



# The ANU SCUBA Diving Club Newsletter



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# ANUSC

## February 1999

Hi (New and Old) Bubble Buddies!

Welcome to a bumper O-week ANUSC Newsletter packed with goodies! Check out who's on the ANUSC committee and meet them at next weeks general meeting (see this page). Consider upcoming divetrips, including the Lady Musgrave trip. Our two competitions are still running! We also have a number of contributed trip reports. See what your fellow ANUSC Bubble buddies got up to!

More information is available on our WWW site, including a dive calendar, a membership list and contact information.

Happy Diving!  
Harry  
Bubble Rag Editor.



*Kapitan Matthias and some eager divers. Eden.*

## ANUSC Post-O-week General Meeting 7:30PM Tuesday 2nd March

This is just a brief advance notice to help diary planning. I will send a more formal one with an agenda in an upcoming Email.

**Place:** Bridge Meeting Room, betwixt Sports Union and ANU Union

**Time:** 7:30-10:00PM on Tuesday 2nd March 1999

**Purpose:** Welcome new and old members, discuss upcoming dives, have fun, watch slides, etc. *Be there or be some sort of quadrilateral with equal sides!*

## ANU Scuba Club 1999 Office Bearers

### ANUSC Committee

**President:** David Power  
**Vice-President (Gear Officer):** Martin Tyson  
**Treasurer:** Jeremy Weinman  
**Secretary/Editor:** Harold Schranz  
**Boat Officer:** Peter Liston  
**Student Officer:** Rowan McMurray  
**Special Committee Member:** Jerry Keating

### ANUSC Officers

**Party Officer:** Bill Keating  
**Gear Issue Officers:**  
Martin Tyson, Sarah Whitfield, Ulrike Mathesius,  
Rowan McMurray, David Power  
**LMI Organiser:** Jeremy Weinman

## New Memberships and Renewals

All 1998 memberships expire on the 28th February 1999. Anyone joining after 1 January 1999 has 1999 membership (till 28 February 2000).

New/rejoining members will need to produce a current (1999) student card or Sports Union (SU) membership to be able to get their 1999 Club membership and membership card.

From this year, all Club membership fees will be taken either at our O-Week Stall, or at the SU counter. We are no longer set up for you to join at the coast or at the shed. Renewals via the SU through the mail are possible (but MUST include a photocopy of your 1999 student or SU card).

Membership fees are: ANU student (i.e. paid 1999 GSF) \$5; other 1999 SU members \$15.

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# Lady Musgrave Trip

Howdy Bubble Fiends!

As your 1999 LMI coordinator, I take pleasure in inviting EXPRESSIONS OF SERIOUS INTEREST for the Club 1999 Lady Musgrave Island (Great Barrier Reef) trip. If you want more info on this GREAT trip check out our web site at:

[http://student.anu.edu.au/Clubs/ANU\\_Scuba\\_Club/musgrave/](http://student.anu.edu.au/Clubs/ANU_Scuba_Club/musgrave/)  
The trip runs (on LMI) from the 4th to the 16th of July. This is smack bang in the mid year break. Naturally, we need to allow time to get to Gladstone and back and to travel from Gladstone to LMI and back.

## TIMES and DATES:

We will load at Gladstone marina during the afternoon of Saturday the 3rd of July, leave at 2am on the 4th to arrive and unload at LMI about noon that day. We load off the island at 9am on Friday the 16th July and travel to arrive and unload at the Gladstone Marina from about 7pm that day. So if you plan to take 2 days driving to or from Gladstone (usually about 16 hrs each way) you will need to have from Friday the 2nd (an early start) to Sunday the 18th of July available.

## HOW IT WILL WORK:

As we expect to get more punters than the 25 available slots on the island, we will adopt the following schedule

a) In February I call for expressions of interest (only serious ones please).

b) In March the committee meets and decides on the 1st round of offers on places for LMI 99. We have to take into account a number of factors here:  
who can tow a boat or trailer up to and/or back from Gladstone,  
who can give others a lift up to and/or back from Gladstone,  
who can drive boats,  
who has previous LMI experience,  
who can work on a compressor or outboard motor,  
who knows how to fix scuba gear,  
who has medical skills,  
who has contributed to the running of or has been particularly active in the club,  
**AND WHO HAS NEVER BEEN TO LMI BEFORE** (a very important category) so that we can select a trip that is 'balanced'.

- The people offered a place then have until sometime (to be decided) in April to pay their deposit (\$100). This deposit is **NON REFUNDABLE** if you pull out later, unless we are able to fill your spot.

- You **MUST** be a paid up 1999 ANU Scuba Club and SU member (ANU students are automatically SU members) to pay your LMI deposit.

- Those not offered a chance to pay a deposit at this stage will go onto the Member reserve list and the Non-member reserve list (we already have some members of other Scuba clubs interested here)

c) Once the first round of offers has been accepted or declined, then we offer those on the Member

reserve list the chance to reserve their spot with a deposit.

d) Past a certain time in May (yet to be decided) if there are any spots left unfilled by members (or if there are any emergency drop-outs we can not fill from the member reserve list) then we will fill our numbers from the non-member reserve list.

e) The final payment (which we expect to be \$500 to make a total of \$600) will then need to be made by a date in June which the committee will set shortly.

f) Remember this is YOUR TRIP. I am not the organiser, but I'm only coordinating things. All those going on the trip should expect that some organisational or gear preparation jobs will be farmed out to them in the month or so before the trip begins. We will have a working bee a weekend or two before the trip leaves Canberra so that we can get the boats, scuba gear and anything else we need into perfect order.

Hope to hear from a number of you real soon!

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## Waterways Licensed Boat Drivers Discount



*Our new boat with Kapitan Matthias and Chuck!*

During the 2nd Feb Committee meeting, we considered ways to encourage more licensed boat drivers in the Club. This is as it is a legislative requirement that all boats CAPABLE of doing over 10 knots are in the control of (being driven by or the driver supervised by) a licensed boat driver. Waterways NSW is the licensing body for our usage. The cost is \$75 for a 3 year Waterways Boat License + a one off testing fee of \$19. As we only wish to subsidise those who get their license and then use it driving club boats, it was agreed to institute a \$1 discount on boat fees for holders of Waterways licenses when they are in CONTROL of the vessel. This would mean that they would soon defray their license costs if they are well involved in the club.

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## Competitions Galore

All ANUSC members are invited to enter the exciting competitions described below which continue till the end of March! Winners will be decided by a vote by members. Links from our home WWW page have been added to aid navigation to our competition WWW pages.

### **Name the New Boat**

[http://student.anu.edu.au/Clubs/ANU\\_Scuba\\_Club/com/nametheboat/](http://student.anu.edu.au/Clubs/ANU_Scuba_Club/com/nametheboat/)

Our new ANUSC dive-boat (a yellow RIB 5.3 metre NAIAD) needs a name. As inducement to come up with a good name a competition is being held where the winner gets a weekend of free rides on our new big yellow dive boat. Some ideas include: *Big Bird, Pansy, Daisy, Pufferfish, and The SeaDragon*. So come on all you imaginative/creative types send ideas/votes for your preferred name to the Editor (preferably by Email).

### **ANUSC T-shirt competition**

[http://student.anu.edu.au/Clubs/ANU\\_Scuba\\_Club/com/tshirt/](http://student.anu.edu.au/Clubs/ANU_Scuba_Club/com/tshirt/)

Every Club worth its salt (*and we should have plenty of that! Ed.*) has a Club T-shirt. So to remedy this calamitous state of affairs, a competition to design an ANUSC T-shirt is being held with first prize being a free T-shirt (*and second prize is two free T-shirts! Just kidding! Ed.*). There are a host of possible designs related to diving in the club, e.g. involving underwater critters such as seadragons, sharks, scuba divers and pufferfish and even mermaids. (*dream on! Ed.*) It is just limited by your imagination (*and in my case, artistic talent! Ed.*).



*Design concept by Sarah Whitfield*

So come on all you artistic types, start sending in those ideas (preferably by Email) to the Editor.

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## The Pufferfish Legend

*Jason Haines*



As you all probably know by now, the Club has purchased a new boat. The boat was picked up from Brisbane and taken down the coast over the

Christmas-New Years break. A number of us did some great diving and gave the boat a good run in. The boat is very, very snazzy: it is very seaworthy, comfy and has plenty of grunt. It should serve the Club well for a number of years.

Anyway, the Club still needs to decide on a name for the new beast! Firstly, the boat is a yellow inflatable - pufferfish are yellow and inflatable - what could be more appropriate? Secondly, and more importantly, the Club has a history with Pufferfish. On Musgrave '96 one of our sometime-regular divers, Paddy Keating, had a run in with a Pufferfish in the Lady Musgrave Island lagoon. To tell the tale of Paddy and the Pufferfish, I got some help from Lewis Carroll...

### **Paddy and the Pufferfish**

*Jason Haines*

'Twas Musgrave,  
On a July day  
The divers snoozed  
And the noddy's did bay

Paddy did read from  
Dangerous Marine Creatures  
And there he did learn  
Of the Pufferfish's features

"Beware the Pufferfish, my son!  
The Jaws that bite, the spines that flail!  
Beware the Manta Ray, and shun  
The Humpback whale !"

And as the lagoon swim he did brave,  
The Pufferfish, with eyes of flame,  
Came whiffing over a wave  
And burbled as it came!

One, two! One, two! And through and through  
Paddy's dive knife went snicker-snack!  
The fish not dead, he turned and fled  
A Pufferfish at his back

Into the boat  
Did he crawl  
Leaping in with great vigour  
Dive gear and all

And so if a Pufferfish  
Thou dost see  
Be kind, be wise,  
And let it be!

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On a July day  
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*(Editorial Addendum: Not to rain on Jase's parade but from the source himself: The species that attacked me was a giant puffer fish (mottled brown) in colour and has been responsible for three attacks in Australian waters (including one where a young girl lost three toes). You can find a photograph of it in Sea Fishes of Australia. - Paddy)*

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## Newsflash ANUSC Introduces Mid-week Diving!!!

In response to recent demand this summer the ANU Scuba Club has conducted two mid-week dives, catering for those poor souls who work on weekends, or those lucky souls who do not work at all! For eons a common excuse among our less active members has been the inability to get time off at the weekend to dive. This is no-longer so however. During lecture breaks students and many staff have a significantly reduced workload, and loads of free time, so... In December of last year our trip to Jervis Bay was extended by several days into the week. Despite poor organisation and a lack of forward planning, leading to relatively low attendance numbers, the extended trip was so thoroughly enjoyed by all those who did attend that it prompted the organisation of an ad-hoc midweek trip in January. This trip proved to be even better than the last! The great thing is it is usually less crowded, cheaper, and more fun when most people are at work. As a result your friendly student activities officer (see the committee list for contact details) is keen to organize future mid-week trips and happy to hear any suggestions of times and places. Any other comments or questions regarding dives or the club, specifically relating to students or even just general enquiries are welcomed, so I will see you in the water,

Rowan McMurray (Student Officer)

## SPARE AIR

### *The oceans nutrient elevator*

“Goosey mats of tiny plants rising from the ocean's depths fertilize nutrient-starved surface waters, scientists have found. An undersea camera described in tomorrow's issue of Nature has taken the first of clumps of plant cells ascending and falling in the North Pacific Ocean. By lofting nitrogen to the surface, the mats play a much bigger role in the ocean's food web than researchers had thought.”

Check out the full report at:

<http://www.academicpress.com/insight/02031999/grapha.htm>

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## Jervis Bay, December 5<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>

Denis Verger



*The Daf at speed in Honeymoon Bay*

Diving at Jervis Bay has always been a memorable and exiting experience, full of unexpected emotions for me. (??? Ed.) Well the 2 last times I have been there it poured down rain, the time before I had a horrible flu so I could not dive. So what would happen this time? I would recommend never go and dive with a buddy who in the last week : changed job, office, did not sleep more than 4 or 5 hours a night, became editor of the ANUSC, took hundreds of newsletters to be stapled, labeled and drove his car being very tired. (Yawn! Ed.)



*Skippy and Joey at the JB campsite ...*

Anyway I was not discouraged and survived the trip on the Saturday morning to Honeymoon bay. We arrived by 11:30 am, set up the tent and went on the second dive almost straight away. For the first time of my life I was the second most experienced diver on the DAF and driving to Bowen island, we decided to dive all together. After helping one of the divers who started to lose his tank (thanks Dingo!) I had the immense pleasure to see my first sea dragon (a beautiful name that I can only recommend for the new boat), so many thanks Harry again! This one also really tired the ANUSC editor! I had a feeling that we turned in circle on this dive but it was good fun and made for a comfortable dive (maybe reaching 30 dives becomes the mature age for a diver?) even despite the headache I had afterwards (nothing compared to my buddy's headache that night though!) (Really it wasn't the Port! Ed.). Instead of the mythic Husky pub we took the easy way out and had dinner at the nearby Currarong Bowling Club (+ aspirin for guess who? Ed.). Back at camp we shared some funny experiences as well as getting newsletters and drinking too much Port!

I think I never had a proper night of sleep at Jervis bay. This time some of the neighbouring campers (not ANU divers) put their "music" on at about 2:00am, which made me feel very happy! (other people were so tired that they did not hear anything, lucky them!). Anyway the second dive in the morning at the Docks was on and we made it. Happily my buddy slept well that night so I was feeling less under pressure too.



*The JB camp site at Honeymoon Bay*

What did we see on this dive except this big blue fish waiting to be fed? I should mention that this was one of the rare weekends I did not have any gear problems (almost true though). Well, after leaving the camp by midday, my rested buddy had the excellent idea of stopping on the way to Bawley Point and do a last shore dive. This one was fantastic and I would recommend anybody to go diving there, there is always something happening at Bawley point. We saw lots of wonderful fish and 2 octopuses, 2 fiddler rays, 3 moray eels (*and a herd of squid and a male six spined leatherjacket. Ed.*) and had lots of fun. I should also finish telling that I experienced the first car spin (*only 180 degrees! Ed.*) of my life on this weekend. If you never go, you will never never know ...!!!



*Low tide at Honeymoon Bay*

## Kioloa December 19<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>

*Dingo*

This trip was a foretaste of the luxury of our new boat as I got to dive off the *Yellowfin*. The first dive was a finally successful attempt (since the conditions during the Treasure Hunt dive trip precluded it) at going down at the Pinnacles south of Brush Island and meditating with the Bhudda and his disciples in the cave at 38.5 metres (though I did omit to remove my fins ... as a sign of respect? I would claim that I

didn't want to stir up the sand. (*but Jeremy might have other ideas on the subject! Ed.*)



*Captain Norm and the Yellowfin*

The second dive on a wreck site north of Brush Island was a little shallower at 27 metres but it was also interesting for the O-shaped remnants of a boiler which silhouetted my buddy (Chuck) and a school of fish (Oh for a deep diving camera!). The third dive the following day was another dive at the Pinnacles and we saw a groper, some old wives, a lone PJ shark, a large ray and a green moray eel.



*Safety stop above the Pinnacles, Brush Island.*

## Fish Rock Cave, December 28<sup>th</sup> – January 2<sup>nd</sup>

*Dingo*



*A gaggle of ANUSC divers ...*

I joined up with the new boat pickup gang as they began to leave Woolli so I missed that part of the

dive-trip. Apparently diving there was to die for! Anyway, we hurtled down to a campsite at South West Rocks and I eventually got a couple of dives in 2 days later. The delay was due to the boat being trapped outside the creek/river after the first dive, due to tides. so a major part of the day was spent trying to track down the boat as each crew member that was left off the boat had a different story. (Misplacing the new boat seemed to be a real possibility!)



*Fish Rock and another diveboat. South West Rocks*

Anyway, all was forgiven with the high-point of the trip, my first cave dive through the S-bend that is Fish Rock Cave, with the able assistance of Matthias. In fact we went both ways (with air to spare), and I saw a stonefish, sea fans, lots of Wobbegongs and huge crayfish as well as a brief stint in a bubble chamber under the island. The second dive was with Jeremy and Anne and we explored the area just inside and outside one end of the cave. We saw lionfish inside the cave entrance and around the outside we saw a blue groper, a Wobbegong in a crevice and had an exciting encounter with a large green turtle (Napoleon?). During the safety stop we kept company with a bunch of batfish. In summary, it was a most memorable trip.



*Look at me ... I can blow bubbles ...*



*A Batfish doing what Batfish do. South West Rocks*

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## Wreck Diving at Eden, 23<sup>rd</sup> -26<sup>th</sup> January

*Steve Burns*



*The gang at the Boydtown caravan park campsite*

Endless blue sky, a deserted camping ground, and warm, inviting waters. Ah yes, this must be summertime in Eden. Well ... OK, so the rain hardly stopped, we shared the camping ground with a Harley Davidson convention, and the water temperature was ~14°C, but *whatcanyado?* Luckily two of the South Coast's most accommodating wrecks were there to keep us happy.

Those on the first dive (*and second dive! Ed.*) were exposed to a new form of natural selection - only the fittest will survive the swim through the surf to make it to the Pufferfish (aka Big Bird, aka Seadragon ...). Three exhausted divers, a pair of lost fins and a snorkel later and nobody's trying THAT again. Upon arrival at the Tasman Hauler, we were greeted by an obliging seal. After introducing himself, he gave us a guided tour of the tug, pointing out features of interest and recounting amusing anecdotes about its former crew. Shivering fish glared at us wearily, surely jealous of our wetsuits.



*Off to the Henry Bolte we go ...*

The Tassie Hauler and Henry Bolte looked good by day, but as a sleazy guy in a bar once said, "night time's the right time." So Matthias bravely guided not one, nor two, but three debutante night-divers in and around the Tasman Hauler under the veil of darkness. The four of us were treated to a special effects show that would make any \$100 million Hollywood special effects budget blush. The phosphoretic plankton was in full glow, so that every swish of a flipper and movement of a fish was accompanied by a brilliant burst of green specks contoured to the flow of the water. This is when you can really have FUN doing a safety stop. All us first timers were duly impressed - indeed, Harry was reduced to a gibbering wreck, afterwards only able to mumble insensibly something about "funky phosphorescence." (*No comment! Ed.*)

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## Montague Island Dive Trip February 6<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup>

*Jeremy Weinman*



*Oh ... !!!!!*

Montague is always one of my favorite spots to dive. Particularly when the water is clear and warm, and the Nurses are cruising about below the big underwater cliffs. So when Kristina's weekend rolled along, I was extremely keen to go, particularly after seeing the warm water temperatures on the satellite images on the web site.

It was a smallish trip this time (only 12 - do you remember the days when 12 was a BIG trip!) so we only took the "Pufferfish". Some had rolled down on the Friday night to camp on 'our' headland at Mystery Bay, the rest of us came down on the Saturday morning. Given the smaller numbers and the fact that we've not yet got a good sand launching jockey wheel for the trailer, it had been agreed that I'd launch the boat at Narooma and cruise down the coast to Mystery bay from where we'd stage trips through the day. Great plan, but... the local radio on the way down talked about the surf lifesaving carnival at Merimbula being held in the river due to the huge swells coming in. We checked the Narooma bar, and it was horrendous! 4-5 meter swells coming in and crashing onto the breakwater. Even from the coast we were able to see white water at Montague. So we drove down to Mystery Bay and set up camp until everyone had arrived. We were keen to get wet so we wondered down to check out the sponge gardens at Bermagui, but even the Bermy bar was impossible. So Bill went surfing and the ladies (and Ron) went to the icy cold Blue Pool for a dip. We decided to make the most of the afternoon and Matthias led a group up Mt Dromedary where he regaled them with the stories told to him by a tribal elder who had given him a tour of the region earlier. The rest of us decided that if we were to pay for the towing down of the boat, we'd better do something we could charge ourselves for and so we took a couple of boogie boards and a length of rope to the lake just by our campsite. Despite having some high speed wipe-outs, and Bill trying a 60 km/h tow *without* a board, we all had a great time. Evening saw us sitting on the cliffs at the Mystery Bay headland wondering if the seas would abate by the morning.

The next day dawned clear, even though a front had come through during the night. We looked out at the seas and convinced ourselves that the swells were smaller and that there was not so much white water about Montague. Some were keen and some were dubious. We pulled camp and went on to Narooma and stood on the southern headland overlooking the bar. Definitely smaller, but still some fairly good waves. Hmm, large breaks, but in sets and concentrated on the northern and southern sides of the breakwater. Yes, do-able - a bit like some of the interesting bars we'd done up at Woolli and SW rocks earlier this year. So we got our intrepid team together: Matthias, Anne, Ron, Blair, Jenny and myself - the others deciding to sit this one out. Curiously, we were the only boat trailer at the boat ramp.

Before we left, we radioed in to the coastal patrol, who replied back to "watch the bar", then we set off. We hovered in the channel for a while to wait out a bigger set of waves, and then we saw a brief respite and took the opportunity. The Pufferfish is a GREAT boat, and I'm more than glad Jerry insisted on the 90 hp as it had no problems squirting up onto the plane and jetting out between two fair sets of breakers rolling in on either side of the bar. The trip over was wet but rapid, in spite of a few huge waves we had to throttle back for and crawl up at right angles, and then we got into shelter from the southerly seas just where we wanted to be - the 'amphitheatre' area of the shark gutters. We dived

shifts, and Matthias and I were sitting in the boat when we realised that we could see the divers below quite clearly. Putting on the masks we saw that the vis was exceptional, 20 m +, and we eagerly awaited our turn. It was like floating in air the water was so clear (and warm), and we cruised out to the southern end of the wall to find large schools of yellowtails. Matthias entered one of these schools and I followed, then we saw the bigger shapes of the Nurses leisurely floating in the middle of these clouds of food. There were maybe a dozen of them in all, and some a good 2 metres. What a dive! Jenny overcame her fear of sharks, and Anne got more minutes up for the 15 hours she needed to do her Lizard Is. research diving.

So, all in all, a great weekend. Not much diving, but what we had was very high quality.

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## Jervis Bay, 13<sup>th</sup> -14<sup>th</sup> February

*Steve Burns*

It's Valentine's Day and the ANU divers find themselves staying at Honeymoon Bay. A mere coincidence? OR PERHAPS a subtle ploy by Jeremy to encourage dive club members to GO FORTH AND MULTIPLY? YOU be the judge...

Conspiracy theories aside, Jervis offered it's usual comfy diving wares. The Docks received a serious workout because of the decent vis available there. The little caves, slots and tunnels keeping everyone entertained. The place was generously apportioned with old wives, cuttlefish, eastern blue devilfish, and seadragons. *(and the odd octopus, stonefish and colourful nudibranches. Ed.)*

Calm, warm waters made every dive a pleasure, with divers happy to splash about on the surface like the fun loving seals they are. *(But nobody gave me any fish! Ed.)* Ron enticed them to perform tricks with Jeremy's ever-present snakes, dangling them above the water so divers could snatch them from his hand and swallow them whole. *(Steve ran out of puff here, so I'll stick my bit in! One of the amusing scenes was watching Matthias and Jan pass the boat no less than three times and ending up over a few hundred metres away while I snorkeled above! Good to see that it happens to experienced folk too! In summary, a great dive weekend except for the iffy vis! Ed.)*



*The Gear Shed ... home of our dive gear and boats!*



*What the SCUBA STORE looks like, Braddon*

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## The Diving Calendar

If you want to go on a dive please get in touch with the trip organiser around one week beforehand.

**Feb 24<sup>th</sup>**

### **ANUSC Stall, Market Day, O-Week**

Our club works because it has a constant turn-over of enthusiastic members. Come and visit the ANUSC stall, give your club a hand and help man the stall at market day, set it up or take it down.

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**March 6<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>**

### **Rusty Divers Weekend - Ulladulla**

To get Rusty or Inexperienced divers back into the water we have a gentle weekend at the start of every year to ease them back into the water under the watchful eye of our more experienced members. We will be based around Ulladulla and camp at the new National Park campsite at Pretty Beach. We'd like to solicit some interest from not only Rustys/Beginners but also from some of our more experienced members who can come along to help and welcome a new batch of divers into the club. Come along and meet some new Bubble Buddies!

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### **Canberra Day - Eden**

One of the best dive spots on the South Coast. two sunken tugs, heaps of fish and coral and a tunnel.

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## Equipment Rules — Tanks/Vests/Regulators

The ANU SCUBA Diving Club has several (about 10) complete sets of SCUBA equipment (tank, reg, BC), together with a number of additional tanks and some older style BC's, purchased and maintained with a combination of Sports Union grants and Club generated funds. This equipment, stored locked in a cage in the ANUSC gear store (a green double garage) on North Oval, is subject to constant and demanding use so the following hire charges and rules have been formulated in the interests of all club members, of the Sports Union, and of the issuing and maintenance officers.

### Gear hire charges:

Full set for a student Club member on a Club trip weekend \$0

Full set for a non-student Club member on a Club trip weekend \$10

Full set for any Club member on a non-Club trip weekend \$20 or

Regulator \$10      BCD \$10      Tank \$5

Deposits are \$30.

### The Rules:

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 ANUSC and/or their Sports Union/Student card and may be checked against the list of current members. You cannot borrow a 2nd set for a non-member. ANU student members can use this set of gear for free on Club outings, non-ANU student members are required to pay a \$10 usage fee.

2) Gear is available for use on Club dives as described above - subject to a \$30 deposit, refundable when the equipment is returned **the next week**, complete and unabused, **washed** 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, always 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.**

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### Gear Issue and Return

(Thursdays only unless you arrange otherwise)

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

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