

was quite nice. Saw lots of little fish, an eel, abalones, soft coral etc.

An early morning dive was planned for Thursday, well an after breakfast dive anyway. But, there was trouble with the boat again, and Peter ended up going to town to get a part. Then SMASH for him. So, not a great weekend for Peter. Speaking of mishaps, there is more to tell, Jeremy and Jann copped a stone chip in their windscreen, Eric managed to flood his beloved camera, Kim landed a cold and was unable to dive, and Chuck didn't even get to the coast as he had trouble with his car.

Things could only improve. AND they did. Thursday afternoon we ended up taking both boats out for a dive. As all the dives have become somewhat of a blur I will just give you the highlights. We managed to find a beautiful spot, just off from the lighthouse at Greencape. There were cliffs running everywhere, covered in soft corals. I also managed to see three seals, one which was really close, a 2-3 metre long wobbygong, a cave full of port Jacksons (over 20 of them), eels, heaps of fish, and on and on. Basically some of the best dives I have ever done on the south coast. I also dived the tug on the last day when we drove the boat back to Eden. This is the first wreck I have dived, and I loved it. It was like being in space, with no gravity. The whole boat is just covered in daisies (sea anemones? [jewel anemones- Ed]) of many colours. It was beautiful.

The night life was also pretty good. I didn't drink much else than coffee to stay awake. Oh, and of course a bit of wine with the fondue, but others made up for me. Robyn and Kris had a few one particular night providing some entertainment. Sitting around the campfire yarning, or listening to Robyn were common events. The night of the full moon, Jeremy, Robyn, Siggy, Kim and I perched ourselves on a cliff which looked out to sea. It was a excellent night. On the Saturday night we all trotted off to Eden for dinner to celebrate Jeremy's birthday. After dinner Eric, Siggy and I visited a pub, went to the club and played a bit of pool, then went home to sit around the camp fire and drink more coffee.

Combined with a few bushwalks, swimming in the ocean, etc, I would say I had a great weekend, and to finish it off, a nice big iced chocolate at Cooma!

February 23

O-WEEK

CLUB stand for Clubs and Societies Day

We need some volunteers to sign up the club's major influx of members. As always, the club must have new members to maintain its existence, and the Sports Union grant each year depends on the number of members we have on our books. Just an hour telling fresh new members how great diving is.

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CLUB MEETING

Monday 28th February

8pm

Karmel Room No. 3

(up the

stairs, directly above the Union bar)

A club meeting to welcome the new members for 1994, and to plan their first weekend away. Do come along and help introduce new members to the club.

March 5/6

Burrewarra

Some of the easier diving locations around Burrewarra Pt., Black Rock, Broulee etc. This is an introductory weekend for new club members. I would request that those with an interest in welcoming new members into the club to come along and buddy either novice or rusty new members.

Probably camping at Broulee C'van Park or a van if enough demand.

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Canberra Day weekend

March 19/20/21

Tathra

This is largely unexplored territory for many of us although these are some great dives to be had. Come and discover something new. Depending on the weather and numbers, we might make a small trip further south to Mimosa Rocks N.P.

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Easter

April 1/2/3/4

Montague Is.

We were going to go up to Seal Rocks but Michelle wasn't able to book Neal's house. So we'll get a chance to try one of our favourite spots, Montague Island. The Grey Nurses are back in force now, so we can guarantee a toothie or two (harmless) as well as the great dive sites (huge walls, massive schools of fish, great soft

corals) that Montague is so famous for. There even should be a few dozen seals still around. Staying at Mystery Bay, a NP&WS style camp site.

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ANZAAC day weekend

April 23/24/25

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 great night dive on the Tasman Hauler. This year we'll make sure no charter boats push us off the moorings! Come along and find out the elusive marks (*which* green patch in Eden?) for the tugs.

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MUSGRAVE ISLAND

THE

GREAT

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July 4-19

If you haven't heard of this magic holiday ask us! Apart from gourmet camping and classic diving, there is the chance to watch Humpback whales (last year we saw one suckling it's calf!), turtles galore, the chance to learn more than you ever wanted to know about gear repair, and generally 2 weeks of sitting on the tropical sand, diving 'sometime after breakfast' and having G&T's at sunset while the rest of Canberra shivers with the winter. You should do this at least once in a lifetime, but be warned - you may never be the same again!

This is a group (22 people) camping trip which WE all run so if something needs to be done YOU do it. We take ~10 tonnes of gear by cars up to Gladstone where we collect our pre-ordered shopping, make sure we've got limes for the G&T's and enough beer to trade with passing prawn trawlers (one year we traded a case of beer for 12 Kg of HUGE green prawns), then load everything (and I mean everything...-3 boats, compressors, moorings, kitchen marquee and stoves and gear plus all of the food and fuel, then camping and diving gear for 22 people!) onto a boat we charter then 10 hours later we ferry everything by our small boats onto the Island and set up camp for 2 weeks. Only 50 people can camp on the Island at one time so we've only got 28 potential neighbours. You can walk around the island in 15-20 minutes, but to go around the fringing reef by boat will take around an hour (it's a big fringing reef with lots of dive sites we've worked out over the years). There is also another island a few kilometres to the Nth. (Fairfax Is.) and a underwater reef (Stewart shoals) ~15 k's from the base camp.

This is a popular trip so book early. We keep a list of financial members declaring their interest and then give the first 22 a chance to pay a deposit by early April. When some of these drop out (some always do), other members can then sign up in order of their place on the list. Then it's open slather!

Cost: ~\$550 includes everything except transport to and from Gladstone, your private stash of beer or wines, and your own camping & snorkelling gear. Then you can do as much diving as you can manage.

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EQUIPMENT RULES

TANKS - VESTS - REGULATORS

The ANU SCUBA Diving 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 SCUBA Diving 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.**
- 7) **NEVER EVER leave tanks or hoses or vests in your car in the hot sun.** **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: Eric Wenger - phone 2493641 (w) 2546874 (h)

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.

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28/4/94	5/5/94	14/4/94	21/4/94
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23/6/94	30/6/94	9/6/94	16/6/94

In an emergency (only) call Jeremy (h) 2547502, (bh) 2495051.