

JANUARY '92

What happened in December?

(apart from Christmas that is!)

SHELLEY BEACH - MANLY

Sun 12th January

The weather was fine with calm seas and warm water for our little rock-hop to Shelly Beach. Vis was about 40' for Rodger, Robert and John who had a very pleasant dive sighting blue groupers, banded wrasse, octopii, cuttlefish and moray eels.

PHILLIPINES REVISITED

by Ian Champion and Annie Gfeller

Holiday photo's were never like this!

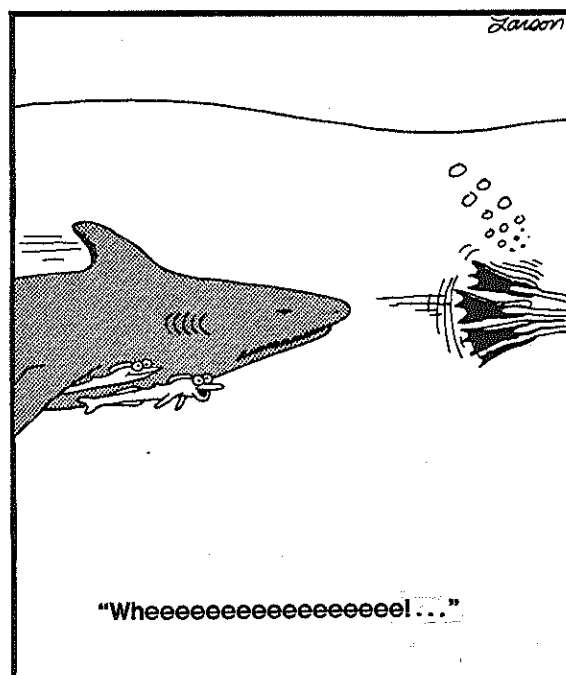
Ian has put together an outstanding video about his trip to the Phillipines.

Once out of the city and travelling about the islands the scenery changes to crystal clear turquoise water, mountain islands, white sand, very rural huts and villages and total relaxation.

Ian decided the effort required for diving was worthwhile and we were treated to the underwater sights of multiple coloured corals, fish and undersea life similar to the Barrier Reef.

We saw a diversity of Phillipino life from city slums, dirt and noise to tranquility and fresh air and we all wish to thank Ian and Annie for sharing it with us.

As Steve and Ian have shown visiting exotic places can be just as interesting above the water as below.



If there are any members or friends who are interested in showing slides or films don't hesitate in contacting a committee member.

What's Next

ULLADULLA

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

We will be camping at the "Ulladulla Caravan Park" (044 552 457) 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 gate to the camping area will be closed at 10.30 pm.

TERRIGAL

Saturday and Sunday 16/17th May

We will be camping at the "Sunny Corner" caravan park (Ph: 043 842 211) on Friday and Saturday nights.

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Coming Up

SHIP ROCK

Sunday 24th May

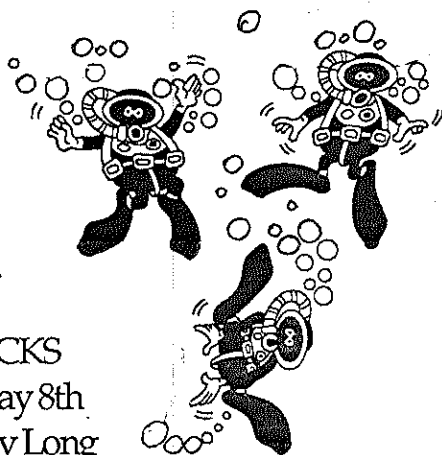
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funfilled foreshore frolic.

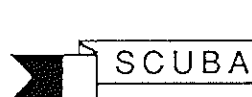
FORSTER/SEAL ROCKS

Saturday 6th to Monday 8th
June (Queen's Birthday Long
Weekend.)

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phoning Geoff Sanders.





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FEBRUARY '92

Last Month

ULLADULLA

Sat 25 th - Mon 27 th January

Sat. Morning - "Birrell Rocks" - 23 m.

Lots of swimthroughs, big blue groupers, cuttlefish, bastard trumpeters, large wobblygong, scorpion cod, colourful sponges, soft corals and nudibranchs.

Sat. afternoon "North Bonnie." 20 m.

We could all see the bottom while still on the boat. Lots of fish - large schools of yellow tail and small schools of pike, moray eels and medium size cuttlefish.

Sunday morning - Birrell Rocks - "The Arch" 28 m.

We started the dive with a big cuttlefish waiting for us at the anchor then went on to see two big bleakers devilfish, a large moving numray and more. Very well organised and successful dive. Once again we could see the boat at 28 metres.

Sunday afternoon - Bannisters Head. "The Nurseries"

This was a special dive at only 10 metres for our second dive. Here we were indulged with more marine life including nudibranchs, cuttlefish, stingrays, catfish and morays. We also enjoyed the soft corals and sea tulips. Very colourful and interesting shallow dive. Carol and Rodger hired out scooters and had lots of fun cruising around and around the slower moving divers. After the dive we went back to Bannisters Bay for snorkling, swimming and relaxation.

What A Great Day!

Monday morning - "Home Bonnie" 23 m.

Well, we didn't think we could have a better dive this weekend but as fate would have it ...we did! After we had explored the "seal - cave" and reef we wandered back toward the anchor to find 3 huge bull-nose rays cruising close to our ascent point. Geoff and Steve found a small Banjo Shark asleep so Geoff picked him up while he lay gently in his arms. After this we saw one of the bull-nose rays closing in on a big fish and gorging himself briefly on the poor unsuspecting thing and then he left as quietly as he came.

Absolutely, the best weekend we've had for a while and a great social weekend as well!

NORAH HEAD

Sat/Sun - 15 th/16 th February.

Cancelled due to bad weather.

What's Next

CLEAN-UP AUSTRALIA DAY!

Sunday 1st March

* MEMBERS PLEASE NOTE:

This day was listed in the calendar as a bushwalk to South Era Beach. Due to the fact that the clean-up day was allocated to this date the bushwalk unfortunately had to be cancelled and will be re-scheduled at a later date. Watch your newsletter for the ammended date!

Our club has been asked by the Official Campaign Committee to clean-up Jibbon Beach near Bundeena.

The official starting time is 8.00 am.

Please make sure you sign up before you start working.

Bring your diving gear as well as garden gloves and good footwear. If you want to make a great day of it, bring some lunch as it will be a good social day as well.

To get there (if you don't have a boat) you can come by ferry or drive around through the National Park.

Hope to see you there!

TIMS WEEKEND AWAY

Sat and Sun - 7th/8th March

One of our members, Tim Rigg is organising an unscheduled dive weekend for the club.

We will be camping at the Bonnie Vale Camping area (see map) and have 4 sites booked for the weekend from Friday night to Sunday. The number's of these sites are 18,19 & 11T, 12T.

The camping fees are \$1.50 per person per night. Underwater scooters have been booked for the weekend but there is a limitation on batteries so if you want to have a go ring Tim for a booking as soon as possible.

We will be diving for 2 days with 'Cat Dive', and Les will be picking us up from the beach at Bonnie Vale. For those who would like to have a night dive on Friday night please ring Tim as soon as possible for a booking.

Cost \$20.00 per dive.

For further information and bookings please phone Tim on (H) 546-6246

JERVIS BAY

Saturday & Sunday 14/15th March

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: \$70.00 for three dives

For bookings and 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.

Coming Up

NIGHT DIVE CLOVELLY

Friday 20th March

Meet at Clovelly Pool (end of Clovelly Road) at 8.00 pm. Check your torch is working OK before the dive.

Gear for Sale

One U.S. Divers occi \$50

Phone Carol (H) 811177 or (W) 3182055

PORT HACKING

Sunday 29th March

Cost \$20.00 (one dive)

At our February meeting we celebrated the 19th Anniversary of the foundation of St George Scuba Club with a special dinner.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all our members who have supported us over the years and made us such a successful club.

It's a good feeling to be able to dive with people you feel safe with and to be able to make diving enjoyable and non-stressful.

Hope to see you at the next dive or maybe just come along to our next club meeting at

Georges River Sailing Club

Wednesday 18th, March at 8.00pm

*** Guest Speaker**

Our special guest speaker for March will be Dave Ireland from Cronulla Dive. Dave will be showing films and talking about the making of his film "Crocodile Man". - *Should be lots of fun!*

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MARCH '92

Last Month

We would like to extend our thanks to Dave Ireland who gave us his time at the March Club Meeting to show us slides of the making of his movie 'Crocodile Man'. Everyone was fascinated by Dave's experiences on location and for those who are interested in seeing more the film will be showing on "The World Around Us" on Channel 7 within the next 2 weeks!

'AN EVENING WITH REG LIPSON'

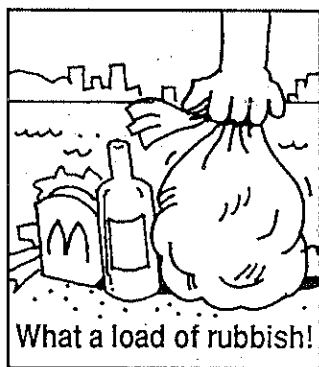
Thurs 18th February - Budapest Club

Reg Lipson is always an entertaining and interesting speaker. His subject was the reproductive habits of marine life of which he has a great depth of knowledge. Very worthwhile night for those who attended.

CLEAN-UP AUSTRALIA DAY

Sunday 1st March - Gibbon Beach

We had reasonable membership support on this very hot first day of Autumn. There appeared not to be too much garbage in the bay so workers concentrated on the beach and the bush just behind the fence. After one hour more than a dozen bags were filled and then picked up by the official barges during the day. We also had lots of support from the general public who had come down to the beach for the day ranging



from young children to mum's, dad's grannies - everyone wanted to help. *Special thanks to Keith Philpott who did all the co-ordinating with the Official Campaign Organisers to make it such a successful day.*

BONNIE VALE

Sat./Sun. 7th-8th March

This turned out to be a great social weekend, however due to bad sea conditions diving wasn't what we'd hoped for. We had four dives with Les and this included a night dive on Saturday night. Lots of people came along on Saturday afternoon and we barbequed and socialised until late. Everyone loved the camping spot Bonnie Vale which was right at the beach and of course with the added advantage of not having far to drive home it was unanimous that we should do it again soon.

Very special thanks to Tim Rigg who organised the weekend on behalf of the club and also to Les Caterson who made his boat available to us for the whole weekend.

JERVIS BAY

Sat/Sun - 14th-15th March.

Great weather both days. Best dive was at 'The Docks' with 60' vis and lots of big swimthru's. This place is apparently a good spot to see Grey Nurse Sharks which had been sighted by other divers there earlier in the morning.

'Boat Harbour' was the afternoon venue. John Gordon told us the story about the Angel Shark they sighted which after some prodding and

poking (and being somewhat annoyed) managed to swim up a rock wall and launch itself about one foot into the air - flip back into the water and swim off! ...Must be the reason why it's called an Angel Shark I'd say...! On Sunday morning divers went to the east side of Point Perpendicular to a place just north of 'Wall Street' diving at about 18-20 metres with vis about 30'-40' they explored new bommies and swimthru's.



What's Next

PORT HACKING

Sunday 29 th March

Meet at Dolan's Bay Wharf at 11.00 am - bring a picnic lunch as we will be going back to Jibbon Beach after the dive.

Cost \$20.00 (one dive)

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

Coming Up

CURRARONG

Friday 17 th to Monday 20 th 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.

Tanks can be filled at the caravan park.

Cost: \$80.00 for four morning dives (afternoon dives extra).

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TENNIS & BBQ AFTERNOON

Saturday 2nd May

This will be held at the Wran Leisure Centre at Gundaroo Road Villawood. Courts are booked for 3.00 pm till 7.00 pm.

The Centre has an indoor heated swimming pool, volleyball courts, squash courts and a full gym for those who choose to improve their fitness in other ways or simply to fill in between matches!

There are also B B Q facilities and a picnic area so BYO meat and drinks and have a great healthy afternoon. Keith and Liz have made their home available for refreshments after the game for those who want to discuss their scores.

The club will be subsidising the night so why not be a good sport and come along for a fun-filled afternoon. For bookings please ring Keith Philpott on (H) 825 3735 or (W) 764 8212 or one of the committee members.

TERRIGAL

Saturday and Sunday 16th/17th May

Cost \$60.00 (three dives)

Further details and bookings at the April Club Meeting which will be held on Wednesday 15th April at Georges River Sailing Club 8.00pm.

APRIL '92

It was great to see Al and Jan who joined us at the March Club meeting to say farewell to old friends before setting off for their next voyage to the Barrier Reef and ultimately the coast of Africa. We all enjoyed a home video Al and Jan made showing some of the places they had visited and they talked about some of the advantages of being "*at one with the sea*"!

The club would like to wish them all the best for a safe and successful trip.

In the next few months, as an addition to the newsletter, we will be publishing letters they have written about their adventures.

Last Month

NIGHT DIVE - CLOVELLY

Friday 20th March

Weather was fine but the south easterly swell made it difficult to dive in the pool so the venue was changed the south end of Watsons Bay near the pylons.

Although vis was still limited they encountered porcupine fish, pike fish, fantail leather jackets lots of octopus as well as a white anglerfish.

A great spot for photographers with an easy entry and exit!

PORT HACKING

Sunday 29th March

Les took divers to Osbourne Shoals as the seas did not permit diving at any southerly locations. Schools of red morwong and a bleakers devil fish were seen. Tim managed to bring up an anchor and thanks to the seas Beydon managed to bring up something a little less useful. An amorous cuttlefish followed the divers back to the anchor. We are still wondering which one of the divers won his heart!

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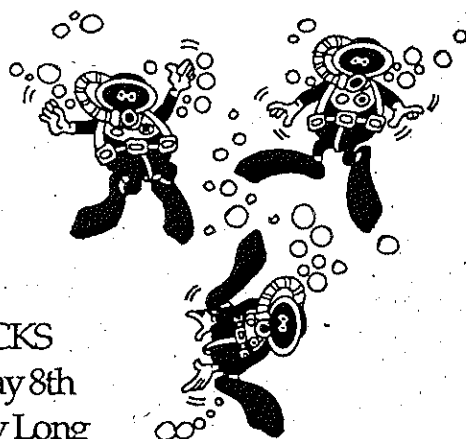
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MAY '92

Well, winter is here but that's no reason for you to put your dive gear away until next summer! Winter is the best time to go for a dive as the water is generally clearer than in the warmer months. We have some great dives coming up so why not pull out the wetsuit and top up your tank and book yourself on a dive by simply phoning one of the committee members now!

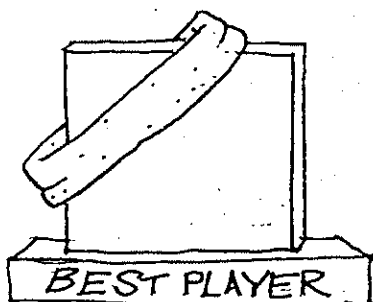
Last Month

TENNIS AND B.B.Q. NIGHT

Sat. 2nd May

Wran Leisure Centre - Bass Hill

Everyone arrived about 4.00 pm and the Scuba Club Tennis Bash was away. The level of professionalism left a lot to be desired but determination ruled supreme. This was manifested in the presentation of awards prepared beautifully by Keith Philpott.



The Brat's
Headband

*Presented to Geoff
Awarded for courage, skill and determination
whilst playing in the rain.*

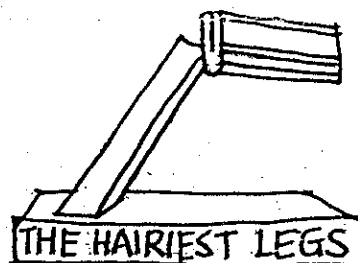


(Navratilova's
Ball)

*Presented to Margaret
Awarded for patience and keeping cool for
having to play with Geoff in the rain!*



*Presented to Judy
Congratulations Judy, you little sexpot -
we are not surprised!*



*Presented to Gary
Congratulations Gary - we know you were
disappointed at not getting "Best Bum"
- perhaps next year!*

After the game we all herded off to Keith and Liz's for a bit of socialising and a B.B.Q. dinner. A great afternoon.

TERRIGAL -

Sat./Sun. 16th-17th May

Unfortunately this was cancelled due to lack of support. At present Foggy's Cave has a record number of sharks residing (about 28) and the seas are calm and clear.

What's Next

FORSTER/SEAL ROCKS

Sat. 6th-Mon. 8th June

(Queens Birthday Long W/E)

We will be staying at the "Suncoast Caravan Park" (Ph: 065 546 591) on Friday, Saturday and Sunday Nights.

Directions: Suncoast Caravan Park is located on the Western side of "The Lakes Way" approximately 2 km south of Forster Post Office.

Cost: \$100.00 for four dives (including dives at Seal Rocks subject to weather conditions).

Tanks can be filled between dives at the dive shop at Forster. We will be diving with the "Fisherman's Wharf Dive Shop"

(Ph: 065 547 478 - Ron Hunter)

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

Coming Up

KIAMA -

Sunday 28th June

Cost: \$40.00 (two dives)

Bookings commence at the June Club meeting and afterwards by phoning Geoff Sanders.

FORT DENISON

Saturday 11th July

The boat will be leaving from Jetty No.6, Circular Quay at 1.45 pm.

Cost: \$8.50 - Adults

\$5.50 - Children

The tour is approximately 2 1/2 hours. For bookings phone Keith Philpott on 825 3735.

South Pacific Divers 1992 Australasian Underwater Photographer of the year.

SAT. 25TH JULY 1992

Revesby Workers Club

Brett Street Revesby 7:30 pm

Cost: \$18.00 per head

This is a popular fun filled night of entertainment which comes around once a year. It is a "diving highlight" for film makers and photographers. During the evening there will be guest speakers, some short films and of course the award winning photo's and videos from amateur photographers from all over Australia.

Tickets are going quickly! Don't miss out!

If you want a ticket please phone John Gordon on 570 5590.

Tims' Weekend II (The Sequel)

Tim Rigg is organising another dive weekend away which is not on the club schedule.

We will be going to Palm Beach on Saturday morning and meeting Les Caterson with his boat. From there we will have 2 dives - possibly Long Reef - "The Wall" and "The Valiant".

We will then be going over with Les to set up camp at Currawong Beach overnight and diving again on the Sunday.

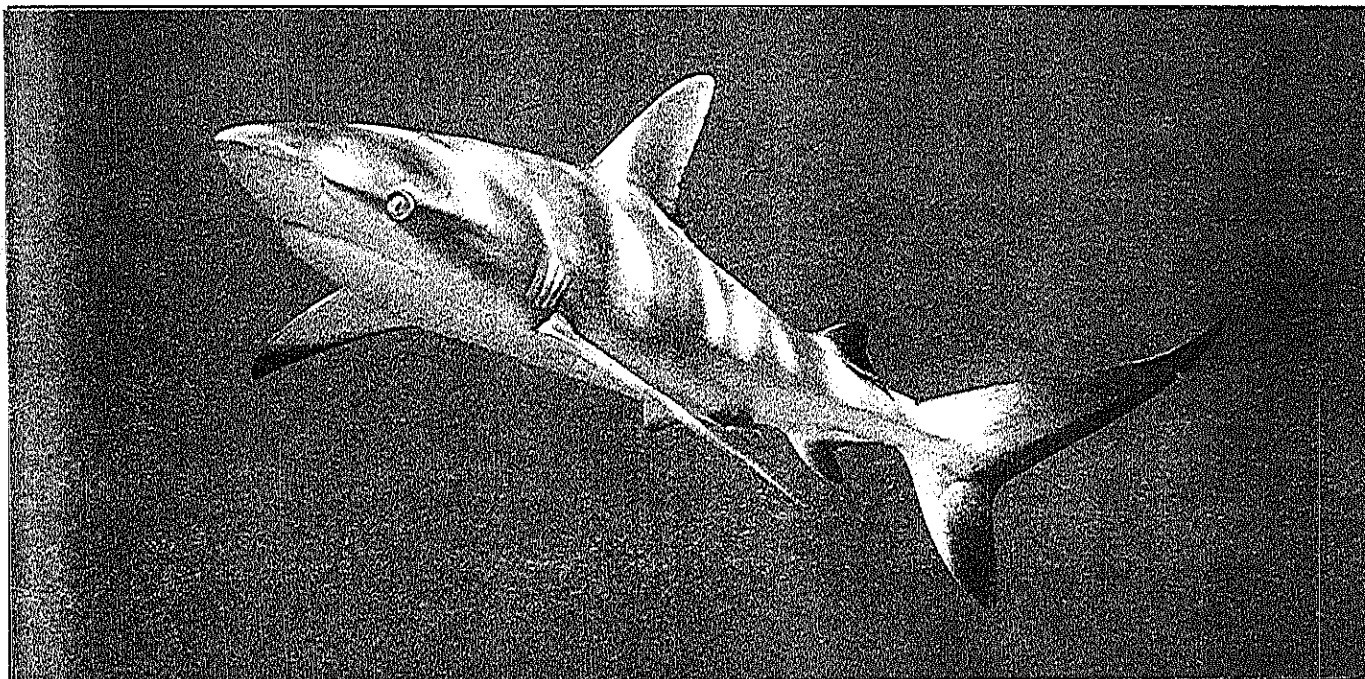
More details will be available in next months newsletter however if you are interested in booking please phone Tim Rigg on 546 6246 as soon as possible.

*The next meeting will be held on
Wednesday 17th June at
The Georges River Sailing Club*

8.00 pm

18 July - Party night - 6pm

JUNE '92



Last Month

SHIPROCK

Sunday 25th May

We had a good roll-up for the dive with 11 club members attending.

Visibility wasn't memorable or the water temperature for that matter, however we still saw lots of marine life and some beautiful coral.

Geoff got a bit cold waiting for Bill Harrison to join him however he warmed up very quickly when he leaned on a numb ray.

John Gordon was keen - he went for a record time of 1 1/2 hours in the water.

FORSTER-SEAL ROCKS

Queens Birthday Long Weekend
6th-8th June.

Well Divers! - for those who contemplated going on this trip - *eat your heart out!*

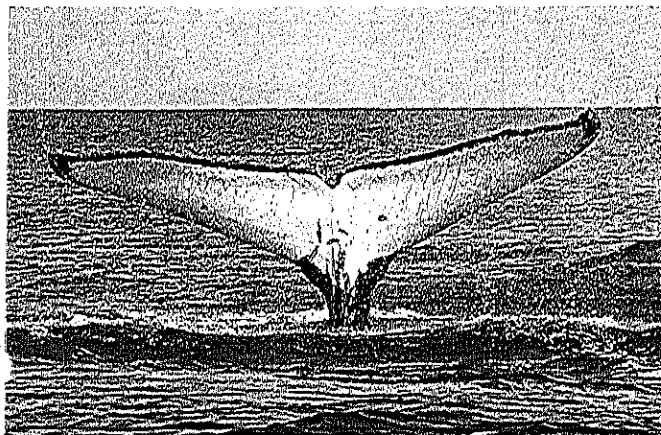
This would have to have been the best weekend diving in the last 2 years.

On Saturday morning we went to the south end of Big Seal - the sun was shining, seas flat, water was 21c and no current.

Divers made a free descent over the shark grotto and to our amazement found ourselves looking at a mass of up to 40 Grey Nurse sharks. *Wow - what a sight!* Sharks ranged from 5'-6' up to 9'-10'. We observed the sharks for about 35-40 mins with

visibility about 70'.

In the afternoon we again travelled out to Big Seal as the conditions were so fantastic, but this time we went to the northern end. We stayed at about 15-16 metres and swam along the shelf where we discovered port jacksons, grey nurses, some very large pufferfish and beautiful coloured soft corals.



The best is yet to come!

On Sunday we had just one dive! We left the beach at Seal Rocks with Forster Dive & followed dolphins part of the way to a spot known as "The Labyrinth". This is just around from the lighthouse and is part of a rock outcrop from the mainland.

To find the "gutter" we had to descend to 15 metres and follow the wall east until we came to 2 huge rock walls running vertical to the surface about 2-3m apart.

From this point the marine life opened up. With visibility of about 70', we saw Grey Nurse sharks, a Bull Nose Ray, then a 4' Sea Turtle, Port Jackson sharks, shovel nose crays, a medium size lionfish, a pipefish, as well as heaps of morays, lots of very large pufferfish and boxfish, banded shrimp and baby cuttlefish.

As if this wasn't enough we all climbed back in the boat still hallucinating from the fantastic experience only to find that 3 humpback whales had just passed us. We quickly up anchored and caught up with the beautiful mammals, then watched them as they surfaced for about 5-10 minutes before we returned home..

Monday we went to "Spot A" out of Forster. Divers were surrounded here by thick schools of shimmering fish as well as seeing the unusual Magpie Morwong, Moorish Idols, Tropical butterfly fish and masses of sea hairs covering the bottom.

What's Next

KIAMA

Sunday 28th June

Meet on the eastern side of the Kiama Harbour at 10.00 am. We will be diving with "Harbour Seasports" (Ph: 042 323 510 - Terry Anderson). Bring a picnic lunch.
Cost: \$40.00 for two dives.

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

Tims' Weekend II

Sat.-Sun. 4th/5th July

Tim Rigg is organising another dive weekend away which is not on the club schedule. We will be leaving for Palm Beach on Saturday morning with Les Caterson on Cat Dive from Port Hacking. We will have 2 dives - possibly Long Reef - "The Wall" and "The Valiant" on the way up.

We will then be going over with Les to set up camp at Currawong Beach overnight and diving again on Sunday on the way back.

If you are interested in booking please phone Tim Rigg on 546 6246 **AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!**

**Divers please note!*

*Duane Yates will be conducting an
ADVANCED OPEN WATER
dive course in August.*

*Any members who are interested
please phone Duane on:
529-3575 (H) or 879-6522 (W).*

FORT DENISON

Saturday 11th July

The boat will be leaving from Jetty No. 6,
Circular Quay at 1.30 pm.

Cost: \$8.50 Adults, \$5.50 Children

The tour is approximately 2 1/2 hours.

For bookings phone:

Keith Philpott on 825-3735

Social Night - Club Party

Saturday Night 18th July

This will be held at Keith Philpott's house
at: 25 Norman Avenue, Hammondville
starting from 6.00 pm.

Members are asked to bring a plate but it is
important to book with Keith or Liz so that
you can find out what to bring!

Phone Keith or Liz on (H) 825-3735 for
bookings and further information.

Coming Up

WRECK DIVE (CENTURION)

Sunday 26th July

Cost: \$22.00 (one dive)

LONG REEF (THE WALL)

Sunday 16th August

Cost: \$22.00 (one dive)

BUSHWALKING WEEKEND IN THE
BLUE MOUNTAINS

Saturday & Sunday 29/30th August

Cost: \$20.00

(two nights accommodation in cabins at Blackheath)

Membership Renewals

**MEMBERSHIP FEES ARE NOW
DUE!**

The completed membership forms together
with the fee of \$10.00 can be sent directly to
Geoff Sanders at 19 Flide Street, Caringbah
2229 or brought to the next club meeting.

• *At our July Club Meeting John
Gordon will be showing us some of his
slides on the Solomon Islands.
This meeting will be held on Wednesday
15th July at the Georges River Sailing
Club at 8.00 pm.*

NOTE: At our August club meeting we
will be showing the film of "Nullabor
Dreaming", -the expedition to the
underground caves on the Nullabor

JULY '92

Many thanks to John Gordon for his excellent slide presentation on the Solomon Islands at our July club meeting. John showed us images of the social as well as diving aspects of these fascinating islands and also gave us some idea as to what to expect for the dollars you spend. John will be submitting some of his photos in this years 'South Pacific Divers - Photographic Awards' on 25th July - all the best John!

Last Month

KIAMA

Sunday 28th June

Unfortunately this dive had to be cancelled due to bad weather.

TIMS WEEKEND NO. 2

Sat./Sun. 4-5 th July.

Unfortunately this weekend had to be cancelled also due to unforeseen problems arising from my business.

However, everyone is still very keen to re-schedule the trip in about 6-8 weeks so if you are still interested don't hesitate in ringing Tim as it will help us to re-plan this potentially fun-filled weekend.

FORT DENISON

Sat 11th July

18 members gathered at Wharf 6, Circular Quay and climbed on board the ferry to Fort Denison.

On arrival the guide began a very interesting tour which lasted approximately 1 1/2 hours. At times it was a little crowded but the views were great.

Interesting Facts:

- Originally Fort Denison was a rock island called "Pinchgutt" which stood twice as high as the 75' flag pole presently in place. The island itself was carved down to a level of 15' above sea level and the stone was used as land fill at Circular Quay (then called Semi-Circular Quay).
 - The tower is 3 levels high and contains 3 x 32lb cannons which cannot be fired because they are too close together.
 - The tower walls are 3m thick at the top and 4m thick at the bottom.
 - The stone used to build the Fort was quarried near Kirribilli Point and transported across already cut.
 - The Fort was named after Governor Denison, Governor at the time of construction.
- A great day was had by all!

John Gordon.

What's Next

WRECK DIVE (CENTURION)

Sunday 26th July

(See special article on page 2)

We will be diving with "Dive Centre Manly"
(Ph: 977-4355 - Joe Ellams).

Meet at Watson's Bay Wharf at 9.00 am.

Cost: \$22.00 (one dive).

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

LONG REEF (THE WALL)

Sunday 16 th August

A great dive in about 24 metres of water.
We will be diving with "Dive Centre Manly"
(Ph: 977-4355 - Joe Ellams).

Meet at the Collaroy Basin Boat Ramp at the end
of Anzac Avenue, Collaroy Beach at 9.00 am.

Bring a picnic lunch.

Cost: \$22.00 (one dive).

For bookings, phone Geoff Sanders.

Coming Up

BUSHWALKING WEEKEND IN THE BLUE MOUNTAINS

Saturday and Sunday 29/30 th August

Cost: \$20.00

(Two nights accommodation in cabins at Blackheath)

RESTAURANT NIGHT

Saturday 5 th September

SHELLHARBOUR (BASS POINT)

Sunday 13th September

(Shore dive with BBQ lunch)

Membership Renewals

MEMBERSHIP FEES ARE NOW DUE.

The completed membership form must
accompany the \$10.00 fee.

They can be sent direct to Geoff Sanders at
19 Flide Street, Caringbah NSW 2229, or brought
to the next club meeting.

Dive Courses now Available for:

AUGUST

PADI ADVANCED OPEN WATER DIVER

Incorporating: Natural Navigation, Compass
Navigation, Night Diving, Search and Recovery,
Multilevel Diving, Deep Diving.

The advanced Open Water course is also a great
opportunity to brush up on your diving skills if
you are feeling a little rusty.

*All this for only \$200**

*(does not include diving equipment, but hire can be
arranged for a modest amount for duration of the course).
Pre requisites, PADI Open Water Diver or equivalent.*

SEPTEMBER

PADI RESCUE DIVER

The Rescue Course is a challenging, but very
rewarding course where you learn how to handle
a wide variety of diver's problem situations,
ranging from a panicking diver on the surface, to
an unconscious diver on the bottom. Participants
invariably report greatly increased confidence
arising from knowing how to respond to and
prevent potential difficulties.

\$200 (diving gear not included).* Prerequisites are
Advanced Open Water Diver. You need to obtain
a certificate in CPR (Cardio Pulmonary
Resuscitation) before you can be certified (can be
obtained from St John Ambulance or Red Cross
First Aid Courses).

OCTOBER

PADI OPEN WATER DIVER

Maybe you know someone who is interested in
learning to dive? Classroom academic modules
covering diving theory, development of diving
skills in a pool, and experience of 5 dives in the
open ocean. Internationally recognised
certification.

*Only \$250, includes hire of SCUBA equipment,
wetsuits, weight belts.*

If you or anyone you know may be interested in
any of the above, please contact me for more
details. Please note however, that I will be away
(diving) from 1st July to 25th July, so I won't be
able to reply to you until after then.

Instructor-Duane Yates

**Discounts may apply to St George SCUBA Clubmembers for
Advanced and Rescue Courses.-Advanced 10% - Rescue 20%*

*At our August Club meeting we will be showing the
film by Andrew Wight on 'Nullabor Dreaming' -
about the expedition to the Parnikin Plains Cave Dive
in 1988.*

*This film is a fascinating look at what real cave diving is
all about. Andrew (who is one of the most exciting and
experienced cave divers in Australia today), takes you
through the narrow passages of one of the deepest and
longest underwater systems in the world right through
to the breathtaking climax of a natural calastrophe.*

DON'T MISS IT!

WRECK OF THE BARQUE CENTURION

On the morning, Sunday 16th of January, 1887, the Barque Centurion under tow out of the sheltered waters of upper Sydney Harbour, bound for Newcastle, ran ashore near Old Mans Hat North Head and within an hour was lying on the bottom, a total wreck, in approximately 18 metres of water. A tragic ending to a grand ship with a fine record.

Built by Walter Hood and Sons of Aberdeen, Scotland in 1864, the Centurion, a wooden clipper ship of 1004 tonnes measured 63.3 metres in length, 10.6 metres wide and 6.4 metres in depth was constructed mainly for the London to Sydney trade and made some very fast sea journeys. On her maiden voyage it took only 69 days to come out from England and many times when wind and seas were running the Centurion sailed better than 776 kilometres in 24 hours.

Clearing customs late Friday afternoon, the 14th of January 1887, Captain and crew prepared to leave port. She was under command of Captain Charles Taylor and left Walkers Wharf, Dawes Point, at 1 o'clock Sunday in tow by the tug boat Phoebe. At time of departure, a strong southerly wind was blowing, seas were running moderate with light rain squalls.

Both vessels passed safely down the harbour but when rounding South Reef, the barque Manhegan was sighted anchored midway between the Heads leaving very little room for manoeuvring a ship of Centurion size, particularly with a strong south wind blowing. Just as they were level with Manhegan, a very heavy rain squall blew across the harbour, reducing visibility to almost zero.

Captain Sutherland of the Phoebe stopped his engines and went astern for fear of collision. With slackening rope the Centurion began to drift towards rocks on North Head. She let go an anchor in an effort to hold but had no effect whatsoever. She stuck rocks between inner and outer North Head near Old Mans Hat a short time after.

"We come up to a small tug towing at the Manhegan, which was stationery between the heads with two anchors out. My tug just managed to clear the other tug by about 9 metres then we turned south but as soon as I did the Centurion lost steerage-way. The other small tug then let go and went astern of the Manhegan. Gradually the Centurion went down the Manhegan quarter side and drifted away to leeward until the Phoebe was dangerously close across the bow of the Manhegan.

"My tugs engines were then stopped and sent full speed astern, and in this way we succeeded in clearing the Manhegan. In the meantime, the Centurion was slowly but surely dragging itself onto rocks. The tow rope slackened, and she went right ashore bumping heavily on rocks near the mainmast and canted over on her beam end. The pilot steamer Captain Cook which had been in attendance with the Manhegan rendered assistance and immediately came to the rescue of crew which seemed in imminent danger."

With regards to the Manhegan, it appears that she left the Harbour on Saturday evening under tow. When she got between the heads at 8 o'clock, it was blowing very hard from the southward and as the tug did not seem to be holding the vessel and there was a good probability of her going ashore at North Head, Captain Poulson let go both anchors right between the Heads and they held. Blue lights were sent up for assistance and in response the pilot steamer Captain Cook came out and with the other tug kept towing at the anchored Manhegan in order to remove the strain from her anchor chains.

Rope used for towing caught around the propeller of the tug Phoebe but she managed to get herself free and into a position to drag the already damaged Centurion off the rocks, then proceeded to tow her into calmer waters. She only remainder there a short time however, sinking in about half-an-hour from striking the rocks.

They were in this position when the Phoebe and Centurion came alongside.

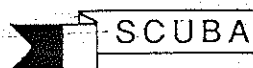
Captain Creer of the pilot steamer states that after rescuing the crew of the Centurion and taking them on to Watsons Bay, he returned to the Manhegan and remained by her until 8 o'clock in the morning when a second tug came to help and towed the vessel safely into Watsons Bay.

At one time the pilot steamer, owing to the wind had to let go her anchor with 82 metres of chain, but it was lost in a short time. The wind at the time the Centurion struck was blowing very hard from south to east to south again and a very heavy sea running in Sydney Harbour Heads.

At the Marine Board of Enquiry that followed a short time after the sinking of the Centurion, it was stated that the Board's findings were: that the wreck was caused from stress of weather and from the accident in the channel at the entrance to Port being partially blocked whilst she was under tow to sea, and that no evidence upon which to found a charge of default against the master of the Centurion or master of the tug.



*Our next meeting will be held on
Wednesday 19th August
at Georges River Sailing Club
at 8.00 pm.*



Saint



George

CLUB

P.O. BOX 357 CRONULLA NSW 2230

AUGUST '92

Last Month

CENTURION WRECK

Sunday July 26th

7 Divers from the club attended.

Manly Dive Boat picked divers up from Watson's Bay wharf and arrived at site on low tide with very poor vis (3ft) so venue was changed to the 'Gap Reef' just north of the 'Dunbar' wreck site. A little surge but we had about 30ft vis and lots of Port Jackson sharks.

LONG REEF (THE WALL)

Sunday Aug 16th

Only 2 starters - so dive was changed to Signal Station south of the 'Gap'. Swim throughs, caves. Recommended by Bayden as a future dive site.

SOUTH PACIFIC FILM NIGHT

Saturday July 25th

A good night was had by all. Several good videos on wrecks and cave diving were shown. Michael Cufer was placed 'Top Ten' in the open section and John came 16th in the novice section. Tony Karacsonyi was also placed in the 'Top Ten'.

PARTY AT KEITH PHILPOTTS' PLACE

About 20 people turned up and we all had a great night. Many thanks to Keith and Liz for all their work and their hospitality.

What's Next

BUSHWALKING WEEKEND IN THE BLUE MOUNTAINS

Sat & Sun 29/30th 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. (off Govett's Leap Road) Blackheath is approximately two hours drive from Sydney. All cabins have a separate bathroom and posses their own cooking facilities, fridge, crockery, cutlery, blankets and a doona on each bed.

Suggestion: a small electric fan heater would be useful in the cabins.

Lakeview is next to the Blue Mountains 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 Bridal Veil Falls, Evan's Lookout, Anvil Rock, Wind Eroded Cave, Hanging Rock. Hargreaves Lookout offers spectacular views of the valleys which surround blackheath.

Mount Blackheath 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), Mermaids Cave (30 mins), Perry's Lookdown - Blue Gum Forest.

Cost: \$20.00 (two nights accommodation)
For bookings or further information, please phone Geoff Sanders on 526-2424 (H) or 211-2499 (W).

RESTAURANT NIGHT
Saturday 5th September

Mongo's Restaurant

444 Rocky Point Road, Sans Souci

Time: 7.00 pm • BYO

\$16 SET MENU - 3 COURSES.

Please phone John Gordon if you wish to attend!
Booking is for about 20 people but need to know numbers - ASAP.

SHELLHARBOUR (BASS POINT)
Sunday 13th September

Turn off at Shellharbour and follow the signs to Bass Point. Meet at the main gate at 9.30 am.
Bring some food for the BBQ after the dive.

Coming Up

PORT HACKING -
Sunday 27th September

Cost: \$20.00 (one dive)
Bookings will commence at the September club meeting and afterwards by phoning Geoff Sanders.

MONTAGUE ISLAND
Saturday 3rd to Monday 5th October
(long weekend)

If you want the chance to dive with some very friendly seals, then join us on this weekend.
The cost of \$85.00 covers three nights accommodation at Malua Bay and two dives at Montague Island on the Sunday.
Local dives will be organised for Saturday and Monday at Malua Bay.
Bookings will commence immediately and must be made by 9th September.
A deposit of \$40.00 is required by the September Club meeting. (no deposit - no go)
For bookings or further information, phone Geoff Sanders.

Membership Renewals

Membership renewals are now overdue.
This newsletter will be the last one sent to unfinancial members. The completed membership form must accompany the \$10.00 fee, and can be sent to Geoff Sanders at 19 Flide St, Caringbah 2229

Annual 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 16th September at the Georges River Sailing Club.

Gear for sale:

AQUASEA 20mm wide angle lens to suite
Nikonos 35mm lens, plus view finder.
Aquasea 9" Macro lens for Nikonos.
Contact Duane Yates (W) 879 6522
(H) 529 3575

Best realistic offers!

BUSHWALKING WEEKEND IN THE BLUE MOUNTAINS

Sat. and Sun 18/19th August

We will be stopping in cabins at Blackheath on Friday and Saturday nights. The cabins are in the "Lakeview Holiday Park", Prince Edward Street, Blackheath (off Govetts Leap Road)

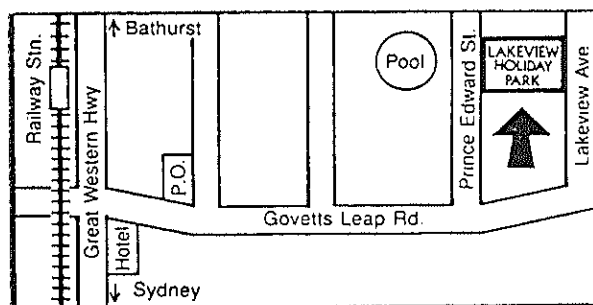
Ph. (047) 878 534. Blackheath is approximately two hours drive from Sydney [see map].

All units have a separate bedroom 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 Mountains National Park with easy access to bushwalks, lookouts and waterfalls.

What to Bring:

- 1) Comfortable shoes for walking
- 2) Warm clothing
- 3) Sleeping bags
- 4) Pillow slips
- 5) Towels
- 6) Food

(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 Wind Eroded Cave, Hanging Rock, plus Hargreaves Lookout where the visitors can obtain spectacular views of the valleys which surround Blackheath. There are a number of interesting arts and craft as well as antique shops at Mount Victoria. Tea Houses which serve delicious hot Devonshire teas (freshly baked scones, blackberry jam and fresh 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 1/2 hrs), Porters Pass and Centennial Glen (2 1/2 hrs), Mermaid's Cave (30 mins.), Perry's Lookdown/ Blue Gum Forest/ Perry's Lookdown.

COMING UP

WRECK DIVE (DUNBAR)

Sunday 26th August

Cost: \$20.00 (one dive)

BROUGHTON ISLAND

Sunday 16th September

Cost \$30.00 (two dives)

SOCIAL ACTIVITY Saturday 1st September (details to be announced)

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.

JOHN & VICKIE MONTGOMERIE:

Most of our members are aware that John and Vickie have moved to New Zealand to live. As long term members of our club, we are sure that they would like to hear from some of our members. They can be reached at the following address:

Hamilton Road, RD4, Waiuku, South Auckland, New Zealand (Ph: 0011 648 531 124)

SEPTEMBER '92

Last Month

BUSHWALKING IN THE BLUE MOUNTAINS

Sat./Sun. 29th-30th August

Keith & Liz, Ian & Annie, Linda, Peter & Robert attended our once a year trek to the great Aussie outdoors.

Everyone had a big social night on Friday night to prepare for the heavy day ahead.

Saturday found them at the very popular Grand Canyon Walk - a very beautiful and relatively easy walk. After having a relaxing Saturday night at a local restaurant with more members arriving, the walkers decided to take up the challenge on Sunday of the Giant Staircase at the scenic railway. However - it was decided the walk back up was a little too hard on a Sunday afternoon so the railway ultimately won!

MONGO'S RESTAURANT

Saturday 5th September

As usual our social events seem to be always well attended - 20 members in fact turned out to try Mongo's BBQ with a difference.

We started with some light entree's such as marinated chicken wings, pate and bickies etc. For the main course we all went down to the kitchen to choose from a selection of meats, seafood, vegetables and sauces with which we all filled our own bowl which had been given to us. These bowls are then taken to the BBQ and stir fried then served at the table. After the main meal

we had a selection of sweets and coffee.

Great value for \$16 and we had our own room too!

A.G.M

At the September meeting the AGM was held and of course the general elections for the committee.

The newly elected committee for 1992-93 is:

President: Carol Scrimshaw

Vice President: Ian Champion

Treasurer: Geoff Sanders

The positions of Secretary & Assistant Secretary are still open and we will be calling for nominations at the October meeting which will be held on Wednesday 21st October at the Georges River Sailing Club at 8.00pm.

What's Next

PORT HACKING

Sunday 27th September

Meet at Dolan's Bay Wharf at 11.00am.

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

Cost: \$20.00 (one dive)

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

MONTAGUE ISLAND

Saturday 3rd to Monday 5th October
(Long Weekend)

As there are over 600 seals at Montague Island at present, it is a great time to join our club trip this coming long weekend.

The cost of \$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 bags • Food • Pillows • U/W torches.

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 road). Travel along this road for approximately 12.5km and turn left at the "Caltex" garage into Kuppa Avenue, Malua Bay.

The accommodation is called "Malua Bay Inn" and is located at 4 Kuppa Avenue, Malua Bay (Ph: 044 711 659 - Gordon Poidevin). On Saturday and Monday, we will be diving with Malua Bay Dive Shop (Ph. 044 711 858)

For bookings or further information, phone Geoff Sanders).

Coming Up

BROUGHTON ISLAND

Sunday 1st November

Cost: \$50.00 for two dives
(includes hire of tank for 2nd dive)

NIGHT DIVE (CLIFTON GARDENS)

Friday 13th November

ATTENTION DIVERS

MANUFACTURERS WARNING ON FAULTY TANKS

The following letter was sent to one of our members after his tank went in for testing at a local dive shop!

THE ABOVE MENTIONED CYLINDER HAS BEEN FOUND TO HAVE CRACKED IN AND AROUND THE INTERNAL NECK AREA. THIS CRACKING PROBLEM IS COMMON IN ALLOY CYLINDERS WITH SERIAL NUMBERS STARTING WITH THE PREFIX A, B, C, D, E, F, X, OR Y. DURING THIS TIME OF PRODUCTION THE MANUFACTURERS CHANGED SOME PRODUCTION TECHNIQUES WHICH RESULTED IN INTERNAL CRACKING WITH SOME CYLINDERS. THESE CRACKS MAY ONLY SHOW UP AS THE CYLINDER GETS OLDER.

AT PRO-DIVING SERVICES WE HAVE SPECIALISED EQUIPMENT TO ASSIST IN IDENTIFYING THIS CRACKING PROBLEM, AND WE HAVE DECIDED TO SEND THIS CYLINDER BACK TO THE MANUFACTURER FOR A WARRANTY REPLACEMENT.

WE ARE AWARE THIS MAY CAUSE SOME SLIGHT INCONVENIENCE TO CUSTOMERS HOWEVER WE ARE IN THE BEST POSITION TO HANDLE THESE CLAIMS. EACH WEEK WE SEND OUR COLLECTION OF CRACKED CYLINDERS FOR WARRANTY CONFIRMATION. THEY WILL EITHER SEND A NEW ONE OR SEND THE ORIGINAL CYLINDER ENOUGH TO CLAIM A

OCTOBER '92

Last Month

PORT HACKING

Sunday 27th September

This dive was cancelled due to lack of support

MONTAGUE ISLAND

Saturday was fairly quiet with Geoff being the only one to have a dive at Malua Bay. On Saturday night everyone enjoyed eating at the new Pasta restaurant nearby to prepare for the big day with the seals. Divers set off early Sunday morning for Narooma. Weather was overcast but "hooray" the 'bar' was flat! The sea conditions out on the island were a little rougher than usual and there was a bit of a current, so this meant a drift dive was the best option in these conditions. There were other larger charter boats wanting to dive that day but unfortunately they couldn't let their divers into the water because they were too big and couldn't get close enough to the Island.

The visibility was pretty good and water temperature about 14°C. John Gordon was there with his camera and took lots of great close ups of the seals who seemed to be not in the least bit camera shy - *...we will look forward to seeing these at a later date!*

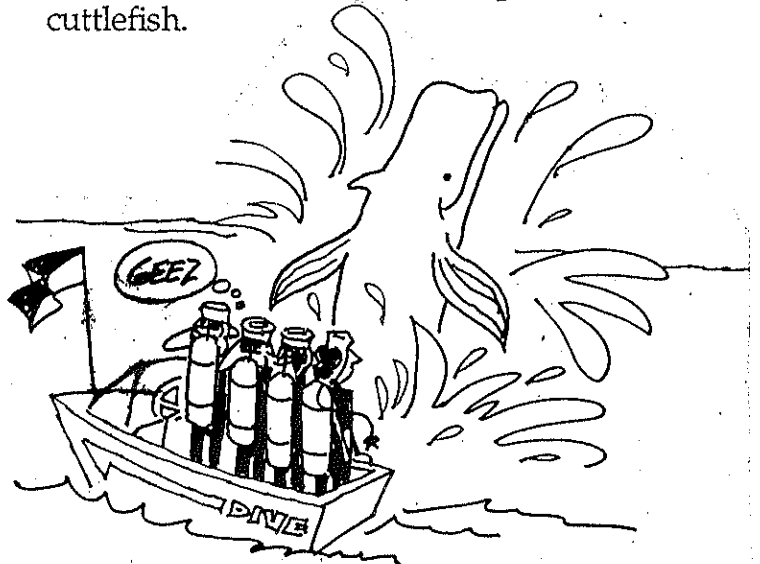
Geoff noticed the seals congregating on the surface and decided to try and get in on the action. To his surprise the seals accepted his presence and stayed with him playing and

bumping into him. - trust Geoff to have another extraordinary dive!

The boat operator, Darryl, now holds a permit to take tourist's onto Montague Island. and as it is the 25th year of the formation of National Parks and Wildlife Association he thought it would be appropriate to give our group a free tour of the Island.

They visited the lighthouse and the lighthouse keepers cottages. Inside the cottage there was a well dug out from solid rock which was used to collect rainwater. The children who lived on the island were educated by the famous "Broken Hill - School of the Air". There was also a small graveyard for a small child who had died there because residents were unable to attract assistance in time.

The second dive on Saturday was in a sheltered inlet on the western side of the island near the jetty. The water was clear and divers sighted brown banded morwong, a really big ray, octopii, eels and cuttlefish.



On the way back from the dive Darryl radioed to their boat that there were 2 Humpback whales close by, so they turned the boat around - back out through the bar and arrived just in time to see one of the whales breaching.

ARE YOU INTO FITNESS?

Robert Mapstone is organising a cycling day.

The route is known to be very easy and is suitable for any level of experience. No date has been set as yet but if you are interested please phone Robert so he can get an idea of numbers and organise a time! Don't be slack! get fit for summer and phone Robert today on (H) 520 5346 or contact any committee member.



What's Next

BROUGHTON ISLAND
Sunday 1st November

We will be camping at the Bardouroka Caravan Park (ph. 049 811 473) at Fingal Bay on Saturday night.

Please Note! It is the responsibility of club members to pay his/her own camping fees.

On Sunday we will be diving with "Action Divers" (ph: 049 812 491 - Anne) and their boat will be leaving from the charter boat wharf at 9.00 am.

Cost: \$50.00 for two dives
(includes second tank)

For bookings or further information, please phone Geoff Sanders on (h) 526-2424 or (w). 211-2499.

On Saturday we will be diving at Catherine Hill Bay (Tank Dive and snorkelling).

Directions: Take the Newcastle Exit from the Freeway. Meet at the Catherine Hill Bay turn-off at 11.00 am. This turn-off is approximately 16km North of Doyalson traffic lights along the Pacific Highway and opposite the Cams Wharf turn-off. Tanks can be filled at Swansea after the dive. Bring a picnic lunch as there are no shops in the vicinity of the dive site.

NIGHT DIVE (CLIFTON GARDENS)

Meet at the start of the access road into

FRIDAY 13TH NOVEMBER

Clifton Gardens Reserve (off Morella Road) at 8.30 pm. Check your torches are working OK before the dive.

Contact person for the dive is Carol Scrimshaw. Please phone Carol on 81 1177 if you intend diving to check on exact meeting place and for those interested we may grab a bite to eat before diving!

Coming Up

JERVIS BAY

Saturday and Sunday 28th/29th
November

Cost: \$70.00 for three dives

We will be diving at new dive sites outside the bay - *weather permitting*.

Bookings will commence immediately by phoning Geoff Sanders.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Saturday 5th December

Our Christmas Party this year will take the form of a BBQ party held at Carol & Rodger's home at 6/22 Collingwood Street, Drummoyne. The club will be supplying all meat, salads and nibblies. BYO drinks and those with a sweet tooth may like to bring their own favourite dessert. Further details in next months newsletter. All members and friends welcome!

Membership Sub Committee

A Sub Committee has been formed to help promote the club and increase membership.

We would be pleased to hear from club members if they have any ideas, or they would like to help on the sub committee. Please contact any of the following sub committee members:

Robert Mapstone (520-5346)

Ian Champion (529-4914)

Beydon Sherwood (743-2796).

We need your help!

*The next meeting will be held on
Wednesday 18th November at
The Georges River Sailing Club
at 8.00pm*

See you there!

**Tim Rigg will be organising another weekend away, (similar to the Bonnie Vale weekend which was so successful) in the new year with our own boats this time. Members interested please contact Tim so he can get an idea of numbers and enable him to confirm a date.
You can contact Tim on: 546 6246.*

NOVEMBER '92

Last Month

BROUGHTON ISLAND
Sunday 1st November

6 Divers arrived at Nelson Bay charter wharf on Sunday morning. We had a quick run out to Broughton Island on flat seas with no wind and weather was overcast. Conditions were perfect for diving "The Looking Glass" so we decided to enter the cave from the western end. There was a slight surge through the narrow section about half way through however, the vis was still about 40'. On the way through we saw lots of small fish, groper and morwong. and to top this dive which is always so much fun we saw a huge bull ray with a span of about 4'.

After a short break and some coffee to warm us up our skipper suggested the bubble cave might be a good venue for the second dive and just to make sure we were at the right place he promptly grabbed a tank, mask and fins bravely disappeared into the cold water *wearing only swimmers!*

We were all much relieved when after 5 mins he returned with a smile and we knew it was time to gear up again.

The cave itself is only in about 12 metres of water and cuts into the rock about 100' with a cathedral type ceiling. At the end we rose up into the air pocket which was quite large and fits about 6 divers at a time. It was like a small underwater lake. We all exchanged

a few jokes then descended back into the cave and swam back out through the entrance and continued our dive.

CLIFTON GARDENS - NIGHT DIVE

This dive was cancelled due to heavy rain and rescheduled to Friday 11th December. Ring Carol for details -
(W) 560 8000 or (H) 81 1177



DIVE CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY Saturday 5th December

Our Christmas party this year will be held at Carol and Rodgers home at:
6/22 Collingwood Street, Drummoyne
(see map).

Time: 5.30 pm onwards

Club will supply all the food. All you have to bring is your drinks and some dessert if you have a sweet tooth.

Please phone Carol at work on 560-8000 or home 81-1177 to confirm you are coming.
All friends welcome. See you there!



**Note: There is no right turn into Lyons Road from Victoria Road!*

Coming Up

JERVIS BAY

Sat and Sun. 28th/29th November

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

Our diving will be with the "Jervis Bay Dive Centre" (044 415 255 - Phil Power).

Tanks can be filled between dives.

All dives will be outside the bay - weather permitting.

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

Cost: \$70.00 for three dives

For bookings or further information, please phone Geoff Sanders on:

526-2424 (H) or 211-2499 (W)

NIGHT DIVE - CLIFTON GARDENS

Friday 11th December

Phone Carol for details.

GORDON'S BAY

Sunday 10th January 1993..

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