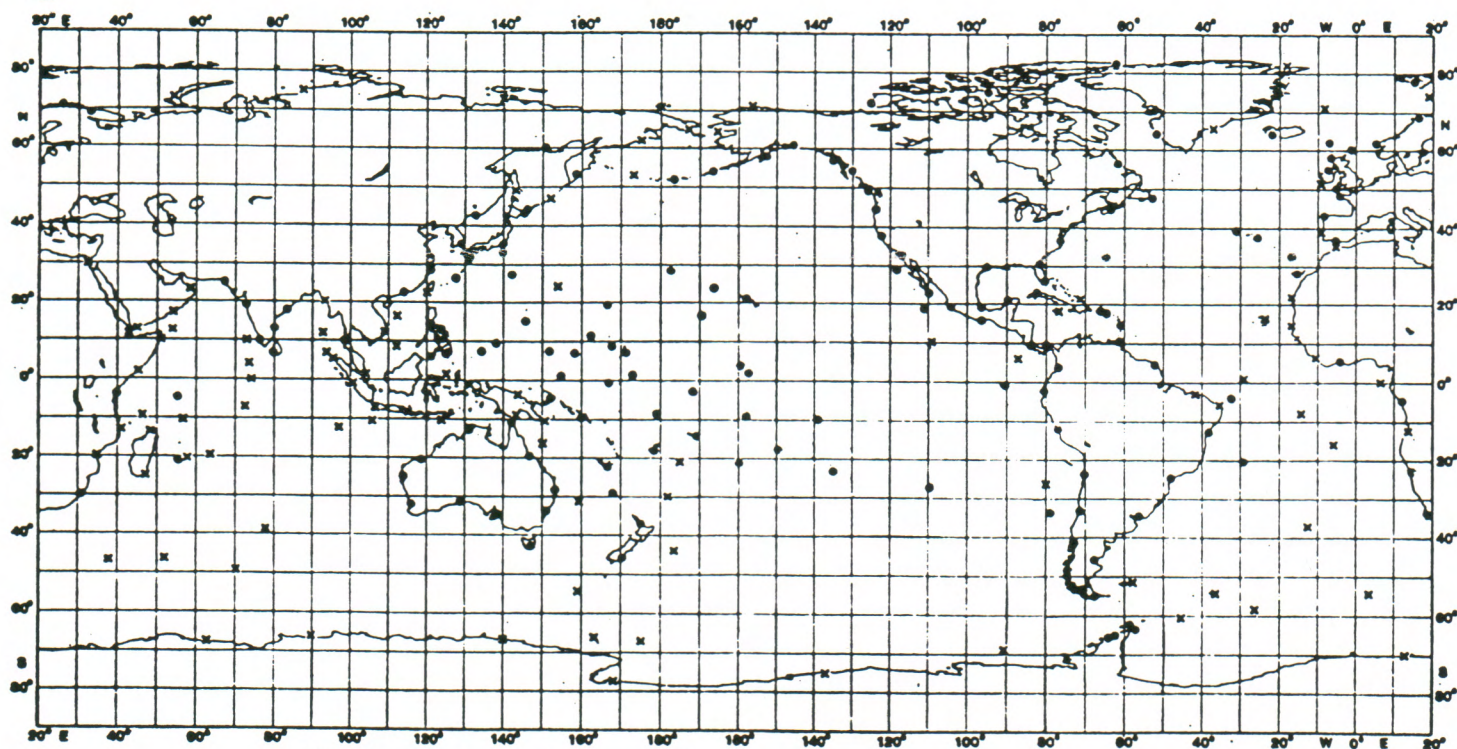
An activity which already provides a contribution to GLOSS is the IGOSS Sea Level Pilot Project, wherein 22 countries [including Australia] provide sea level data from more than 55 stations in the Pacific Ocean to the IGOSS Specialized Oceanographic Center in Honolulu, which prepares and distributes monthly mean sea level anomaly charts ■

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**LAST CALL FOR PAPERS:** for IOC's Marine Science Symposium on the *Indo-Pacific Convergence* to be held in Townsville 1-6 December 1986. Papers may be presented orally [15 minutes with 5 minutes discussion] or in poster form [5 minutes with 2 slides]. Send your abstracts to **Bob Harriss**, Dept. of Science, PO Box 65, Canberra ACT 2616

**SCOR SYMPOSIUM:** A SCOR [Scientific Committee on Oceanic Research] Symposium, *Interfaces in the Ocean—a Preliminary View*, is to be held in Hobart from November 24-26. New methods now available promise more detailed understanding of the physical, chemical and biological structures dividing the waters of the world and provide an opportunity for significant progress in interdisciplinary studies. This symposium is intended as a brief review of the present status in physical, chemical and biological research in regions of strong gradients within the ocean and as a guide to future directions, particularly with respect to international programs of ocean exploration. It is being held in association with the XVIII General Meeting of SCOR. CSIRO is hosting the symposium and the Australian Academy of Science has extended scientific sponsorship. FFI contact **Angus McEwan**, CSIRO Marine Labs., GPO Box 1538, Hobart Tas. 7001



World map showing GLOSS network, with existing [●] and planned [+] stations