

# WET RAG



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE  
SOUTH PACIFIC DIVERS' CLUB established 1962

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The Twins

Peter Flockart Photographics ©

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, 21<sup>st</sup> June 1999.



### From the Committee

Earlier on this year our club moved our annual general meeting from the end of calendar year to end of the financial year.

We are now advising all club members that the Annual General Meeting will be held at the Bankstown Sports Club on the third Monday of July 19<sup>th</sup>.

As you are aware over the last couple of months we have been travelling without a President, this situation cannot continue, someone out there is capable of fulfilling this position, so how about giving it some thought and it is imperative for the club that the position is filled.

Naturally all committee positions are declared vacant. Regardless of your length of time with the club why not offer your services for one of the committee positions. The rewards are minimal but you will be surprised at the people you will meet and the friendships you will make.

Being on a committee is not really all that bad as in most cases it is just a matter of planning and working in harmony with other members trying to combine many ideas to reach a final goal.

Please don't avoid the July meeting come along and offer your services and help the club to achieve new heights. You never know you might even enjoy yourself!!

### Photographic Officer's Report

Information regarding the George Roberts Trophy:

The comp will be run over three months opening in July with the entries due at the close of the meeting in August.

See the details and conditions attached with edition of the Wet Rag.

Noel Taylor and Glen Percy have suggested that members may wish to complete one of their Underwater Photographic Courses prior to or during the course of the competition, to increase their chances.

Along with the assistance of the committee we are currently negotiating with various sponsors to try and bag a few prizes for this competition. This will be a good lead up to our major competition due to commence in February 2000.

It is with deep regret that I must announce my intention to step down as photographic officer in July. My main reason is a promotion at

work, which is taking more of my time. It will take me awhile to adjust to the new role as manager of more staff than I've had to look after for quite some time. (Thanks Little Johnny for the GST)

However I am more than willing to assist the new Photographic officer in way they choose especially in a couple of months when I am on top of this job.

### **NEWS FLASH**

**Aquatic Explorers** have purchased a new dive boat, which is currently being fitted out. This will replace their existing smaller boat and will make diving more comfortable. Hopefully in the next newsletter we will be able advise of its launch date.

### **UPCOMING DIVES AND DIVE TRIPS**

We've got a heap of dives and dive trips organised for the next couple of months. If you'd like to come to any of these please let me know (preferably before the dives) or leave a message on the club phone.

The Bombo, Wollongong: Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> June Double Dive 8am and 12pm. There are only a couple of places left for this dive on the morning and lunchtime dives. Please let me know ASAP if you would like to come on this dive. Cost will be about \$15 to 20 per person per dive.

Coolooli (Long reef) and Midway Reef: Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> July. Leaving 7am (sharp) from Rose Bay wharf. Cost \$60 for the double dive (including a light lunch). Back about 1.30pm.

Club Search Day: Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> July. Second club search day.

Ulladulla weekend: 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> July. Same deal as in May. \$160 includes 4 dives (2 dives on Brush Island on the Saturday, 3 airfills and 2 night's accommodation at the lodge next door to the dive shop (and a 1-minute walk from the pub and the shops). We can also do a night dive if any one wants to.

With all of these dives, I really need to know who's coming to what dive. If you put your name down for a dive - please let me know if you later decide you can't make it. Equally, if you decide that you are coming - please tell me.

Cheers and good diving,

Jackie



Here is the fifth in the series "Nudibranchs around Sydney".

COMMON NAME	<b>Splendid Nudibranch</b>
SCIENTIFIC NAME	<u>Chromodoris splendida</u>
DISTRIBUTION	Common along NSW coast
HABITAT	: Rocky reef, or sandy/ muddy bottoms.
DEPTH RANGE	: Low Tide to 40 m
ADULT SIZE	: 2 to 50 mm
SIZE of SPECIMEN	: 70 mm

:A strikingly coloured nudibranch being almost pure white except for a yellow border and red gills and rhinophores. The spots on the upper surface are red

Nudibranchs of Australasia by Neville Coleman

Departing on Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> July  
Returning Friday 13<sup>th</sup> August

12 nights / 11 days  
5 days Tulagi and 5 days Honiara

Cost around \$2500.  
Package includes all airfares and transfers  
12 nights accom, meals whilst in Tulagi

For further information and exact itinerary  
contact Leo B ASAP.

On the 6<sup>th</sup> of June, four club members set off from Rose Bay, to dive the wreck of the Coolooli, which forms part of the artificial reef off Narrabeen.

The Coolooli was a bucket dredge, which was deliberately sunk, in the early 1980's. Today it lies on its side in approx 46 metres.

Sea conditions on the day were slightly choppy with a slight surface current. Visibility on

descent was about 15 metres but on the bottom it closed in to around 10m. Tom Byron & Jackie R were first in followed by Peter F and Leo B. Peter went to the wreck while Leo spent some 9 mins clearing his ears before proceeding down the line.

Apart from the wreck the only things of note seen were a purple fusiler (that's a type of fish) and some purple and yellow jewel anemones and a toilet bowl lying on the sand below the wreck.

All too briefly (as usual) it was soon time to ascend to our deco stops to watch the passing parade of plankton floating past in the current.

Jackie notices Tom B putting on his backpack and tank but no B/C. She says to Tom B "haven't you forgotten something"

To which Tom replied "No I have not."

(Authors note: Tom's reply has been paraphrased)

A pleasant day was had by all, it was a pity more club members weren't there to enjoy it.

## REBREATHES VISITS SPD

At our June meeting Costa (can't spell his surname) from Southern Cross Divers – Stanmore, will be coming with his Buddy inspiration rebreather to give us a demonstration and information session on its workings. This is not a hard sell presentation but purely to demonstrate the enormous diving potential that can be gained from diving with this equipment.

Whether you are interested in rebreathers or not why not come along and have a play with this one, put it on your back, walk around and get the feel all with no obligation whatsoever. This presentation is solely to inform.

Should be FUN!!!!!!

Also we will finally see the video from Truk lagoon, which was taken by Mark (Spielberg) Dietz.

We will have the dive reports from the clubs trip to Terrigal and Foggy Cave.



**COMMITTEE MEMBERS** the following members are on the committee for the 1999-year.

Position	Name	Home No:	Work No:
<b>President:</b>	Vacant		
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Graham Oates	9769 0098	9722 4813
	Email:		
<b>Secretary:</b>	Mark Spencer	9821 3740	Mobile: 0148 975 398
	Email: Davis@3-net.com.au		
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	Email: Nelson01@bigpond.com		Fax: 9374 2688
<b>Publicity Officer:</b>	Leo Bergagnin	9558 25920	9517 2853
			Mobile: 0419 517 285
<b>Dive Organiser:</b>	Jackie Rotenstien	9904 7843	9930 7501
	E-mail: jackie.rotenstein@nortonsmith.com.au		
<b>Equipment Officer:</b>	Glen Percy (Aquasports)		9708 2826
<b>Newsletter Editor:</b>	Peter Flockart		

### 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
		042 74 0210
Martin Kandilas	9725 7808	9725 7808

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:
<b>Aquatic Explorers</b>	Steve or Lee at 3/82-84	9531 1518
	Captain Cook Drive, Caringbah	
<b>Aqua Sports</b>	Glen Percy at 430 Hume Highway	9708 2826
	Yagoona	
<b>Beverley's Restaurant</b>	Peter or Bev at 1 - 9 Meagher St	9310 4878
	Chippendale	
<b>Dive Quest</b>	Chris or Gary at Mullaway	066 54 1930
<b>Sea Tamer II Charter</b>	Max Western	9524 1818 or
		018 280 791
<b>Shiprock Dive</b>	Leo or Lesley at Lilli Pilli	9526 2664
<b>Southern Cross Divers</b>	Barry at The Spit Marina	9969 5072
<b>Southern Cross Divers</b>	Geoff at Stanmore	9568 1517
<b>South West Rocks Dive</b>	Noel or Belinda	02 6566 6474
<b>Twofold Dive Charters</b>	Peter or Lorna at Eden	02 6496 3384



### RAFFLE PRIZES for June Meeting.

- 1<sup>st</sup>  
2<sup>nd</sup> 1 x Air Card (10 fills) from Aquasports(Yagoona) Dive Slate kit.  
1 3<sup>rd</sup> Boat dive on Sea Tamer II  
3 4<sup>th</sup> Two air fills from Shiprock Dive

### 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.

### UPCOMING DIVING ACTIVITIES

Contact Numbers: Jackie Rotenstien [REDACTED] (wk) or by email

#### June

27<sup>th</sup> Dive on the Bombo. Dives will be at 8 am and midday. Places are limited, so if your name isn't on the list yet check with Jackie at the next meeting

#### July

11<sup>th</sup> A Double dive on Southern Comfort. Leaving from Rose Bay at 7am Cost will be \$60. Dives will include the Coolooli and Midway Reef.

18<sup>th</sup> Club Search day using the magnetometer

24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> Ulladulla This is the weekend originally set down for May. Cost \$160 Incl 4 dives / air and accom.

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.

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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

### Solomon's Trip

Proposed dates : first two weeks of August

The plan is to travel to Honiara: the first group of six divers will travel to Tulagi for 5 days while the second will go to Munda for 5 days. Returning to Honiara, where the two groups will regather for the balance of the trip. Costs will differ depending on which location you choose.

Contact Leo B for further details.

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



## SOUTH PACIFIC DIVERS CLUB

### GEORGE ROBERTS MEMORIAL PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION

The club competition is one that all the divers in the club should enter. There will be prizes and certificates for all the monthly winners and the overall winner.

As the competition is handicapped any consistent underwater photographer has an excellent chance of winning.

Remember, the aim of this competition is to upgrade the standard of photography by encouraging the novice photographer and by making the established photographer strive harder. The competition has already proven a success and should encourage all club members to "dabble" in underwater photography. Any novice can gain a wealth of information from any established club photographer and may even wish to complete one of the underwater photography courses offered by Glen Percy and Noel Taylor.

### COMPETITION RULES

1. The competition will be conducted over three months.

Each month's competition will close at 10.00 p.m. on the night of the Club meeting for that month:

- September
- October
- November

Late entries will be entered into the following month's competition.

2. The competition is open only to members of South Pacific Divers Club who are currently financial.
3. September Competition is open only to those people who have not gained 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> in any competition with the exception of past George Roberts Novice Sections.

October Competition is open to any person except those people who have won 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> open in past S.P.D. Competitions.

November Competition is open to all members.

4. Each entry may be up to five slides per month. They will be judged and only the highest scoring slide counted.
5. There will be a prizewinner each month and a major overall prizewinner.



6. The winner and entrants each month will receive a score for the place they achieve (different from their slide score). This score is cumulative through the competition. The highest cumulative score at the end of the competition will be declared the overall winner.  
The scores each month will be:

	<u>September</u>	<u>October</u>	<u>November</u>
1 <sup>st</sup>	6	5	15
2 <sup>nd</sup>	5	4	14
3 <sup>rd</sup>	4	3	13
4 <sup>th</sup>	3	2	10
5 <sup>th</sup>	3	2	9
6 <sup>th</sup>	3	2	8
7 <sup>th</sup>	3	2	7
8 <sup>th</sup>	3	2	6
9 <sup>th</sup>	3	2	5
10 <sup>th</sup>	3	2	4

7. The George Roberts Memorial Open Trophy will be presented to the overall winner. The George Roberts Memorial Novice Trophy will be presented to the highest scoring entrant from September and October competition only.
8. All entries must be transparencies.
9. All entries must have been taken in New South Wales or its Territories
10. The entrant must have taken all entries.
11. Entries may be cropped or masked to achieve desired effects.
12. Slides may not be manipulated after the development of the original film other than cropping as in Rule 11.
13. Slides taken in aquariums, bath tubs or similar or on land are not acceptable.
14. All entries will be returned at the following month's meeting.
15. Results are final and no correspondence will be entered into.
16. Prizes will be presented at the Christmas party.
17. \_\_??\_\_ and \_\_???\_\_ will be the Judges.

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**SOUTH PACIFIC DIVERS CLUB INC**

**POSTAL & or PROXY FOR**  
**VOTING for the Annual General Meeting**

PO Box 823, Bankstown, NSW, 2200

To be held in July 19<sup>th</sup>. At Bankstown Sports Club.

Please nominate your preferred candidate and position:

Nomination: \_\_\_\_\_

Position \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**OR**

I nominate \_\_\_\_\_ to vote on my behalf at the Annual General Meeting

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



**Minutes of the meeting of South Pacific Divers Club  
at Bankstown Sports Club  
Monday 17th May 1999**

**Meeting Opened:** 8.10pm members & visitors welcomed by Leo Bergagin.

**Apologies:** John Beddie, Martin & Ilona Kandilas,

**Secretary:**

**Mark Spencer**

Minutes of previous meeting accepted by Jackie Rotenstien seconded by Ross Hipwell

**Incoming/Outgoing Correspondence:**

CBA, GIO, Tasmania Diving One-Tel, Doubts newsletter, URG newsletter, TUG.

Change of address of Tim O'Brien

**Treasurers Report: May 1999**

**Graham Oates**

Income \$349.00

Expenses \$962.63

Cheque Account                      \$ 847.55

Investment Account                \$7153.26

Petty Cash                            \$ 147.05

Accepted by Louise Wilson    Seconded by Heinz Bendinger

**Dive Organisers Report**

**Jackie Rotenstien**

All information in Wet Rag, 1st & 2nd May Ulladulla, cancelled due to bad weather, set for 24th-25th July. June long weekend Terrigal \ Norah Head. 27th June Bombo 8.00 and 12.00 full boat, possible extra dive, diving with United Divers. Club search day, 16th May was cancelled due to no boats available set to 6th June, Members wishing to dive a particular site may suggest to Jackie to organise. Asked for any e-mail addresses

**Social Organiser:**    Position Vacant

**Photographic Officer:**

**Peter Flockart**

Working on categories for "George Robert's Comp", starting in July with macro. Comp run over four months, macro, wide angle plus 1 other category, video may be included, the video will be 4 minutes in length 75% underwater 25% above, Noel Taylor is helping to organise prizes.

**Publicity Officer:**

**Leo Bergagnin**

Asked if anyone was interested to walk on the Harbour Bridge at night cost \$120

**Equipment Officer:**

**Glen Percy**

All equipment OK. Trouble with members returning gear late, if using club gear try to return it on time, hindrance to other members

**Dive Reports:**

**Anne Rowe-** Dived Heron Island Marine Park Manta's seen on bombie, lots of turtles.

**Darren-** dived S-W Rocks, good vis at Fish Rock Cave, 12-14 Grey Nurse sharks, dived Mullaway at Fish Soup, Anemone Bay.

**Peter-** dived Tuggerah on 80th Birthday, wobbies on boiler-mating cuttle-fish, could see silhouette of divers all way to surface 20degC.

**Leo-** "Le-scat" dived on Tuggerah, one diver lost mask & contact lens (no names), another decided anchor wasn't picked in, decided to move it, boat drifted away.

**Noel-** Tom, Whitey dived steps at Kurnell, took scooters, schools of whiting.

**BREAK**

**Leo-**introduced Glen Percy on presentation of video display.

**Glen Percy-**with proposal to purchase a slide scanner through the club. Spoke of history of the AUPY. Recently a lot of work has been done by outside source, in



earlier days done by club members, we should return to that direction. This will foster photography & a chance for new members to participate in the AV night. This display took 3 hrs to prepare, show mock-up of presentation & some idea's available.

**Mitch-**1 minute of video will use 1.2 megabyte of disc space.

**Glen-**By putting slide on video there is a reduction in quality. This will maintain quality; the program can be done 12 months in advance.

**Leo-**I gather you boys are volunteering to do the next presentation night

**Jackie-**to Mitch, possible to get idea of models & cost

**Noel-** Tabled cost & model numbers of slide scanner & CD-writer. For \$1400 we can produce an AV that is costing the club \$10k, which is where the investment money came from.

**Duane-**I noted that last meeting we decided to buy the scanner, also noted not to buy it through club funds.

**Leo-**that was the general intention

**Duane-**Can I ask the reason for that.?

**Leo-** Basically the funds are there to prop up the next AV night, so I guess it is a question that can be discussed. Noel has come up with details, up to members to decide if they are happy with a particular brand etc.

**Duane-**I noticed it was decided to raise funds for it, I fail to see the significance if funds are available

**Jackie-**To run the AV night you need to pay people up front, before we get any money from ticket sales etc., it gives us a buffer.

**Glen-**What do we spend on the AV night.

**Peter-**\$8,000 to \$10,000 budgeted for previous years.

**Mitch-** New members will be able to learn how to use equipment, learn production, instead of paying people outside. It is not adding value to people internally, every one learns.

**Leo-** Last month members attending had agreed to buy equipment, there was a proposal put to committee, which we will throw to members to vote on. The only point being, are you guys prepared to put the next show together.

**NT-**We have offered our help for the last 6 months, said to Peter we will help you, but no-one has ever come back to us.

**Leo-** the next AV night is 1 year away.

**Jackie-**we are not at a point to come back & get help. It is noted and appreciated

**Peter-**We have to approach sponsors 1st, see if prepared to support comp next year. After last year, some sponsors didn't appreciate the way they were treated. Our major raffle prize "Reef Explorer" went belly up.

**Leo-**What can we do, you guys have put a presentation together. Are you prepared to run the next AV putting it on CD. The club has a motion to buy one

**Glen-** The club has a Photographic Officer, if he will would like to appoint a committee to help run the AV.

**Leo-** This is new ground, some years back the members were doing it all, for some reason it went to private companies. To bring it back to the club is a great idea, a cost of \$8000 to \$9000 to present the AV, if you can do it for \$2000 is great.

**Ross Hipwell-** Fortunate to have Bob Smith & his lab at his disposal, when he sold his business we had to go to outside contractors.

**Jackie-** We have noted to buy the equipment, Noel has given us prices, we will look into it next month. We have people here who have offered to assist with presentation night, next meeting be in position to make final decision on models.

**Mitch-**As a club we should not rely on other people's equipment, if the AV is brought



inside we have to supply our own tools.

**Jackie-** Decided to buy scanner etc, only thing left was how to raise funds, the AV is 14 months away.

**Leo-** To answer the question of raising funds. Over the years the funds have diminished, some where a halt has to be put. Personally I rather see the club buy gear rather than seeing funds vanish.

**Mitch-** Funds raised by the AV night have to be cost effective.

**Duane-** Happy to have wet rag delivered by e-mail rather than through post

#### **Raffle**

1st Prize	Boat dive on Sea tamer II	Peter Flockart
2nd Prize	1x Diver safety kit from Aqua Sports	Linh La
3rd Prize	Two air fills Shiprock Dive	Mark Spencer

#### **General Business**

**Geoff-** What is our liability regarding the prize from last year's AV night

**Leo-** Absolutely no idea. -

**Peter-** Rose Saltman-winner of door prize at last years AUPY, has approached us regarding "Reef Explorer", done every thing within my power to chase it up, drawn a blank

**Leo-** Time limit to November, didn't take prize, according to letter she got an extension from "Reef Explorer", than reneged on extension.

**Peter-** If sponsor pulls out, SPDC has to find another prize.

**Geoff-** She hasn't pointed the finger at us.

**Peter-** Had some phone calls, nothing else happened

**Noel-** Late receiving this months Wet-Rag, is there a problem some where.

**Leo-** this is first one that's late. **Noel-** I received last months on Monday

**Leo-** They were the night of hailstorm. **Peter-** Apologised for lateness busy at work.

**Noel-** Advertised for newsletter editor, someone has offered their services for past 2 months, offer denied. **Peter-** Not a question of being denied, database was in a mess.

**Leo-** There is an AGM next month. **Noel-** What does that got to do with it. If some one filled the position before the AGM, usual that person continues for the next year.

**Leo-** I believe Tom wants to be editor, over a period of time the Wet-Rag will be sent via e-mail. Asked Tom if he is willing to become editor. **Tom** I'll take it on if nobody else does, it will be a different format.

**Leo-** Last month decided to buy scanner, Noel to come with proposal on benefits & costs, we need raise some money

#### **Items tendered for purchase**

Epson F/S 200 print & slide scanner	\$774.70
HP CD-writer-external	\$863.00
HP CD-writer PLS. 7510E	\$642.00

Meeting Closed: 10.20pm