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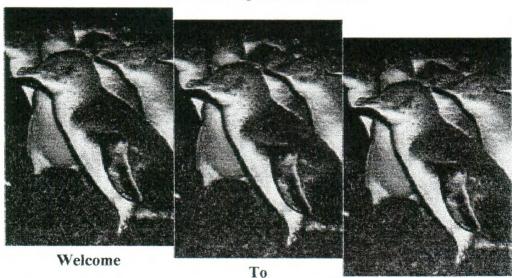
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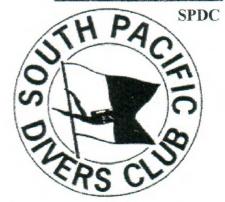
One of you out there, is a President in waiting
Just don't let it scare you off, the job is there for the taking
If you think you can hide way down there in the back
It's a false belief, because Martins not slack

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FDITORS CORNER

Where does the time go, no sooner is one wet rag out, than another is due.

I used this line last month, but it is more pertinent now than then. I just seem to run out of time. It is interesting to note, that some years ago we were all monetarily poor. Now we all seem to be time poor. What is going on in this world.

This wetrag will most likely be short and concise, o/k forget the concise bit. I just have had no input from anyone, well almost no one. To those that have sent me something, thankyou. To those that have not, well I know what I'm thinking, but I had better not type it.

I am thinking about putting out an annual issue instead of monthly, that way I would be able to include all the stories sent in at one time and still keep it down to 14 pages.

I suppose by now you have got the hint, so I will move on.

Thanks to Martin, I now have to apologise again and make amends re Life membership to SPDC.

1st was **Dennis Robinson** (W.A). He was the first ever President. Awarded Life membership about 1980

2nd was Bob Smith awarded 1981.

3rd was **Rick Latimer** - awarded 1993 or 4 - Need to clarify this date.

4th was Martin Kandilas - awarded 1997

5th is Tom Byron - awarded 2001

Now I hope that I have this right this time.

You will have got this wetrag a little later than usual, but it should not impact on June's issue. Ha Ha De Ha Ha!

Enjoy Ed **Duane**



Cover Photo

Penguins See story This issue

PRESIDENTS POSSUE

I have to apologise for my inability to attend the meeting this month, but my work commitments are a little pressing at the moment, but I sent Evelyn along to say hi.

Congratulations to all those that are winners in the George Roberts finals and a big thankyou to Noel for his efforts with this competition. An especially big thankyou to all the sponsors for this comp.

I'm a bit disappointed to see our dive Organiser take a dive and resign, but I understand that this job is often difficult and thankless and when attendances are down, it seems a hopeless task. Thanks for the attempt Simon.

I understand from Grey that ticket sales to the AV night are well and truly underway and the need for those of you wishing to attend, it is paramount that you make sure that you secure your seat by contacting Grey, or for that matter any other committee member. Hope to see you all there.

It is good to see that the forgotten situation of life members is being re-addressed, as these people have all played a very important part in the Club's history and should not be relegated to the archives. Having said this there is an issue of another founding member that it is understood was going to be made a life member some years back, but for whatever reason, was put on the back burner. I would like to bring this up at the June meeting for further consideration.

With winter coming upon us, so to will come the clean water, photographers that want to for you budding competitions that may be enter the coming held in the future, now is the time for your local preparations. Remember, there are many competent so if you are unsure of photographers in your club, yourself, just ask away. Many of the mistakes made in photography can be negated by getting the knowledge from

Good safe diving folks.

an experienced, rather than experience.

Your Presidente' **Bernie**

Remember Members

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Ship Rock Dive
&
Aqua Sports Yagoona

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South Pacific offers to all members a clean out your by posting advertisements gear on our And the best



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Connecting hose
Suit person to 6ft in height

Asking Price \$500.00

Please contact Peter Flockart
Ph - Hm 9371 0265
Email: Nelson01@bigpond.com
Haven't heard if this has been sold yet, so I'll run it again.

Are you looking for a cheap motor vehicle. I have an HZ Holden SW, new tyres, just registered again. Goes well. Have too many vehicles according to my accountant.

Sue Tate 0428 241837 or 9681-3287 AH

Simon's Corner

Simon has tendered his resignation as dive boss due to lack of pressure upon himself and the position.

If you are looking for an organised dive in the short term and are unable to get others motivated for your needs, there are always such dives available at and with our sponsors. Shiprock Dive, Aqua Sports and Sea Tamer can satisfy your every desire. Just call them on the telephone numbers listed through the wetrag. No "dive organiser", is not an excuse not to dive and get those great pictures.

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NEW MEMBERS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND OUR CLUB MEETINGS AND DIVE OUTINGS

South Pacific Divers Club is a social scuba diving club whose members have a common interest in scuba diving and in particular underwater photography. Club dives are on our web site. The club also organises weekends away at Jervis Bay and Nelsons Bay as well as other dive areas. We also organise once a year the Australasian Underwater Photographer of the Year Competition, open to all underwater photographers in Australia and Overseas. We also have a slide show after every meeting. South Pacific Divers Club holds monthly meetings at the Bankstown Sports Club on the third Monday of every month. Meetings start at 8:00 and generally a slide show follows.

STOLEN

Phil Dale has had his boat stolen from his fathers place in Georges Hall by some low down sniveling little snotrag.

It was a; 16ft Mustang, early vintage. Pale green topsides and white hull. New pedestal seats. New grey carpet. Bimini canopy, white 90 hp Johnston motor. Registration numbers JA 961N

This vessel is boat coded.

If you should find it, first belt the christ out of who's got it and then call the police.

Phil can be contacted on 0418 975649

The Top 5 Signs Your Dive Buddy Is A Hypochondriac:

- 5. He smears the inside of his mask with Vicks Vaporub.
- 4. His gauges include blood pressure and heart monitors.
- 3. He chases surgeonfish for a consultation.
- 2. He takes spare valium on his dive instead of spare air.
- He thinks the increasing pressure in his ears as he descends is a rapidly growing brain tumor.

The Top 5 Questions You'd Rather Not Hear From Your Dive Buddy:

- 5. Wow, that's a big snorkel. Want to see something bigger?
- 4. Spit in your mask for ya?
- 3. Hey, would you look and tell me if my speedo's too small?
- 2. This sea lice is killing me. Would you scratch my back?
- 1. Say, it looks like you don't need a weight belt, huh?

The Top 5 Signs You Don't Know How To Use A Compass:

- 5. You surface and are surrounded by Libyan gunboats.
- 4. Can't figure out how to change the battery.
- 3. You take it to the dive shop to exchange it for one where 'the arrow doesn't move around so much.
- 2. You wonder how it's possible that the water temperature is fluctuating between 60 and 180 degrees!!
- 1. Three Words: 'Where's The Boat?'

Little penguin habitat in Sydney's North Harbour: declaration of critical habitat

A population of little penguins (*Eudyptula minor*) lives in Sydney's North Harbour, near Manly. It is the only known breeding colony on mainland NSW. The penguins nest in rock falls and rocky shorelines, mostly on land that is outside conservation reserves.

The population is threatened by predation by dogs, cats and foxes, loss of suitable breeding habitat and disturbance around nest sites. In January 1997, it was listed as an endangered population under the Threatened Species Conservation Act.

Now, the National Parks and Wildlife Service is recommending that areas of little penguin habitat in North Harbour should be listed as critical habitat under the Threatened Species Conservation Act. This will allow better protection of the habitat that is vital to the survival of the little penguin population.

You can download the critical habitat recommendation, and other related documents, at the bottom of this page. You can also view printed copies at:



- the NPWS research library
- Manly Council Chambers, 1 Belgrave Street (PO BOX 82), Manly.

The critical habitat recommendation is on public exhibition until 14 June 2002. You can tell us what you think about it by sending us a submission. Download a submission form (PDF format - 39KB), then send your comments to the following address:

Little Penguin Recovery Program Coordinator

Threatened Species Unit

Central Directorate

PO Box 1967

HURSTVILLE NSW 2220

All submissions must be received by 14 June 2002.

Download the critical habitat recommendation documents

- Recommendation for the identification of critical habitat (PDF file 2.5MB)
- Draft Threatened Species Conservation Regulation 2002 (PDF file 551KB)

In Saturday's SMH and Telegraph there were notices advertising the Grey Nurse Shark Draft Recovery Plan and the Notice of Preliminary Identification of Critical Habitat. The relevant documents are located on Fisheries web site at:

http://www.fisheries.nsw.gov.au/conservation/species/grey-nurse/home-grey-nurse.htm

There will be a Community Information Day in Sydney on Monday 27 May at Bowen Library, Anzac Parade Maroubra from 3 pm till 7 pm. We need to make sure that divers are well represented at this as well as making sure we get our submissions in by the closing date of 28 June 2002.



COLUMN WAS

Committee Members

160 W. 2.45

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CLUB T/SHIRTS

Most of you have had a chance to look at the Club T/shirt. If anyone wishes to put an order in for one, please see Sue at the next meeting, or e-mail one of the committee members. We need to order at least 10 in each lot.

Also there is the availability of having your own garment embroidered with the Club logo.

THE 2002 AUSTRALASIAN UNDERWATER PHOTOGRAPHER OF THE YEAR

\$40,000 IN PRIZES

Entries have now closed and the response to this event has been great once again.

If you are entering this competition as an SPDC member, just make sure that you have paid your membership fees, as this is an essential criteria for such entry and any entry that is found to the contrary will be disqualified.

Please make sure that you contact Grey or Noel for your seats to this event as they are limited and selling out extremely fast and this is even after allocating more seating than last year.

Lake Jindabyne Side Dates & Simes

Last week I went down to Lake Jindabyne to dive the old town that was flooded in the early 1960s by the construction of a dam wall for hydro electricity and irrigation of the Murray Valley...

We arrived on Sunday night and stayed in the Caravan Park in self-contained cabins that are quite good value for money. We also hired boats from the Caravan Park that can be driven by anyone, including those who do not have a current waterways boat licence. The diving was better than I expected. I have had different reports on how good and how bad the diving is in Lake Jindabyne. I found it really interesting to dive on a part of history where we saw lots of old bits and pieces lying on the

bottom of the cars, trucks, old farming trees, old all types.

The visibility around 5 to 7 temperature 12 degrees my dry suit). every day that



different types of equipment, fences, shoes and drums of

lake. We saw old

was quite good metres and the was comfortable at (and very warm in The sun shone I was there. I

recommend to people that have never dived in fresh water or at altitude to dive the lake. The diving is easy and ranges from about 2 to 14 metres where a lot can be seen. We also dived the old homestead which was great. We saw the front gate, which then goes up a path to the house, and you can follow the verandah around to front of the house. There is also an old well in the yard that goes down a few metres. All in all a different but enjoyable dive trip.

Phil Dale

WANTED

Clean, reasonable condition, single & double bed mattresses. Looking for 1 double and three single all up. So if you have one or more of these stuck away in the attic, wondering why you haven't tossed it, give me a call.

Duane 0414 777778

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MAY

 Sun 26th
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 Mon 27th
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 Tue 28th
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 Wed 29th
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These times are Eastern Standard times. These are Fort Dennison tides, so the appropriate additions or subtractions have to be applied. That's your job, I can't do it all for you guys.

<u>Aqua Sports</u> <u>Scuba Centre</u>

Great Autumn Sale

Guys there are some huge saving to be made on Sherwood Apollo and Cressi

Courses

June

Deep Diver Starts Wednesday 12th only 3 places left Wreck Diver Starts Wednesday 19th only 3 places left

Drive-In Movies

FRIDAY, 21 ST JUNE 2002

Greater Union Drive-In Johnston Road, Bass Hill NSW 2197
Gates Open 6.30pm
Meet at snack bar at 7.15pm
Movies start at 7.30pm
\$11.00 per adult \$6.50 per child
(Movie titles playing on the night to be advised closer to the actual date)

Mim (0408) 614 401 John (0418) 290 603 mjf97@hotmail.com

Dive-In Movies



APRIL 15TH 2002 GENERAL MEETING

Time:

2009 hours

Chair: Bernie Kraul (President) Apologies:

Ilona Kandilas, Des Paroz & Belinda

Ryde Underwater newsletter, BOC Statement, URG Bulletin, 4 memberships, 8 x Entries re AV night, Enquiry Incoming Mail: re membership and Solomon trip, Budget accommodation at Nelson Bay, Bank statement.

Very rushed last month, few mistakes sorry. Any changes of email addresses, email direct to Duane. **Editors Report:**

Web Officer.

Up to date, Mr Chung's phone call, waiting for more info to come in.

Photographic Officers Report: All going well, tickets ready Thursday, 30 tables for the night, half already booked. Seating for 400 this year as opposed to 300 last year. Close end of this month, Judging next month, Request hand to get tickets out to dive shops. Contact Grey or Noel.

Last months George Roberts has been judged.

Treasurers Report: Lin advises Shell Harbour was a good day for the club. Report given. Accepted by Glen Secunded by Mim

Equipment Officers Report: All o/k and accounted for. (equipment in lonely) Matt has BBQ yet to replace hose and regulator.

Social Organiser: Sat ice skating afternoon, so far no takers then dinner at Indian restaurant at Dulwich Hill, also no takers at this point. 25th May Go Karts possibility as long as enough takers are on board. See flyer.

Dive Organisator – No dives organised re insurance

Minutes of the Last Meeting Acceptance:

Accepted By: Grey

Seconded By:

Simon

Dive Reports:

Mim & John Oak Park, Camera worked this time, as it was shallow, Camera seems pressure sensitive, Nudi's, eels,

Nick, Southwest rocks on Easter Weekend. Two dives . 24degrees. Viz 25 meters, millions of fish. Really great diving. Weather up a bit so the good spots were washed out. Gordon's bay, Clovelly dive. Most of the chain has gone.

Noel, Southwest Rocks weekend after Easter. Audrey got to dive this time. 2 dives. Great dive. Clown fish, lots of critters to see, turtle in cave. Dived Pinnacle Saturday. Cave shallow to Deep Entrance. Green Island. Great dive and most people on the trip were new to this spot. Loi, Phil,

Matt, Jibbon Point Reef, Ray's boat. Found an old Shelly's bottle. Good dive.

Phil diving off North Head. Clean down deep, but murky on top. Diving Catherine Adamson wreck.

General Business:

Magnetometer.

Grey advises it is worth about \$1,000.00 after conferring with numerous merchants in the trade.

Peter Flockhart put forward a motion to advertise it at \$1,250.00 in Dive Log and Wet Rag 2nd Dave Burns. If price is knocked down then members have first choice of purchase prior to being sold outside the club.

Oxygen Equipment.

Noel has checked the air regulator system. His company that he checked with says it does not comply with the standards or OHS requirements.

Glen advises to check with Air Dive, the equipment manufacturer of the gear we have, stating that it is an oxygen therapy piece of equipment only. Glen will check and report back to us.

What do we need as a Club? To provide oxygen to a conscious breathing victim - that they can administer themselves.

SCANS meeting Tuesday 23rd April – Dave Burns will attend on our behalf.

DIVE – Birchgrove/ Valiant – changed to 28th April

Raffle: 5 x Tank fills 1st (Aqua sports) 2nd 5 x Tank fills (Agua sports) 3rd

Mark Pinna Noel Taylor

Peter Flockart

4th 2 x Air fills (Sea Tamer 11) (Shiprock Dive)

Sue Tate

George Roberts Competition:

3rd

ICE Frameless Mask 2nd Dive Solutions Torch

Aqua Lung T Shirt

Boat Dive

Grey McNeil Peter Flockart Viv McNeil

Finish

2150 hours

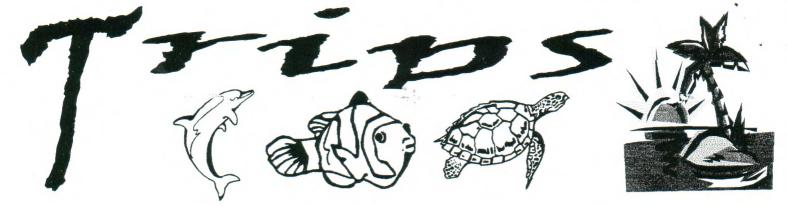
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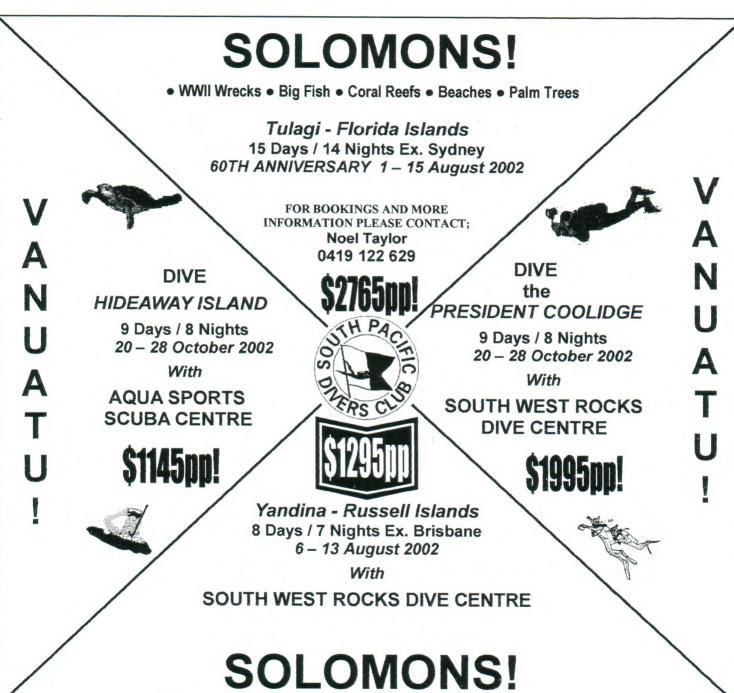
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17 Meeting, Bankstown Sports Club 8.00pm	18	19	20	21 Movies Bass Hill Drive In	22	23
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July 2002

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The presentation night for



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AT THE



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The evening show will start at 7.00pm with some fantastic video and slides and then move into the serious stuff of presenting the slides and videos of the entrants, and then the prize giving and presentations!!

There are some top prizes for contestants this year with Overseas Trips, Australian Trips, Dive gear, Subscriptions Etc and of course excellent door prizes and raffles!!

Tickets are \$25.00 and there is full bar service available. If you wish to book tables please do so early as it will be first in first served! For table bookings a 20% deposit will be required at time of booking.

So get your friend's social organiser, grandparents, and lovers rounded up and mark the 13th July 2002 on your calender and come and see some world class photos and videos.



SMORGASBOARD

Dips, biscuits and nuts served on the tables

ENTRÉE

Prawn Cocktail

BUFFET

Leg Ham – Pineapple Pressed Turkey Corn Beef Garden Salad Coleslaw Beetroots Potato Salad Roast Beef Roast Chicken

Beef Stroganoff Curried Chicken Fried Rice Rice

Ide

DESSERTS

Assorted Cakes Fresh Fruit in season

Bread rolls, butter, tea, coffee and after dinner mints included.



\$25.00 per ticket

For bookings you can E-mail us on: **photocomp@southpacificdivers.com**

Or postal address is:

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We look forward to hearing from you!!

