



Your Dive Club

The Adventure Continues...



The past 12 months has seen the club membership grow. New members bring enthusiasm and fresh ideas to the club. Diving activities have been thriving. The club now has more boat owners than ever and the spirit of adventure is still strong with plenty of exploration of new dive sites and new diving experiences. Club meetings have been well attended and many new friendships have been made.

Clockwise from top right:

- *Club members at Malabar beach.
- *Members shower off after a dive.
- *Trying out rebreather at the Central Coast.
- *Club boats over the Annie M Miller wreck.
- *Another full boat of keen SPDC divers.
- *Making Jon lines at a club meeting.
- *Equipment show and tell at a club meeting.
- *Club boats together after a dive.
- *Members enjoying a BBQ.

Lets work together in friendship and adventure to help strengthen the club over the next twelve months..





We Want You!

It's that time again, the club's Annual General Meeting on Monday the 16th July. A time when a new committee is elected - to help facilitate the organizing of club activities for the next year.

Only Get Back What You Put In

The club is going through a bit of a Renaissance at the moment, with a lot of active divers networking with each other. South Pacific Divers Club is a non-profit organization, owned and run by the members. This means that you only get back as much as you put in. All members should help in whichever way they can and not just rely on the committee. In a way every member should act as an extended organizer.

We are not a shop, training agency or charter company. Everyone's expected to help, unlike commercial ventures where you pay for service. Non-profit means everyone helps.

Enthusiastic New Committee

Our club is a dive club, with the focus being on diving, networking and social activities. Committee tasks revolve around such areas, focused on keeping the club operating smoothly.

A lot of new ideas have been implemented over the last year, with plenty of scope for more over the next year. Committee members are people who roll their sleeves up the most in organizing club activities.

Committee Positions & Roles

Below is a general overview of what each member of the committee needs to do, providing an idea of the sort personality that suits each role.

President – needs to network with all members, other clubs, representatives of the commercial side of the dive industry, chair committee activities and help provide overall direction for the club.

The President should help make sure each committee member functions effectively in their chosen role. He/she should be a negotiator and possess good people skills, making sure the club achieves its fundamental goals.

Vice President – This person is like a Sergeant at Arms. An individual who makes sure things get done. Interchangeable regarding most functions with the President, the Vice President helps make sure committee members are productive, has a close rapport with all club members and oversees certain performance criteria such as membership and diving activity. The Vice President might undertake dual roles including that of Communications Director.

Secretary – Club Secretary is someone who helps arrange logistics, is a point of contact for correspondence, organizes meetings and other venues, helps organize guest speakers etc. This person needs to be a facilitator, perhaps working on a number of special projects throughout the year.

Treasurer – Our Treasurer is the money person. Being non-profit in nature means there is some work to do but not like in a commercial venture. This person is responsible for paying the bills, accepting membership fees and maintaining records, balancing the books and reporting back once in a while.

Communications Director – This role includes being Wet Rag editor, handling general publicity and external relations. Direction regarding theme months, guest contributors and speakers plus overall management of the Wet Rag. This person is responsible for developing and maintaining the club's profile in the diving community as a dynamic, innovative, exciting, rewarding, fun group to be a part of.

Assistant Wet Rag Editor – A person who is vital in co-ordinating material for the Wet Rag, liaising with external contributors, following up club members for reports, photos and stories, making sure the Wet Rag is published smoothly. In a way like an operations manager for the Wet Rag.

Social Organiser(s) – Ideally more than one Social Organiser should be appointed. These people are the fun managers, organising activities where members will have a good time, make friends with each other and enjoy life. Social events have included restaurant nights, wine tasting weekends, bowling nights, fundraising events, fancy dress and Christmas parties.

Dive Convenor – One of the most important people in the club. The lifeblood of our group depends on diving. The Dive Convenor is a person who oversees all dive organizer activities, making sure the dive calendar is impressive. This person is like a general manager of diving, helping guide individual Diver Organisers and setting overall policy.

A number of individual Dive Organisers are also required, to specifically cater for specific types of diving. These include, but are not limited to;

Dive Organiser – Night Dives

Dive Organiser – Shore Dives

Dive Organiser – Boat Dives

Dive Organiser – Away Dives

Dive Organiser – All types of diving

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In addition to smaller events on a weekly basis, a major club diving day needs to be organised each month. Some of the Dive Organisers might swap roles and take it in turns to organise this.

WebMaster – This person needs to have a good understanding of the internet and computers. This role involves the ongoing management of the clubs website, mailing lists and email.

Equipment Officer – This person should perhaps be the most active. A caretaker of the BBQ and other club equipment, making sure everything works and is available at the right place and time.

Historians – Our club has a impressive and proud history. We're probably up to the third major phase of club activity, with the 1960's through 1980's being the pioneering years, with the 1990's a time of growth and now, a Renaissance period. These positions involve sourcing, organising and collating material on the clubs history.

Footnote: The club has something called Rules of Incorporation which provides slightly different titles for some of the positions but what is listed above more accurately describes the roles that need to be filled.

Special Interest Group Leaders

These aren't formal committee positions but very important roles in driving passion within each special interest group.

Leader - Boat Group

Just as a Dive Convenor oversees dive organizing activities, the Boat Group leader is a person who helps co-ordinate boat owner activities. Training, radio procedures, affiliation with Coastal Patrol, working bees, nurturing boat handlers and liaising with the Dive Convenor and Dive Organisers are all vital parts of this role

Leader – Wreck Group

A number of individuals and our club as a collective have an impressive history in shipwreck discovery and exploration. It's time to reignite the passion to discover and explore shipwrecks. The Wreck Group leader is an important position for coordinating and motivating a keen group of wreck detectives.

Activities may include library based historical research, seminars, talking to fishermen and recruiting club members at all levels to help with searching, documenting and other activities, and most importantly wreck diving.

Leader – Photography Group

South Pacific Divers Club has long history in underwater photography. One of the highlights has been staging the Australasian Underwater Photographer of the Year competition, the richest and most prestigious underwater imaging competition in the Southern Hemisphere. Indexed according to today's standards, it probably still ranks as the most impressive.

The digital world has now taken over, with a lot of club members owning compact digital cameras in housings. The Photography Group leader is responsible for organising specific group activities aimed at motivating members to gain better results and learn more about imaging. Across both still and video areas - plus having fun along the way.

Leader – Rebreather Group

There are a number of active rebreather divers within the club and the rebreather group is currently designing and building a number of rebreathers for use by it's members. The rebreather group leader will co-ordinate any diving or other rebreather related activities such as try dives and design group meetings.

Leader – Ecology Group

A keen interest in sealife and marine science is needed to help promote within the club an understanding and awareness of the marine life we encounter. No experience

2006/2007 Committee



John Fardoulis - President



Mark Pinna - Treasurer



Anna Sellamuttu - Secretary



Leo Bergagnin - Social Organiser



Geoff Cook - Dive Organiser



Scott Hansmann - Shore and Night Dive organiser



Scott Leimroth - Publicity Officer



Kylie Suttor - Marketing



Who will contribute in 2007/2008?



Club positions for 2007/2008

Committee Positions

President

Vice President

Secretary

Treasurer

Communications Director

Social Organisers (2)

Wet Rag Assistant Editor

Dive Convenor

Dive Organiser - Night

Dive Organiser – Shore

Dive Organiser – Boat

Dive Organiser – Away

Dive Organiser – All diving

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Historians (2)

Special Interest Group Leaders

Wreck - Boat – Photography – Rebreather – Ecology

NOTICE OF ANNUAL AGM

The Annual General Meeting of the South Pacific Divers Club will be held at 8pm this Monday July 16th 2007 at Bankstown Sports Club, Greenfield Parade, Bankstown.

You must be a financial member to vote. Many memberships are due on Monday night due to the fact that many former members rejoined at the AGM 12 months ago. Please contact club Treasurer Mark Pinna if you are unsure about your membership status on Monday night. **You must be a financial member to vote.**

If you cannot attend please fill out the proxy form on the opposite page. Have your say in who helps run your club for the next 12 months. Get involved and nominate for a position and help the club.

PROXY FORM

I hereby assign my proxy as a financial member of South Pacific Divers Club Inc to:

Name

As my official representative at the clubs Annual General Meeting on July 16th, 2007.

Signed

Date



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Join the Club. Membership Application Form

Complete this form and post to: **South Pacific Divers Club, P.O. Box 823 Bankstown NSW 2200**

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

I wish to apply for 1 year's membership.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

Post Code: _____

Phone: _____

Work: _____ Home: _____

Mobile: _____

E-Mail: _____

Diving Certification: _____

Certification Number: _____

Are You a Boat Owner: yes No
If yes, type of boat: _____

Join now and membership lasts until end financial year 2008

CURRENT MEMBERSHIP FEES:

Single \$50.00

Family \$75.00

Please Note that Membership for 2006-07 has been increased to cover Insurance.

DIVING MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

I/We

hereby apply to join South Pacific Divers Club Inc. I/We understand the

Club is non-profit, non-affiliated with any training organisation and is for certified divers. South Pacific Divers Club Inc does not offer instruction, advice or supervise its members' divers. It is a condition of Club membership that members exercise their own judgement in accordance with their training in deciding whether and/or how to participate in any particular dive, the technique used, or choice of equipment and that any clarification in regard to these matters should be referred to a qualified instructor or my/our certifying agency.

I/We have read the above conditions and accept same as a condition of membership.

Signed _____

DATE _____

GET READY TO PARTY

SPDC turns 45 in August

