

SPD CLUB MEETING 15TH JANUARY, 2001

Commenced: 8.05pm-9.35pm

Apologies: Glen Percy, Ray, Duane

Guest: Des

Incoming Correspondence: One Tel bill, bank statement, Dive Log Listing renewal, Doubtless & Diving newsletter, URG Bulletin, Ocean Trek info for Tom.

Outgoing correspondence: Letter to One Tel canceling service as soon as we can.

Due to late receipt of newsletter – Meeting minutes will be accepted at next months meeting.

Newsletter – Late as printers are still on holidays.

Tom wants someone to take over doing the newsletter. He can do the next 2 issues but after that will not have the time.

Web Page – Over Christmas was hard to get reply's from anybody. SPD's cheque and details have been sent off. We are awaiting the password and go ahead.

Bernie has seen the Web Page – very colourful. Contributions welcome.

** Someone is needed to look after the Web Site, programme Microsoft Front Page. Gordon is interested.

Photographic Officer – SPD Comp – commenced 1st January, closes 31st May. Presentation approximately August. Is all set and ready to run.

Barry Sport Diving will give us 300 copies of our colour add to hang up in dive shops.

George Roberts Comp – 1st comp – February meeting. Up to 5 slides can be entered. Highest scoring slide gets judged. Getting the prizes together – Need Entries!!!

BBQ Dive Day – Kurnell – 14th January, 2001 – short notice.

Sydney Diver City – Kurnell. Night Dive Kurnell Wednesday 24th January, 2001.

7.30pm Memorial end diving only. Possibly no park fee's due – will check. See Noel.

Christmas party – we needed 40 people to break even re budget. We had approximately a \$20.00 shortfall. What a great time those who attended had!

Dive Reports

Port Stephen's/ Halifax – 20 mtr viz – water warm – heaps fish.

Phil – Gap, Middle Head, Old army duck middle head 6 mtrs water

Tony – The Gutter, Shoalhaven. Last weekend – water filthy dive aborted. Lots of fishermen around, viz bad.

Bernie – Leap. Water clear 30' viz, warm water – current into bay, big groper – school squid – great dive.

Rick – Jervis Bay. Christmas/ New Year – 3 dives in warm water, dived in a 5 mil water ski short sleeve and short leg wet suit – that's how warm the water was!

John Beddie – Valiant – good viz, 15mtrs water – dirty on top then good viz.

Bombo – front section not quite collapsed, not penetrable.

Des – Shiprock Dives – had 26 degree water temp. on the 4th January, 3 mtrs viz.

Viv and Grey – Maldives – current and big fish diving, hammer head, grey whalers, eagle rays. 3 dives per day- sometimes saw nothing – nice wall dives soft coral, warm water. Live aboard, another boat took them to the dive sites. Safety sausage type canvas tubing 12” round used as a ‘diver below’ signal . 3 years ago 38 degree water temperatures bleached the coral killing the reef. Soft coral coming back O.K. 3-5 mtrs deep most of the soft coral.

Sri Lanker – very old place – 1500-2000 years ago huge temples and cities were built. Huge Palace on top of a huge rock – 1.5 hours hike. Budda's carved into solid rocks. Poor place, Colombo close to 3rd world, beggar's in streets, average wage US \$800.00 per year, lots of guns and road blocks. Will bring in some slides at a future meeting.

General Business –

Ice Skating next Friday night at Canterbury 8.00pm.

SCANS – Picnic Day weekend 23/24th March – Huskisson Beach Resort – we have a tentative booking for cabins and caravans – need to pay a deposit asap – Cabin or camping sites – Need to know numbers at February meeting. Tom took the info to put into the next newsletter.

Mobile phone – will be disconnected soon.

Club Shirts – only have small sizes left. Will be getting more made for larger sizes. Sue to chase up costing before next meeting.

Suzanne Evans – Tom and Bernie are seeing her this Wednesday to sort it all out.

Membership Renewals due - \$30.00 single, \$40.00 family.

Usage of Club Equipment – Normally has a fee of \$20.00. Bernie suggested that financial members use for free. Just a thought to be discussed at future meetings.

Raffle –

1 st prize	Aqua Sports – 10 airfills	Heinz
2 nd prize	Max Western Sea Tamer II	Sue
3 rd prize	Shiprock Dive – 2 airfills	Linh

Next Meeting – Video – Life of Midway.