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NEXT MEETING

We have arranged a new venue for our monthly meetings. We will be holding our meetings at the Marden Senior College on Marden Road, Marden from now on. Our next meeting is being held there at 8pm on Tuesday 13th March. Please ensure that your club's appointed delegate, or a proxy, attends the meeting. Hank's instructions are as follows: -

“Enter via Gate 2, turn sharp left to park in the southern car park. Board room is accessed via the door on the North Western side of the building. Car park is on the South side of the building so

members will need to walk around the building. The car park on the northern side of the building will probably be full by 7:00pm.”

Hank will meet and greet delegates. Maps are being sent out via a separate email message.

BOAT SHOW THIS WEEKEND

The Hindmarsh Island boat show is being held this weekend at the island’s marina. It is said to be SA’s largest on-water boat show. Entry and parking is free. It starts at 10am both Saturday & Sunday. For further details phone 8555 7300 or visit www.tmhi.com.au .

EWENS PONDS/EIGHT MILE CREEK

As you would have heard by now, there is a serious issue involving algal blooms in Ewens Ponds. The hotter than normal weather and the drought have caused the underground water table to drop. The head of pressure at the springs within Ewens Ponds has dropped and the water flow has been dramatically reduced, causing water temperature and nutrient levels to rise and providing perfect conditions for blue-green algae. In September 2006 Gerard Carmody, a scientist from the Australia & New Guinea Fish Association (ANGFA), wrote a damning report calling for Government intervention on the algal problem at Ewens Ponds (http://www.angfa.org.au/ftp/Save_Ewens_Pond_low_res.pdf). This report resulted in an announcement by the State Government that a 4-year study into the Ewens & Piccaninnie Ponds systems would be conducted by senior hydrogeologist Dr Glenn Harrington. In the meantime, ANGFA visited the area over the weekend of 17-18th February examining these issues and communicating directly with Mr Ross Anderson of the local Mt Gambier DEH office. Ross Anderson is the manager of the local DEH branch. He was to present a talk and demonstration of the fishway at Pic's for the group on the Sunday morning.

SEAHORSE FARM OPENED

The Seahorse Farm has now opened in Port Adelaide. It is open daily from 11am to 5pm. It is located just around the corner from the SA Maritime Museum. The address is 20 Divett St. It was interesting to note that some well-known SA divers visited the farm on its opening day on 10th February. The Channel 9 “Postcards” team also paid the farm a visit. The results will feature on a forthcoming edition of “Postcards”.

CLUB NEWS

SODS AGM

The Southern Ocean Divers hold their AGM on 1st March (at Southern Dive?).

BIGGEST FLATHEAD COMPETITION

Some fishing competitions apparently award prizes for the biggest flathead caught. Any recreational angler is eligible to enter as many flathead as they like but only the biggest fish will be considered. This is unfortunate since it is generally accepted that the biggest flathead are females and that they produce the most eggs.

DES CARDS & BUMPER STICKERS

It’s now crunch time re the proposed DES cards & bumper stickers. We won’t be able to proceed with the proposal unless more clubs commit to ordering a quantity. We have only received orders for a total of 85 cards at \$3 ea (based on costing for 200 cards). Assuming that we will never get orders for 200 after all of this time, this is now the way that things look: -
100 cards would cost some \$5 ea (2 colours/2 sides)
ditto in just 1 colour would cost up to \$4 ea

The only other alternative to this would be to produce 200 of a basic car bumper sticker which would not display all of the details of the cards. These stickers would cost up to \$2 ea. But remember, we would need orders of at least 200.

So that's it! With the cards, we would need everyone who is interested to agree to the \$4 card or the \$5 one. We just need to receive orders totalling 100 or more. It may be a case of 'back to square one' for those that have already committed to the '200 price' (\$3) with two colours. Please see that these details reach your club committee and members for their consideration. Those clubs that have already committed now need to re-affirm their preferences as discussed above. Don't let this issue drag on for too long because it's not fair to those clubs that are keen to receive something tangible soon.

DEATH OF TERRY ARNOTT

We report the sad news that Terry Arnett, the Senior Maritime Heritage Officer for DEH's Heritage SA, died at home in his sleep on 27th January. His funeral was held at Centennial Park on 2nd February. Our condolences go to his family and friends. Ross Anderson, President for the Australasian Institute for Maritime Archaeology (AIMA) tells us that Terry was "A founding member of AIMA, current AIMA Councillor and AIMA/NAS Tutor for South Australia (and senior office bearer since AIMA's inception). In 2000 he was commemorated as a 'pioneer diver, researcher, lobbyist, author, maritime archaeologist and shipwreck discoverer' when he was presented with the Jack Loney Award by the Victorian Heritage Council's Historic Shipwrecks Advisory Committee. As the Senior Maritime Heritage Officer for Heritage South Australia in Adelaide, he continued to pursue his passion for researching and diving shipwrecks and maritime heritage." Ross added that "We will always remember Terry for his passion, enthusiasm, big heart, big laugh and great love for all of his many friends and family." Jenny Hughes, Director, Venues, Infrastructure and Funding Services for the Office for Recreation & Sport and Chair of the SATCC said "I am sure we will all miss Terry and I personally will remember him as a person who had energy and passion for life. Terry has made a vast contribution to outdoor recreation and has left a legacy for now and in the future." We understand that Terry's body was cremated and that his ashes were to be scattered at the site of the 1865 wreck of the *City of Launceston* in Port Phillip Bay, Victoria. The *City of Launceston* was a steamship which collided with the *Penola*, another steamer, in November 1865. The site was rediscovered in 1980 and was the first shipwreck to be declared under the Victorian Historic Shipwrecks Act 1981.

FISH, SHARKS & RAYS: A NEW CCSA INITIATIVE

"We all understand the need to protect threatened species on land such as the Bilby or the Red-tailed Black-Cockatoo but what about our finned friends? The Conservation Council has recently commenced the 'protecting South Australia's threatened fish, sharks and rays' project. This project will increase awareness of the status of fish species of conservation concern amongst marine and coastal managers and the general community. We will be helping Natural Resources Management (NRM) Boards, Local Government, industry and the broader community to identify and put in place the actions required to reduce the threats to species at risk, and where appropriate, achieve protection under relevant legislation. Timed to fit in with the upcoming release of the 'Conservation status of South Australia's fish, sharks and rays' report, the project will develop a number of resources useful to all those with an interest in marine conservation in South Australia. The project will make information from the report more readily accessible in the form of a dozen 'at risk' species fact sheets. The project will also provide summaries and guidance regarding legislation relevant to marine fish species conservation, the threats faced by marine fish species in SA and the ways in which these threats need to be addressed. The project will be providing on-ground and face-to-face support and advice to South Australia's regional NRM Boards and other regional workers/community regarding the actions and policies required.

This project is part of the Conservation Council's commitment to positive environmental outcomes for South Australia's marine environment and further develops the capacity of the Conservation Council, the broader conservation sector, marine and coastal NRM managers and the regional NRM Boards to address the threats facing our vulnerable fish, shark and ray species. For more information contact Josh Coates at the Conservation Council. Phone 8223 5155 or email josh.coates@ccsa.asn.au."

Source: CCSA's February E-Briefs

AUSTRALIA DAY

We hope that your Australia Day holiday was all that you could wish for. Australia Day is held on 26th January because it was on that day in 1788 that Governor Arthur Phillip took formal possession of NSW. Our next long weekend for a public holiday is the Adelaide Cup on 10-12th March. Easter follows in early April.

(Phillip and the First Fleet had entered Botany Bay on 18th January 1788. Phillip soon realized, however, that the bay was not ideal for settlement so he explored further. He landed at Camps Cove in Port Jackson on the 21st. He considered the 'harbour' there to be "the finest in the world". The Frenchman La Perouse reached Botany Bay on the 24th. All the ships of the First Fleet had moved to Port Jackson (now Sydney Harbour) by the 26th and possession was 'taken' for the King of England - George III.)

Below are some other notable events that occurred on 26th January: -

NSW DIVERS RESCUED

Two WA scuba divers were rescued on Australia Day after spending more than 12 hours overnight in the water. They had been diving from their boat which drifted away whilst they were down. When they surfaced they were unable to reach their boat. It seems that one of them managed to reach a partly exposed reef for safety whilst the other was left drifting away on the surface. They had both had to ditch their scuba gear. Meanwhile, their boat washed up on an island somewhere. It was apparently discovered by some people who failed to raise the alarm and alert the authorities, and ransacked the boat instead. One of the divers managed to call on help from a passing boatie early the next morning. We all know that we are taking a great chance when we leave our boats unattended whilst we dive. It is recommended that, wherever possible, a suitably qualified person should be left in charge of the boat. They can then take the appropriate action when the need arises. Failing that, at least check that your boat anchor is set securely. The use of a line reel would keep you connected to your boat. The WA divers, it seems, lost much of their boating and diving equipment in the incident. They had not informed anyone of their plans i.e. where they were going and for how long. Their dive trip turned out to be a marathon 22 hours or more in total. It is good practice to notify someone (anyone) of your movements.

SHIPWRECK SCULPTURE RESCUED

The *President Coolidge* sank at Vanuatu on the 26th, 26th October 1942 that is. It was on 26th January 2000 (Australia Day), however, that a minor earthquake caused 'The lady & the unicorn' sculpture on the '*President*' to fall from its position on the promenade deck at 42m. A team of 5 divers recovered 'The Lady' three days later and brought her to the surface for the first time in 58 years. The gilt frame of the sculpture was repaired and 'The Lady' was then secured back in to her place of residence for visiting divers to see.

SHOP NEWS

As reported last month, the Port Noarlunga Dive & Snorkel Centre at 9 Saltfleet St, Port Noarlunga is now being operated by Glenelg Scuba. This has brought about a new name and an

upgrade of the premises at Port Noarlunga. The new name is Adventure Blue and the shop frontage has been completely refurbished. Check it out soon. It looks great, especially at night.

DATA ON SHARK SIGHTINGS

There has been the usual media frenzy about shark sightings this summer. The never-ending reports would not have helped the dive industry at all. We are endeavouring to gather data on shark sightings that provides us with the facts needed to be able to question media reports. Let us know if you have any information that may be of some assistance.

“SHIPWRECK DETECTIVES” FILMS FOR SALE

Corioli Souter from the Western Australian Museum's Department of Maritime Archaeology Advises us that the “Shipwreck Detective” films can be purchased through Prospero. All enquiries should be directed to: mail@prospero.com.au . Thanks Corioli. For further information about the Western Australian Museum's Department of Maritime Archaeology, visit <http://www.museum.wa.gov.au/maritime> .

ITEMS IN THE NEWSPAPERS

The Defence Department said that the navy would conduct a further survey of the site of the crashed Army Black Hawk helicopter which crashed in to the sea off Fiji last year. The department wishes to establish the condition of the chopper on the sea floor to be able to decide if it will launch a recovery operation to retrieve the wreckage.

The Singaporean cargo ship *Cherry Venture*, which ran aground on the Sunshine Coast's Teewah Beach during a cyclone in 1973, is being removed by the Queensland government due to asbestos concerns.

The cockle fishery at Outer Harbor has re-opened following a 7-month closure due to contamination concerns.

Two men lost their wallets and mobile phones off of West Beach when their dinghy overturned during a fishing trip.

Surf Lifesaving Australia has warned swimmers in tropical Australian waters to wear (anti) stinger suits for protection against box jellyfish and irunkandji.

Luke Pike is a Channel 10 cameraman who loves to take underwater footage in the name of public awareness. The ever-prepared cameraman was able to film the early birth of his second child on Anzac Highway en route to the hospital.

Australia & France have signed a treaty aimed at protecting fish stocks in their remote island territories in an area of the Southern Ocean 4000km SW of Perth. The agreement expands operations between the two countries against illegal fishing through joint patrols.

A Yorke Peninsula boatie turns heads whenever he launches his boat *Sea Legs*. The boat has its own wheels to enable him to launch it anywhere. Before you decide that this is the right kind of boat for you, consider the \$100,000 price tag.

A Dutch tourist ‘threatened’ by a stingray at North Haven on 29th December was ‘rescued’ by three dolphins who circled her and caused the stingray to ‘retreat’.

ANNIVERSARIES

SDFS Bulletin

January was the first anniversary of our SDFS Bulletin.

FOUNDING OF SUUNTO

Tuomas Vohlonen, a Finnish surveying engineer, invented (and patented) the world's first liquid-filled compass. In 1936 he founded Suunto, the company whose name has since become synonymous with precision diving instruments. 2007 is therefore the 71st anniversary of the

founding of Suunto. To find out more about Suunto products such as dive computers visit www.suunto.com or www.aquanaut.com.au .

NAUI FIRST ESTABLISHED

The National Association of Underwater Instructors was first established (in the US?) 48 years ago in 1959. Visit www.nau.org or www.nauipacific.com for more details.

LOCH ARD ANCHOR RAISED

It will be 27 years this year since an anchor from the Victorian shipwreck *Loch Ard* was raised to mark the centenary of the wreck near Port Campbell. The 7 foot, $\frac{3}{4}$ tonne anchor was raised from a depth of 75 feet (25m) in poor conditions i.e. 12 foot (4m) swells with lots of backwash and 6 foot (2m) viz. The complete retrieval, including the 2-hour tow of the anchor back to the Port Campbell jetty, took some 9 hours. It was then preserved and placed on display at Port Campbell. Some 21 divers were involved in the project, including members of the SDF of Victoria, member clubs and the Maritime Archaeology Association of Victoria.

(It was only about this time that the MAAV and MAANSW were formed following the Maritime Archaeology Conference in Perth in 1977.)

EXPLORER VENTURES STARTED

Explorer Ventures started its live-aboard diving trips back in 1987. It all started with the purchase of the 33m *Caribbean Explorer* which catered for 18 passengers. Much has happened in the twenty years since then. Visit www.explorerverventures.com for more details.

PANNIKIN PLAINS CAVE EXPEDITION

Last November was the 18th anniversary of the 1988 Pannikin Plains Cave Diving Expedition (NOT 'Panicking'). A team of Australian cave divers explored the subterranean waters of the cave system. Their exploration nearly ended in tragedy when a freak cyclonic storm hit the area on 2nd December. The storm caused the cave to collapse and trap 13 people from the expedition under tonnes of rock & water for 2 days. The video "Nullarbor Dreaming" by Liz & Andrew Wight presents a graphic account of the expedition and how it all ended. It is available from the CDAA for \$35.95 (incl. P&H). Visit www.cavedivers.com.au for more details.

LUMB'S SCUTTLING

Forgot to include the 12th anniversary of the scuttling of the *HA Lumb* in our December news sheet. She was scuttled in 24m of water off of Port Noarlunga in December 1994. Does anyone know the actual date of the scuttling?

PERTH'S SCUTTLING

Also forgot to include the 5th anniversary of the scuttling of HMAS *Perth* (DDG-38) in the December news sheet. She was scuttled off of Albany, WA on 24th November 2001, almost four years after HMAS *Swan* (14th December 1997) was scuttled in Geographe Bay, WA.

SWAN'S COMMISSIONING

Speaking of HMAS *Swan*, it has been over 39 years since the anti-submarine Destroyer Escort was built by December 1967 and commissioned on 20th January 1970. It is now more than 9 years since she was scuttled in Geographe Bay.

FORMATION OF DHS ASEA

The Historical Diving Society SE Asia-Pacific was formed ten years ago in 1997. Founded by Bob Ramsay, it was launched at the Asian Diver Exhibition and Conference in Singapore on 16th May 1997 by Singapore's environment Minister and Jean-Michel Cousteau. (The Diving Historical Society of Australia & South East Asia at the time.) Visit www.hdsseap.org for more details.

DISCOVERY OF THE PANDORA SITE

November this year will be the 30th anniversary of the discovery of the location of the 18th century Royal Navy frigate the HMS *Pandora* by both Ben Cropp and Steven Domm's teams in 1977. It was located on a coral reef at 35m 120km SSE from Thursday Island. The *Pandora* was

the ship that was carrying prisoners from the famous mutiny on the *Bounty* when it sank on the reef during a stormy night on 29th August 1791.

SHIPS SUNK IN JAPANESE AIR RAID ON DARWIN

19th February is the 65th anniversary of the Japanese air raid on Darwin Harbour. Eight ships were sunk as a result of the raid on 19th February 1942. They were the *Peary*, *Neptuna*, *British Motorist*, *Mauna Loa*, *Meigs*, *Zealandia*, *Mavie* and the *Kelat*. More details about the topic are included in the February issue of our SDFSA Bulletin.

62ND ANNIVERSARY OF GERMAN SUB'S SINKING

February is the 62nd anniversary of the sinking of the German submarine U-864 by Allied forces off of Norway in February 1945. It is believed to have 65 tonnes of toxic mercury on board so there are plans to bury the sub in the seabed to protect the Norway coast from the toxic cargo.

SDFSA BULLETIN

Attached along with this *SDF News Sheet* is a copy of the latest issue of our *SDFSA bulletin*. This is an electronic bulletin separate to our normal monthly *SDF News Sheet*. Items featured in this issue of the Bulletin are: -

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Ships Sunk In Japanese Air Raid On Darwin	Error! Bookmark not defined.
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The Names Of Liberty Ships	Error! Bookmark not defined.
Vessels Sunk To Create Artificial Harbors	Error! Bookmark not defined.
Ice-Bound Cargo Vessels Delivered From Duluth To Chicago	Error! Bookmark not defined.

Future issues of the *SDFSA bulletin* will include lengthy articles about matters of interest to recreational divers. We welcome contributions from our readers.

NEXT CLEAN UP DAY

Clean Up Australia Day 2007 is being held on Sunday 4th March. Register your site with Clean Up Australia at www.cleanup.org.au or call 1800 CUA DAY / 1800 282 329.

SCHOOLING BEHAVIOUR OF REEF CATFISH

The Lined Catfish, *Plotosus lineatus*, will school together in a tight ‘ball’ which appears to roll along as fish at the back of the ‘ball’ swim to the front of the ‘ball’. This tight schooling of catfish is an example of ‘pseudoposematic colouring’ - when a creature such as a fish mimics another organism of no apparent interest to a predator. The catfish school so tightly together that they resemble one larger animal such as a sea cucumber. This behaviour is also known as ‘collective mimicry’.

MARINA UPDATES

MARINA ADELAIDE

The \$21.6m Marina Adelaide being built at Largs North will hold up to 180 vessels. Facilities will include a public boat ramp, car park, boat lift and storage facilities. Excavation work on the site began last June, with >70% of the basin already excavated. The boat ramp is near completion and new roads have been constructed. Stage 1 infrastructure works are scheduled to begin in September.

CAPE JAFFA ANCHORAGE

The Cape Jaffa Anchorage marina development will incorporate 550 homes with marina berths and all-weather port. Earthworks are already underway. The development is expected to take another 5 years to be completed.

COMEDY CORNER (Marine laughs)

CARPET SHARKS FOR SALE

Noticed a classified advert in a recent Sunday Mail for the sale of 'Carpet Sharks' which turned out to be an ad for those creatures "commonly known as ferrets".

NEW DIVE SITE FOR MILDURA

Scuba diver Christian Brown recently tried out a new dive site in Mildura following heavy flooding in the town. Recent heavy rainfalls flooded the streets of Mildura causing Christian to gear up and swim down "Burnside Way".

SEAHORSE SECURITY

The big steel door at the entrance to the newly opened Seahorse Farm in Divett St, Port Adelaide carries a warning sign stating "Warning – Protected by Killer Seahorse".

MARINE INVERTEBRATES

According to the SA Museum's web site at

<http://www.samuseum.sa.gov.au/page/default.asp?site=1&id=788&fragPage=1> the Marine

Invertebrate section at the SA Museum is "responsible for all animal groups except vertebrates and terrestrial arthropods. The section has two collections managers, Thierry Laperousaz and Bob Hamilton-Bruce, with Bob responsible for molluscs and Thierry for the rest. Moon Lee also works 1/2 time in the section organising loans and maintaining the literature. The collection is thought to have more than a million specimens and they are kept as either dried specimens or stored in alcohol or formalin. Bob has a research interest in terrestrial fossil snails, especially opalised ones, while Thierry is an expert underwater photographer and now maintains the South Australian Museum Marine Photo Index (designed and built by Greg Rouse and Daniel Edson). The collections of 'Marine Invertebrates' are currently represented by 23 phyla and hold more than 1 million of specimen lots which included 1700 holotypes, 11300 secondary types, 33000 registered lots and 1400 microscope slide preparations. The collections also hold about 3,500 colour slides of living marine invertebrates. In most cases the animal was collected and preserved after being photographed in its natural habitat.

(They) hold one of the most significant collections of Australian molluscs. In addition, historical and recent collections from southern Australia, the arid zone, Tasmania, New Zealand and Antarctica are significant. The specimens are preserved in either alcohol (75%)/ formalin (10%) or dried."

Photos from the [S.A. Museum Marine PhotoIndex](#) can be viewed via this hyperlink.

EX-HMAS CANBERRA ARTIFICIAL REEF PROJECT UPDATE

John Lawler, President for the Victorian Artificial Reef Society (VARs), understands that the Project Manager for Tourism Victoria is in the final stages of budget planning with the contractor to prepare the ex-HMAS *Canberra* for sinking. The *Canberra* remains at anchor at Fleet Base West, Stirling WA. When all budgets have been finalised and signed off, the gifting deed will then be signed, allowing for the vessel to be towed from WA to Melbourne. Whilst the tow time is around 14 days, it has not been determined who will have responsibility for the towing contract. It is most likely that the Canadian Artificial Reef Consortium (CARC) will be contracted to scuttle the *Canberra* in Victorian waters. Roy Gabriel from CARC, who has been responsible for the successful scuttling of all ex -Navy vessels in Australian waters, has been in discussion with the Project Manager and the contractor, and has visited the *Canberra* in WA. The scuttling site has yet to be finalised. Plans for a mass gathering on both sides of the entrance

to Port Phillip Bay to greet the *Canberra* are underway. It has been suggested that the *Canberra* may possibly not be getting scuttled until November this year but since that clashes with the Victorian State election it may not happen then.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

EUDISHOW 2007

The 15th Eudi Show is being held in Rome 9-12th March 2007. A very special collaboration between Mares (scuba diving equipment) and PADI (tuition) has led to the creation of the Mares Discovery Scuba project which is to be presented at the Eudi Show. A large pool (10m X 5m X 1.1m) will be set up at the Mares stand in Pavilion 2, where visitors to the show will have the opportunity, free of charge, to try out Mares equipment.

WORLD POLICE & FIRE GAMES

The World Police & Fire Games are being held in Adelaide from 16th to 25th March 2007. Visit www.wpfg.com for more details.

OZTEK'07

The OZTeK'07 Australasian Diving Conference & Exhibition is being held 17-18th March 2007 at the Australian Technology Park in Sydney. You can receive the latest news from OZTeK'07 direct by visiting www.diveoztek.com.au to sign up. Details were also included in the February issue of Dive Log (pages 18, 20, 29, 63 & 71).

ADEX

The next Asia Dive Expo is being held in Bangkok from 27th to 29th April 2007. Visit www.asiadiveexpo.com for more details. Details were also included in the February issue of Dive Log (page 53).

HIDEAWAY ISLAND DIVE FESTIVAL 2007

The next Hideaway Island Dive Festival and Digital Photo Shoot is being held at the Hideaway Island Resort and Marine Sanctuary from 20-27th May 2007. Visit www.hideaway.com.vu for more details. Details were also included in the February issue of Dive Log (page 61).

MALAYSIA INTERNATIONAL DIVE EXPO 2007

The Malaysia International Dive Expo 2007 is being held at the Putra World Trade Centre, Hall 4, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia from 6-8th July 2007. The expo is open to all. Admission is free. Visit www.mide.com.my for more details. Details were also included in the February issue of Dive Log (page 67).

The Scuba Divers Federation of SA is a member of the following: -

[Rapid Bay Jetty Design Reference Group](#)

[SARFAC](#) (SA Recreational Fishing Advisory Council)

Fleurieu Reef Management Committee (Ex-HMAS *Hobart*)

TRAIL COMMITTEES - SA Trails Coordinating Committee (Office of Recreation & Sport) and Port Noarlunga Reef Underwater Trail [South Australian Trails](#)

Contact the Federation's Secretary on info@sdfsa.net to be included on the mailing list for this electronic news sheet.

The SDF supports both [Reef Watch](#) & [Dragonsearch](#)

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