



## **Monday 15 June 2009 Meeting Minutes**

**Open** Time: 8.10pm

**Welcome** Life Members, Joan and Peter Harper Committee Members, Geoff Cook (Pres), Jason Farlow (Vice Pres) Members Scott Willan, Andy Del, Mitchell Cook and Visitor Jason Scotwelsh.

**Apologies:** Mark Pinna, Max Gleeson, Andreas Thimm

**Meeting Outline:**

**Minutes** Presented May 2009 Minutes to meeting.

**Treasurers Report:** Approx \$8200 in account. Geoff Cook has receipts for the Club BBQ at Wollongong that will have to wait until Mark Pinna gets back.

### **Correspondence**

- Please ensure that you have signed the attendance book regardless of whether you are a member or visitor.
- No Correspondence from S.C.A.N.
- No New Applications received this month.
- Letter from Matt Pinter for trip to Yongala
- Shiprock Dive Trip to Chuuk.
- Dan Membership for South Pacific Divers Club

### **General Business**

- George Roberts Memorial Underwater Photographic Competition Awards on order for winners Non perpetual.
- Lack of dives organised.
- Next Years fees due. At \$25.00 per member \$35.00 per family
- Guest Speakers John Riley and
- Annual General Meeting Next Month
- DVD on sale at Big W \$12.88
- Club now gets a kickback for all DAN applications
- Geoff Cook bought a copy of Jacques Cousteau the Silent World for AU\$1.60 and \$4.20 postage from the UK Ebay
- A large selection of back issues of Dive Log are on hand tonight. Any issues left after tonight will be discarded.
- Noel Taylor is out of hospital after motor cycle accident. His new bike is trashed and replacement is on the way.
- Next month is the Club's Annual General Meeting. All positions will be declared vacant and up for re-election.

### **Up Coming Dives**

27 June 2009 Saturday. Rock Hop at the Arch at Bass Point See Leeroy.

### **Dive Reports**

Jason Farlow. I have been doing lots of rockhops around Sydney. Went South with club members and dived in JB, Bowen Island with Nick and both Nick and he dived on the Club Dive out of Wollongong Harbour with United Divers.

Mitchell Cook organised the Club Dive at Wollongong. Water was cold and dark and very strong southerly current down the coast at the moment. Apparently greater than 3 knots out wide and a bit less in close.

Scott Willan. Went to dive the wreck of the S S Bega with Max and Andreas but there was heaps of current on the site and it was undiveable. Surging between 1 ½ and 2 ½ knots over the wreck. As an alternative we ran up to the wrecksite of the S S Mimosa which was closer into shore in 17 metres of water. We has general marks of the site and Andreas went north from the anchor and I headed south. Andreas saw nothing... whoops.... I swam about 25 metres and found lots of boilers, a donkey boiler and winches. There were about 2 dozen good size crayfish in and around the boilers. On the second day we dived the wreck of the S S Lady Darling in 30 metres of water and south of Montague Island. Two dives both good.. Amazed that the stern port lamp is still on the wreck. On the weekend before had a Friday Saturday and Sunday diving the Catterthun up at Seal Rocks. Huge winds made the trip down a shocker. Did 2 dives on the first two days with decent 12 -15 metre viz. First dive anchored up near the bow and 2<sup>nd</sup> day anchored in the middle and dived the stern. Max took some video but the perfect film day still eludes him.

Andy Del. Attempted to dive the S S Bega on the same weekend as Scott but on Eggers boat. The current was horrid and a joke. We pulled up stumps and dived the Tasman Hauler out of Eden instead. Also dived on Bazza's Vomit Rocket diving the barge. Rough seas in the previous 6 weeks so no other diving.

Jason Scotwelsh. I have dived Wollongong Harbour with Leeroy. Saw the first pods of whales for the season at JB and also saw whaler sharks on those dives.

El Pres... A hopeless broken down armchair diver... how sad... booked in for spinal surgery on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of July and will be out of the water for an extended period of time. Dive Gear has been hidden in the garage to remove the temptation.

Video of 1989 Chuuk Lagoon footage

Meeting Close : 10.20