



Sea Braggin'

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

- JULY 2011 - Edited by Ray Moulang -

Included in this issue are Dive Reports from ...

Ken Ridley & Team, Michael McFadyen,

Gary Perkins And Brian Byrnes

A BIG THANK YOU GOES TO THEM.



From Gary Perkins recent trip to South Africa
Not all good shots are taken underwater and next page also



What's On - JULY - 2011 -

WHEN	WHAT AND WHERE	CONTACT	WHEN	WHAT AND WHERE	CONTACT
SATURDAY 2nd	Deep Dive SS Tuggerah/ SS Undola	Michael McFadyen 9545 5596	<u>SUNDAY 17TH</u>	<u>Boat Dive North Head</u>	<u>Peter Flockart 9371 0265</u>
SUNDAY 3rd	Shore Dive Bare Island	Diego Mainou 8004 5015	<u>WEDNESDAY 20th</u>	<u>CLUB MEETING 8 PM ROWERS CLUB</u>	<u>Jason Coombs 9345 4599</u>
THURSDAY 7th to SUNDAY 10TH	WEEKEND TRIP Queensland EX HMAS Brisbane	Natash Naude 0410 074 677	<u>SATURDAY 24TH</u>	<u>Boat Dive Yellow Rock / Magic Point Sharks</u>	<u>Jason Coombs 9345 4599</u>
SUNDAY 10TH	Boat Dive The Apartments	Peter Flockart 9371 0265	<u>FRIDAY 29TH to SUNDAY 31st</u>	<u>Weekend Dive Trip To Nelson Bay</u>	<u>Brian Byrnes 0419 822 243</u>
SATURDAY 16th	Restaurant Night	Ida DiCamillo 9560 6082			

What's On - AUGUST - 2011 -

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<u>Saturday</u> <u>7 th</u>	<u>Deep Dive</u> <u>SS Tuggerah/</u> <u>SS Undola</u>	<u>Michael</u> <u>McFadyen</u> <u>9545 5596</u>	Wednesday 17 th	Club Meeting Rowers Club 8pm	Jason Coombs 9345 4599
<u>Saturday</u> <u>7 th</u>	<u>SHORE DIVE</u> <u>THE LEAP 1pm</u>	<u>PAUL PACEY</u> <u>9527 2501</u>	Wednesday 17 th	Rowers Club TANK TESTING PICK UP	HEINZ BENDINGER 0427 068 267
<u>Friday</u> <u>12th to</u> <u>14th</u>	<u>WEEKEND TRIP</u> <u>JERVIS BAY</u>	<u>Natasha</u> <u>Naude</u> <u>0410 074 677</u>	Sunday 20th	Boat Dive MINMI TRENCH	NANCY SCOLERI 6533 6869
<u>Sunday</u> <u>14th</u>	<u>SHORE DIVE</u> <u>SHIPROCK</u>	<u>Michael</u> <u>McFadyen</u> <u>9545 5596</u>	TUESDAY 23RD	RECOMPRESSION CHAMBER DIVE POW Hospital	Jason Coombs 9345 4599
			Sunday 28th	DEEP DIVE LONG REEF	GARY PERKINS 9533 6869

Nelson Bay Weekend, July 29 - 31

Two days spent with some of the best shore diving in NSW.
The three main dive sites here are spectacular.

Accommodation for the two nights, at the Soldiers' Point Holiday Park, will be about \$110 per person.

Arrive on Friday night, and then go for a shore dive in the morning on both Saturday and Sunday.

Take it easy for the rest of Saturday, and on Sunday have an easy drive home.





Contact Brian Byrnes if you are interested, and don't forget to give a \$50 deposit to Mark Ridsdale. brian.byrnes@pobox.com 04198 22243

A weekend in Jervis Bay in August!

Friday 12 – Sunday 14 August Double boat dives Saturday and Sunday (including one dive with the seals)

Note this is not *just* a seal diving trip – only one dive will be with the seals, conditions permitting! The remainder will be boat dives to local dive sites.

We did this trip last year and it was just great! House is perfect for our group and Ulladulla dive did a good job (despite being unable to locate the Labyrinth/Whorehouse!!) Same plan as last year – same dive rates and same accommodation costs. Hopefully same dive conditions too, which were amazing.

Diving:

Ulladulla Dive Centre can cater for 12 divers <http://www.ulladulladive.com.au/crew/duckunder.html>

- ✂ Retail rates for double dives is \$100 (\$85 for 10 divers or more, plus one free of charge)
- ✂ Airfills for \$7
- ✂ No tanks provided – if you take one tank and they provide one it will be an added charge of \$10.00, or you can hire both tanks (or take 2 of your own!)

Accommodation:

I have booked the house, “Seahaven” <http://www.stayz.com.au/11509>

House comfortably sleeps 15 people, with 3 bathrooms and 3 toilets (main bathroom with large spa bath). There is a LUG for dive gear and a BBQ we can make use of. BYO linen! Total cost for 15 people for 2 nights is \$580 (plus \$250 refundable deposit). Dinner at Vincentia Golf Club (5 mins walk up the road) on Fri night, Club Curry night at home on Sat night.

Contact **Natasha** if you want to come along, and please remember to send Mark your deposit of \$50.

Email: natasha@bluecucumber.com **Phone:** 0410 074 677

All Full

Reserves list now

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME

Your membership of St George Scuba Club will expire on 30 June. The **preferred option** is to complete the attached form (please update your details) and scan as a pdf and email to membership@stgeorgescubaclub.org.au and EFT your fee of \$25 to the Club's bank account.

The details are:

St George Scuba Club Inc
BSB 062 028
A/c No. 0080 0455

Make sure you put your name in the comments field of the EFT transfer so we know who the money is from.

You can also send the form to the Club at PO Box 453, Hurstville South, NSW, 2221 with a cheque (or EFT the money).

Finally, you can also print out the form and bring it to the next meeting and pay in cash.

Remember, to retain benefits of the Club, you must renew by 31 August.

The planned trip Kavieng is now full . Paul Pacey.

Dive the HMAS Brisbane in JULY – only 3 places left!

Arrive Wednesday 6 July – Depart Sunday 10 July (Max 13 divers/Min 6 divers)

Itinerary Arrive Wednesday 6 July evening.

Thursday 7 July double dive on the HMAS Brisbane on **Thursday afternoon**

Friday 8 July ***Friday morning:*** Double dive Sunshine Coast Reefs

Friday afternoon and night: Double dive HMAS Brisbane – the second being a night dive (min 6 people)

(Option) Can opt for a single night dive Friday night rather than double afternoon/night (min 6 people)

Saturday 9 July ***Saturday morning:*** Double dive HMAS Brisbane (no minimum)

Saturday afternoon: relax and enjoy a Club dinner!

Sunday 10 July Enjoy the day and fly home Sunday afternoon/evening

Accommodation: Mariner on the Pacific has 3 bedroom apartments with large balconies for \$250/night which sleep 6 people (<http://www.marineronthepacific.com.au/alexandra-headlands/accommodation.htm>)

Diving: Sunreef Dive Centre can cater for 13 divers, which would give us the boat to ourselves (<http://www.sunreef.com.au/local-trips.htm>)

- Double dives on reef or HMAS Brisbane will cost \$140
- Double afternoon/night dive option on HMAS Brisbane is \$160 (or \$110 for single night dive)
- 13th diver free of charge – as usual, this cost saving would be spread across all divers
- Tanks and weights (and divemaster!) included
- **Free nitrox** if we have more than 6 (certified) divers ☺
- **Nitrox certification available during trip - \$399 including 2 HMAS Brisbane dives**

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Diving the HMAS Adelaide

On the 13th of April, the Ex HMAS Adelaide was scuttled at last! So let's go and dive this newest NSW dive site.

WHEN: October long Week-end, from Friday 30th of September to Monday 3rd of October.

DIVING: Double boat dives Saturday, Sunday and Monday (two days on the HMAS Adelaide and one day on Froggy Cave and surrounding reefs). An additional dive per day can be organised if enough interest.



Terrigal Dive centre has 2 boats that can accommodate up to 7 divers each, so a maximum of 14 divers. Check <http://www.terrigaldive.com.au/index.html> for more details.

Their retail rates for double dives are \$130 for the HMAS Adelaide (includes a Government fee) and \$110 for reef diving. These prices do not include any discount and will be a bit less depending on how many divers we got.

ACCOMODATION: Work in progress, I am looking at cabins in various holiday parks. Will get more details when I know how many people are coming.

If you are interested, please contact Nancy at nancyscoleri@yahoo.com.au.

- Recent Club Happenings -

Barrens Hut/The Split – Wednesday 22 June by Michael McFadyen

Finally we had sea conditions that looked like being good, so I took Le Scat out for a Wednesday dive. On board were Les, John C, Ken, Simon H and Phil G. There were very strong westerly winds but the sea closer to the shore was quite flat. This was the first time in four weeks we had been able to do a boat dive.

After a couple of attempts to anchor, Les, John and Phil dived first. About 15 minutes into the dive the anchor came free and we drifted away from the site. We noticed this straight away and after pulling in the anchor and deco lines, we motored back and found their bubbles. Phil sent up his safety sausage and we collected them.

Anchoring again, Ken, Simon and I entered the water to find 20 metre viz and reasonably warm (18C) water.

We found the two upsidedown pipefish outside the northern end of The Split and then headed towards the cave. There were a few Gunthers butterflyfish as well as a very large bullray. All the normal bastard trumpeters, red morwong and seapike were seen. All in all, a very nice dive, although it was freezing cold back on the boat.

As Yowie Bay boat ramp was out of action, it was a short run back to Dolans Bay where we had morning tea before retrieving the boat.

Michael McFadyen

ST GEORGE SCUBA CLUB SHORE DIVE WRAP 13 – 19 JUNE, 2011

I am only aware of two shore dives last weekend, which is understandable as seas have been up.





Saturday 18th June. The steps...Michael and Kelly did the Steps right and back to the steps.

YT, Matt W, Aengus M, John D, Bob T, Kev A, decided on a nice easy drift to the monument. Temp 15 on entry, 17 on the bottom, 15 on the surface at exit. Viz 5 metres on entry, last 5 minutes at the exit point .5 M (Yes ½ m). But despite the cool water and viz, everybody had a great dive.

Saw weedies and a turtle (most excellent) (spotted by kev), photographed by all. Coffee and E&B roll afterwards and of course a magfest for a great morning.

Sunday 19th June.....Lilly Pilly...

The poor conditions on the open coast saw a dozen St George members at Lilli Pilli for Sunday morning. We shared the site with a training group from Prodiver and a bunch of fishermen. The visibility was surprisingly good, 10m or more in patches. Lots to see, with a school of large Yellow finned Pike hanging around the nets and lots of Yellow finned and Fan Belled leatherjackets around the reef outcrops.

Gary and Nancy reported seeing some large Kingfish at the site the previous day.

A highlight for the dive was a large Striped Anglerfish we spotted not far downslope of the nets.

It didn't seem as strongly coloured as the smaller ones at Chowder Bay. This large specimen was covered in long hairy filaments, making very difficult to spot amongst the clump of algae in which it was hiding.

A really enjoyable dive.

Cheers Gary



Striped anglerfish Lilli Pilli Gary D

It seems there were a couple of other shore dives but no reports.

WANTED TO BUY

Second hand strobe

Fiber optic activated

All considered.

please contact.

Jason 0413 866 935

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See you in the water...Ken Ridley



Daphne's Trifectoris



Ah, I feel a twinge....

From Brian Byrnes



Damn! Threw my back out again!



Well, don't just stand there...



Sweet Ceratosoma (normal)



Sweet Ceratosoma (one-rhinophored)



Sleeping Mourning Cuttlefish

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