



# NEWSLETTER

P.O. Box 453 Hurstville South 2221 NSW

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## Presidents Report 2006

### General

I am happy to be able to report on another excellent year for St George Scuba Club. The membership stands at 84 according to my latest listing and there may have been a couple more since then. This year we have had people joining the club from farther a field. This may be through reputation, recommendation or just better promotion by the club. Whatever it is, it is very encouraging.

We now have four members' boats which are regularly used on club events. On behalf of the members I would like to thank the boat owners for the service they provide. I'd also like to thank everyone who has contributed raffle prizes during the year.

The club is in excellent financial shape and remains practically asset-less. It also remains independent of any dive business and is funded entirely by the members. Politically, as a club and as individuals we are frequently called upon these days to provide submissions on various diving related topics, particularly 'parks and sharks' issues. Thanks to everyone who has taken the time to submit a response.

The indemnity insurance costs which looked like being the death of many small social clubs around the time when I became President now seems to be under control. Thanks to Dave Vandervelden for the work he has done and continues to do on behalf of the club in this regard.

We have a first class technicolour news letter thanks to Jason, our Editor and a first class website thanks to Michael. These facilities are only as good as the contributions made to them so thanks to everyone who has submitted articles and photographs to either of these and please keep them coming.

Finally I'd like to thank the committee for all the work in organising events, both diving and social and the non-committee members who have also organised events throughout the year.

## Annual General Meeting

The AGM was held on 20<sup>th</sup> September and saw a number of changes to the committee.

The new committee for 2006 - 2007 are:

President	Kelly Jandik
Vice President	Philip Rose
Secretary	Elly Caterson
Treasurer	Mark Ridsdale
Ass. Sec. Treas.	Eddy Ivers.

Newsletter Editor Jason Coombs

A very big thank you to all of the outgoing committee members for their significant contributions to the club:

Steve Shaw  
Carol Mapstone  
Les Caterson  
David Vandevelden

Les finally retires after about 15 years as Treasurer!

Philip Rose will continue as the Vice President.

I'm sure you will all join me in welcoming the new committee and endeavour to support them in their roles on behalf of the club.

## Presidents Report Continued

### Activities

We have had another very active year with up to three calendar events in some months. Members have been very active, reporting on many private dives every month and the club meetings continue to be very well attended

We have had diving events outside of Sydney at Eden, Solitary Islands, Wollongong, Port Stephens (Girls weekend) Jervis Bay, Forster and Bass Point. We participated in the SCAN weekend at Shellharbour.

We have had wreck dives scheduled on the Malabar, Royal Shepherd, Bombo and the Hilda plus the regular deep dives to the Undola, Tuggerah and others.

Local boat and shore dives have been held throughout the year and the Thursday night dives continue to be well attended. We have also had a 4WD/diving weekend at Stockton Beach/Swansea and a ski weekend in the Snowies.

Socials have included the Anniversary Dinner, and Christmas and Australia Day BBQs. The weather has generally been favourable for diving throughout the year which has contributed towards to another great year for the club.

I chose not to stand for re-election after four years as President. (The First Lady was not happy about this decision because it means she loses her clothing allowance!) I'd just like to thank all committee members both past and present for the support they have given me over this time.

After twenty six years continuous membership, I have to say that this is a fantastic club to be a member of and to represent. I wish the new committee and the club every success for the coming year.

**Steve Shaw**  
**Outgoing President**

## Social Evening 23 September 2006

Here are some photos from the recent social evening courtesy of Peter Trayhurn.



More Photos from the social evening!



## REGULAR EVENTS

### Monthly Meetings

The next meeting of the St George Scuba Club will be held on 18<sup>th</sup> October 2006 at the St. George Rowing Club, 1 Levey Street Wooli Creek at 8.00 pm. Come along about 7 pm and enjoy a meal at the bistro.

Winners of the raffle at the last meeting were:

John Prior (1st)

Dave Burns (2nd)

Thanks to Graham Poole and David Vandervelden for their donations.

At the October Club meeting we will be deciding on a date for our Annual Dive Calendar Planning Night, to be held at the St George Rowing Club. Please check your diaries (particularly Boat Owners) for the upcoming weeks, so that we can find a date that suits most.

Calendar planning includes setting dates for monthly club dives, week-ends away, over seas trips, social events such as Christmas and our Anniversary, to name a few. Consider what events you would like to participate in over the next 12 months and consider any events you may be able to organise.

### Thursday Night Dives

These are still very popular, with up to 10 members attending each dive in recent months.

If you are interested in coming along, let Michael McFadyen know via email [Michael.McFadyen@environment.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Michael.McFadyen@environment.nsw.gov.au) and he will add you to the night dive email list.

Night dives will run right through winter every Thursday night (weather permitting).

### UP AND COMING EVENTS

#### Boat Diving – School Holidays

30<sup>th</sup> Sept – 15<sup>th</sup> Oct 2006

Crew required for diving -any day possible over the school holidays Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September - 15<sup>th</sup> October.

Please contact John Beddie at home Ph. 9820 4272.



**Shore Dive – Oak Park****8<sup>th</sup> October 2006**

A shore dive is planned for Oak Park at Cronulla. Please contact Dave Burns for details ph. 9531 4403.

**Boat Dive – The Colours****15<sup>th</sup> October 2006**

A boat dive is planned for The Colours leaving Rose Bay wharf. Please contact Dave Vandervelden for details ph. 0414 240 992.

**Boat Dive – The Duckenfield****29<sup>th</sup> October 2006**

Be quick to claim your spot for this club dive to the wreck of the Duckenfield.

Located off the northern beaches in 25 meters of water this wreck has a large boiler, engine and other small trinkets to explore.

Boats will leave Rose Bay wharf at 8am with morning tea at Clifton gardens after the dive. Contact Kelly on 9558 8181 or e-mail.

**Boat Diving – Ulladulla****11<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> November 2006**

3 spots vacant. Cost approx. \$165 for 4 dives and 2 nights accommodation.

Those that have booked already are reminded that a \$50 deposit is now required - bring to October dive meeting please.

Further inquiries to Philip Rose on ph.9543 0748

**SCAN Day Boat Diving – Botany Bay****26<sup>th</sup> November 2006**

Location: Frenchman's Bay (around the corner from Bare Island) see map below.



Time: Earlier the better

Diving: Local diving by club boats

Food: Provided for but bring own drink, desserts, cups and utensils (Ray, fingers not allowed.)

Air: Nearest Dive Shop is Sydney Dive Academy at Matraville, just up Bunnerong Road at Matraville shopping centre.

A reminder email will be sent about 10 days before actual day itself.

If you want more info please contact:

David.Burns@energy.com.au

**OTHER NEWS****2006 - An Ocean Odyssey****Friday 17 November 2006**

After an absence of a few years, DIVE Log and Sportdiving are putting on another night of noted underwater adventurers.

The night will be held at the Clancy Auditorium, University of NSW, on Friday 17 November 2006. Guest speakers will include Jean-Michel Cousteau, Phil Nuytten, Ron and Valerie Taylor and Bob Halstead.

From experience, all of these speakers are quite interesting and worth hearing. Cost of tickets is \$16.50. As well, there are some trips to PNG to be won as door prizes.

Michael McFadyen is putting together a group of St George Scuba Club members to attend. If you are interested, please email Michael by 6 August and give him your money at the next opportunity so he can purchase sufficient tickets. Michael can be emailed at michael@michaelmcfadyenscuba.info.

## Tide Times for October 2006 (Fort Denison)

Due to a glitch I have been unable to update the tides. However Michael has put them on the website.

### The Committee for 2006 – 2007 is:

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