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SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

SOUTH

PACIFIC

DIVERS

1988

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF
SOUTH PACIFIC DIVERS AUGUST 15TH 1988
HELD AT BANKSTOWN SPORTS CLUB

Meeting opened by the President Jim Smith at 8.05pm

Apologies: Alona Kandilas, Noel Taylor

Minutes: Minutes of previous meeting read and accepted.

Correspondence: Nil

Treasurer's Report: Yearly account enclosed with newsletter.

Social Organiser: Tour of HMAS Penguin coming up.

Dive Organiser: Future dives and weekends to be organised
after the election.

General Business:

* The Bob Smith memorial plaque is to be placed at
Jervis Bay as soon as possible.

* Vote of thanks to the outgoing committee from the
club.

* No further business and so the Committee was
dissolved.

ELECTION 1988-89

Martin Kandilas chaired the election of the new
committee. All members nominated (previously listed in last
month's newsletter) were elected to the Committee. They are
as follows:

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| President- | Jim Smith |
| Secretary- | John McDermott |
| Treasurer- | Kathy McDermott |
| Social Secretary- | Penny Smith |
| Dive Organiser- | Noel Taylor |
| Photographic Officer- | Graham Wakeling |
| Publicity Officer- | Neil Koos |

New committee installed and meeting continues:

Dive Reports:

Neil Koos, Graham Wakeling, Noel Taylor and Neil Vincent dived the Tuggerah. Reported good conditions however viz was about 5 metres and the net is still in place.

They were particularly impressed with the charter boat, Krazy Kat. Good operators, all the required safety equipment and they drove sensibly which is a rarity for shark cat owners. Rates are \$15 for local dives and \$20 for deepies.

Graham Wakeling is still regularly diving Shiprock and loving it. If anyone is interested I'm sure Graham will be pleased to have a buddy, see him at the next meeting.

Jim Smith, Wendy teasel, John and Kathy Mcdermott and Neil and Lyn Vincent went sailing on Lake Macquarie for a weekend. A good time was enjoyed by all especially after being shown the finer points of sailing by El Presidente himself. Apollo yacht charters provide everything and if a weekend of sailing has ever crossed your mind do it, it is highly recommended. See Jim Smith for more info.

Robert Nickling, phone 645-2315 wants to go diving, He has a Haines Hunter and needs dive buddies. Please give him a call if you are going or want to go diving.

More General Business:

Larry and Sue King have an addition to their family, not a new boat but a baby girl. Congratulations to you all.

The cost to fix the club's projector is \$67.00 and it was agreed to go ahead and have it fixed.

Raffles will be re-introduced at club meetings. Suggestions are open for prizes. Please see the committee.

Xmas Party. Penny Smith is looking into the possible alternatives for our Xmas party. Suggested so far is Bristol Point weekend with party on Saturday night and the possible hire of a ferry on the harbour or Port Hacking.

Bob Smith plaque. A J.B. weekend will be organised around October and the plaque will be located at Triangle Rock at Pt Perpendicular.

Parachuting course- There has been an interest expressed by club members to have another parachuting weekend. If you think you would like to have a go give your name to John Mcdermott. Cost will vary depending on numbers but will range from \$150 to \$180. Try it once you certainly won't forget it.

Please remember this is your club for your benefit. If you have any suggestions as to fund raising, social nights, dive weekends or simply dive days please tell the committee. How else will we know what you want to do.

FOR SALE-

Regulator-2nd stage only Mares MR-III. Excellent condition. Here is that octopus you have been thinking about. \$150.00 Contact John Mcdermott phone 726-0982 (H).

SOUTH PACIFIC NOTES

Well the new committee has been elected for 1988-89 and is basically unchanged from last years. Again the A.V will be the main priority for the club but not at the expense of letting the original aim of the club which was to promote diving suffer. Already there is a list of upcoming dives which is included in this newsletter and more will be programmed as the weather gets a little warmer and more pleasurable for those people without a 7mm wetsuit.

It will be noticed that the Birchgrove/Valiant dive is going ahead hopefully with better weather conditions than the last time it was planned and then cancelled at the last moment. Remember it is the 18th of September, 9am at Bayview boat ramp. Ring Penny Smith on the Saturday so we can confirm details of available boats and divers.

Thanks to Wendy Teasel for the shell drawings in this month's newsletter. All contributions greatly appreciated.

See you at the next meeting on Monday the 19th of September.

THE COMMITTEE

PRESIDENT: JIM SMITH PH-570 4283 (H)

SECRETARY: JOHN MCDERMOTT PH-726-0982 (H)

TREASURER: KATHY MCDERMOTT PH-726 0982 (H) (W) 727 0177

PHOTOGRAPHIC OFFICER: GRAHAM WAKELING PH-603-4224 (H)
605-1611 (W)

SOCIAL SECRETARY: PENNY SMITH PH-759 4176 (H)

PUBLICITY OFFICER: NEIL KOOS PH-587 9030 (H)

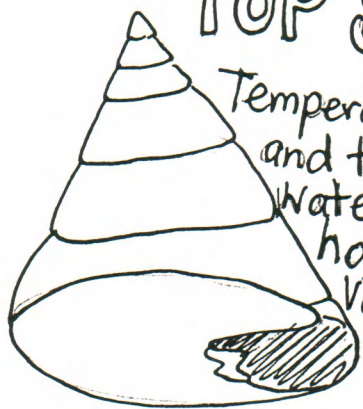
DIVE ORGANISER: NOEL TAYLOR PH 78-6792 (H)

If you need to post anything to the club our address is as follows: SOUTH PACIFIC DIVERS PO BOX 823 BANKSTOWN 2200

CLUB MEETINGS ARE THE THIRD MONDAY IN EVERY MONTH AND THE MEETING IS HELD AT THE BANKSTOWN SPORTS CLUB IN THE FUNCTION ROOM AT 8.00PM ALL MEMBERS AND VISITORS WELCOME. COME EARLY

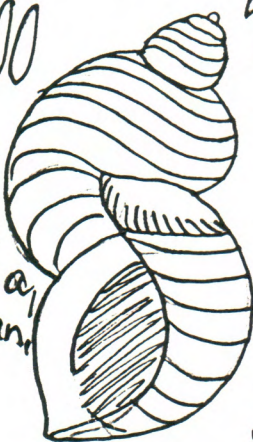
Shells

TOP Shell



Temperate and tropical waters are home. It's a vegetarian.

Turban

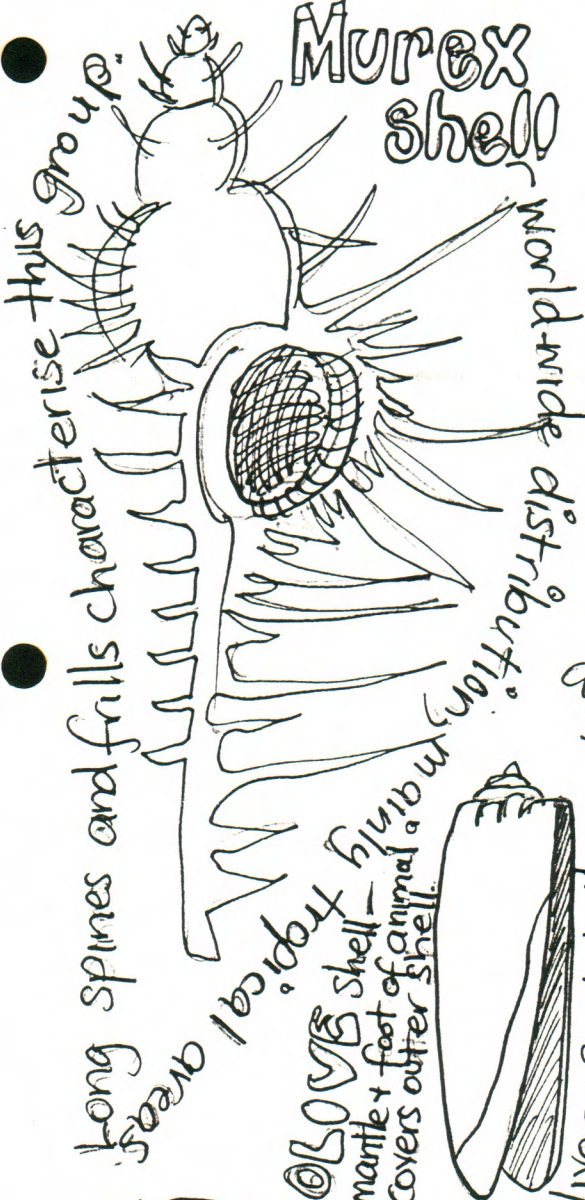


This one is called a Channelled Turban. It is from the West Indies and usually 3" long.



WENTLETRAP found with anemones & Fungia corals. They can excrete a purple dye. Mostly off-white. About 200 species.

Murex Shell

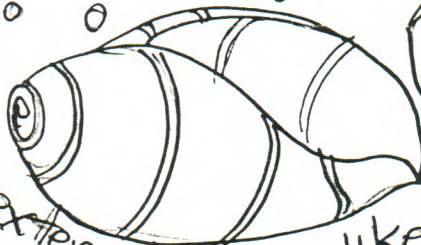


Long spines and falls characterise this group.

World-wide distribution.

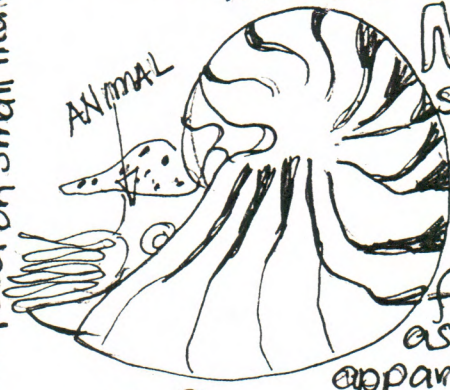
SOV shell - mantle + foot of animal covers outer shell

Bubble shells



external, plume-like gills. They are carnivorous & mostly tropical. They lay eggs in long strands. Both sexes are present in the one individual.

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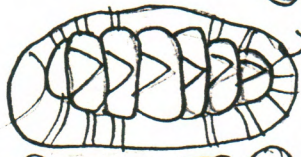


same family as octopus & squid. Carnivorous. Sealed off, gas-filled chambers act as a balancing apparatus.

VOLUTE



most live in shallow tropical seas. They are carnivorous and rapid crawlers.



CHITON

Worm-like. no gills. Flattened and

They live on sandy bottoms and feed on small molluscs.

SEPTEMBER

18th (Sunday) Boat Dive
Location Valient or Birchgrove Park
9am at Bayview Boat Ramp

Dive and Family picnic day.

OCTOBER

5th (Wednesday) Nite Dive
Location Osborne Shoals
aboard Krazy Kat Cost \$20.00 per head (Max 8 people)

8th (Saturday) Day Dive & Picnic
Location Kurnell
9.30 am at Captain Cooks landing Place Monument (in Park)

Dive and Family picnic day. (bring your own picnic or B'b-que
Cost Park entry \$4.00

21st & 22nd & 23rd (Weekend)
Location Currarong
Accommodation Friday & Saturday Nights at
Currarong Caravan Park (044) 483027
Tent sites
Caravans available -(make your own arrangements) \$30-6berth \$26-4berth

Club to put on B'B'que Saturday Night \$6.00 per head

Tent sites are \$8.00 per site (For 2 people & 1 tent) per night :
plus \$2 for each extra person over 5.

26th (Wednesday) Nite Dive (Max 8 people)
Location to be advised later
aboard Krazy Kat Cost \$20.00 per head

NOVEMBER

5th (Saturday Night)
Social Night out - details later.

13th (Sunday) Day Dive & picnic or Bar-B-Que (Bring your own)
meet 9.30 Shell Harbour - Coal loader
Boat owners please advise. if not enough boats shore dive.

NOVEMBER

18th & 19th & 20th (Weekend)
Location Norah Heads
Accommodation (Tents only) Norah Heads Tourist Park, Cnr Victoria &
Soldiers Point Drive, Norah Heads (043) 963935

Club to provide dinner Saturday night

If over 25 people price \$15 per head Children over 2 \$5

30th (Wednesday) Nite Dive
Shore Dive
meet 7.15 pm at Oak Park.

DECEMBER

10th CHRISTMAS PARTY _ KEEP THIS DATE AVAILABLE - Details later

Oceans Enterprises

58 Heathfield Rise
Box Hill North. Vic. 3129
Phone: (03) 898 2059

Book list

Post and pack charges for cheque payments only:
1 book \$2.00; 2-3 books \$3.00. 4-6 books \$5.00.
7 books or more combine charges above.
Note: Credit card payments will be charged actual
postage or delivery charges only.

AUSTRALIAN SHIPWRECKS VOLUME 3 (1871-1900)(\$29.95)

Jack Loney. Hardcover. 296 pages.

The definitive reference.

AUSTRALIAN SHIPWRECKS VOLUME 4 (1901-1986)(\$42.00)

Jack Loney. 290 pages. 140 photographs. Completes

the set commenced by Charles Bateson. Hardcover.

Also includes extensive list of minor wrecks.

BASS STRAIT TRIANGLE (\$8.00)

Jack Loney. Softcover. 112 pages.

The wrecks and mysteries of Bass Strait.

CONSERVING WRECK FINDS (\$6.00)

Small BSAC publication. Useful information.

Softcover. 15 pages.

GIBSON COLLECTION OF SHIPWRECKS (\$7.50)

English wrecks-brilliant photos. Hardcover.

HIGH AND DRY (\$6.50)

Jack Loney and Peter Stone. Softcover. 67 pages.

Visible wrecks on and off our Australian shores.

MARITIME ARCHAEOLOGY (\$9.95)

Papers from First Southern Hemisphere Congress.

Softcover. 160 pages. Excellent reading and text.

MARITIME ARCHAEOLOGY IN AUSTRALIA (\$25.00)

Graeme Henderson. Hardcover. 200 pages.

Excellent coverage of marine archaeology activity
in Australia. Covers Dutch wrecks. Pandora.

MARITIME AUSTRALIA - JACK LONEY (\$7.95)

Jack Loney. Softcover. 118 pages.

Stories on Australia's maritime history.

SS YONGALA - DIVE TO THE PAST (\$17.50)

Max Gleeson and Mae Elliott. 80 pages. Hardcover

With colour photographs. An excellent book with
many facts. Precise but of interest and value.

VICTORIAN SHIPWRECKS (\$9.95)

Jack Loney. Hardcover. 176 pages.

The definitive guide to Victorian wrecks.

WRECKS AND RELICS (\$5.95)

Geoff Naylor. Softcover. 64 pages.

Victorian shipwreck details.

WRECKS ON GIPPSLAND COAST (\$6.95)

Jack Loney. Softcover. 86 pages.

Wrecks on east coast of Victoria.

WRECKS ON GREAT OCEAN ROAD (\$6.95)

Jack Loney. Softcover. 138 pages.

Wrecks on west coast of Victoria.

WRECKS ON NSW SOUTH COAST (\$6.95)

Jack Loney. Softcover. 80 pages.

Note: Wrecks on NSW North Coast out of print.

WRECKS ON QUEENSLAND COAST VOL 1 (1791-1900) 6.95

Jack Loney. Softcover. 87 pages.

WRECKS ON QUEENSLAND COAST VOL 2 (1901-1986) 5.95

Jack Loney. Softcover. 44 pages.

UNDERWATER PHOTOGRAPHY

BEGINNING UNDERWATER PHOTOGRAPHY (\$15.00)

Jim and Cathy Church. Softcover. 65 pages. Colour.

An excellent text to get started in underwater
photography.

CHOOSING AND USING UNDERWATER STROBES (\$15.00)

Jim and Cathy Church. Softcover. 100 pages.

Excellent instruction text for use of strobe
photography.

CINEMATOGRAPHY UNDERWATER (\$5.95)

John Litchen. Softcover. 64 pages.

A good basic guide.

NIKONOS HANDBOOK (\$29.95)

Jim and Cathy Church. Hardcover. 112 pages

The only comprehensive guide to the use of the
Nikonos 5 and earlier models.

PHOTOGRAPHY UNDERWATER-A Beginner's Guide (\$14.95)

Ron Church. Softcover. 64 pages. 150x230mm

The best budget text on the subject. Good colour
reproduction. Covers all the basic knowledge.

SUCCESSFUL UNDERWATER PHOTOGRAPHY (\$19.95)

Howard Hall. Softcover. 190 pages.

Superb publication for the novice or advanced
underwater photographer. Goes beyond the basics.

FISH IDENTIFICATION

AUSTRALIAN SEA FISHES NORTH 30oS (\$39.95)

Neville Coleman. Hardcover. 300 pages.

Excellent large format reference guide for species
from north of Abrolhos Islands and Coff's Harbour.

AUSTRALIAN SEA FISHES SOUTH 30oS (\$39.95)

Neville Coleman. Hardcover. 300 pages.

Excellent large format reference guide for species
south from Abrolhos Islands and Coff's Harbour.

COASTAL FISHES OF TASMANIA (\$27.95)

Tasmanian Underwater Photographic Society.

Hardcover. 175 pages. Includes Bass Strait species

Many colour photos and succinct text.

FRESH AND SALTWATER FISHES OF THE WORLD (\$29.95)

Migdalski Ficher and Weaver.

Hardcover. 316 pages. An excellent guide to world
species. Colour.

SEA FISHES OF SOUTHERN AUSTRALIA (\$19.95)

Barry Hutchins. Softcover. 179 pages. Many colour

drawings. The most concise yet detailed guide to
southern species.

THE SEAHORSE AND ITS RELATIVES (\$11.95)

Gilbert Whitley. Hardcover. 84 pages.

Limited Stock. An old publication but a basic
reference. Many line drawings.

DIVE TRIP TO PAPUA NEW GUINEA: RABAU AND WALINDI

November, 1988 for two weeks: 5 nights Rabaul / 9 nights Walindi
In Rabaul we will be diving: Mitsubishi bi-plane, Hakkai-Maru wreck, Kenshin Mary, Takubar wreck, Georges wreck - a beautiful wreck dive with trucks in the cargo hold in clear water, and there has been a new wreck located in Rabaul and we hope to dive on that - mostly wreck diving in Rabaul and we have planned to do a night dive at the Sub Base Wall - we will be only in 25 feet but the wall goes down 800 feet - wowie! will be a buzz at night.

Walindi - everyone has heard of Walindi - great great great diving - best reef diving in the world - soft corals, sea whips, barrel sponges, sharks, turtles, caves and caverns, shallow diving and deeper diving on submerged pinnacles, night diving - just out the front of the plantation ; rare critters - ghost pipefish, commensal crabs which live on and look like a tuft of soft coral; commensal shrimps in anemones, garden eels, check hawkfish which live on black coral, pipefish which live in the crimson fire whips, cleaner shrimp on fish, and sharks, and large schools of barracuda, schools of batfish, and clear clear warm (30 degree) water.

We have two places left on our group. This is the last group we will be organising to Rabaul and Walindi for a couple of years as we have planned other destinations for the next two years. Rabaul and Walindi are our favourite destinations and we have dived Rabaul three times and Walindi six times. Must say something for the diving.

If you are interested give us a call: 728 6808 LYN & PAT MANLY

FOR SALE: 1 only Ladies Medium size TABATA TUSA ADV STYLE B.C.D.
Very good condition, colour is blue and pink. Lyn 728 6808

PHOTOGRAPHY COURSE SEASCAPE PHOTOGRAPHICS: LYN & PAT MANLY

Full weekend course: Sat 8th October and Sunday 9th October, 1988
At 126 Hollywood Drive, Lansvale, phone 728 6808, 9 - 5 both days - lunch provided , course covers every aspect of underwater photography; start at the basics right through to advanced lighting techniques and composition. Course covers both Nikonos and housed systems. DISCOUNT TO SOUTH PACIFIC DIVERS CLUB MEMBERS. Ring and book in if you would like to enrol in the course. Limited spaces available - we keep the classes restricted so that we can give more personal attention to each participant. LYN & PAT MANLY: 728 6808

Aquasports Vagoona (Glen Percy) is conducting a wide range of courses over the next couple of months: MEDIC FIRST AID COURSE; RESCUE DIVER COURSE: DIVEMASTER COURSES ARE SCHEDULED EVERY SECOND MONTH: ADVANCED DIVER COURSE as well as the specialty courses.

SOUTH PACIFIC DIVERS
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 10/8/88

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| BALANCE IN CHEQUE ACCOUNT AS AT 21/7/87 | 3,821.22 |
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INCOME

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| MEMBERSHIP FEES | 680.00 |
| CLUB STICKERS | 15.00 |
| CLUB SLOPPY JOES | 405.00 |
| CLUB T-SHIRTS | 92.00 |
| CLUB BADGES | 30.00 |
| SOCIAL NIGHTS | 1,225.00 |
| DIVE FEES | 1,601.51 |
| RAFFLES | 134.65 |
| A.V. NIGHT TICKETS | 6,290.00 |
| A.V. COMPETITION ENTRIES | 870.00 |
| INTEREST | 29.17 |
| MISC: A.V. RAFFLE | 837.70 |
| A.V. POSTAGE | 35.50 |
| A.V. RAFFLE CHANGE | 150.00 |
| A.V. AUCTION | 70.00 |
| DEPOSIT FROM INVESTMENT ACCOUNT | <u>415.97</u> |
| TOTAL INCOME | 12,881.50 |

EXPENSES

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| POSTAGE | 241.09 |
| RAFFLE PRIZES | 46.15 |
| PURCHASES-CLOTH BADGES & SLOPPY JOES | 632.00 |
| STATIONERY | 74.40 |
| CHRISTMAS CATERING | 813.59 |
| DIVING EXPENSES | 1,349.21 |
| IN CLUB TROPHIES | 77.00 |
| MISC: FLOWERS B. SMITH | 100.00 |
| A.V. EXPENSES 1987 | 3,855.77 |
| 1988 | 8,241.49 |
| BANK CHARGES | <u>28.54</u> |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | 15,459.24 |

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| BALANCE AS AT 10/8/88 | 1,243.48 |
| PLUS CASH IN HAND | 20.00 |
| PLUS INVESTMENT & INTEREST | <u>3,306.12</u> |
| | 4,569.60 |

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| BALANCE AS PER BANK STATEMENT 10/8/88 | 6,220.60 |
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| LESS CHEQUES NOT YET PRESENTED: | 496602 | 3,910.70 | |
| | 496604 | 54.46 | |
| | 496605 | 30.00 | |
| | 496606 | 925.00 | |
| | 496607 | 56.96 | 1,243.48 |
| PLUS CASH IN HAND | | | 20.00 |
| PLUS INVESTMENT & INTEREST | | | <u>3,306.12</u> |
| TOTAL FUNDS AS AT 10/8/88 | | | 4,569.60 |