

Special General Meeting
Comments from Denis Robinson
(Foundation president)

My recent trip to Sydney to compete in the Australian Masters Track Cycling Championships coincided quite nicely to attend a special general meeting of Southpac. The meeting was chaired independently by long time stalwart Glen Percy, who gave all present the opportunity to speak. The end result was a vote of confidence that the club will go forward. "Well done, Glen" on a wonderful job in trying circumstances.

It gave me a chance to catch up with both old and new friends and to try and support the club in any way possible. I had been worried for a few weeks prior to the meeting that all was not well and that there was a distinct possibility that Southpac may fold.

"No way was this going to happen" became the catch-cry of the support group.

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He said it was a long way for me to come from W.A. for a five minute meeting, that may be true for some, but not for me. The meetings' decision gave me great relief as I had seen the gestation, birth and growth of South Pacific for 46 years. And I know Joan Harper, sitting next to me, shed a tear out of her good eye. Joan lost the sight of an eye in a spear fishing accident many years ago.

After the meeting I showed some early footage of club activities and it raised a few comments like "why would you want to jump out of a plane with a good engine?"

How did I go in the bike race? No medals, only finished in the minor placing due to Sydney's cold weather. That's my excuse. It has got absolutely nothing to do with some heavy training at the Sportsman's bar in the 14 ounce weightlifting competition with Cookie and Co.

On a more serious note; "Welcome back" to all former Southpac members. The books are open, renew your membership. Leave your bags at the door. Let's make the meetings more enjoyable and entertaining. We have trips to go on and wrecks to find.

Join the bunch and help get the show on the road. We have a big party to prepare for, the 50 year Golden Anniversary of South Pacific Divers. I hope to see you there.

Denis Robinson
Foundation President.