



The ANU Scuba Diving Club



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ANUSC
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Adios ANUSC Bubble Folk

This edition seems likely to be my last one before I head north. Thanks to all those who contributed to this and past editions. The exciting articles and photos remind us what the club is all about, diving/socialising with fellow club-members! So I hope the current edition, which is full of articles and photos will get you motivated to go diving!

Dive Safe!
Adios
Harry.

General Meeting ***Tuesday, 11th April 2000, 7pm*** ***Sports Union meeting room***

Hi there,
We're having a General Meeting on Tuesday, 11th April. This is kind of unusual and is necessitated by my tragic departure to the continent of bad breath, Europe, that is. Therefore you dive boffins have to choose a new president from among your ranks. In addition you might lose your Publicity Officer, but that's not quite sure yet. We will also chat about how to best deal with the incentives that the Sports Union has implemented for increasing the number of females in leadership positions in clubs (any female for president?).

AGENDA:

1. Apologies
2. Presentation of President's (and Publicity Officer's) Report
3. Choose new President (and Publicity Officer)
4. If applicable: Filling of any consequently vacated committee position.
5. Discussion: Women in Sport

I hope that you'll get at least one more chance to drown me before I leave. There'll be some "drinks" at some stage anyway.

ciao
Matthias

Constitutional change ***in the SU!!!??***

Jeremy Weinman
ANU Sports Council member
and ANUSC treasurer

Sports Council will be proposing three changes to the ANU SU constitution at the SU AGM to be held from 6 pm on Wednesday 12 April in the SU Multi-Purpose room. The Club committee would like to encourage our members to come and vote for these changes which we feel will allow the SU and our club to strengthen its activities.

The exact wording for the proposed constitutional changes has already been emailed to club members, but if you have lost this we

can do this again on request.

Background:

The ANU SU Vice-President Sally Kingsland put forward a paper for consideration last year in which she outlined a number of suggestions which could strengthen the Sports Union and the Clubs. I was also interested in this and so Sports Council asked us to consider this issue and report back to them. Sally and I discussed this with a number of other interested parties (current and past Council members), finalised suggested changes and these were brought to Sports Council this year. Council approved these changes in principal and these were then sent out to the Clubs for comment. This process resulted in some small changes and now the constitutional amendments have been put up for ratification at this years AGM.

The ideas behind the proposed changes are...

Issue 1

Membership categories

The main objective here was to consider a few ways in which the activities of clubs could be strengthened. One problem many clubs face is that, even when their student and playing days are over, valuable club members must pay \$96 to the SU as well as club membership to become a club member. Naturally people don't pay this sort of money when they are not playing for a club but are instead only (eg) repairing boats, assisting in fund raising, leading trips away, strapping injuries etc and so these people just fade away, leaving the Clubs without a wealth of experience and corporate memory. As a classic case in point, Clubs usually have a mechanism to appoint 'Life Members' for exemplary services rendered. However, unless these people remain SU members, they can not be Club members so their Club Life Membership becomes a bit of a farce and of little value!! We wanted to consider a mechanism (a bit less full-blown than the avenue of a Club sponsoring a person to SU membership as an 'Honorary Coaching Member') where Clubs can encourage a SMALL number of such valued persons to remain Club members through a SU membership category (the "Valued Club

Affiliate Member") that has only a nominal SU membership fee and which only allows them limited SU rights (similar to those enjoyed by Associate members) BUT ONLY within the one sponsoring Club (ie no discounted memberships for gym facilities, classes or other clubs). Clearly the numbers of such people would need to be regulated so that Clubs do not become overweighted with old reminiscing cronies: thus we proposed that Sports Council be able to set a limit to the number of such members a Club can sponsor (as it currently does with Significant Contribution Associate Members), and further that clubs can not receive grant money from the SU for this category of SU member (which would be done by a small change in the Club grants documentation).

Another proposed change is to permit persons who have studied at the ANU for the equivalent of 2 years full time to join the SU as Associate Members. We reasoned that after 2 years they would have been able to form a significant association with the social and sporting fabric of the ANU. They would also have contributed 2 years of GSF fees and hence have made contributions to the Capital Development Levy fund, which the SU makes use of from time to time. This would permit (eg) a person who takes a year off after 2 years of study to join the SU as an Associate Member and be an active member of the SU community without having to become sponsored for Significant Contribution Associate Membership by a club.

Some of the fine details of how the VCAM membership would work would be dealt with under the delegated powers of the Council to make grants and to determine suitable membership fees. Thus Council would need to ratify appropriate operating rules here:

- Placing a limit on the VCAM category of SU member limits overuse of this category. One suggestion is that this limit be set to be 5%, in similar manner to then cap we currently use for 'significant contributor associate membership' within a Club. Thus it is the Club who evaluates and proposes such a membership.

- As the VCAM membership category will not be able to draw any SU grant support it permits us to keep the fees for this category nominal (eg ~\$20 pa).

Names

Issue 2

The current ANU SU constitution is written so that the Research Students Association (Incorporated) is able to appoint a person to Sports Council membership. The RSA changed its name some time ago to the Postgraduate and Research Students Association Incorporated and this needs to be recognised in the constitution.

Issue 3

The ANU Sports Union Incorporated offers a wide range of activities which reflect not only sporting but a diverse range of recreations as well. At the same time we are constantly just a few senate votes away from government legislation which would entrench voluntary student unionism (VSU). In such a system, *any* negative connotations of the term 'Sports *Union*' would reflect in lower memberships, a lower financial base and thus less services. We considered that to reflect the current full range of activities offered and to avoid any future potential membership losses from the use of the term *union* we would recommend a change to the name ANU Sport and Recreation Association Incorporated, and a subsequent change from ANU Sports Council to ANU Sport and Recreation Council.

DIVE PROMOTION

JOHN YOUNG BANKS

Do you recall the stories of the 'Monster of the Deep', and the 'Horse from Hell' which resulted from last year's visit to the John Young Banks?

Well, we're planning to go there again, on April 29/30. The JYB are a series of deep reefs, several km offshore from Currarong (sleepy village on the Northern Headland [Beecroft Peninsula] of Jervis Bay). Last year we dived the 'Outer Banks', which came to within 35m of the surface, but diving was in about 50m. This

year we'll attempt to locate the 'Inner Banks', which allegedly rise to < 20m of the surface, so diving may be shallower than at the 'Outer Banks'. Depending on resources, we may revisit the 'Outers' again, but I will focus the trip on locating and exploring the inner banks. As we know from last year, the currents can be enormous, and we expect that it will only be diveable at Slack Water (High or Low tide), so we'll have to be reasonably organised.

We have never been to the 'Inner' banks, so cannot predict what (if anything) we'll find, so be prepared for a lot of time stuffing around in the boats searching and depth profiling before we dive... maybe we won't even have the opportunity to dive them... whatever happens, that's the nature of exploratory diving, so you'll need to approach it with an appropriate mindset.

Realistically, the JYB are for fairly experienced divers... you'd want to be comfortable in 40+ meters, and be able to cope with unusual situations!. There should be plenty of boat-time available for alternative diving, and there are some great sites accessible from Currarong, in 15..25 metres. Thus the plan is to run less demanding dives during the bulk of the day. Specifically, we will attempt to find 'Cathedral Cave' near Drum and Drumsticks. Only if weather is calm, and we may have to dive in organised shifts to locate it. Bring a torch.

So!, if you're partial to a bit of adventure... and exploration, you'd better reserve the weekend of April 29/30. Camping will be at Currarong Caravan Park. Scuba Air ****may**** be available at the park.

Let me know the usual things:

Gear Requirements:

Lift(s) available?:

Lift required?:

Can Tow?:

Arriving Friday night? (recommended if hoping to explore JYBs)

email: norm.schram@anu.edu.au

See you there!

Norm

Lady Musgrave Island 2000



Lady Musgrave Island (Harold Schranz)

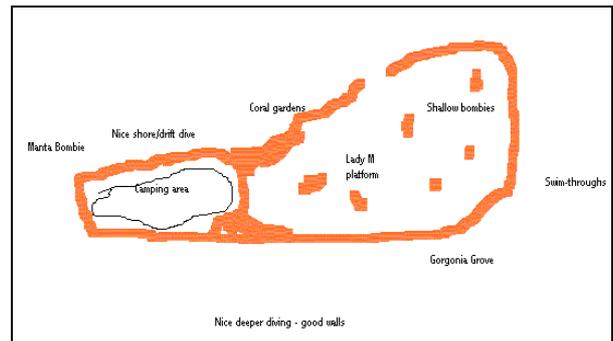
Many of you will know that for many years the club has been running an annual pilgrimage to Lady Musgrave Island (LMI), in the Capricorn/Bunker Group of the Barrier Reef, in June or July (Winter!). LMI is a small coral atoll (maybe 5 hectares?), perched atop a huge fringing reef, of about 7km? circumference. There is plenty of diving opportunity in all weather, and we know a few particularly good spots around the reef. LMI is uninhabited, the only structures a composting toilet and lighthouse tower.

We camp in our own small tents, but take a communal kitchen-marquee/radio shack, plus compressor(s), boats, fuel, food, and other essentials for a relaxing and paradisaical existence. Cooking (dinner) is on a rostered communal basis, all other chores are shared chaotically, but it usually works out very well.... it's a very good way to become 'part of the club', and you get unlimited great diving!. We have an island booking (National Parks) for 25 people, and the trip usually fills quite fast, so it's best to get yourself organised ASAP!. There's plenty of other info. available from club members (most will eulogise endlessly if give the opportunity!), or through the club website. You too could be part of the 2000 visit to this special place!!!!..(The Giant Manta's and Humpback whales will be there this winter!).

ABOUT THE 2000 TRIP:

This years trip will be organised differently from previous trips, because Graham and Iris (charter boat Hyland C) are not available.

Alternatives out of Gladstone have proven unviably expensive thus far. We have an "In Principle" agreement with two companies operating from "Town of 1770", but details and final costs remain a bit rubbery still.... but firming!. We expect (and hope) that the final cost to individuals will be about \$650.00, ie slightly up from previous years, and we're still working on a final price...it's a bit dependent on numbers, the more there are, the cheaper it is!.



Lady Musgrave Island and Lagoon

Charter Boats (for travel to/from LMI)

The 'James Cook' is a slow (6.8 knots) boat which can take a quantity of freight (less than the Hyland C), tow boats, and carry up to 15 people. 6 hrs to LMI from 1770. (Crew very friendly... usually good FOOD!!!). The 'Spirit of 1770' (Operated by Cap'n Cook Cruises) is a fast boat (25 knots), can carry lots of people, and some light/soft freight. Probably get FOOD! (not certain), takes 2 hours 1770 to LMI. Cannot take heavy/industrial items. Some of our party of 25 will travel on the slow boat with the freight, others on the faster 'Spirit'. The slower 'James Cook' may NOT carry 15 persons with all our freight... to be negotiated.

Unloading will be 'over the reef', and as boats have to leave 1770 on a high tide, this means a low-tide unload at LMI.(read "Hard Work"). However the 'James Cook' is a relaxed operation (cf Graham and Iris), and they will probably be very happy to hang about until the next high tide for heavy unloading. We will take the usual 'essentials' (fridges, marquee, compressors etc), but will have to be a little restrained re 'excess baggage'. We will take 60 litre fuel and water containers, plus as many plastic 20 litre fuel containers as can find. The

20's can be refilled by repeated visits from the 'Spirit' during our stay.... we'll receive ice deliveries from the 'Spirit' too. Some care will be required with fuel, but it will be OK.

Tentative Dates:

Depart 1770 for LMI: Monday 19th June (High Tide... whenever that is?)

Depart LMI for 1770: Monday 3rd July (to arrive 1770 (High Tide... whenever??).

Regrettably, the dates coincide with ANU Examinations this year. This proved unavoidable due to logistics of 'back-back' trips with BelDivers (Their turn for the School Holidays period), but at least we're NOT in local school hols. That sounds like a LONG TIME (2 weeks), and we may elect to delay departure until Tues 20th, so that can have a 'shopping day' in Gladstone on Monday 19th, as there'll be a lot of stuff to organise.

Expressions of Interest:

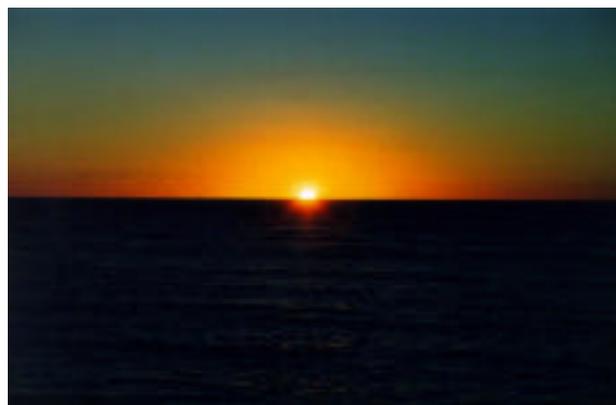
Best option is to email me (Norm), to be put on the 'interested' list. DO SO AS SOON AS POSSIBLE... THIS TRIP'S FILLING, AND LOOKING GOOD!!!. Imagine how you'll feel as everyone heads North in July and you decided not to go!. So here's my address: norm.schram@anu.edu.au else phone me on 6241-1281 (home), 6249-2764 (w)

Please include the usual Dive Info:

Name:
Phone:
Email:
Need Gear?: (TRV).
Have Lift for 'n':
Need Lift?:
Can Tow?:
Like to Party?:

DEPOSITS:

We will be there in about 10 weeks time. I will shortly call for deposits of \$100.00 to secure a place on this trip. Payment of deposits enables us to finalise numbers, then plan food and other logistics, SO THE TIME FOR COMMITTING IS FAST APPROACHING.



Sunset on Lady Musgrave Island (Harold Schranz)

SCHEDULE:

Last Call for Expressions of Interest: NOW

Call for Deposits: (\$100) 26th April (DAY AFTER EASTER)

Deposits close: 12th May (FRIDAY)

Trip Planning proceeds, 1 or 2 'Trip Meetings'

Call for Balance of Payment (about \$550) 26th May (FRIDAY)

Last Chance to Pay Balance: 9th June

Trip Departs Canberra: 17th June

Trip Returns Canberra 5th July (about)

The following people have already expressed interest:

Schram Norm
 Christen Peter
 Schmidt Siggie
 Lowe Haydn
 Martin Chris
 Thomas Paul
 Power David
 Whitfeld Sarah
 Weinman Jeremy
 Ollerenshaw Jann
 Collis Scott
 Burns Steven
 Morisson Suzi
 Rainbow Sonia
 Farmer Catherine
 Butzer Christine
 Punzmann Horst
 Edmundson Darran
 Edmundson Andrew

If you are on this list, there is no need to re-express interest, just get your deposits ready

Regards,
 Norm Schram

Eden
January 29-30



Twofold Bay, Eden (Peter Christen)

Jervis Bay, 5/6 Feb
(Waitangi Day weekend)

Paul Thomas

My first attempt at coordinating a dive and it's fair to say the usual Germanic efficiency went by the wayside. This trip was much more memorable for things that happened above water than below (although one way or another we did all manage to get wet).

The first hint that this would be a somewhat chaotic trip came when people's cars started dropping dead. First Matthias's, then Chuck's, so we had noone to tow and things looked bleak. At 3pm on Friday, with the trip cancelled and everyone about to head to the pub to drown their sorrows, Ron and Uli volunteered their car and everything was back on again. Heads were already starting to spin, but little did we know...

By noon on Saturday, everyone was at the Murray's Beach boatramp and ready to do some diving -- everyone, that is, except Ron and Uli and the Pufferfish. Some people wandered off to go snorkelling nearby ("baby cuttlefish!" was all I heard for a while afterwards), while I stayed by the ramp to wait for the boat and get crapped on by the local birdlife.

One o'clock and still no sign of the big yellow one, so it was time to give up and go do a shore dive at Summercloud Bay. An absolutely fantastic dive for number and variety of fish, and a good spot of exercise carrying all the gear the length of the beach in the baking hot sun.

By three or so we were on our way into Huskisson to set up camp and wait for the boat, when we passed Ron and Uli going the other way. They'd missed us at the boat ramp, gone on to the campsite, and discovered there were no sites available. ("No, don't even bother booking", I'd been told on the phone, "there are plenty of spaces available all weekend.") Undeterred, Ron had got a list of other campsites; undeterred, he had tried each in turn; undeterred, he'd been sent away from each one since there was no space. We eventually found a few sites at the rather odd Hidden Somethingorother campground, and then only after lying outrageously about the sleeping arrangements and setting up tents worryingly close to the flood warning signs.

(Signs were a bit of a theme; the doors to the toilet blocks were covered in signs of one kind or another, including a helpful reminder that men weren't allowed in the women's showers. For some odd reason, there was no corresponding sign for the men's showers.)

Some of the more intrepid divers did manage to get a boat dive in that evening, but I never did hear much about it so you'll have to ask Ron, Uli, or Harry.

Sunday morning saw six of us off in the Puff' to see what we could see, and what we could see were waves, spray, and (later) my breakfast. After a delay to fetch a spare, non-leaking, tank (ahh! so that was the hissing noise yesterday!) and a while trying to find somewhere sheltered to dive (there wasn't anywhere), we gave up and jumped into the water near Spider Cave to see what we could see. I can't remember much about this dive except for a cute blue groper and Matt's impersonation of an unconscious buddy. The second boatload confirmed that the

weather was crap and getting worse, so we packed up and went home.

One boat feared lost, two dead cars, five or six overflowing campsites, one person who dived without a BC, and two people who didn't take enough food for breakfast, but a good time was had by all nevertheless. Thanks to everyone who came along for making it such fun!

Montague Island 19/20 February



Montague divers #1 (Peter Christen)



Montague divers #2 (Peter Christen)

Rusty Divers 11-12 March

Scott Collis

I completed my PADI OW dive certificate in 1994, did about 10 dives in and around Sydney during the following year and then stopped diving... It appears that I had to move to an inland city to re-discover a love for a sport I had long forgotten.



Puffer in Ulladulla #1 (Steven Miller)

In the "new and rusty" divers I definitely fitted into the former category! But thanks to people like Matt and Jen who I could ask the really stupid questions (and watch when they geared up so I could remember how to do it) memories of 5-minute safety stops and how to weight myself correctly flooded back!

As for the diving... My congrats to who ever organised the break in the weather! The conditions were nice with calm seas (no 4m swells!). Bawley Point was a nice re-introductory dive, even though the sea bed had been devastated by storms there was still some life about including an irritated (well wouldn't you be with 6 odd looking beasts staring at you) Angel shark.



Puffer in Ulladulla #2 (Steven Miller)

Burril Rocks (which was my first boat dive if you don't include the one I did on my course!) was a very nice dive. The thing I found interesting (having never dived in these southern waters) was the bulbous Sea Tulips.



Puffer motoring out of Ulladulla (Steven Miller)

But, beyond a doubt, my favorite dive of the weekend was The Boiler. Bullseye city! The amount of life surrounding the long sunk man made structure was stunning, like some sort of fish shopping mall! I could have happily stayed longer down there investigating every crevice and cranny but as always happens when you dive I eventually hit that annoying 50 bar mark and had to head on up to the surface. As for the Tollgates... No sharks this time... Plenty of surge but no sharks!

As for the weekend as a whole... Let's just say that I am saving my pennies (being on a student budget!) for the next dive!

Seal Rocks/Forster Canberra Day Long Weekend March 18-20

Sonia Rainbow

A long weekend, what a fantastic opportunity to venture outside the club's usual dive territory. A dozen excited divers made the long trip up the highway in pursuit of new adventures and lured by the promise of lots of sharks.



Seal Rocks (Steven Miller)

After arising to perfect weather on Saturday morning we were faced with the logistical difficulty of having no suitable vehicle for launching the Puffer at Seal Rocks. Ole and Horst dragged me down to the beach on the basis that having a 'chick' chat up the fishermen might be a good strategy for persuading someone to launch our boat (an argument for more 'women in sport', perhaps?). After hearing lots of tall stories about how the fisho's knew of a spot where we could see 300 grey nurses, or go diving on a wreck searching for a mythical treasure of gold sovereigns, we managed to negotiate a deal with a toothless, bearded fisho to launch the Puffer the following day for 2 six packs of beer.

Forster, a 40km drive from Seal Rocks, was our base for Saturday. With only some 'unhelpful' directions from a very 'unhelpful' local dive shop, we set out to find The Pinnacles, home of the grey nurses. After driving around in circles long enough to make some of our divers very seasick, we gave up looking for the site and dived at Latitude Rock. An enormous jellyfish pulsed beneath the boat as we leapt into the water to explore the bouldery bottom below. Almost everywhere we looked we were greeted by the startled gulping of moray eels. Lured out of their hiding holes for a feed of urchins, they snapped at any fish who dared to steal their meal. Horst amused himself by pulling the tails of some rather huge wobbegongs (but sadly they didn't retaliate!).



Scuba Diver Steve ... (Peter Christen)

After arising very early on Sunday (wow, its dark at 6am), we headed for Big Seal Rock. A series of natural rock steps on the eastern side

of island drops from around 4m to 23m to a sandy floor at 28m. The site was fairly barren of growth but well populated with wobbegongs, blue damsels, banded coral shrimp, a variety of nudibranchs, colourful anemones, ascidians, a group of rays nestled in the sand, crabs hiding in nooks and crannies, and a pair of angel fish.



Blue Grouper in the Blue ... (Steven Miller)

The next dive was at a pair of bommies called Skeleton Rocks. Just a few fin kicks from the anchor line found 'Old Agro', a huge loggerhead turtle, resting on the bottom with a green moray peering out from underneath. We were once again impressed by the number of wobbies lazing around the boulders, disturbed a shy PJ hidden under a ledge, and saw a magnificent, delicately spined lionfish. Back at the anchor line, Agro entertained us with a bit of free swimming. We roared back to shore in record time thanks to Jason's 'unique' style of driving (almost losing half the divers over the side of the boat!).



Snorkel stuff ... (Steven Miller)

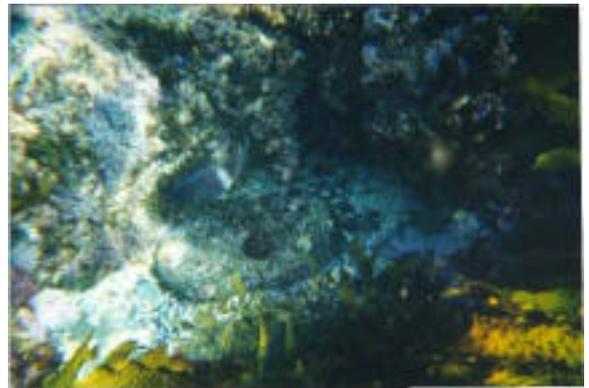
After sitting in the sun drinking Guinness to belatedly celebrate St Patrick's Day, the enthusiasm for a night dive wore off for most of

us. However Hugh and Ole embarked on a nighttime adventure which involved being swept away by current and a VERY long swim back to shore (or so we heard, we were all snugly asleep in our tents!).



Steve and Paul ... (Steven Miller)

Sadly, after finally finding GPS marks for The Pinnacles, our last hopes of an encounter with the grey nurses were thwarted by current too strong to attempt diving the site. Instead we headed for Bennett's Head Bommie for one last dip in the water before the long trip home - let's just say the group was less than impressed ('if we wanted a crap dive with really bad viz we could have just driven to the south coast'). All in all, a fabulous weekend filled with sunny weather, moonlit nights, and let's not forget Jen's cooking extravaganzas!



Snorkel Stuff #2 ... (Steven Miller)

Spare Air

Anybody want to dive with whales? From one of my Email lists: QuickTime virtual whale dive VR site:

<http://www.photoreal.com.au/podsound.htm>

Membership Expiry

Paul the Membership Guy

A reminder to everyone that if you haven't paid your \$5 or \$15 this year, you're no longer a financial member of the ANU scuba club. This means this will be YOUR LAST NEWSLETTER and -- much worse -- you won't be able to join us down at the coast for some diving! You can rejoin at the Sports

Union on the ANU campus (only). You'll need to be a Sports Union member before you rejoin the ANUSC, but you can do that at the same time. We've got some great dives coming up in the next few months (A five-day South Coast tour, John Young Banks, Port Hacking, and of course Lady Musgrave Island), so I hope to see you rejoined and on a dive soon!

The Committee

Position	Person	Work Phone	Home Phone	Email
President	Matthias Regner	6249x3084	6247-9178	Matthias.Regner@anu.edu.au
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Treasurer	Jeremy Weinman	6249x5071	6254-7502	weinman@rsbs.anu.edu.au
Publicity Officer (Secretary)	Harold Schranz	6249x5988	6242-8716	Harold.Schranz@anu.edu.au
Boat Officer	Horst Punzmann	6249x0397	6255-6260	Horst.Punzmann@anu.edu.au
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.

April 21-25

Coast Excursion -- Tour de Ingassing

Paul Thomas/Jen Hine

(W) 6216-7158 (H) 6257-0574

paul.thomas@cmis.csiro.au

Since we have a looong weekend, the ANZAC team are planning a trip along the coast, probably staying at two or three locations and diving a variety of sites. If you can't afford to take all five days off, join us for just the weekend or whenever you can manage.

April 29/30

John Young Banks

Norm Schram

(W) 6249x276 (H) 6241-1281

Norm.Schram@anu.edu.au

See Norm's John Young Banks dive promotion in this newsletter.

May 13/14

Port Hacking

Jason Major

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May 27/28

Jen Hine

Somewhere

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jenniferhine@hotmail.com

June 10-12

Queen Birthday Weekend

Montague Island

Jeremy Weinman

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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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