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JANUARY 1988

WHAT HAPPENED

Osborne Shoals

A beaut drive with big blue groper, and heaps of things to see along the rock wall.

BBQ Lunch At Bill's

Not all that many turned up, but the food and grog was on and the pool was in great demand. Thanks to Bill for a great day.

Bass Pt

Fantastic summer weather, encouraged about 12 drivers and the extras into the water quickly. Vis in the bay was only about 10 feet but there were a few fish to see. Three energetic (until they got back) divers swam to the arch and decided it was worth (almost) the swim there. Be careful about leaving gear around though. One member put his weight belt down and walked 200 yards to his car. It wasn't there when he got back and nobody down that end of the carpark had seen it.

COMING UP

Montague Island

Sat & Sun 13/14th February

If you like diving with seals, swimming, laying on the beach, eating, (the occasional drink), snorkelling then this is the weekend for you. The cost of \$56.00 covers two nights accommodation at Malva Bay and two dives at Montague Island. Local dives will be organised on Saturday. A \$20.00 deposit is required by 5th February 1988. Those members wanting to stop an extra day can do so at an extra cost of \$8.00 to cover Sunday nights accommodation. Extra dives can be organised for the Monday.

Directions: After crossing the "Clyde river at Batmans Bay, proceed along the by-pass road for 500m, turn left at the Malva Bay Sign (beach road). Travel along this road for 13.2km and turn left at the Caltex Garage into Kuppa Avenue. The accommodation is called "Malva Beach Resort" and is located at 4 Kuppa Avenue, "Malva Beach Resort" and is located at 4 Kuppa Avenue, Malva Bay. (Telephone 044 711 858

or 044 711 659 - Charlie Bird) the accommodation is available for Friday and Saturday nights (Sunday optional). Extra tanks can be hired for the second dive on Sunday at Montague Island.

What to Bring Along: Sleeping bags, Food, Pillows, U/W Torches, and if desired, implements for procuring fish. For bookings or further information, ring Geoff Sanders on 526 2424 (H) or 211 2499 (W).

15th Anniversary Dinner: Wednesday 17th February

Our February meeeting will be the 15th Anniversary of the founding of our club. To celebrate this occasion, we will be having a dinner in the dining room of the sailing club. A chance for all to show their faces. The dinner will consist of your selection of the following: Roast Turkey, Lamb, Beef, Pork, Ham with vegetables and / or salad. Also included is soup, Bread Rolls, Dessert, Coffee or Tea as well as Wine with the meal. Cost will be \$9.00 per person and the dress is casual. Please ring Geoff Sanders if you wish to attend (visitors welcome) bookings must be made by Friday 12th February.

COMING UP

Booking for our Jervis Bay weekend on Saturday and Sunday 27/28th February will commence at the February club meeting and afterwards by ringing Geoff Sanders.
Cost: \$45.00 for four dives.

GENERAL NEWS

Members have approved a merger of our club with the Snorkel In Club. We will receive their benefits of 10% discount on purchases and \$3 air fills, and both groups get to meet and dive with more people.

The next meeting will be at Georges River Sailing Club at 7.00 pm on Wednesday 17th February.

Please Note: Our February Club meeting will commence at 7.00pm sharp in the dining room.

Advanced Dive Course

Snorkel In are running this course on 15th Feb 1988 cost \$195 - Discount for club members to \$180. Phone 5881152

Enlightening communication

One dark night the captain of a ship saw a light ahead. He told his signalman to send the following message by lamp, "Change direction 10 degrees south".

Shortly a reply was flashed back, "Change direction 10 degrees north".

The captain decided to apply a little pressure and told his signalman to send "I am a captain. Change direction 10 degrees south".

Instantly the lamp in the distance replied, "I am a seaman first class. Change direction 10 degrees north".

Enraged, the captain's next message was, "I am a battleship. Change direction 10 degrees south".

The distant lamp had the last blink, "I am a lighthouse. Change direction 10 degrees north".

(Source: Western Australian Underwater Photographic Society Newsletter.)



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P.O. BOX 180,
MIRANDA 2228.

PH. 5885042 or 5271717

REEF-TREK 1988 REEF TRIP PROGRAMME.

JULY/AUGUST 1988.

Trip One. July 3 to July 16. (NSW School Holidays).
Trip Two. July 13 to July 27.
Trip Three. July 24 to Aug. 6.

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 1988.

Trip Four. Sep. 25 to Oct. 9. (NSW School Holidays).
Trip Five. Oct. 6 to Oct. 19.
Trip Six. Oct. 16 to Oct. 30.

Fares.

\$630. (includes Coach ex Sydney, Charter Boat connections to island, all meals on island, use of boats for diving & fishing, air fills and the use of sporting equipment such as windsurfers etc.)

Fare Variations.

1 trip no coach section.....\$530.
2 trips with coach connection.....\$990.
2 trips no coach connection.....\$900.

Children.

0 up to but not including 5.....25 %.
5 and over.....Full fare.

To book phone Sydney 5885042 or 5271717.



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FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

LAST MONTH

Ulladulla

The boat operator cancelled, however Les Caterson and Al Barning donated their boats, and those who went would like to thank them. There was lots of marine life, reefs, drop offs, and one of the highlights was catching a large anchor.

Montague Island

Bad weather, but what's new. Saturday morning dive had 30ft. vis or so and rough seas. Due to those rough seas, the dives on the seals were cancelled, so it was a fairly quiet weekend. Better luck next time.

15th Anniversary Dinner

Well represented with over half the club members there. The meeting was one of the years quickest and then it was to the food and wine.

NEXT

Jervis Bay - Saturday & Sunday 27-28th February

Campsite "A19" has been reserved for Friday and Saturday nights at Green Patch. (Campsite fees: \$2.00 per person per night). The boat will be leaving Green Patch Beach at 8.00am each day.

Tanks can be filled between dives.

Cost: \$45.00 for four dives.

For bookings or further information, ring Geoff Sanders on 526-2424(H) or 211-2499(W).

Clovelly - Sunday 13th March

Meet at the south side of the car park at the end of Clovelly Road, as we will be diving in Thompson's Bay.

Meet at 8.30am.

FUTURE EVENTS

Broughton Island - Sunday 20th March

As the tides are suitable on Saturday, we will be having a dive under the Swansea Bridge on the way up to Port Stephens.

Meet at the Swansea Dive Shop at 11.00am. The Dive Shop is located on the left just before the Bridge and near the boat ramp.

This is an excellent dive and well worth the effort. Tanks can be filled at the Dive Shop after the dive.

On Sunday morning the boat will be departing from the charter boat wharf at Nelson Bay at 7.15am. The wharf is located a few hundred metres east of the Nelson Bay Shopping Centre along Victoria Parade.

On Saturday night we will be camping at the Bardouroka Caravan Park at Fingal Bay (049 811-473). Please Note: It is the responsibility of each club member to pay his own camping fees.

Two tanks will be required, as we will be at the Island for the full day. Bring fishing gear if desired. Skipper: Bill Graham (049 813-634). Cost: \$25.00 for two dives. For bookings ring Geoff Sanders on 526-2424(H) or 211-2499(W). Bookings will commence immediately.

Senior Resuscitation Course

Commencing Wednesday 9th March

The club has organised for our members to learn "Expired Air Resuscitation" and "External Heart Massage" as well as some Basic First Aid.

The course will run for four nights on Wednesday 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th March. Starting at 7.30pm on each night.

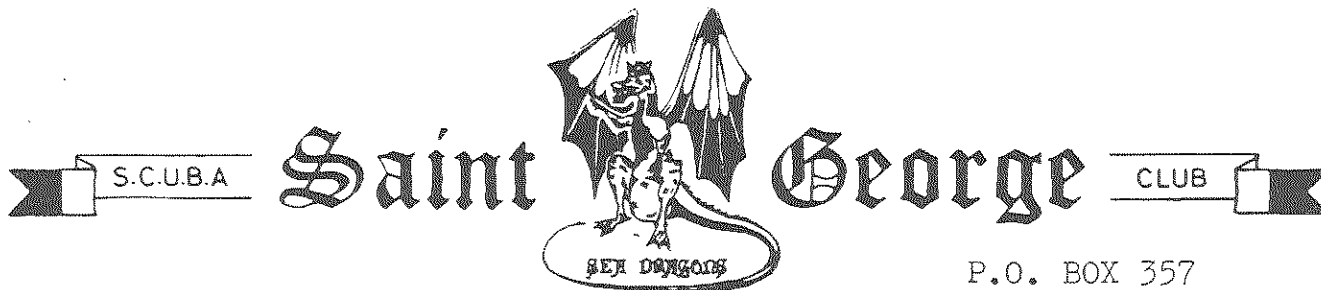
It will be held at the Sutherland Hospital Education Centre, access to the Centre is from Kareena Road, Miranda.

The cost is \$5.00 For bookings ring Geoff Sanders.

GENERAL NEWS

Welcome to all our new members and to those from Snorkel Inn, we hope that you get as much enjoyment and friendship from your new club as you did from the old one.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 16th March
at 8.00pm at Georges River Sailing Club



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W H A T W E D I D

JERVIS BAY

The fog had set in at the Docks but underwater was clear enough, (about 60ft) to see the shark of which one diver had said "You never see them here". The next dive had about 100ft vis. There were blue groper and one diver beached himself.

The Drum and Drumsticks was a brilliant dive, however, after repeated instructions as to how to find the wreck of "the Wanderer", everyone went off in the wrong direction. One diver on his own (naughty) did find it with the engines, prop and boiler sitting in the sand and it appears someone has been trying to get the prop off.

CLOVELLY

Only a couple of divers went in. Most thought the big seas the previous week were a problem. A westerley flattened the waves and vis. was about 20ft. They fed fish, blue groper and moray.

W H A T W E ' R E D O I N G N E X T

NIGHT DIVE - FRIDAY 1ST APRIL

We will be diving at Ship Rock, which is a very easy and safe location. New members, this is a great opportunity to experience your first night dive. If you have'nt got a torch, ring one of the committee members as we can usually locate a spare one.

Meet at the end of Ship Rock Road, Lilli Pilli at 7.30pm.

PORT HACKING - MONDAY 4TH APRIL

We will be using our club boats for this dive. If you have a boat that is available to be used for this dive, please ring Robin McConville on 529-3965 (H) or 668-9711 Ext. 783 (W). If you wish to take part in this dive you must ring Robin McConville to book. A small charge will be made to cover fuel costs.

Meet at Dolan's Bay Wharf, Lilli Pilli at 8.00am.

JERVIS BAY - SATURDAY & SUNDAY 9TH-10TH APRIL

Campsite "A19" has been reserved for Friday and Saturday nights at Green Patch. (Campsite Fees: \$2.00 per person per night) The boat will be leaving Green Patch Beach at 8.00am each day. Tanks can be filled between dives. For bookings or further information, ring Geoff Sanders on 526-2424 (H) or 211-2499 (W).

SATURDAY 16TH APRIL

A social (not diving) activity has been planned and we will be going to ~~Shene-Azade~~ Restaurant, Forest Road, Bexley at 7.00pm. Call Robin McConville on 529-3965 (H) or 668-9711 Ext. 783 (W) for bookings. All welcome. The more the merrier!

C O M I N G U P

TERRIGAL - MONDAY 23RD-25TH APRIL

We will be camping at the "Sunny Corner Caravan Park" (Ph. 043 842-211) on Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights. The caravan park is located about 3km West of Terrigal Post Office on the corner of Terrigal Drive and Duffy's Road. The Dive Shop is located in the Sailing Club building at "The Haven" and is run by Les and Fran Graham (Ph. 043 841 219).

Meet at the Dive Shop at 7.30am on Saturday morning for the first dive. Cost: \$60.00 for five dives. For bookings, ring Geoff Sanders (Bookings will commence immediately).

GUEST SPEAKER

At our April club meeting (Wed 20th April), Mike Scotland who has written a number of articles for dive magazines will be showing us some of his slides and talking about marine life. He may also be able to assist underwater photographers with some of their problems.

ULLADULLA - SATURDAY & SUNDAY 14TH-15TH MAY

Cost: \$45.00 for four dives
Bookings will commence at the April club meeting.

The next meeting will be at Georges River Sailing Club at 8.00pm on Wednesday 20th April, 1988.

Gear for Sale

A Nikonos 5 - Brand new. Includes warranty, carry case
Standard 35mm lens. \$900.00 o.n.o.
Contact Rod Tomlins 543 2127 (H)



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APRIL 1988

WHAT WE DID

SHIPROCK - 25Ft vis, which is good for Shiprock, and considering there were about 30 divers there for the night. Our 10 divers saw Globe Fish, Cat Fish, Bream, Puffer Fish, Moray Eels, Frog Fish, Cuttle Fish, Leather Jackets, and colourful soft corals. It was a good dive, and we just made it before the weather turned.

PORT HACKING Cancelled due to bad weather. Les Caterson offered his house as a substitute, and all went well until the waking hour on Sunday Morning.

SOCIAL NIGHT The Sheharazade Restaurant was a good night, although one fellow who had a prime seat, did not respond to the advances of the belly dancer.

NEXT DIVE ULLADULLA : SATURDAY & SUNDAY 14-15TH MAY

We will be camping at the "Ulladulla Caravan Park" (PH 044. 522 457) on Friday and Saturday Nights. Please Note it is the responsibility of each club member to pay his own camping fees.

DIRECTIONS: Take the first street (South St) on the left after passing the "Marlin" Hotel at Ulladulla. The gates to the camping area will be closed at 10.30pm.

COST : \$40.00 for four dives

Tanks can be filled between dives at the Ulladulla Dive Shop. For bookings, ring Geoff Sanders on 526-2424 (h) or 211-2499 (w). First Dive will be at 8.00am from the wharf at Ulladulla Harbour.

Anyone who hasn't already indicated interest in going on the weekend, call Geoff Sanders, because if we get enough people we can organise another group.

COMING UP WOLLONGONG SUNDAY 12th JUNE

Cost : \$20.00 for two dives

Bookings will commence at the May club meeting at 8.00pm and afterwards by ringing Geoff Sanders

VICARY'S WINERY AND BUSH DANCE - Saturday 25th June

Guaranteed a great night - need we say more

Cost : \$34.00 includes return coach transport, wine tasting, Dinner as Bush Dance.

Bookings will be taken immediately by ringing Geoff Sanders all monies must be paid by the June Club Meeting

SOUTH PACIFIC DIVERS FILM AND SLIDE NIGHT

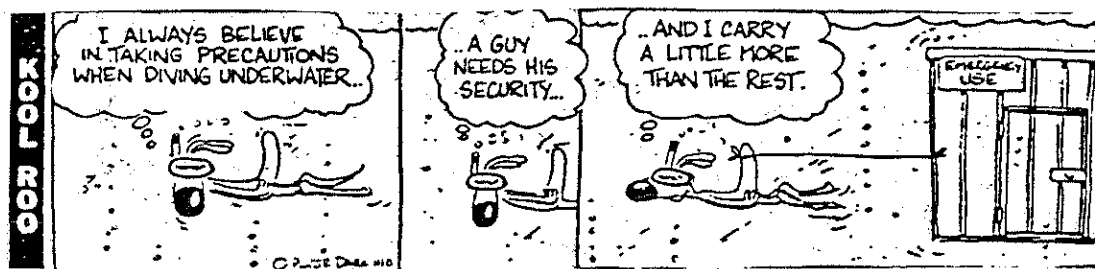
Saturday 16th July- Bankstown Sports Club.

We will be booking a couple of tables. Cost \$10 per person
Bookings will be taken at the next meeting and after that
by calling Geoff Sanders.

GENERAL NEWS

Thanks to Mike Scotland for showing us his slides. There were
some amazing and beautiful photos of lots of sea creatures.
There were lots of ideas for budding underwater photographers.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 18th May 1988 at 8.00
at Georges River Sailing Club.





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MAY 1988

WHAT WE DID

TERRIGAL

THERE WERE ACTUALLY GREY NURSE SHARKS THIS YEAR. THANKS TO 50ft VIS, SOME DIVERS EVEN SAW A BLUE MARLIN. SOME GREY NURSES WERE CHASED BY WOBBERGONG'S. ~~There were~~ SWIM THROUGHS, NUDIBRANCHS, GROPER, CUTTLEFISH. ONE MEMBER HAD A HEAD TO CHEST BUTTING COMPETITION WITH A WOBBY. BOTH LOST!!!

ULLADULLA

TERRIFIC DIVING. ABOUT 40ft VIS. SWIM THROUGHS, BLEAKERS BLUE DEVIL, GROPER, PERCHES, YELLOW NUDIBRANCH, RED GORGONIA, LARGE CUTTLE FISH AND A TURTLE, LARGE RAYS, AND 4 SHOVEL NOSE CRAYS. ONE DIVE EVEN HAD THERMOCLINES WHICH DROPPED THE WATER TEMPERATURE 10°C. IN A FEW SECONDS TO ABOUT 8°C. A DIVE TO REMEMBER. THE DOLPHINS THAT WERE CHASING THE BOB WAVES OF THE BOAT MADE EVERYONE SMILE AGAIN THOUGH.

~~WHAT'S NEXT~~
KURNELL (CAPE SOLANDER) - SUNDAY 29th MAY

MEET AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE "CAPTAIN COOKS LANDING PLACE" HISTORIC SITE AT 9.30AM. BRING SOME FOOD FOR THE B.B.Q. AFTER THE DIVE.

WOLLONGONG - SUNDAY 12TH JUNE

MEET AT THE WOLLONGONG HARBOUR BOAT RAMP (NEAR THE LIGHTHOUSE) AT 9.30AM
COST : \$20.00 FOR TWO DIVES
TANKS CAN BE FILLED BETWEEN DIVES
FOR BOOKINGS, RING GEOFF SANDERS ON 526-2424 (H) or 211-2499 (W)

COMING UP

GUEST SPEAKER

AT OUR JUNE CLUB MEETING (WED 15TH JUNE), DAVE IRELAND FROM "CRONULLA DIVE" WILL BE SHOWING US SOME OF HIS MORE RECENT UNDERWATER FILMS (16mm). FRIENDS OF MEMBERS ARE MOST WELCOME TO ATTEND.

VICARY'S WINERY AND BUSH DANCE - SATURDAY 25TH JUNE

COST : \$34.00. INCLUDES RETURN COACH TRANSPORT, WINE TASTING, DINNER AND BUSH DANCE. ALL MONIES MUST BE PAID BY THE JUNE CLUB MEETING.
FOR BOOKINGS RING GEOFF SANDERS

JERVIS BAY- SUNDAY 10TH JULY

COST : \$22.00 FOR TWO DIVES
BOOKINGS WILL COMMENCE AT THE JUNE CLUB MEETING AT 8.00pm AND AFTERWARDS BY RINGING GEOFF SANDERS.

SOUTH PACIFIC FILM NIGHT - SATURDAY 16th JULY

SOUTH PACIFIC DIVERS ARE HOLDING THEIR ANNUAL FILM NIGHT AND PRESENTATION OF PRIZES FOR THEIR UNDERWATER PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION AT BANKSTOWN SPORTS CLUB. OUR CLUB HAS BOOKED TICKETS FOR THIS NIGHT AT A COST OF \$10.00 EACH .
BOOKINGS CAN BE MADE BY RINGING GEOFF SANDERS
ALL MONEY FOR TICKETS MUST BE PAID BY THE JUNE CLUB MEETING (WED 15th JUNE)

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Established 1923

FAMOUS WOOLSHED DANCE

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FORMAT

Arrive at 7.00 p.m. and you may have a free wine tasting until 8.00 p.m. at the Wine Cellars. This will enable you time to purchase any liquor requirements for the evening ahead. Cold wine, beer, spirits and soft drinks are available at our Cellars and there are refrigeration facilities at the Dance to keep your purchases cold. All purchases will conclude at 8.00 p.m.

At 8.00 p.m., the evening's fun starts as we adjourn to the Woolshed. The first course is Soup of the Day and Damper, followed by your second course, which will be served between 8.30 p.m. and 9.30 p.m. and consists of barbecued bush steak and a variety of

colonial salads (summer) or hot farm vegetables (winter), which is in turn followed by a choice of tempting desserts. Tea and Coffee are available after dinner. Also, corn on the cob will be served as a late night snack. Whilst dinner is being served, you can sing along or dance to the Bush Band. If you are a hearty eater, you're welcome to come back for a second serve!

The woolshed was in use up until the late 1930's with the original section being constructed around 1890 and having facilities for shearing about 2,500 sheep. In later years, it was converted into an all-purpose shed and dairy, but it still retains the flavour of its original use, with farm implements and artifacts of the by-gone era.

Vicary's famous Woolshed Dance is now in its 8th successful year and we are quite sure that you will have a great night's fun and entertainment as have many thousands of happy patrons in the past.

Your evening will conclude at 12.00 midnight on Friday and 12.30 a.m. on Saturday.

P.S. Casual dress or bush attire is advised, with low heels for the ladies. A fun night is guaranteed for all.

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON WEDNESDAY 15th JUNE AT 8.00 AT GEORGES RIVER
SAILING CLUB



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JUNE 1988

PAST EVENTS

KURNELL

The seas were up, so Inscription Point was dived. Someone saw a sea-horse, but in five feet vis, there was not much else to see. There were 15 for the B.B.Q. afterwards, and the sun came out to warm us up a bit.

WOLLONGONG

There was 30ft vis at 90ft and the wreck of the Bombo. One member shone his torch inside the wreck and saw a monstrous cuttle-fish. Trouble is no-one is saying it was them. (Phantom of the Bombo ???).

- 2nd dive - there was a large cave with a lion fish, port jacksons, wobbegongs, yellowtail, groper and many school fish.

NEXT TO DO

VICARY'S WINERY AND BUSHDANCE - SATURDAY 25TH JUNE

The coach will be leaving the 'Moore's Tours', 76 Whitfield Parade, Hurstville Grove at 5.00pm SHARP.

The next pick-up point will be on the Kingsway (southern side) near the corner of Taren Point Road, Caringbah at 5.20pm. The last pick-up location will be at the B.P. Garage on the Princes Highway just before the Heathcote Road turn-off at Heathcote at 5.45pm.

Members can leave their cars at 19 Flide Street, Caringbah or at Iles Caterson's at 25 Rosebery Street, Heathcote if they wish, also they are welcome to stop overnight at either house - just being an air-bed and sleeping bag. Do not forget to wear comfortable shoes as bush dancing can be quite lively.

There are still a couple of places left so be quick and ring Geoff Sanders on - (Work) 211-2499 or (Home) 526-2424.

JERVIS BAY - SUNDAY 10TH JULY

The boat will leave Green Patch Beach at 8.00am.

Campsite 'A19' has been booked for Saturday night. Tanks can be filled between dives.

COST: \$22.00 for two dives

For bookings, ring Geoff Sanders on 526-2424(H) or 211-2499(W)

SOUTH PACIFIC DIVER'S CLUB FILM NIGHT - SATURDAY 16TH JULY

Meet at the Bankstown Sports Club, Greenfield Parade, Bankstown at 7.30pm. If having dinner at the Club beforehand meet in the Bistro at 6.45pm.

For Bookings, ring Geoff Sanders.

GUEST SPEAKER

Unfortunately our Guest Speaker for the June club meeting was not able to attend due to a filming job he received at very short notice.

Dave Ireland hopes to be at our July club meeting to show us some of his films.

COMING UP

WRECK DIVE - SUNDAY 31ST JULY

Bookings for our dive on the wreck of the 'Valiant' will commence at the July club meeting at 8.00pm afterwards by ringing Geoff Sanders.

COST: \$15.00 for one dive.

PORT HACKING - SUNDAY 14TH AUGUST

Bookings will commence at the July club meeting at 8.00pm and afterwards by ringing Geoff Sanders.

COST: \$15.00 for one dive.

Please Note

Members diving at Jervis Bay on Sunday 10th July with the club, and wishing to dive on Saturday 9th July with "Sea Life" should ring Geoff Sanders by 30th June, 1988.

COST: \$30.00 for two dives.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Membership fees are now due. The completed membership form together with the fee of \$8.00 can be sent direct to Geoff Sanders at 19 Flide Street, Caringbah 2229 or brought to the next club meeting.

GENERAL BUSINESS

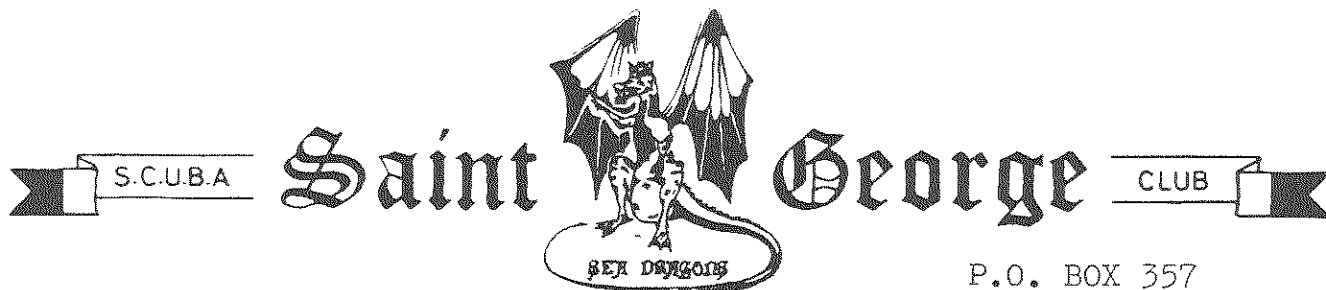
GEAR FOR SALE

Bill Harrison has a 15Ft inflatable (boat) Barracouta (no outboard or trailer) in excellent condition - only used by a little old diver on Sundays.

18 months old - Sell to you for \$1,200.00 - Is good value!

Call Bill (H) 587-6054.

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Sailing Club at 8.00pm on Wednesday 20th July
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JULY 1988

LAST MONTH

VICARY'S WINERY

A top night as usual. One on Tasmanian couldn't remember ever having so much fun. (Was it really that good?).

Beer and bad jokes on the bus, wine, dancing, grog, food, alcohol and more fun, at the winery.

JERVIS BAY

Saturday was a tryout dive with Sea Life - the boat was good but the diving was less than average, with 10ft vis.

Sunday The prop fell off the motor so an early dive was on to find it. Thanks to Phil Rose for the repairs. Better vis this time and there were yellow tail, sweep, morwong snapper, and a HUGE cuttlefish - about 4-5ft across. Believe it or not.

SOUTH PACIFIC FILM

Tony Karacsonyi, showed them all when he won 2nd prize in the open section, and now has a trip to Heron Island and a new wetsuit and strobe to use when he's there. Congratulations Tony.

SOON

WRECK DIVE Sunday 31st July

We will be diving on the wreck of The "Valiant" which lies in approximately 26 metres of water off Barranjoey Head.

U/W torches may be useful.

Don't forget to bring some food for a BBQ lunch.

A second dive can be organised if required.

COST: \$15.00 (one dive).

Meet at the dive shop in Governor Phillip Park, Palm Beach at 10.30am for bookings, ring Geoff Sanders on 526-2424 (H) or 211-2499 (W).

PORT HACKING Sunday 14th August

Conditions permitting we will be diving at Barren's Hut.

Meet at Gunnamatta Wharf at 8.00am.

COST: \$15.00 (One dive).

For booking, ring Geoff Sanders.

COMING UP

WRECK DIVE

Sunday 28th August

Bookings for our dive on the wreck of the "Annie M. Miller" will commence at the August club meeting, and afterwards by ringing Geoff Sanders.

At this is a deep dive (approx. 43 metres) it will be limited to our more experienced members. If in doubt contact one of the Committee Members.

COST: \$20.00 (One dive).

JERVIS BAY

Sunday 11th September

Bookings will commence at the August club meeting, and afterwards by ringing Geoff Sanders.

COST: \$22.00 for two dives.

GENERAL BUSINESS

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Membership fees are now due. The complete membership form MUST accompany the \$8.00 fee and can be sent direct to Geoff Sanders at 19 Flide St, Caringbah, 2229, or brought to the next club meeting.

T SHIRTS

Are available with the club logo. They are Swan Style T - Shirt in sizes S, M, L, XL.

Call Geoff Sanders if you wish to order any. Price \$6.00.

The next meeting will be at Georges River Sailing Club at 8.00pm on Wednesday 17th August 1988.

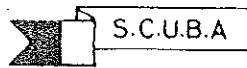
NEWS FOR DIVERS The new address for the Diving Medical Centre is the North Shore Medical Centre, 2nd Floor, 66 Pacific Highway, St. Leonards, opposite the Royal North Shore Hospital and near St. Leonards railway station. Telephone numbers are (02) 437 6681 for appointments and (02) 949 5547 for emergencies. The well known Dr Carl Edmonds continues to be in charge. Other vital telephone numbers are, Royal Navy School of Underwater Medicine (02) 960 0444; Adelaide Diver Emergency Service (008) 08 8200.

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JUDY

COULD YOU INCLUDE THIS INFO. IN THE JULY NEWSLETTER.

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Saint



George

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AUGUST 1988

LAST MONTH

WRECK DIVE (VALIANT)

A very exciting dive was had by all. Visibility of 1 meter added a certain air of mystery to an old favourite dive spot! Marine life was prolific around the site... well... we assume it was out there some where in the green gloom. One diver was so impressed by the conditions he has requested we dive the same site next time they decide to dump from Warragamba dam!

PORT HACKING

The club dived with Les Caterson on Baron's Hut (You can too!! Dives run from Gunamatta Bay wharf each weekend. Phone 520 9421). Conditions were fine with a low swell. All the usual friends of the deep were there; Blue Groper, Wobbegong, etc. In keeping with a life long commitment to clean up the natural environment John Montgomerie salvaged an anchor and 2 discarded weight belts forsaking the greater part of his dive. Thanks John!

MONTHLY MEETING

Our thanks go to club member Tim Wong for his wonderful presentation on his personal involvement in Project Battleship. This was a project in which two wrecks, The Prince of Wales and The Repulse, were to have been dived with the purpose of resetting the ensign and holding a commemorative ceremony in honour of the 845 lives which were lost when the ships were sunk. As it turns out only one of the wrecks was dived, the Repulse. Penetration of the wreck, which lies at 200 feet, was not allowed as it is a war grave. Tim told us the story of Z force.

Z force was the name given to the group of ships which sailed from Singapore base late on 8th December 1941 in order to counter the Japanese invasion force which was increasing in strength in this area. It consisted of the flag ship battleship Prince of Wales, the battle-cruiser Repulse and four destroyers including the Vampire, an Australian vessel. Weather conditions were unfavourable to air reconnaissance and Z force were to return to Singapore if sighted by enemy aircraft during 9th December. This sighting occurred and the force began to return to Singapore. Reports that the Japanese had landed not far from their return course diverted the force. Investigation showed all was quiet in that area. Turning toward Singapore again the force were reported by an enemy submarine and located by Japanese planes on the 10th December. High-level and torpedo bombers attacked the force, sinking the Repulse at 12.33 pm and the Prince of Wales at 1.15 pm. The failure of Z force left Australia with a big security problem.....

SOON

WRECK DIVE (ANNIE M. MILLER)

28th August 1988.

Here's one for our more experienced divers...
The Annie M. Miller was a coal collier owned by R.W. Miller Limited, Sydney. It is a steel single screw steamship(?) which sank on the 2nd August 1929 with the loss of 6 lives. Diver are to meet at Rose Bay wharf at 8.30 am.

JERVIS BAY

11th September 1988.

Two boat dives have been organised for the **Sunday**. Divers are to meet knee deep in water of Green Patch Beach at 8.00 am or earlier if you want to wait. Camp site A19 has been booked for the Saturday night, B.B.Q. facilities are available. Anyone interested in diving on the Saturday should make their own arrangements by contacting one of the local dive boat operators direct. Choice of dive spots for the Sunday will depend upon the weather conditions and any information on interesting spots in the bay presented by those who go on the dive.

SOCIAL ACTIVITY

17th September 1988.

YES FOLKS ITS TIME. A challenging restaurant; Good food, No piped music, Adequate lighting, B.Y.O., and Reasonable prices.

THE BIG MEXICAN RANCHO!! (OLE?)
339 SYLVANIA ROAD SOUTH
GYMEA BAY.

Come along for an evening which promises to be:

- a). More exciting than a visit to the Sans Souci Water Police.
- b). Later than the start of a monthly club meeting.
- c). More memorable than the Treasurers report.

For information and more of this ridiculous sales pitch call me, Belinda Girdler, on 587 9238 before 2nd of September,
and 521 5284 thereafter.

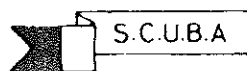
(This is a Bicentennial Event)

** FOR INFORMATION ABOUT BOOKINGS AND COSTINGS OF THE COMING **

** DIVES CONTACT GEOFF SANDERS ON **

** 526 2424 (H) **

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BITS & PIECES

New Members We wish to welcome the following new members to our club: Dale Franke, Voytek Kawecki and Rudy Van Mouwerik.

Discount Air Fills - "Snorkel In" Members must produce their current blue membership card to obtain a discount at "Snorkel In".

Lost and Found

A size 18 burgundy light weight woollen jumper. Found after last months club meeting. If someone has been feeling extra cool without it, call Robin McConville 529 3965 (H).

T Shirts

Are ready for collection. There are some larger sizes, and any smaller members of the club could also use them as sleepwear. The dragon emblem won't give nightmares because he is a "friendly" dragon.

Call Geoff Sanders or collect at the next meeting.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

A big thank you to the 87-88 committee members, Robin McConville, Carol Scrimshaw, Geoff Sanders, Bill Harrison and Judy Morris, for the organising behind the scenes and the diving rabble generally.

Members at the meeting have voted in the following members for the 88-89 committee. (Lets now play spot the difference).

President	Robin McConville
Vice President	Carol Scrimshaw
Treasurer	Geoff Sanders
Secretary	Bill Harrison
Asst Secretary/Treasurer	Judy Morris

Thank you to Al Barning for being Chair Person during the elections.

Despite the grumblings, someone out there must have faith in us.

Come along to the next meeting and see the old/new faces at the front.

The next meeting will be at Georges River Sailing Club at 8.00pm on Wednesday 19th October 1988.

GENERAL BUSINESS

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Membership fees are now overdue. We would like to take this opportunity to wish the former members of this club all the best as this will be the last newsletter you will be receiving...ever! For those who intend to rejoin our merry band of sub-aquatic adventurers please forward a completed membership form with the \$8.00 fee to Geoff Sanders at 19 Flide St., Caringbah, 2229 or bring it along to the next club meeting.

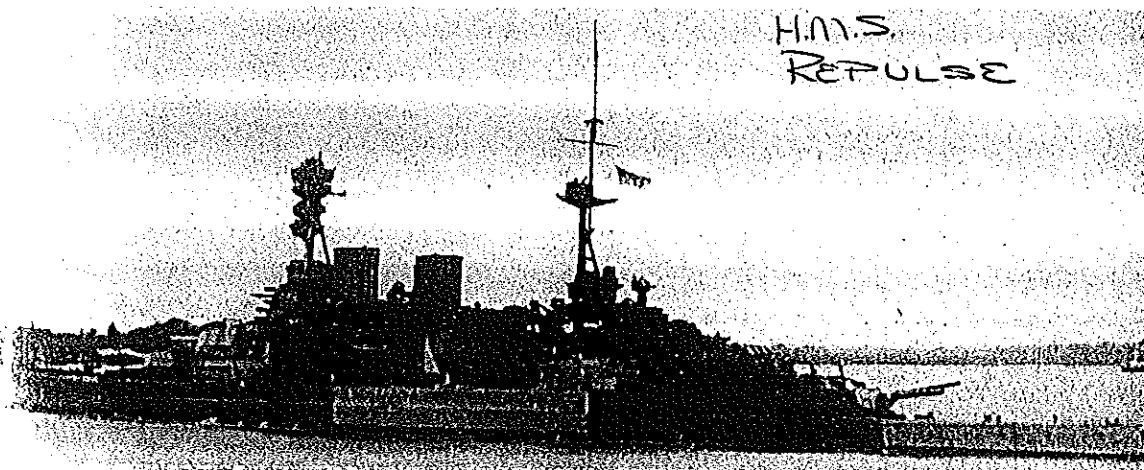
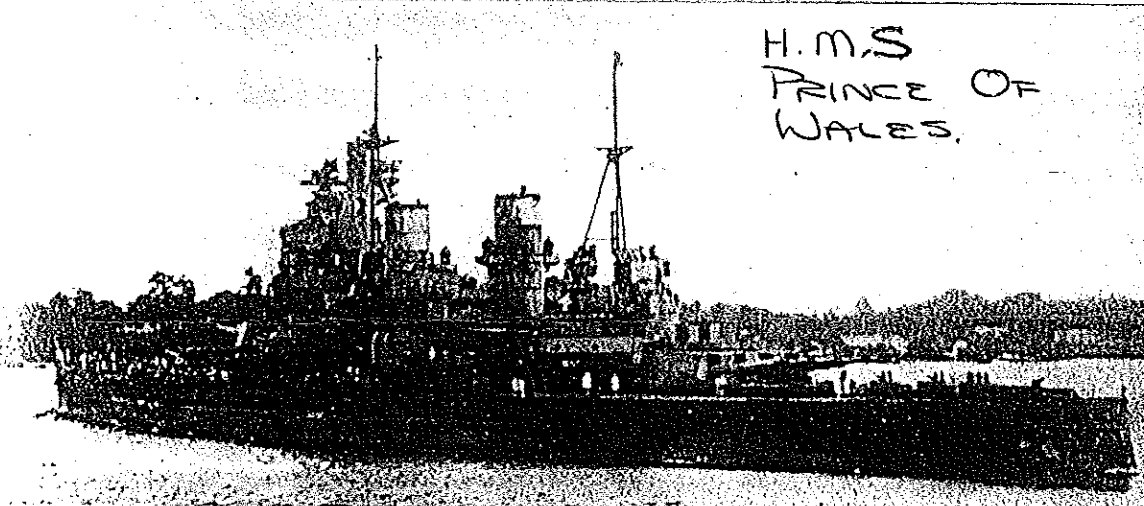
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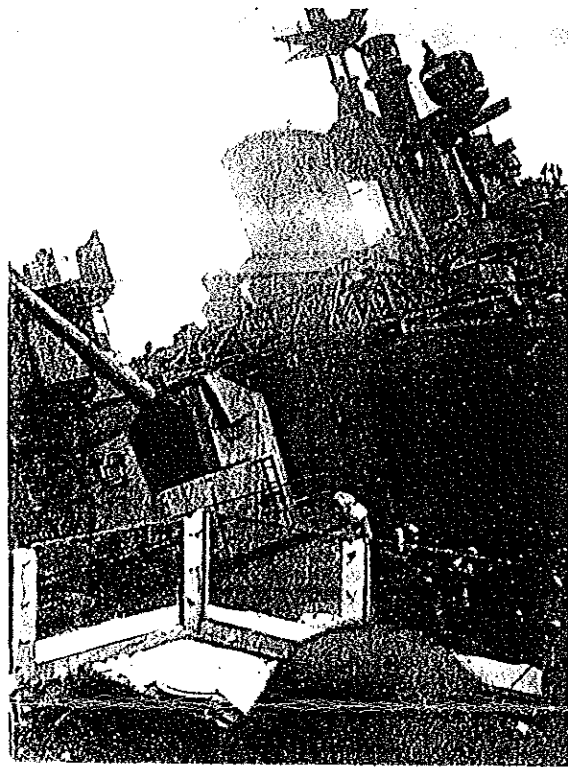
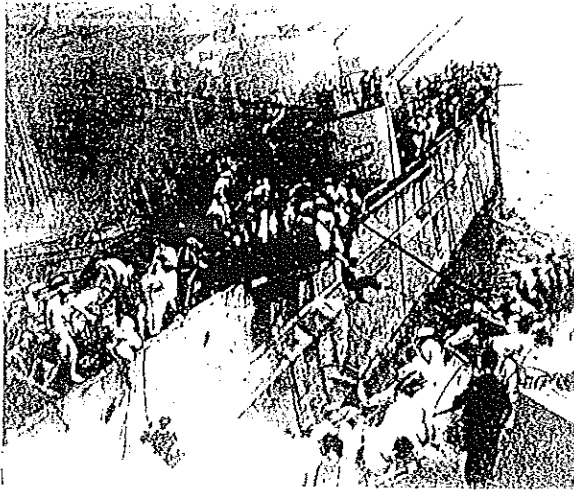
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POSITIONS VACANT

GUEST SPEAKER: Anybody interested in giving a brief informal presentation at the clubs monthly meetings on a topic of interest to club members please contact Geoff Sanders. Topics of interest may include slide presentations of likely locations for future club trips, a short discussion on a unique diving experience(?), new equipment available, or a topic such as safety at sea etc.

JOURNALIST: Anybody else interested in attempting to edit this newsletter (circulation 35 as of next issue) please contact Judy Morris Ph 534 5977.





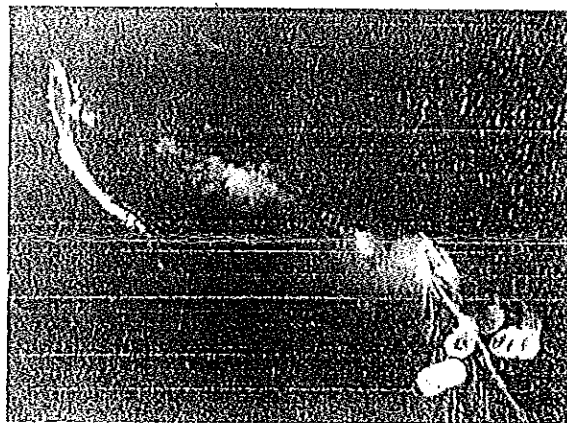
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Top right: More crew members escaping from the doomed H.M.S. Prince of Wales.

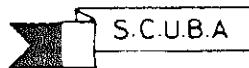
Bottom left: Captain W. G. Tennant, of H.M.S. Repulse, with the chaplain of the ship after both had been pulled from the water.

Centre right: Heads bobbing in the water as a destroyer comes to the rescue. About 2,320 men were saved.

Bottom right: Bombs falling close to H.M.S. Prince of Wales, which is on fire. H.M.S. Repulse, on the left of the photograph, is trailing smoke.



PICTORIAL HISTORY OF AUSTRALIA AT WAR 1939-19.
CHARLES MEEKING, AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL,
CANBERRA. A.C.T. 1957.



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Officer in charge,
Sans Souci Water Police,
Harris Street,
SANS SOUCI.

Dear Sir,

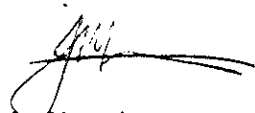
On behalf of the members of the St. George Scuba Club, I would like to confirm the previous verbal request to inspect the Water Police facilities.

Many of our members have boats with radios, and all of the members would be interested in safety and rescue techniques, radio communication, and emergency procedures.

I anticipate 20 members would be attending and we would prefer to visit on a Saturday or Sunday morning in late November, early December or the middle of January, if possible.

We realise the visit is subject to any emergency which may arise, and may be cancelled at the last minute. If the visit is approved I will liason with the officer organising the visit.

Yours faithfully,


Judy Morris
Asst Secretary/Treasurer

Ph 669 4377(W)
534 5977(H)



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OCTOBER 1988.

PAST DIVES

Montague Island

At last - a brilliant long weekend. There was however too much good food, wine, diving, sun, sand, fun, good times, and seals.

The water was a little brrr isk, but 16 divers swimming with a few of the hundreds of seals soon warmed up. Thank goodness the seals were close because the vis was lousy. The low flybridge on one of the boats made a good jumping off point for three divers. The quality accomodation did not attract a few female members, who during the day felt it necessary to sunbake (nearly all) on the beach opposite.

The following is the censored version of all the good for gossip things that happened.

- If only I could tell.

Shell Harbour

Was changed to Wollongong due to warf restrictions. The sun was out, the vis hopeless, and the current ended up giving two divers a free trip towards Newcastle. Once at the bottom, we saw a weight belt on the rocks and one diver beginning a ride to the surface. In true style it was panic stations until both were reunited about 20 seconds later. Nudibranchs, soft corals, a few fish, cuttlefish and kelp were the other sights.

The second dive caught the N/E in full force and caused the water to ruffle a little, and there was almost as much water in the boat as out of it. We thought it was to be a tame dive until eagle eyes spotted 'abalone' - (but don't tell anyone).

DIVES TO DO SOON

Broughton Island - Sunday 30th October.

As the tides are suitable on Saturday, we will be having a dive under the Swansea Bridge on the way up to Port Stephens.

Meet at the Swansea Dive Shop at 12.30 pm. The dive shop is located on the left just before the bridge and near the boat ramp.

This is an excellent dive and well worth the effort. Tanks can be filled at the dive shop after the dive.

On Sunday morning the boat will be departing from the charter boat warf at Nelson Bay at 7.15am (don't forget about daylight saving).

The warf is located a few hundred metres East of the Nelson Bay shopping Centre along Victoria Parade.

On Saturday night we will be camping at the Bardouroka Caravan Park at Fingal Bay (049 811 473). Please note: It is the responsibility of each club member to pay his own camping fees.

Two tanks will be required on the Sunday, as we will be at the Island for the full day. Bring fishing gear if desired. Skipper: Bill Graham (049 813 634) Cost: \$25.00 for two dives. For bookings, ring Geoff Sanders on 526 2424(H) or 211 2499(W).

Port Hacking (Osborn Shoals) - Sunday 13th November.

Meet at Gunnamatta Wharf at 8.00 am.

Cost: \$15.00 one dive

For bookings, ring Geoff Sanders.

COMING UP

Ulladulla Saturday and Sunday 19/20th November.

We will be camping at the "Ulladulla Caravan Park" (PH. 044 522 457) on Friday and Saturday nights. Please Note: It is the responsibility of each club member to pay his own camping fees, ~~and be out of caravans~~ by 10.00am on Sunday morning.

Directions: Take the first street (South St.) on the left after passing the "Marlin" Hotel at Ulladulla. The gates to the Camping Area will be closed at 10.30pm.

Cost: \$45.00 for four dives.

Tanks can be filled between dives at the Ulladulla Dive Shop.

Bookings will commence immediately by ringing Geoff Sanders.

First dive will be at 8.00am from the wharf at Ulladulla Harbour.

Christmas Party Cruise Sat 3rd December

Due to the success of last years Christmas Pary Cruise on Port Hacking, we have booked a boat for this years Christmas Party.

Cost: \$20.00 per person.

For Bookings, ring Geoff Sanders.

Barrier Reef Diving Trip - Monday 13th to Friday 24th November 1989.

At the request of the members who went on our last trip to the "Swain Reefs", the club has organised another trip on Ron Isbel's Boat, the "Tropic Rover". As well as the Swains, we will be diving at Heron Islands and Reefs in the Capricorn Group.

The cost will be approximately \$1950.00 and includes:- Return Air Fare to ^{and} Cladstone Sydney, ten days unlimited diving, all food provided and prepared, tanks and weight belts.

The boat carries plenty of fresh water for showers. The boat is also equipped with the latest navigation equipment, Radar, Diving Platforms, Tender Boat and two large compressors. The boat is a 53' motor sailer with twin diesel engines and has five twin cabins to accommodate the guests. Power is available at 240v and 415v three phase.

A refundable (up until 1st Feb. 1989) deposit of \$200.00 will be required to reserve a position on this trip.

For further information about this trip, or if you would like a pamphlet giving details on Ron Isbel's Boat, please phone Geoff Sanders.

New Members

We wish to welcome the following new members to our club: Raymond Borg, Gerhard Rast, Frank Nash and Kevin Pierce.

GENERAL NEWS

An advanced dive course at Snorkel In will be beginning on 7th November, Price \$200.00. Cost for members \$180.00. Call Syd or Larry Ph 5881152 to book in.

Senior Resusitation Course

Will be held at a date to be announced. The club will subsidise and it will cost only \$5.00 for members.

It is a pre requisite for the -

Advanced Resusitation

Which uses oxy-viva equipment. This will be held in conjunction with the senior resus and will be subsidised by \$30.00 to club members.

Contact Carol Scrimshaw to book onto either course 437 4306 (H)
212 6611 (W).

Sans Souci Water Police

A visit has been arranged to see their facilities, Radio Communication, rescue services, and emergency procedures will be shown. We meet at their building in Water Street Sans Souci at 8.30am on Saturday 12th November. If you'd like to come along call Judy Morris 534 5977 (H) or 669 4377 (W).

Camping and Bush Walking Saturday & Sunday 10th/11th December.

In Kangaroo Valley. Anyone who'd like to see the great outdoors, and have a beaut weekend call Sarah Dimon 559 3126(H) or 553 2436(W). There should be swimming, a little bushwalking, BBQ ing, anything goes. The more the merrier.

Congratulations.

To members Belinda Girdler and Mitchell Giles who married earlier this Month. We wish them happy diving for the future.

Next Meeting.

Will be held on Wednesday 16th November 1988 at Georges River Sailing Club at 8.00pm.



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NOVEMBER 1988.

LAST MONTH

Broughton Island

There were two relaxing dives on the day. A large blue groper was fed, divers swam in the cutting between the islands, sponges were seen, but there was not much fish life. Maybe it had something to do with the murdering between dives activity with spearguns.

Osborne Shoals

The surface was rough but 60ft down it was ok. Vis at the bottom was good, and a moray and groper were given a free breakfast.

Sans Souci Water Police

Thank you to those who booked and 'forgot' to or couldn't make it. The 8 who were there had a good look at their communication equipment and a 20 min ride in their large launch with a detailed explanation of its capabilities and their duties.

The Government is planning to close down all Water Police and have the services they provide (rescue especially) organised by volunteers.

We should do everything we can to ensure this vital facet of police work is kept.

GENERAL NEWS

Christmas Party Cruise - Saturday 3rd December

Cost is \$20.00 per person and covers food and the four hour cruise on Port Hacking. BYO Drinks. The boat will be leaving at 7.00pm from Gunnamatta Wharf and returning at 11.00pm.

For bookings, ring Geoff Sanders on 526-2424(H) or 211-2499 (W).

Kurnell (Inscription Point) - Sunday 11th December

Meet at the main gate at 9.30am (Captain Cook's Landing Place Historic Site) Bring some meat for the B B Q after the dive.

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KEEP IN MIND

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Abalone

Unfortunately two members found out the hard way of the ever changing regulations concerning this particular delicacy. If you plan to get some, CHECK REGULATIONS FIRST.

At the moment its important to know:

- 1) 10 shell per person limit.
- 2) Shell size in length must be at least 11.5cm.
- 3) They must be measured under water with a scale while still attached to the rock.
- 4) They must not be cleaned on site at the beach or dive site.
- 5) They must be taken straight home and cleaned there.

These rules give you an idea that its not as easy as you'd think.

So be careful and check first. Fine is up to \$2000.00.

For Sale

Toyota Tarago GL - Metallic Blue - four years old in Feb 89. 5 Speed Manual. Its great for transporting camping or drinking divers. It has a bullbar, curtains, velour upholstery, a Pirana Alarm with remote control and a stone guard (which Sarah call a car bra).

Cost \$17,500

Call Sarah Dimon 559 3126 (H) or 553 2436 (W).



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DECEMBER 88

WHAT WE DID

Kurnell

It was a bit of a rough entry and quite cold, but there were gropers (fish) and heaps of morwong.

The picnic was cancelled due to you guessed it - rain.

That was about it.

NEXT MONTH

Port Hacking - 15th January

Meet at Dolan's Bay Wharf, Lilli Pilli at 8.30am.

Bring a picnic lunch as we will be returning to Jibbon Beach after the dive.

Cost: \$5.00

Members wishing to go must book by ringing ROBIN MC CONVILLE on 529 3965 by Wednesday 11th January.

Members with boats available for use on the dive should ring ROBIN MC CONVILLE.

COMING UP

Ulladulla - Saturday 28th and Sunday 29th January

Bookings will commence at the January Club Meeting on Wednesday 18th and afterwards by ringing Geoff Sanders on 526 2424(H) or 211 2499(W).

Cost: \$45.00 for four dives.

Norah Head - Saturday and Sunday 11/12th February

Bookings will commence at the January Club Meeting and afterwards by ringing Geoff Sanders.

Cost: \$45.00 for three dives.

Barrier Reef Diving Trip - Monday 13th to Friday 24th November 1989

Those members who intend going and have not paid their deposits by the beginning of February may not be able to obtain the discount rate for the trip. This could result in an extra \$220.00 having to be paid.

GENERAL NEWS

New Members

We wish to welcome the following new members to our club:
John Cassidy, Robyn Gwandalan and Gary Johnson.

New Years Eve Party

At Les and Elly Caterson's house (with pool) at 25 Rosebery Street Heathcote 520 9421. All welcome. Just bring steaks, drinks and sleeping bag if you want to sleep where you drop.

Thanks to Don Pike who showed us some censored slides of the last reef trip on the Tropic Rover.

Gear for Sale

Duane Yates is selling an Aquasea 9 inch close up lens for a Nikonos.

Price: \$30.00

Call 529 3575 (H) or 427 2999 (W)

Guy Sands is selling a Tabata B.C Jacket with inside webbing. Orange colour and its 2 years old.

Price: \$50.00

Call 747 6962 (H) or 745 0044 x 238 (W)

Voytek Kawęcki is selling a 1st stage Nimrod - brand new, never used.

Price: \$50.00

Call 560 4771 (H) or 231 7351 (W)

Wanted to Buy

Ian Champion wants a 15 to 20 HP outboard with a short shaft.

Call 529 4919 (H) 662 9245 (W)

Next meeting will be at Georges River Sailing Club on Wednesday 18th January 89 at 8.00pm.

The committee thanks again the thoughtful friends who gave us the lovely Christmas gifts.

Raw fish fingered in disease

BOSTON: The popularity of sushi has apparently triggered an upsurge in a once-rare parasitic disease in which victims who eat the trendy raw fish dish sometimes cough up a live worm.

Doctors from the University of California and the Food and Drug Administration said at least 50 cases of the disease anisakiasis had been reported in the US, with a majority occurring since 1980.

"This is probably only the tip of the iceberg, because the infection is diffi-

cult to diagnose," said pathologist Dr James H. McKerrow.

In a letter published in The New England Journal of Medicine, Dr McKerrow warned physicians to be on the lookout for the disease and urged sushi lovers to be careful.

"Much of this increase can be attributed to changes in our dietary habits - for example, the introduction of raw fish dishes such as sushi and sashimi and the current trend of cooking seafood for shorter periods," he wrote.

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