

Meeting of South Pacific Divers  
was held on the 19.1.70  
Meeting began at 8.17 P.M.

18 members present 9 visitors  
Apologies Kim John Sumner &  
Lindsay Ditchburn

Minutes of previous meeting were read and  
received. Moved they be accepted by  
Tom Byron seconded by John Jacksons

Correspondence received from the Stamp  
Duties office exemption from stamp duty on  
cheques.

Social Secretary's Report.

Christmas Party, a great success. It cost  
the club \$40 and there is still \$30 owing to  
Ian Denmead.

Report on Club Dives

Denis gave a report on Montague, three  
boats were there, also many bipes but very  
few seals. Denis' light blew up again. From  
there they adjourned to Phillip Island and  
tagged seals. Disaster at Piccaynyne Ponds  
dirty water and Ron's car blew up.

Club Outings

24<sup>th</sup> Jan Coolman and Jarvis Bay  
8<sup>th</sup> Feb Cathrine Hill Bay.

General Business.

Ian Denmead gave a report concerning  
new small boat regulations which are coming  
into force.



Congratulations to Peter Newton and Amanda Ray on their marriage.

Allan Mowl suggested that the club get a number of Save the Barrier Reef Stickers. Put to a vote. Vote, carried.

Once again discussion on the Divers Flag came up. It was put to the club that the blue and white swallow tail flag was not visible enough and that we should write to get more recognition for the old flag. Allan Mowl said that we would be fighting a losing battle and besides we had written agreeing to the new flag. It would be silly to write and say that we don't like it now.

Representative of our Club, Ian Glennead introduced the chairman of the Scuba Divers Association, Tom Britton, to our Club also Ray Baxton and Col Troncyer. The objectives of the Association are as follows

1. To improve standards of diving in general and safety
2. To improve equipment
3. To promote diving by advertising
4. To advise equipment makers.
5. To improve libraries for divers, etc.

The Navy has agreed to put through the first Instruction course. The S.D.F. would welcome members from U.S.F. and they would consider amalgamating if it would advance diving.

Meeting Closed 10.5 P.M.