

**SOUTH PACIFIC  
DIVERS  
CLUB**



**WET RAG**

**JANUARY**

**1992**

**MINUTES OF SOUTH PACIFIC DIVERS CLUB MEETING  
HELD ON 16th December 1991  
at BANKSTOWN SPORTS CLUB**

**MEETING OPENED** 8.35 pm by Martin Kandilas.

**APOLOGIES:** Ilona Kandilas, Peter O'Grady, Ann and Michael Latimer

**VISITORS:** Peter and Margie Nicholas

**Business arising from Minutes:**

The advertisement will be appearing in Dive Log in January.

**INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE:**

UTS Dive Club "No Douts", UnderWater Research Group "URG Bulletin", Brisbane Water Aqualung Club "Demand Value Vibes" and Ryde Underwater Club "Surface Interval".

Letter from DES (See Newsletter)

**OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE:**

Membership forms to Leo and Terese Mayer, and Arthur Brown.

**PHOTOGRAPHIC OFFICERS REPORT:**

A portfolio of photographs from the past AV will be included in the February/March edition of Scuba Diver, along with an entry form. This will be repeated in April/May.

A change has been made to the rules for the video section.

Photos for the George Roberts Photographic Competition need to be submitted in February. Five slides are required, one of which must be a macro, which is defined as having a magnification reproduction ratio of 1:6 or greater. There is a separate novice and open category.

The Winners will be announced and prizes presented at the April meeting.

**SOCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT:**

See the Social Calender for upcoming social events.

**DIVE ORGANISER'S REPORT:**

See Social Calender for more details.

**DIVE REPORTS:**

George reported a medium to strong current which dropped off towards the bottom, for the club dive on the Tuggarah. John Beddie found wobbies, saw a brass tap and

magnificent "bailor shells". Peter Booth confirmed a good roll-up of 8 people, a most enjoyable dive even though Rick was an hour late due to unforeseen circumstances.

Micheal McFadden did 8 dives in Truk Lagoon, from the Thorfin. He dived numerous wrecks. Reef diving at Palow was also good, with a dive into a 120m cave. He summed up the diving as good but not justified by the cost of \$US230 +15% tax per night

### **GENERAL BUSINESS:**

Welcome to Peter and Margie Nicholas, who have just returned from an odyssey, travelling and diving around Australia.

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MEETING CLOSED 10.30 p.m.

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### **GENERAL INFORMATION:**

The Christmas hamper was won by Michelle Breadner. Second prize, a bottle of port, was won by me.

A warm Welcome to New Club Members

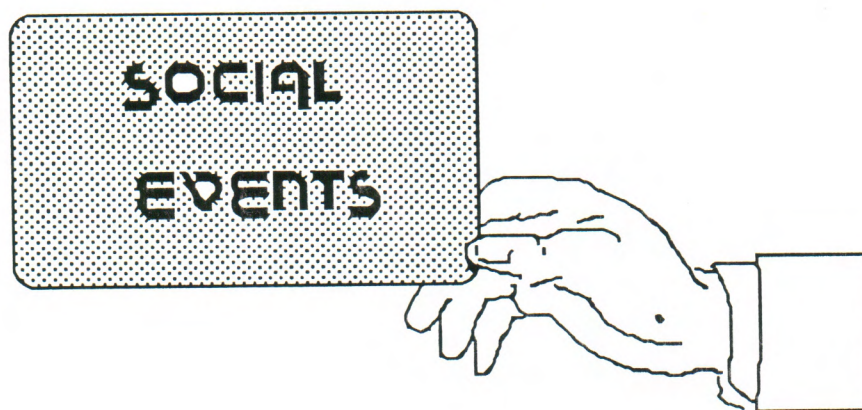
Arthur Brown  
Leo and Terese Mayer  
Jerry and Veronica Chum.

Its that time of the year again!!

<p>CLUB MEMBERSHIP FEES ARE NOW DUE</p> <p>\$10 Single</p> <p>\$15 family.</p> <p><i>Please pay at the January Meeting.</i></p>
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An emergency phone list has been included on this newsletter, keep it where it can be easily referred to.

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## **DIVES and SOCIAL**

### **19th January - Jamberoo Recreation Park**

A **FUN** day guaranteed.

Park entry \$15 Adults, \$13 children under 16, under 5 free. Unlimited rides.

Group concessions for 20 plus.

Meet at the "South Pacific Divers Club" Banner in the picnic area. 10.00am

BYO lunch either BBQ or kiosk available

Ring George if interested.

### **Long Weekend January - Unofficial club dive**

Details to be discussed at January club meeting.

### **23rd February - Club Boat Dive - The Dee Why.**

Meet Rosebay wharf, 9.00am. Interested divers and boat owners ring Peter Booth by the Thursday before.

## **DIVE COURSES**

### **Deep Diver Course, instruction by Steve Cross.**

All courses are full, a waiting list is available for positions should they occur.

The next courses will be in March and May. Dates for March Thurs. 19th Theory  
Cost \$5 each, plus \$16 for certification and boat dive costs. and 21/22 W/E for diving.

Contact Pennie Smith (Phone: 759 4176 ) See Shop Press on cover.

### **27th January to 2nd February - Cave Diving Course - Mt Gambier.**

Cavern and Sinkhole Diver Certification, instructed by Ian Lewis.  
All positions in this course have now been filled.

## **FUTURE EVENTS!!**

⚓ Jervis Bay Weekend to be organised for March.  
🎵 🎸 BBQ at Rick's place in March. 🍷 🍴 🍷

## **STAY TUNED FOR DETAILS**

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## **DATES FOR FUTURE CLUB MEETINGS**

(unless otherwise advised)

Next Meeting	20/1/92
	17/2/92
	16/3/92
	20/4/92

Club Meetings are held the third Monday of each month at Bankstown Sports Club, Greenfield Pde, Bankstown, at 8.00 pm in the Emile McDonald Function Room. Come early and enjoy a meal at the bistro.

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## **SOUTH PACIFIC DIVERS CLUB COMMITTEE**

PRESIDENT:	Peter Jermyn	Contact Number: 708 2309 (Home)
TREASURER:	Karin Smith	Contact Number: 529 3818 (Home)
PHOTOGRAPHIC OFFICER:	Martin Kandilas	Contact Number: 726 3570 (Home)
SOCIAL SECRETARY:	George Nichols	Contact Number: 502 1564 (Home) 286 4000 (Work)
DIVE ORGANISER:	Peter Booth	Contact Number: 522 6397 (Home) Leave message on answering machine.
SECRETARY/PUBLICITY OFFICER:	Sue O'Grady	Contact Number: 528 4482 (Home) 517 1966 (Work) 517 2990 (Fax)

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"DES" - DIVER EMERGENCY  
SERVICE NEWSLETTERTHE PRESENT AND FUTURE ROLE, FUNCTION, AND  
RESPONSIBILITIES OF DES<sup>1</sup>

The Australian Diver Emergency Service (008-088-200) continues to provide a valuable "safety net" for all Australian (and beyond) diving. It exists and operates on the fundamental principle that in the event of a diving medical emergency the first essential requirement, following the ABC of resuscitation, is to make contact with a trained diving medical physician.

This facility can only be provided 24 hours a day, 7 days a week by a service such as the DES. The round-the-clock functions of such personnel, are to correctly diagnose the problem, offer relevant medical advice and choose the appropriate response to deal with the problem. This may involve immediate referral to the nearest medically staffed Hyperbaric Unit to the problem site. Excepting retrieval activities to the Royal Adelaide Hospital Hyperbaric Medicine Unit itself, DES' role is not to initiate retrieval activities (ground or air) to any Hyperbaric Unit. That decision can only be intelligently and efficiently made by the Units themselves. Immediate referral by DES doctors to a Hyperbaric Medical colleague, following emergency medical advice, is appropriate and demands excellent communication facilities. The Communication Centre of St John Ambulance, in South Australia provides just that.

Naturally it is essential that the divers know the DES telephone number! An "aide memoire" to this has recently been suggested.<sup>8</sup>

The DES data as it accumulates and is anonymously analysed, is combined with that from the Diving Incident Monitoring Study (DIMS)<sup>7</sup> and constantly fed back to divers, and diving training establishments, in order to improve the safety and enjoyment of all diving. The vehicle for such diver feedback is the DES Newsletter "Divesafe"<sup>1</sup>, while diving medical physicians are reached through the pages of this Journal. The continued support and participation of divers and doctors is essential to this aim.

## INTERNATIONAL DES

As can be seen, the international role of DES is significant and, despite the cost of international access to callers via 61-8-223-2855, continues to be patronised. These calls can be expected to increase in number in the future.

In February 1991 a meeting will be held in North Carolina, USA to initiate the organisation of the world's diving emergency telephone services into a co-operative

unit that will simplify their world use, irrespective of the nationality and the location of the diver in need. DES (along with the New Zealand Service) will be an inaugural member of this enterprise and will be represented at the North Carolina gathering.

## Acknowledgements

It is a pleasure for three of the authors to acknowledge the pioneering efforts of Dr Des Gorman and Dr "Fred" Gilligan in the establishment of DES, and the on-going and expert collaboration of our medical colleagues and staff who man, around the clock, the (now 11 soon to be 12) Australian and New Zealand Hyperbaric Medicine Units. All authors also acknowledge with gratitude the financial and practical support of the Professional Association of Diving Instructors (PADI), the federation of Australian Underwater Instructors (FAUI), the National Association of Underwater Instructors (NAUI), the Australian Underwater Federation (AUF), the Commonwealth Department of Community Services and Health, Telecom Australia, the Australian Patient Safety Foundation, and the South Pacific Underwater Medicine Society. However, pivotal to the success and efficiency of DES, present and future, is the 24 hours a day skill, patience and attention to detail provided by the officers of the Communications Centre within the Headquarters of St John Ambulance, South Australia, in Adelaide. To them to our grateful thanks.

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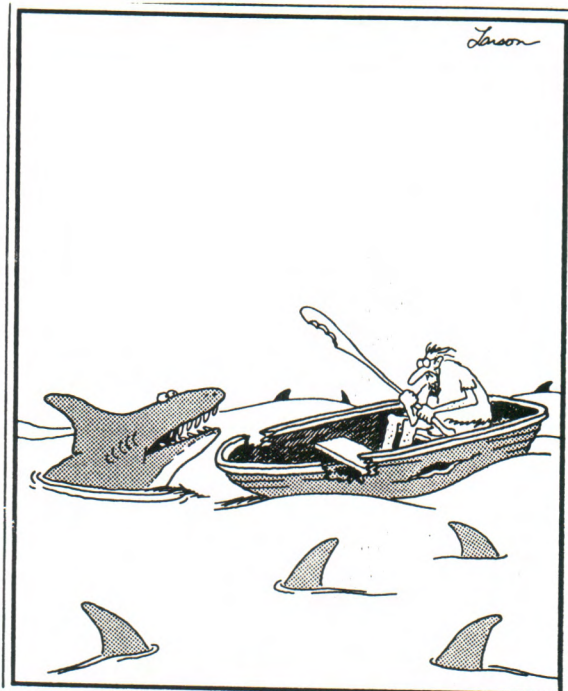
## Key Words

Diving, scuba-diving, diving emergency, retrievals, diving safety, and medicine.

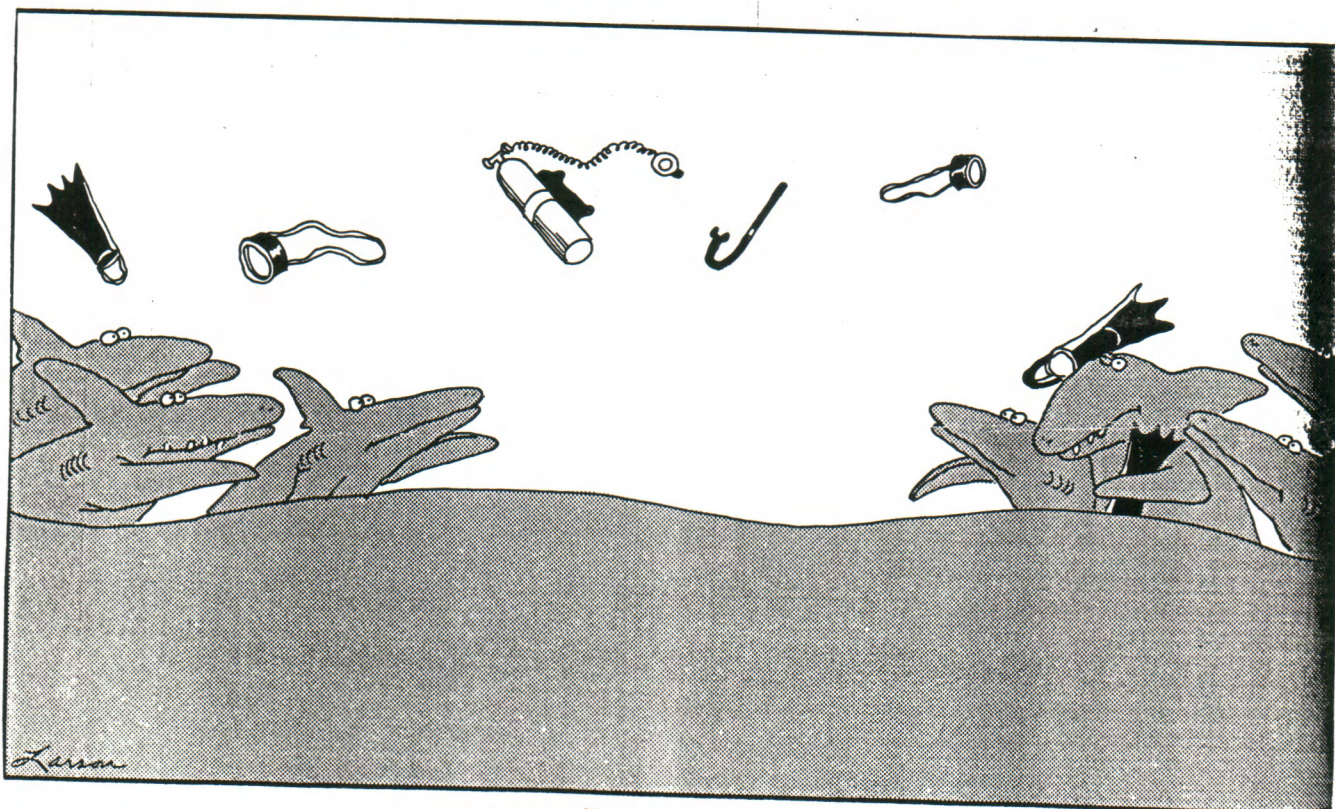
*Dr John Williamson, FFARACS, DipDHM, is Director of Hyperbaric Medicine, Dr Christopher Acott, FFARACS, DipDHM, is Co-ordinator of Diving, Dr Robert Webb, FFARACS, DipDHM, and Dr Robert Capps, FFARACS, DipDHM, are Senior Staff Specialists, Dr John (Fred) Gilligan, FFARACS, DipDHM, is Director of Retrievals and Resuscitation and Dr Des Gorman, FACOM, PhD, DipDHM, is Visiting Consultant in Diving and Hyperbaric Medicine, at the Royal Adelaide Hospital, North Terrace, Adelaide, South Australia, 5000.*

*Address for correspondence*

*Dr John Williamson, Australian Patient Safety Foundation, GPO Box 400, Adelaide, South Australia 5001.*



"Look. Why don't you just give yourself up quietly? ... Otherwise, this thing could turn into a frenzy — and nobody wants that."



Shark Food-fights

## **Australian Patient Safety Foundation Inc.**

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28th November, 1991

Ms. S. O'Grady,  
South Pacific Divers  
PO Box 823  
BANKSTOWN NSW 2200

Dear Ms. O'Grady,

**Re: Diver Emergency Service Donation**

Thank you for your Club's generous donation of \$250.00 in support of the Diver Emergency Service.

Your donation will go towards the promotion and advancement of safe recreational diving equipment and practices and, via our incident reporting, the identification of dangerous diving equipment and practices.

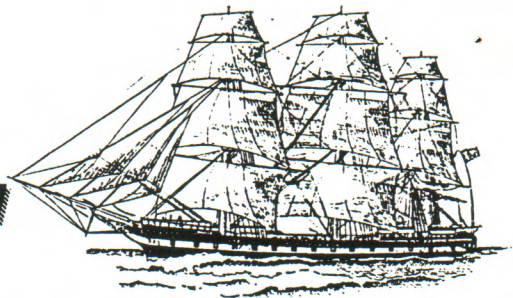
The support of your group is much appreciated.

Yours sincerely,



E. BROWN  
Secretary

# S.N.A.P. COMPETITION



Entries are now invited for the 1992 Shipwreck NSW Amateur Photographic Competition. Please enter only one of the 2 categories.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ (W) \_\_\_\_\_ (H)

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CATEGORY 1 (single photograph)

Name of wreck: \_\_\_\_\_

Location: \_\_\_\_\_ Approx date of photo: \_\_\_\_\_

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CATEGORY 2 (portfolio of 5 photographs)

Name of wreck/s	Location of wreck/s	Approx date of photo
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2. _____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____
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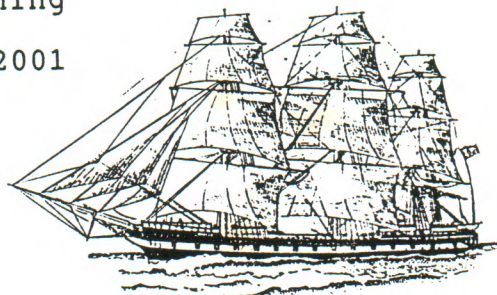
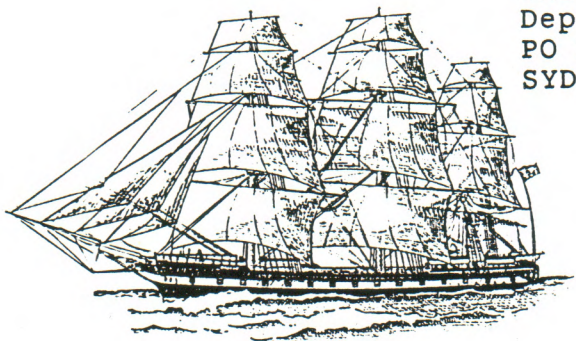
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## CONDITIONS

1. Photographs must be of a shipwreck in NSW.
2. Entrants may submit to Category 1 or 2 - but not both.
3. Each photograph must be adequately labelled.
4. The Department of Planning reserves the right to duplicate and publish photographs from the competition for non-profit promotional purposes.
5. Photographs must be on colour reversal film (slides).
6. The judges decision will be final and no correspondence will be entered into.
7. This competition is not open to professional underwater photographers.
8. Entries close 27 April, 1992

Forward to:

S.N.A.P. Competition  
Information Branch  
Department of Planning  
PO Box 3927  
SYDNEY NSW 2001



### **THE BALCONY**

Two resident wobbies are usually on guard but have never worried anyone. Good swim throughs, plenty of fish, all the bottom time you want. Can only be dived in good conditions.

### **THE TUGGERAH\***

This wreck has been down for 70 years so you can imagine the fish life. The bow is broken up badly but the stern is still intact. A good wreck dive.

### **BARRENS HUT**

An excellent dive site, which can be dived in most conditions, good swim throughs. Plenty of fish, 30 minute bottom time.

### **MARLEY POINT**

This dive has a bit of everything. Beautiful sponge gardens, swim throughs, prolific fish life.

### **OSBOURNE SHOALS**

On a good day would rate with any dive in Sydney. Be sure to bring your camera on this dive. Plenty of bottom time.

### **THE UNDOLA\***

The Undola sank in 1918 taking all 11 of her crew with her. Lying in 145ft of water, it's more intact than the Tuggerah\*. Some divers rate it an even better dive.

### **PLUS MANY MORE...**

**Fish Reef, Jibbon Bombie, The Cutting, The Hilda\*, Tumbledowns, The Gullies, Six Fathom, Back of Bombie, The Wanderers, Water Run, Merries Reef, Streaky Reef.**

**• Mid-week dives • Double Dives • Mystery Dives •**

**B<sup>0</sup>AT PHONE:**

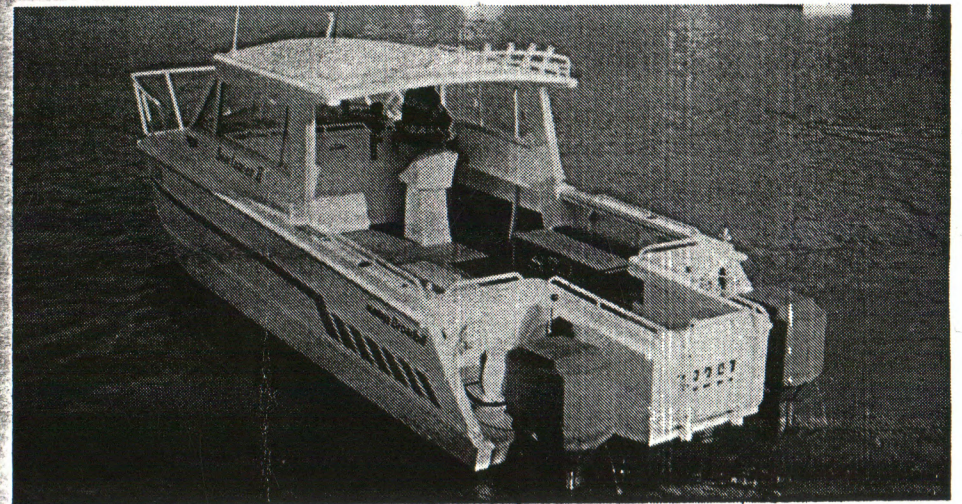
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# **Sea-Tamer II Dive Charters**

**January-February**

- Fully surveyed Marlin Broadbill built specifically for diving
- Friendly and relaxed atmosphere
- Light snack after dive
- Licenced Coxswain and Dive Master
- Mid-week dives
- Club and group bookings available



**Bookings: (02) 567 2658**

## January

Date	Dive-site	Time	Departs	Depth	Cost
Wed 1st	Barren's Hut	9.00am	Dolans Bay	90'	\$30
Fri 3rd	Back of Bombie	9.00am	Dolans Bay	60'	\$30
Sat 4th	The Tuggerah*	7.00am	Dolans Bay	155'	\$35
	Marley Point	10.00am	Dolans Bay	80'	\$30
	Fish Reef	12.00pm	Dolans Bay	60'	\$30
	Tumble Downs	8.00am	Dolans Bay	65'	\$30
Sun 5th	The Gullies	10.00am	Dolans Bay	65'	\$30
	Marley Gardens	12.00pm	Dolans Bay	80'	\$30
Wed 8th	The Wanderers	9.00am	Dolans Bay	120'	\$30
Fri 10th	Osbourne Shoals	9.00am	Dolans Bay	70'	\$30
Sat 11th	The Tuggerah*	7.00am	Dolans Bay	150'	\$35
	Six Fathom	10.00am	Dolans Bay	60'	\$30
	The Cutting	12.00pm	Dolans Bay	65'	\$30
	The Hilda*	8.00am	Dolans Bay	80'	\$30
Sun 12th	The Balcony	10.00am	Dolans Bay	65'	\$30
	Barren's Hut	12.00pm	Dolans Bay	90'	\$30
Wed 15th	Jibbon Bombie	9.00am	Dolans Bay	60'	\$30
Fri 17th	Mystery Dive	9.00am	Dolans Bay	60'-80'	\$30
Sat 18th	The Wanderers	8.00am	Dolans Bay	120'	\$30
	Marley Point	10.00am	Dolans Bay	80'	\$30
	Tumble Downs	12.00am	Dolans Bay	65'	\$30
	Osbourne Shoals	8.00am	Dolans Bay	70'	\$30
Sun 19th	Six Fathom	10.00am	Dolans Bay	60'	\$30
	The Gullies	12.00am	Dolans Bay	65'	\$30
Wed 22nd	The Hilda*	9.00am	Dolans Bay	80'	\$30
Fri 24th	Streaky Reef	9.00am	Dolans Bay	80'	\$30
Sat 25th	The Undola*	7.00am	Dolans Bay	145'	\$35
	Barren's Hut	10.00pm	Dolans Bay	90'	\$30
	Mystery Dive	12.00am	Dolans Bay	60'-80'	\$30
	Marley Point	8.00am	Dolans Bay	80'	\$30
Sun 26th	Fish Reef	10.00pm	Dolans Bay	60'	\$30
	Osbourne Shoals	12.00am	Dolans Bay	70'	\$30
Mon 27th	•••••Australia Day Double Dive•••••			60'-90'	\$50
Wed 29th	Barren's Hut	9.00pm	Dolans Bay	90'	\$30
Fri 31st	The Cutting	9.00pm	Dolans Bay	65'	\$30

• All dives are subject to weather conditions. If in doubt, phone 567 2658

• Light refreshments provided after each dive

• Be early! The boat departs at times stated

• All departures from Dolans Bay wharf, Port Hacking Road, Lill!

## February

Date	Dive-site	Time	Departs	Depth	Cost
Sat 1st	The Tuggerah*	7.00am	Dolans Bay	155'	\$35
	Marley Gardens	10.00pm	Dolans Bay	80'	\$30
	Back of Bombie	12.00am	Dolans Bay	60'	\$30
Sun 2nd	The Balcony	8.00am	Dolans Bay	65'	\$30
	Streaky Reef	10.00am	Dolans Bay	80'	\$30
	Fish Reef	12.00pm	Dolans Bay	60'	\$30
Wed 5th	The Hilda*	9.00am	Dolans Bay	80'	\$30
Fri 7th	Double Dive	8.00am	Dolans Bay	60'-90'	\$50
Sat 8th	The Undola*	7.00am	Dolans Bay	145'	\$35
	Osbourne Shoals	10.00am	Dolans Bay	70'	\$30
	Marley Point	12.00am	Dolans Bay	80'	\$30
	The Wanderers	8.00am	Dolans Bay	120'	\$30
Sun 9th	Fish Reef	10.00pm	Dolans Bay	60'	\$30
	The Balcony	12.00am	Dolans Bay	65'	\$30
Wed 12th	The Gullies	9.00am	Dolans Bay	65'	\$30
Fri 14th	Marley Point	9.00am	Dolans Bay	80'	\$30
Sat 15th	The Tuggerah*	7.00am	Dolans Bay	145'	\$35
	The Cutting	10.00pm	Dolans Bay	65'	\$30
	Jibbon Bombie	12.00am	Dolans Bay	60'	\$30
	The Gullies	8.00am	Dolans Bay	65'	\$30
Sun 16th	Barren's Hut	10.00pm	Dolans Bay	90'	\$30
	Osbourne Shoals	12.00am	Dolans Bay	70'	\$30
Wed 19th	Marley Point	9.00am	Dolans Bay	80'	\$30
Fri 21st	Double Dive	8.00am	Dolans Bay	60'-90'	\$50
Sat 22nd	The Undola*	7.00am	Dolans Bay	145'	\$35
	The Balcony	10.00am	Dolans Bay	65'	\$30
	Mystery Dive	12.00am	Dolans Bay	60'-80'	\$30
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Sun 23rd	The Gullies	10.00am	Dolans Bay	65'	\$30
	The Cutting	12.00pm	Dolans Bay	65'	\$30
Wed 26th	The Hilda*	9.00am	Dolans Bay	80'	\$30
Fri 28th	Osbourne Shoals	9.00am	Dolans Bay	70'	\$30
Sat 29th	The Wanderers	8.00am	Dolans Bay	120'	\$30
	Tumble Downs	10.00am	Dolans Bay	65'	\$30
	Fish Reef	12.00pm	Dolans Bay	60'	\$30

• \*Asterisk denotes wreck dive.

• All wreck divers must be certified accordingly and be equipped with alternate air supply

• Sea Tamer II has a phone aboard for your convenience: 018 280 791.



## EMERGENCY NUMBERS



Fire	000
Ambulance	000
Police	000
HMAS Penguin	(02) 960-0321
Prince Henry Hospital	(02) 661 0111
DES (Diver Emergency Service)	(008) 088 200



## EMERGENCY NUMBERS



Ambulance	000
Fire	000
Police	000
Relative	
Neighbour	
Other	

