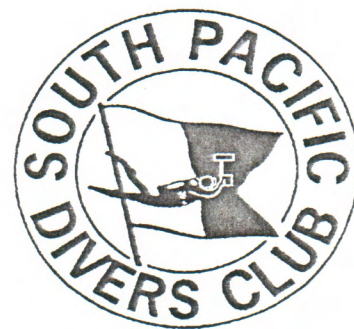


# WET RAG

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE  
SOUTH PACIFIC DIVERS' CLUB (established 1962)



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Meetings of the Club are normally held at 8 pm on the 3rd Monday of each month in the Emile McDonald Room of the Bankstown Sports Club, Greenfield Street, Bankstown. This month's meeting will be held on Monday, 16th Dec. 1996.



**President's Message**

Last Sunday saw the last event on the S.P.D. social calendar, and one can safely assume a good day was had by the seventy odd adults, countless children, Santa McDonald (the biggest kid of all) who attended the Christmas Party. Scott Egginton (2nd biggest kid attending) certainly dampened Santa's spirit when he threw a huge bucket of water over him, a payback for the water pistols I guess. On behalf of everyone attending, many thanks to the members and the committee members who pitched in and helped organise the day.

The next club meeting is traditionally an informal meeting. Jean-Claude is back in Australia and will be attending. He will give us a presentation on Space and Diving. His last talk was super and this one promises to be even better. After he is finished, Bob May will show his video on the recent "Helmet Fetish" dive/day.

Unfortunately we have lost another social secretary. Peta has left Sydney to return to South West Rocks to work at her parents Restaurant and we wish her all the best.

It is uncommon for me to use this segment of the Wet rag to bag a business, or a product, but I am sick to death of being treated like a mug. While over in the Solomon Islands recently my rather expensive Australian made dive torch broke down. Asking for assistance from our electrical whiz Russell, he discovered that there appeared to be a fault down near the plug, which is connected to the battery pack. He gently removed the cord protector which was undamaged and found a broken wire. We were lucky enough to get our hands on a soldering iron and make the necessary repairs.

On returning to Sydney I took my torch head to Steve Cross and asked him to do me a favour and send it back to the supplier and Steve obliged. He sent the torch off to the supplies and low and behold a few days later, courtesy of Australia Post it was returned. It appears that unknown to Steve, the supplier had moved without informing him. Most companies do send out a change of address to their customers when they move. A redirection of the suppliers mail was in place, but Australia Post doesn't redirect small packages. Normally this would not matter except the company is in Melbourne, apparently it is more feasible to send it back to Sydney than its redirected address in Melbourne. After ringing the company and finding out that they had moved he then posted it back to the correct address. Not only has Steve wasted his time I am up for twenty dollars in postage so far. The torch company then replace the faulty lead and sent it back, along with a invoice. Total cost is now \$42.00. Not

bad for a metre of electrical cord and plug. The torch head is not all that old and at the very least should have been repaired under warranty. Sadly the warranty ceased once the cheque was cleared. Thanks to Steve Cross for your time and patience in this matter, even though he could have added a handling charge, he did not. There are at least 7 other members who have the same torches, treat them with kid gloves, fixing them can be and is expensive. Hopefully the other 150 odd members will buy some other brand if they want a decent torch.

Enough of my dummy spitting please don't forget the January meeting is our Annual General Meeting. To all those members who can't attend the December meeting on behalf of all the committee we hope you will all have a great Christmas and New Year. Regards Leo B

**Photographic Officer's Report**

Well folks December is here again and my term as photographic officer is almost complete, only a month to go !!!

However before I can really relax I still have the 1996 Australasian Underwater Photographer of the Year to tidy up. This means organising the presentation night and the awards plus a few other details that go with it.

Currently all the entrants are in and have been judged, my thanks to the four judges who gave their time on Saturday November 30<sup>th</sup> to carry out this task. This year the judges were Tom Byron, Max Gleeson, Dave Baxter - an independent - and Martin Kandilas who filled in at very short notice when Ron Taylor was called away for an assignment in Saudi Arabia - its tough for some. So its too late for any thoughts of bribery!!!

This year the number of entries is down from 116 to a disappointing 69, even though some would say this is a good number ???

The breakdown of the categories is as follows

Open	17	Novice	29
Individual	12	Video	11

As with last year the winner will not be known until the presentation night just to keep everyone guessing and make it all the more exciting when its announced.

Overall quality of the entrants' slides was good this year and the judges mentioned that there was no outstanding portfolio's in the Novice Category this time, unlike last years winner.

The sponsors are almost finalised and again the members of the Photographic Sub-Committee are still putting in long hours to complete this task. It should be noted that the photographic officer has been able to have a year free of stress thanks to all their hard work behind the scenes. It has been very much appreciated!!!!

Regards, Peter Flockart



**DIVE REPORTS****SEVEN DAYS AND SEVEN DIVES ON THE CATTERTHUN** By Martin Atkins

During August several of us made the trip up to Seal Rocks. I towed my boat from Jervis Bay to Forster where it was launched, and moored it at Seal Rocks for the week. Mark Hamilton had organised accommodation at Seal Rocks overlooking the Bay where we could keep an eye on the boat.

The first day I dived with John Szwecow. Upon anchoring over the wreck we found a current to be running about  $\frac{3}{4}$  knot down the coast and out to sea. We deployed the deco gear which included spare air and oxygen for 20 and 10 ft stops. I also ran a line from the anchor line back down the side of the boat so we could pull ourselves to the anchor line against the current.

We had anchored between the engine and the boilers. The surface water was quite dirty but as we got deeper the viz improved to a respectable 60 or 70 feet. The current on the bottom had moderated slightly also. We spent the dive fossicking by the light of our 100 watt torches. At a dive time of 20 mins. I pulled the anchor from the wreck and we began our ascent. We surfaced uneventfully with a dive time of 61 mins and a max depth of 56.7 metres (190 ft).

The next day Bob May and Mark "Got to eat" Hamilton showed up. We sent John and Mark down First and Bob and I were going to hit the water when Mark and John arrived at the deco. lines to begin their 40 plus mins of decompression.

Bob May was all excited with his G.P.S unit, a recent purchase. He had got his waypoint logged in for the Cattherthun. Bob May doesn't have a dive computer so I had to lend him one of mine. There is an old saying Bob which goes back to when God gave Jesus the 10 commandments to take on the Ark Royal with him, it says. "Thou shalt first purchase a dive computer, and on the next day thou may then purchase a G.P.S. With these things thou may go forth into the wilderness and multiply". (From the book of testicles, chapter 6 verse 1). Probably a load of old codswallop. I know what, I'll have another Port.

As Bob and I were about to go over John and Mark surfaced unexpectedly. It turned out that the strong current had stopped John from going past the 40m. mark. Because of the bulk of his camera housing, plus being one handed whilst having to hang on to said camera housing. the effort had exhausted him and he aborted the dive. Therefore Bob decided to leave his Video behind on this one and we made the descent to the wreck nicely.

The anchor was hooked over the boilers and we explore around the front section of them

finding a large corrugated hose which must have been used as a dredge during a modern day salvage operation, and a rubber handled hammer. We pulled the anchor out at 20 mins and as we began our ascent we took a little time to study the compound steam engine as we went by in the current. We surfaced with a dive time of 80 mins and a max depth of 56.2 mts.

Upon arrival back at the cabins we were pleased to find Geoff Howell had joined us to swell the numbers somewhat. Geoff's news is that he is engaged! The lucky girl is getting a great bloke who hangs in there with the best of them, a bloke who snores so loud it causes ear damage and makes mountains of washing up which he leaves for other people (like me!) to clean up. Mark made the observation that if we come up next year Geoff will probably be married. I made the observation that if we come back next year Geoff will probably be divorced! (Sorry Geoff but the port bottle is empty).

The third day Bob May, John Szwecow and Geoff Howell hit the water whilst Mark "Got to eat" and I finished laying the deco, gear and mermaid lines etc. Mark and I descended on the wreck about 15 mins into the first groups dive time. Five mins. Later as the first group began their ascent Mark and I moved the anchor from where it had landed by the boilers, down current towards the stern. We hooked it into the Winch Section, midway between the engine and the stern. After fossicking around for a while we again moved the anchor to the stern itself. As we flew down current the sternpost came into view standing high above the deck and giving me an aiming point for the anchor. We had only a few seconds in which to locate a decent piece of wreckage to hook into. We then began our exploration of the stern.

The stern is littered with broken champagne bottles which have been concreted into the wreckage by layers of silt which have set like cement. during this dive Mark's B.C. failed him. His power inflator free-flowed into the vest and he had to dump air. His dump valve then stuck open and his power inflator was now free-flowing out of his dump valve. After disconnecting the power inflator feed hose he would have been B.C.-less, but a while ago he brought a Zeagle redundant Bladder which he sandwiches between his main B.C. and his twinset. It now took over as his buoyancy control device allowing him to continue the dive and safety return. Money well spent. (Later that night I pulled the power inflator apart and found it full of sand from the loading of the boat at the beach. After a clean and grease it functioned perfectly for the rest of the



trip). Mark and I surfaced from this one with a dive time of 83 mins. and a max depth of 57m. Bob May had succeeded in getting some video footage of this dive despite the current on the way down. Mark "Got to eat" had lunch on the deco. line at 30 feet.

The next day and dive number four was conducted by the South Coast connection. Mark Hamilton, Geoff Howell and myself John Swecow and Bob May having departed for home the night before.

Our plan on this dive was to do as Mark and I had done the day before, and use the current to move the boat, anchor, and us, along the wreck stopping at various points of interest for look around. this is a good way of seeing more of the wreck although we were only exploring the back half of it. there is so much to see on this wreck it will take many dives to see it all. Often the force of the current will place limitations on what can and cannot be achieved on a particular dive. during these dives we always kept down current of and one eye and one ear on, the anchor. Anytime anyone lifted something on the wreck that went crunch, all eyes immediately went up current to where the anchor was to make sure it was still holding and wasn't dragging. The idea being to grab it as it came past and dig it in again. but it gave us no trouble in spite of the current which was to get a lot worse over the next few days, finally reaching 3 knots on the last days diving.

The dive went like clockwork and we surfaced with a dive time of 80 mins. and a max depth of 58 metres. Dive number 5 was conducted by the South Coast connection and again was the same as dive number 3. (*To be continued.*)

**DANGEROUS CREATURES** By Adrienne Hill

I found a publication, *Health Yourself Newsletter*, the other day and thought that parts of the feature on safety may be useful to share with you all. Titled "Water Creature Feature", it outlines what to do if you are unlucky enough to suffer a bite or sting from one of these critters.

**Blue Ringed Octopus** - symptoms of a bite include numbness of the mouth and tongue, muscular weakness and the inability to breathe. If left untreated, the paralysis may occur, followed by unconsciousness and death from heart failure.

A compression bandage should be applied to the affected area, and as no antivenene is available, its vitally important to start mouth to mouth resuscitation as soon as breathing starts to weaken. This should be continued until medical help arrives as the victim will not be able to breathe by themselves. CPR should be used if the victim's pulse stops.

**Cone Shell** - Symptoms of a cone shell "

spearing" (My new definition of a bite or sting because victims are first speared and then paralysed by small teeth or harpoons that carry the poison. These harpoons are pushed out like a dart and injected into the target.) Symptoms are identical to those caused by the bite of the blue ringed octopus and as there is also no antivenene available for cone shells, the same first aid procedures should be followed. [I suggest that particularly where there 'is no antivenene available ie not-yet-invented, rather than not-in-your-purse, a safe distance should be put between yourself and the critter.]

**Jelly Fish** - Bluebottle stings can be treated with cold packs. If you are unlucky enough to be attacked by a Box Jelly Fish (they are one of the worlds most poisonous animals with an adult specimen containing enough venom to kill at least 3 people!!!), you may experience the symptoms of severe pain, local tissue damage, and often respiratory/cardiac arrest. Pour vinegar over the tentacles to inactivate them and apply a firm compression bandage to the stung area to restrict the spread of the venom. Call an ambulance, and CPR or lifesaving antivenene may be required. [Given this description, my advice is to stay away from these nasty fellas - Cancel your trip to North Queensland this summer!]

**Poisonous Fish** - Many types of fish such as stonefish, red rock cod and butterfly cod are armed with defensive venomous spines that can cause injury to humans, even death. Stings are felt immediately and include unbearable pain, usually swelling, nausea and hot/cold flushes. Severe stings may cause breathing difficulties, paralysis and unconsciousness. Take the victim to a doctor ASAP, there is an antivenene for the stonefish.

Don't put on a compression bandage &/or splints as this causes pain and may cause tissue damage. Put the effected area in hot water which helps to inactivate the venom and disperse it through the bloodstream reducing the severity of its effects. CPR or mouth to mouth if resuscitation is required.

**Sharks** - (Some of this is quite amusing - I think that perhaps a Shark Pod might be the way to prevent these bites). Sharks detect prey by picking up irregular vibrations in the water - injured creatures and swimmers - and through the detection of extremely dilute blood. Combinations of blood and vibrations can produce a "feeding frenzy" in which sharks will lunge and bite at almost anything.. Though rare, shark attacks on humans are quite often fatal as a determined attack will leave massive body wounds or amputations, resulting in horrific bleeding. The best first aid technique is therefore prevention - don't swim alone,



shark netting is in place. Leave the water immediately if you see large numbers of fish, or if any fish present are acting strangely. You should also avoid swimming in the open sea with a dog, or if you have bleeding wounds. [So take care whilst hanging off the deco lines on the Catterthun, don't bleed and don't take your dog diving with you - or buy a shark pod, and make sure you turn it on before the shark starts eating - because if its a black tip, or a tiger, it mightn't let go.. ]

#### **BSAC NEWS** by Adrienne Hill

Members of the BSAC Branch committee met with the South Pac committee at the December meeting and some positive developments are happening.

The BSAC committee is finally getting on top of the workload and better understanding how it all works. The BSAC committee was also lucky enough to have the Australian BSAC National Instructor at their committee meeting in December. This is Stuart Cannon (Melbourne based), and Stuart has loads of experience in BSAC and he is also the one who will train budding instructors.

A BSAC Oxygen administration course will be run early next year - at this stage mid march. The course will be conducted over two evenings mid-week. Barry Hallett will teach the course, and South Pac will charge a small fee for non-BSAC members, and a smaller fee for BSAC members. This is to cover the cost of course materials, plus a bit more for the club.

An indication of interested people would be appreciated at the next club meeting, and final numbers towards the end of January. Dates should be confirmed before that. (We have to have the course registered with BSAC in the UK, and obtain course materials etc which is the reason that notice is required. There may be scope for extending this).

Several people will be doing instructor training, and/or pre-instructor training on the last weekend of January 1997. There are several requirements such as joining BSAC, and ensuring you can cross over at BSAC Advanced level before hand. If you are interested please ring Ian Underhill on (hm) 9130-6339 (wk) 9398 2233

#### **FOR SALE**

The Club has for sale T-shirts, Myola books, Stickers and Spray Jackets

**Underwater Housing** Aquatica to suit F3 Nikon camera comes with twin strobe bulkheads and handles, \$1200. 8" dome port with sun shade, \$500, macro port for 55/60mm Nikkor micro lenses with extension ring for 105mm Nikkor micro lens, \$500. Some focus and aperture gears, camera, and action finder are also available. All the equipment is in good

condition. If you are serious I can bring it to Sydney. Neil Vincent 043-971 798

**Viking Dry Suit** Size 4 complete with skull cap, bag and repair kit. \$600 o.n.o. Mark Dietz (hm) 046 48 2511 (wk) 046 48 2254

#### **HIGH ALTITUDE DIVING THE FRENCH WAY** by Paul Howlett

From mountains to examining dive decompression protocols in deep tunnels Jean Claude LE PENCHON a Frenchman from Paris has seen many facets of diving. He has worked with the best. He has known Jacques Cousteau (he has worked with him for seven years). He held for a short time the world record for pressurisation at 400 m. Expert in many fields of hyperbaric work he is currently out here to work on the Mascot to Central Underground.

Found by the Galloping Greek in Turkey, ( Jean Claude was at some diving conference) he gave a remarkable talk to club members, on his high altitude diving -in Lac Chungara. The lake is situated in the Andes Mountains above Lake Titicaca, close to the borders of Bolivia, Chile and Peru. This is diving on the edge of the unknown! Decompression is only one of your concerns whilst diving at some 3600 meters above sea level. All the dives here were done on Nitrox. Yes, folks, because of the altitude oxygen toxicity is not such a problem, (you can stay down deeper, longer, if you can stand the cold.) They sometimes had to chip away some ice on the surface, even in summer. You are definitely in the cold zone. The equipment used for this extraordinary diving is a semi-closed fully professional system made Lama. Capable of delivering a Nitrox mix: suitable for all depths and decompression schedules. Other worries were the hypoxic zone, especially a problem over 3000 metres. Part of the way to solve this problem was to slowly adapt to the altitude, by steady stages, and staying for a time to let your body adapt. Some weird problems were encountered; their truck's carburettor was tuned for sea level, but not for high mountain level! Bottles of oxygen came in handy to start the truck and to run around, - if you were in a great hurry. You usually cannot move quickly at high altitude. The entire French team did not "rough it" in tents etc, but with typical French flare booked accommodation in a large house, that looked like a leftover from some Spanish Conquistador's holiday house.

Despite all the trouble, cold and altitude they successfully completed all their dives!

Jean Claude also told Club members about the Tunnel but that is another story.

#### **SYDNEY DIVE CLUB CLAIMS NEW WRECK.** story by A.A.P. WET RAG.

Upon hearing the rumour that Ryde underwater dive club are laying claim to Sydney's newest



wreck, S.P.D's 007 (who's info is normally fairly spot on) has infiltrated the inner sanctum of the above club to check out this story. Even though the club is trying to keep it quiet 007 was able to get to the bottom of the storey. It appears that one rather prominent member has laid claim to the wreck. Sinking some poor barstad's tinny on the way back to the wharf doesn't really count. Whoops. Even the Dept Of Planning won't recognise this claim. Better luck next time fellows.

#### **DIVE STORE REOPENS.**

After 5 months of being in limbo Fundive at Stanmore has new owners and they have finally settled in and reopened.

#### **DIVE CONVENORS YEAR IN REVIEW 1996**

1996 draws near to a successful close and as the Dive Convenor I was looking in retrospect at the dive reports to the events and diving activities that South Pacific Divers Club had achieved in this past year. It truly has been a year when enthusiasm in diving and "becoming involved" by our members has been on the increase. We ran eight successful weekend trips away during the year to Nelson Bay, Jervis Bay, Narooma, South West Rocks and Seal Rocks and have had from 10 to 25 diving members on each trip. Diving generally has been blessed with good weather and clear waters, except for Jervis Bay. The Club also organised no less than three overseas trips. Meanwhile the Galloping Greek has continued to slander about our good name throughout the known diving world. Locally the club organised a wide variety of 26 Boat Dives, Commercial Dive Charters, Night Dives, Rock Hops, Helmet Dives and Breakfast Dives with up to 65 people on one breakfast dive day. Adding to that, the huge amount of impromptu 'partly organised' dives by club members, equated that there was plenty of good diving by SPDC in 1996.

Personally, this year I had the absolute gem dive, "The Dive" on the Satara, which was without doubt the best dive that I have had in Australia in 22 years. Blue current clear waters, 150 ft of narcosis, 35 minutes bottom time on a huge 400 ft wreck site, heaps of sharks for 65 minutes on the deco line for added excitement and it was 'All Good Fun!' Perhaps too I should mention that mid year on three consecutive weekends, primed up with enthusiasm, I launched Barjumba with full crew and headed out towards Gibbon Point only to turn around after finding either unfavourable seas or black water and then put the boat back on the trailer and return to my place with the crew for 3 impromptu breakfast-a-ques. Mandy always though we were crazy but on each

occasion our disappointed was cured with a few early morning beers, red wine and sausages above all we still had plenty to talk about just the same....

Breakfast Dives appear to be very popular with all divers, spouses and families. Big roll ups and catering to a wide range of dive capabilities from beginner to advanced and who could forget the Breakfast Dive Day that new member Ross Parker turned up with his 45ft Mariner Cruiser called "What's He Do...". South Pacific Divers Battle Flag attached to the bow rail and the envy of three other dive clubs and charter operators leaving the wharf. But every club person at the wharf instantly boarded and made themselves at home like the 'Rich and Famous'... Alas for most of them names had already been drawn out of the hat for his crew. The order of "Get off and into the other 5 boats!" met with long faces. Max Western of Sea Tamer summed up the situation saying that "If word gets around South Pacific has boat days like this he'll be out of business!"

This will be my "last report" as the Dive Convenor as I will not be standing again for re-election for a position at the AGM but I feel that there is plenty of 'depth' amongst the club members to carry on the "organised enthusiasm." Like last year I must acknowledge the contribution of the Club Boat Owners, Bob May, John Beddie, Mark Dietz, Martin Atkins, Martin Kandalis, Mark Risdale and Ross Parker because without their input week after week our club activities would flop. Our President, Leo, too has been a major shaker and mover both in front of the camera and behind has made my job easier and your diving far more interesting. To Scott Leimroth, who has been the magnet of many 'unwarranted slanders', but who truly has also been invaluable in organising the past two and a half years diving activities. Finally to my very long suffering spouse. Mandy, who has lived through countless hours phone conversations, committee meetings, as the chief cook and bottle washer for breakfast dive catering, and 'dive widow' but who was the inspirer of the womans/spouses touch to activities and weekends. For this she has my, and I hope your, unending appreciation.

Well That's it for 1996. 1997 is around the corner and ready to happen. This year we have strengthened friendships within our club and increased membership to record levels but above all as a club we have dived and dived. Let this momentum continue on and support OUR DIVE CLUB.

See Ya

Barjumba. Geoff Cook



**COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

The following members are on the committee for the 1996 year.

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**BOAT OWNERS CONTACT LIST**

The following members of the Club are boat owners. They generally go out diving most weekends and often need extra divers to make up numbers. Why not give them a call one day. If you are a boat owner, why not give a non-owner a call (see the membership list distributed regularly) and invite them along with you.

Name	Home No:	Work No:
Sue Armstrong	042 94 2769	9697 2248
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John Beddie	9820 4272	046 20 1746
BJ	9709 5535	
Peter Booth	9529 3818	
John Cassidy	9546 3538	0411 398 675
Peter Cassimatis (Brisbane area)	07 3847 8082	
Geoff Cook	9543 5817	018 29 4891
Bruce Cremonesi	9668 8126	9645 0286
John Fardoulis	043 422 939	0419 230 244
Martin Kandilas	9725 7808	9725 7808
Bob May	045 79 1053	

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The South Pacific Divers' Club is honoured to be sponsored by the following

**Aquatic Explorers**, see Steve or Lee at 7 Beach Arcade Cronulla, 9527 1518  
**Beverly's Restaurant** at Chippendale, contact Bev on 9310 4878  
**Dive Quest, Mullaway**, contact Chris or Gary on (066) 54 1930  
**Max Western's *Sea-tamer II*** charter boat, contact Max on 9567 8658 or (018) 28 0791  
**Selera Restaurant**, Level 1, 264 King Street Newtown, 9557 5186  
**Shiprock Dive** at Lilli Pilli, contact Leo or Leslie on 9526 2664  
**Southern Cross Divers** at The Spit Marina, contact Barry on 9969 5072  
**South West Rocks Dive Centre**, contact Noel or Belinda on (065) 66 6474  
**Twofold Dive Charters**, Eden, contact Peter or Lorna on (064) 96 1778



**Please ring the dive and social organisers or the club phone 0411 343 200  
on the Tuesday or Wednesday before the event to confirm details etc.**

### **UPCOMING DIVING ACTIVITIES**

**Contact Numbers:** Scott Leimroth 9759 6501 [h] (019) 99 0864 [m] and Geoff Cook 9543 5817 [h] or (018) 29 4897 [w]

Michael McFadyen will be doing a couple of dives on the "Currajong" from the shore on Saturday the 14<sup>th</sup> December and Saturday the 11<sup>th</sup> January 1997. These will be shore dives meeting at Bradleys Head at 8am. Call Michael beforehand to confirm these dives please. On 9585 6434 [w], 9558 8181 [h] or (015) 27 6556 [m]

### **1997**

#### **January**

Sunday 19th Dive on the Tuggarah or Marley point. 8.00am contact Geoff

#### **February**

Sunday 2nd Breakfast Dive with chicken on Jibbon Beach  
Weekend of 14/15/16th Narooma, Mystery Bay, Lady Darling  
Sunday 23rd Botany Bay Keloe/Sponge Gardens

#### **March**

7/8/9th Proposed weekend to Eden  
Sunday 23rd Watsons Bay Diving, lunch at Doyles.

### **SOCIAL ACTIVITIES Contact Numbers: 0411 343 200**

There will be a BBQ at Leo's place to celebrate Australia Day on Sunday the 26<sup>th</sup> of January 1997. There will be a prize (dinner for two) for the most patriotic display of the flag (The current one or your design for the new one)

### **ON DATES TO BE ANNOUNCED**

Interclub trivia night  
Interclub Skirmish match (See Joe)

### **LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES**

Reg Lipson is running Marine Naturlist 1(Introduction) and 2(further Study) courses in Sydney next year for details contact Reg on (03) 9802 5694

### **NEXT CLUB MEETING**

Remember, this month's meeting will be held on **MONDAY THE 16TH DECEMBER 1996** starting at **8 pm sharp** in the Emile McDonald Room of the Bankstown Sports Club.

### **FUTURE CLUB MEETINGS**

**THE A.G.M. IS ON THE 20TH OF JANUARY**  
the 17th of February and the 17th of March.

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