

MINUTES OF CLUB MEETING HELD AT  
BANKSTOWN SPORTS CLUB 17/04/89  
SOUTH PACIFIC DIVERS

Meeting opened: 8.05pm by Jim Smith

Apologies: J.Mcdermott, Ilona Kandilas, Gumboot, Leslie Stratford  
Minutes of previous meeting: Accepted: M.kandilas  
 Seconded: R.Latimer

Correspondence-

Outgoing: Nil

Incoming: Letters from Apollo Sports, Aqua Sea, Airdive re sponsorship for A.V. night. Newsletters from Brisbane Water Aqualung Club, Ryde Underwater Club, Fundive and a brochure from Gumtree Tours.

Treasurer's Report:

Balance at 14/03/89	\$1123.58
Incoming Receipts	+ \$ 127.01
Outgoing	- \$ 587.71
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Sub Total	\$ 682.88
Petty cash	\$ 20.00
Investment Account	\$3446.96
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Total	\$4129.26

Accepted: P.Stratford

Seconded: Rick James

Social Secretary-

23rd April: Dive at Long Reef

6th and 7th May: Norah Head weekend

27th May: Kurnell boat dive

A.V. tickets are now available. Contact Penny for details.

Long weekend in June. Malua Bay weekend booking now.

Publicity Officer-

Please ensure you sign for your newsletter as we only have a limited

number available and some must be posted to members who do not attend meetings.

### Dive Reports-

\*Peter Stratford dived Osborne Shoals. 10-12 foot visibility. On the way back they picked up a fisherman who had fallen off the rocks. His friends kept on fishing and the man had been in the water for some time. They took him to hospital and then went back to tell fisherman's brother-in-law but he had gone home. No current on the dive and a good time had by all.

\* Pennie, Doug and Martin dived the Undola- Penny down first and found the visibility dirty on top but cleared to 40' as you went past the 80' mark. Martin checked to see if Penny was narced by getting her to read the inscription on the loo. There was also some incident with the fishing net.

\* Michael Cufer and Nigel Marsh dived at Nelson's Bay for 6 days and had 13 dives in total, all shore dives. They dived at Pipeline and Little Beach which is near the fish co-op. Found some tropical fish. Water temp was 20deg. Average vis. was 6 metre and they only got lost once. They had six night dives and shot 11 rolls of film each and had good results. They recommend the Pipeline. A little harder to reach than Fly Point or Halifax, you have to go along a bush track but there is easy entry and tide conditions apply. Average depth 30-40 feet.

\* Ron Mines and company dived at Currarong on the Easter weekend and had a blue current and 100ft visibility on the Easter Sunday.

The diving itinerary was as follows- Friday: crook, Saturday: No diving, Sunday: Blue water, Monday: the pits. Kathy Mcdermott saw her first weedy sea dragon.

\* Bob and Doug and Wayne found an Indian fish at J.B. near the Docks, under a ledge where the anchor was. Took some photos.

\* Jim Allen and Karen Matthews both club members sailed off last week in their yacht.

\* Richard and Brenda Taylor are somewhere in the Indian ocean sailing towards Kenya via Cocos, Keelings and the Seychelles.

\* Jim and Wendy now have the mast standing on the Bluewater Bushman. Now ready to go sailing.

### Photographic Officer-

\* Second round of the George Roberts announced tonight- See end of newsletter for winners.



- \* Next George Roberts entries due in tonight.
- \* Only two weeks for entrants still wanting to go in the big A.V.
- \* If you want slides you have entered in the George Roberts to be entered in the A/V let Grahame know.
- \* Judging for the Australasian Underwater Photographer of the year will be on the 4th of June at Revesby Workers and programming for the night will be done on the 15th of June.
- \* A photo of a blue ring octopus is required for a book. Acknowledgements will be given. See Sue Keller.

#### General Business-

Rick Latimer brought to the club's attention an article in Dive Log concerning the Federal Government reclaiming from a diver a bronze cannon salvaged from a wreck. Rick contacted the diver and found out that the cannon had been recovered some time ago in S.A. waters. The diver concerned had not hidden the fact that he had found the cannon and then restored it. he even made the offer to donate the cannon when he died. Discussions with the govt. took place but the next thing he knew was that he was presented with a subpoena for the return of an artifact. This made him very disillusioned with the govt. especially considering his co-operative and open attitude. Moral of the story as far as he was concerned was "Government speak with forked tongue". So be careful if you have anything.

#### General discussion followed.....

Rick is angry with academic, degreed "arseholes" who do this to divers. Jim feels he is too personally involved in the situation.

Bruce Gardiner argued that wrecks were for everyone and nothing should be taken. This comment bought a call to order from the President. At least now everyone was awake.

There are two spots available on the "Takaroa" leaving on the 12th of October for 10 days. Cost is \$1170 per person. Contact Peter Stratford for details. Phone 817 0779.

Neil Vincent asked whether the prizes for the George Roberts have been confirmed. Grahame Wakeling assured that they had been.

The meeting closed at 8.55pm.

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