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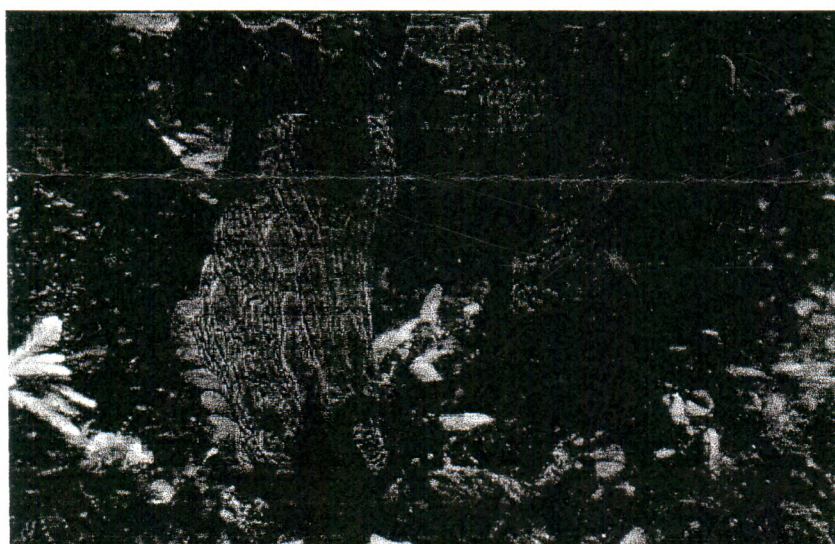
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Wet Rag

JUNE 2002

Down away where the nights are gay, and the whales swim, romp and play
If you're so lucky when you are out in your boat
They'll come so close you'll just wish you could enter and float
But just let you try and see what you'll get
It won't be the whale, that'll get upset

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EDITORS CORNER

I was wrong last month, it did impact on June's issue, but I'm trying. Well that's what Sue says anyway.

I really don't have anything to add in this column this month. What's that big sigh of relief I hear.

I would like content, content and more content though.

Some have suggested that I miss a month to get back on track, but although this has merit, I just can't do it. I understand that some members collect this magazine and have almost every issue ever compiled. So I just have to persevere and you guys will just have to be patient until I actually make up for lost time. That is unless someone else wants to do an issue.

Never mind the AGM is upon us and I know that there is at least innumerable members that can and will put themselves up for this position.

This issue will be short though, as I have to get straight into the July issue.

I should note that the insurance issue was not our problem alone, as I had a call from St George Dive Club, that they too were declined insurance this time out. I supplied them with the details that we had for the AUF and hopefully they will be able to solve their problem more expeditiously than we were able to.

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Enjoy
Ed

Duane



Cover Photo

Grey's Nude shot

PRESIDENTS POSSIE

I'm back. It was good to get the time to attend a meeting again. Not a real good turn out this time. I certainly hope we get a better one for next months meeting as the AGM is on again.

I, on behalf of the Club and myself, tender our deepest sympathies to Phil Dale for the recent loss of his father.

I am assured that the AV night is well on track and ticket sales have been fast and furious. I strongly suggest to those of you who have not acquired your tickets yet, to do so before you miss out.

I have to say that it is wonderful to know that the insurance issue has been settled and for another year we can feel secure in the fact that we are able to enjoy our little events that we have. This particular issue is one that is a concern for most people in this Country and to hear so many events, both big and small are either at risk or have already been cancelled and yet we have achieved what these others are unable to, makes me feel glad that we have some competent members that work diligently for us all. Thanks to those concerned, especially Mim and John and Grey and Duane.

I must again mention that the AGM is to be held at next months meeting and it is imperative that others within the club come forward to take their turn at the helm. I can assure you all that most of the positions now held will not be refilled by those currently serving, as they have done their time and served their tenure well. Now it is up to new blood to take us forward. Don't make all our work seem for naught.

Good safe diving folks. See you at the AV Night

Your Presidente'

Bernie

HELP REQUIRED

Any members that are available to help Grey set up at the Greyhound club on the 13th at 11am, would be greatly appreciated.

Also all those wishing to partake of the smorgasboard dinner prior to the event, please contact Grey by email or telephone ASAP, as the numbers doing this have to be conveyed to the cook in an acceptable time limit.

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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
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Meetings start at 8:00 and generally a slide show follows.

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Greeting Scanners,

Just a quick word. Since doing some rejigging of the
SCAN web site over the weekend, we've had a total of
2159 site hits since 26/10/2000, with 27 in the last two
days.

So the search criteria adjustments recently, appear to
have had a positive effect.

Don't forget the two public submissions due in soon, the
Grey Nurse Draft Recovery Plan &
the Critical Habitat Report on the Endangered Little
Penguin population of Manly

Please go to the SCAN web site for the links

Regards,

Greg

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Kurnell Steps

'The dive with no Steps'

On Sunday 2nd June AquaSports planned dive was going ahead rain hail or shine. After receiving some very pessimistic email replies stating that we would have no visibility, rain and frozen snorkels. We used our true diver wisdom we decided to go anyway.

A 9am meeting time was set and upon arrival a blessing, the sun, was waiting. During the next five minutes the other divers arrived and so did the rain, wind and fog like substance. Being a well trained and slightly out of shape person I decided to get to our entry point first and have a rest before finning away.

My dive buddy and I were sitting at our chosen entry point just east of the monument picnic ground well rested and pleased with ourselves. We sat wondering where the rest of our no fear crew was, when the sun blocked out and Mister Noel Taylor bounded over the rocks yelling "you're not their yet" after looking at each other and protesting that our entry point would be the prudent choice (easy) we followed.

Echoes rang back "no we will do the steps". After preforming our mountain goat diver trek we arrived at the entry point. I was almost last in and let out a "small" cry to show my joy of entering the crisp water.

After dropping down to about 9 metres I warmed up enough to open my eyes to be shocked by 10 metre plus visibility. We were greeted to no more than 5 weedy sea dragons within minutes. After about ten minutes of hunting for another 5 Weedy Sea Dragons we drifted back towards Monument and were treated to Sea Stars, Cling Fish, an Octopus that got the better of Noel, Cuddle Fish, Cowrie Shells and the ever insistent Blue Groper.

43 minutes later, having reached a max depth of 12.7 metres and a non-eventful exit, we were done. It just goes to show that you can be surprised with a great dive under any circumstances. We look forward to seeing you all diving soon.

Janson Kane

AquaSports Scuba Centre

This is a reminder for all you people have purchased tickets to the AV Night, to arrange to get them from Grey.

Make these arrangements, either by e-mail or telephone Grey.

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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.

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.

The Pro's & Con's Of Heaven

On their way to get married, a young couple are involved in a fatal car accident. The couple find themselves sitting outside the Pearly Gates waiting for St. Peter to process them into Heaven. While waiting, they begin to wonder: could they possibly get married in Heaven?

When St. Peter shows up, they asked him. St. Peter says, " I don't know. This is the first time anyone has asked. Let me go find out," and he left.

The couple sat and waited for an answer for a couple of months. While they waited, they discussed IF they were allowed to get married in heaven, SHOULD they get married, what with the eternal aspect of it all. "What if it doesn't work?" they wonder, " Are we stuck together FOREVER?"

After yet another month, St. Peter finally returns, looking somewhat bedraggled. "Yes," he informs the couple, "you can get married in Heaven."

"Great!" said the couple, "But we were just wondering, what if things don't work out". Could we also get a divorce in Heaven?"

St. Peter, red-faced with anger, slams his clipboard onto the ground. "What's wrong?" asked the frightened couple. "OH, COME ON" St. Peter shouts, "It took me three months to find a

Diving at Oak Park Cronulla

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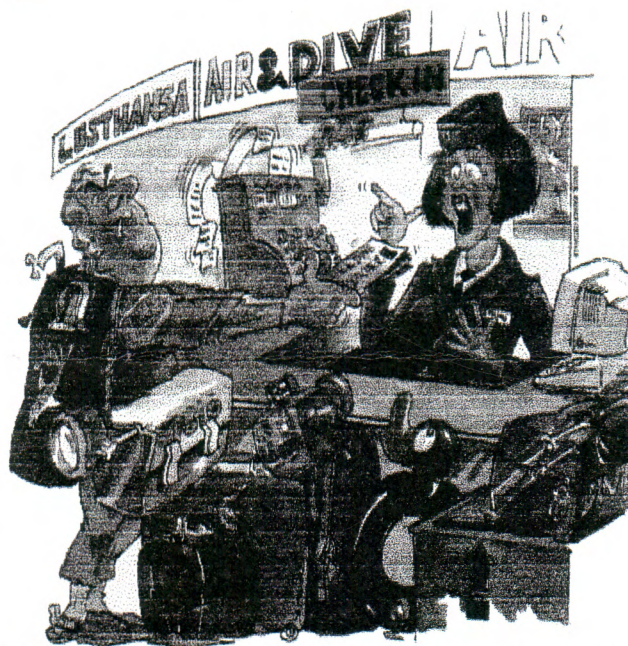
A Letter to the Club

Hi Fellow Members,

My wife Lyn has just started taking wide angle photos and has begun to nag me about my black masks and "unphotographable" gear. She recently was showing some of her slides to Becca saunders, whose immediate comment was that if Lyn wanted to progress, "lose the model, or at least get him a decent mask!!!!"

I won the May section of the George Roberts and the prize was an APOLLO Frameless Ice Mask, donated by APOLLO. It is a great looking mask, which is really comfortable to wear, I'm impressed and so is Lyn. Maybe I will make a model yet.

Because of the extreme lengths we go, to get a dive, Lyn and I are not terribly kind to our equipment, but because of some of the places we do get into the water, we need to have total confidence that it will work every time.



To this end, every year, or when I drop a tank on one, we have had our regs service by Steve Cross at Scuba Mechanics and have had so far about the last twenty years. So to win a free service was a real bonus.

Thanks for continuing to organise the George Roberts. I believe it is a great competition, both from the point of keeping the memory of George and his photography alive in the Club, but also the way the comp is structured to give new starters to photography a good chance to win outright on their own merits and makes it really hard for someone with my years of experience. Everyone has to give their best.

Congratulations to all of this years winners and the others who played an equally important role by entering.

Thankyou to everyone.

Neil Vincent

APRIL 15TH 2002 GENERAL MEETING

MAY 20TH 2002 GENERAL MEETING

Time: 2009 hours **Chair:** Duane Langley (Editor) **Apologies:** Bernie, Nick, Martin & Illona Kandilas, Jansen, Glen and Simon.

Incoming Mail: Ryde Underwater newsletter, BOC Statement, URG Bulletin and membership form, SPD Cheque book, 3 x bank statements, Dive Log renewal, PO Box rental, NSW Fisheries draft recovery plan- Grey Nurse Shark.

Outgoing Mail: All unfinancial members have been sent a reminder to re-join.

Editors Report: Apologies for the lateness of the newsletter. Suggested putting out the newsletter just after the meetings, instead of just before. Suggestion rejected as it advertises what is coming up.

Web Officer: Running as normal.

Photographic Officers Report: Running to schedule, Has secured a new sponsor. Anyone wishing tickets for the night – see Grey. Request hand to get tickets out to dive shops. Contact Grey or Noel.

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

Social Organiser: 25th May Go Kart – cancelled, not enough takers. Chinese restaurant RSVP by Thursday. Drive In – Bass Hill Friday 21st June. Rock up meet at snack bar at 7.15pm, movies start at 7.30pm. \$11.00 per adult.

Penrith white water guided rafting - \$60.50 per person, paid in full 10 days before event. 90 minutes.

Dive Organiser – Position Vacant. Simon resigned re lack of response.

Do you want to dive somewhere? Let Noel/ committee know and they will email out – e news broadcast.

Minutes of the Last Meeting Acceptance: Deferred till next meeting.

Dive Reports:

Phil – Lake Jindabyne Old Township. 5-7 mtr viz. Old trucks, old houses, and homesteads. 2-12 mtrs. Worthwhile diving. **Dave** – Marley Point 20 mtr viz. Could see bottom. Eagle ray, school kingies – very nice.

Noel – Dave & Sally – Diver City – Yanna Gap, past leap – lots of fish life, cuddle fish on heat chasing ‘good looking’ divers around. Drift Dive – Henrys Head – good dive. **Rick** – Kurnell, Henrys Head good drift dive. J.B. – Bob Smith plaque bottom of Arch– very shabby. Members please take down a scrubbing brush to freshen it up.

Peter F – Solomon’s – 15 dives over 2 weeks. Flat seas. 28 degrees. **Craig** – Malabar – Lloyds test plate 25/7/25. 13 days after it was commissioned. Also located engine plate (after all this time) **Matt** – Shark Dive Magic Point – 15 mtr viz. dozen sharks 19 degree water. Henrys Head 2 mtr viz and cold. **Amanda** – Ocean Trek 4 Day Shoot out – great time. Few members entered. Top class photo’s. Interesting viewing onboard of all slides and assessment – great learning experience. 15 mtr viz calm seas low wind, front Bowen 20 + mtr viz. Found red Indian fish and photographed same. Good crew, tucker brilliant, comfortable boat. **Hung** – Vietnam – 3 weeks diving 35 mtr viz. crystal clear water, small fish, lots of coral. Thoroughly recommended. **Loi** – Kurnell Monument. Cold wind, uncomfortable. Shiprock clear water, lots of fish.

General Business:

Had to join Australian Underwater Federation \$25.00. Public Liability insurance obtained at \$750.00. We are part of their “group pool” policy. Thank you Duane & Grey.

Magnetometer – still up for sale. 1 query. (phone no. lost so if you know who it was, get them to ring again)

Oxygen Equipment – Oxygen Therapy – for breathing of a conscious diver. Noel advises what we have does not meet Aust. Standards and is due for a service. What is our duty of care? Noel always carries his own. Noel advises new Oxygen Therapy regulator \$160.00, mask \$20.00, put it in a sealed case. (one kit, 2 bottles)

Phil put a motion forward to Upgrade to meet Aust Standards. Motion carried. Noel and Craig to confer.

A.V. Night –Members needing tickets – contact Grey.

Raffle:	1st	5 x Tank fills	(Aqua sports)	Evelyn
	2nd	5 x Tank fills	(Aqua sports)	Paul R.
	3rd	Boat Dive	(Sea Tamer 11)	Grey
	4th	2 x Air fills	(Shiprock Dive)	Peter Flockart

George Roberts Competition:

1st	ICE Frameless Mask	Neil Vincent
2nd	Dive Solutions Torch	Grey
3rd	Aqua Lung T Shirt	Des Peroz

Overall George Roberts

1st	Grey – Weekend for 2 Ocean Trek, all dives accommodation and food.
	Seatec semi-dry hood.
2nd	Des –
3rd	Loi – Trip Southwest Rocks. Seatec semi-dry hood.
4th	Matt Reeve and Simon.



Highest Portfolio score - \$120.00 voucher reg service. Neil Vincent.

Finish 2140 hours Great meeting, good turn out.

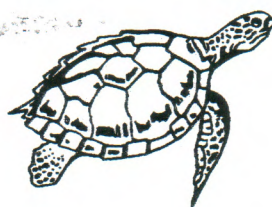
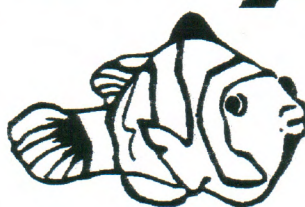
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15 AGM 15 Meeting Bankstown Sports Club 8.00pm	16	17	18	19	20 BBQ At Rick's after Kurnell Shore dive	21
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August 2002

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
			1	2	3 Mullaway Weekend Limited spots available	4 Mullaway Contact Janson Aqua Sports
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19 Club Meeting 8.00pm Bankstown Sports Club	20	21	22	23	24	25
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