

SOUTH PACIFIC DIVERS - MEETING MINUTES

19TH JUNE, 2000

Apologies: Glen, Mitch, Lin, Peter Foster.

Commenced: 2000- 2140 hours

Incoming Correspondence: Bank statement and letter, 2 x GST start up letters, URG member contact list, 2 x One Tell bills, Membership fee, UTS Union newsletter, Simply Promotion letter re advertising key rings.

Dive Organiser – Members were asked to commit to at least one club dive per month.

SPD's AGM Meeting is next meeting – 17th July.

No Photographic Report – a few entries for the AV night have come in via the mail.

Presidents Message

SPD are once again in possession of the Secretary's Records. Thank you to those concerned.

Social Day – Skirmish Day 13th August – interested call Glen at Aqua Sports 9708 2826.

BBQ Day – 8th May – Bernie was there almost all by himself – Where was everyone???

Dive Reports

Nick – Magic Point. 12.00pm dive, viz bad, lots of boats and divers everywhere. 6 Grey nurse sharks in one cave. Big grey nurses come and check you out. Was a good dive really.

Lake Jindabyne Dive – Dry suit imperative, viz extremely bad. 4 dives total. 2 dive didn't see anything. Saw 2 different houses. Fences, swam into a tree and got stuck – 18-20mtrs. At 20 mtrs it was quite dark, the water being a different colour. Good experience.

Peter – Loi found a new dive site by accident whilst looking for Magic point. They were further to the east. They had a better dive – more fish life.

Next time they waited 1 hour for a late Loi for a boat dive to Magic Point. 10-15 sharks – good dive.

John – Myola North Head - At 30 mtrs you could see the surface, 20 mtr viz, reasonable not cold.

Bernie – Ocean Trek long weekend – 14 degree water temp. 1 bay dive for 1 hour “frozen Bernie” with blue toes – thawed in the hot shower onboard. Viz better than expected 15mtrs. Small nudi's, juvenile fish, octopus, rays, southern fiddlers, shovelnose ray, port jackson sharks – all young.

Neil Vincent – End May Solomon Islands – (just before the trouble started) Dived a number of sites that he had dived 20 years ago. Hasn't changed too much. Dives *Gizo* and *Munda*. Local living in huts – charges 10 Solomon dollars. Cave in a lagoon – long sloping entrance into a huge cave, wound its way to the left. Dived using a line. Did 4 more dives and mapped it out. Formations 140' bottom 200' full of straws – stalactites. Unlimited viz – as far as your light would show, Great diving holiday – very different.

Cussy Maru – very silted over the years – still a great dive. 90 mins on each dive – truck under a crane.

Glavva Terrigal 165' – collier – no sharks there.

Peter Flockart – Tuggerah – max 6-8 mtr viz. Big wobbly in hull. Strong current. Not a bad dive. Passed Nitrox Course – congratulations.

Heinz – Tugs of Eden. 18mtr viz. 16 degree water temperature. 5 degree wind chill factor.

Brian Colwell – USA Family holiday incorporated diving. Jennys Springs – felt like he'd been there before from all the photographs that he'd seen of the place.

Hawaii – not impressed – interesting but ordinary. Expensive \$160.00 for 2 dives.

Fixed a pool light.

Glen – Nelson Bay and Shiprock.

Sue – Shiprock – cold and merky – lost Tony in the merk which cut dive short.

General Business

Tony spoke out re dives being organised and not much attendance – said one reason was that it's getting too cold – suggested other things we could do – possibly other activities outside diving to encourage other members to participate. Martin said Historically the club used to do 4WD driving, caving, bizarre things like wine bottling nights (more was drunk than bottled), wine tasting – activities that wives, friends and family could join in. Don't have to be huge events – could also carry on into summer.

Good point – Tom said we will look into it.

Skirmish day 13th August – 20 people booked. (costings range from \$62.00 cheapest to \$220.00.) Book in through Glen Percy 9708 2826.

Next - BBQ Dive Day – 23rd July, please attend.

John Beddie asked regarding the Magnetometer insurance – asked what's happening with it? Martin said what we have is a good deal. One quote was \$1,050.00, another was \$800.00 – GIO all risks policy was the best (existing premium)

Problem re insuring is that it's not being used, same with scanner, therefore not generating an income. John last used possibly 12 months ago, weather has been the biggest problem. If the club decides to sell it Martin might have a buyer – a professional salvage diver.

John will probably be using in July, weather permitting.

Duane suggested user pays bond – general response was no. Suggested the video be shown of how it works at a meeting. Low Risk at the moment - will bring it up again at a later meeting.

Neil Vincent is in the market for a Nikonos 20mm lens.

Membership fee's need to be raised. Newsletter is costing \$96.50 per month. \$65.00 for printing and \$31.50 for postage. Costing \$16.62 per member, annually. Newsletter costs more than membership fee's.

Martin suggested that it should have been put up years ago.

Suggested raising fees to \$30.00 single and \$40.00 family (one newsletter). Terrigal Dive's membership is \$100.00 per year.

Suggested members joining after 1st July the new fee's apply to them.

Motion – forwarded by Martin, seconded by Duane.

Voted and carried unanimously.

Only other suggestion was to find a sponsor for the newsletter – suggested a printing firm be approached. Martin will see someone he knows at Torch Publishing.

Nick queried using private boats for dives with a fee going to the club for revenue raising. Moneys to be paid at the end of the dive, not beginning??

Raffle

1 st prize – Max Wesson Dive -	Tom Byron	
2 nd prize – Dive Slate Kit - Aqua Sports	Bernie	
3 rd prize – 2 air fills of T Shirt – Shiprock dive	Peter Lord	\$62.25 raised with thanks.

SUGGESTIONS RE CLUB OUTINGS OTHER THAN DIVING – prefer Sundays.

Rifle range, movies, ice skating, roller skating, Jenolan Caves, go karting, bush dance – Gledswood winery/ Woolshed, Country Pub overnight stay, Bowling – moonlight/ disco/ wonderbowl/ glow in the dark bowling, golf day, putt putt, white water rafting, indoor rock climbing, caving, helicopter joy flight – Bankstown airport \$20.00, 4WD driving, camping, roller blading, motor cycle riding, archery day, boxing, jelly wrestling, lawn bowls, croquet, bingo, boys night out and girls night out. Just to name a few!