



WET RAG

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE
SOUTH PACIFIC DIVERS' CLUB (established 1962)
JANUARY 2000

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PO BOX 823,
BANKSTOWN NSW 2200

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 17th January 2000**

Presidents Message

Welcome All to the new age. To me it feels great the calm after all the commotion of the past few month. I guess that every one has noticed that the end of the world did not happened, as predicted by some strange doomsday cults. out of one simple reason: "lack of participation" speaking of participation, diving is on the agenda. I am happy to call "Tom Byron" Club Diveorganiser Tom was elected at our December meeting to the Position made vacant by the previous Diveorganisers Jackie and Leo. Tom does not need any introduction right here as He is well known by all but a few.

I personally know all to well that offering club events is easy, but putting it to work? That's a task! To make Toms job a little easier, I will give a hand a spicing up the Club dives wherever practical, with a selection of tasty morsels. In other words, the Club BBQ will get busy as well. So there is something to look forward to. Further more, I am also about to deploy one of my proven methods I use in my position as Factory supervisor in asking the worker to do overtime today!!! Hell , is like grabbing a shark by its Tail, you know, they either wriggle themselves loose or you get bitten. Well, it's the way your asking, really. nevertheless my success rate is 'two out of three'-not bad. O.k. You people gather around and join in and only Mother Nature has the last word.

See you at he next Clubmeeting

Photographic officers report

The George Roberts photo comp is over for another year. Congratulations to all our monthly winners and our overall winner LynneVincent. Once again thank you to all our sponsors and please remember to support then when you can.

Starting with the February meeting we're introducing a new photographic competition. Any member can bring along up to 3 slides, photos or 1 video (up to 4 minutes long) and the subject matter must be diving or an ocean theme. At the end of the meeting all members will judge the entries (so be warned) and the winner will receive a **HUGE** prize on the night. All slides can be re entered in any of our comps and it will run until we commence the George Roberts again.

We have finally purchased the slide scanner and I'll have it at the February meeting for people to look at, as well as a report on how it performs. We received a really good deal on it and came in under budget. Noel and I are in contact with committed sponsors for the AUPY and with some previous sponsors that may come back on board. So things are coming together well for November.

See you at the meeting

Glen

A note of appreciation from a Winner!!!!

Att: Glen Percy (photographics officer)

Just a big thankyou to let you know that I appreciated your efforts that you recently put into the George Roberts Memorial Photographic competition. I realise that any comp takes time and effort in the organisational side, and even the smallest tasks are time consuming. Your feedback was especially professional and although I have contacted the sponsers and thanked them, it is appreciated that you notified them with such efficiency.

I would also like to take this oppertunity to thank the other members of the club that have supported this competition, and I was overwhelmed when Neil Told me of my winnings. I do believe that the handicapping of the competition is a particularly great idea and it definitely does inspire us novice photographers to give it a go.

Thank you

Lyn Vincent

CLUB Dives

JANUARY:

WEDNESDAY 26: Public Holiday (Australia Day.)

SHORE DIVE: BBQ and Dive at Kurnell.

DEPTH: 11 metres to 15 metres. Reasonable sponge gardens - good macro photography.

MEET: Main picnic area 9.00 am. (Behind the Discovery Centre).

FEBRUARY:

SATURDAY 6

BOAT DIVE: Southern Comfort Charters.

DIVE LOCATION: The Colours. Approximately 1 kilometre off Sydney Heads.

DEPTH: 20 to 30 metres. Beautiful sponge gardens and steep drop offs.

MAXIMUM DIVERS ON BOAT: 10.

BOAT DEPARTURER: Rose Bay Wharf at 7.00 am.

COST: \$25.00.

SATURDAY 12

BOAT DIVE: Southern Comfort Charters.

DIVE LOCATION: Cooloolie wreck. First class wreck dive.

DEPTH: Approximately 45 metres. Interesting wreck to dive.

MAXIMUM DIVERS ON BOAT: 10

BOAT DEPARTURER: Rose Bay Wharf at 7.00 am.

COST: \$30.00.

SUNDAY 27

SHORE DIVE: Oak Park.

DEPTH: 4 to 10 metres. Some sponges, numerous fish life, good macro photography.

MEET: Oak Park at 9.00 am near swimming pool.

MARCH

SUNDAY 12

BOAT AND SHORE DIVE: Shellharbour and Bass Point. BBQ at the Coal Loader 12.00 midday.

BOAT DIVE LOCATION: Boat dive one of many excellent reefs off Bass Point. Very good general close up and wide angle photography.

SHORE DIVE LOCATION: Shore dive at the Coal Loader. General fish and close up photography.

DEPTH: Boat dive approximately 20 metres. Shore Dive 10 metres.

MAXIMUM DIVERS ON BOAT: 8

BOAT DEPARTURER: Shellharbour Wharf at 9.00 am.

MEET: Boat divers Shellharbour Wharf at 8.00.

Shore divers at Coal Loader 9.30 am.

COST: \$25.00 for boat dive.

FRIDAY 3

NIGHT DIVE:

SHORE DIVE LOCATION: Shiprock. Excellent for macro photography. Excellent macro photography.

HIGH TIDE: 7.53 pm.

MEET: 7.00 pm at Shiprock Road, Dolans Bay.

SUNDAY 26

SHORE DIVE: BBQ and Dive at Kurnell.

DEPTH: 11 metres to 15 metres. Reasonable sponge gardens. Good macro photography.

MEET: The Steps at Kurnell 9.30 am.

APRIL

WEEKEND AWAY - JERVIS BAY

SATURDAY 1 and SUNDAY 2.

BOAT DIVE: 4

DIVE LOCATION: Jervis Bay. Very good underwater photography.

DEPTH: 25 to 30 metres.

MAXIMUM DIVERS ON BOAT: 12

BOAT DEPARTURER: 9.00 am.

COST: 4 boat dives and two night's accommodation less meals, approximately \$150.00 to be confirmed.

Sunday
20 Feb - 5th Sydney Dive Day
PTO Details

Club Dives April (Continued)

WEDNESDAY 5

NIGHT DIVE:

SHORE DIVE LOCATION: Oak Park. Excellent for macro photography.

HIGH TIDE: 9.07 pm.

MEET: 7.30 pm at Oak Park Swimming Pool.

SUNDAY 16

SHORE DIVE: Long Bay (Wreck of Malabar)

Good for wide-angle photography.

DEPTH: 12 metres.

MEET: Fishermans Road Malabar at 9.00 am.

SATURDAY 22

SHORE DIVE: Bare Island and BBQ. Close up, macro and wide angle photography.

DEPTH: 20 metres.

MEET: Anzac Parade La Perouse at 9.00 am.

MONDAY 24

BOAT DIVE: Atlantis Divers.

DIVE LOCATION: Valiant Wreck. Wide angle photography.

DEPTH: 26 metres.

MAXIMUM DIVERS ON BOAT: 8

BOAT DEPARTURER: Wharf Barrenjoey Boatshed at 9.00 am (Rear of Palm Beach Golf Club).

COST: \$30.00 to be confirmed.

SUNDAY 30

BOAT DIVE: Sea Tamer 11 (Max Western).

DIVE LOCATION: Marley Sponge Gardens.

Good sponge gardens for medium close up photography.

DEPTH: 26 metres.

MAXIMUM DIVERS ON BOAT: 8

BOAT DEPARTURER: Dolans Bay Wharf at 9.00 am.

COST: \$35.00.

MAY

WEDNESDAY 3

NIGHT DIVE:

SHORE DIVE LOCATION: Camp Cove.

Excellent macro photography.

HIGH TIDE: 7.55 pm.

MEET: Victoria Street Watsons Bay at 6.30 pm.

WEEKEND AWAY - MALUA BAY

SATURDAY 6 - SUNDAY 7.

DIVE LOCATION: Malua Bay near Batemans Bay. General underwater photography.

BOAT DIVES: 4

MAXIMUM DIVERS ON BOAT: 8

BOAT DEPARTURER: 9 am for first dive and second dive 12 am.

COST: Including boat dives, air and accommodation less meals \$130.00.

ACCOMMODATION SELF CONTAINED \$15 per night per head.

BOAT DIVES: \$50 double dive Saturday and \$50 double dive Sunday. First class diving best on the far south coast.

MEET: Friday night. The Boomerang Flats 391 George Bass Drive Malua Bay via Batemans Bay.

PAYMENTS FOR ALL BOAT DIVES AND WEEKENDS AWAY.

Club members interested in the above dive boat outings or weekends away should make payments by cheque, money order, cash or bankcard as soon as possible before dive outings to the treasurer or send payment to:

South Pacific Divers Club.

Address: PO. Box, 823 Bankstown, 2200.

Club members should not pay monies to companies or individuals involved in supplying dive charter boat services on organised club outings. All payments will be made by the club treasurer.

MOBILE DIVE TELEPHONE NUMBER: 0411 343 200

Any boat or shore dive queries should be directed to Tom Byron, Dive Organiser, at the above mobile number.

SCAN News.

5th SYDNEY DIVE DAY SUNDAY 20th FEBRUARY 2000

is part of the first Combined Clubs Day of the New Century.

WHAT YOU HAVE BEEN WAITING FOR, THE MUCH SORT AFTER COMBINED CLUBS DIVE/BBQ. GIVING YOU A CHANCE TO NETWORK IN THE SYDNEY DIVE SCENE.

After the memorable success of the 1999 Sydney Dive Day, the Scuba Clubs' Association of NSW (SCAN) is organising the first diving event of the new millennium. The dive day will be held at Frenchmans Bay at La Pouse and member clubs will be offering 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.

This is the day to meet and reacquaint yourself with other dive buddies and friends.

It is intended that dives will start from about 6am and to continue throughout the day. Each member Club will be organising their divers onto their boats and other club boats will also assist with the scheduling of dives.

Club dive organisers will need to contact either of the following Committee members for diving and catering purposes:

Gordon McDonald - President (02) 9519 7850 or email wolfgang@zip.com.au

Les Caterson - Treasurer (02) 9520 9421 or email lescat@dot.net.au

Greg Blackburne - Vice President (02) 9516 5069 or email gregb@sia.net.au

This will assist organisers with scheduling of dive boat places and space spots to cater for a maximum number of divers

Diving pick-up will be from Frenchmans Bay Beach adjacent to the boatshed and kiosk.

Around mid-day, when most divers will be exhausted or waiting for their second wind, the FAMOUS SCAN sausage sizzle will commence in the shade of the trees behind Frenchmans Bay Beach. This will be catered for by SCAN. All divers need to do is bring along themselves and their appetite. Drinks will also be available at minimum cost. Members are encouraged to bring their family to Frenchmans Bay and enjoy the barbecue and socialising. Games, events will be organised for the children and those not so young. You could win one of our most sort after prizes.

The 1999 day was a great success, with more than 158 guests and 12 boats in attendance. It is also a certainty that the 2000 day will be even a greater success.

For more details, all dive groups and individuals should contact one of the organisers listed above. The Committee of SCAN look forward to your company on the 22nd February.

DON'T MISS OUT ON A GREAT DAY

Marine Parks In NSW.

Hopefully our members have seen the article in the October Dive Log

regarding what is occurring in this area. SCAN has representation on the Marine Parks Advisory Council and as such has the ability to feed into the processes involved with the drafting of legislation / rules / guidelines affecting Marine Park Users.

For example the Regulations covering activities in marine parks whilst set will need to have some sort of parameters set in the consent process. For example Reg 24 covers commercial activities such as taking photos and giving instruction. Such activities require consent of the Authority.

Whilst this may sound very heavy-handed such

control over commercial activities. It is the guidelines in the consent process that will be of considerable interest.

Also the provision and location of Sanctuary zones within parks is a hot issue as this area affords the highest level of protection and thus the greatest amount of restriction to most users. Provision or otherwise of moorings in such areas will be a really hot issue.

John Olsen who is the SCAN representative on the Marine Parks Advisory Council welcomes input from dive clubs. He can be contacted via e-mail - john.olsen@customs.gov.au or phone (02)-92132915 (B) or (02)-94285969 if you wish to discuss any issues. Naturally clubs should be affiliated. Old adage safety in numbers.

Gordon McDonald

SCAN President & Fellow SPDC member

Tulamben

Neil Vincent

Going to Indonesia at the height of the East Timor conflict may not seem like the most sensible way to spend a holiday. Many hours were spent pondering this very subject, weighing up the dangers and the morals verses the perceived benefits. It was greatly in our favor that we were not planning on going to East Timor, we planning was to go Tulamben, in Bali.

We went.

As we had been told prior to leaving, the Balinese people appear not to be concerned about the events that are taking place in other parts of Indonesia. Their peaceful Hindu religious background is different from the main populous of the Indonesia and being very dependant on tourism for their day to day income they are accustomed to and

Bali's initially popularity grew out of it's beautiful people, landscapes and surf, and it's cheap laid back lifestyle, this has changed. Original tourist centers like Sanau, Legion and Kuta have lost all of their natural beauty having it replaced with concrete artificial tourist environments that can be found any where else in the world.

North of the three volcanoes that form the spine of the island it is not green and lush like the water shed south. It is a dry, desolate place covered by ash from volcanic eruptions of the past and starved of water by the same volcanoes today. Appeal to the partying, resort tourist is not there. It has not developed as has the south but it is still visited by enough people looking for a quiet time to support an efficient low key tourist industry. Mostly in-home style accommodation and bungalows with economical local places to eat.

Prior to going I was told that the real beauty of the north was underwater. I can only agree. Diving at Tulamben was some of the best diving that I have ever experienced.

What's more if you are willing to organize the trip yourself, your dive trip will be cheaper per dive than going down the coast for the weekend.

Tulamben beach is on the lee side of a volcano that last erupted in 1963. Rounded, black volcanic rocks the size of tennis balls make up the beach. During World War 2 an American Liberty ship was torpedoed and beached. Here it remained until in 1963 the erupting volcano threw all 450 ft of the ship back into the sea.

The sea has reclaimed it with enthusiasm, turning it into a living reef, home to a rainbow of reef fishes ranging from small grinning Gobies to Volkswagen sized Cod. Flying about the wreck is a silver school of Trevally which flow like a ribbon of water through the upper sections of the wreck. Diving is relatively shallow, the sand on the deep side reaches 80 ft however on the shallow side is only 20 ft deep.

Sections of the superstructure are covered with soft corals and gorgonian fans which survive of the nutrients they filter from the currents. In our first week we felt no currents but on the full moon the tides range increased noticeably and diving on the wreck became interesting!!! The currents began and stopped without warning and being inside the wreck quite often they went unnoticed until passing an opening to the outside. Like a sand storm in the desert, the current would pick up the

would decrease and sheltering behind wreckage was necessary to negotiate back to the beach. An hour later the current would have stopped and the water cleared. These currents appeared to happen around the full moon.

Five hundred meters on the eastern end of the beach a wall which becomes a ridge plunges down to 2000 metres. It was not necessary to go that deep as the upper 30 metres is alive with fans, sea whips, black coral, barrel sponges, stinging hydroids. Lots of small fish and shrimps called this place home. Entered an overhanging ledge which was partially hidden by a large black coral, I swam into fish cleaning station. Hundreds of shrimp were on the rocks and free swimming just waiting for customers. Once I was inside they began crawling on my exposed flesh, picking away the dead skin and other bits which they found tasty, I was being eaten alive.

Another cave was home to three Ghost Pipe fish, the first I had ever seen. Two were about 100mm long which was larger than I had imagined they would be. Examining the photos later, and with a small amount of research it became evident that one was a male carrying eggs in its pectoral fins. After three days of diving we were able to locate ten individual Ghost Pipe fish easily.

Tulamben is a place where you are rewarded for staring at one spot for hours. Here creatures live on and in other creatures. They don't always want to be seen. Some of the Ghost Pipe fish were the same color as crinoids, hovering beside the crinoid's arm, moving in perfect harmony to complete the deception.

Crabs too liked to hide, some inside the body cavity of the sand anemones, moving among the tentacles without being stung or disturbing the Anemone. Some were so well camouflaged in the soft coral that even when they had been pointed out to me, I could only find one Candy crab where I was later told there had been six. Photos later showed two crabs where I had only seen one.

The most memorable creature of the trip must be the Fairy craylette that lives on the Barrel sponges. Mauve-Pink in color, white hairs covering its body, elongated like a crayfish but flat with pincers like a crab it scurried about once disturbed making it next to impossible to photograph. Patience and four hands was the solution. Results was the reward.

Small but aggressive was the Boxer crab, 20 mm

defended itself with a "boxing glove" anemone on each pincer. When two individuals met and one was missing its glove, a bar room brawl broke out. They fought until finally the larger and "single gloved" fighter had defeated and stolen the "anemone glove" from the loser. It fitted it to its pincer and pranced victoriously around the ring. What a strange sight it was to see.

With its mouth open the head of Blue Ribbon Eels wave back and forth. I have never seen one of these eels leave its lair. I believed that they were only about 300mm long until Tulamben. In what appeared to be a hunt for food a Blue Ribbon Eel swam free, it was about one meter long, flattening from its round neck into a true flat ribbon. For five minutes it hunted under rocks and cavities unsuccessfully looking for food.

Other creatures we encountered included Manta Shrimp, Leaf Scorpion fish, Queen Trigger fish, Angler fish, Crinoids, Soft coral and Sea Whip Shrimps, Weird colored hairy Hermit crabs and Nudibranchs.

If you are looking for somewhere overseas and warm for a good value holiday, diving, I would certainly recommend Paradise Bungalows Tulamben. Best times to go are May and October.

RVCP NEWS

The guys and gals at the R.V.C.P. hope that all you Divers and your families have had a safe and happy Christmas and New Year celebration.

Our vessels have been on duty all throughout this holiday period.

Boxing day saw us on duty acting alongside the Waterways and Water Police in an effort to control the spectator craft from the "racing area" of the 80 strong Sydney to Hobart competitor fleet. Our new Waverny Class vessel was out there, working alongside our old favourite Cape Banks, together with the fleet from The Spit. The atmosphere was alive and buzzing as the minutes ticked away until the start of the great race. The spectator fleet was one to be marveled at. Vessels in every shape and

attached to quite a few. But not to be forgotten, a few "solo men" braved the wash and were out there in all their glory, outside Sydney heads in a kayak.

The unofficial "monster" of the fleet, the mega dollar Super Yatch Mai Char III, all 44 meter's of her was absolutely impressive as it raced for the turn South bouy. Given that it started on the 5 minute gun, the much smaller vessels, although maxi's in their own right, were equally impressive in their challenge to this super yatch for the exit of the harbour. Once around the 2 yellow buoys, spinnakers were set and the racers set their courses for Hobart. Spectator craft were chasing our racing heroes (hopefully staying out of their way) and this in itself was something to marvel at. Flat stick all going in the one direction – what a sight!

We are happy to report that the spectator craft were extremely well behaved under the circumstances, making our job rather enjoyable. And Yes, we had a rather enjoyable day.

Sue

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

Position	Name	Home No:	Work No:
President:	Bernd Kraul	96069731	9792 4333 0413 500 715
Treasurer:	Lin La	9318 0142	0418 648265
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Equipment Officer:	Glen Percy (Aquasports) Email: aquasports@compuserve.com		9708 2826
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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:
Aqua Sports	Glen Percy at 430 Hume Highway Yagoona	9708 2826
Sea Tamer II Charter	Max Western	9524 1818 or 0418 280 791
Shiprock Dive	Leo or Lesley at Lilli Pilli	9526 2664

CLUB GEAR

The Club has a variety of gear for the use of Members. This includes The Magnetometer, Two sets of Oxygen equipment, 2 BBQ's, a Marine Radio and more. Inquiries should be directed to the Equipment officer.

UPCOMING DIVING ACTIVITIES

Contact Numbers: **Club Phone 0411 343 200**

JANUARY:

WEDNESDAY 26: Public Holiday (Australia Day.)

SHORE DIVE: BBQ and Dive at Kurnell.

DEPTH: 11 metres to 15 metres. Reasonable sponge gardens - good macro photography.

MEET: Main picnic area 9.00 am. (Behind the Discovery Centre).

Lunch will be provided @ \$5 per person BYO Drinks .. Contact Bernie or Tom for details.

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Any further activities you would like to have organised contact Tom Byron our new Dive organiser.

The Club Phone number is 0411 343 200 it will be taken to all Club Dives so if you are running late or unable to make it please call so as we can make the required arrangements and get diving.

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Deadline for articles is the last day of the month
South Pacific Divers Club



Membership Renewal 2000

Family Name _____

Members first name(s)

Email:

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Membership type: Single (\$15) ____ Family (\$25) ____

Would you like to receive your "Wet Rag" by email? Yes ____ No ____

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Postal address:

South Pacific Divers Club, PO Box 823, Bankstown, NSW 2200

South Pacific Divers Club – Meeting Minutes 20/12/1999

Apologies;

Phil, Elona

Incoming Correspondence

- Scuba Scope

Previous Meeting Minutes;

Accepted;

- Primary; Duane, Secondary; Mike

Dive Organiser's Report

No dive organiser's Report due to last months resignation

- Bernd organised a dive for the 26th at Kurnell
Combined Social Event
Bernd cooking lunch

News Editor / Publicity Officer's Report - Darren Wright (Whitey)

- Whitey stated that he needs help in printing the Wet Rag. Craig offered to help
- Thanked for the content
- Due to the large number of stories, some were held off until next month
- Asked for the stories to continue

Photographic Officer's Report – Glen Percy

- Glen provided the status on the second round of the **“George Roberts”** photographic competition. The following details were provided;
 - * Third round of the competition has been judged (for details on winners, refer to the photographic officers report).
 - * There were 9 entrants for the second round judging
 - * Next round date will be determined early in 2000

Equipment Officer's Report – Glen Percy

- All equipment present and accounted for

- Glen informed that the mag day has been postponed due to bad weather.
 * Mag day will be rescheduled, dependent on the availability of the boat
 * 14 members signed up for the mag day.

Treasurer's Report – Linh La

- Apologised for being late
- Linh tabled the financial report and welcomed four new members on board. The financial report is as follows:

1999 November Financial Report

Nov 1999 Revenues

Membership	\$ 60.00
Raffle	\$ 83.90
Chicken and Champ Day	\$110.00
Total	\$253.90

Nov 1999 Expenses

White pages	\$ 25.00
OneTel club phone	\$ 19.65
Battery for Phone	\$ 59.00
Food	\$ 77.85
Wet Rag print	\$ 59-70
Total	\$240.20

Nov 1999 Financial Statement

Cheque Account Balance	\$ 712.68
Investment Account Balance	\$7,154.98
Petty Cash	\$ 190.30
Total	\$8,057.96

- Treasurers report accepted
 Primary; Loi, Secondary; Duane

Dive Reports

- Peter dived Kurnell at night.
 * Completed 10 dives
 * Visibility was 3 – 4 meters
 * Nudibranch
- Bernd dive Coolooli
 20 meter vis on the surface dropping to 5

General Business

- Election held for a new Dive Organiser

- * Tom Byron was nominated by Linh and second by Martin
- * Tom accepted nomination
- * No other nominations accepted
- * Tom Byron elected as Dive Organiser

09:00 Meeting closed, photo competition presentation followed.