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# JANUARY '91

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It's great to see our members starting to come along to meetings once again and with our promotion campaign we're seeing new members joining every week. Many thanks to John Gordon for showing another selection of his underwater shots in and around Sydney waters at the January meeting.

It's great diving weather - let's see more members attending our dive weekends this year. If you haven't dived for a while we have experienced members who will support you and make your dive an enjoyable experience.

## *Past Events*

KURNELL - CAPE SOLANDER

Sun 13th January.

As Cape Solander was a bit rough, the venue was changed to Inscription Point where it was flat and easier for entry. The water was warm and vis about 30'. Lots of coloured nudibranchs were seen along with weedy sea dragons, cuttlefish, morays and a couple of small stringray. A lazy BBQ in the picnic area was enjoyed afterwards.

## *What's Next*

ULLADULLA

Saturday 26th to Monday 28th January (Australia Day long weekend)

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

*Directions:* Take the first street (South Street) on the left after passing the "Marlin" Hotel at Ulladulla.

The gates to the camping area will be closed at 10.30 pm.

**Cost: \$100.00 for five dives**

Tanks can be filled between dives at the Ulladulla Dive Shop, we will be diving with the Ulladulla Dive Shop (PH: 044 555 303)

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

The first dive will be at **7.30 am from the wharf** at Ulladulla Harbour.

PORT HACKING

Sunday 17th February

Meet at Dolan's Bay Wharf at 8.00 am

**Cost: \$20.00** For bookings phone, Geoff Sanders.

## 18TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER

Wednesday 20th February

The 18th Anniversary of the founding of our club will be celebrated by holding a dinner at the sailing club. All members and their friends are welcome to come along. 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, sweets, coffee or tea, as well as wine with the meal. Cost will be \$10.00 per person. Please phone Geoff Sanders if you wish to attend.



### *Coming Up*

BROUGHTON ISLAND

Sunday 3rd March

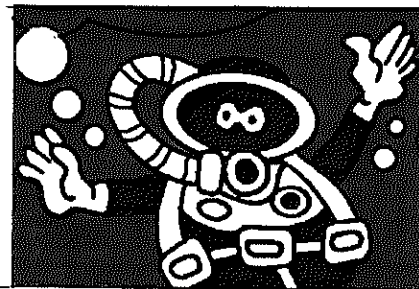
**Cost: \$50.00 for two dives** (includes hire of tank for 2nd dive) we will be having local dives around Port Stephens on the Saturday

NIGHT DIVE (CAMP COVE)

Friday 8th March - *Shore Dive.*

LONG REEF (THE WALL)

Sunday 17th March



**Cost: \$20.00 one dive**

Bookings for the above two boat dives will commence at the February Club Meeting and afterwards by phoning Geoff Sanders

### *Technical Information*

#### TANK REPAINTING

Divers inclined to improve the appearance of their blemished scuba tanks by scraping off old chipped paint and applying a new coating of paint - maybe iridescent yellow, bright white or red - should know it's important to use caution.

The metal properties of scuba tanks should be carefully taken into consideration when giving tanks a facelift.

Tank manufacturers recommend not painting your tanks because of the special process the cylinders must go through.

But for those divers who insist on a new paint job, the following recommendations are offered:

- Never use a heat process or caustic paint strippers to remove old paint. Heat destroys the molecular structure and the cylinder may burst under high pressure.
- Avoid any paint process which involves elevated temperature curing.
- Any cylinder which has been subjected to elevated pressure paint or that has been exposed to heat from a fire or other source must be removed from service and hydrostatically tested.

- Also remember that most new cylinders have a galvanised coating to protect the metal. If this protection is removed, it could cause unnecessary stress to the metal surface.
- The appearance of most tanks can often be dramatically improved with soap and water, solvent wipe or scotch-brite scrubbing.

*Leave the repainting for the experts!*

## ***Warning***

### **US DIVERS SAFETY RECALL**

A potential safety problem may exist with a very small number of high pressure seats used in US Divers regulators manufactured between 15th - 22nd August 1989 or in US Divers regulators serviced since then.

If you own a US Divers regulator purchased new since 15th August 1989 or one which has been serviced since 15th August 1989, please bring the regulator in the centre so that we can check it for you. This safety check is very simple and is free of charge.

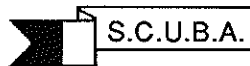
## ***Gear For Sale***

One MORAY Combo Depth & Pressure Gauge. Good condition \$50.00.

Ring Bill Harrison PH:587 6054(H) -587 4266 (W).

*The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 20th February at the Georges River Sailing Club at 7.00pm sharp for our 18th Anniversary Dinner.*

***SEE YOU THERE!***



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### *Past Events*

#### ULLADULLA

Sat. 26th-Mon. 28th January

Australia Day Long Weekend

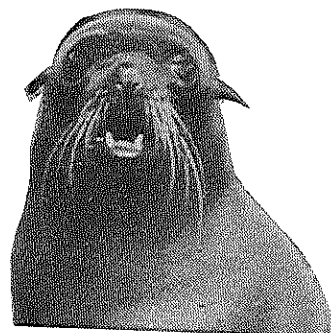
We had excellent weather conditions for this weekend which is always so popular with our members.

Saturday at Birrell Rocks was the first diving venue and what a day!

Visibility was about 70'-80'. There were *Large* Blue Devilfish ... *Large* Cuttlefish ... babies too ... lots of *Large* Morwong ... *X- Large* sting rays ... In fact you could say it was a big day all around! Combined with swim-through's and caves it was a great day for divers at any level of experience.

Sunday was similar with diving at "The Arch" and the "Lighthouse Wall". Once again lots of fish and big marine life. On Monday we dived on the sponge gardens where divers enjoyed the colour and variety of the corals, sponges and gorgonia fans.

*\*Note : Next time you dive "Home Bonmie" make sure you don't miss the baby seal in the cave ... he's really cute !*



#### PORT HACKING

Sunday 17th February

As there was a south-westerly blowing divers decided to go to Jibbon Point where they encountered some wobbigongs and sea dragons.

### *What's Next*

#### BROUGHTON ISLAND

Sunday 3rd March

On Saturday we will be having local dives around the Port Stevens area . We will be camping at the Bardouroka Caravan Park (Tel:049 811473) at Fingal Bay on Friday and Saturday nights.

*Please Note:* It is the responsibility of each club member to pay his own camping fees.

On Sunday the boat will be leaving from the 'Charter Boat Wharf' -Nelson Bay at 9.30 am.

The charter boat that we will be using is called "KRISTINA LEE" and belongs to Action Divers at Nelson Bay. ( Ph:049812491-Anne ).

**Cost: \$45.00 for 2 dives ( includes second tank ).**

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

## NIGHT DIVE CAMP COVE

Friday 8th March

We will be diving at Camp Cove at 8.00 pm. Meet at the end of Cliff Street at Watsons Bay.

*Check your torch before the dive!*

## LONG REEF - THE WALL

Sunday 17th March

Meet at the Collaroy Basin boat ramp at the end of Anzac Avenue, Collaroy Beach at 9.00 am -

Bring a picnic lunch. We will be diving with "Pro Dive" (Manly) Ph: 977 4355 - Joe Ellams

Cost: \$20.00 - One dive. For bookings ring Geoff Sanders.

## *Coming Up*

### CURRARONG

#### EASTER

Friday 29th March to Monday 1st April

Cost: \$72.00 for 4 morning dives

(afternoon dives extra)

### WOLLONGONG

Sunday 14th April

Cost: \$30.00 for two dives

Bookings for the above two dives will commence at the March Club Meeting, and afterwards by phoning Geoff Sanders.

## *Clean Up Australia Campaign*

This year's Clean Up Australia Campaign will be taking place on Sunday 24th March.

The Organisers have suggested our club concentrate on Tonkin Wharf which is directly opposite Tonkin Oval just to the left of Gunnamatta Bay (a small map for non-locals is provided).

We would like to see lots of our members supporting this campaign as I feel we can contribute quite a lot as a group for our community and also turn it into a great social day ... perhaps a barbie might be the go!

We also need the help of members not wishing to dive and non-divers who can also help above the water (you don't even have to get wet!)

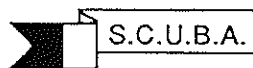
Further details will be at the next Club Meeting on the 20th March.

## *Gear For Sale*

1 Combo Gauge - depth and pressure / Decor/ good condition ... only \$50.00

Ring Robert Mapstone (H) 520 5346

*The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 20th March.  
Afterwards you can enjoy an underwater slide presentation of  
"The Great Barrier Reef." - Presented by Michael Cufer.  
... See you there!*



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## MARCH 1991

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### *Past Events*

#### SHIPWRECKED SEMINAR

Quite a few members turned up for this event. Very informative with 6 speakers including Ben Cropp relating their experiences on various popular wrecks in Australian waters and overseas.

#### BROUGHTON ISLAND

Sunday 3rd March

On Saturday Rodger, Carol and Robert dived Fly Point. The water wasn't too clear as the seas that day had been fairly high. However the diving was excellent on this popular marine garden - with heaps of fish.

On Sunday we went out with Action Divers and 1st dive was on the wreck of the "Oakland" which lies in just under 100' of water. There were two morays on the wreck and lots of Catfish but the school of very large Pufferfish lent an eerie feeling to the old wreck which still has quite a lot left to see and explore.

2nd dive was at Little Island but as the seas were still rough the visibility was limited with the outgoing tide.

#### CAMP COVE - NIGHT DIVE

Friday 8th March

It was a still night with warm water and good visibility (depending on how good the torch batteries were), and all 7 divers had interesting marine life encounters. There were cuttlefish, octopuses, shovel nose crabs, blue swimmer crabs, giant prawns, sea-horses, squid, sole, - a very interesting dive and easy for beginners. However no nudies were seen at all!

#### LONG REEF

Sunday 17th March

We dived "The Wall" which is always good diving. Vis was about 25' which probably accounts for Beydon and Victor being slightly disorientated and coming up quite a distance from the boat. Divers saw wobbies, cuttlefish and big friendly groper as well as a moorish idol.

## *What's Next*

### CURRARONG

Friday 29th March to Monday 1st April

We will be camping at Currarong Caravan Park (044 483 027) on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday Nights. **Camping Fees will cost \$20.00 for four nights.** We will be diving with "Currarong Dive" (044 483 244 - Rod Carroll).

*Directions:* Turn off the Princes Highway, south of Nowra at the "Leprechaun Hotel" and follow the Currarong signs to the caravan park.

Our campsite is on the left side of Nowra Road. After passing through the boom gate, turn left and proceed to the end of the road, we will be camping on a slight hill near the BBQ's. Bring some food suitable for BBQ ing. If arriving late at night, collect a gate entry card from someone at the campsite, rather than calling at the office.

1st dive on Friday morning will leave Bosom Beach at 7.30am. Tanks can be filled at the caravan park.

**Cost: \$72.00 for four morning dives** (afternoon dives extra).

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

### WOLLONGONG

Sunday 14th April

Meet at the Wollongong Harbour Boat Ramp (near the Lighthouse) at 9.30 am.

**Cost: \$30.00 for two dives.**

Tanks can be filled between dives. For bookings, ring Geoff Sanders.

## *Coming Up*

### TERRIGAL

Sunday and Saturday 27/28th April

**Cost: \$55.00 for three dives**

### SOCIAL ACTIVITY

Saturday 4th May

To be advised

### WRECK DIVE (ROYAL SHEPHERD)

Sunday 12th May

**Cost: \$20.00 for one dive**

Bookings for the above two dives will commence at the April Club Meeting and afterwards by phoning Geoff Sanders.

## *Gear For Sale*

Tabata Combo Gauges - depth / pressure: / temp / compass

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# **AQUA SEA PRODUCTS PTY LTD.**

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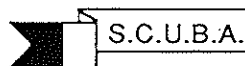
*Drop in and speak with Lyn and John*

*Unit 6 / 155 Taren Point Road, Taren Point, NSW 2229*

*Phone: 540 4774*

*Thanks to Michael Cufer for his excellent presentation of slides on the Great Barrier Reef at the March meeting. We all look forward to seeing more of Michael's work in the future.  
The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 17th April at The Georges River Sailing Club at 8.00 pm sharp.*





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## APRIL '91

### Past Events

#### CURRARONG - EASTER LONG WEEKEND

The weather was great and diving conditions superb for the annual romp down to Currarong. Dive spots were the "Shark Gutters" - lots of blue - devils and cuttlefish, "Pilgrims Hat" - Geoff and Steve encountered a small grey nurse, "Drum and Drumsticks" and "Mosquito South" - Tim saw a grey nurse about 6'-7' long while he was Abolone racing - however ...there were no mosquitos. Lots of swimthroughs which can be great fun when you have clear water as we did this weekend.

Some divers were keen to spear some fish for the barbie so Sunday night we enjoyed marinated Abolone and lots of fresh fish wrapped in foil and stuffed - *yummmmm....!*

#### WOLLONGONG "THE BOMBO"

Vis was about 50' on the wreck itself. Lots of fish life and a particularly large jelly-fish was seen cruising around.

2nd dive was at Toothbrush Island - sea-caves and cuttlefish.

### What's Next

#### TERRIGAL

Saturday and Sunday 27/28th April

We will be camping at the "Sunny Corner" Caravan Park (PH: 043 842 211) on Friday and Saturday 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 7.30 am on Saturday morning for the first dive.

**Cost: \$55.00 for three dives**

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

*Please Note: It is the responsibility of each club member to pay his own camping fees.*

### SOCIAL ACTIVITY

Saturday 4th May

#### Asahi Japanese Restaurant (Teppanyaki style)

459 King Georges Road, Beverly Hills.  
(Licenced)

Meeting at the restaurant at 7.30 pm.

For bookings phone Carol Scrimshaw  
(H) 437 4306 or (W) 318 2055

#### WRECK DIVE (ROYAL SHEPHERD)

Sunday 12th May

This Wreck lies off South Head in about 30m of water, and sunk on the 14th July 1890.

Meet at Watson's Bay Wharf at 9.00 am

**Cost: \$20.00**

For bookings phone Geoff Sanders

### Coming Up

#### SHELL HARBOUR (BASS POINT)

Sunday 26th May

Shore Dive with BBQ afterwards.

## FORSTER/SEAL ROCKS

Saturday 8th to Monday 10th June  
(Queen's Birthday Long Week end)

Cost \$100.00 for four dives.

Bookings commence at the May club meeting and afterwards by phoning Geoff Sanders.

## VICARY'S WINERY AND BUSH DANCE

Saturday 22nd June

It's nearing that special time of the year, when we have our annual pilgrimage to Vicary's Winery.

Cost \$40.00, *includes return coach transport, wine tasting, dinner and bush dance.*

The dinner and bush dance are held in an original wool shed with blazing open log fires creating a great atmosphere. Friends of members are most welcome to join us. Bookings will commence immediately by phoning Geoff Sanders. All monies must be paid by the June club meeting.

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.

At 8.00 p.m., the evening's fun starts as we adjourn to the Woolshed. The first course in winter 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 hot farm vegetables which is in turn followed by a choice of tempting deserts. 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 Woolsheds 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. Your evening will conclude at 12.00 midnight on Friday and 12.30 a.m. on Saturday.

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

We would like to send a special thankyou to all the members who contributed some time on the "Clean Up Australia Campaign" and also to Keith Philpott who did so much work to organise our clubs responsibility for that day.

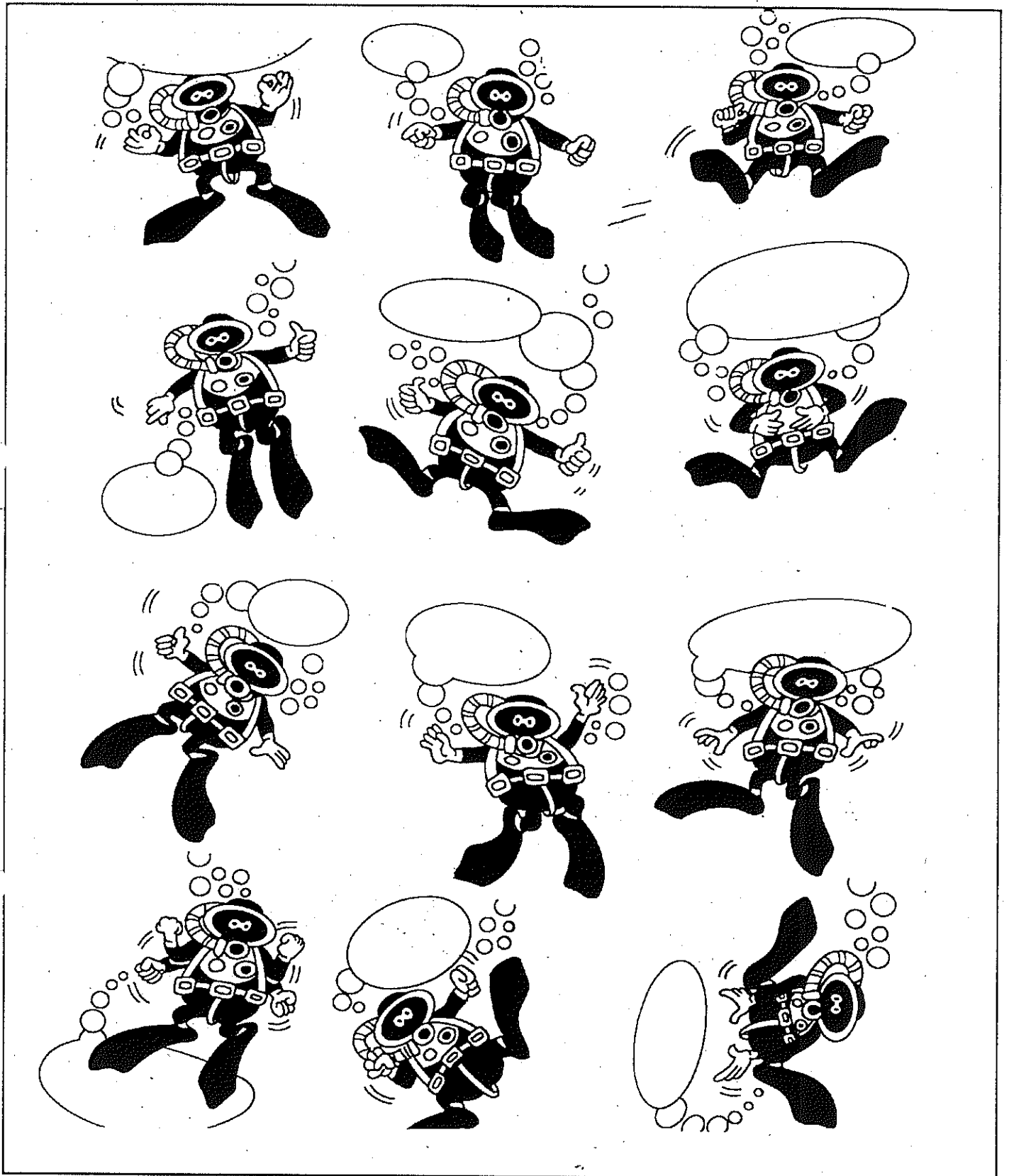
The Committee would also like to take this opportunity to welcome all our new club members and hope to see you diving with us soon !

### *Special Note*

*Next meeting Duane Yates will be talking to us about the latest methods in "Diving Safety".*

*We hope to see you there because this is a very important area of diving which a lot of us tend to disregard*

*The next meeting will be held at Georges River Sailing Club on Wednesday 15th May at 8.00pm.*



## *What is your buddy saying ?*

*Fill in the word bubble and bring it to the next meeting!*  
*(This is not a test -colourful comments welcome !)*



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# JUNE '91

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## *Last Month*

### SHELLHARBOUR/BASS POINT

Sunday 26 th May.

Rodger, Robert, Donna & Carol went on this popular little rock hop. Bushrangers Bay was the final venue with vis about 25'-30'. A weedy sea-dragon was seen along with some very colourful hard coral which as yet has not been identified! A BBQ was enjoyed after the dive.

### FORSTER SEAL ROCKS

Queens Birthday Long Weekend.

Unfortunately due to heavy seas our planned dives did not eventuate. On Saturday after some thrills and excitement getting through the bar at Forster we managed to get a dive in at a place called "Spot A". The water was warm - depth about 80' with some surge at the bottom, however once you adjusted to the surge the dive was nothing short of spectacular. This reef was absolutely abundant with fish life, walls of yellow tail - sparkling and shimmering in the light, moray eels, morwongs, wobbigongs and heaps of blue grouper. In fact the grouper were so friendly Steve Shaw managed to take home some teeth implanted in his finger at feeding time.

On Sunday the seas had become much worse - 2 metres high, very choppy and raining as well. The dive programme had to

be cancelled, however we had a great social weekend anyway - BBQ and camping facilities were great and we all enjoyed having a break away from Sydney.

## *What's Next*

### PORT HACKING

Sunday 30 th June

The boat will be leaving Dolan's Bay Wharf at 9.00am. If you want to try out an underwater scooter, join us for this dive.

**Cost: \$25.00 (one dive)**

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

### WRECK DIVE (VALIANT)

Sunday 14 th July

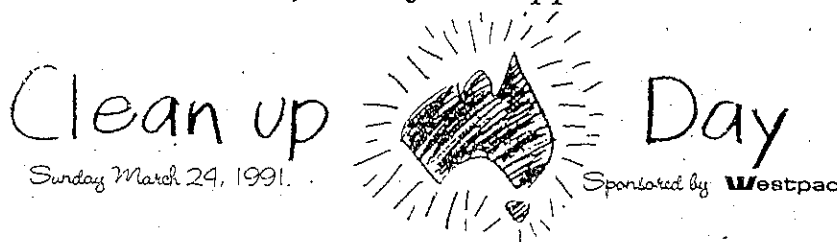
We will be diving on the wreck of the "VALIANT", which lies in approximately 26m of water, off Barrenjoey Head. Meet at 9.00am at the Dive Shop in Governor Phillip Park, Palm Beach.

*An underwater torch will be useful on this dive.*

The charter boat we will be using belongs to "Atlantis Divers" (Ph: 974-4261 - Mike Buesnel). Bring some meat for the BBQ after the dive. For further information or bookings phone Geoff Sanders.

**Cost: \$25.00 (one dive)**

*This certificate was presented to St. George Scuba Club for participation  
in the Clean Up Sydney Campaign on Sunday 24 th March 1991.  
Thanks for all your support !*



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## ***Coming Up***

JERVIS BAY

Saturday and Sunday 27 / 28th July

**Cost: \$65.00 for three dives.**

BUSHWALKING WEEKEND IN THE  
BLUE MOUNTAINS

Saturday and Sunday 17 / 18th August

**Cost: \$20.00** (two nights accommodation in  
cabins at Blackheath)

Bookings for the above two activities will  
commence at the July Club Meeting, and  
afterwards by phoning Geoff Sanders.

## ***Membership Renewals***

**Membership Fees Are Now Due!**

The completed membership form together  
with the fee of \$ 8.00 can be sent directly to  
Geoff Sanders at: 19 Flide Street, Caringbah  
2229 or brought to the next club meeting.

## ***Gear For Sale***

Aquarius reg. / Decor combo Gauge / Power  
air-line for BCD., extra port for Ocky  
\$250.00

Phone Des Major on : ( 042 ) 941 1401

*The next meeting will be held at  
Georges River Sailing Club on  
Wednesday 17 th July at 8.00 pm.*

*Come along to*  
**Vicary's Winery**

with  
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# **Woolshed Dance**

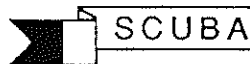
**Date: Saturday night - 22nd June 1991**

**Cost: \$40.00.... which includes return coach transport, wine tasting, dinner and bush dance.**

*For more details phone:*

**Carol Scrimshaw (H) 437-4306 (W) 318-2055 or**

**Geoff Sanders(H) 526-2424 (W) 211 2499**



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## JULY '91

### *Last Month*

#### VICARY'S WINERY

Sat 22nd June

A night of merriment was had by all at our yearly Bush Dance Bash. Perhaps next year we can organise our own Bush Dance and caller for a change. Those members interested please let the committee know before the next calendar is planned.

#### PORT HACKING

Sunday 30th June

8 divers went out with Les Caterson to Osborne Shoals to try their skills with some underwater scooters which the club hired for the day. As there was a heavy surge caused by the southerly swell the first 4 divers took advantage of the scooters to enable them to move more freely and have some fun. Due to the reserve batteries not working the other 4 weren't so lucky and had to content themselves with a normal dive. The day proved popular however and everyone wants to try it again with more scooters next time.

#### WRECK DIVE VALIANT

Sunday 14th July

The weather was fine with a light southerly breeze. Visibility was about 50' on the top but because of an intermittent surge the vis was reduced to about 25' on the bottom. However the wreck could be viewed in full on approach. 6 divers attended including 2 of our newer members - John Dinnie and Martin Sunner. Good winter diving!

### *What's Next*

#### JERVIS BAY

Saturday & Sunday 27th-28th July

We will be camping at the 'Huskisson Caravan Park' (Ph: 044 415 142) - located on Beach Street Huskisson.

We will be diving with Pro-Dive (Ph: 044 415 255 - Phil Power). Tanks can be filled between dives.

**Cost: \$65.00 for three dives**

For bookings or further information please phone Geoff Sanders On 526-2424 (H) or 211-2499 (W).

The dive boat will be leaving Huskisson wharf at 8.00 am for the first dive on Saturday morning.

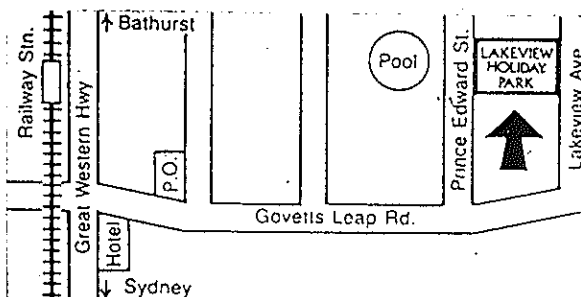
#### BUSHWALKING WEEKEND IN THE BLUE MOUNTAINS

Saturday & Sunday 17th/18th August

We will be staying in cabins at Blackheath on Friday and Saturday nights. The cabins are in the 'Lakeview Holiday Park', Prince Edward Street, Blackheath. Ph: 047 878-534

(off Govetts Leap Road - see map)

Blackheath is approximately two hours drive from Sydney. All units have a separate bathroom and possess their own cooking facilities, fridge, crockery, cutlery, blankets, a doona on each bed plus your own bath/shower and toilet.



*Suggestion: A small electric fan heater would be useful in the cabins!*

Lakeview is next to the Blue Mountain National Park with easy access to bushwalks, lookouts and waterfalls.

***What to bring:***

- 1) Comfortable shoes for walking
- 2) Warm clothes
- 3) Sleeping bags
- 4) Pillow slips
- 5) Towels
- 6) Food
- 7) Small bushwalking Day Pack ( optional )

*\*We will probably have dinner out on Saturday*

*Night - not expensive*

Major attractions in the area include, Govett's Leap and the Bridal Veil Falls, Evan's Lookout, Anvil Rock and the Wind Eroded Cave, Hanging Rock, *plus* Hargreaves Lookout where visitors

can obtain spectacular views of the valleys which surround Blackheath.

Mount Blackheath Lookout has magnificent views over the Kanimbla Valley. There are a number of interesting arts and crafts, as well as antique shops at Mount Victoria. Tea Houses which serve delicious Hot Devonshire Teas (freshly baked scones, blackberry jam and cream) are located at Blackheath, Mount Victoria, Mount Wilson, Megalong Valley, Leura and Wentworth Falls. Blackheath also has some of the best bushwalks in the Blue Mountains. These include the Grand Canyon (2.5 hours), Porters Pass and Centennial Glen (2.5 hours), Mermaid's Cave (30 mins), Perry's Lookdown - Blue Gum Forest - Perry's Lookdown (4 hours).

**Cost: \$20.00 (two nights accommodation)**

For bookings or further information, please phone Geoff Sanders.

## ***Coming Up***

WRECK DIVE (DUNBAR)

Sunday 1st September

Cost: \$20.00 (one dive)

KIAMA

Sunday 15th September

Cost \$40.00 two dives

Bookings for the above dives will commence at the August Club Meeting, and afterwards by phoning Geoff Sanders.

## ***Membership Renewals:***

Membership fees are now due.

The completed membership form must accompany the \$8.00 fee, and can be sent direct to Geoff Sanders at 19 Flide Street, Caringbah NSW 2229, or brought to the next club meeting.

SOCIAL ACTIVITY Saturday 7th September

## ***Carol & Rodger's House Warming Party***

**Time: 7.00 pm**

Address 6/22 Collingwood Street,  
Drummoyne

All members and their friends are welcome. Food will be supplied by the club - BYO Grog. It will be a Barbie-style party so come casual.

*Note: Do not try to come via St Georges Crescent as the gate is closed & there is no access to units.*

## ***Gear For Sale***

Aquarius Reg. - Decor Combo Guage - Power  
Air-Line for BCD - extra port for OCCI

**\$250.00**

Phone Des Major (042) 941 401



## ***Offshore Sandmining Off Port Hacking and Botany Bay***

The Kurnell dunes, Sydney's traditional source of sand are planned to close. The present Government has granted a number of licences to Ready Mix Industries to explore the possibility of Sandmining Offshore (see map enclosed).

The company plans to operate a 100m long ship with a capacity of about 4000 tonnes of sand. The vessel will cruise up to 2 km offshore at a speed of 1 knot, sucking up sand from the sea bed. It will make two runs per day, removing 8000 tonnes each day every day. If this lease is granted it will be for 10 to 20 years.

Can you imagine the damage this will cause to our beautiful unspoilt area?

The Port Hacking area has the cleanest water in Sydney, but if this vessel is allowed to operate, the sediment from this giant vacuum cleaner will effect the whole area.

The long term effect on marine life and sand movement at our beaches, from the dredging is something that no team of specialists (hired by Ready Mix) can ever predict. Dive and recreational fishing boats will be at risk, with this vessel working so close to the coast.

The wrecks of Undola, Tuggerah, Woniora and Kelloe are also in the exact path. These wrecks have been used by divers and fishermen for years and may be lost and damaged forever. It must be stopped now, there are alternative sources of sand. Ready Mix Industries are also looking at the Blue Mountains, and this sand could be brought back to Sydney by train.

Within 6 months Ready Mix will present its findings to the State Government. The time to act is now, and this can be done by writing to express your concern to:

The Minister for Minerals and Natural Resources  
Mr Ian Causley  
Parliament House  
Macquarie Street  
SYDNEY NSW 2000

*John Gordon is interested in an extended weekend trip (Friday-Monday) to South West Rocks and Fish Rock Cave - possibly in September! If anyone is interested in joining him, could they please contact him on (H) 588 7268 or (W) 588 6333.*

### ***Special Note***

*Dr Carl Edmonds has stated that unless a diver can swim 200 metres in 4 minutes he/she is not fit to dive safely.*

*So make sure you get into a good exercise programme if you want to continue to dive safely and comfortably this season.*

*The next meeting will be held at  
Georges River Sailing Club .on  
Wednesday 21st August at 8.00 pm.*

# READY MIXED INDUSTRIES PTY LTD

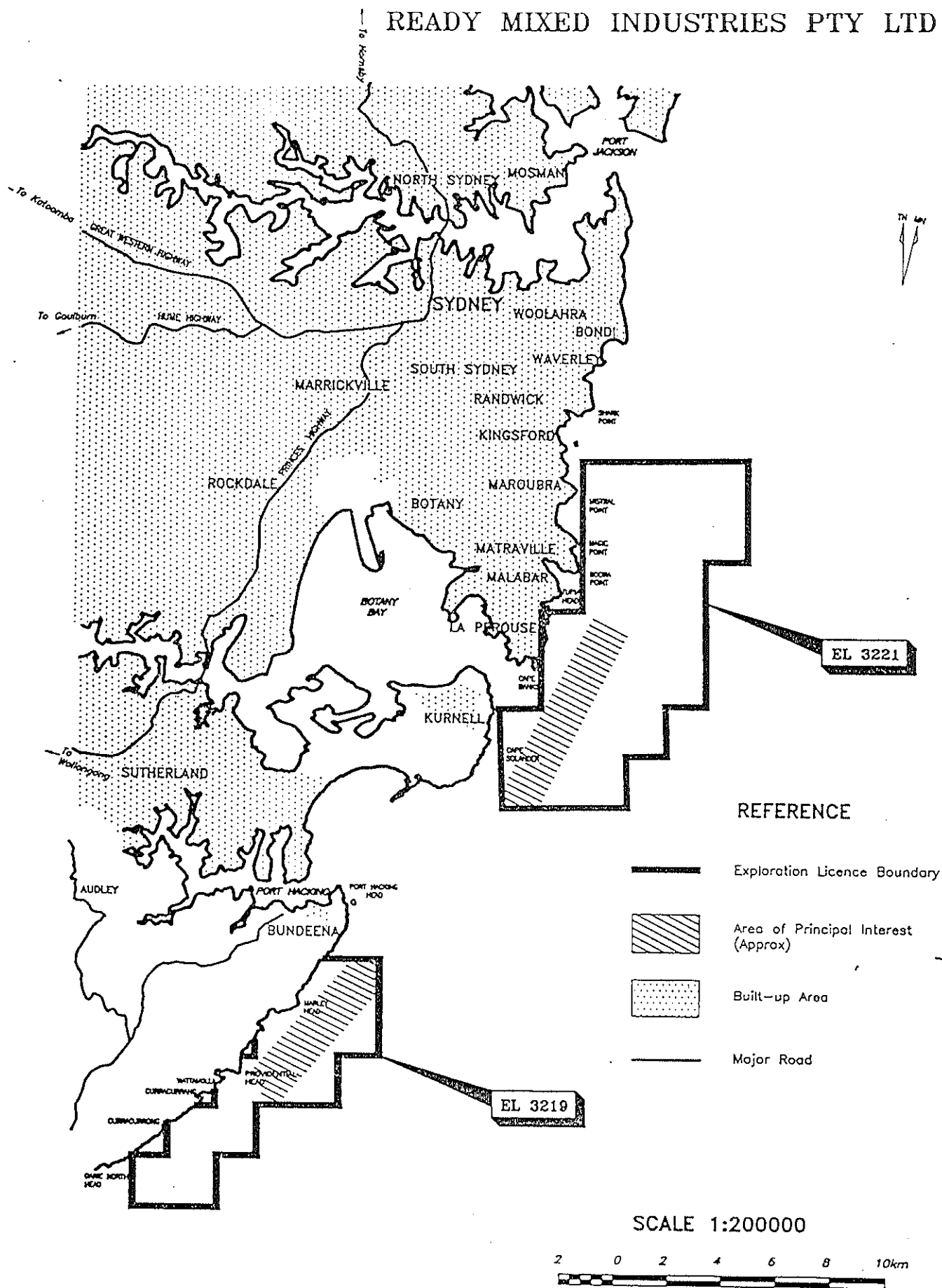


Figure 1

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

urge all members to read the notice included in with your letter. It's very important that we all write to the minister let him know our feelings about the proposed licence to sand off the National Park and Kurnell. You can either write your letter, or you can sign the letter that I have written and send in yourself.

JOHN GORDON (President)

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Minister for Minerals and Natural Resources,  
Ian Causley,  
Parliament House,  
Quarie St.,  
SYDNEY NSW 2000

Dear sir,

I \_\_\_\_\_, am writing to voice my strong opposition to a proposed licence to "Ready Mix Industries" allow offshore sandmining off Port Hacking and Botany Bay. I am an active SCUBA Diver and a member of the ST GEORGE SCUBA CLUB. I am regularly in the proposed areas as well as many other places. I am therefore, one of a small percentage of the population who sees first hand, the environment which will be devastated and repair, the damage to many forms of marine life, animal and plant, and devastation to several fishing grounds and ship wrecks. I urge you not to grant this Licence, and consider the other proposed sites which will not cause as much irreparable damage.

Yours Sincerely,

\_\_\_\_\_.

Date:     /     / 1991.

# DIVE FIJI

## NADAVU - MATANA RESORT

### 10 DAYS FROM \$1579

- \* 2 NIGHTS ACCOMMODATION - NADI
- \* RETURN AIRFARE EX SYDNEY
- \* 7 NIGHTS AT MATANA RESORT
- \* 3 MEALS PER DAY AT RESORT
- \* WINE AND BEER WITH DINNER
- \* 2 BOAT DIVES PER DAY
- \* ALL TRANSFERS
- \* MEET AND GREET AT NADI AIRPORT

Other Activities available:

Snorkelling  
Windsurfing  
Waterskiing  
Bushwalking  
Volleyball

#### RESORT FEATURES:

240 Volt Power \* Modern Bathroom Facilities  
Fresh Local Food & Western Style Food  
Experienced Dive Staff \* 3 Dive Boats  
40 Alloy Tanks \* 2 Compressors + Airbank  
Oxy-Viva Equipment  
Relaxing, Secluded, Quiet Location  
Clean, Safe, Sandy Beaches

Enjoy Traditional Native Village - Hospitality

VALID FOR - LOW SEASON, TWIN-SHARE



Dive Travel Australia



# AUGUST '91

## Events

### S BAY

un. 27-28 th July

er was perfect with a slight swell and a ly breeze. Vis averaged about 50 ft this nd with diving at south east Bowen and "Wall Street"-which is about stes off Point Perpendicular-a sheer hich starts at 20 metres and drops to res.

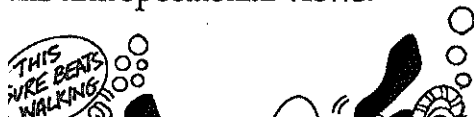
and huge schools of yellowtail were : Bowen and on the whole it was a great nd with excellent winter diving ions.

### WALKING IN THE BLUE MOUNTAINS -

un. 17-18 th August

; a positive approach our 6 walkers the Blue Gum Forest trail on ay. Unfortunately some weren't as fit as ould like to think they were and nb out proved to be a little harder than the lown!!!!

nday it was Wentworth Falls via the ial Pass. This is a 3 hour walk and d to be very rewarding with lots of alls and spectacular views.



## What's Next

### WRECK DIVE (DUNBAR)

Sunday 1 st September

The Dunbar sank in 1857 after striking a cliff face between the lighthouse and the southern part of the gap. The remains of the wreck lie in approximately 9 m of water. There was only one survivor out of the 122 people on board.

**COST: \$20.00 (one dive)**

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

Meet at Watson's Bay wharf at 9-00 am. We will be diving with "PRO-DIVE" (Manly) Ph: 977-4355 Joe Ellams.

## SOCIAL ACTIVITY

Saturday 7 th September

## PARTY-BARBEQUE

WITH ALL NIBBLIES, MEATS & SALADS SUPPLIED BY THE CLUB

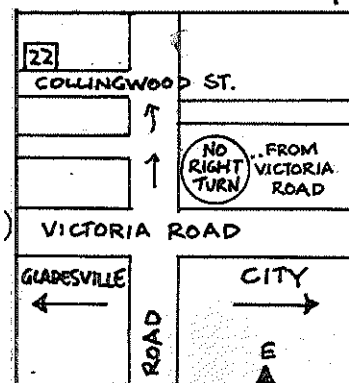
## Where:

Carol & Rodgers  
NEWPLACE! at  
6/22 Collingwood St,  
Drummoyne ( see map )

**Dress:** Casual

**What to bring:**

DRINKS - BYO



2: 6.30 pm onwards

To find unit just walk down driveway on  
id side of building to second level of garages -  
on the left .

ring Carol or Rodger to confirm you are  
g on ( H ) 811 177 or ( W ) 318 2055

one is welcome -Bring your friends !

IA

ay 15 th September

on the eastern side of Kiama harbour at  
m. We will be diving with "HARBOUR  
PORTS Ph: ( 042 ) 323 510

Anderson.

: \$40-00 (two dives).

okings phone Geoff Sanders.

## **WING UP**

TAGUE ISLAND

lay 5 th -Monday 7 th October  
(weekend )

want the chance to dive with some very  
ly seals,then join us on this weekend.

ost of \$85-00 covers three nights

modation at Malua Bay and two dives

atague Island on the Sunday.Local dives

organised for Saturday and Monday at

Bay . Bookings will commence

DIATELY and MUST BE MADE BY

**DAY 9 th SEPTEMBER.**

osit of \$40-00 is required by the

number club meeting. (no deposit-no go).

okings or further information,phone  
Sanders.

NELL

ay 13 th October

dive with B.B.Q afterwards

## **MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS-**

MEMBERSHIP FEES ARE NOW OVERDUE.

This newsletter will be the last sent to  
unfinancial members. The completed  
membership form **MUST** accompany  
the \$8.00 fee, and can be sent to Geoff Sanders  
at 19 Flide St, Caringbah 2229  
or brought to the next club meeting.

*If you have an idea for our Christmas  
Party this year please ring one of our  
committee members -*

*All suggestions will be gladly received!*

## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND CLUB ELECTIONS**

It is very important that all members try to  
attend this meeting. The future of your club is  
in the hands of the committee that you elect.

**BE THERE!**

The meeting will be at 8.00 pm on Wednesday  
18 th September at the Georges River Sailing  
Club.

# SEPTEMBER '91

## Month

CK DIVE - THE  
BAR  
st  
mber

ive was  
led due to  
support.

AL NIGHT  
/ PARTY

lay 7th September

ng is definitely more popular than  
; this month. ( Perhaps the water is too  
or all you... *die hards!* )

ay, if you didn't go to Carol & Rodger's  
- warming party you missed out on a  
night.

s to Rodger who worked relentlessly  
ne barby all night churning out  
ori chicken, steaks and snags in copious  
ities for the hungry crowd and also to  
for those delicious salads &  
paniments she prepared all herself &  
rse to all the members who attended  
ade the whole night a success.

**CHAMP'S  
BUDDIES...**



## What's Next

MONTAGUE ISLAND

Saturday 5th to Monday 7th October

*At the August club meeting John Gordon showed us some of his slides on Montague Island to stimulate interest in the coming trip.*

*At present we have one boat full and we are hoping to fill another boat if possible..*

*If you haven't been to Montague before - Don't miss out! - This a great value weekend at \$85 and a diving experience you'll never forget!*

Yes - it's seal time of the year again! Time to shake the cobwebs from your wetsuits and check to see if they still fit. It's "Spring", and time all divers sprung into action. Join us on the October Long Weekend at Malua Bay. The cost \$85.00 covers three nights accommodation at Malua Bay and two dives at Montague Island on the Sunday. Local dives will be organised on Saturday and Monday. The accommodation is available for Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights. Extra tanks can be hired for the second dive on Sunday at Montague Island.

### What to Bring Along:

Sleeping Bag, Food, Pillows, U/W Torch.

### Directions:

After crossing the "Clyde River" at Batemans Bay, proceed along the by-pass road for 500m turn left at the Malua Bay sign ( Beach

ne accommodation is called "Malua  
n" and is located at 4 Kuppa Avenue,  
Bay. ( Ph: 044-711-659 - Gordon  
in ). On Saturday and Monday, we  
: diving with Charlie Bird from Malua  
ive Shop (Ph: 044-711-858).  
okings or further information, phone  
Sanders on ( H ) 526-2424 or  
( W ) 211-2499

JELL ( INSCRIPTION POINT )  
y 13th October.

at the main gates at 9.30 am  
a chance to combine a great shore dive  
relaxing social activity in the form of a  
Don't forget to bring some meat !

### *ing Up*

L HARBOUR  
y 27th October

35.00 for two dives.

AH HEAD,  
nd Sun. 9/10th November

ngs for the above two dives will  
ence at the October Club Meeting, and  
ards by phoning Geoff Sanders.

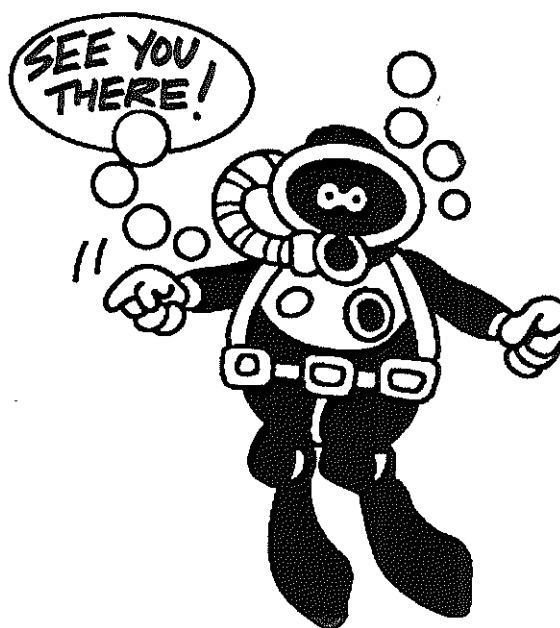
### *ual General Meeting*

.G.M.was held at the September Club  
ng and the offices for President,  
rer & Secretary were elected.  
re as follows:

President - John Gordon  
Treasurer - Geoff Sanders  
Secretary - Carol Scrimshaw

*We would like to ask all members to attend this  
meeting if at all possible as your vote is important  
to the continuing success of your club.*

*The next meeting will be held at the  
Georges River Sailing Club on  
Wednesday 16th October at 8.00 pm*





# OCTOBER '91

## 1st Month

### MONTAGUE ISLAND

5th - Mon 7th October.

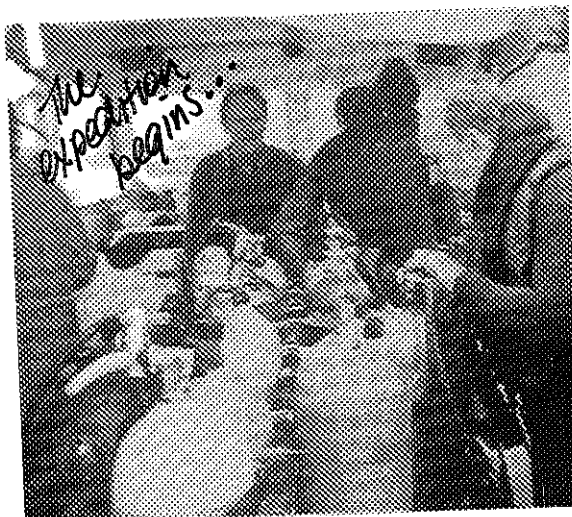
Saturday we dived the eastern side of Montague Rock with Charlie Bird. There was a heavy sea mist which, combined with the choppy seas gave an almost eerie quality to the dive. We found a large cave on the sand which was about 3 metres across the face and went back about 10 metres into the rock. Several large grouper were seen and some small swimthroughs. Water was cold - about

10°C. A little spot where they could best observe the antics of the seals - and what a performance - nothing short of spectacular. This would have to be one of the best dives we've had here!

The second dive was on the eastern side of Montague in a sheltered bay. Here there were Port Jackson sharks in abundance and 2 huge wobbies were also seen.

On the way back to the mainland we enjoyed watching the abundant bird life which was massing over the huge schools of fish moving just under the surface of the

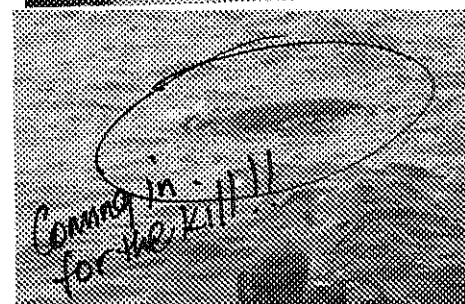
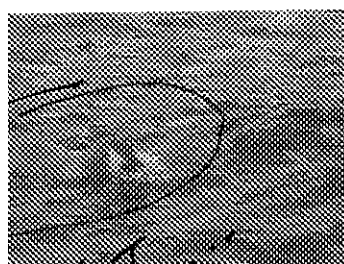
water. Sunday the mist had cleared and we set out on a calm sea to Montague. On approaching the northern tip of the island we were delighted to see masses of seals swimming and playing in the water. Visibility was at 40' and although the air was cool all divers agreed to find their own



water.

The social side was also great this weekend which included a little celebration for Geoff's birthday (see pictures) on Saturday night!

**RECOMMENDED  
DIVING WEEKEND!!**



1A -

3th October.

y sea dragons *with eggs*, nudibranchs, cuttlefish, blue groupers - this venue ll the components for an interesting and it was!

## *it's Next*

ELHARBOUR

ay 27th October

at the Shellharbour boat ramp at **9.30 am**. some food for a picnic lunch. Tanks can ed between dives at the local dive shop. ill be diving with "Coastwide Diving es" - John Green (PH: 042 964 266) **\$35.00 for two dives.**

okings, phone Geoff Sanders on '6 2424 or (W) 211 2499

AH HEAD

day and Sunday 9/10th November

ill be camping at the Norah Head an park (PH: 043 963 935) on Fridayaturday nights.

*Note: It is the responsibility of each club er to pay his/her own camping fees.*

**tions:** Turn off the Northern Freeway at 'oukley" exit (Sparks Road) and ed through Toukley to Norah Head. umping area is in Victoria Street. **rst dive is at 8.00 am from the 'age Tree Harbour" boat ramp.**

**\$55.00 for three dives.**

can be filled between dives. A BBQ e organised at the dive shop on lay night - all food provided \$3.00 per For bookings phone Geoff Sanders. arter boat that we will be using gs to the Norah Head Dive Shop 12 062 652 Brian Threlkeld

NIGHT DIVE FAIRLIGHT

Friday 15th November

Meet at the Fairlight Pool at 8.30 pm  
Don't forget to check out your torch before the dive.

## *Coming Up*

PORT HACKING -

Sunday 1st December

Cost \$20.00 for one dive

CHRISTMAS PARTY -

Saturday 7th December

Beach BBQ at Jibbon Beach

SHORE DIVE - CRONULLA (OAK PARK)

Sunday 15th December

## *Special Notice to All members*

DUANE YATES -

AUTHORISED  
DIVING

INSTRUCTOR and

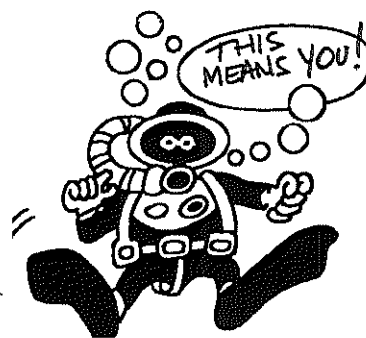
one of our long  
established  
members,

will be running an

ADVANCED

DIVER AND A RESCUE COURSE

beginning December.



*As an incentive for St George Scuba Club he is offering these courses at 50% Discount to club members only!*

If you have been thinking you would like to do either of these courses at some stage - now is the time to do it.

If you are interested phone Duane on:  
(W) 879-6522 or (H) 529-3575.

## *Special Guest Speaker*

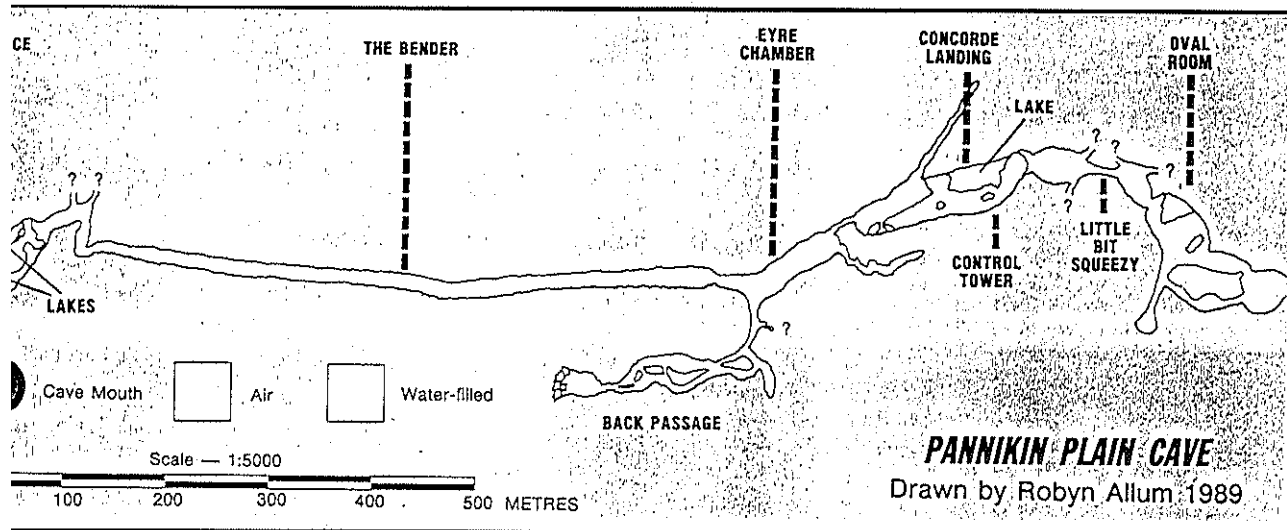
At the November Club Meeting our special guest speaker will be

# **Andrew Wight**

**LEADER OF THE EXPEDITION TO THE PANNIKIN PLAIN CAVE DIVE IN 1988.**

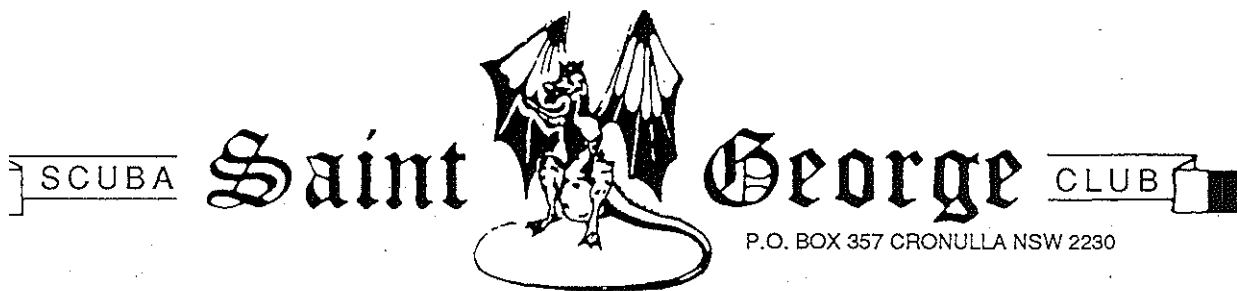
Pannikin Plains Cave is near a lonely wayside roadhouse called Rocklebidly, 1600 km west of Adelaide. It is a deep cave which extends from a small lake one hundred metres below the surface leading off into one of the deepest and longest underwater systems in the world.

*"Cave diving is unlike any other pursuit. In a world where many other frontiers have already been pioneered, cave diving presents the most exciting challenge into the unknown. It is true exploration - each discovery is a first. It also provides glimpses and experiences of places where no humans have ever been before. It is this that attracts cave explorers to a place like Pannikin Plains Cave".*



**Don't miss this chance to meet one of the most exciting  
and experienced cave divers in Australia today.**

*This meeting will be held on Wednesday November 20<sup>th</sup> at  
The Georges River Sailing Club at 8 pm sharp*



# NOVEMBER '91

*it a great night! If you didn't make last  
's meeting you really missed something  
. Andrew White, who related his  
nces in the Pannikin Caves Expedition gave  
a great insight into cave diving. We would  
extend our sincere thanks to Andrew for the  
e gave us to tell of his experiences  
ground and underwater.*

*e we all learned something about cave diving  
w dangerous and exhilarating it can be.  
'll be showing Andrew's film- :  
abor Dreaming "at a future dive meeting -  
our newsletter.*

December Meeting Steve Bull will be  
ng a series of slides on an expedition  
de to The Red Sea in 1975 with the  
SH SUB-AQUA CLUB.

meeting will be held on Wednesday  
December at 8.00 pm sharp.

*Hope to see you there.!*

## Month

### TAH HEAD

ive trip was cancelled due to problems  
ated with the dive boat, and has been  
oned to a future date. Please refer to your  
ive Calendar which you will receive  
ne January Newsletter.

### IGHT - NIGHT DIVE

the pool - floodlit, and to top it off an  
abundance of marine life to enjoy. The divers  
encountered port jackson sharks, some small  
stingrays, pufferfish, flathead, flounder,  
nudibranchs feather stars and some long  
spindly things which as yet we haven't been  
able to identify (maybe one of the divers can  
explain the phenomenon?). The dive took  
about 50 minutes and Beyden followed the  
breadcrumbs so he couldn't get lost!

## What's Next

### PORT HACKING

Sunday 1st December

The time has been changed to 11.00 am as we  
will be going back to Jibbon Beach after the  
dive for lunch.

Meet at Dolan's Bay Wharf at 11.00 am.

Cost: \$20.00 (one dive)

*Don't forget to bring some lunch.*

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

### CHRISTMAS PARTY

Saturday 7th December

This years Christmas Party will be in the form  
of a BBQ at Jibbon Beach.

We will be using Gas BBQ's - if you have a

similar cover. Don't forget to bring some breakfast. In the event of bad weather, we will be having the party at Helen Kyriacos' home at:

58A Moate Avenue, Brighton-Le-Sands.  
Ph: 567-1988 (H)

### CRONULLA (OAK PARK)

Sunday 15th December

Meet at the end of Jibbon Street Cronulla  
at 8.00 am (Shore Dive)

### *Coming Up*

SHELLY BEACH (MANLY)

Sunday 12th January

### ULLADULLA

Saturday 25th to Monday 27th January  
(Australia Day Long Weekend)

**\* NOTE: A Black Diary and black felt pen was left at the November meeting.  
Please contact Judy on 534-5977.**

Consists of:-

ScubaPro G250 - 2nd stage regulator (t  
Instructors Choice)

ScubaPro Mk5 - 1st stage regulator

US Divers 2nd stage - Octopus regulator

Hose Protectors on all hoses

Apollo Gauge Set

Apollo Compass - High definition

US Divers - Costeau - Buoyancy

Compensating Device, (large mens)

Octopus - clips on BCD

Wooden Gear Box to suit Station Wagon

C.I.G. Alloy Tank - Blue with rubber bumper  
mesh protector - 901

**All this great gear for only \$2,000**

**WHAT A DEAL!!**

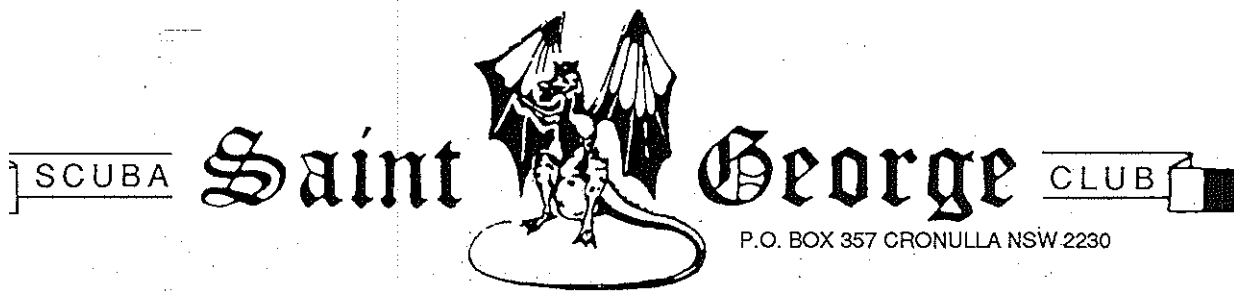
Of course interested buyers will need to  
a current recognised Scuba Certification

*Please contact:*

Keith Matthews (Canberra MPC)

CAGR - Ph: 06-270-6105 (W)

06-231-2953 (H)



# DECEMBER '91

y thanks to Steve Bull for the slide  
tation which he gave at our December  
meeting. There was obviously more to  
in the Red Sea than just diving in those  
good stuff Steve!

## Month

### HACKING

y 1 st December

s went out with Les Caterson for a late  
ng dive to Barons Hut. We all managed to  
e cave alright even though the water was a  
urky on the way down. Vis was about 20-  
with big cuttlefish and groupers being the  
traction.

ne dive we pulled into Jibbon Beach for  
and relaxation.

### STMAS PARTY

lay 7 th December

ers starting arriving from 1 pm at Jibbon  
on a beautiful sunny afternoon. There was  
f wind so we all moved up to the eastern  
: more protection. Rodger erected a tarp  
e all set up our barbies and the party was

interest some of the more adventurous  
d to try their luck at water-skiing. It was  
-y interesting with lots of different levels of  
ce and fitness showing their true colours.  
of the members stayed overnight and had

## What's on in January

### SHELLY BEACH - MANLY

Sunday 12 th January

Shore Dive with picnic  
lunch. Meet at Shelly  
Beach Park at 9.00 am.  
For anyone wanting a  
good parking spot we  
suggest you come a  
little earlier  
- say 8.15 am!



### ULLADULLA

Saturday 25th - Monday 27th January 1992

Bookings will commence immediately by  
phoning Geoff Sanders on (H) 526-2424 or (W)  
211-2499

Cost: \$100.00 for five dives

A deposit of \$40.00 is required by the January  
club meeting we will be camping at the Ulladulla  
Caravan Park Ph: (044) 552-457

Included with your Newsletter you will find a  
copy of our 1992 DIVE CALENDAR. We hope to  
see you all on plenty of our activities this year and  
of course if you have any favourite dive spots or  
new ones you can add to our list don't hesitate to  
contact one of the committee members.

At the January meeting Ian Champion will be showing us his own home video at diving in the Phillipines.

*Hope you will join us then on:  
Wednesday 15th January at  
The Georges River Sailing Club  
8.00 pm*

