

Scuba Dive Outings (February) 2004

Events:

(Boat Dives)

Sunday 1st.	Tabbagai South 8.30 am	Tabbagai South 10.30 am.
Saturday 7th.	St Michaels Drop Off 8.30 am.	Exploratory South 10.30 am.
Sunday 8th.	Tupia Head 8.30 am.	Henry's Head 10.30 am.
Saturday 14th.	Pussy Cat Bay 8.30 am.	Yenna Gap 10.30 am.
Sunday 15th.	The Bridge 8.30 am.	The Container Wall 10.30 am.
Saturday 21 st.	Tabbagai Inner 8.30 am.	Exploratory North 10.30 am.
Sunday 22nd.	The Slide 8.30 am.	Henry's Head 10.30 am.
Saturday 28th.	Back of Bare Island 8.30 am.	Minmi (Rescue Course) 9.00 am.
Sunday 29th.	Tabbagai Outer 8.30 am.	Yenna Point 10.30 am. Plus BBQ

Events:

(Shore Dives)

Sunday 1st.	Cape Solander Windy Point 1 pm.
Thursday 5th.	Night Dive. Phone for details. 96688200 ask for Divemaster Don.

Events:

(Overseas)

Friday 13th.	Depart for Truk Lagoon
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For any of the above dives outings ring Divemaster Don on 96688200

Weekend Away

Bookings are filling fast for Forster. March 26-27-28th.

Two nights including accommodation and breakfast. Plus two double boat dives.

Cost \$295.00

Loads of fun.

Don't miss out on a wonderful weekend.

Contact :

Divemaster Don on 96688200

Cocos Islands

Browsing through our mailing list I noticed that we have a club member residing in the Cocos Islands. If you get out your world atlas you will note these islands are situated in the Indian Ocean not far off the Western Australian coast at the same level as Cairns. Now you should know what that means, coral type waters.

For those club members that

possess a little sense of adventure I was wondering if a week or two diving the Cocos Islands would be worthwhile.

We have a contact member there who could send back information regarding day charter boats, tour guides, availability of compressed air and accommodation.

Are there any interested members willing to organise the trip?



So you up and coming young writers lets have some stories about your last dive, overseas trip or weekend away at some exotic location, perhaps an unknown shipwreck you have just discovered or just make something up.

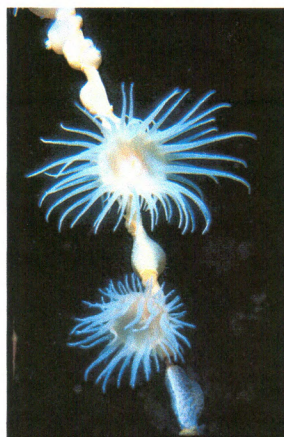
SPD Club Meeting 19th January 2004

Apologies:

Amanda, Nick, Duane and Noel.

Incoming Correspondence:

URG Bulletin. Bank Investment statement to 26/12/03. Term deposit notification account is now closed, a bank statement and an old savings passport book was returned from the bank. Magazine from Dive NZ for Peter Flockard. Big monthly invoice re storage. SCANS re Cod Grounds. Queensland Government reply re Grey Nurse sharks and a member change of email address.



Committee was unaware until the night that our President would not be present so no agenda was raised. Peter chaired the meeting.

Treasurers Report:

Term deposit has been closed and all club monies is now in the one account. We need to find a way to raise money, any suggestions?

Dive Pacific:

Published an article by Peter Flockart.

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Organization

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Social Activities:

Club BBQ and Dive to be organised bi-monthly on the weekend after the club meeting.

Shiprock Dive:

Now at Unit 6/155 Taren Point Road (same premises as Aqua Sea)

George Roberts Comp:

More details to come via Amanda, will be run but will be pushed back, possibly in another month or two.

Noels Invoice Re AV Night:

Still waiting on receipts as requested. Amanda to chase up.

Membership Fees are Due:

Forms are included with this months newsletter.

GENERAL BUSINESS :

New Dive Business:

Ayr Queensland—they are diving SS Yongala shipwreck in 40 minutes.

Dive New Zealand:

Running an interesting series of articles on diving deaths for the next couple of months.

AV Night:

Tom raised the question that the AV night has run its race and that we should hold a smaller comp in future combining all other dive club members.

Club Dive:

Sydney Divers City. Saturday 7th February, 2004. Eight o'clock at Kurnell. Boat dive Ring Peter Flockart or Divemaster Don.

BACK PAGE STORY: Face masks 1949

To see underwater
you must make
your own mask
1949 style.



Whale vertebrae found at Ulladulla
near a dive site called The Lighthouse.

In the past, most people have been reluctant to tackle this exciting sport because it was thought that complicated gear was required. This is not the case. The only essential for practical skindiving is an efficient face mask.

A face mask is a single piece of flat glass extended over both eyes. This

eliminates the distorted bifocal vision obtained when wearing the older type of native wooden frame goggles.

The wearer sees two of everything, a discomposing state of affairs when ten feet under water, even for a teetotaller.

The glass is fixed in the front of a wooden frame with thick black

rubber cement which is then allowed to dry. The frame is glued into the end of an already cut section of inner tube. A circular clamp made from a strip of round brass the ends are applied and bent at right angles to form lugs with holes.

Two brass screws clamp the rubber into position around the wooden frame of the mask.

The tube is cut away carefully as required and shaped to fit comfortable over the ears and around the back of the head.

The glass of the mask may fog on the inside. This can be overcome by moistening it inside and out with saliva, then soak it in water for a moment or two. After this, the inside of the mask will not fog and a diver can see clearly throughout the dive.

The next time you go spearfishing the same thing will

have to be done over again.

In future years someone will invent fog proof glass, perhaps not in our lifetime but it is an interesting thought to work on particularly if you are interested in glass manufacturing.

Next month:

Face masks made before 1940.



Face mask 2004 style.