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NOVEMBER 1987

SOUTH PACIFIC
DIVERS

SOUTH PACIFIC DIVERS MEETING 19/10/87

Opened: By President Jim Smith 8.20pm Bankstown Sports Club

Apologies: Larry King, Ilona Kandilas, Peter Stratford, Graeme Wakeling and Lyn Vincent.

Minutes: Minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted with no business arising. Accepted R.Latimer, seconded Miriam.

Correspondence: Nil due to inability to gain access to P.O box.

Treasurer's Report:

Cheque account balance brought forward: \$ 30.71

Income: \$ 898.97

Expenditure: \$ 552.82

Cheque account balance: \$ 376.86

Balance in Investment Account: \$3000.00

Petty Cash: \$ 20.00

Accepted: Bruce, Seconded: Doug Smith

+++++DIVE REPORTS+++++

1. Andy dived south of Port Hacking. They actually dived where motor stopped. [Is this how you discover new divespots?]

2. Bruce attempted to dive the plane at J.B. Had all the marks but still could not find it. Probably something to do with all the roof painting on the shore.

3. Neil Vincent tried to dive the same plane the next day. Still no luck.

4. Bruce dived the scallop beds, then had a long swim chasing the boat across the bay.

5. Jim Smith dived 'the Arch' Good visibility on bottom but murky on surface. Compliments to Captain Mcdermott for finding 'the Arch' on the first try, but even he could not find the plane in the afternoon. (Some people beginning to doubt its existence)

6. Martin Kandilas has dived on Osborne Shoals. He was not impressed.

7. Rick Latimer and friends dived 'the Bombo' He commented wreck is breaking up badly. They had a very close look at the 'Iron Pacific' as she steamed past. A very big ship!

8. Brian Colwell had a night dive at Shiprock. Good dive but still a lot of people making too much noise. No thought for residents.

9. Ron and Jennie Mines were at Narooma for one week. Only managed one dive due to weather conditions. Do you always take the bad weather away with you on holidays? Shades of Lord Howe Island.

There were 7 entrants in first category of George Roberts Trophy. Slides will be shown later in evening. Standard of slides was very high. Winners to be announced tonight. Neil also commented that Andy Belcher had done very well in the Oceans contest in Melbourne. He won category C and had 5 honourable mentions. Graeme Wakeling received 2 hon. ment. in category D and Kim Kohen 1 hon. ment. in category D. Andy also one second prize in a PADI contest that has just been judged. It seems N.Z divers do very well in photography contests. Maybe it is because sheep are good models.

*****SOCIAL ACTIVITIES*****

3. Shellharbour dive was cancelled due to weather.

1. Martin K. bought an EPIRB along to show club members. He explained its use and specifications and more importantly to some, what EPIRB stands for.

3. Slides of the George Roberts entrants were shown. The winner was: Noel Taylor, second : John Mcdermott and third was B.J. Congratulations to you all.

4. Neil Vincent showed slides of Montague Island. Some very good seal shots.

There being no further general business the meeting closed at 9.40 pm

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Tickets are now on sale for the Xmas party. Phone Pennie or Miriam and advise them of the number of tickets you require. It is \$15.00 per head. They must be paid for as soon as possible as we need to advise caterers on numbers. Next club meeting will be the last possible date for payment, so lets get this organised. Tickets are selling fast so do not miss out. Pennie can be contacted on 759-4176 or Miriam on 771-3459.

*** There will be a dive at Shellharbour on the 22nd of November. It will be a shore dive and bbq. Meeting at 8.30am at the boat ramp near the gravel loader. We will be diving in the general area so anybody who arrives late should not have a difficult job of finding us.

In the future if anybody has any doubt whether a dive is on ring Pennie on Saturday night between 5.30 and 6.30 to confirm the dive is still on. phone number is 759-4176.

As the next newsletter is for Dec/Jan some of the upcoming activities are as follows:

- * Bristol Point weekend: 12th, 13th & 14th of February 1988
- * Night dive at Shiprock 19th November 1987 Thursday 7.30
- * Night dive at Camp Cove 3rd December 1987 Thursday 7.30
- * Dive in the Port Hacking area 12th December. Meet at Gunnamatta Park boatramp at 9.00am. Will be a boat dive so any boat owners please get in touch with Pennie if you are interested.

FOR SALE NEVER TO BE REPEATED SPECIAL:

Womens SPD T shirts blue or white, now only \$6.00. Yes you read it right \$6.00. Unbelievable value in this day and age. Contact Kathy Mcdermott at club meetings or phone her on 726-0982 SIMPLY AMAZING

The editor of this magazine would be happy to receive any articles from club members that they wish to be published in the newsletter. Of special interest would be reports of diving in the fifties and sixties. I am sure they would be of great interest to some of the newer club members. So how about it? Also if anybody has items for sale or something they require please contact me Neil Koos on 705-5981 AH.

Dont forget about the Xmas party on the 28th of November and the next club meeting is on the 16th November.

Please note that Lyn Manly has withdrawn her camera from sale for the moment.

SPD Postal address: P.O. Box 823 Bankstown 2200

Club Meetings : Third Monday of the month at Bankstown Sports Club Greenfield Parade Bankstown 8.00pm in Function Room.

New members and visitors most welcome to attend club meetings or any of the diving activities.

Teaser of the Month

In the letters below are hidden words that are things a diver might find on a Caribbean excursion. If you can find 31 (that's all we found) you're doing great; find 25 or more and you could probably get a job deciphering codes; 20 or more is fair; 15 or less you need to get your eyes examined. Good luck—

(A list of the hidden words is provided to help you at the bottom)

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ANEMONE
BARACUDA
BARS
CONE SHELL
CORAL
CRAB
EELS

ELECTRIC EEL
FIRE CORAL
FISH
GREAT WHITE
HUTS
LEMON (shark)
LION FISH

MERMAIDS
MORAY EEL
OCTOPUS
PUNCH
RAY
REEF
RUM

SAND
SEA SNAKE
SHARK
SKATE
SPONGE
SQUID
SQUIRREL FISH

STONE FISH
SUN
WRECK

SEA LIFE HOLIDAYS



DIVING FORSTER/SEAL ROCKS

Forster: "The Pinnacle" depth 24 to 40 metres, a top game fishing peak off Forster. Huge schools of Kingfish, yellow fin tuna and Marlin feed here.

"Spot A" depth 10 to 21 metres, Forsters most popular dive spot and deservedly so. Cuddle large tame blue groper as you hand feed them, butterfly cod, turtles abound

"Diamond Reef" depth 10 to 20 metres, masses of sponges, hard and soft corals, ascidians, bryazones, seapens and 26 varieties of nudibranchs

Seal Rocks: S.S. Satara, the biggest diveable shipwreck on the coast of Auysralia - at a depth of 150ft. This is a dive only for experienced divers

The Wall Big Seal Rock, depth surface to 35 metres a sheer wall with massed schools of kingfish, tuna and grey nurse sharks right along the drop off

The Labrynth and the Slot, depth surface to 18 metres brilliant bottom colour, sponges, hard and soft corals surround the entrance to THE SLOT - a rollercoaster ride right through the centre of the island, then into a maze of vertical walled gutters which extend all the way around the island back to the descent area.

7 NIGHTS/7 DAYS/10 BOAT DIVES	\$280.00 DIVER	\$60.00 NON DIVER
2 NIGHTS/2 DAYS/4 BOAT DIVES	\$125.00 DIVER	\$25.00 NON DIVER

(A \$10 per person surcharge applies to 7 DAY PACKAGES DURING SCHOOL HOLIDAYS)

Cost Includes:

*All boat dives, air fills, divemaster services, accommodation (4-5 persons per unit)

Cost does not include:

*Linen and towels, personal dive gear

JUST LOOK AT THIS

Central New South Wales

NELSON BAY

Situated a leisurely two and a half hour drive north of Sydney G.P.O., Nelson Bay nestles in the protected southern shore of beautiful Port Stephens. Within the Port itself, are three magical rock hops - Halifax Park, Fly Point and the Co-op. All three locations boast an array of colourful songes and soft corals which in turn provide a haven for a tremendous variety of marine creatures .

A short boat dive from the harbour entrance are Fingal, Boondelbah, Little and Cabbage Tree Islands, each offering the diver an enchanting underwater experience.

Notable dive sites are around Broughton Island. Also the wrecks of the SS Oakland which lies in 24 m and the more challenging dive on the S.S. McLeay available to the more advanced diver

SEA LIFE HOLIDAYS



NELSONS BAY

WEEKEND PACKAGES:

(available every weekend except school holiday period)

2 NIGHTS/4 DIVES/4 FILLS (based on twin share) \$139.00 per person

WEEKLY PACKAGES AVAILABLE EVERY WEEK

(Suitable for Group of 4)

7 NIGHTS/12 DIVES/12 FILLS (based on four share) \$325.00 per person

BAYSIDE APARTMENTS - self contained units. Clients required to bring their own bedding.

JUST LOOK AT THIS

JERVIS BAY

Jervis Bay is located approximately 200km south of Sydney. The Bay is enormous, imagine a circle with an eight mile diameter and two mile gap in the circumference to seaward. Inside the seaward side of the Bay are some great dive locations such as the Inner and Outer Tubes, the Docks, Longnose Bombie, Middle Ground and Bowen Island. On the coast outside the Bay some famous dives are The Arch, Gorgonian Wall, Drum and Drumsticks, Crocodile Head, Beecroft Head, the Devils Cavern. South of Bowen Island is SToney Creek, Friendly Reef and the Timber Yards.

The marine life is fabulous. The caves, crevasses, overhangs and drop offs are encrusted with sponges, bryozoa, anenomes, ascidians. Coelenterates, molluscs of every colour, shape and size inhabit every nook and cranny. There are trigger fish, long nose boar fish, lion fish, blue devil, weedy sea dragons, schools of yellow tails, tuna and salmon at different times of the year.

WEEKEND PACKAGES: (Available every weekend)

2 NIGHTS/4 DIVES/4 FILLS (twin share basis) \$124.00

2 NIGHTS/2 DIVES/2 FILLS (twin share basis) \$84.00

7 DAY/7 NIGHTS/12 DIVES/12 FILLS (twin share basis) \$350.00

3 DAY/3 NIGHTS/6 DIVES/6 FILLS (twin share basis) \$179.00

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MEMBERSHIP FORM

The purpose of this membership form is to enable the club to present for its members, activities that are of interest to all.

NAME IN FULL (PLEASE PRINT)-----

ADDRESS-----

-----POSTCODE-----

TELEPHONE CONTACT NUMBERS: Home-----Work-----

DIVING CERTIFICATIONS HELD: (Please circle relevant group)

SPORT DIVER: C.M.A.S / F.A.U.I / N.A.U.I / P.A.D.I

SPECIALIST OR ADVANCED CERTIFICATIONS

Please list any advanced or speciality courses that you have been certified for:-----

INSTRUCTOR RATINGS: (Please list any instructor ratings that you hold that are related to diving and water safety)

DIVING INTERESTS: (Please circle any of the activities listed below that you have an interest in participating as a member of this club)

SOCIAL SPORT DIVING	SHORE DIVES	BOAT DIVES
NIGHT DIVING	SHORE DIVES	BOAT DIVES
MID-WEEK DIVING	SHORE DIVES	BOAT DIVES
UNDERWATER PHOTOGRAPHY	WRECK DIVING	BOTTLE COLLECTING
MARINE BIOLOGY	SHELL COLLECTING	AQUARIUM COLLECTING

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES: (PLEASE CIRCLE ANY ACTIVITIES THAT YOU WOULD WISH TO PARTICIPATE IN AS A CLUB MEMBER)

Theatre Parties***Dinner and Dancing***B.B.Q's***Week-ends away, socialising and diving***Beach parties***Diving holidays***In Australia***Overseas***

CURRENT MEMBERSHIP FEES: PAID/ATTACHED

DIVING MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

I _____ hereby apply to join South Pacific Divers Club. I understand the club is non profit, not affiliated with any training organisation and is for certified divers. South Pacific Divers does not offer instruction, advice or supervise its members dives. It is a condition of club membership that members exercise their own skill and judgement in accordance with their training in deciding whether and/or how to participate in any particular dive, the technique used, or choice of equipment and that any clarification in regard to these matters should be referred to a qualified instructor or my certifying agency. I have read the above conditions and accept same as a condition of membership.