



# APRIL 1989 NEWSLETTER

The Market State College

## MINUTES OF CLUB MEETING HELD AT BANKSTOWN SPORTS CLUB 20/03/89 SOUTH PACIFIC DIVERS

Meeting opened at 8.05pm by Neil Koos.

Apologies: J. Smith, Peter and Leslie Stratford and Eve Thomas.

<u>Minutes</u>: Minutes of the previous meeting read and accepted by Ron Mines and seconded Bob Nickling.

Correspondence : -outgoing nil

-incoming All related to A.V. night. Confirming letters f sponsorship of prizes. P.& O Resorts, East West Airlines, Yaffa, Scul Mechanics, Mike Ball, Revesby Workers Club.

#### Treasurers report:

Opening Balance	\$1047.88
Add-deposits for month	\$ 285.00
Less-payments for month	\$ 209.30
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Closing balance	<b>\$1123.58</b>
Interest Bearing deposit	\$3446.96
Petty cash	<b>\$ 20.00</b>
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Total Funds	\$4590.54

Accepted by Doug Smith. Seconded by Lyn Vincent.

### Dive Reports-

The club weekend to Bristol Point was another success. A good time was had by all those who attended but as usual the weather was not the greatest. Martin and Penny drift dived Stoney Creek at 140 ft, and after that the campsite was never the same.

Other diving was at Pt Perpendicular, Bowen Island and the Docks. generally viz. was down and the water was cold from 40ft down.

Neil and Lyn Vincent spent 4 days at Jindabyne diving on the old Adaminaby township. Something completely different - 15 viz, no light, everything by torch, silty bottom and thermoclines. They found fences, trees, cars and horshoes bottles etc. Short dives due to the altitude (60° for 29 minutes).

Lyn and Neil have also been diving at Shoal Bay. They found a red diadeima and witnessed something akin to plankton bloom.

attended. Diving on the Saturday was at Norah Head and unfortunately viz was poor but there was lots of small critters to make up for the poor visibility. Sunday's dive was at the cave at Terrigal and reports were that it was fairly barren but macro life was good.

# UPCOMING DIVING:

Two Bristol Point weekends are booked for 1989. Numbers are limited so let Penny Smith know if you are going. Dates are as follows-

4th and 5th of February. Cost: \$10.00 MEMBERS

\$15.00 NON MEMBERS

11th and 12th of March.

\$10.00 NON MEMBERS CHILD OVER 5 YEARS FREE NON MEMBERS CHILD UNDER 5 YEARS

FREE MEMBERS CHILD

Birchgrove Park and Valiant will be attempted again (weather conditions permitting)

No further general business, meeting closed 9.00PM

Slides were then shown.

## SOUTH PACIFIC NOTES.

- \* Well 1989 is finally here and it is probably time to look over the things that have happened back in 1988. The Australasian Underwater Photographer of the year went off very successfully and was won by Kevin Deacon who has been a consistent entrant and placegetter over the years. Congratulations to him and all those involved with the night. Not forgetting Noel Taylor's win in the Novice Section.
- \* All of the club weekends were well supported especially the attempted plaque laying weekend. Hope this continues in 1989.
- \* A good turn up at the Xmas party and I think all those who attended had a great time. It was good to see people up and dancing and enjoying themselves.
- \* The dive on the Birchgrove Park and Valiant finally went ahead even though there were still not the best conditions available, maybe in 1989 this dive can be done again.
- \* While on the subject of wrecks we had a good attendance at the wreck seminar and thanks to all those involved.
  - \* Probably the best thing I have noticed is the increase in new

## MINUTES OF THE SOUTH PACIFIC DIVERS CLUB MEETING HELD 27/11/88 AT BANKSTOWN SPORTS CLUB.

Apologies: Ilona Kandilas

Minutes: Minutes read from the previous meeting and accepted by Bruce Gardiner and seconded by Jim Allen.

<u>Correspondence:</u> IN- Sea Safety Update, Ryde Underwater Club, Fun Dive Underwater Club, Brisbane Waters Aqualung Club.

OUT- Nil

Treasurers's Report: Opening balance \$758

Add: deposits for month \$866

less: payments for month \$112

Closing balance \$1512

Interest bearing deposit \$3306

Total funds \$4818

Accepted Lyn Vincent and seconded Martin Kandilas

#### Dive reports:

Lyn and Neil Vincent dived the 'steps' at Kurnell and had a good dive; lionfish, jellyfish and lots of macro.

Penny and Doug Smith, Rob Tickling and family and friends dived Bushrangers Bay, reports of more divers than fish (apparently a treasure hunt was happening). Lousy visibility but a good dive anyway.

The Club weekend to Currarong went well(in most regards). The weather was good except for the rain and strong winds. The diving was good except for the cold water and poor viz. The plaque, well that is another story but suffice to say we will have another go with some lessons learnt in underwater cement pouring. By the way 67 people turned up to make it a great weekend so thanks to you all.

The recent club weekend to Norah Head was enjoyed by all those who

members which is probably indirectly related to the A.V night and its continuing success. There seems to be more members turning up for each meeting even though there have been some problems with the meeting room at the Sports Club during the year. Hopefully all these problems will be resolved later this year.

- \* We still have the continuing problem of lack of articles for the newsletter. Anything would be appreciated and thanks to those who made contributions during the past year.
- \* While on the subject of the newsletter everybody will be pleased to know that El Presidente Jim Smith will have a section in each month's newsletter starting from February. I am sure everyone will look forward to his words of wisdom!!!! and wit. Stay tuned for more details.
- \* One club member has started the new year on the right track with the purchase of a new boat. I think the spark plugs got dirty on the old one so it was ime for a change.
- \* Well the diving over Xmas could be described in one word 'lousy' unless you were in New Guinea or the Coral Sea. Two places I was unfortunately not at, but the New Years Eve seafood extravaganza at Callala will be fondly remembered by all those who participated.
- \* While on the subject of seafood and Jervis Bay any person who happens to mention 'kingfish' and size thereof to Brian (PISTOL-but not Pt Perp.) Colwell is in for a long story. Fortunately the fish did not get away and Brian will be talking about his 'kingie' for a long time. I think with a wife expecting and the spearing of the fish Brian has had a good 1988.
- \* The next club meeting is on Monday the 17th of January at the usual venue of Bankstown Sports Club at 8.00pm.
- \* The editor of this magazine apologizes for the non appearance of a newsletter in November and December but all problems have now been solved so I look forward to a bigger and better 1989 for the newsletter.
- \* Entries for the george Roberts Trophy are now being taken. Contact graham Wakeling for details. A great contest for photographers with good prizes to be won.
- \* Best wishes for 1989 and a year of good and safe diving to be had by all from the S.P.D. committee.