

ANU SCUBA DIVING CLUB
NEWSLETTER
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Your SCUBA club

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WOTS BEEN
HAPPENING?

"The bureaucracy rolls slowly on and our promised double boat garage on North Oval inches closer." We told you that in February and it's still true. The plans have now been approved and building is to commence within 2 weeks. We expect the 'clubhouse' to be ready by the end of the month, and to celebrate we will have an opening BBQ/working bee on Saturday the 4th of June.

Roll up from 10 am. BYO everything, although we might have some cold beers available at \$1.50 /can (to slowly pay off the proposed fridge).

We've done a fair bit of diving since the last newsletter. Eden was BIG, with over 25 of us down there and 60 boat dives and some shore dives run. Sadly nobody could be conned into writing about it so you'll just have to come and try a night dive on the tugs yourself to realize that it is one of the ultimate diving experiences on the South Coast.

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The Diving Calendar
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May 14/15

Kioloa/Brush Is.

Always a great area for diving. If you're a bit rusty there's shore diving at Bawley Point, or if you're keen to go there's always the 'current drop-off' - a great wall dive - and the old boiler (if Eric can find it). Great sea life, and a great section of coastline to relax next to. If the seas are rough there's Pidgeonhouse to climb, or a stroll along the beach to the excavated midden on the coast next to Brush Is. Great meals are also available at the Bawley Point Resthouse.

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June 4th

Canberra

BBQ/Working Bee/ Club Shed opening

Our new edifice on North Oval (just across Barry Drive from the tennis courts) is finally going to be up. Be a real part of the club and come along for some maintenance and some celebration.

June Long Weekend

June 11/12/13

Jervis Bay

The proposed Marine Park. There should be some great sites dived, and some big dives contemplated. (Stoney Creek is on if the conditions are suitable). Get your computer in training for this one. I would like to camp at Greenpatch (hot showers) but I can only book for those people who tell me one month in advance

that they will be there. Others will have to take 'pot luck'. Ergo: ring now!

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CLUB MEETING

Thursday May 26 th 8 pm

We will discuss what the next diving calendar will be (so bring along your ideas), see some neat underwater slides, then those who wish usually go for a beer.

Karmel Room No. 3

Up the stairs, directly above the Union bar.

MUSGRAVE ISLAND

**THE
GREAT
BARRIER
REEF
July4-19**

There may be one (1) (!!!) position still left for this trip. We can't guarantee anything, but if you are interested, **LET JEREMY KNOW !!!!**

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 (or it can take all night), 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 an underwater reef (Stewart shoals) ~15 k's from the base camp.

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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WINTER JULY/AUGUST

If you're not on the reef or lucky enough to fly North for winter then some hardy souls actually dive. Conditions are generally good, with Westerly winds giving good seas and the water is usually very clear. If you want to dive through winter, then come to the club meeting in May and tell us. Of course, traditionally most of the club goes skiing in winter and emerges in September/October to go and see the seals at Montague Island.

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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23/6/94	2/6/94	9/6/94	16/6/94
21/7/94	30/6/94	reef trip	reef trip
11/8/94	18/8/94	28/7/94	4/8/94

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