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#### **EDITORS CORNER**

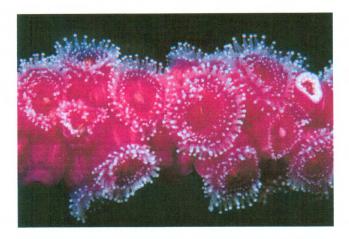
Well, when one gets so busy, some things just get put to the rear and the Wet Rag happened to be one of those things. I guess operations to the back and both knees just took precedent in my life.

Anyway, the rag is still here just like the Club even, if we are missing an issue or two.

Enjoy Ed

Duane

#### Veil Vincent



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#### **Cover Photo**

"I'm Sorry!"
Is just not an appeasement
For carelessness

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#### PRESIDENTS POSSIE

Well Hello! I do not believe there is any necessity for me to introduce myself, as most of you know me anyway.

Who ever does not know me, soon will, so, please come up an introduce yourself to me at your convenience.

I would prefer not to have had to take on the mantle of President again at this time, but circumstances seemed to have forced the issue.

My private obligations over the last two years left me, to some degree, without a clear picture of the club's position. I was asked to take a more in depth look at the Club's situation by trusted club members and discovered that there appeared to me to be a slight derailment of it's direction and to be blunt, at one point thought I was on the cast of the TV show, "Yes Minister".

After having spoken to many members, I decided to throw my hat back in the ring for a committee position, in the hope that my offer of help to get the Club back on track as a Committee member, would be seen as a positive move. I was astounded, but honoured to be elected President.

I believe that the Club has nothing, but a bright and active future as long as we all keep a positive attitude and a firm understanding of what SPDC stands for. That is the enjoyable membership of a club that not only actively dives, but presents the most professional, international and sought after Audio Visual Competition in the World.

So see you guys at the next meeting.

Bernd Kraul President

Remember Members
If you have a need, then think about our regular loyal sponsors.

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With out the generous support of our sponsors, we as a Club would not enjoy many of the things we do.

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Divers Club active chance to dive closet

for used web site.

all...it 's free! (Try getting that from E-Bay). For more information, contact the Editor.

#### 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 the Australasian Underwater Photographer of the Year Competition, open to all underwater photographers in Australia and Overseas. 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.

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#### **Committee Members**

Bernie Kraul Susan Tate Mark Pinna Peter Flockart Vacant Duane Langley

Vacant

President Secretary Treasurer

Photographic Officer Equipment Officer

Editor

Web Page Officer

#### **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. The T Shirts are \$20.00 each.

Caps are also available. \$15.00 each

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

Well SCAN Team,

I particularly wish to draw your attention to the weekend away on 13/14 November and ensure it is put into your dive schedule and suitably promoted. It would be really great to have plenty of people / clubs in attendance. After all strength in unity!

#### SCUBA Clubs Association of NSW (SCAN)

Who are they anyway and why do they get mentioned from time to time at our club meetings?

Well if you are reading this you are a member of SCAN. Yes it is true. SCAN is a body comprising a number of the independent dive clubs in NSW who communicate and dive together. The formation of SCAN was one of a number of positive outcomes to emerge from a somewhat cynical and puerile attack made on Sydney independent dive clubs by some dive industry / shop entities. Thankfully that mentality has pretty much disappeared these days and commercial operators now hold a more mature view. Whilst most of SCAN's membership is Sydney based, there are clubs from up and down the coast, which helps keep things in perspective. Lets face it, there is a lot of diving to be had outside of Sydney and these places are more often than not being subject to legislative action!

SCAN currently has a representative responsibility for recreational SCUBA divers on two state advisory bodies. These being the Marine Parks Advisory Council and the Waterways Recreational Vessels Advisory Group. In these days of greater government control it is important for us to have access and some input on how codes of practice and the like are developed.

We aim to promote and foster linkages between dive clubs and maintain a proactive forum, which can react to issues as they arise. There really is a need to have a group who can deal with recreational diving matters on a state-wide basis, which may adversely impact upon recreational divers and independent dive clubs in particular. Luckily this side of things has been relatively quiet in recent times (touch wood). from time to time. One area of liaison that has taken off in recent years is overseas trips where members from several clubs combine to get good discounts and user-friendly travel companions. To me this typifies the benefits and reasons for having a network like SCAN. Sharing knowledge on club friendly operators / accommodation etc makes for better diving. To this end I would always encourage clubs to canvas the membership when contemplating a new to them dive destination. Because you can bet someone from another club has or is planning to go there

An area SCAN is vigilant is Marine Conservation. A number of member clubs have a major marine science / conservation focus and networking is very much promoted to keep clubs up to date with marine conservation and planning developments. After all these Cont'd >

are the places we love and should be ensuring a good healthy marine environment is maintained.

SCAN has a web site the address www.geocities.com/scansw/scanhome.htm So next time you are "diving the net" have a look for yourself.

SCAN schedules two events for member clubs each year. The first one is known as the "Combined Clubs Dive Day" and is always held in March and in Sydney. This year it was held on 28/3/04 at Frenchman's Bay.

Scan's second event is always a weekend away and the destination alternates between the north and south coast of NSW. Last year it was at Nelson Bay so that Terrigal Underwater Club (one of our northern contingent) could make it. Which they did in serious numbers. The weekend away is always the second weekend in November. So there is a date to put in your dive Calendar! This year we will be heading south to that Jewel of the south coast Ulladulla. That date being 13 & 14 of November. So get organised!

Just to get the ball rolling I am suggesting Ulladulla. A great spot with many varied diving sites. I happen to know a couple of spots there, which will get your pulse rate up for sure. So lets do it!

Stay tuned for more info from SCAN corner.

Cheers

John Olsen



My apologies to the person who submitted this photograph of a pesky octopus, as I have failed to keep the photographer's name. Please step forward and let me know so I can rectify this careless omission on my part.

Ed.

A big congratulations to Phil & Sandra on the purchase of their new runabout.



I guess their will be a lot more off shore diving for these guys.



See Phil at the Club Meetings and outings for a possible mutual arrangement.



A dinner evening for members is arranged for the 30th June at the Bankstown Trotting Club in their "Trotters Buffet Restaurant." 178 Eldridge Road, Bankstown

All welcome along with friends and no booking is required, although if we are going to have large numbers, we certainly should advise the Club, so let us know if you are coming along just so we have an idea of numbers.

It's an all you can eat Wednesday Night Seafood. Adult Non Members (Trotting Club Members that is) \$19.90 pp, Seniors & Trotting Club Members \$17.90pp, Children 12yrs and under \$9.90pc.

# SPDC's CONSTITUTIONAL COLUMN # 2

The very first thing that must be stressed here, is that this column is written to enlighten those that are interested in understanding, but must not be considered a definitive legal view on the issue and any person wishing to gain such a legal understanding will have to seek such advice from a duly trained person in such legal matters.

This issue will deal with the Committee and it's powers.

### THE COMMITTEE Part III

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- (a) The committee shall be called "Committee of the Association"
- (b) The Association shall have it's affairs controlled and managed by the Office Bearers and other members, known as the Committee.
- (c) The Committee has the powers to perform all such acts and all such things as appears to the Committee to be necessary or desirable for the proper management of the affairs of the Association and to make all necessary decisions relating to the day to day business matters of the Association. Day to day business matters will include all matters required to be attended to without incurring any delay for the efficient and expedient discharge of the Associations obligations.

The above quite clearly states that there is a difference between managing and decision making and where decisions are made, the power is defined as decisions that are expected and normal, but need the appropriate authority to be o/ked. Obviously from time to time an anomaly will appear and need to be handled and this will require a decision to be made.

E.g. Should the Association need to perform an act, or pay a sum to comply with a law or regulation that at the time is unknown to the general members, by either oversight, or omission, then the committee would deliberate and decide the appropriate course of action in the interests of the Association without consultation with general members.

But,

Where a decision regarding new financial investment, or constitutional change, or large or unusual expenditure, or new advertising, or bringing on a new sponsor, or any act that is a major or radical change to the Association as the members know it, then this requires the Committee to deliberate such situations and put them to the general membership for decision.

Autonomy from general membership approval is limited to actions like,

Bill paying adjudication

Membership acceptance and

Meeting organisation
Asset management

Insurance renewal Event management

Administrative management

and so on.

You will note that in clause "C" the wording arguably confers a fair amount of latitude for the Committee and should a Committee turn rogue this is a very good reason why any Committee in any Organisation should be kept full and diverse, especially in our case, as Office Bearers.

I personally feel that there should be a clause in our constitution that disallows more than one member of a family, defacto, or otherwise, being able to hold more than one position of Office.

Interestingly, this is a example of a matter where the general membership would have to discuss, deliberate and vote on and then direct the Committee to enact.

The power within the Association MUST ALWAYS remain with the General Membership.

The Committee selflessly put them selves up for voluntary positions of obligation to the General Membership and all members should seriously respect and appreciate this fact.

Having said this, no Committee member should ever believe that such a position confers a power beyond that which is bestowed by virtue of the position held and must understand such power is to be used only to further the ideals and interests of the Association and the General Membership. Personal agendas can never be tolerated in Committee's of any organisation, especially one such as ours. Should this start to happen, the General Membership must nip it in the bud immediately for the good of all.

People often ask the question. How can I solve a like problem when I'm not privy to it until it is too late? My answer to that is; Participate at the meeting level, be seen, be heard and be felt. That's democracy and democracy is the engine our club is run on.

#### Duane Langley.

Remember, this is a forum, feel free to have your say. The more everyone understands what the building blocks of our Club are, the less chance of anyone being able to damage it.

Remember this too. This Association/Club owns something that is unique, historical and commercially valuable and there are others out there that would dearly love to have it and if they can't, it is possible they will try to undermine us.

THE SPDC UNDERWATER PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION rights.

It's a Club asset and one to be protected vigorously.

# PHOTOGRAPHIC OFFICER'S REPORT March 2004

Hi Sue,

I had a phone call from this person last week( she got my phone number off our web site) asking if any of our members who shoot video would be interested in supplying her with some video clips for her project. If anyone is interested they can contact Lesley on number shown at the foot of the screen.

----Original Message----

From: lesleybeth [mailto:lesleybeth@jazzles.

com]

Sent: Wednesday, 2 June 2004 10:57 AM

To: Peter Flookart Subject: help re footage

Dear Peter

Here is the list of the songs - and audio lengths. I would like to get nice clear water footage where possible.

We would be selling the DVDs predominantly in NTSC regions but also here and UK.

We are trying to get a simple arrangement for this. It may have particular appeal to the 'novices' but also semi and professional videographers.

The songs are very professionally produced and recorded (by Clive Lenditch -- who does all of Rolf Harris's CDs -- plus all the singers are the

top performers in the 2004 NSW School Spectacular. We would make sure that sources are well credited and we can build profiles in.

Any help you can give would be very much appreciated.

Sincerely Lesley Beth 02-9810-2784

Regards,

Peter Flockart

**SPDC Photographic Officer** 

CleverShow Pty Ltd Contact: Lesley Beth 140 Louisa Road Birchgrove NSW 2041 02-9810-2784 lesleybeth@jazzles.com

Approx footage required to produce a sequence below (minutes:secs)

We would like to find very clear water footage – good quality,

DVD 1 (Priority)

1. Mix of wondrous species found in oceans (ie. popular species) and just fish 3.30. Would like different footage from featured in other segments below but not necessarily.)

- 2. Whales 3:40 (Humpbacks etc not Killer Whales)
- 3. Seals and Sea Lions (any mix) 2:54
- 4. Dolphins 2:53
- 5. Sharks 2:33
- 6. Sea Otters 3.43
- 7. Octopus 2:12
- 8. Sea Snake 1:37
- 9. Manatees 2:46
- 10. Anemone 1.48

DVD 2

- 1. Aquarium style footage 2.06
- 2. Sea Horses (say) 3.30
- 3. Turtles 2:06
- 4. Marine Mix. 3:55 (lobster, cuttle fish, prawn, moray eel, crab)
- 5. Rays 2:54 (mostly sting rays; like some manta
- 6. Jellyfish 2:45
- 7. Going To See 2.04 Crocodile, manta ray, dolphins, swordfish, shark, jellyfish, lungfish, lobster, groper, seal, octopus.
- 8. Misc Fish 2.46 (schools of fish, a few seconds of gropers face on like talking) etc
- 9. Saltwater Crocs 2:29

## GEORGE ROBERTS COMPETITION

Start getting your slides together, as the date for this intra club competition is soon to be announced.

#### SPD MEETING 19<sup>TH</sup> APRIL, 2004

Apologies: Martin, Ilona, Don, Tom and Amanda.

**Incoming Correspondence:** Bank statement, URG Bulletin, email from Matt re membership, Cuttlefish Dive weekend 15-27 May, Wet Drill training Course at Qantas pool.

Treasurer Report - some money was banked last month, nothing in this month so far. Books are available for inspection.

Photographic Officer – Peter advises was away in Melbourne last month. Sponsors Dive Pacific put in a full page spread re Diane Armstrong winner Open Comp. Also Dive Pacific Annual has a 2 page spread on the SPD Underwater Comp 2003.

Peter may be absent at next meeting, is going to Palau.

#### **DIVE REPORTS**

Phil - Dived in a river in the Brindabella Valley on hooka. Very cold. Found a yabbie.

Peter – Sea Tamer II – Fish Reef – 22 degrees in water, 8-10 mtr viz slight surge. Lots of fish, new nudi, school bastard trumpeter – good dive – slight problem exiting.

#### **GENERAL BUSINESS**

Wet Drill Training – Royal Volunteer Coastal Patrol are holding the wet drill section of the sea survival course on the 24<sup>th</sup> April at the Qantas Jet Base. Oten Course, no certificate issued – just the experience. See Sue. Other courses details will be advised when they are available.

Scuba Expo - 15th-18th July, 2004 at the Sydney Entertainment Centre

With a quorum being present a call for vacant positions within the committee was made from the general membership. Peter was nominated and seconded and voted in unanimously as President. Glen Percy was nominated and seconded and voted in unanimously as Secretary. Linh La was nominated and seconded and voted in unanimously as Treasurer.

Peter Flockart put the motion:

I move a motion that all members that inadvertently failed to renew their membership within the time allowed under the constitution of the club and had been financial members for the entire preceding year and have applied for membership and paid the appropriate joining fee, have their applications accepted and be considered full members again from this moment forward. Further all other membership applications be considered as soon as possible by the incoming Committee, post AGM.

Seconded by, Glen Percy

Motion was voted on and accepted unanimously.

There were no proxies tendered to the meeting.

The meeting was closed. After the break the Annual General Meeting took place whereby Peter Flockart stood in as returning Officer. All positions were declared vacant and the meeting proceeded.

All the following persons were nominated for the following positions and unanimously voted for, therefore the Committee for South Pacific Divers Club Inc for 2004 now consists of

President – Bernie Kraul Secretary – Susan Tate Treasurer – Mark Pinna Photographic Officer – Peter Flockart Dive Organiser – Peter Flockart Public Officer – Susan Tate Newsletter Editor – Duane Langley

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#### INCOMING PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We need to work together and get the Club back on track. There is a lot of political talk in the air – we have to remember that we are a club being watched from above by the Dept of Fair Trading. We need to solve a problem when it's small and deal with it. Identify and toe tag. We need to get together diving. We all can do our part to organise a dive somewhere where you want to go.

Very important – if you don't like someone or something about the club, speak out to the committee – don't keep it inside bottling up. Problems are easily solved – you just have to do something – not leave them to fester.

These days many people play computer games, something happens and then press re-load. In real life there is no re-load. Do something wrong to get where you want to go and you have to live with it and deal with it.

The committee guides the club on the ideas of the members and comes back to the members – they only have a limited amount of power.

Emergency decisions – short of time – can't committee make decisions? but not all of the committee were involved in the decision making.

Definitely need a business plan.

Housekeeping – where is all the club equipment – will be looked into.

We need to change grey areas of the constitution for the betterment of the Club.

IDEA - to keep a list of constitution recommendations as discussed after each newsletter article for future use.

Question re Business Name registration - when is it due? Phil remembers it a couple of years back.

#### No RAFFLE

Hi all. This article was taken from the on-line edition of New Scientist. Please use it in the newsletter if required. Cheers,

#### Diver's pill could fend off the bends

17:11 26 March 04 Exclusive from New Scientist Print Edition. Subscribe </subscribe/subs home.jsp?promcode=nsnews> and get 4 free issues.

Within a decade, divers will be able to take a pill that allows them to stay under water longer without risking decompression sickness when they get to the surface. That is the prediction of a team that thinks it has stumbled across a totally new way of preventing the bends.

The risk of the bends severely limits how long divers breathing compressed air can stay under water without having to make decompression stops on the way back up. At 30 metres, the safe period is just 20 minutes. Higher pressures at depth force nitrogen from the air in divers' lungs into their blood and other tissues. If they come up too quickly the decrease in pressure causes bubbles to form, just as they do in champagne when the cork is popped. Effects range from skin rashes to death.

A team at the Norwegian University of Science and Technology in Trondheim set out to investigate anecdotal reports that being fitter reduces a diver's chances of getting the bends.

The team's animal studies showed fitness above a basic level made little difference, but that a bout of intense exercise around 20 hours before a simulated dive in a pressure chamber dramatically reduced bubble formation. "It was an accidental discovery," says team member Alf Brubakk.

#### Micro bubbles

A burst of exercise seems to work for people, too. Researchers at the University of Split School of Medicine in Croatia asked 12 male divers to do two simulated dives to 18 metres for 80 minutes. They exercised on a treadmill for 40 minutes 24 hours before one of the dives. Ultrasound imaging of the heart and arteries revealed that the average number of bubbles fell from 0.98 per cubic centimetre of blood on the first dive to 0.22 on the dive after exercise.

The bubbles were also much smaller.

The researchers think the exercise session works by eliminating microbubbles, or nuclei, that seed the formation of larger bubbles in the blood. Other work suggests that these microbubbles are attached to the walls of blood vessels, and exercise is known to stimulate the release of nitric oxide (NO), which not only dilates blood vessels but changes their surface properties, making them more slippery.

It is too early to recommend exercise, stresses Zeljko Dujic, head of the Croatian team. "Divers should wait for further studies," he says. And even if it does prove effective and divers are willing to make the effort, exercising in a narrow window of time around 20 hours before each dive is unlikely to be practical.

#### Totally novel

But if the Norwegian team's theory is right, it might be possible to give divers drugs to mimic the effect of exercise.

In fact, the team has now shown that giving mice an NO-releasing drug, or NO itself, reduces bubble formation. All the latest results appear in The Journal of Physiology (vol 555, p 588, p 637 and p 825).

"This is a totally novel approach," says Brubakk. Until now, all the ways of preventing the bends, such as staying within safe limits, ascending in stages or breathing gas mixtures with less nitrogen, have been designed to limit or reduce the levels of nitrogen in the body. But if you can get rid of the nuclei, bubbles cannot

form even when the blood is supersaturated with nitrogen. A drug that helps prevent the bends could be used simply to make diving safer. Some divers get decompression sickness even when they stay within recommended limits.

But Brubakk thinks such a drug would allow divers to go deeper or stay down longer. "It's not dangerous if you can prevent bubble formation," he says. A drug would not prevent bubbles forming in other tissues such as cartilage, he admits, but it is in the blood that bubbles cause the most serious forms of decompression sickness.

Many questions remain to be answered, though. Other researchers say it is plausible that exercise helps eliminate microbubbles, but question whether NO production is really the main factor.

Once again here, I do not have the name of the person who submitted this article for the wetrag and apologise for this omission too, but thankyou.

Ed.

#### SLIDE SHOW ON PALAU

**Peter Flockart** will be screening a slide show of his recent trip to **Palau** at the **next club meeting**.

Palau is one of the most extraordinary diving spots on this planet. Far to the southwest of Micronesia the Republic of Belau (the traditional name) consists of an archipelago of 343 islands, spread north to south over 100 miles form the atoll of Kayangel to the island of Angaur plus five tiny islands, known as the southwest islands.

Palau's profuse, unspoiled reefs offer a wealth of marine life, coral formations and wrecks. Dives begin in knee deep water and plunge straight down to depths of 1000 feet and more.

Blue holes, huge caverns and an immense variety of rare and exotic marine species are easily accessible in clear water with visibility exceeding 200 feet. Vast numbers, not found anywhere else in the world, of large pelagic predators, sharks, turtles, dolphins and many species of migratory fish gather here at a unique crossroads of three of the world's major ocean currents. Land locked marine lakes, accessible from the sea through tunnels beneath the island's steep shorelines, are home to rare jelly fish, anemones and soft corals.

#### SPD MEETING 17<sup>TH</sup> MAY, 2004

Apologies: Nick, Mark P, Don, Glen P, Peter F, Duane.

**Incoming Correspondence:** Bank statement, URG Bulletin, AUF Insurance premium \$575.00, Ryde Underwater newsletter, Doubtless & Diving newsletter, invoice Wincafe 12 months web housing, Waves newsletter.

Outgoing Correspondence: Email to unfinancial members

Treasurer Report - Mark faxed a report through as he was unable to make the meeting.

Photographic Officer - Peter just back from his holiday in Palau.

Newsletter Editor - Apologies from Duane, has been away and ran out of time.

#### **DIVE REPORTS**

John - Balmoral Baths - testing a housing - no leaks

Matt - Sydney Diver City - Camp Cove - 80 mins, heaps octopus, viz 5 mtrs, warm water.

#### **GENERAL BUSINESS**

Sub-Committee – To be formed to look into club expenses/ expenditure.

Advertisements to be placed to let everyone know that SPD will be running an AV Night in 2005 – reminding photographers to start getting their slides etc together. Dive Log & Sport Diving was suggested.

George Roberts Competition – a date is still to be fixed.

Oxy Viva – where is it?? Sue to check storage to see what equipment is there, also where is the Scanner??

Storage Shed - too expensive per month \$104.50 - Suggested a Club member be compensated to house our goods.

Noel Taylor advises he no longer wants to be associated with out club and is setting up his own competition – we need to protect our club. Suggested putting an add in Dive Log – so he cannot claim association with our Club – worried about our sponsors.

Matt advised- it was mentioned to him that if his new club wanted to run a comp he would help them.

Club needs a person with personality to talk to people/ sponsors etc.

If there are vibes that our photo comp has had it's use by date – they why are people out there discussing organising a new competition?? Our club's 1<sup>st</sup> prize is prestigious – as well as great prizes.

Phil Dale – raised a motion to advertise the up and coming AV Competition in Dive Log, Sport Diving etc. for late 2005. Was seconded by John Olsen. Question raised re lead times for magazines to get something put in - ie 3 months in advance to get it in.

Discussions raised re - is film dead?? We all have taken photographs over the last 20 years and have them in some kind of hard copy. With digital photo's there is nothing physical, programme of photos are stored on discs – too easy to damage, or with technology updates – you can no longer read the discs. General feeling that film is not dead, although digital is popular.

Ferry being wrecked for a dive site – Lady Street- will need to have \$150,000 spent on it to make it enviro friendly fish reef/ dive site.

Committee to look at a club BBQ/ Dive day – will be published in the next newsletter.

A diver was lost to David Jones locker – at the Spit – had a rebreather, but was found using a pony bottle?? Need to find out what is happening with the web site.

Sydney Diver City - Don is organising a discussion night with Craig Rodriquez.

Suggested organising a night dive at Manly Wharf – between midnight and 0500 hours. Interesting junk under there – watches, wallets, bicycle etc.

A company at Merimbula are providing - Burials at Sea - for your loved ones.

Scuba Expo - 15<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> July, 2004 at the Sydney Entertainment Centre

No RAFFLE

# **June 2004**

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| 7   | 8   | 9   | 10<br>Committee<br>Meeting | 11   | 12  | 13  |
| 14  | 15  | 16  | 17                         | 18   | 19  | 20  |
| 21 Meeting<br>B'Town<br>Sports Club<br>8.00pm | 22  | 23  | 24                         | 25   | 26  | 27  |
| 28  | 29  | 30 Dinner @<br>B'town<br>Trotting Club<br>7.00-7.30pm |                            | Palau will be<br>shown at the<br>general<br>meeting. |     |     |

# **July 2004**

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| 19Meeting<br>B'Town<br>Sports Club<br>8.00pm | 20  | 21  | 22  | 23  | 24  | 25  |
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# SOUTH PACIFIC DIVERS UNDERWATER PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION COMING LATE

2005

THIS EVENT WILL SET THE BENCH MARK FOR ALL OTHER UNDERWATER PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITIONS.

THE FORMAT WILL BE FRESH, CRISP AND PLEASING,
THE SPONSORSHIP IS ALREADY STRONG,
THE WORK LOAD FOR OUR CLUB MEMBERS WILL BE DEMANDING,
SO GET READY TO SHOW THE WORLD WHY SPDC MEMBERS DO IT BETTER.