

ANU SCUBA DIVING CLUB NEWSLETTER March 1995

This newsletter update includes two new dive trips and the details of the rescheduled beginner's and rusty divers weekend. The newsletter also includes some information about the impending Sports Union elections. ... so read on ...

SUPERB!
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Jindabyne was a complete buzz. We went exploring in the lost city and found a couple of priceless bottles. If we looked carefully we could see our hands waving aimlessly in the murk. We decided to dive in Blue Lake because we were already high. Four intrepid masochists and other faithful divers lumbered their gear up to Australia's highest diveable (?) lake. The 35-45kg packs that we had to cart in 7km and then out again gave us great pleasure. But we recovered quickly as we cruised along the pancake bottom of the near freezing glacial cirque. The adventure even allowed us to explore two mountains and demonstrated the high quality deco algorithms used in dive computers (ha ha ha).

Everyone arrived at Mosquito bay for the beginner's and rusty diver's weekend. A unanimous decision was made to postpone the weekend due to the extreme calmness of the water and the superb weather - it was definitely a weekend for drinking beer and doing the vacuuming. Some of us dived in the Moruya river for the submerged secret of life. You do require a hot plate and a wire brush for this dive.

1995 CLUB MEMBERSHIP

YES oh regulars! It's time to pay up for 1995. Other than the few who have joined since Xmas, everyone else has to renew their membership for 1995. That is, \$10 for non-full-time students, and \$5 for full time students. If you are not a student you must also be a paid up Sports Union member. You can pay the ANUSC treasurer c/- the ANU Sports Union.

Sports Union Under Threat.

THE THREAT:

This year a factional ticket has nominated for all of the Sports Council Positions. The people on this ticket are not known sports-persons or known to the clubs. We consider that this

factional ticket could be Student Association stooges who are out to gain control of the Sports Council. Particularly as William Mackerras, the known student politician, is on the ticket. William has recently stated that if elected he will vote NO for the Sports Union Pool Project (which is competing for Capital Development Levy funds with the SA's pet project). His policies or hidden agendas beyond that are not known, although we suspect that he would use the Sports Union as a pawn in Students Association-University battles. Nobody has returned our phone calls to find out how this ticket will vote on a range of other vital issues: 1) Funding to clubs, 2) Planned expansions to the Fitness Centre which will include an improved Dojo area.

WHAT TO DO? Make sure that you do vote, and make sure you vote for people who have demonstrated a commitment to fostering University Sports and Recreation. The election could be stacked by the factional ticket, so it is imperative that ALL SPORTS UNION MEMBERS vote (encourage your friends and associates to vote) . Your Dive club committee recommends that you

KEEP POLITICS OUT OF SPORT
and

Do Not Vote For The Factional Ticket.

VOTING: takes place on the 15, 16 and 17 of March, in the Sports Centre foyer between from 10am-2pm and from 4pm-6pm.

The Diving Calendar

If you want to come for a dive call early - one week before the dive is ideal.

March 18th - 20th
Canberra day weekend

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. Come along and find out the elusive marks (*which* green patch in Eden?) for the tugs.

Ring Jeremy Weinman **2547502 (h)**
x5051 (w)

March 5/6
Burrewarra Point

This time it will be truly excellent and we will delve into the bubble cave looking for Geriapopolous' wife. She's a big lady with fat blue lips and a few teeth.

This will be a good beginners and rusty divers weekend. We'll dive at some of the easier dive locations around Burrewarra Pt., Black Rock and Broulee. Remember, "easy" and "beautiful" are always synonymous where we go. In fact, I know an easy secret dive location in a strange place on Burri Pt where there are superb gardens and heaps of fish. This is an introductory weekend so come along and be a buddy. After some relaxed picturesque dives we'll have a good time with food, drink and socialising. We'll probably stay at Mogo Goldfields. It seems fairly well surrounded by bush so we should feel at home.

Ring Bill Keating **2570107 (h)**
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April 14-25
Easter-ANZAC Weekend Extravaganza

We don't often get two lots of public holidays so close together so we'll make good use of them. This is uni break so make the effort to get some great diving in. We'll start with Easter at Seal Rocks and then head north. No real plans... but there's lots to see and do up there. We'll then

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 in the green double garage on North Oval, 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

head back with the ANZAC weekend, probably around South West Rocks. This'll be a great trip so **let Phil know EARLY that you want to go**. Semi-tropical water, great beaches, Grey Nurses, Pinnacles, Fish Rock, top diving and a North Coast Lifestyle.

Ring Phil Herral **2976031 (w)**
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CLUB MEETING

Thursday May 11 **8.00 pm**
The Student Union (upstairs or downstairs)

This will be a club meeting to work out new dives, discuss new boats, talk about Musgrave and lots of stuff that other people know about. Come along.

May 20-21
Tathra

Eric reckons that Tathra is a hidden diving treasure trove. I think he said you can do an easy shore dive and see some of the best stuff on the south coast. I suppose that means things like big Gorgonias, soft corals and an abundance of groovy fish with the odd deranged tropical fish swimming the wrong way. The scenery is so good that Eric is talking about having underwater photography sessions with interested people. Maybe Eric will make us some Gluevein (a weird but tasty potent beverage for happy go lucky divers). Remember, this is a great alternative to spending the weekend looking after a baby.

Ring Eric Wenger **2494425 (w)**
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June 10-12th (Sat , Sun, Mon)
Jervis Bay

The water will still be warm blue people ...

Jervis bay is a top place for diving and nocturnal activities (night dives?). That arch in 40 metres of water is a pre-Christmas buzz to be remembered. Point Perpendicular, Bowen Island, Stony Creek, thick bush, great walks, good company, a healthy pub, a banded Morwong and the chance of sunshine; what more could we possibly desire ? The water will still be warm so come and dive, dive, dive.

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Union/Student card and may be checked against the list of current members. You can not borrow a 2nd set for a non-member,

- 2) Gear is available free of charge on club dives - subject to a deposit (currently \$10), refundable when the equipment is returned **the next week**, 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) 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. **If you don't ring a gear officer, or a club official if you can't contact one, to arrange return of your gear you must expect to lose your deposit.**
- 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.**
- 7) 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.**
- 8) **NEVER EVER leave tanks or hoses or vests in your car in the hot sun.**
- 9) **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 by the borrower.**

Gear Maintenance Officer: Eric Wenger - phone 2493641(w) 2487394(h)

GEAR ISSUE AND RETURN

(Thursdays only unless you arrange otherwise)

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

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