



The ANU Scuba Diving Club



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Club Meeting, 29th February 2000, 8-10pm

Hi there Bubble Folk,
I've booked the Haydon Allen Tank (near the Union) from 8-10pm on Tuesday, 29th February, 2000. We should still try to have a BBQ at South Oval, and, if it rains, we'll just move a bit further.

Matt.

Letter from Der President (Herr Matthias von Regner)

Hello bottom-dwellers, this is Der Präsident. I'll launch this rather slim issue of our Newsletter by welcoming all of you back for another year of great diving in our home territory, the South Coast, and further afield. I can only just resist referring to the inflationary number of this year AD. Particularly a warm welcome to the new members of the Club: If you love diving, you'll love this! You'll get to see the best dive sites on the South Coast, places no commercial operator would ever dream of taking you. Hey, and when the weather is adverse, don't you worry! We count the greatest outdoorers among our own, there'll always be plenty to do and explore. Add to this the inevitable warm feeling of getting used to seeing the same old water-rats "over and over" again at camp fire, rubbing their stubbies (or wine glasses) between their

hands while preparing gourmet dinners on the MSR and taking you to golden dive lore ("I saw a cuttlefish... THAT far between its eyes!" "Oh no, not that story again!").... So we're looking forward to get to know you.



The Pufferfish and the Yellowfin (Jerry Keating)

Slim the Newsletter may be, but only for one reason, namely that you guys are just too busy with emptying cylinders full of compressed air or stripping huge rubber tubes off cold steel, to write trip reports or even get decent photos developed. Or so it seems. Despite the serious facelift our good Daffodil is being subjected to (she's getting a stand-up console, a splash-well, a Targa bar and a brand new 50 HP Yamaha engine...yiiihaa), the diving and the social life hasn't been suffering. At least not as judged by the numbers of people turning up to the last couple of trips. The Pufferfish, being the only boat in use currently, is continuing to perform as the outstanding dive platform she commenced to be last year. And then there was

NYE, when the glorious Puffer and Yellowfin sported the best party on Sydney harbour (Lachlan Murdoch's wife, whatever her name: "Hey you over there: We've got the champagne!" Siggie: "Never mind, we've got Cooper's!"). Eternity? Egypt? Anyway! So all is fine, and all you have to do is get wet.

Club T-Shirt

The ANU Scuba Diving Club has finally got its own T-shirt based on the elegant logo designed by one of our club members, Christine Butzer.



They are in a range of colours and sizes and are sure to be hot sellers at around \$10 each.

Women in Sport

An introductory session in diving for female non-divers is being organised by our Gear Officer, Jennifer Hine, aimed at allowing them to experience Scuba Diving and help them decide if they want to go on to do an Open Water Course and join our club. Contact Jen Hine for details on dates and organisation.



The Fleet at JYB (Harold W. Schranz)

The Ten Commandments ...

(from rec.scuba newsgroup)

- 1) Thou shalt harangue others into submission until they stop experimenting, for then shall you feel righteous in ignorance.
- 2) Thou shalt argue endlessly about the merits of different dive schools for that wastes time and achieves nothing.
- 3) Thou shalt exhibit no sense of humor, for that can lead only to enjoying diving and diving is a Serious Thing.
- 4) Thou shalt consider 40m to be the bottom of the ocean, any who say the ocean extends below it are heretics and shall be fed to the sharks.
- 5) Thou shalt feel obliged to render an opinion on Absolutely Everything, even when you don't have one.
- 6) Thou shalt consider dive computers to be the One True Way and not use Tables as they require thinking and are thusly uncool.
- 7) Thou shalt have color-coordinated dive gear and look disapprovingly upon those who don't for they will not be pleasing to the fish.
- 8) Thou shalt chastise and vilify those who drink and smoke and dive, despite the fact that they've been doing it for 30 years and are perfectly happy.
- 9) An individual cannot be trusted to take responsibility for their own actions and must be told What To Do, especially by divers who are less experienced and still follow their instructors around like lost guppies.
- 10) Thou shalt chastise and vilify those who Dive Alone, for they must be Wrong because someone once said so.



NYE Party Folk on the Harbour (Jerry Keating)

Reminder: Membership Expiry

From the 1st of March, you will need to rejoin the club or cease to be a financial member. You can rejoin at the Sports Union or at the club stall during O-Week; you'll need proof that you are a Sports Union member for 2000 (a student card is proof, since all students are members) and that you're a qualified diver, if we haven't already seen your C-card or logbook.

Members who joined in January or February 2000 are financial members for 2000, but since Sports Union memberships expire on March 1 you'll need to show some proof of current Sports Union membership before coming on a dive. This can be done at the gear shed before a trip, or by contacting the Membership Officer.

This is also a good time for a gentle reminder that the ANU SCUBA Diving Club is all about facilitating diving by qualified people - all members are expected to take responsibility for their own diving and safety. To make this clear, the 2000 membership forms will ask you to sign a statement to this effect.

Licensed Boat Drivers Subsidy

The club committee have decided to extend the subsidy scheme so that every club member who holds a current Waterways license receives \$1 off every boat dive they do with the club. We're compiling a list of license holders, so trip coordinators can give people this subsidy; if you hold a license, it's in your best interest to contact the Membership Officer and make sure your name is on the list!

The Committee

Position	Person	Work Phone	Home Phone	Email
President	Matthias Regner	6249x3084	6247-9178	Matthias.Regner@anu.edu.au
Gear Officer (Vice-President)	Jennifer Hine	6252-6537	6249-7202	jenniferhine@hotmail.com
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Membership Officer	Paul Thomas	6216-7158	6257-0574	paul.thomas@cmis.csiro.au
Student Activities Officer	Steven Burns		6230-4723	s3061494@student.anu.edu.au

Diving/Event Calendar 2000

If you want to go on a dive please get in touch with the trip organiser around one week beforehand. There are a few upcoming dives ... of course *ad hoc* dives can also be organised by members. See WWW site for details of how to go on a Club Dive-trip.

O-Week, March 11-12
Pretty Beach
Matthias Regner
(W) 6249x3084 (H) 6247-9178
Matthias.Regner@anu.edu.au

Canberra Day Long Weekend, March 18-20
Seal Rocks, Forster
Darran Edmundson
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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: Deposits are \$30

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

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.**

Gear Officer: Jen Hines **Email:** jenniferhine@hotmail.com **Phone:** 6249-7202 (H) 6252-6537 (W)

Gear Issue and Return: Thursdays only unless you arrange otherwise

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

See http://student.anu.edu.au/Clubs/ANU_Scuba_Club/gearissue.html for the latest roster.

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