

**Minutes of the meeting of South Pacific Divers Club
at Bankstown Sports Club
Monday 16th August 1999**

Meeting Opened: 8.10pm.

Apologies: John Beddie, Phil Dale, Peter Norris, Mark Dietz, Noel Taylor, Ben Rudd.

Secretary:

Louise Wilson

Minutes of previous meeting accepted by Scott Egginton, seconded by Martin Kandilas.

Incoming/Outgoing Correspondence:

TUG, replies from sponsors for AUPY 2000, Olympic Roads and Transport, Killiecrankie Enterprises in Tasmania, Pro Dive Jervis Bay, Software Palace.

Treasurers Report:

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Income:	Membership	\$90	Expenditure:	Printing & Postage	\$90.75
	Raffle	\$86.45		Phone	\$79.30
	Interest	<u>\$0.66</u>		Bank charges	<u>\$2.44</u>
	Total	\$177.11		Total	\$172.49

Treasurers report accepted by Martin Kandilas, seconded by Debbie Egginton.

Photographic Officer:

Glen Percy

Handover complete from previous Photographic Officer. Entries are starting to arrive for the "George Robert's Competition", around 10 people have said they're intending to compete. The competition will start next month. Plans for the A/V night are coming along, currently looking at projectors and things are looking good. Also starting to look into audio tracks and any ideas from members would be much appreciated.

Equipment Officer:

Glen Percy

All intact and accounted for.

Dive Organisers Report

Jackie Rotenstein

4 Club members have just been to Ulladulla for an enjoyable weekend, did the Hole and Home Bommie on Saturday with 30m viz. Water was a bit chilly at around 10 degrees though. Had problems getting picked up by the boat on Sunday due to the swell and the sun but safety sausage was finally spotted.

28th-29th August Jervis Bay, cost \$160.00 staying at Aqua-shack, diving with Pro-dive, Cathedral, Seal colony, Stoney Creek, The Arch.

10th September Friday Night Dive, cost \$35 possibly the Centurion. 7pm Rose Bay Wharf.

1st October Friday Night Dive, cost \$35 with Max Western. 7pm Dolans Bay.

10th October Double dive, cost \$60. The Myola or Dee Why followed by Midway Reef. \$30 deposit due as soon as possible.

Nelson Bay trip being planned for late October/early November.

Chicken and Champagne Day will be on 28th November at Frenchmans Bay from 8.30 am – a joint venture with Ryde Underwater and St. Georges dive clubs.

Leo is organising a dozen dives on the September Vanuatu trip which is fully booked with 8 people going.

Jackie reminded everyone that we are actually a dive club so it would be nice to see more members actually coming diving!

Publicity Officer:**Darren Wright**

Investigating a few options for a club web site :-

1. Using the Publicity Officers own server to host. Cheap and cheerful option but problems could be encountered if someone else took over the role – would need to move it.
2. SouthPacific.ScubaDivers.net – looks like the best option at \$50 a year but banner ads may be a problem.
3. Using .au domain name. Rego costs \$200 and \$150-200 yearly to keep it.

Will have a proposal ready by the next meeting for members to vote on.

Asked for lots of input for the Wet Rag – we are a club so tell Whitey what you're up to!

Social Organiser:**Scott Egginton**

BBQ at Leo's to Bon Voyage him on Saturday the 4th September from 5pm. \$5 a head and the club will provide a rump so you can leave yours at home. BYO grog.

Dive Reports:

Glen - dived at Kurnell – "It was almost JB!". 70ft viz, PJ's, weedy's, nudi's, cuttles, very clean, very good but unfortunately no ghost pipefish.

Rod Taylor - had 12 dives in Vanuatu. Warm, good viz, no surprises there! Dived with Alan Power, stayed at Hotel Santos which was OK if you don't mind waiting for meals. Did the Coolidge, Million Dollar Point, the Poole.

Scott - dived some wall at the heads of Botany Bay – Minmi Trench?. Shovelnose shark and PJ's. Really good dive but sad to surface and see the boat had already departed. Could see the bottom from 20m.

Bernie - had a "dream dive" on the Tuggerah. 3m viz on the bottom, loads of fish inc. PJ's and Wobblers. The thick layer of silt and the low viz made it seem more like a night dive.

Scott - had a "top day" at the Beef & Burgundy, thanked Leo and Jackie for organising it.

Debbie enjoyed an extra treat and managed to get a bit of waterskiing done when she tried to get in the water a bit prematurely. Bernie's orange marinated steaks went down a treat but there were requests for his chilli sausage.

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1st Prize	Air card from Aqua Sports Yagoona	Whitey
2nd Prize	Boat Dive on Sea Tamer II from Max Western	Barbara Sweetman
3rd Prize	Two air fills Shiprock Dive	Matthew Reeve

General Business

Leo said John Sumner was making progress, one leg fixed and one to go!

Whitey said if you'd prefer the Wet Rag by email then let him know.

Glen has only two Myola books left – a bargain at \$15 each. Club T-shirts and jackets also available.

Discussion followed about the oxygen kit, the suggestion was that the O2 kit should perhaps be kept with one of the Dive Organisers so it can be taken on club trips. Martin Kandilas recommends a "sooper-doooper" First Aid kit that could be good – will bring one along next month.

Meeting Closed 9.45pm and Glen showed his New Guinea slides.