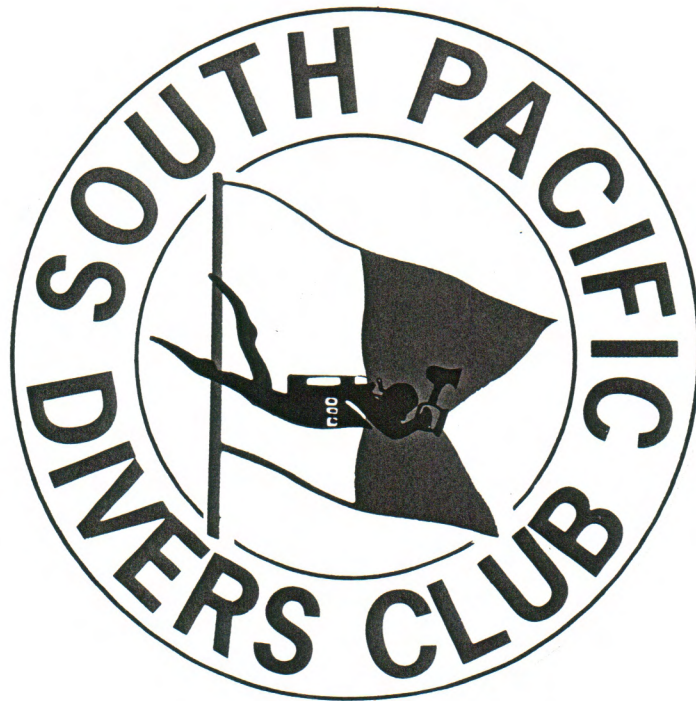


# *SOUTH PACIFIC DIVERS CLUB incorporated.*



*presents the*

*AUSTRALASIAN UNDERWATER  
PHOTOGRAPHER OF THE YEAR AWARD*

*1993*

*WET RAG  
JULY 1993*

**HELD ON 21st June 1993  
at BANKSTOWN SPORTS CLUB**

Meeting opened by Ron Mines at 8.07 pm.

**APOLOGIES:** Michael Latimer, Bob Nickling, Jenny Mines, Michael and Wendy Cufer, Brian and Vicky Colwell and Ilona Kandilas.

**VISITORS:** David Bilbow and Roslyn Phillips

**MINUTES FROM MEETING 17th May 1992:**

Read.

Accepted by Martin Kandilas

Seconded by Scott Leimroth.

**INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE:**

None

**OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE:**

Les Gentle

More insurance information for Incorporation

**TREASURERS REPORT:**

The treasurers report was not read due to Lynn's absence.

**PHOTOGRAPHIC OFFICERS REPORT:**

The Av presentation night will be held this year on the 17th July at 7.30 pm at Revesby Workers Club. Tickets are now available, please contact Chris Wright (825 1408 AH; 602 1529 BH). Tickets are \$22 per person.

Judging has been completed.

Prizes have been allocated to each winning place.

Volunteers were called for collating promotional brochures and helping with equipment on the morning of the AV.

The following people volunteered:

Martin Kandilas	Ron Mines
Bernie Kraul	John Beddie
Rick Latimer	Leo Mayer
Peter Booth	George Nichols

Could these people please meet in the car park near the main entry doors at 11.00am on the 17th July.]



We need to construct a "plan of action" with people to canvass the dive shops for ticket sales.

### **SOCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT:**

George reported on the recent JB weekend.

There was a good turnout with both divers and boats, despite three out of five boat trailers having tyre blow-outs.

The conditions were good, diving included the Arch, Smuggler's Cave, where you could see the bottom from the boat, and the plane

Joe gave some details on the trip to the Coral Sea on the "Underwater Explorer", reminding people that the cost was ex Port Douglas. He estimated airfares at \$350 - \$450 return. See later in newsletter.

Joe is also organising a Seal Rocks weekend at the end of July, in Ron Hunter's new boat.

Club boat dives were organised for the 11th July and the 15th August. See calender.

The 4WD weekend to Yerranderi has been planned for the weekend of the 4/5 September.

See the Social Calender for more events.

### **DIVE REPORTS**

Joe reported on the SW Rocks trip, where they saw whales and turtles. They did four shark feeds, a single "very friendly" 10ft Grey Nurse show up for the first dive, and probably for most of the feeds. The second dive they froze, and nearly landed on a shark while descending. They did a 50 minute feed at Fish Rock as well.

Peter dived at Merimbula near Eden on one of the tugs, about 10ft from the surface. They did a shore dive on the "Empire Gladstone" tug. At a 7.00am dive on Sunday morning, they saw a seal on the tug.

Martin reported on the JB club weekend. They went up to Smuggler's Cave, and straight out to sea, found a reef by chance covered in Sea whips.

Rick dived the Kello (alias. Kelso) with Mark Spenser, Lyn and Sue which was clear to the bottom. Good dive.

Rick and Leo dived the Annie M Miller with unbelievable visibility, there was plenty of fish, kingfish. Great dive.

Michael McFadgen dived the Undoola with John Beddie and Peter Booth. The vis was about 80ft on Saturday but down to 50ft on Sunday. John impaled his fin on something very sharp on the wreck. They dived Wattamolla reef afterwards.

DIVE REPORTS Continued.

BJ provided a "silly little thing that happened to me report" where a women throw up over him and was later tossed over the side of the boat hanging by the tail of her wet suit.

Ron Mines dived Bateman Bay in HUGH seas.

Michael McFadgen dived at Maroubra inside the head land where there wasn't a lot of surge when the seas were rough recently. But it was extremely dirty water.

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

### **GARAGE SALE.**

The date has been put back to August. A venue is still to be organised. A few venues were suggested at the meeting.

### **DIVE TRIP TO LADY ELLIOT ISLAND.**

Leo and Terese Mayer have provided some information about a trip to Lady Elliot Island next February. Details included latter in newsletter.

MEETING CLOSED 10.00pm

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

### **CLUB STICKERS.**

These are available for \$1.00 each. See Lynn for supplies.

### **INCORPORATION OF SOUTH PACIFIC DIVERS CLUB.**

Currently obtaining more insurance documentation for the Department of Consumer Affairs.

### **RAFFLE.**

The raffle prize of a trip on Max western's Sea Tamer II was won by George Nichols. Thanks to Max for the prize.

Contact number for bookings is **567 - 2658** or **018 - 280 - 791** for the B°AT PHONE.





# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - AUGUST 1993

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Our Annual General Meeting will be held 16th August 1993.

Nominations will be taken at the next meeting 19th July and at the Annual General Meeting for Committee positions.

Basically there are few requirements needed to hold a Committee position. Some positions may need certain experience or availability of equipment, but others do not require any specialised skills.

Being a Committee member is a great way to meet lots of members and others in the diving community.

If you are a little unsure as to what is required for each Committee position, here is a brief description.

**PRESIDENT:** Obviously the "top" person, they act as the chairperson for General Meetings (monthly) and Committee Meetings. Often the President acts as the "spokesperson" when required. You don't need to have any particular experience, as the President doesn't have a defined role, but you may need to organise people and "pitch" in when required.

**TREASURER:** You would need to have some experience in basic cash flow, balancing books etc., but you don't need to be an accountant.

**SECRETARY/PUBLICITY OFFICER:** Traditionally two positions, which can filled by one person if necessary.

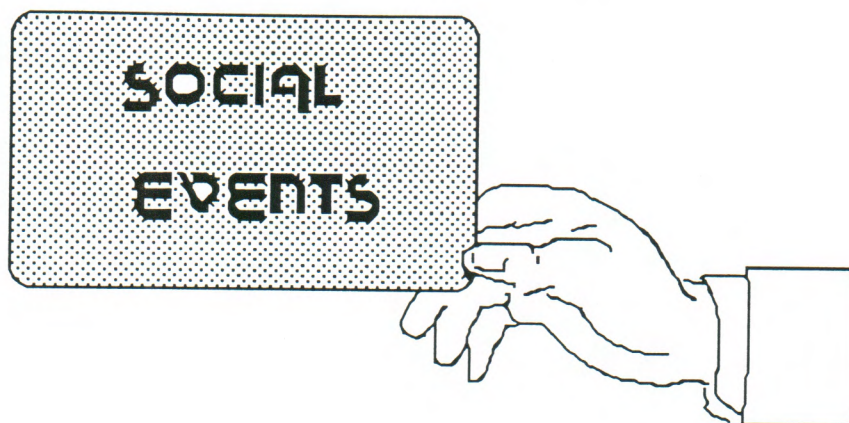
The secretary takes the minutes at General Meetings and Committee Meetings, and also files ingoing/outgoing correspondence. The secretary also updates the members record, and may be required to write some letters. Would be good if you had access to a typewriter but you don't need any particular experience (not even being able to spell!).

The Publicity Officer produces the newsletter the "WET RAG". You would need to have access to a photocopier able to handle largish volumes. A computer would be useful but optional.

**SOCIAL SECRETARIES and DIVE ORGANISERS:** These may be individual positions or shared by a number of people. There is always a need for more than one person in these positions. No experience necessary, a great way to get involved in social activities, you could chose to organise just diving or mixed outings. All that needed is a telephone and enthusiasm

**PHOTOGRAPHIC OFFICER:** A key figure around AV time, this person is involved with organising and co-ordinating all aspects of the AV. You can delegate and are not expected to bear the lot entirely. You need to be organised, and have some knowledge of photography.

So there you go, talk to a current member if you would like some more information.



## DIVES and SOCIAL

Refer to Committee Members Information table for contact numbers.

### **JULY 93**

#### **11th Sunday -**

CLUB DIVE  
Reef dive Dee Why Wide.  
Meet Rosebay Wharf 9.00 am.  
Boat owners and divers contact George.

#### **17th Saturday -**

AUSTRALASIAN UNDERWATER PHOTOGRAPHER  
OF THE YEAR AWARD PRESENTATION NIGHT.  
Revesby Workers Club, Brett Street, Revesby.  
7.30pm, \$22 per ticket.  
Contact **Chris Wright** on **825 1408** (AH) and  
**602 1529** (BH)

#### **End July**

SEALS ROCKS TRIP  
Diving off Ron Hunter's new boat.  
See Joe ASAP for more details

### **AUGUST 93**

#### **15th Sunday -**

CLUB DIVE  
Meet Water Street Ramp. 9.00am  
Contact Peter Booth (529-3818)

#### **Date to be advised -**

BOTTLE DIVE  
Contact George, Ron or Brian for latest update.



## SEPTEMBER 93

4/5th Weekend -

4WD TRIP to YERRANDARI including Limeburner trail and others. This was the location of our first 4WD trip and is suitable for all people. Facilities available such as water and toilets at camp site. Contact George if you would like to participate, even if you don't own a 4WD, there are often lots of spare seats.

## FUTURE EVENTS

**OCTOBER 93 - Dive trip to the reef**

**FEBRUARY 94 - Dive trip to Lady Elliot Island.**

See details later in newsletter.

**Garage sale, please indicate to George or Joe if you have some gear you would like to sell.**

**NOTE: More details on future social events will be provided at the next club meeting.**

### DATES FOR FUTURE CLUB MEETINGS

(unless otherwise advised)

Next Meeting

19/7/93

16/8/93 Annual General Meeting

20/9/93

18/10/93

15/11/93

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.

## FOR SALE

TOYOTA LANDCRUISER TABLE TOP DIESEL  
4WD

NEW ALUMINIUM TRAY WITH DROP SIDES

IMMACULATE CONDITION UNDER 40 000KM

PRICE ON APPLICATION

CONTACT PETER JERMYN 708-2309 (AH)



# MEDIA RELEASE



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARTS AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

1 April 1993

## COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENT MOVES TO SAVE OUR SHIPWRECKS

Important new measures designed to increase protection for Australia's historic shipwrecks were announced today by the Minister for Arts and Administrative Services, Senator Bob McMullan.

All shipwrecks aged 75 or more years old in Australian waters are now protected from disturbance, damage and plunder under the *Historic Shipwrecks Act 1976*. The blanket declaration of these shipwrecks is a major step forward in protecting and managing Australia's underwater heritage.

'Australia has a rich heritage of shipwrecks. They are an irreplaceable source of information about our past and are a major tourist and recreational attraction for the growing dive industry', the Minister said.

There are about 5000 shipwrecks around the Australian coast. Divers are encouraged to dive on wrecks, where safe, but must not disturb the site or remove relics. Anyone who discovers a wreck, or is in possession of a relic from a protected wreck, is required by law to report the discovery to the Minister.

'By expanding protection for shipwrecks, the Government is helping to ensure that irreplaceable archaeological information is not destroyed. By expanding protection for shipwrecks today, we will help to ensure that divers can continue to enjoy shipwreck sites a century from now', Senator McMullan said.

'By undertaking to manage our shipwreck heritage in a responsible way, the Government is demonstrating its continuing commitment to preserving our cultural inheritance', the Minister said.

The *Historic Shipwrecks Act 1976* protects shipwrecks in Commonwealth waters, that is, below the low water mark and above the continental shelf. State and Northern Territory legislation protects wrecks in their waters. Serious penalties exist for people caught disturbing wreck sites.

The Department of Arts and Administrative Services is preparing Guidelines which explain the appropriate conditions of access to shipwreck sites for individuals and community groups. A copy of the Public Access Guidelines and other information will be available in a fortnight by contacting 008 819 461.

Further information: Wayne Cassidy  
Department of the Arts and Administrative Services  
06 274 1315

Katharine Murphy or Brian Stewart  
Media Unit  
06 274 1059                      06 274 1497

Brendan Sheehan  
Minister's Office  
06 277 7600

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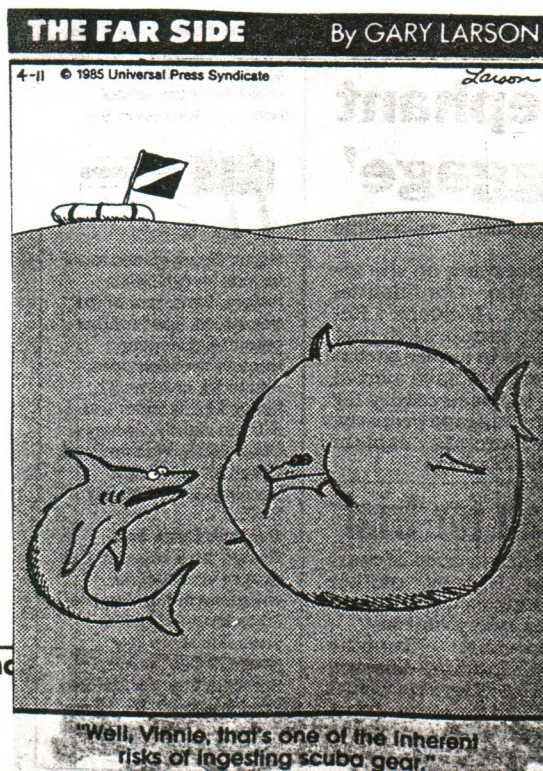
## COMMITTEE MEMBERS

POSITION	CONTACT HOME	NUMBERS WORK
<b>PRESIDENT -</b> RON MINES	602 9851	602 3544
<b>TREASURER -</b> LYNN KELLER	644 5862	
<b>SOCIAL/DIVE ORGANISERS -</b>		
GEORGE NICHOLS	502 1564	286 4000
JOE INGEGNERI	743 3710	
	Mobile (018) 862 328	
<b>PHOTOGRAPHIC OFFICER -</b>		
BRIAN COLWELL	772 4462	524 2236
<b>SECRETARY/PUBLICITY -</b>		
SUE O'GRADY	528 4482	694 5681
	OR	694 5685
	RING FOR FAX No.	

**NOTE ; Joe's home phone number is now correct.**

ALL CORRESPONDENCE SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO:

✉ SOUTH PACIFIC DIVERS CLUB  
P.O. BOX 823  
BANKSTOWN 2200







# Commonwealth of Australia

# Gazette

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**SPECIAL**

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HISTORIC SHIPWRECKS ACT 1976

Declaration under Section 4A

I, WENDY FRANCES FATIN, Minister of State for the Arts and Territories, pursuant to recommendations made by the Governments of all States, the Northern Territory and Norfolk Island, hereby declare, under subsections 4A(1), 4A(2), 4A(6) and 4A(7) of the Historic Shipwrecks Act 1976, the remains of ships or articles associated with ships described below to be historic shipwrecks or historic relics:

- (1) all remains of ships (whether or not the existence and location of the remains are known) that are situated in Australian waters, or waters above the continental shelf of Australia, adjacent to the coast of a State, of the Northern Territory, of Norfolk Island or of any other Territory, and are at least 75 years old;
- (2) every article (whether or not the existence and location of the article are known) that
  - (a) was associated with a ship;
  - (b) is situated in Australian waters, or waters above the continental shelf of Australia, adjacent to the coast of a State, of the Northern Territory, of Norfolk Island or of any other Territory; and
  - (c) either -
    - (i) was associated with the remains a ship that are at least 75 years old, or
    - (ii) entered waters referred to in paragraph (b) at least 75 years ago.

This declaration extends to the remains of a ship or an article, that either remains in, or has been wholly or partly removed from, the waters described above.

This declaration applies also to remains or articles that become remains or articles described above after the date of this declaration, including remains or articles that do not yet exist.

Dated this

5<sup>TH</sup>

day of

February

1993

Minister of State  
for the Arts and  
Territories



# The National Historic Shipwrecks Program

The **National Historic Shipwrecks Program** is a cooperative undertaking between the Commonwealth, the states and the Northern Territory. The program aims to encourage public enjoyment and appreciation of our underwater cultural heritage by:

- conserving and protecting historic shipwreck sites and associated material as a cultural resource of the nation; and
- promoting the compilation and dissemination of information on Australian shipwrecks.

Shipwrecks are an invaluable source of archaeological information which can help us to understand Australia's past and are a great recreational attraction for divers. They also have potential for scientific research. **People are welcome to dive on shipwreck sites, where safe, but must not disturb or damage the remains or take anything from them.**

The Commonwealth's *Historic Shipwrecks Act 1976* automatically protects all shipwrecks aged 75 years or more in Australian waters, ie waters on the seaward side of the low water mark and above the continental shelf. More recent wrecks can also be protected by an individual declaration by the Minister. Eight wrecks have been so declared. Protected zones have also been declared around shipwrecks which are both particularly significant and especially vulnerable.

**You are obliged under the Act to:**

- not disturb a shipwreck site or remove any relic without a permit;
- not enter any of the 10 protected zones around historic shipwrecks without a permit;
- notify the Minister of the remains of any shipwreck you discover;
- notify the Minister of any protected shipwreck relic in your possession, custody or control;
- not damage or destroy a historic shipwreck relic, nor dispose of a historic shipwreck relic without a permit; and
- comply with any other power of the Minister or of an inspector under the Act.

**For more information**, see the Public Access Guidelines which are available on application. The Act also provides for recognition of persons who discover and report a shipwreck.

The Commonwealth, the states and the Northern Territory have established a national framework for surveying, assessing, managing and protecting historic shipwrecks. Some states have programs in which public participation in certain activities is welcome. The public can also join maritime archaeological associations in each state. The Commonwealth also works with the Australian Institute for Maritime Archaeology in promoting standards of practice and the dissemination of information on shipwrecks.

The Minister has delegated certain powers, including the granting of permits, to the relevant authority in each state and the Northern Territory.

Contact for further information:      Department of the Arts and Administrative Services  
GPO Box 1920  
CANBERRA ACT 2601  
Telephone 008 819 461

OR

Delegates of the Minister for the Arts and Administrative Services under the *Historic Shipwrecks Act 1976*

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GPO Box 44A  
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# **TRIP TO THE GREAT BARRIER REEF.**

**Organised by JOE INGEGNERI**

**743-3710**

**Mobile (018) 862 328**

**DATES: 9 - 16 OCTOBER 93 (7 Days)**

**VESSEL: "UNDERSEA EXPLORER"**

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**Diving the Cod Hole and the Coral Sea, including Ribbon Reefs, and Osprey Reef.**

**21 Dives scheduled including night dives.**

**The "Undersea Explorer" is an 80ft steel purpose built dive vessel with an easy access dive platform.**

**The accommodation consists of private twin berth airconditioned cabins. There is also a lecture/briefing room, spacious dining room and huge sundeck.**

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**COST: \$1150 (Club Discount) up to 10 divers. The price will be cheaper if more than 10 divers attend.**

**Note: Cost is ex Port Douglas.**

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# DETAILS FOR DIVE TRIP TO LADY ELLIOT ISLAND

**FEBRUARY 1994: FREE DIVING on LADY ELLIOT ISLAND,**  
off Bundaberg, Queensland.

Special price for 6 DAYS / 5 NIGHTS

FROM ONLY \$555.00 PER PERSON.

Includes return scenic flight from Bundaberg, accommodation and all meals. Free shore diving.

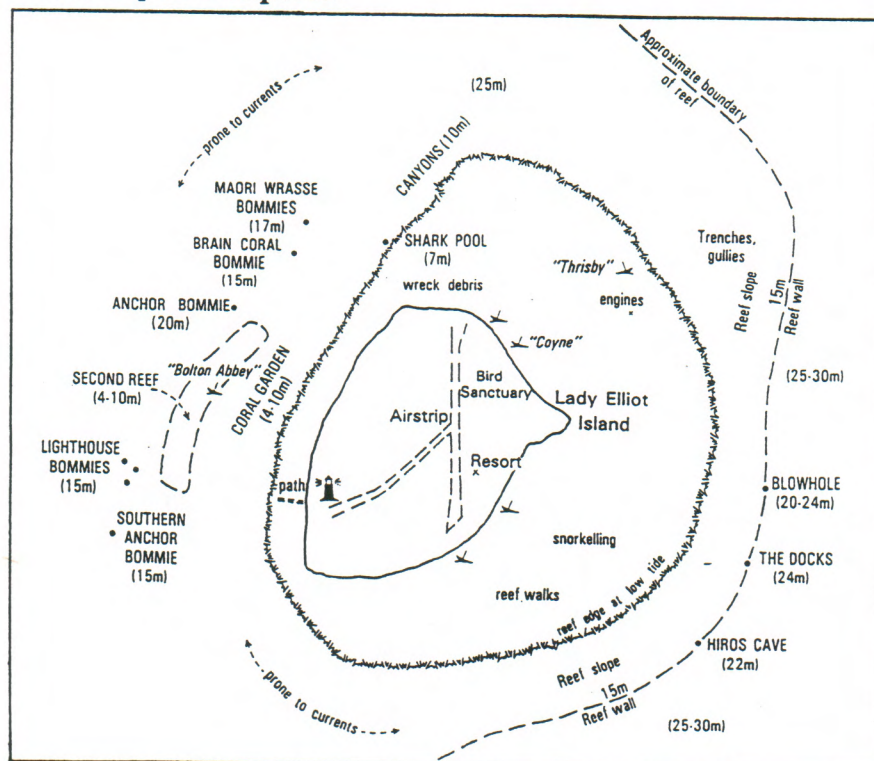
Lady Elliot Island is probably one of the most 'untouched' coral reefs in Queensland and has spectacular dive sites. Divers from all over the world gather on Lady Elliot Island lured by its reputation of being truly one of the world's best dive sites. Diving with Manta Rays and turtles, the variety of coral gardens, underwater topography and seemingly endless fish life are second to none.

Combine this with Humpback Whale migration and turtle egg laying and, of course, brilliant visibility and you have an unforgettable holiday experience. Shore dives are straight onto the Great Barrier Reef where you can discover sites like the Canyons, the Anchor Bommie, Pirates Cave, Gropers Grovel, Heroes Cave, The Lighthouse Bommie, Mystery Reef and Sunset Drift.

Club Member, Leo Mayer (telephone (02) 708 5742 (A/H), is co-ordinating numbers for a group booking to Lady Elliot Island for February 1994. (Firm dates yet to be worked out).

If you are interested, please contact Leo. Brochures and further information are available at the monthly meetings or Leo can mail these to you if required.

## LADY ELLIOT ISLAND DIVE SITES





# SOUTH PACIFIC DIVERS CLUB

## MEMBERS LIST JULY 93

MEMBER'S NAME	SUBURB	PHONE Home	PHONE Work	
BEDDIE John	Minto	603-7584	(046) 201-746	Boat owner
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BOOTH Peter	Sans Souci	529-3818		Boat owner
BREADNER Paul and Michelle	Mortdale	580-3691		
BROWN Arthur	Carlton	588-2808		
BROWN Gerald	Callala Bay			
BUTCHER Ben	Earlwood		599-3388	
CAMBOURNE Sue	Jannali	528-6468	526-9770	
COLWELL Brian and Vicky	Padstow	772-4462	524-2236	
EDWARDS Keith	Coogee	665-1921		
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FINLAY Debbie	Erskineville	550-1712	233-1402	
FLOCKART Peter	Rosebay	371-0265	210-2382	
FOSTER Mike	Campsie	789-1459	534-5844	
FOWDEN John	Coogee	665-9727	690-4777	
GALLOWAY Andy	Caringbah	527-4075		
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GIBBS Nichol	Lane Cove	418-7794		
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KELLER Lynn	Birrong	644-5862		
KRAUL Bernd and Eve lyn	Kemps Creek	606-9731		
LATIMER Rick and Ann	Bass Hill	647-4405		Boat owner
LEIMROTH Scott	Roselands	759-6501		
LIMBURNE Pam	Elizabeth Bay	358-2191		
LYNCH Charles	Rozelle	818-3515	218-4842	
MACKAY Ross	Hurstville	580-2042		
MAYER Leo and Terese	Yagoona	708-5742		Boat owner
McFADGEN Michael	Tempe	558-8181	585-6454	
MINES Ron and Jenny	Casula	602-9851	602-3544	Boat owner
MODENA Ida	Marrickville	560-6082	745-2277	
NADIN Kerry	Bundeena	523-2144	871-9349	
NICHOLS George	Beverly Hills	502-1564	286-4000	
NICKLING Bob	Regents Park	645-2315	640-3442	Boat owner
NORRIS Peter	North Rocks	871-8898		
O'BRIEN Tim	Granville	632-4316		



MEMBER'S NAME	SUBURB	PHONE Home	PHONE Work	
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SLOTBOOM Dirk	Balmain	555-7471	558-1579	
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SMITH Karen	Sans Soui	529-3818		
STOKER Russell	Earlwood	(018) 963-527	217-1375	
SWEETMAN Barbara	Erskineville	550-1712	698-8819	
VINCENT Neil and Lyn	Noraville	(043) 971-798		
WARE Nichol	Jannali	528-6468	579-0754	
WELSH Mark and Cassie	Alstonville	(066) 28-5111		
WESTERN Max	Bexely	567-2658	(018) 280-791	Boat owner Sea Tamer II
WHITE Robert	Arncliffe	597-5523	668-1479	
WRIGHT Chris	Wattle Grove	825-1408	602-1529	