

**MINUTES OF SOUTH PACIFIC DIVERS CLUB MEETING
HELD ON 19th August 1991
at BANKSTOWN SPORTS CLUB**

Meeting opened at

APOLOGIES:

VISTORS:

MINUTES of last meeting read.

Accepted:
Seconded:

Business arising from minutes:

INCOMING CORRESPONDANCE:

Scuba Diver (Cassie Welsh and Tracy Yaffa), Tony Carlisle, John Howard,
Ryde Underwater Club, Craig Scott/John Olsen, Sydney University
Underwater Club.

OUTGOING CORRESPONDANCE:

TREASURERS REPORT:

Read.

Accepted:
Seconded:

PHOTOGRAPHIC OFFICERS REPORT:

SOCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT:

See Social Events Calender.

DIVE REPORTS:

Peter Booth reported that the dive on the 'Duckenfield' wreck was a great success.

Six boats carried 19 divers out to the wreck, after drifting around a bit, the pick was hooked in. Visibility was reported to be reasonably good with a moderate swell. Lyn Vincent was sick as usual. Everyone had a good dive and an enjoyable day.

The didd boat dive was to Wanderers Reef aboard Uncle Max's Sea Tamer II. Five divers attended, Neil and Lyn Vincent, Brenda Park, Neil Hanson and Bruce Spary.

The reef was at about 115 foot, plenty of sea whips with tiger anemones, and lots of pretty sponges. This is a large reef with still a large part of it still to be explored. Visibility was good, helping this to be a great dive. (P.S. As usual Wars Bars, hot coffee, salami (yum) etc etc were supplied on the Sea Tamer II for the typical pig out after the dive.)

Pemie reported on her and Doug's unexpected trip to Madang, PNG. The visibility was slightly milky, although they could still see the surface from 160 ft !. A spot called "Planet Reef", 100 ft down, a 5 ft Marlin came up for a look, the next day at "Sarracoda Point" an 8 ft hammerhead came over for a visit. Doug said it was a "great feeling" and to make it official he "didn't run out of air, its just that there wasn't any left in the tank".

They also dived on a B25 bomber, almost intact in 100 ft. Machine guns, ammo everywhere. Another wreck dive on a minesweeper was covered in gorgonias - a fantastic dive.

Back in Australia, they dived an 80 ft reef called "Sanctuary Wall" which was "pretty good but not so good".

Brian, John and Kathy dived the reef "Dee Why Wide". Its located half way between the heads and the Duckenfield at about 80 - 110 ft and about 10 ft wide. The reef is a rock shelf with lots of swim throughs, nice gorgonias and good growth. On one sea whip, 27 tiger anemone were counted. There is also a large anchor from a tanker. The swell was big!

SOCIAL EVENTS:

14/15th September - Equipment Maintenance Course with Steve Cross

Venue: Karin Smith's place - 60 Fontainebleau Street; Sans Souci.

Time:

Cost: \$ each plus an additional \$16 for the certificate

Lunch will be provided on both days.

At this stage this course is full.

16th September - Club Meeting. Bankstown Sports Club. 8.00 pm.

22nd September - Sunday Club dive - Dee Why Wide

Reef boat dive (See Dive Reports). Meet at Burwood Road Ramp 8.30 pm or Rosebay Wharf. 9.00 am Sharp!

Boat owners and crew wishing to come along, please let John McDermont know on 726 0982.(Home).

16th or 23rd September (Date not yet Finalised) - Prince Henry

Hospital is having an "Open Night".

There will be a guest speaker (Steve Cross, who will talk on Dive Computers).

Cost will be about \$10 each, payable on the night. Phone 661 0111 and ask for Sister Sue Shearen or Nurse Fiona for more details.

28th September - Saturday night dive

Camp Cove and Pizza after. See Social Secretary.

19/20th October - Four Wheel Drive Weekend. See Neil Vincent's article in this newsletter.

9/10th November - Deep Diver Course also instructed by Steve Cross

Includes 2 dives each day plus 2 nights theory. Cost depends on number of people.

Get in quick.

Could someone volunteer their place for the lectures ?.

23-20th November - Cave Diving Course - Mt Gambier

Limit 8 people.

Includes 8 nights accommodation in Caravan Park.

6/7 days theory and inwater instruction by Ian Lewis, achieving Cavern and Sinkhole Diver Certification upon completion.

12 months membership to the C.D.A.A with ID card., and 12 months subscription to the C.D.A.A.'s "Guidelines Magazine".

Cost \$460 each for 6 people (minimum) or \$395 each for 8 people (Maximum).

See Neil Vincent for further details.

1-8th February - Cave Diving Course

As Above.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

LOST and NOT YET FOUND!

Max Gleeson lost an expensive torch near the Tuggarah, Peter Booth helped search, but couldn't find it.

Thank you to Neil Vincent for showing some terrific slides and video footage on cave diving. See Social Calender for interested adventurers.

DATES FOR FUTURE CLUB MEETINGS

(unless otherwise advised)

Next meeting 16/9/91

21/10/91

18/11/91

16/12/91 (informal)

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GENERAL:

Cassie Welsh of "Scuba Diver" magazine has sent us some **Anti-Sandmining Petition** forms to be signed by concerned divers.

Ready Mixed Industries intends to sandmine the sea floor off the coast of southern Sydney, the impact that this activity could have on the marine animal/plant life and ultimately the quality of diving could be immense. Petition forms are available for signing at meetings. There are also extras for people to conduct their own canvassing of signatures.

A photographic competition is being conducted by the Information Branch of the Department of Planning for the "1992 Shipwreck NSW Amateur Photographic Competition". Competition closes 30th November 1991. Conditions and entry forms available from Martin Kandilas or Sue O'Grady.

Glen Percy from Aqua Sports has donated a dive knife for the raffle prize at the September meeting. Thanks Glen!. (This prize was transferred from the August meeting, as the raffle wasn't held due to the excitement of the elections.)

A big WELCOME to the new (and some former) members who signed up at the last meeting:-

Andrew Galloway
John Gordon
Micheal Cufer/Wendy
Micheal McFadyen
Mark Welsh
Ross Mackay
John Beddie
