

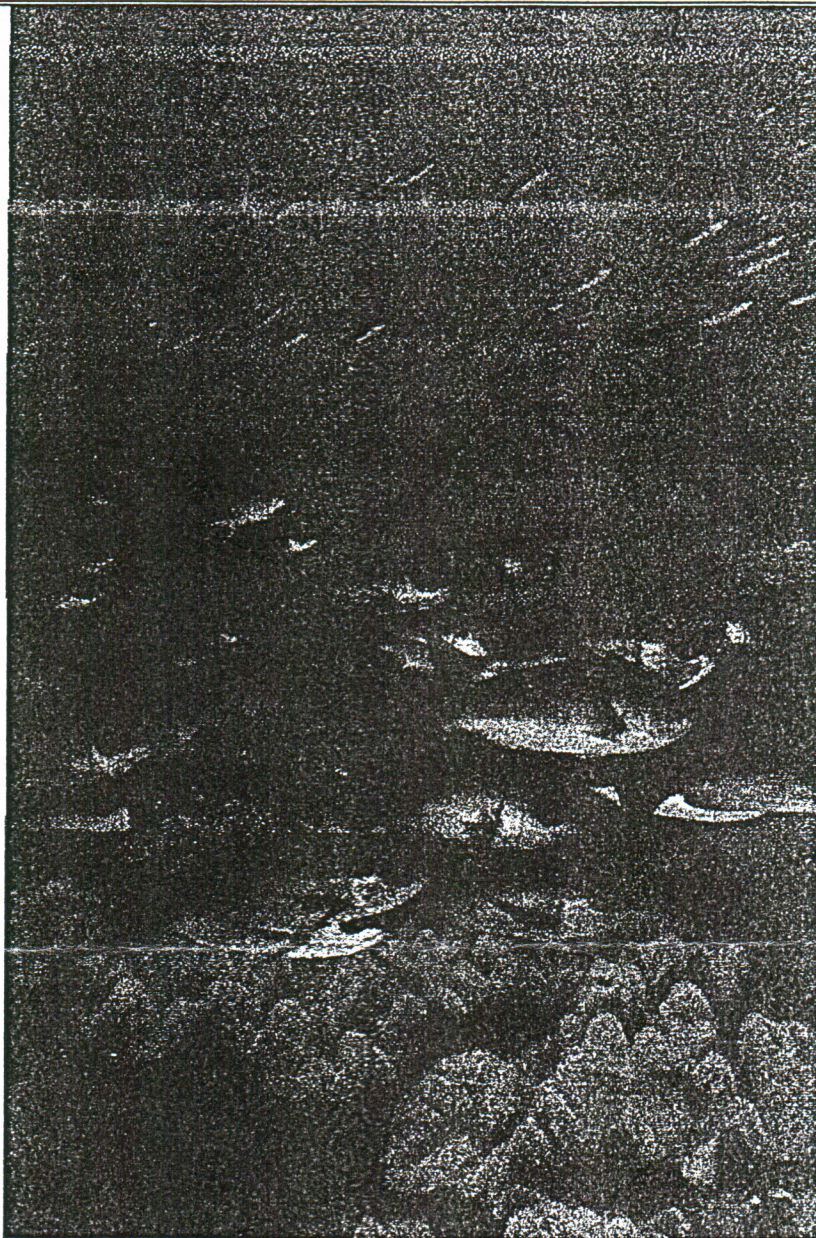
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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE
SOUTH PACIFIC DIVERS' CLUB (established 1962)

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MAY 1997



ONE OF THE WINNING SHOTS TAKEN BY BECCA SAUNDERS IN THE 1996
AUSTRALASIAN UNDERWATER PHOTOGRAPHER OF THE YEAR COMP

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, 19th May, 1997.

President's Message

The 1996 competition awards night is finally over. After the disaster of 1995 it was a concern that we would be struggling to fill the auditorium. Whilst a bigger crowd would have been nice we still had a fair response under the circumstances. By next Monday Barbara will have finished her report and should see us just over the line. By all reports it was a successful night thus restoring the esteem of the night. At the recent photographic forum the enthusiasm of those who attended indicated the competition should continue. Many thanks must go out to the members who contributed to the night, help came in from far and wide. From those who worked on the sub committee right through to those members who worked on the night and also those who worked behind the scenes to convince new members to buy a ticket and come along to the night. To list their names would take forever but many thanks to them all once again. Our many sponsors must also be acknowledged as without their continued support there would be no competition. Finally thanks to Peter Fields, Mark Spencer and Malcolm Ludgate for their contribution on the night. Many ingredients that made the whole night come together.

The Magnetometer finally raised its ugly head at the last meeting, over the last 6 months or so I have been continually pestered to allow a number of members to use this device free of charge. I was sick and tired of hearing myself say to these members "If you want to use it free of charge bring it up at on the club floor and let the members decide." Well finally Michael McFadyen decided he would. Unfortunately he decided he needed a few examples of recent incidents to try and justify the free use of the magnetometer, his interpretation of these incidents were in the main inaccurate and biased as none of these incidents involved him personally, he would have done better to stick to the facts and not run on hearsay. Whilst this is not an excuse for my losing my cool it is offered as an explanation. I do apologise to the members who were there to witness the events of the night. The main culprit involved in these incidents did not have the balls to be there personally. Why am I not surprised!

After nearly four years in this job, the strain is obviously starting to show, so after some consideration, I have decided to step down as president at the end of the May meeting. The rules of incorporation state somewhere we need to give members 3 weeks notice of a n election of an office bearer in writing, or words to that effect. A new president can be elected at the June meeting thus ensuring minimum disruption

to the running of the club and committee. I have had many enjoyable moments in this position and have made many new friends, and also a few enemies. The good certainly out weighs the bad by a long shot. Its been fun but its time for a rest.

Regards Leo B.

Photographic Officer's Report

Well, the presentation night is over for another year and from my point of view it was a success.

This night was well attended and enjoyed by all. Apart from the music being a tad loud in some instances there were no major problems on the night, certainly nothing like those that had plagued us in 1995.

My thanks to all those members who gave their time on the night in assisting with sales, door security ushers and a host of miscellaneous tasks that go to make the night successful.

The trophies made & supplied by Cydonia Glass of Newtown have raised a few eyebrows within the diving community. This is because they are new and innovative, certainly a far cry from the old wooden plaques of previous years

Both our speakers were well received with the material shown by Malcolm Ludgate receiving high praise from a great many people. Any one who dives in water's of -1.8 degrees Centigrade under 2 metres of ice to produce images such as his, has my profound admiration.

Anyway enough of my ramblings about the presentation night

Another item I wish to cover briefly is the running of the George Roberts Trophy this year.

Do we want it run thin year?????

Last year only six (6) entries were received I would hope that more will be received this year? Dates and formats will be discussed at the May meeting, so bring yourself and your ideas and we will have a short discussion on the matter.

The photographic forum held at the Gladstone Hotel on 3rd May was a success with a number of interesting points being raised in regards to the rules for the A.U.P.Y. Comp, more about this at the meeting.

Regards, Peter Flockart

Newsletter Editors Message

Scott Leimroth has taken a holiday and left the newsletter in my incappable hands for this month and the next so if you have any thing for the newsletter next mohth can you get it to me A.S.A.P. after that it will be back to Scott.

Russell Stoker

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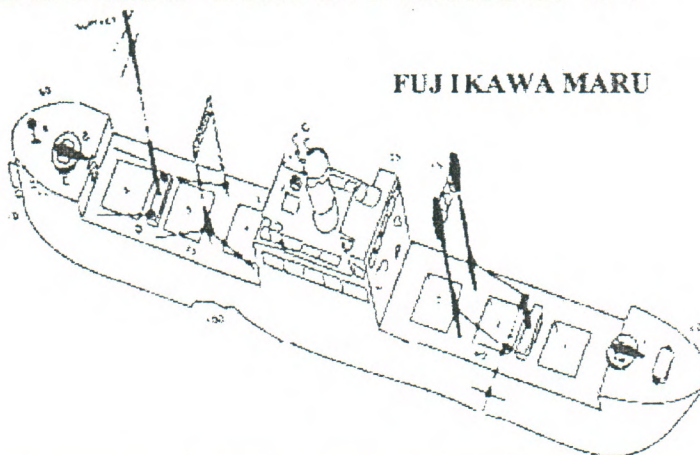
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SS MACLEAY

By Micheal McFadyen

Over the weekend of 2 to 4 May members of South Pacific Divers' Club travelled to Port Stephens for a weekend of wreck and reef diving. On the Saturday morning six members dived the wreck of the SS Macleay off Port Stephens while others dived the reef of southern Boondelbah Island.

Debbie and Scott Egginton, Geoff Cook, Louise Wilson, Mark Dietz, and myself motored out to the wreck which is located off the eastern side of Little Island. It was a bit choppy as we moored and it was soon obvious that there was a current, although not too strong, perhaps 0.5 knots.

We were soon on our way down and after a bit of an effort because of the current, we reached the wreck at 42 metres. The SS Macleay was a single screw coastal cargo and passenger vessel built for B.B. Nicoll in 1883 as the SS Woodburn. Ownership passed to the Clarence and Richmond Steam Navigation Company in 1884. It was 47 metres long with a beam of 8 metres and displacement of 398 tons.

In 1889 the ownership again changed to the North Coast Steam Navigation Company and the name of the vessel was changed SS Macleay. All was fine with the vessel until 1900 when it was involved in the rescue of 17 crew from the Harvester which had hit Seal Rocks. Another 11 years were to pass uneventfully until 11 October 1911 when the SS Macleay hit Boondelbah Island and sunk with the loss of 15 crew (two survived).

Today the SS Macleay lies facing the south west, broken into two pieces just behind the engine. The mooring is tied to the prop shaft immediately adjacent to the engine which is tipped on its side. A short swim to the north brings you to the stern which is a bit more intact than other parts of the vessel but this is a mostly flat shipwreck.

Swimming back past the engine you see the boiler, not very large considering the ship's size. It is covered in growth and is home to some small moray eels. Off to the starboard side of the boiler is the funnel and towards the bow there is a large winch and some bollards. The wreck is even flatter in this area.

The fishlife on the wreck is quite good with giant cuttlefish, hundreds of red morwongs and huge schools of yellowtail floating over the wreck. The visibility on the day we dived was quite good, say 18 metres or so. The current was still strong on the bottom, making it a bit of a swim to see the whole wreck.

Due to the depth and the current, (making us use more air) the maximum bottom time I could do was 19 minutes. This entailed a two minute

stop at six metres and 13 minutes at three metres. Unfortunately, the current had increased a bit and after 10 minutes of deco it picked up dramatically and made it quite uncomfortable.

We dived with Pro Dive Nelson Bay and the service was first class, even though a pimply divemaster Nazi tried to throw his "experience" around on shore. All in all a great weekend of diving and socialising, something Club members should involve themselves in.

S.S. BIRCHGROVE PARK VIA GOSFORD

On Sunday the 20 April 1997 the Club planned a dive on the wreck of the S.S. Birchgrove Park. Mark Deitz's boat and crew of Eugene Muir, Scott and Debbie Egginton left from the Pittwater for a 7am dive and Martin Kandalis and I drove to the salubrious Summer/Autumn waterfront residence of the Galloping Greek near the Rip Bridge on the Gosford end of town. Fardoulis was "well prepared" when we arrived, as usual, or was that well and truly still asleep.... Regardless his dear Mum who treats him like a "god", entertained us with coffee and Greek pastries. At 9.45am we call Mark on the phone to see what their dive was like and lo and behold they were still on their way out to the wreck.

A flat sea, 23°C waters and blue current. Only one thing could make the dive better but in a wetsuit, twins and other dive gear it's difficult to maintain a satisfying rhythm. Daylight on the bottom in 165 feet and clear.. 24 minutes went in a flash in so much to see, so many places to look into. I also know where there is a port hole to be found. Regardless of the excitement of that find including the aggressive wobbly that chased me out I was so relaxed that I had hardly used any air. A cursory heart rate check whilst just sitting up on the collapsing hull taking in the sights...50 bpm..very relaxed I haven't done many dives on this wreck but all the ones I have done have been great.

On the way up we decided to try Richard Pyle's deep safety stop decompression technique. With a 2 minute stop at 100ft and a further 2 minutes at 60 ft our ascent time now had blown out from 40+ minutes to 62 minutes (by Aladdin Computer.) Lucky most of us had plenty of air. On the surface we had lunch and spoke to Neil Vincent in his flash new boat and then invited the whole flotilla back to Paradise de la Fardoulis for a debriefing.

On returning home I checked my records and found a copy of the findings from the Marine Court of Inquiry into the sinking of the Birchgrove Park (which I can fax to any member upon request) and I wondered how this peaceful divesite was created from such tragedy. See ya Barjumba.

MAGNETOMETER UPDATE

At the end of the last meeting it was decided that the following should be voted on as a set of rules for the magnetometer use. They are based on Micheal McFadyen's proposed rules with changes that were thought necessary on the night.

At the May meeting they will be put up for acceptance, so if you want to have your say be there.

CONDITIONS OF USE OF SPDC's MAGNETOMETER

1. The magnetometer will be available for use in accordance with these conditions of use.
2. The magnetometer will be available for use by all members with a minimum of six months membership.
3. Use shall be charged at the rate of \$20 per day or any other amount as may be determined by the Club at a general meeting.
4. Members must undertake to mention the Club when publicising a search for a wreck. If a wreck is found using the magnetometer the member must give prominent mention that the wreck was found using the Club's magnetometer.
5. Members must collect the magnetometer from and return it to the Club's Property Officer unless the Property Officer agrees to an alternative method of collection and return.
6. Members may apply to use the magnetometer free of charge, while under the supervision of the property officer, for testing, instruction or to check its performance in conditions outside those of normal use (for example in deep water or to check its performance when searching for a very small object). Such use shall be referred to a general meeting of the Club for a decision.
7. Actual days of use of the magnetometer shall be paid for at the rate in 3 above. A fee of \$5 per day shall also be charged for days that the member has the magnetometer in their possession but this shall not include the days of pick up and return. Subject to the above fees there shall be a minimum charge of \$20 for any request to use the magnetometer.
8. Where it is believed that a member has falsely advised the Club of their actual use (that is, understated their actual use) this matter may be judged by the committee and a daily fee equal to the normal daily hire fee charged.
9. Extended use of more than 10 days requires the approval of a general meeting.
10. A deposit of \$ 100 must be provided by the rentee prior to or when collecting the magnetometer.
11. The deposit shall be refunded in full provided the magnetometer is returned to the Club's Property Officer on or prior to the agreed day and in good condition.
12. Where a member returns the magnetometer late there shall be a charge of \$20 per day.
13. If the magnetometer is returned damaged the deposit shall be withheld until an assessment of the cost of repair has been obtained and a decision made by the committee of the Club as to whether the member should meet the cost of repair.
14. In assessing whether the member is liable the committee should take into account how the magnetometer was damaged and whether the damage was unavoidable (for example a boat cutting across behind the towing boat).
15. The magnetometer shall be managed by the Club's Property Officer. Only where a dispute occurs shall the matter be referred to the committee. In such a case the matter must be brought to the attention of the next Club meeting for any discussion.
16. The Club's Property Officer shall keep a booking register for the use of the magnetometer and record all requests as they are received. Unless there is a prior commitment or the request does not meet these conditions of use, the use shall be permitted.
17. The club's property officer shall be able to negotiate with a member requesting use when there is a conflicting request and there are days of non-use prior to or after actual use. This may include requiring a later collection or earlier return of the magnetometer.
18. The magnetometer will only be made available to members who agree to in writing to the conditions of use and pay any fees and/or deposits that may be owing.
19. Any member not abiding by these rules shall be prohibited from using the magnetometer until the matter has been considered by a general meeting of the Club and this has agreed to their continued access to it.

AUSTRALASIAN UNDERWATER PHOTOGRAPHER OF THE YEAR 1998 UNDERWATER PHOTOGRAPHERS FORUM

By Paul Howlett

Underwater photographers came from near and far to discuss new and different ideas for the next Australasian Underwater Photographer of the Year Award night.

The forum, hosted by Mark Spencer and Becca Saunders, saw many new ideas and much discussion took place last Saturday afternoon (3 May 1997) at the Gladstone Hotel, a central venue for all concerned.

Some of the ideas that were discussed :

1. Close the competition.
2. Give it to a fully paid professional to run.
3. Revert it to a low cost slide night.
4. Too many rules.
5. Put in a creative section.
6. Shorten the program
7. Lengthen the program
8. Hold the A.U.P.Y. biannually.

Many more ideas were put forward, too many to list here.

We would like more suggestions.

If you have any suggestions please put them in writing and forward them to the Photographic Sub Committee - all ideas are welcome.

I have a basic questionnaire form which I distributed to photographers at the forum. I would be very happy to send any club member a copy on request. Please return to me or send it to the club's PO Box 823 Bankstown.

UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS

Saturday 12th JULY

Bush Christmas in July including trip to Vicary's winery, free wine tasting, dinner and dancing in the Woolshed. \$34 a head plus coach travel pick up and return to Bankstown Sports Club approx. \$10 to \$15. Deposit of \$20 per

person required.

To book this night contact Debbie on 9750 4317 or 014 904 841. A.S.A.P.

CONGRATULATIONS

Club members Nathan Stormont and his wife Tracey have had a son (and their daughter Brooke has a new plaything.... whoops I mean a brother) Jake Robert born at King George V on 3/5/97 at 3.56 kgs

SKYDIVING AT JB

Jervis Bay - It conjures up visions of great diving, Stoney Creek drop off, the Arch, Bowen island southern wall, the underwater scenery is breathtaking.

Ever thought what the bay and surrounding beaches look like from a light aircraft? Here's your chance.

Skydive Nowra will be operating at Jervis Bay on the 14th and 15th of June.

You will be able to have tandem or A.F.F. jumps over the bay, and possibly landing on the beach (weather permitting)

A tandem jump is when you are harnessed to the front of an instructor, exiting at 10,000 feet, and free-falling to 5,000 feet when your instructor opens the parachute, both of you will fly, steer and land the parachute that's built for two people.

A.F.F. is accelerated free-fall. Approx 8 hours tuition, you wear a parachute and have two instructors holding and controlling your fall, exit at 10,000 feet and free-falling to 4,000 feet when you open, fly and land the parachute yourself.

It's a great opportunity to have that skydive you always wanted with fantastic scenery. Why not skydive on Saturday and scuba dive on Sunday.

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Costs (including video of the jump) Tandem \$280, A.F.F. \$300 with discounts for more than 5 people.

For further info call

John McDermott (bh) 9868 3222 ext 15 or
Barry Rhodes (bh) 044 222 015

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The following members are on the committee for the 1997 year.

Position	Name	Home No:	Work No:
President:	Leo Bergagnin	9558 2592 Mobile: (041) 951 7285	9517 2853
Treasurer:	Barbara Sweetman	Leave message on 0411 343 200	
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Photographic Officer:	Peter Flockart	9371 0265 Fax: 9374 2688	9374 2382
Publicity Officer:	Paul Howlett	9746 6720	9377 3030
Dive Organizers:	Scott Eginton	9317 2126	0419 619 866(m)
	Peter Foster	9564 2654	0418 435 774(m)
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Property Officer	Russell Stoker	9799 2663 Mobile (018) 963 527	9217 1739 Fax 9217 1484

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
Martin Atkins (lives in Jervis Bay area)	044 43 4631	042 74 0210
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
Mark Dietz		
John Fardoulis	043 422 939	0419 230 244
Martin Kandilas	9725 7808	9725 7808
Bob May	045 79 1053	

CLUB SPONSORS

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 2658 or (018) 28 0791
Selera Restaurant, Level 1, 264 King Street Newtown, 9557 5186
Shiprock Dive at Lilli Pilli, contact Leo or Lesley 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 Eginton 9317 2126, 0419 619 866(m) Peter Foster 9564 2654 0418 435 774(m)

May

Sunday 25th Breakfast Dive with chicken & champagne at Bundeena Beach (Scott)

June

Sunday 8th Norah Head day trip (Peter)

Sunday 22nd Pittwater diving and picnic day (Peter)

July

Sunday 27th Botany Bay Diving from La Perouse (Scott)

August

Sunday 17th Harbour Day out of Rose Bay (Scott)

Weekend 22nd-24th Victory weekend trip Jervis bay Liveaboard (Peter)

September

Sunday 7th Shell Harbour diving day trip (Scott)

Sunday 21st Jibbon or Bundeena diving

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES Contact Numbers: 0411 343 200

July

Saturday 12th Bush Christmas in July including trip to Vicary's winery, free wine tasting, dinner and dancing in the Woolshed. \$34 a head plus coach travel pick up and return to Bankstown Sports Club approx. \$10 to \$15. Deposit of \$20 per person required.

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NEXT CLUB MEETING Remember, this month's meeting will be held on **MONDAY 19th MAY 1997** starting at **8 pm sharp** in the Emile McDonald Room of the Bankstown Sports Club.

FUTURE CLUB MEETINGS

The 16th of June, the 21st of July and the 18th of August

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Minutes of the meeting South Pacific Divers Club at Bankstown Sports Club - Monday 21st April
1997

Meeting opened at 8:15pm, members and guests welcomed by Club President, Leo Bergagnin. Leo welcomed our guest speaker for the evening Dr Doug Walker, founding member S.P.U.M.S.

Minutes taken by Carina Gregory in the absence of Debbie Egginton.

Apologies: Geoff & Mandy Cook, Graham & Samantha Oates, Debbie Egginton, Peter Foster, Scott Leimroth, Maria Townsend, Bob May

Acceptance of previous Club minutes:

The previous minutes were accepted by:
and Seconded by:

Russell Stoker
Gordon McDonald

Incoming/Outgoing correspondence:

Letter from Christian Gerzner, letter from Peter Norris, letter from Water Board declining sponsorship, Noel Taylors complimentary tickets returned to Club, other dive clubs correspondence, letters from Scott Leimroth & John Fardoulis
Letters confirming trip to Nelson Bay

Treasurers Report:

Barbara Sweetman

Expenses for the month of January:

\$2,934.00 in / \$3,688.13 out

Balance of Cheque Account:

\$ 2,175.43

Balance of Investment Account:

\$11,534.36

Treasurers Report accepted by:
and Seconded by:

Rod Muir
Paul Howlett

Guest Speaker: Dr Doug Walker, a founding member of S.P.U.M.S., will be making a presentation and showing some slides tonight. Dr Walker spoke about medicine & diving. He gave statistics for diving deaths in Australia and critical health factors for diving. He also discussed adverse health factors for diving such as asthma, epilepsy, diabetes, etc. He is conducting a project called "Project Proteus" - a study of people diving with medical conditions, for example asthma.

Special Business - Incoming Correspondence:

Re: John Fardoulis & Scott Leimroth's letters (which were tabled at the meeting).

- Both John & Scott were asked to the meeting tonight, but are not in attendance.
- Gordon suggested that Scott Leimroth's letter be printed in the *Wet Rag* for all members to read; Leo suggested this wouldn't be favourable.
- Magnetometer: The matter was held over for discussion in General Business

Dive Organisers Report:

Scott Egginton & Peter Foster

- Scott said that deposits will be required for all dives organised by the club from now on following a few cancellations of late.
- Peter Foster is organising a trip to Northhaven (1/2Hr south of Port Macquarie), 13-16th June 1997.

Don't forget these upcoming dive days -

DATE	VENUE	ORGANISER
25/5/97	Bundeena Breakfast Dive	Scott
08/6/97	Norah Head Day Trip	Peter
22/6/97	Pittwater Diving and Picnic Day	Peter
27/7/97	Botany Bay Diving from La Perouse	Scott
9-11/8/97	Victory Week End Trip Jervis Bay Liveaboard	Peter FULL
17/8/97	Harbour Day out of Rose Bay	Scott
22-24/8/97	Victory Week End Trip Jervis Bay Liveaboard	Peter
07/9/97	Shell Harbour Diving, Day Trip	Scott
21/9/97	Jibbon or Bundeena Diving	Peter

BREAK

Social Organisers Report:

Debbie Davis

- 10th May Dinner at Bev's Restaurant 7:30pm (Club Sponsor)
 - 12th July Vicary's Winery "Xmas in July"
- Lists will be handed around.

Publicity Officers Report:

Paul Howlett

- 1000 word article in 'Dive Log' on the AV Night.

Photographic Officers Report:

Peter Flockart

- Thanked everyone for their help with the AV Night
- Mostly positive comments have been made about the night
- Carina suggested that letters also be sent out to other dive clubs and shops which supported the AV Night (in addition to sponsors thank you letters).
- Lee Harvey said sponsors were very happy with publicity received on the night.
- Craig Harwood thanked everyone who assisted with the AV Night.

Members Dive Reports:

Louise Wilson - Recently dived with the Whale Sharks at Nigaloo Reef, WA.

Scott Egginton - Dived the Birchgrove Park, 20Mtr viz on bottom, Ricks' plaque still isn't down, currently being organised; had a good day.

Michael McFadyen - Dived up off Pittwater, 'Hole in the Wall', Pinacles, 'Valiant' - had good viz on the Valiant, Pinacles had a lot of swim throughs..

General Business:

Internet

- The possibility of a web site on the Internet was discussed at length. In particular, a fax from Compsys Australia (David Brown, Internet Solutions Manager), was discussed which proposes a Web Site for SPDC with cross advertising.
- Michael McFadyen said that the club has to decide what it wants on the site ie something static or something that is constantly changing. If it is to be dynamic, needs a person to update the Web Site on a regular basis.
- Mark Dietz proposed the the matter be investigated further and Paul Howlett be nominated as the person to update the Web Site. PH agreed to this nomination.
- Craig Harwood suggested that any contract be discussed at the Club meeting before it is signed by the Club.

Magnetometer

- A discussion of the magnetometer took place; MM^cF has suggested some "Conditions of Use", which were distributed at the Club meeting to all present (and debated). MM^cF said that no rules for the Mag had been agreed to by the Club. Michael also said that there is a need to get something in writing.
- Leo said that statements made in the covering notes of Michael McFadyens proposal are not entirely true and misleading.
- Gordon suggested that a fee be set as a starting point for discussion. The club then proceeded to go through the proposal conditions, which were debated amongst those present.
- John Beddie proposed that the club obtain insurance for the magnetometer. John also thanked the club for purchasing a battery pack for the magnetometer.

Raffle prizes and winners:

1st prize	10 Airfills courtesy of Aquatic Explorers, Cronulla
Won by :	Russell Stoker
2nd prize	A boat dive on Max Western's <i>Sea Tamer II</i>
Won by :	Paul Howlett
3rd prize	Two airfills courtesy of Shiprock Dive, Lilli Pilli
Won by :	Barbara Sweetman
2 Extra Prizes	Disposable Cameras
Won by :	1 each - Ron Harris & Paul Howlett