



Monday 21st June 2010 Meeting Minutes

Open Time: 8.05pm Garrison Room

Welcome Life Members, Peter Harper and Joan Harper
Committee Members, President Geoff Cook Vice President Jason Farlow
Members, Andreas Thimm, Derek Morton, Robert Doust , Scott Willan, Nick Farlow Peter Jacques,
Matt Reeve, Nipper Maher, Damien Siviero

Visitors, John Sumner, Kel Bradley Fran Thai Low, Mark Simpson and Guest Speaker Tim Smith.

Apologies: Mark Pinna who is in Cairns working.

Sick List. Sad news. Reports that Life Member Tom Byron has been advised to give up diving following a long battle with a deep inner ear problem causing vertigo.

Noel Taylor is again in RNS Hospital Ward 9B after having his leg medical rebroken....and reset....
Dancing lessons are on hold.

Warwick Obrien is also in the wars.. a resident of Sydney Hospital with a serious infection in the bone of his little finger. Surgery was last week.. Get well soon you guys. Spring Diving will be here soon.

Audio Visual Presentation by Mr Tim Smith and Merv Maher on the recent sponsored survey trip to Gallipoli to search and dive ANZAC Cove and wreck.

Very good results achieved on the trip despite the interference of the camera crews filming the exercise. Short on funding from Govt and Commercial interests, however now that they have returned and have made many history changing discoveries that offers of support are coming out of the woodwork.

Located several new wreck sites, including a barge that was used to convey the injured to the hospital ships that were not offered Red Cross Amnesty as they were suspected of conveying in ammunition on the return trip.

This trip will also be subject to TV Coverage once the final editing is complete. You will be advised of the showing date to watch Nipper meets Baywatch meets Gallipoli...

Treasurers Report: Treasurers Report was not given as Mark Pinna has been away and has internet issues.

Correspondence

- Please ensure that you have signed the attendance book regardless of whether you are a member or visitor.

General Business

- Annual General Meeting Next Month.
- Membership reminders are to be sent this month to members.
- MV Fairwind wreck story is coming together on the ABC 730 Report. Dives on the new wreck recently by Damien and Nipper obtained the video footage required. It is in the hands of the ABC crew now for final editing. You will be advised when we have notice that the show will be aired.
- 2010 George Roberts Memorial Photographic Competition Open Award was finally presented to Damien Siviero for his efforts in the 2010 competition
- Discussion on the recent two trips to Sri Lanka to dive the wartime wreck of the aircraft carrier HERMES. Clearly one team had reasonable service in a virgining dive operation where as the 2nd team found the place wanting in so many areas that they have openly declared that they will never ever ever return. Requests for bribes, Poor food, no food, very poor accommodation unprepared dive boats for decompression diving.. Definitely unprepared for CCR. Horrid gas mixing problems.. Oily air fills. Need I say more than the wreck itself was quite good.

Coming Club Dives

Meeting Closed. 10pm.