

**MINUTES OF SOUTH PACIFIC DIVERS CLUB MEETING  
HELD ON 17th February 1992  
at BANKSTOWN SPORTS CLUB**

**MEETING OPENED** 8.20 pm by Martin Kandilas.

**APOLOGIES:** Ilona Kandilas, Micheal Cufer, Karin Smith, Max Western, Lyod Tate, Stephen and Adam.

Apologies Ian Lewis, who was to be our guest speaker on Caving Diving. Unfortunately he had to immediately return to SA due to business matters.

**VISITORS:** Neil Robinson, Bev Smith and Paul Cavangh

Welcome to Richard Taylor.

**Minutes from Last Meeting:**

Read.

Accepted by Rick Latimer

Seconded by Peter O'Grady

**Business arising from Minutes:**

Another attempt will be made to advertise membership in "Dive Log".

**INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE:**

UTS Dive Club "No Douts", UnderWater Research Group "URG Bulletin", and Ryde Underwater Club "Surface Interval".

**OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE:**

None

**TREASURERS REPORT:**

Read.

Accepted by Ron Mines .

Seconded by Neil Vincent.

**PHOTOGRAPHIC OFFICERS REPORT:**

Entries were taken for the George Roberts Memorial Photographic Competition. Winners will be announced at the April meeting, prizes are to be announced.

The purchase of a new club projector will be delayed for a short period to take advantage of some expected upcoming specials.

AV entry forms available soon.

A letter will be sent to Barry Andrewartha (Sport Diver/Dive Log) apologising for the delay in response to his previous letter.



## **SOCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT:**

Dive organised for the 1st of March "Clean Up Australia" in harbour.

See the Social Calender for upcoming social events.

## **DIVE ORGANISER'S REPORT:**

Kids Christmas party planned for the 22nd November. (Getting in early)  
See Social Calender for more details.

## **DIVE REPORTS:**

Lyn and Neil Vincent dived Mt Gambier, good diving. They were able to dive the shaft twice, both days had the sun streaming through the opening. Neil dived Englebrechts West, which is a tourist cave leading into an underwater system. Slides were shown later.

Brian Colwell when to ship rock for a shore dive (he didn't trust the black death). Three unidentified divers, who were diving at the same time, kicked up a sandstorm. Diving was a little dirty though good.

Neil and Lyn V dived on the soft coral gardens at Halifax Park, 12.00 pm Friday, and again on Saturday night in the pouring rain. The conditions were mill pond smooth, Neil wondered where everyone was?. The visibility was reduced from 100ft to 80ft on Sunday. The water temperature was around 24 °C. Angler fish, nudibanchs, sea pens (400-500mm) were among the things observed.

Rick related his experience whist diving the "Kelo" with Martin and others. They had failed to locate the wreck after descending, after swimming around, the dive was aborted since the bottom time was exceeding that comfortable on a single tank. However, they could not find the anchor, the decision was to surface. They ascended spreading out in a line, keeping visual contact, in order to maximise the chances of contact with the anchor rope. They maintain direction by checking the wind chop so they didn't drift below the boat. When they surfaced, they were well ahead of the boat, and it was a very long way away having dragged its anchor. Martin was elected to swim for the boat, leaving the others together. Martin eventually reached the boat, and then had the task of finding the divers. This is harder than expected as divers are not very visible when floating on the surface from a distance. Fortunately Martin left a "safety sausage" with the group, enabling easy location. While the group was floating, another boat came up to enquire after spotting the sausage. The conclusion after the event was that it was a "interesting exercise" with a few lessons to be learnt.

- Fatal Mistake - failing to check the anchor immediately upon descending.
- Gear show be up to scratch - ill fitting equipment is a hazard when floating around on the surface.
- Don't over extend bottom time to allow for mishaps. This also reduces deco time, a bonus especially if a "Mid Water Deco" is required.
- Carry a highly viable safety devise eg a "safety sausage" or a "Survivor balloon"



## **DIVE COURSES:**

The dates for the next deep diver course are:

Thursday 19th March - Theory - Martin's Place  
Sat/Sun 21/22 nd March - Diving  
Additional nights and/or weekends may be required.

The people in this course are:

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| Lyn Vincent    | Neil Koos       |
| Joan Ostergard | Martin Kandilas |
| Ross Hipwell   | John Beddie     |
| Sue O'Grady    |                 |

There is one vacancy if someone from the May course would like to change or if anyone else is interested.

These people absolutely **MUST** pay at the next meeting (including certification) plus boat dives. Extra will be required if all positions can not be filled.  
Contact Pennie (ph: 759-4176) or Sue (ph: 528 4485).

## **GENERAL BUSINESS :**

- The date for the April meeting has been changed to 3rd May due to Easter and School holidays.

MEETING CLOSED 10.30 p.m.

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## **NOTICE:**

Peter, our Dive Organiser has resigned, we are currently now without a Dive Organiser, any one interested in helping out organising activities would be much appreciated.

## **OF INTEREST!!**

Rick caught up with Dennis Robinson, from Perth, who is one of our life members. They were reminiscing that it was 21 years ago that the club undertook one of their first deep diving "training" exercises on the 24th March. A coincident that one of the deep diving courses was been held around the same time. Good to see the tradition being upheld. This dive though was to 260ft on the Peaks. Some of the other divers accompanying Dennis were John Sumner, Richard Taylor along with Rick.

Dennis spied a South Pac sticker on a car outside the railway station in Perth. He waited around for 2 hours, as long as he possible could, to see who came back to the car, so that he could meet them.