

Feb 24th (Wednesday) * O WEEK *** We need helpers for the club stand at Clubs and Societies day. From about 10am to 2pm. If you can help for even half an hour, please let Jeremy know beforehand.**

March 4th The next **Club Meeting** 8pm, ANU Union (upstairs) Welcome all of the new members (from O week). This year we thought we show Luc Beeson's (maker of The Big Blue) latest film "Atlantis". Just great underwater photography set to music. (No dialogue to worry about).

March 13/14/15 (Canberra day weekend)
Eden

What's at Eden you ask? Two sunken tugs (great dives), an underwater tunnel, some great shore dives from Green Cape, and all of Twofold Bay. (Lots of seedy weed dragons). Eden will never be warmer, so try it now. Last year we dived here and carried out a night dive on the Tasman Hauler. A great dive and dolphins swam metres away from the boat in the moonlight as we returned.

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For the future (Easter perhaps)

If diving in warm tropical seas and lounging around under palm trees for a week excites your fancy, then head off to North Queensland or overseas. But if you want to dive one of the best dive sites on the New South Wales coast for 6 days for between \$120.00 and \$140.00 (ex-Port Stevens) and you are prepared to camp and be self-sufficient for the 6 days then try this trip.

The club has organised and carried off successfully an annual pilgrimage to Lady Musgrave Island and we thought we'd try a similar trip but to a place closer to home. Transport of fuel, compressor, water, inflatable boat and diving gear, camping gear and food will be from Port Stevens (just north of Newcastle) and each person should cater for themselves foodwise and provide their own camping gear. Sharing of cars to and from Port Stevens will be arranged, with a sharing of costs.

The price will include all tank fills, boat trips, camping, (club gear will be available free of charge as for all club dives) and contributions towards transporting the compressor and the inflatable. Each person will be responsible for their own camping

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gear (sharing tents should be arranged), and their own food (some fish can be expected to supplement whatever we take), and transport to and from Port Stevens (Nelson Bay) from Canberra (on a share basis about \$30.00 - \$40.00 return per person for petrol).

Phil has been planning this one for a while, but needs a certain number of people to make it worthwhile. So if you're interested, ring him ASAP to let him know.

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Even more in the future:

******MUSGRAVE ISLAND 1993******

The club's classic camping trip is on again.

Undeterred by the GBRMPA's latest efforts to make camping here impossible (no fires or generators, and even shorter hours for the compressor), we will return for another gourmet camping/diving trip.

Listen to this.....

"...just enough time to swallow a small jaffle and a beer before the whales came back again. We rushed to the Zodiac so that we could follow them. We missed the whales, but we met the dolphins again...we met a huge Manta ray which stood with us for at least 5 minutes. It was an incredible feeling to see it glide over us and I was happy to know it was harmless. Back to the anchor we started to return to the boat when a beautiful reef shark came to say hello. It was just swimming around us with an incredible speed. It is one of my best memories...A rescue expedition was organised and Rod saved the boat by making a crazy drive to the lagoon....Another dive at Guacamole Cave the following day, a final dinner, and it was a hilarious walk bringing the compressor onto the beach. The end was here... Just let me say that it was a fantastic holiday, without any stress of civilisation. The only problem I have now is to find the money and extend my visa, so that I can go back to Lady Musgrave Island next year." [Eric Wenger, Sept 1991]

(Returning this year was even better!! The food, company and diving were outstanding.)

*******July 8-20th. Cost \$500-550*******

Reservations have commenced (call Jeremy). Deposits will be taken from financial members next May in order of reservation (then open slather!)

GEAR ISSUE AND RETURN

(Thursdays only unless you arrange otherwise)

*****Remember, people will only attend if you contact them beforehand*****

Also, try to contact people at home. They need to work during the day to support their diving.
(Steve's the exception!)

<u>Eric Wenger</u>	<u>Steve Harding</u>	<u>Kristina Sands</u>	<u>Michelle Karas</u>
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3/12/92	10/12/92	17/12/92	24/12/92***
7/1/93	14/1/93	21/1/93	28/1/93
4/2/93	11/2/93	18/2/93	25/2/93
4/3/93	11/3/93	18/3/93	25/3/93

*** The issue prior to XMAS may be earlier than the 24th - organize this with Jeremy

In an emergency (only) call Jeremy.

Equipment Rules - Tanks - Vests - Regulators

The ANU Skindiving Club has several sets of SCUBA equipment, purchased and maintained with a combination of Sports Union grants and Club generated funds. This equipment, stored in the **relocated** ANUSC gear store next to the Sports Union recreation office, is subject to constant and demanding use so the following rules have been formulated in the interests of all club members, of the Sports Union, and of the issuing and maintenance officers.

- 1) One set of gear is provided only to qualified divers who are current members of both the ANU Skindiving Club and the Sports Union. Persons not known to the issuing officer may be asked to show their Sports Union card and may be checked against the list of current members.
- 2) Gear is available free of charge on club dives - subject to a deposit (currently \$10), refundable when the equipment is returned on time, complete and unabused, clean and with the **tanks full**. Borrowers are not guaranteed exclusive use and may be required to share with other club members on a dive.
- 3) When not required for club purposes, equipment may be hired for private use at a fee of \$20 per set, plus the usual deposit. Equipment is for the support of diving as a club, and is not available for private use when a club outing is scheduled, regardless of however many sets appear to be spare. The club does not accept advance bookings for the use of equipment.
- 4) **Note that Sports Union staff do not have a key to the club storage room and do not accept gear for return.** If you leave returned gear at the office you must expect to lose your deposit.
Equipment may be borrowed and returned around 5:30 pm on Thursdays, via the rostered issuing officer, **who attends only on request**. In order to allow everybody fair access gear **must** be returned by the Thursday following the week of issue.
- 5) The member signing for gear remains fully responsible for it until it is signed back in. Negligent loss or damage will be treated in accordance with current policy of the Club and the Sports Union, which retains ownership of all club equipment. Borrowers are expected to keep track of all gear issued to them, particularly on dives where it is shared.
- 6) **To avoid damage, please remove jacket vests from tanks before transport.** After use wash ALL gear in fresh water, rinse out vests internally, and return them half-inflated. Hose down your tanks and tank boot. **Ensure that the dust cap is tightly fitted to the reg before soaking. Water in the reg will damage it and can result in total failure of your reg or gauges. Apart from the danger to you or other users, this costs us lots of money to replace.**

In the interests of safety and to avoid inadvertent re-issue, all faulty gear must be labelled as such on return, AND reported personally to the gear maintenance officer.

Gear Maintenance Officer: Steve Harding - phone 251 3134 (w)