

***SOUTH PACIFIC  
DIVERS CLUB***



***W E T      R A G***

***DECEMBER    1993***



CLUB  
THANK YOU's  
ARE IN ORDER

THE COMMITTEE AND CLUB MEMBERS WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL THE BOAT OWNERS WHO HAVE PARTICIPATED IN THE CLUB BOAT DIVES THIS YEAR. THESE INCLUDE: JOHN BEDDIE, PETER BOOTH, RICK LATIMER, LEO MAYER, MARTIN KANDILAS & RON MINES.

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A SPECIAL THANK YOU MUST GO TO JOHN BEDDIE AND PETER BOOTH FOR PROVIDING THEIR BOATS DURING THE WRECK DIVING COURSES. THEY GAVE UP SEVERAL SATURDAYS AND SUNDAYS TO HELP SUPPORT THEIR FELLOW CLUB MEMBERS. THEIR ASSISTANCE WAS MOST APPRECIATED.

OUR APPRECIATION AND THANKS ALSO GOES TO STEVE CROSS FOR CONDUCTING THE WRECK COURSES FOR THE CLUB AND HAVING TO TAKE A LOT OF 'FLAK' FROM OUTSIDE SOURCES FOR HIS EFFORTS.

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THANK YOU TO KARIN SMITH FOR PROVIDING A VENUE FOR THE CLUB BAR-B-Q IN NOVEMBER.

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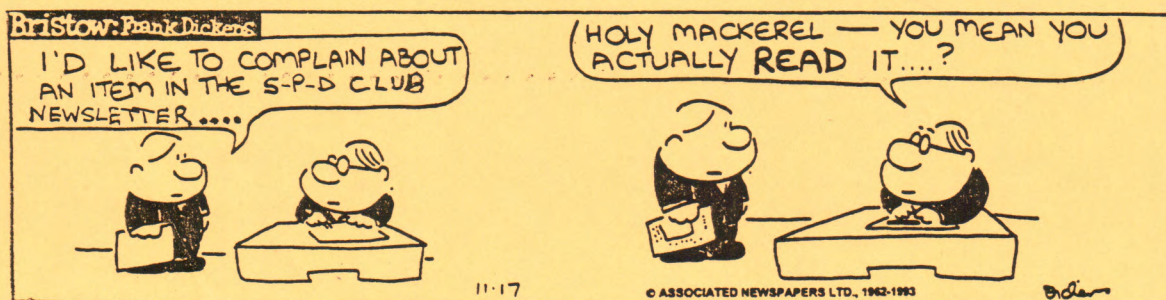
THERE WAS A GOOD TURN OUT AT THE CLUB'S CHRISTMAS BAR-B-Q DESPITE THE RAIN.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU GOES TO ILONA KANDILAS FOR ALL THE WORK SHE DID DURING THE FUNCTION.

THANK YOU ALSO TO LEO MAYER FOR BRINGING ALONG THE CLUB'S B-B-Q, ALL THE ESKY's, ICE, BEER, SOFT DRINKS, FOOD, MUNCHIES, ETC. ETC. TO THE FUNCTION.

THANK YOU ALSO TO ROSS MACKAY FOR COOKING THE SNAGS.

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# DECEMBER 1993

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 *** NBD	2	3	4 CLUB XMAS PARTY GUNNAMATTA PARK CRONULLA from 4.00 pm
5	6	7	8 *** NBD	9	10	11 SHORE DIVE SHARK POINT CLOVELLY at 9.00 am
12	13	14	15 *** NBD	16	17	18 MEXICAN RESTAURANT BANKSTOWN 7.30 pm
19	20 CLUB MEETING (Bankstown Sports Club)	21	22 *** NBD	23	24	25 MERRY CHRISTMAS  Christmas Day
26 CLUB BOAT DIVE (Barons Hut Meet Dolans Bay 8.30 am) Boxing Day (Except S.A.)	27 CLUB BOAT DIVE (Meet at Dolans Bay) Public Holiday (To be proclaimed.)	28 Public Holiday (Except Qld. & S.A.) (To be proclaimed.) Proclamation Day (S.A.)	29	30	31 HAPPY NEW YEAR	

## SOCIAL / DIVING NOTES:

Club Christmas Party B-B-Q: 4 December. At Gunnamatta Park, Cronulla approx. 4.00 p.m.

Saturday Shore Dives: 11 December - Shark Point, Clovelly 9.00 a.m.

Contact Joe (018-862 328, 743 3710) or Leo Mayer (708 5742) for details.

Club Dinner: 18 December - Mexican Restaurant, Bankstown at 7.30 p.m. Contact Joe if interested.

Club Meeting: 20 December at Bankstown Sports & Recreation Club.

Club Boat Dive 26/12/93. Barons Hut. Meet at Dolans Bay 8.30 a.m. Contact Joe (018-862 328, 743 3710) or Leo Mayer (708 5742) for details. ANOTHER CLUB BOAT DIVE IS SCHEDULED 27/12/93.

\*\*\* NBD = Night Boat Dives - Contact B.J. for Wed. (709 5535) or Peter Booth for Sat. (529 3818).

25 December: MERRY CHRISTMAS !

31 December: HAPPY NEW YEAR !

# JANUARY 1993

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
30	31					1 SHORE DIVE
2	3	4	5 *** NBD	6	7	8 SHORE DIVE
9	10	11	12 *** NBD	13	14	15 SHORE DIVE HALIFAX PARK NELSON BAY
16	17 CLUB MEETING (BANKSTOWN SPORTS CLUB)	18	19 *** NBD	20	21	22 SHORE DIVE
23 CLUB BOAT DIVE	24	25	26 *** NBD	27	28	29

## SOCIAL / DIVING NOTES:

Saturday Shore Dives: Contact Joe (018-862 328, 743 3710) or Leo Mayer (708 5742) for details.

Shore Dive: 15 January - Halifax Park, Nelson Bay. Contact Joe (018-862 328, 743 3710) for details.

Club Meeting: 17 January (8.00 p.m.) at Bankstown Sports & Recreation Club, Greenfield Parade.

Club Boat Dive: 23 January, 1994. Contact Joe (018-862 328, 743 3710) or Leo Mayer (708 5742) for details.

Please Note: At each Club Meeting numbers are taken for a Night Dive on Max Western's Sea Tamer II.

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# DIVING ACTIVITIES

## CLUB BOAT DIVES

### SUNDAY AFTER EACH CLUB MEETING

Dive locations advised at Club Meetings.

CONTACT: JOE INEGNERI (018-862 328 or 743 3710) or LEO MAYER (708 5742 a/h).

- DATES: \* 26 DECEMBER (BARONS HUT) (meeting at Dolans Bay - 8.00 a.m.)  
\* 27 DECEMBER (meeting at Dolans Bay - 8.00 a.m.)  
\* 23 JANUARY, 1994 (details arranged at Club Meeting)

## SATURDAY SHORE DIVES:

CONTACT: JOE INEGNERI (018-862328 b/h, 743 3710 a/h) or LEO MAYER (708 5742 a/h)  
by Thursday / Friday before.

## DAY TRIPS

- \* 15 JANUARY, 1994: HALIFAX PARK, NELSON BAY SHORE DIVE.  
\* 13 FEBRUARY, 1994: BASS POINT, SHELLHARBOUR: 2 SHORE DIVES + B-B-Q.

CONTACT: JOE INEGNERI (018-862328 or 743 3710)  
or LEO MAYER (708 5742 a/h)

## NIGHT DIVES: (tides & weather depending)

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT BOAT DIVE

CONTACT B.J. on 709 5535  
by Monday / Tuesday before.

### SATURDAY NIGHT BOAT DIVE

CONTACT PETER BOOTH on 529 3818  
by Thursday / Friday before

### REGULAR NIGHT DIVE ON MAX WESTERN'S SEA TAMER II DETAILS FINALISED AT EACH MONTH'S CLUB MEETING

CONTACT: JOE INEGNERI FOR DETAILS (018) 862 328, 743 3710)

## DIVING WEEKENDS AWAY

1. EDEN WEEKEND: 5 & 6 FEBRUARY, 1994
2. JERVIS BAY WEEKEND: 26 & 27 MARCH, 1994
3. SEALS ROCKS WEEKEND: 9 & 10 APRIL, 1994
4. ULLADULLA WEEKEND: 4 & 5 JUNE, 1994

CONTACT: JOE INEGNERI (018-862 328 b/h, 743 3710 a/h)

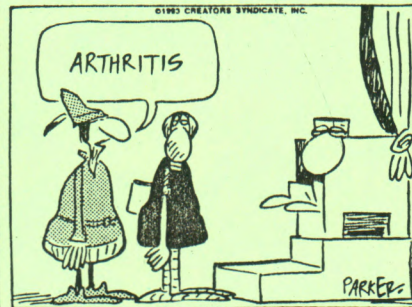
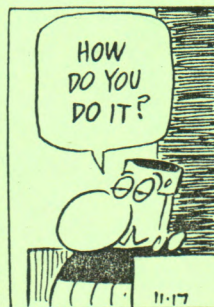
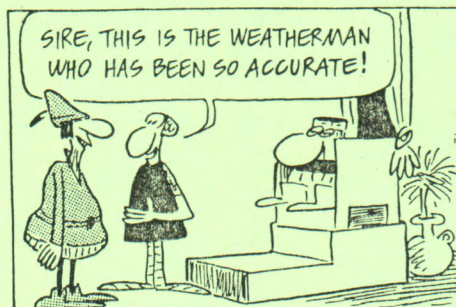
## GREAT BARRIER REEF TRIP

LADY ELLIOT ISLAND \$555.00 -- FREE DIVING IN FEBRUARY  
GROUP BOOKING FOR 21 - 26 FEBRUARY, 1994

CONTACT: LEO MAYER (708 5742) A.S.A.P.

## THE WIZARD OF ID

by Parker and Hart





# SOCIAL EVENTS

## CLUB BAR - B - Q 's:

FIRST SATURDAY OF EVERY THIRD MONTH

Dates: \* 5 MARCH \* 4 JUNE

CHECK WITH:

- JOE (018-862 328 b/h, 743 3710 a/h) OR
- LEO MAYER (708 5742 a/h)

WHERE EACH B-B-Q IS BEING HELD AT.

## DINNERS

### 1. FRIDAY 18 DECEMBER, at 7.30 p.m.

AT NEW TEQUILA MEXICAN RESTAURANT,  
260A SOUTH TERRACE, BANKSTOWN

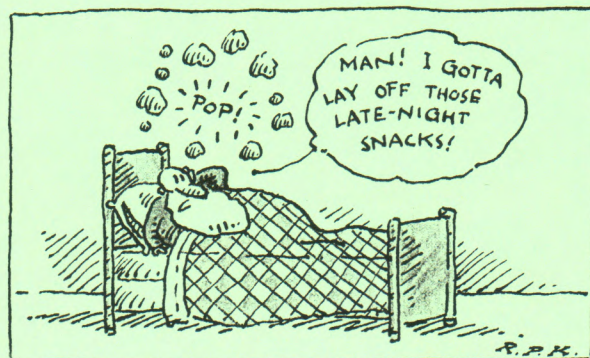
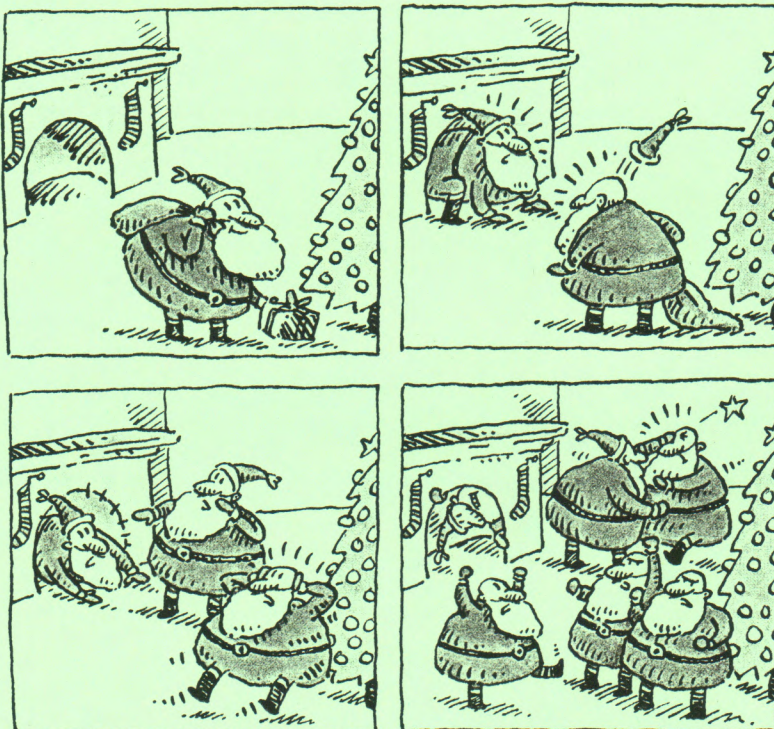
CONTACT: JOE INGEGNERI (018 - 862 328 or 743 3710)

### 2. FRIDAY 25 FEBRUARY at 7.00 p.m.

DINNER & WINE TASTING AT BANKSTOWN RSL CLUB  
\$30.00 PER PERSON (price includes 5 course meal + wines).

CONTACT: TERESE MAYER (227 1677 b/h, 708 5742 a/h)

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If you have any suggestions to add to the Diving / Social Events,  
please contact Joe Ingegneri on (018) 862 328 or 743 3710.  
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## BOAT OWNERS HOT LINE



*If you're interested in a dive, why not call any of the Club's boat owners. Club members with boats usually go out most weekends (weather/tides depending), so why not give them a call. This way, you won't miss out on your next dive. (Contributions towards fuel are appreciated).*

### Telephone No's:

SUE ARMSTRONG	(042) 942 769 (H), 697 2248 (W).
JOHN BEDDIE	603 7584 (H), (046) 201 746 (W)
B.J.	709 5535 (H).
PETER BOOTH	529 3818 (H).
PETER JERMYN	708 2309 (H).
MARTIN KANDILAS	725 7808 (H & W).
RICK LATIMER	645 4405 (H), (018) 647 329, (042) 615 631 (W).
BOB MAY	(045) 791 053 (H), (045) 781 177 (W).
LEO MAYER	708 5742 (H).
RON MINES	602 9851 (H), 602 3544 (W).
BOB NICKLING	645 2315 (H), 648 3442 (W).
ROBERT RUBESA	740 6571 (H), 695 2063 (W).
MAX WESTERN, SEA TAMER II	567 2658 (H), 018-280 791 (W).

## DIAL A DIVE BUDDY

HAVE YOU FELT LIKE GOING FOR A DIVE  
BUT HAVEN'T HAD A DIVE BUDDY HANDY ?

WHY NOT LEAVE YOUR NAME AND DETAILS WITH JOE,  
CLUB DIVE CO-ORDINATOR, AND HE CAN PUT YOU IN  
TOUCH WITH OTHER CLUB MEMBERS WHO ARE LOOKING  
FOR A DIVE BUDDY.

CALL JOE ON 018-862 328 (b/h & a/h) or 743 3710 (hm).





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**GEORGE ROBERTS PERPETUAL TROPHY**  
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**South Pacific Divers Club**  
**Members Underwater Photographic Competition**

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OPEN CATEGORY

**FIRST PLACE** will receive 5 nights accommodation and 6 boat dives at the Solitary Islands donated by **DIVE QUEST**.

**BEST SLIDE** will receive a certificate.

**BEST MACRO SLIDE** will receive a certificate.

**BEST WIDE ANGLE SLIDE** will receive a certificate.

**BEST PORTRAIT** will receive a certificate.

NOVICE CATEGORY

**FIRST PLACE** will receive 5 nights accommodation and 6 boat dives at South West Rocks donated by **SOUTH WEST ROCKS DIVE CENTRE**.

**BEST SLIDE** will receive a certificate.

**BEST MACRO SLIDE** will receive a certificate.

**BEST WIDE ANGLE SLIDE** will receive a certificate.

**BEST PORTRAIT** will receive a certificate.

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RULES OF ENTRY

1. The competition is open to all members of the South Pacific Divers Club.
2. Each entry must contain five 35mm. colour slides.
3. Each slide must have been taken underwater by the entrant.
4. Fish tank, aquarium shots or shots taken that resulted in the injury or death of marine animals are not acceptable.
5. Any special effects are limited to "in camera" and unusual shots should be accompanied by a description of technique to avoid disqualification.
6. A novice is an entrant who has not won a place (1st, 2nd or 3rd) in any major underwater photographic competition or earned income from the sale of underwater photographs.
7. All slides are to be in glassless mounts with the entrant's name, slide name and a contrasting dot in the lower left corner when held to be viewed.
8. The judges decision will be final and no correspondence will be entered into.
9. The Club has the right to use entered slides for the promotion of the competition, the Club or diving, at its discretion.
10. Entries must be submitted from film provided and processed by the Club. The slide film may be picked up from the Photographic Officer at the January Club meeting and **MUST BE RETURNED BY THE MARCH CLUB MEETING TO THE PHOTOGRAPHIC OFFICER**. They will then be processed and returned to the entrants for selection of their portfolio. The portfolio must then be submitted by the April meeting. The slides will be judged and the presentations will be made at the May meeting.

NOTES FOR GUIDANCE

Entrants should select their slides to demonstrate the range of their technical ability as well as their creativity. That is, from macro through to wide angle. Slides will be judged individually for technical ability, composition and creativity, then they will be viewed as a portfolio and assessed for range and depth of ability.

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**ENTRY FORM — GEORGE ROBERTS PERPETUAL TROPHY**

Name: .....

Address: .....

Contact Phone Numbers: .....

CIRCLE CATEGORY YOU ARE ENTERING:      NOVICE SECTION      OPEN SECTION

Titles:	1.	.....	2.	.....
	3.	.....	4.	.....
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I hereby state that I will be bound by the rules of the competition and acknowledge that failure to comply or give false information can result in disqualification.

Dated: ..... / ..... / .....

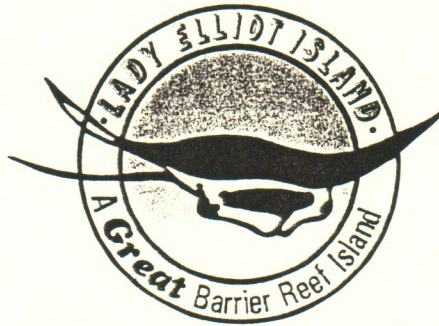
Signature: .....



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## GREAT BARRIER REEF HOLIDAY

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### LADY ELLIOT ISLAND (off Bundaberg, Queensland)

FEBRUARY 1994: FREE SHORE DIVING on LADY ELLIOT ISLAND

\*\* FROM ONLY \$555 PER PERSON \*\* SPECIAL PRICE FOR 6 DAYS / 5 NITES

GROUP BOOKING TO LADY ELLIOT ISLAND FOR 21 – 26 FEBRUARY, 1994.

AIRLINE COSTS SYDNEY / BRISBANE / BUNDABERG ARE \$347 (approx) P/P RETURN.

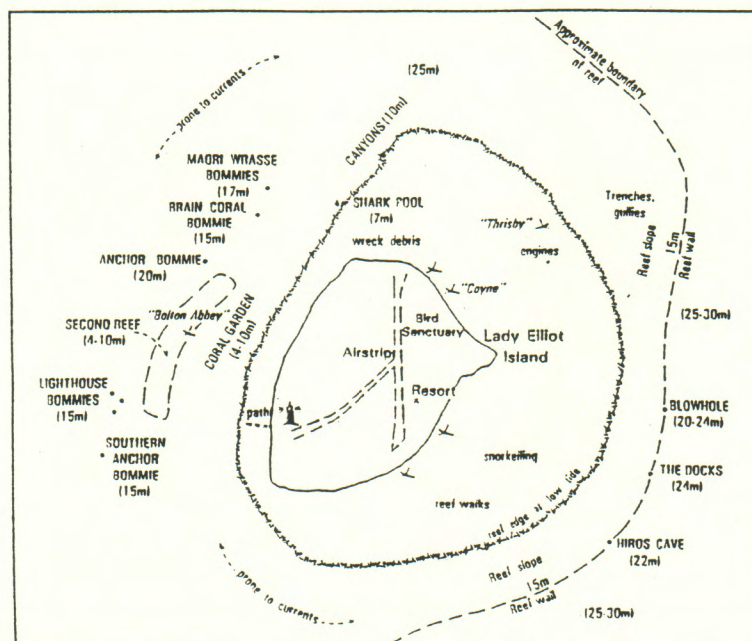
\$555 includes return scenic flight from Bundaberg, tent/cabin accommodation and all meals and 2 free shores a day.

Lady Elliot Island is probably one of the most 'untouched' coral reefs in Queensland and has spectacular dive sites. Dive with Manta Rays and turtles, see the island's rich variety of coral gardens, underwater topography and seemingly endless fish life. 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. The dates picked has co-incided with high tides for Night Diving.

Club Member, **LEO MAYER** (telephone (02) 708 5742 a/h), is co-ordinating numbers.

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





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## ***SOUTH PACIFIC DIVERS CLASSIFIEDS***

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### **CLUB SHIRTS (WITH COLLAR) AND EMBROIDED WITH CLUB LOGO**

WE NOW HAVE COLLARED SHIRTS WITH  
S-P-D's CLUB LOGO IN A VARIETY OF  
COLOURS: BLACK, BLUE & PINK.  
AVAILABLE AT ANY OF THE CLUB's MEETINGS  
OR BAR-B-Q's. PRICE IS \$35.00.

CLUB CAPS AND SEW-ON DECALS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE.

### **CLUB STICKERS**

LOOKING FOR ANOTHER CLUB STICKER FOR YOUR CAR OR  
BOAT? STICKERS ARE ONLY \$1.00 EACH AND CAN BE  
BOUGHT AT ANY OF THE CLUB's MEETINGS OR BAR-B-Q's.



### **ROBERT BALLARD's BOOK "GHOST SHIPS OF GUADECANAL" AT 25% DISCOUNT.**

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BUY THIS BOOK  
CONTACT MARTIN KANDILAS (ph: 725 7808).

### **PENNIE & DOUG SMITH's ADDRESS IN FIJI**

IF YOU FEEL LIKE WRITING A LINE TO  
PENNIE & DOUG, THEIR ADDRESS IS:

PENNIE & DOUG SMITH  
C/- CHIEF ENGINEER  
SHANGRI-LA's FIJIAN RESORT  
YANUCA ISLAND, PMB NAP 0353  
NADI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT  
FIJI

### **DIVE GEAR FOR SALE**

(CONTACT PETER JERMYN phone no.: 708 2309)

#### **WETSUITS**

- Moray Challenger Size 4 Wetsuit (second hand)  
5 mm. Long John & jacket with attached hood:  
\$POA.
- As New: Moray Pro Size 5 Wetsuit. 5 mm.  
Black. \$550 neg.
- Moray 175 Semi Dry. Size: Large. \$550 neg.

#### **TANKS**

- Sea Hornet 95 cf. alloy scuba tanks X 6.  
\$280 neg. with boot & mesh included.  
All less than 1 year old.

#### **VIDEO EQUIPMENT**

- Sony V700 HI-8 Video Camera.  
18 months old.
- With a Sony 75 mtr. housing to suit.
- Plus accessories.
- \$POA.

#### **UNDERWATER CAMERA EQUIPMENT**

- Sea Tite Housing with a Nikon F3. \$POA.
- Sea Tite Strobe plus Slave. Dual power.  
Price Negotiable. May sell as individual items.
- Nikonos II with compatible strobe fittings  
(could be used as spare).

#### **LENSES**

- 55 mm. Macro Vivitar Lens.
- 24 mm. Sigma Lens.
- 35 mm. Nikonos.
- 28 mm. Nikonos with Viewfinder.

#### **ACCESSORIES**

- Extension ring & dome port to suit lenses.
- Compatible fittings to Sea Tite housing.
- Sekonic Light Meter.
- Extension arms & accessories.
- Nikonos spares.
- Cast base plate.
- 3 to 1 macro tube.



# DO YOU HAVE ANY OLD MINUTES OR RECORDS OF THE CLUB?

FROM JANUARY A FEATURE OF THE NEWSLETTERS WILL BE AN "EDITED" HISTORY OF SOUTH PACIFIC DIVERS CLUB BUT THE CLUB MINUTES AVAILABLE ONLY GO BACK TO THE EARLY 1970's!

PLEASE TELEPHONE TERESE MAYER (CLUB SECRETARY)  
ON (02) 227 1677 (Wk) OR (02) 708 5742 (Hm)

PHOTOCOPIES CAN BE MADE OF ANY RECORDS IF YOU WISH TO HOLD ON TO THEM. BUT PLEASE, DON'T LET THE HISTORY OF THE CLUB BE LOST OR ACCIDENTLY THROWN AWAY.

## AROUND THE CLUBS

### TIKI AQUALUNG CLUB

Sorry I missed the deadline last month but we are behind schedule with everything. We've been flat out refitting the Tiki, a 50-ft. lugger, which we bought as a derelict. We went to Harry West, the sailmaker, to buy a new set of sails and they recognised the Tiki as the same lugger they made a suit of sails for previously. The owner then being Errol Flynn.

They told us that many years ago Errol and a Dr. Stevens sailed her around the South Sea Islands.

A big syndicate recently bought a 25,000-ton freighter, the Runic, that was wrecked, high and dry, on a coral reef known as Middleton Reef, 100 miles north of Lord Howe Island. They called down to see the Tiki as they wanted to buy a similar vessel to take about a dozen chaps to salvage the Runic. We won't sell the Tiki so they said they would like some of the Tiki club divers to go over as there were signs of other wrecks that might contain treasure or such. Some of our club sail next week for anything from 3 to 12 months on good money.

I see the girl deep divers stirred up a bit of interest. Actually Jean Kennedy was keen to take out the Aust. Ladies' deep diving record as the South Aust. Sea Urchins mentioned in the July-August issue that Gae Frearson equalled Heather Harding's State record at only 150 ft. According to the Victorian Aqualung Club (Sept. issue), Jill Ratcliffe, of East Brighton, a member of their club, is probably the holder at 210 ft. Now Carlo Fillipetti and Leo Griffiths, of the Port Kembla Club, put Jean through some secret trials last month and told me that Jean has no trouble at 200 ft., going straight down without a pause.

Knowing this, we had a bit up our sleeve over the 150-ft. divers and knew she had a good chance at a new record. However, now that the record, we'll say, is held by Jill Ratcliffe at 210 ft., our club would not be a party to encourage Jean. But she assures me she would welcome a challenge from any lady diver. As far as our club is concerned we will leave it at that. We haven't the divers to take her down deeper anyhow.

See you next month.

— CAPT. COL.  
FW 2698.



• JEAN KENNEDY (Tiki)

### MEMO: Skindivers Everywhere UNDERWATER COLOUR SLIDE CONTEST

Send your 35mm. underwater slide or slides to the Tiki Aqualung Club, 23 Busby Pde., Waverley, N.S.W., and win a trophy cup. Prize will be given to the best of each dozen slides received. All slides returned.

### SOUTH PACIFIC DIVERS' CLUB

We would like to announce the beginning of a new club in the St. George area devoted mainly to the interests of SCUBA divers.

This club has the activities of the amateur diver at heart, so if you're interested READ ON.

The club's second meeting was held on 17th September when an election of officers was held.

President: DENNIS ROBINSON

Secretary: ROBERT SCOTT

Treasurer: ALLEN MOULE

The delegates to the Council of Underwater Activities are ROBERT SCOTT and JOHN ALLEN.

The First Aid Officer is MISS SYLVIA SANDLER.

Club meetings are to be held each third Monday in the month at KINGSGROVE R.S.L.

All enquiries should be made to Robert Scott — LW 6033.

The club now has 20 financial members and all active members are expected to participate in two outings per month.

The last club outing was held at Clontarf, as one of the members lost his lung there during the week in 96ft. of water. (Who's the mug who lost his lung?) We were promised 10ft. visibility if the sun was shining and zero if not, so after much disorganised chaos (like bailing out a 30ft. x 8ft. barge), we finally decided to get into the water.

Six divers partook in this venture and it was really something to see them gliding down the barnacle encrusted mooring chain to the muddy bottom below. A circular sweep was carried out on the bottom using a 120ft. rope with divers equally spaced along it. After this sweep, all divers returned to the chain without having found the lung, whereupon Bob did a free ascent to the surface.

Another circular sweep was carried out 100 yards upstream, this time in 60ft. of water. This met with success — right at the end of the rope Dennis found his lung. (Boy, was he happy?) After tying the lung to the sweep rope, we all returned to the surface with Bob Scott and Bob Wilson doing a free ascent to the surface.

Poor old Dennis (ever seen a dog with 10 tails?). He was sucking and blowing on that lung for half an hour — checking it, he said, to see if it's O.K. — before we took it away from him.

So, after searching and locating another mooring, we decided to head for home in our luxurious 13ft. cruiser.

In future, at our club outings, we hope to make a full-length movie film on all aspects of diving. This will be an instructional film covering such things as the "Bends", "Air Embolism", "Safety in the Water", etc. — so all you actors, TURN UP.

Must comment on Don who accidentally fell into the water without his suit on (accidentally?). Such a shame.

Well, that's about it, so until next month. . . .

— "MAKO I".



DATES FOR FUTURE CLUB MEETINGS	
20 / 12 / 93	(Informal)
17 / 1 / 94	
21 / 2 / 94	
21 / 3 / 94	
<p>Club meetings are held every third Monday of each month at the Bankstown Sports Club, Greenfield Parade, Bankstown at 8.00 p.m.</p> <p>Come early and enjoy a meal at the bistro.</p> <p>The meetings are <u>usually</u> in the Emile McDonald Function Room. <b>(Please check at Reception if function room has changed).</b></p>	

**(Please check at Reception if function room has changed).**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS			
POSITION		HOME PHONE NO.	WORK PHONE NO.
<b>PRESIDENT:</b>	LEO BERGAGNIN	517 2853	557 5477 (018) 419 457
<b>TREASURER:</b>	LEO MAYER	708 5742	---
<b>SECRETARY:</b>	TERESE MAYER	708 5742	227 1677
<b>DIVE ORGANISER / SOCIAL ORGANISER:</b>	JOE INGEGNERI	(018) 862 328 or 743 3710	(018) 862 328
<b>PHOTOGRAPHIC OFFICER:</b>	PAUL WILDISH	567 1334	668 9211
<b>PUBLICITY OFFICER:</b>	MICHAEL McFADYEN	558 8181	585 6454

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## QUOTES FROM CLUB MINUTES

### REGARDING INCORPORATION

A question was raised at the last Club Meeting and the following are direct quotes from Club Minutes on the subject of incorporation.

#### CLUB MINUTES

21 September, 1992

"Ron outlined the intent to incorporate the club.

He quoted an example where in an unrelated sport, members of the committee were liable for injuries suffered at a club function. Incorporation will protect the committee and every club member from liability charges. We have a major risk factor as club members offer the use of their own boats for club dives. At present the owners have no protection other than the disclaimer signed upon joining (membership application).

Club members were asked if anyone objected, **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

BJ mentioned that this subject had been raised previously, and apparently at that time, the solution was to upgrade the membership disclaimer. It is now felt that this may not be sufficient.

Proceedings and enquiries are under way, we will keep everyone informed."

19 October, 1992

"A copy of the model rules for incorporation have been obtained. These will need to be amended to suit the club.

Public liability insurance is being arranged.

BJ suggested that we contact Audrey Mansfield, as she had previously prepared a constitution for the club.

Ron also read out the membership disclaimer included on the membership application form. The main consensus is that this doesn't hold much weight, and we need to incorporate the club.

A committee member from UTS dive club has contacted us, offering help as they have incorporated their club. Much appreciated."

16 November, 1992

"A copy of the model rules for incorporation have been obtained. These are being amended to suit the club.

Public liability insurance is being arranged."

18 January, 1993

"Model rules for the club will be available soon."

15 February, 1993

"Model rules for the club are finished. Copies will be available for review and comment at the next club meeting. Public liability insurance commences from April 1993. Incorporation documents are expected to be sent in April."

15 March, 1993

"Incorporation documents finalised and sent to the Department of Consumer Affairs."

19 April, 1993

"Incorporation documents finalised and sent to the Department of Consumer Affairs."

17 May, 1993

"Incorporation: Currently obtaining more insurance documentation for Department of Consumer Affairs."

21 June, 1993

"Incorporation: Currently obtaining more insurance documentation for Department of Consumer Affairs."

19 July, 1993

"Sue O'Grady reported that SPD Club is now officially incorporated after a lot of hard work and late nights by Sue and the Committee thrashing out the document. A copy of the Model Rules for Incorporation of the Club are to be sent out to each member."

#### PLEASE NOTE:

If Club Members have any suggestions to amend the Club's Rules of Incorporation, please put these in writing to the Committee by 17 January, 1994. Notice will then be given to the members and a vote can be taken on them at the February meeting.



**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD  
ON 15 NOVEMBER, 1993  
AT BANKSTOWN SPORTS CLUB**

Meeting was opened by Leo Bergagnin (Club President) at 8.05 p.m.

**APOLOGIES:** John Beddie, Peter Jermyn, Peter Booth, Garry Hewitt, Ilona Kandilas.

**VISITORS:** Ann Lohse, Adam Smith and Marcus Lincoln Smith (The Ecology Lab).

**MINUTES FROM MEETING 18 OCTOBER, 1993:**

The Minutes were taken as read. All members have read minutes in last newsletter. Minutes were accepted and seconded.

**INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE:**

Ryde Underwater Club "Surface Interval", Uni. of NSW "Devious Undercurrents", UTS "No Douts", Underwater Research Group "Bulletin", Brisbane Waters Aqualung Club "Demand Valve Vibes", Sydney University U/W Club, Australian Underwater Federation, Pr Dive Huskisson - information package.

**OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE:**

Terese Mayer has sent correspondence and newsletters to new members.

**TREASURER's REPORT:**

Leo Mayer gave the Treasurer's Report. Accepted by Rick Latimer, Seconded by Ron Mines.

**PHOTOGRAPHIC OFFICER's REPORT:**

Paul Wildish mentioned that he and Leo Bergagnin had just returned from the Heron Island dive festival week. A dive report is detailed later in newsletter.

Paul then spoke on the Club's upcoming **George Roberts Photographic Competition**. There will be a new approach this year and its envisaged that entrants will be given rolls of Kodak Ektachrome film. The rolls of slide film will be distributed at the January Club meeting with the rolls to be returned at the March Club meeting and processed by Kodak at North Ryde. The entrants can select which of their marked slides to enter and judging will be held in April. It's envisaged that judging may be held at Kodak's North Ryde facility. Kodak have offered the Club to conduct its George Roberts slide presentation night in their auditorium if required. This will be in May.

**First Prize** in the George Roberts **Open Section** will be 5 nights accommodation at Coffs Harbour with 6 boat dives at Solitary Islands sponsored by Dive Quest.

**First Prize** in the **Novice Section** will be 5 nights accommodation and 6 dives at South West Rocks sponsored by South West Rocks Dive Centre.

Leo Bergagnin then brought up the announcement regarding Scuba Diver/Sportdiving magazines. Leo B. said that the Committee, after weighing up the advantages/disadvantages of which diving magazine to have promote the Club and to also publish the Australasian U/W Photography Competition's winning photos, the Committee decided to take up Barry's Andrewartha's offer. That is, monthly articles in Dive Log and 2 page feature articles and promotion in Sportdiving magazine and \$1,000 on publication of the winning photos.

Leo B. said the final terms will be worked out with Barry shortly.

*[Please see further details under 'General Business']*.



**DIVE REPORTS BY MEMBERS:**

Scott Leimroth reported on his recent Honiora dive in 63 metres of water. Scott also dived the Kello a couple of weeks ago, it was filthy, no viz but he did see an inflatable sheep tied to the boiler.

Adam Smith has recently dived Seals Rocks, saw lots of fish life like tuna, 6 whales, a bronze whaler about 8-10 foot in size and a seal. There was about 10 metres viz but the water was 'green' an also with red algae.

Adam had just dived Cronulla, Mallabar areas that day. The water was warm and clear blue offshore. While on the dive he saw a flying fish and there was about 10 mtr. viz.

Michael McFadyen had a good dive on the Undola with 50-60 ft. viz. He had also dived Barons Hut on the Saturday, Cape Banks and Inscription Point.

Martin Kandilas then reported on the Club dive at Jervis Bay. About 6/7 club members had a good time even though the weather was a bit unsettled. On the Saturday Martin, Ross Hipwell, Leo and Terese Mayer dived Point Perpendicular with about 60 ft. viz. (*really about 40 ft.*) and the water was 'warm' (14 deg. !). On the dive they saw a blue devil fish near the anchor and heaps of nudibranchs. A Saturday afternoon BBQ extended into a evening BBQ that was quite social and Rick's chili spare ribs were appreciated.

On the Sunday Martin, Leo and Terese drove the boat to Murrays Beach but because there was a howling southerly they decided not to do a dive. (Leo and Terese were suffering from the after effects of the previous night).

Rick Latimer then reported on his dive on the Sunday with Ross Hipwell. They launched from Huskisson and dived east of Bowen Island. They did 2 very good dives, had about 40 ft. viz and it was clear on the bottom, but it was blowing a strong south-westerly wind. For the second dive Rick just drifted the boat a bit further south of the first dive. The second dive's viz was only about 20 ft. but still a good dive. The pies from the Husky cake shop were enjoyed after the dive. Rick reckons Martin didn't dive on the Sunday because he'd already washed and polished his boat on the Saturday afternoon !

Martin then said how 'accurate' the weather forecast can be. When he arrived Friday afternoon there was a howling 35 knot NE. On the Saturday he called up Sydney weather on the VHF and the forecast a 30-35 knot NE in the morning. This didn't eventuate and after the dive around 11.00 a.m. there was only about a 4 knot wind from the west. On the Sunday there was at least a 20-25 knot southerly but this dropped by the afternoon.

Joe briefly reported on his recent Coral Sea dive holiday on the Undersea Explorer. What could he say, the weather was great (really perfect) and viz was at 100 ft. plus. Over the first few days they saw a lot of sharks, about 25 white tips, bronze whalers, black tips. Heaps of potato cod and also 1 manta ray on the surface. By the end of the trip the viz got down to about 15 mtr. The weather, crew, food, the boat and dives were excellent. The \$1,200 live-aboard trip was well worth it.

Paul Wildish and Leo Bergagnin have just returned from Heron Island. They had about 15 dives in 7 days, the weather and diving were excellent. They dived about 10 different dive sites and did 1 night dive. On one dive Paul saw a dolphin come up to the boat and the divers had about 10-15 minutes snorkelling in the water with it. Apparently Neville Colman had run out of film by this time.



**DIVE / SOCIAL ORGANISER's REPORT:**

- **4-W-Drive Weekend** to Yerrandari. Saturday & Sunday 27 and 28 November.  
Joe would like some firm numbers for this trip. He asked Ron to see if he knew of anyone interested in going. For information, call Joe on **018-862 328 b/h, 743 3710 a/h**.
- **Christmas Party B-B-Q** is on Saturday 4 December at Gunnamatta Park, Cronulla.
- **Club Boat Dives:**
  1. **Sunday 21 November** at Osborne Shoals, boat owners to contact Joe on 018-862 328.
  2. - **Sunday 26 December** is scheduled for December's boat dive.
  3. - **Monday 27 December** at Barrons Hut.  
People interested are to contact Joe on **018-862 328 b/h, 743 3710 a/h**.

Rick's suggests not bothering going out of Sydney Harbour because of the crowds at this time of the year.

- **Lady Elliot Island:** February 1994. 6 Days, 5 Nights.  
The dates for the trip are 21 - 26 February. There are at least 5 people interested in going. and with 5 or more people the airfares are only \$347 return Sydney/Brisbane/Bundaberg. Please contact Leo Mayer A.S.A.P. on **708 5742** for further information / brochures.  
  
Cost is \$555.00 for the island's "free diving" package in February staying in the Tent/Cabin accommodation. This price includes 2 FREE shore dives per day, all food and return flight from Bundaberg. Children under 7 are half price.
- Joe reminded Club Members about calling himself or Leo for **ANY DIVING**. There are always people interested in night dives, daytime dives, etc. (Some people even do shore dives !).
- A **NIGHT DIVE** on Max Western's Sea Tamer II was organised at the meeting. Joe took down the names of everyone interested. Those going please note that the dive is scheduled for Wednesday 1 December, at 7.00 p.m. Dolans Bay Wharf.

THIS WILL BE A REGULAR DIVE ORGANISED AT EACH CLUB MEETING.

**GENERAL BUSINESS:**

Dive Log/Sportdiving Magazines

BJ asked the question of what Leo Bergagnin meant by "sorting out the terms and conditions with Barry Andrewartha" ?

Leo Bergagnin then outlined that Barry has offered to pay \$1,000 on publication of the winning photographs. It is proposed there will be 1 full page each month in **Dive Log** magazine. The monthly articles will promote both the Club and the Australasian U/W Photographic Competition.

Barry has also offered to do a 2 page colour spread in each bi-monthly issue of **Sportdiving** magazine leading up to the competition. After the competition Barry will publish the competition's winning slides in the next 2 issues in the six page gatefold layout.



**GENERAL BUSINESS (CONTINUED):**

Dive Log/Sportdiving Magazines (Continued)

BJ mentioned that many years ago there had been some problems with Barry and that slides had gone astray and ended up in magazines under someone else's name. Is there to be an understanding about ownership of slides and to make sure there is proper recognition of the photographer. BJ asked for an official report of the discussions.

Leo B. said that it had been a very hard decision to make and that the Committee did actually have a tied vote of 3 to 3 with his casting vote as President. The lean was initially towards Scuba Diver but a decision was made to go with Dive Log / Sportdiving to better promote the Club and the presentation night. The decision was not solely made for financial reasons, but also to have the added benefit of access to a diving magazine with monthly circulation; i.e. Dive Log. Articles in Sportdiving magazine are bi-monthly.

Cathy Holloway (Scuba Diver) did have her advantages of both her past experience and also being located here in Sydney.

Barry has offered a further dive industry sponsorship package of a \$10,000 package by bringing out an overseas guest speaker; similar to the present Bob Talbot promotion. But this offer didn't come into the decision at all. There has been no commitment as yet to take up this offer. Barry fully understands that we have chosen him for 1 year to start with.

Leo Bergagnin stressed that in order to make a timely decision that this was a Committee decision. A decision had to be made now to allow for the lead in time for the publication dates of the magazines. For example just when speaking to Barry in late October he already had his December-January issue ready for publication. Sportdiving magazine's February-March issue is soon to go to print. There are 2 bi-monthly issues left for Sportdiving magazine before the competition closes, but we also have the monthly Dive Log magazines.

Last year the members had left the same decision up to the previous Committee. At that time they had decided to stay with Cathy Holloway and Scuba Diver magazine.

Brian Colwell then spoke saying he can back up what Leo Bergagnin was explaining. Brian said that last year the same issue was thrown around and in the end the decision was left up to Ron and Brian. There had been discussions over 2 - 3 meetings that didn't go anywhere and in the end Ron made a decision to stay with Scuba Diver last year.

Club Shirts

BJ asked about the money spent on the Club shirts. It was brought to his attention that the Rules of Incorporation allow a Committee to make certain decisions on behalf of the Club. Leo Bergagnin said that he had paid for the shirts out of his own pocket and after the positive reaction when members were buying the shirts at the last Club meeting, Leo B. then asked to be reimbursed. There is a \$7.00 profit on each shirt that goes back into the Club's account. BJ asked if there should be a ceiling on how much a Committee can spend ?

Incorporation

BJ then brought up the issue of Club incorporation. BJ said he had raised the question last month of not knowing about the decision to incorporate the Club.

Since the incorporation had been in place before the present Committee, Leo Bergagnin then threw the question over to Ron Mines as it had been finalised during his term as President. Ron said that it had taken something like 10 - 11 months to get the incorporation through and it had been mentioned in every Newsletter. Ron stated that there had been a vote for it.



**GENERAL BUSINESS (CONTINUED):**

Incorporation (Continued)

Sue O'Grady said she had brought the Draft Rules to at least 2 meetings and had requested any comments by members. The process of incorporation and finalising the Rules did not happen overnight. Sue brought up the point that the Club members generally won't make decisions and all had been left up to the last Committee. The Rules of Incorporation were in place by July this year. The members didn't seem to have any input or suggestions.

Michael McFadyen said to BJ that there had been plenty of opportunity in the past for members to object or suggest changes.

The benefits of incorporation are for legal reasons. Rick Latimer then said he's been against incorporating the Club.

BJ then repeated that he hadn't seen the Rules circulated. Sue O'Grady said that they had been available. It had been a big exercise in their preparation and in submitting drafts. The Committee could not sit around and talk each point through a meeting. During Club Meetings there were 6 versions of the Rules available for comment by members.

Sue said the offer was made at meetings for anyone to come up and look at them and to make any suggestions/changes. Martin K. had had a quick glance. The opportunity was given to members to say they wanted a copy. The Rules were left up to the previous Committee and the incorporation of the Club was finalised in July and it had been an 11 month process. The final version of the Rules were then sent out to each member.

Michael McF. said that if people have suggestions the Rules can be amended.

Gordon McDonald said there should be a move to substantiate that a vote had actually been taken.

Karin Smith then suggested that the guest speaker still had to give his talk and that most people had come to hear him speak on the sand mining issue.

Other Matters Raised

- Jervis Bay

Robert Rubesa asked about the JB issue mentioned in the last Newsletter. He asked if there was to be any form of petition or letter from the Club against the proposed Navy plans for Jervis Bay. Terese Mayer said she had placed the story in the last Newsletter because she felt strongly on the subject. It had been placed there for club members' information to possibly stimulate some into writing to protest on the issue. To try and get signatures on a petition from 'slack' members would be pretty hard to do. The Committee could certainly draft up a letter on behalf of the Club Members stating its opposition to the Navy proposal. This is to be followed up.

- Christmas B-B-Q: BJ asked why the Club is providing beer, wine and soft drinks and a hamper at the Christmas BBQ and why not meat? Joe Ingegneri said that if the members gave him definite numbers of attendance it would be easier to work out how much to provide at functions.

- Club BBQ Hosted by Karin Smith & Peter Booth: Leo Mayer thanked Karin for providing the venue for the last Club BBQ. Everyone who attended had a good time.

MEETING CLOSED at around 9.10 p.m.



**RAFFLE:**

First prize of a trip on Max Western's Sea Tamer II and Kodak film was won by Robyn Hewitt. Thanks to Max for the prize. Contact numbers for bookings on the Sea Tamer II are **567 2658** or **018 280 791** for the **B°AT PHONE**.

Second prize of 3 rolls of Kodak film was won by Ian Farrelly and third prize of more Kodak film was won by Bob White.

**GUEST SPEAKER:**

Marcus Lincoln Smith then gave a presentation of The Ecology Lab's findings and also discussed the Environmental Impact Statement. After his talk members then asked him questions. Max Western, Michael McFadyen, Martin Kandilas were some of the members who asked questions and were very concerned with the possible effects of the proposed extraction process, and the fine sediments that may settle on the southern dive sites, the possible impact on wave action and the destruction of sea life in its path.

Copies of the E-I-S were made available on the night for members information.

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The Club also regrets the recent death of Club Member **TREVOR SANDERSON**.

Trevor's passing was a shock to his friends and family.

The Club expresses its sincere regrets to his wife Debbie and to their 2 children.

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**VALE PAT MANLY**



Around 15 months ago Lyn and Pat Manly, two of Australia's best-known and most popular photojournalists were both stricken with Malaria after a 6 week stay in Papua New Guinea and the Solomons.

Due to inaccurate diagnosis Lyn and Pat were belatedly hospitalised and Lyn died. Pat's recovery was slow but he was eventually confirmed as out of danger and was released from hospital.

But a near-lifetime marriage to a childhood sweetheart had ended. Pat had lost a wonderful partner, one who not only sustained their family, but also worked with him to achieve international recognition for them both as photojournalists.

For Pat, recovering from Malaria proved to be easier than recovering from the loss of his wife. He was always a superb photographer and technician, but he struggled to establish new direction. He had continued and loving support from his close friends throughout these difficult times and appeared to us all to have re-built his life.

But despite appearances all wasn't well — on Sunday 21 November Pat Manly took his own life and we were devastated at the news. We can only hope and pray Pat has at last again found the happiness and contentment he and Lyn shared for so many years.

The Australian dive industry has now lost two of it's finest achievers and we are all the poorer.

Our sincerest sympathy to all Pat and Lyn's family and friends.



## CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

HAVE YOU BOUGHT YOUR TICKETS  
IN THE CLUB'S CHRISTMAS RAFFLE YET ?  
IF NOT THEN COME ALONG  
TO THE DECEMBER MEETING.  
TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AND  
THEN THE RAFFLE WILL BE DRAWN  
AT THE INFORMAL CLUB MEETING  
MONDAY 20th DECEMBER

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### First Prize:

- \* **Twofold Dive Charter Eden:**  
Complimentary weekend for 2 diving the  
Eden tugs & local reefs. Accommodation  
for 2 in Twofold's Eden guesthouse.  
(Conditions apply: Anytime March-June,  
except Easter).
- \* 1 year's subscription to Sportdiving  
Magazine.
- \* Dive computer book.

### Second Prize:

- \* **Video: Nikon Guide to Underwater  
Photography.**
- \* 1 year's subscription to Sportdiving  
Magazine.
- \* Dive computer book.

### Third Prize:

- \* 1 year's subscription to Sportdiving  
Magazine.
- \* Dive computer book.