

WET RAG



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

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FEBRUARY 1999

NEW COMMITTEE

(Well not really!!! But there are a few new faces)

PRESIDENT: PETER FOSTER

SECRETARY: MARK SPENCER

TREASURER: GRAHAM OATES

PUBLICITY OFFICER: LEO BERGAGNIN

EQUIPMENT OFFICER: GLEN PERCY

PHOTOGRAPHIC OFFICER: PETER FLOCKART (I'm a glutton for punishment)

DIVE ORGANISERS: PETER MASON & JACKIE OWENS

SCANS REPRESENTATIVE: GORDON McDonald

SOCIAL ORGANISERS & NEWSLETTER EDITOR: VACANT (BODIES NEEDED TO FILL THESE TWO POSITIONS.)

Meetings of the Club are normally held at 8pm on the 3rd Monday of each month in the Emile McDonald Room of the Bankstown Sports Club, Greenfield Parade, Bankstown. This month's meeting will be held on Monday, 15th February 1999.

Presidents Tidings

Well after one year in the job it should be easier for myself to help run the club this term. Our AGM was held in January and a new committee voted in, I thank those club members for taking positions on the committee.

At our first committee meeting of the year Leo B raised the question of moving the AGM back to the end of the financial year.

One very good reason for the move back is that a lot of club members are on annual holidays in January. The second but no less important reason is having the AGM and the end of the club membership year at the same time could cause confusion about who can / can't vote.

As the new club committee we can see no problem with moving the AGM to the end of the financial year but members must have the final say!!!

The SCANS day will come and go once again on the 21st February, lets hope SPDC members will turnout and enjoy the day.

Talking about diving, the January long weekend saw a group of nine club members enjoy a great weekend of diving in Jervis Bay on board the Indulgence. Everyone who made the trip had a good time and on each dive the vis was 20m +. We have rebooked for next year. So if you wish to go see myself, however 6 spots are already booked.

The newsletter, which you are reading has been put together by Peter Flockart. Peter has stated that he cannot do it full time. The WETRAG is, or should be the voice of the club members. So I hope a club member will take over full time from Peter.

Many people often say I wish I could help but I don't have the time.

This comment leads me to my final thought.

The sun, with all those planets revolving around and dependant on it can still ripen a bunch of grapes as if it had nothing else in the universe to do. (Galileo Galilee)

Peter Foster.

Photographic Officer's Report

Well I'm back yet again as Photographic Officer, I think I'm a glutton for punishment but I do enjoy it. It's a lot of work but the satisfaction at the end of the AV's makes it all is worthwhile. This year there is no AudioVisual, as I will be working towards a big one in 2000.

I hope to have some photographic guest speakers this year and maybe run a photographic course / workshop in conjunction with Glen Percy later in the year. Let me know if you would like to attend and I will supply further info as it comes to hand.

In the next newsletter I will continue my info file.

DIVE REPORTS

The following is a report on the Australia Day Weekend at Jervis Bay:

A Weekend of Pure Indulgence

By Samantha Oates

Day 0 – Peter Foster gets lynched

The divers arrive at Huskisson wharf throughout the evening to find nothing. No Indulgence; no Nutes; no explanation. Adrian and Annie Nute, meanwhile, are sitting in the pub alone and confused. Various phone calls, conversations with strangers and dubious sets of directions later, several miffed divers and a couple of bewildered Nutes meet up at the boat's new mooring. All are present except Peters Foster and Flockart. What went wrong?

It soon becomes apparent that Peter Foster has completely failed to tell anyone of the plan to meet Annie and Adrian at the pub before all heading off together to the new mooring. An hour later the Peters arrive and Peter Foster gets lynched.

The divers explore and admire Indulgence. Cabins are allocated and the phrase "rumpy pumpy" enters the weekend vocabulary. Adrian gets out the Playstation and he and Graham settle in for a weekend of car racing the wrong way around the track. Everyone else starts putting together their gear and Peter Foster experiences his first equipment tragedy – a wrong fitting has been fitted. He says, "Gosh! What a shame!" (Author's note: Peter's comment has been paraphrased.)

Gaynor, being a drysuit diver, identifies and memorises the quickest route from the entry

ladder to the dunny. The dunny is a rather posh airplane toilet affair, complete with a built-in shower for those who like to multi task. A roll call is held: Peters Foster, Flockart and Mason, Gaynor, Heinz, Josh, Sam and Graham. All are present except Whitey who will not be joining the boat until the following evening. Adrian promises that he has had the operation since last year and no longer snores. Everyone goes to bed. Sam gets up 2 sleepless hours later to investigate who is snoring. It is Adrian.

Day 1 – Adrian swims naked with bluebottles

The boat sets off across the bay and anchors at the Docks for the first dive. Adrian, fetchingly clad in only a pair of very brief undies with rather tenuous elastic and questionable staying-up power, dives in to retrieve a floating dive slate he has spotted. Everyone expects that his undies will peel off on entry into the water, but suprisingly he surfaces with his modesty intact. Not until he reaches the slate does he realise that the surface is crawling with bluebottles? He swims back to the boat by a somewhat more circuitous route, reading out excerpts from the slate. It details a conversation between two people concerning putting the champagne on ice ready for when they get back, getting the strawberries ready, boiling the kettle, etc. It is decided that the Lonergans must have been here.

In honour of the new catamaran Adrian has updated his dive brief to, "There's the back of the boat, pi** off both sides, swim round and come back." It is Sam's 300th dive and Adrian tells her that traditionally it is done naked. In the interests of public health and safety and general morale, she keeps her wetsuit on. Peter Foster's very expensive and very posh new drysuit leaks. He says, "Oh bother!" (Author's note: Peter's comment has been paraphrased.)

Later in the afternoon the dunny ceases to perform its usual duties. Adrian spends 10 minutes with his head down it before announcing that a spare part is needed from Sydney. The boat heads in to its mooring and Annie sets off for Sydney. The divers all shower and Sam puts Josh's long hair in a plait. Peter Foster is jealous because he doesn't have any hair to plait. All investigate the public toilets just along the lane. The gents' facility is attractively festooned with a roll of toilet paper. It is suspected that Peter Foster, who was first there, is the culprit.

Whitey rings from Sydney to announce that he is only just setting off. He plans to spend the night somewhere en route and arrive early the next morning. Adrian offers to love Whitey forever if he will collect the spare toilet part on his way and spare Annie the rest of the trip. Despite the threat, Whitey agrees to do so and Annie is summoned back.

Day 2 – Brightey the shithouse saviour

All awake to find that Whitey has arrived. He is hailed as a hero and the dunny is quickly fixed. Whitey heads below to change into something more comfortable and re-emerges wearing a rather startling orange, red and black shirt. He is immediately rechristened Brightey. He sets off with Annie to park his car and Adrian drives the boat over to the main wharf to pick them up. While still a fair distance out from the wharf a new navigation beacon is spotted. Adrian is puzzled as he has never seen it before. What does it signify? Then it waves and all realise it is Brightey waiting on the wharf.

Dives are done at the Tubes and the Waterfall. A group of fishermen has been encamped on a ledge on the cliff for the past couple of days. They are well set up with sleeping bags, awnings, cooking facilities and plastic swimming pools in which to keep live bait. Sam and Graham do their dive under this ledge and collect a large handful of fishing lures and a sunken swimming pool. They spend a while watching a large bull ray trawling back and forth along the wall waiting to Hoover up any falling fish off-cuts.

The other divers are very impressed when they return as it is not often that anyone brings up a swimming pool. Peter Foster's drysuit has leaked again and he says, "Oh deary me!" (Author's note: Peter's comment has been paraphrased.) Sam has so enjoyed plaiting Josh's hair the previous evening that she plans something a little more adventurous for tonight – a complicated French pleat perhaps. In self-defence Josh does not wash his hair, thwarting her plans.

Day 3 – Gavnor gets rooted

Brightey emerges from his cabin wearing an even brighter shirt than yesterday, this one covered in flowers. He receives much acclaim and everyone looks for their sunglasses. This is the Masons' last day as they have to return to Sydney for a wedding. Dives for the day are Point Perpendicular, Slot Cave and the Fairy Firefly, and then the mussel ropes at Vincentia

after the Masons have been dropped off. Lots of squid are seen on the first two, four angel sharks on the third and several sea horses and octopus on the fourth. Peter Foster's equipment tragedy for today is the strap on his computer, which has to be fixed with a cable tie. Peter says, "What a nuisance!" (Author's note: Peter's comment has been paraphrased.) All who were present with Peter in Truk are relieved that he has reprogrammed his computer to give a little less decompression time. After 31 minutes at 13.3m on the Fairy Firefly he only has to do 54 minutes of decompression, which is a bit of a relief all round.

Gaynor announces that she likes to be rooted. The men on the boat start to get very excited until they realise she is talking about home ownership. Later, Peter Flockart says he prefers it long and shallow, which all present generously attribute to his diving activities and not his love life.

Peter Flockart's photographic gear, which started the trip contained within 3 bags and a small crate, has been spreading outward in ever increasing circles with each passing day and has now reached the outer limits of the main cabin. Amongst his bits and pieces is a dental tool, which Peter uses for removing O rings. People start to be very careful where they sit. Josh catches a bonito on the way back to Husky using one of the newly found lures. In the evening Josh takes pity on Sam and washes his hair so she can plait it. The boat, Masonless, moors in the middle of the creek for the night.

Day 4 – A last Indulgence

Adrian begins the day by getting the mooring rope fouled in the prop. Peter Flockart tries to untangle it but has to retire defeated. In the end it takes Adrian wielding a lot of brute force and one of Annie's kitchen knives to clear it. Neither the mooring rope nor the knife survives the ordeal, but all are glad that Adrian has had a bath. Brightey has donned yet another loud shirt and there is another general scramble for sunglasses. The boat heads off to Gutter Reef for the first dive.

During the weekend a pattern has emerged on the dive deck. The Masons are always the first to be kitted up and in the water, followed by Sam and Graham, then Heinz and Josh and finally Whitey and the Peters. It is estimated that Peter Foster has spent approximately 16 hours each day setting up, breaking down and

generally fiddling with his twin tank set-up. Peter Flockart has spent a similar amount of time in the main cabin doing the same to his various camera set-ups.

Peter Flockart has always been last in and very much last out, drinking dry a huge tank and a pony and sitting on the anchor line for ages decompressing. On this, the last day, the other divers put their collective foot down and order him in first so they don't have to wait ages for him to emerge after the dive. It is a successful ploy and they wish they had thought of it sooner.

Adrian overbalances on one of the dive platforms and falls fully clothed into the water. Much mirth and merriment ensue until he climbs back on board with a bleeding toe, having caught it on something on the way into the water. He bravely refuses the offer of a choccy biccy to make it better, but gets a bit of a cuddle from Annie instead.

The last supper is eaten and the boat heads back in to Huskisson for the final time. All are at least 2 kilos heavier than when they boarded and they groan when Annie suggests some chocolate. Totally sated over the past four days with all manner of culinary delights, they cannot eat another thing. They sit back contentedly and wonder if they might see dolphins at the bow one final time, but tempering this desire is the thought that Adrian will try to charge a \$35 dolphin watch fee for each dolphin spotted. Adrian has calculated that about 20 dolphins have been seen over the weekend, so everyone owes him \$700. He is ignored.

Back at the mooring the boat is unloaded and the divers sadly say goodbye. It has been a fantastic weekend and the Indulgence has already been booked for next year. While thanking Peter Foster for making the arrangements, the other divers just wish they had been told about them.

THANK YOU ANNIE AND ADRIAN!

SOMETHING DIFFERENT

A series on some of the Nudibranchs found around Sydney.

COMMON NAME: **Blue Dragons**

SCIENTIFIC NAME: Pteraeolidia ianthania

DISTRIBUTION: Common along NSW Coast

HABITAT: Rocky Reefs that are exposed to

tidal flows

DEPTH RANGE: Low tide to 30 m.

ADULT SIZE: 100 mm (160 mm expanded)

NOTES:

There are 2 stages juvenile and adult. In the juvenile stage the animal is generally pure white with distinctive purple rhinophores.

The adult (male) has a brown body with blue stripes; white rhinophores with purple bands.

The adult (female) is pale blue/white/olive body, white rhinophores with purple bands.

The eggs are white in colour and are laid in a form resembling string and often has a female wrapped around the mass. She appears to use her body to protect the eggs and stop them being washed away by the current.

Aeolids have no gills as are found in other nudibranchs; instead they use the cerata that covers their bodies for the purpose of gas exchange. They are often found on rocks with their bodies extended to twice their normal length in order to increase the surface area available for respiration.

These cerata have another function and this to store the nematocysts from hydroids consumed by the animal as a means of defence.

Reference:

Dive Observations

Nudibranchs of Australasia Neville Coleman

CONGRATULATIONS

---to Sarah Harlen who is expecting her first child in five months. We wish John & Sarah all the best for the coming trials of parenthood.

RAFFLE PRIZES for Feb Meeting.

1st Dive torch from Aquasports(Yagoona)

2nd Boat dive on Sea Tamer II

3rd Two air fills from Shiprock Dive

THE ANNUAL SCANS DAY, FEBRUARY 21ST.

The Independent Dive Clubs are hosting their annual dive day this year at Frenchmans Bay, short notice I know, but somehow this event has not received the publicity within our club that it should have.

Our club was one of the motivators behind

forming this association and in the past we have always had a good showing on these days. It was only 2 years ago our club had around 80 or so people there.

Barry Andrewartha and Belinda Barnes are sponsoring lunch. Hopefully they will be coming up from Melbourne once again this year.

We need to know numbers urgently for this one so boats can be organised. At the time of writing, three club members have volunteered their boats, Mark Ridsdale, Mark Dietz and John Beddie. You can register at the February meeting, contact Peter Mason direct, or contact the club phone on 0411 343 200.

Regards,
LEO B.

CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY MARCH 7TH

Over the past few years, divers from South Pacific Divers Club have always participated at this event. This year will be no exception. The committee has decided to not only make this a working day, but also a family day. We will once again clean up at Kurnell. The club will bring along the BBQ and will kick the day off with sausages and eggs, tea and coffee for breakfast and later throw on a few cordon bleu for lunch and a range of salads will be provided. B.Y.O.G.

The plan is to meet at the gates at around 8am and to set up camp. Diver's wishing to clean up underwater will set off at their leisure. All above water cleaners will do likewise, the aim being to fill up the back of my truck with rubbish twice.

Come on all you lot, let's fly the S.P.D.C. flag nice and high and do this for the birthplace of our nation. Bring along the family, the next door neighbour, mother-in-law and anyone else you can think of. Please let us know how many of you are coming, so nobody will miss out on a feed.

For more information Phone Peter Mason Direct or contact the club phone on 0411 343 200.

RULES OF INCORPORATION

Now I know what you are thinking "Not these bloody things again" but will you please read on as it is not that bad. Yeah they have been thrown around like a hot potato lately, but really they are nothing but a load of mumbo-jumbo that the Department of Fair Trading require, therefore they need to be worded correctly. Peter Mason has spent quite some time collating the various amendments that have been voted on over the years and they are nearly ready to be lodged.

At the recent committee meeting I recommended a change of one of the rules. All committee members that were present at the meeting agreed with my suggestion (two committee members were unable to be at that meeting and at this time I have not spoken to them).

The recommendation is to reverse of the rule regarding the A.G.M. back to three months after the end of the financial year.

In the mid nineties the AGM was moved to January and I believe this has not worked well. These are my reasons for going back to July.

1. By Christmas the committee is winding down and rightly so doesn't commit the new committee to future events, this is a summer sport primarily. Our club in recent years appears to be stagnant at this time when we should be going ahead at full steam.
2. June, July, August is a slow time for divers, a time when planning the coming summer activities should happen.
3. January is also holiday time for many people. How many members may have missed the A.G.M. because of holiday commitments?
4. As the membership falls due at this time, how many members voted, but were unfinancial?
5. While the rules are being revised and are about to be submitted this rule can be voted on without cost to the club.

Finally, the current committee will probably, if they desire, be re-elected whether it is in July or January.

Regards,
LEO B.

P.S. Voting will be at the March Meeting. Proxy forms etc. will be sent with the next issue of the *Wet Rag*.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS The following members are on the committee for the 1998 year.

Position	Name	Home No:	Work No:
President:	Peter Foster	9564 2654	Mobile: 0418 435 774
Treasurer:	Graham Oates	9769 0098	9722 4813
	Email:		
Secretary:	Mark Spencer	9821 3740	Mobile: 0148 975 398
	Email: Davis@3-net.com.au		
Photographic Officer:	Peter Flockart	9371 0265	9374 8324
	Email: Nelson01@bigpond.com		Fax: 9374 2688
Publicity Officer:	Leo Bergagnin	9558 25920	9517 2853
	Email:		Mobile: 0419 517 285
Dive Organisers:	Peter Mason	9531 1531	9252 1111
	Jackie Owen		
Equipment Officer:	Glen Percy (Aquasports)		9708 2826
Newsletter Editor:	*** Position Vacant***		

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.

Name	Home No:	Work No:
Sue Armstrong	02 44 437 606	9385 2248
Martin Atkins (lives in Jervis Bay area)		044 43 4631
Martin Kandilas	9725 7808	9725 7808
		042 74 0210

If you are a boat owner and would like to be added to this list contact the committee.

CLUB SPONSORS Remember to support the Club Sponsors:

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

Name	Contact:	Phone No:
Aquatic Explorers	Steve or Lee at 3/82-84 Captain Cook Drive, Caringbah	9531 1518
Aqua Sports	Glen Percy at 430 Hume Highway Yagoona	9708 2826
Beverley's Restaurant	Peter or Bev at 1 – 9 Meagher St Chippendale	9310 4878
Dive Quest	Chris or Gary at Mullaway	066 54 1930
Sea Tamer II Charter	Max Western 9524 1818 or 018 280 791	
Shiprock Dive	Leo or Lesley at Lilli Pilli	9526 2664
Southern Cross Divers	Barry at The Spit Marina	9969 5072
Southern Cross Divers	Geoff at Stanmore	9568 1517
South West Rocks Dive	Noel or Belinda	02 6566 6474
Twofold Dive Charters	Peter or Lorna at Eden	02 6496 3384

DON'T FORGET THE CLUB PHONE NUMBER 0411 343 200

CLUB GEAR

The Club has a variety of gear for sale, hire or loan. This includes T-shirts, Stickers, BumBags, Shirts, Sweaters, Caps, The Magnetometer, Two sets of Oxygen equipment, BBQ, and much much more. Inquiries should be directed to the Equipment officer.

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

UPCOMING DIVING ACTIVITIES

Contact Numbers: Peter Mason 9531 1531

February

21st Scans Day at La Perouse /Bare Island Time and details to follow

26th Night dive on Southern Comfort. Departs Rose Bay wharf at 1900 hrs (7pm) sharp.

With this operator you can dive inside or outside the harbour from a stable, comfortable boat run by a reliable operator. Departs from Rose Bay wharf that has plenty of parking. Photographers special, see the critters of harbour that you can only see at night.

March

7th CLEAN -up- AUSTRALIA Day Location Kurnell. Meet outside the entrance to Botany Bay National Park at **8am** BBQ after the dive. Club will supply salad and rolls. BYO meat and grog Bring the family and have an enjoyable day.

12th Shore night dive at Camp Cove. Meet at the Kiosk end at 6pm. Possible sausage sizzle after the dive. More details to follow. (Bring the family)

20th & 21st **Weekend away** at Hawkes Nest / Nelsons Bay . Details to follow.

April

2nd - 5th Easter Weekend Stay tuned for details, Stay home avoid the traffic hassles and dive!!!!

May

22nd & 23rd Weekend on the Indulgence at Jervis Bay. 2 days 5 dives. Great Boat Great Dives. If the Australia Day weekend was anything to go by – not one to be missed. \$275 per person. Hurry as places are filling fast. For details contact Peter Flockart.

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, 15th February 1999**.

Deadline for articles is the last day of the month. Wet Rag, the South Pacific Divers' Club Newsletter, is published by South Pacific Divers' Club. Edited by Peter Flockart



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Send material for the Wet Rag to the Committee c/o club PO Box as on front cover.

SYDNEY DIVE DAY SUNDAY 21ST FEBRUARY 1999

After the memorable success of the 1998 Sydney Dive Day, the Scuba Clubs' Association of NSW (SCAN) is organising another diving event for 1999. The dive day will be held at Frenchmans Bay at La Perouse and member clubs will be using their boats (as well as private boats) to dive the wrecks and reefs outside Botany Bay. These dive sites include the wrecks of SS Kelloe, SS Minmi and MV Malabar and the dive sites of Henry Head, Cape Banks, Pistol Crack, Secluded Cemetery, Little Bay and the Rifle Range as well as the many sites off Kurnell. Even in unfavourable winds and seas, diving should still be possible off Henry Head, Inscription Point or under the Container Wall. Shore dives at Bare Island are also available for those not keen on boats or if there are too many people for the boats. Also there is a family beach for the children to play.

Make this a day to meet and reacquaint yourself with other dive buddies and friends.

It is intended that dives will start from about 8am and continue as needed. Each member Club will be organising their divers onto their own boats but it is expected that other club boats may also be able to assist.

Club dive organisers will need to contact Gordon McDonald on either (02 95197850) or email (wolfmac@zip.com.au) with numbers attending on the day (for catering purposes). It will also assist if organisers provide details of dive boat loads and spare spots so that we can cater for a maximum number of divers. Diving pick-up will be from Frenchmans Bay Beach adjacent to the boatshed and kiosk.

After the first dive, a free sausage sizzle will be held in the small park behind Frenchmans Bay Beach. This will be catered for by SCAN. All divers will need to do is bring along themselves. Drinks will also be available at minimum cost. Members are very welcome to bring their family to Frenchmans Bay and attend the barbecue and join in the socialising.

The 1998 day was a great success, with more than 180 people and 12 boats in attendance. It is also a certainty that the 1999 day will be even more successful.

Members of SCAN Club should contact your dive organiser for more details and to indicate if they will be attending. Dive organisers should then contact Gordon McDonald with numbers for the BBQ.

DON'T MISS OUT ON A GREAT DAY

Please pass this article onto your Club Editor and Secretary and contact as many divers as possible. See you there.

Regards
Gordon McDonald

Minutes of the meeting of South Pacific Divers Club at
Bankstown Sports Club
Monday 18th January 1999

Meeting opened 8.15pm members and guests welcomed by Club President, Peter Foster.

Apologies: John and Sarah Harlen, Glen Percy

Secretary:

Debbie Davis

Acceptance of Previous Club Minutes

The previous club minutes were accepted by:

Peter Mason

Seconded by:

Gordon McDonald

Incoming/Outgoing correspondence: Newsletter from URG, Dept. of Fair Trading, Dive Log receipt, Bank Statement, One Tel Account, RSL War Veterans Home Lottery, Membership - Martin Atkins, Mark Risdale.

Treasurer's Report:

Graham Oates

Income \$75.00

Expenses

\$397.35

Break down of income

Membership fee

\$75.00

Breakdown of expenses

Postage \$139.30

Club Phone Charges \$58.00

Social Function

\$110.00

Cheque A/C \$240.11

Stationery

\$9.05

Investment A/C \$8143.67

AUPY Expenses

\$81.00

Petty Cash \$118.25

Treasurer's report accepted by Peter Mason seconded Darren Wright

Dive Organisers Report:

John Harlan No Report

Social Organisers Report:

Position not filled No report

Photographic Officers Report:

Peter Flockart : No Report

Publicity Officers Report:

Position not filled No report

Equipment Officers Report:

Glen Percy all equipment present and ready for use.

BREAK

Raffle Drawn:

1st Prize: Heinz Bendringer - Hydro Test & fill from Aqua-Sports Yagoona

2nd prize: Mark Spencer-Boat Dive from Max Western "SEA TAMER II"

3rd prize: Russell Stoker- T shirt from Aquatic Explorers

Members Dive Reports:

Peter Flockart. Marley sponge gardens, 18deg water temp, 10-20m vis, plenty of fish, good dive.

Sam & Graham. Ulladulla, Malua Island -25 Grey Nurse sharks, a good dive.

Leo B. 4 dives with John Beddy & Russell on boat-red Indian fish, Weedy sea dragon.

Peter Foster. dived with Bob May at JB, Tiger Shark within the bay.
Southern Cross dives store broken into-computers, regs & vests were stolen.

General Business:

Changes to Constitution

No 26 - no objections.

No 3A(2) - include "siblings" proposed Gordon Mc 2nd Peter Flockart.

Carried.

No 3C(3) - "any general meeting" proposed Gaynor Mason 2nd Gordon McDonald.
carried.

No 3G - no objections. carried.

No 7A,7B,7C - no objections, proposed Peter Mason 2nd Peter Flockart.

Carried.

No 9D - proposed Peter Mason 2nd Gaynor Mason. carried.

No12A(2) - proposed Peter Mason 2nd Gordon Mc. carried.

No12B(2) - " " " " " "

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No14D " " " " Peter Flockart.

Carried.

No14G " " " " Gordon Mc

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No15G " " " " Gaynor Mason.

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No15I " " " " Gordon Mc

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No16C " " " " Peter Flockart

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No17 " " " " Gaynor Mason

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No21A " " " " "

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No21K " Gordon Mc " " "

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No22A " Peter Mason " Gordon Mc "

No27C " " " " "

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No28B " " " " Peter Flockart

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No29B(1) " " " " "

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No29B(2) " " " " "

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No30A " " " " Gaynor Mason

Leo B. stated some previous rules were omitted from constitution-submit to Dept of Fair Trading the final copy of Constitution. Peter Mason all changed proposals voted on tonight and OK. All rules should be included before final copy is submitted to Dept of Fair Trading - also rule changes from previous meetings - Pete Foster to check previous minutes.

Debbie Davis proposed Peter Mason to look after rules of incorporation position accepted by Peter Mason seconded by Mark Spencer and Barbara Sweetman.

Voting for the 1999 committee

Returning Officer Darren Wright

Peter Foster nominated president by Peter Mason 2nd Gaynor Mason (declined)
Leo B nominated president by Debbie Davis (declined)
Mark Spencer nominated secretary 2nd Gordon McDonald (accepted)
Graham Oates nominated treasurer by himself 2nd Gordon McDonald (accepted)
Peter Mason nominated dive organiser accepted Peter Foster 2nd Gaynor Mason.
Jackie Owen nominated dive organiser by Peter Foster accepted by majority.
Glen Percy nominated equipment officer by Peter Foster accepted Peter Flockart

2nd majority.

Leo B nominated publicity officer by Debbie Davis (accepted) voted majority.
Peter Flockart nominated photographic officer by Peter Foster accepted majority voted.
Social organiser - position not filled held over till next meeting.
Newsletter editor - position not filled Peter Flockart to fill position till editor is nominated.

New Committee

President. Peter Foster
Secretary: Mark Spencer (Debbie Davis proxy)
Treasurer: Graham Oates
Publicity Officer: Leo B
Equipment Officer: Glen Percy
Photographic Officer: Peter Flockart
Dive Organiser: Peter Mason, Jackie Owen
Social Organiser: Vacant
Newsletter Editor: Vacant
Scans Representative _ Gordon McDonald.
Peter Foster - returned to chair thanked old committee and welcomed new committee.

Meeting Closed 10.05pm