



# NEWSLETTER

## WET RAG

### MINUTES OF MEETING OF SOUTH PACIFIC DIVERS

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Held at Bankstown Sports Club on 17.6.85

Meeting Opened: at 8.00 p.m.

Apologies: Miriam

Visitors: Brian and Vicky Colwell

Minutes of the last Meeting: Due to absence of Secretary there were no minutes read.

Business arising from the minutes: Nil

Correspondence: Letter from S.D.A.

#### Committee's Reports

Treasurer's report: Given by Jim Smith, Treasurer  
Accepted: Martin Kandilas, seconded: Mark Livermore

Dive Organiser's report: Given by Peter Stratford.

Social Organizer's report: Kelly Smith gave report on Lamb on a spit afternoon at Miriam and Gary's. All who were there had a good afternoon, but due to the poor turn up there was plenty of food left over. Didn't make a profit. Thanked Jim Smith for the good work he did in cooking the lamb.

Peter Stratford reported on the Tuglow weekend.

No future social night organized as Presentation Evening coming up next month.

Publicity Officer's report: Flavio Fabresci reported. Club magazine due to come out in the next couple of weeks. Requested articles from club members.

Member's Dive Reports: 1. Pat and Lyn reported on dive at J.B.

2. Martin Kandolas reported on dive for Phil North at Grafton who reported on seeing 12 sharks with baby's.

3. Kim Kohen reported on dive - rock hop at Cape Solander. Very good. 20 ft. vis and leafy dragon.

Jenny was asked to report on her dive. "I was sick".

Photographic Officer's  
Report:

Kim Kohen reported on coming A.V.

General Business Terry informed members of the theft of his camera and asked that they keep an eye out.

Mark Livermore reported that Bob Smith had been very ill and had been in hospital. It was decided that the club send Bob a card.

Meeting Closed

Kim presented the George Roberts Club comp and presented the prizes.

The winner of the novice section was Peter Jermyn.

The winner of the open section was Martin Kandolas.

Members should take note of two recent cases of decompression sickness.

The first was a classic case of a diver doing everything correctly and still suffering the dreaded bends. This occurred to a young police diver on the Birchgrove Park ( 160 ft ) whilst completing a police deep diving course. According to my brother who was in the boat at the time, the diver was inside the conservative ROYAL NAVY tables , had followed the dive plan and was not on any medications or consumed any alcohol. The significance of this to a sports diver should be apparent. Dive tables are only a guide and should never be taken to their limits.

The second was the case of a diver on a dive holiday in Vanuatu. Upon completing a dive he expressed concern to the dive organizer that he was suffering a decompression sickness, this was regarded with skepticism. The diver promptly cut short his holiday and tried to return to Australia. This required 3 days as the Airline people were equally skeptical. Upon arriving in Sydney he booked himself into H.M.A.S. PENGUIN where he was diagnosed as having a spinal bend.