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We trust that you enjoyed some good diving over the June long weekend. If you don't have the time to read through everything in this news sheet, take advantage of the following table of contents. Click on any item of interest to proceed straight to that section.

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## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Our next meeting is our AGM. It is being held upstairs at [247 Currie Street, Adelaide](#) at 7.30pm on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July. Annual reports need to be in the hands of the Secretary by 4<sup>th</sup> July. Written nominations for positions on the Executive Committee also need to be received by that same date. Nomination forms have been sent out to our member clubs. (We will continue to hold our meetings at Currie St whilst the Hilton Hotel is being renovated. [It's a stand alone, 130-year old double story building known as 'Darnley House' \(but it's not mentioned on the building yet\).](#) [No.247 is almost to West Tce on southern side of Currie Street, just a few houses down from the Edinburgh Castle Hotel. It has Clifton Place running down the western side. There is street parking in Clifton Pl, Gray St and West Tce, only 150m away.](#).)

## **MARINE DEBRIS INFORMATION AFTERNOON**

This month, [OceanWatch Australia](#) has been [holding marine debris information afternoons](#) around SA [to discuss the impacts & dangers of sea dumping and marine debris](#). There is only one last session which will be held on [Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June at DC of Robe Chambers, Smillie St, Robe](#) from 3-6pm. [Entry is by gold coin donation. Contact seanet@safic.com.au for more details.](#)

## **OTHER AGMs**

### **SDFV**

The Scuba Divers Federation of Victoria is holding its AGM in August.

### **SARFAC**

The South Australian Recreational Fishing Advisory Committee's AGM is being held on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September.

## **COCKLES CONTAMINATED**

Faecal bacteria, beyond the safe threshold for human consumption, has been detected in Mud cockles on the Section Bank area (off Outer Harbor). The area will now remain closed to the harvesting of all bivalve molluscs until 31<sup>st</sup> December 2006. The SA Fishing Industry Council says that cockles are being contaminated by sewage and show high levels of e-coli. The question is "Where is the sewage coming from?". Well, the next item could be the answer.

## **PUMPING STATIONS NEEDED IN PORT RIVER**

It seems that there aren't any pumping stations in the Port River to take effluent away for treatment. The Project Dolphin Safe Association and some of the dolphin tour boats are calling for pumping stations to be built there. They say that boaties and commercial ships are being encouraged to discharge their human waste into the waterway.

## **DOLPHIN DEATHS**

In the meantime, two or three recent dolphin deaths have been attributed to worm infestation within the dolphins, as described in the following article taken from the Marine And Coastal Community Network's "Wetstuff News" dated 7th June 2006: -

"CONCERNS RAISED OVER DOLPHIN DEATH INCREASE

Source: <http://www.abc.net.au/news/newsitems/200606/s1656101.htm>

The South Australian Museum is concerned that an increasing number of dolphins are washing up on South Australian beaches with a particular parasite in their bodies. A post-mortem has revealed that a baby dolphin that washed up at Sellick's Beach last Wednesday had nematodes, a type of parasitic worm, in its lungs. The museum's curator of mammals, Catherine Kemper, says she has seen a growing number of nematode cases in the last 18 months. "It's just a bit curious that it's all of a sudden starting in the last 18 months or so," she said. "We've got records dating back 16 years and this is a definite increase in the numbers of animals that have these nematodes." The museum has applied for government funding to further investigate the problem."

A baby dolphin, however, found dead at Somerton Park beach about the same time, had fishing line caught around its tail and it died of suffocation. Could it be though, that these nematode worms are the result of sewage and effluent in the water?

## **DOLPHIN DEATHS IN S.E. BURMA**

Whilst on the topic of dolphins, it has been reported that some 30 dolphins a month are being killed by Burmese fishermen and villagers.

## **NEW MARINA FOR NORTH HAVEN**

The Cruising Yacht Club of SA is planning a new 73-berth marina at North Haven. The Port Adelaide Enfield Council has approved the project, angering local residents. The CYCSA web site address is [www.cycsa.com.au](http://www.cycsa.com.au) .

## **NEW MARINA FOR PORT ADELAIDE**

Meanwhile, a new 180-berth marina, public boat ramp and an adjoining marine industrial estate is planned for Port Adelaide. This new marina will be known as Marina Adelaide. It will include ship lifts, hard stand areas and dry boat storage. Visit [www.lmc.sa.gov.au/marinaadelaide](http://www.lmc.sa.gov.au/marinaadelaide) for more details.

## **TELSTRA SEAPHONE SERVICE HAS NOW CEASED**

The Telstra Seaphone Service by the Australian Bureau of Meteorology has now ceased. The BOM will no longer broadcast coastal weather forecasts twice daily. Mariners are encouraged to use of other radio services operated by the Bureau or state maritime agencies and volunteer organizations. Visit [www.bom.gov.au/marine](http://www.bom.gov.au/marine) for more details.

## **NEW CEO FOR TRANSPORT**

Jim Hallion (ex-CEO of PIRSA) has now replaced Dr James Horne as the CEO of the Transport and Infrastructure Department. The battle is now on for the vacant position at PIRSA.

### **NEW RESCUE HELICOPTER SERVICE**

SA now has a new \$52m rescue helicopter service. Australian Helicopters, which are based at the Adelaide Airport, will now operate the Adelaide Bank Rescue Helicopter Service for the next three years. Police Minister Paul Holloway officially opened the service on 26<sup>th</sup> May. He said that, by using the latest emergency rescue equipment and advanced systems, the service will provide the best emergency response capabilities in Australia.

### **TRIAL BREAKWATER UNDER REVIEW**

The trial breakwater built at Semaphore South two years ago did not have the desired effect. The sea has now carved a small cove just north of the breakwater. DEH say that the height of the trial breakwater has caused the erosion on the beach. They say that they are now assessing the situation and will try some fine-tuning. In the meantime, they have had to cart about 10,000 cubic metres of sand from near Semaphore jetty to the beach where the erosion has occurred. All this sand carting, combined with off-shore dredging, would have ensured continued water turbidity problems in recent months.

### **WHALE SIGHTING SEASON**

The whale-sighting season is now underway again. For more information visit [www.sawhalecentre.com](http://www.sawhalecentre.com) . Meanwhile, new whale protection measures were announced in NSW last month. Fines of \$300 will be given to people caught harassing whales and protection zones can also be declared around sick or special animals.

### **SHARK SHIELD PROTECTION FOR BEACHES**

The Somerton Beach Life Saving Club has started using Mariner Shark Shields to protect its volunteers when dealing with sharks. The club is interested in being able to hook the shields to buoys 10m apart to create an underwater electronic cage along their beach to help to keep sharks away. This idea needs more investigation since there is a small chance that a shark could get inside the “cage” and then become trapped and unable to get out again.

### **SUBMARINE’S SPECIAL ‘SHARK SKIN’ SURFACE**

Whilst on the subject of sharks, did you know that modern submarines copy the skin of sharks by using specially treated rubber tiles with sandpapery surfaces which absorb sonar, adapt to water pressure and reduce underwater drag?

### **REEF WATCH NEWS**

A talk on inter-tidal monitoring is being held on Thursday 13th July. A flyer has been forwarded on to our members.

### **NRM MEETINGS**

Members of the public are welcome to attend meetings of the Adelaide and Mount Lofty Ranges Natural Resource Management Board. Visit <http://www.amlnrm.sa.gov.au/nrm/boards/amlr/meetings.html> for more details.

### **CUTTLEFISH ATTACKS**

Prior to Dennis Hutson’s enforced layoff from diving, he was getting harassed by cuttlefish. In the latest incident, a small female enlisted the assistance of a large male. Dennis wants to know whether or not anyone else has witnessed this kind of cuttlefish behaviour before, where one cuttle will seek the assistance of another (bigger) cuttle to attack a diver. More details about this cuttlefish attack on Dennis can be read in the MLSSA June Newsletter at

<http://www.mlssa.asn.au> . Some of the details are included in our June *SDFS*A Bulletin. Please send any information to [info@sdfs.net](mailto:info@sdfs.net) .

### **WHYALLA CUTTLEFISH SEASON**

Whilst on the topic of cuttlefish, the Whyalla cuttlefish season runs until August. To find out more phone the Whyalla VIC on 8645 7900 or 1800 088 589 or visit: -

<http://www.whyllacuttlefish.com/cuttlefish/index.htm> ,

<http://www.whyllacuttlefish.com/cuttlefish/Cuttlefish%20A4%20brochure.pdf> or [www.cuttlefishcapital.com.au](http://www.cuttlefishcapital.com.au) .

### **CRAYFISH SEASON CLOSURE**

The taking of Southern Rock Lobster in the southern zone is prohibited until 6am on 1<sup>st</sup> October. The taking of Southern Rock Lobster in the northern zone is prohibited until 6am on 1<sup>st</sup> November.

### **HOBART UPDATE**

Aquatic Dreams at Victor Harbor is apparently no longer acting as a booking agent for *Hobart* dive permits. The next meeting of the FRMC is being held on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July. Boats visiting the *Hobart* site will be checked for permits and current registration so be sure that you register your boat and purchase permits to dive.

### **NO “NIGHT OF DIVING” EVENING YET**

Our announcement regarding a “Night of Diving” evening soon was somewhat premature. Details will be advised once that they become available.

### **SDFS**A BULLETIN

Attached along with this *SDF News Sheet* is a copy of the latest issue of our *SDFS*A bulletin. This is an electronic bulletin separate to our normal monthly *SDF News Sheet*. Future issues of the *SDFS*A bulletin will include lengthy articles about matters of interest to recreational divers. We welcome contributions from our readers. Many thanks to Neville Skinner for being the driving force behind the *Bulletin*.

### **CLUB NEWS**

#### **GSDC**

David Muirhead will be the guest speaker at the Glenelg Scuba Diving Club’s meeting on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> August. David says that his presentation of underwater slides will have “plenty of local critter ID focus/interest”.

#### **MLSSA**

Congratulations to the Marine Life Society of SA which celebrated its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary on 16<sup>th</sup> June. Congrats also to the Society’s patron, Dr Scoresby Shepherd, on being made an Officer of the Order of Australia in the recent Queens Birthday holiday awards. Meanwhile, the Society’s new calendars for 2007 are out now and, well you all should know what I always say, they are the best yet. The SA marine life calendars are still priced at \$10 each. They will be available at monthly meetings of the SDF. Enquiries may be made through our Secretary at [info@sdfs.net](mailto:info@sdfs.net) .

### **MARITIME MUSEUM NEWS**

#### **“SOUTH AUSTRALIA ON THE MAP 1606 TO 2006” EXHIBITION**

The SA Maritime Museum’s new exhibition “South Australia on the Map 1606 to 2006” traces the history of exploring SA, including European charting of the coastline. It marks the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first charting of the Australian coast by the crew of the *Duyfken*. Hopefully

you were able to view the *Duyfken* replica whilst it was in the Port last month. Visit [www.duyfken.com](http://www.duyfken.com) for more details. The exhibition runs until 21<sup>st</sup> June at 119 Lipson St in Port Adelaide.

### **CITY OF ADELAIDE UPDATE**

The Save the Clipper Ship City of Adelaide 1864 Action Group was reportedly trying to estimate the cost of deconstruction of the *City of Adelaide* compared with it being kept intact and transported to Adelaide. The group believes the ship could be displayed in Adelaide with measures taken to save it from further deterioration, if not restoration. A Scottish Parliament member would like to see a joint venture between Scotland and Australia to rescue the ship.

### **OLD SHIPWRECKS PROTECTION PLAN**

According to an item found on the SA Central web site, “the 44 protected shipwreck sites (in SA) may be extended to include up to 200 sites, with new amendments to the legislation to be introduced by the minister for Environment and Conservation. This could mean such sites will be protected for future generations to explore and enjoy”.

Source: <http://www.sacentral.sa.gov.au/site/page.cfm?c=51192>

### **MARINE ARCHAEOLOGY AND SHIPWRECK SEMINARS**

The Australasian Institute for Maritime Archaeology is holding a range of seminars and events on marine archaeology and shipwrecks in Fremantle, Melbourne & Sydney from 23rd June to 1st July. For further information about the seminars visit <http://www.aima.iinet.net.au> and <http://www.archaeologyweek.com>, or contact the organisers in each city, as follows:-

Michael McCarthy (Fremantle) phone 94318436, email: [michael.mccarthy@museum.wa.gov.au](mailto:michael.mccarthy@museum.wa.gov.au)

Cassandra Philippou (Melbourne) phone 9637 9348, email: [cassandra.philippou@dse.vic.gov.au](mailto:cassandra.philippou@dse.vic.gov.au)

Kieran Hosty (Sydney) phone 9298 3710, email: [khosty@anmm.gov.au](mailto:khosty@anmm.gov.au)

### **ANNIVERSARY OF SINKING OF THE *TORRENS***

Whilst on the topic of shipwrecks, enthusiasts would realize that 14<sup>th</sup> June was the 7<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the sinking of the 2700-ton HMAS *Torrens* which was torpedoed by HMAS *Farncomb*, the Collins class submarine. The *Farncomb* destroyed the former Destroyer Escort with a Mark-48 torpedo on 14<sup>th</sup> June 1999. The *Torrens* was cut in two by the direct hit. More details, with lots of colour photos, can be read in the June- August newsletter of the Adelaide Scuba Diving Club.

### **ANIMATED SEADRAGON FEATURE**

The Coast Protection Board and the DEH launched an animated film titled “The Amazing Adventures of Gavin, a Leafy Seadragon” on 14<sup>th</sup> June. Unfortunately, no one from the SDF executive committee was able to attend the launch. The 17-minute film is said to be “a novel & innovative approach to marine awareness”.

### **CHEAP FUEL CAMPAIGN**

If you feel like a trip to our south-east this winter, Limestone Coast Tourism offers a 60c per litre fuel rebate to drivers who stay at any one of 43 participating accommodation providers for three nights. This scheme is known as the “Cheap Fuel campaign”. Bookings and vouchers can be obtained through the SA Visitor & Travel Centre at 18 King William St, Adelaide. Phone them on 1300 655 276 or visit [www.southaustralia.com](http://www.southaustralia.com) .

## **TRAILER REGULATIONS**

The rules regarding tandem axles for trailers, car & trailer weight ratios, towing capacities, etc..., including the need for brakes on heavy boat trailers, are discussed in the June issue of our *SDFS* *Bulletin*.

## **WALLAROO TO LUCKY BAY FERRY**

The commencement date for the proposed Wallaroo to Lucky Bay ferry has now been set for November. The ferry will be able to carry some 62 cars. Each one-way sea trip between Wallaroo and Lucky Bay should take about 1 hour 45 minutes.

## **FEDERAL FUNDING FOR FRENCH ANCHOR**

The Australian Government's Historic Shipwreck Programme (HSP) is providing \$20,000 to aid a search of the South Australian coast to locate and protect the anchor of the *Casuarina*, a 30-ton 18<sup>th</sup> century schooner used by the French explorer Nicolas Baudin. The *Casuarina* ran aground on an extensive sand bar on the Yorke Peninsula's south coast in January 1803. She was, however, undamaged and floated off of the bar. She lost an anchor about this time. A search for the anchor was proposed back in 2001.

## **DEH COAST AND MARINE SEMINAR PROGRAM – 2006**

This month's seminar is being held on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June from 12.30-1.30pm, in the Coorong Boardroom (Level 2) at 1 Richmond Road, Keswick. Brad Page, Research Officer from SARDI – Aquatic Sciences, is speaking about resource separation among male, female and juvenile New Zealand fur seals. All interested persons are most welcome. A list of the remaining 2006 Department of Environment Coast and Marine Seminars is included in our June SDFS *Bulletin*.

## **ADVENTURE ACTIVITY STANDARDS.**

The completed Adventure Activity Standards are now available on the [Recreation SA](#) website, and the last five standards, including the scuba standard, will be completed in the next few weeks. Rosemary Sage, the Executive Officer for Recreation SA, says that the AAS launch on 8<sup>th</sup> June went well and she now looks forward to the standards being utilised by the outdoor community in the future.

## **VICTORIAN ABALONE VIRUS**

Alison Cobbletick, the Executive Assistant for VRFish, the Victorian recreational fishing peak body, reports that an abalone virus has caused an abalone fishing closure in the western zone for the State. Hope it doesn't affect our Southern Zone!

## **HMAS CANBERRA**

Whilst on the topic of Victoria, the Victorian Artificial Reef Society (VARS) has been working to secure the former HMAS *Canberra* as an artificial reef and dive location in Victorian waters. New South Wales has apparently already offered \$250,000 for the ship and Western Australia is also showing some interest in it.

## **NEW UNDERWATER MOUNTAIN DISCOVERED**

Scientists from the University of WA on board the RV Franklin have discovered a new underwater mountain off WA's southern coast.

## **NEW WA FISH SPECIES**

Whilst on the topic of WA, new fish species were found in the deep waters off Rottnest Island recently. They were found during a week-long scientific voyage to increase knowledge of WA's

marine environment. Four new species of fish have been confirmed so far and there may be as many as another ten more new species.

### **OZTeK'07**

The Australasian Diving Technologies Conference & Exhibition is being held from 17-18th March 2007 at Australian Technology Park, Sydney. Acclaimed UK Deep Wreck Photographer Leigh Bishop and John Chatterton, co-host of the History Channel's "Deep Sea Detectives" are both confirmed as speakers. Those that saw Leigh Bishop at OZTeK5 will recall his dynamic and visually stunning images. John Chatterton will bring his many years of wreck diving and documentary making to Australia for the first time. John's presentations will excite anyone interested in the mystery of shipwrecks. Exhibitor details and contact information can be seen at <http://www.diveoztek.com.au/exhibitors.html>. For more details visit [www.diveoztek.com.au](http://www.diveoztek.com.au).

### **CONVENTION ON THE PROTECTION OF UNDERWATER CULTURAL HERITAGE**

It has been reported that Mexico has accepted to ratify the UNESCO Convention on the Protection of Underwater Cultural Heritage. This should not only be positive for Mexico but for other Latin American countries as well.

### **PARAPLEGIC DIVER**

Mike Letch was a professional motorcyclist 35 years ago. That was when he came close to losing his life in an accident during a race in England. He became a paraplegic because he had lost the use of his legs in the accident. The worst thing about this was that Mike was a scuba diver. He thought that his diving days were over. For the next 30 years he believed that he would never dive again. Now Mike is a member of a group called Australian Association of Divers with Disability. He is an accomplished dive master, assistant diving instructor and explorer of the marine life of Port Phillip Bay. He is now able to drive from his home to the beach, don his weight belt, snorkel out and dive a kilometre offshore for an hour or more and then drive back home unaided.

### **ENGLISH HERITAGE POLICY ON PORT DEVELOPMENT IN THE UK**

English Heritage has issued a policy paper on port development in the UK. The May 2006 paper is titled "Ports: the impact of development on the maritime historic environment". For further details visit the English Heritage web site at [www.english-heritage.org.uk](http://www.english-heritage.org.uk).

### **WEB SITES TO TRY**

Whilst discussing web sites, check out <http://www.nikonsmallworld.com/> for incredible photos of tiny creatures. Also try visiting <http://www.underwatertimes.com/> for all water related news.

### **COOK'S SHIP CONFIRMED**

It has been reported that archaeologists have confirmed the identity of Captain Cook's *Endeavour* in Newport Harbour at Rhode Island. The ship was sunk in Narragansett Bay, Newport (as the coal ship *Lord Sandwich*) during the American Revolution in 1778.

### **ANOTHER COOK STRAIT DIVER SAVED**

Whilst on the topic of Captain Cook, New Zealand's Cook Strait, near Wellington has been tough on divers this year. Robert Hewitt spent more than 3 days at sea in the Strait earlier this year. In April another diver was at sea in the Strait for more than 12 hours. He had failed to surface after a fishing expedition and a search for him had to be abandoned. Someone on a cargo ferry who had gone up on deck to have a pre-dawn smoke luckily found him early the next morning.

## **AIRCRAFT CARRIER BECOMES A NEW ARTIFICIAL REEF.**

A retired aircraft carrier called the USS *Oriskany* has been scuttled off of Florida to become a new artificial reef. The "Mighty O" is now situated in 64m of water about 39km off Pensacola Beach. Her length of 266m means that she is twice the length of each of the Charles F. Adams-class guided missile destroyers, ex-HMAS *Brisbane*, *Hobart* and *Perth*. She also sits at more than twice the depth of the *Hobart*. More details about her are included in our June *SDFS* *Bulletin*.

## **FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

### **MANGROVE MACROBENTHOS MEETING**

The Mangrove Macrobenthos Meeting II (MMM2) will be held on the Gold Coast between 26-30th June 2006. The meeting, jointly organised by Griffith University and the University of Queensland, will bring together scientists and managers engaged in mangrove research and management from around the world for a week's informal discussion and exchange. The meeting will also provide an ideal occasion for networking with the global community of mangrove researchers. For information about the meeting visit <http://www.griffith.edu.au/conference> . The meeting is followed by a 5-day field trip to the Daintree River, one of the most biologically diverse mangrove habitats in the world. MMM2 and the Workshop are purposely organised just prior to the AMSA-SWS joint 'Catchment to Coast' meeting in Cairns, to facilitate attendance at both meetings by overseas researchers. These two major meetings should provide a great 'package' for wetland researchers. On-line registration will only take a few minutes and links are available for accommodation bookings. Follow the link on the conference web page for registration. Please contact the meeting secretariat at [cpp-mmm2@griffith.edu.au](mailto:cpp-mmm2@griffith.edu.au) for further information and assistance with registration.

### **UNDERWATER PHOTO CHALLENGE**

Malaysia's Layang Layang Island Resort is holding an underwater photo challenge from 25<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> July 2006. Details can be found on page 22 of the April Dive Log. Visit [www.layanglayang.com](http://www.layanglayang.com) for more details.

### **AUSTRALASIAN AQUACULTURE CONFERENCE AND TRADE SHOW 2006**

The Australasian Aquaculture Conference And Trade Show 2006 is being held Sunday 27th to 30th August 2006 at the Adelaide Convention Centre, SA.

Contact the Australasian Aquaculture Conference Coordinator, Claudia Metti for more details on 8226 2269 or at [metti.claudia@saugov.sa.gov.au](mailto:metti.claudia@saugov.sa.gov.au) , or visit <http://www.australian-aquacultureportal.com/austaqua/aa06.html> .

### **PADI ASIA PACIFIC DIGITAL PHOTO SHOOT-OUT**

A digital photo shoot-out is being held in Sydney in early November. Details were given on page 5 of the March Dive Log. More details will be published in the May issue of Dive Log.

### **2006 AN OCEAN ODYSSEY**

This is a special dive promotion evening. It is being held at the Clancy Auditorium at the University of NSW on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November. Presentations will be given by Jean-Michel Cousteau, Dr Phil Nuytten, Ron & Valerie Taylor and Reg Lipson. Read pages 60-1 of the April Dive Log for further information.

### **2007 CORALWATCH WORKSHOP**

The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual CoralWatch Focus on Corals workshop is being held at the Heron Island Research Station on the Great Barrier Reef from Friday 5th to Tuesday 9th January 2007. For more details visit [www.coralwatch.org](http://www.coralwatch.org) .

### **OZTeK'07**

The OZTeK'07 Australasian Diving Conference & Exhibition is being held 17-18th March 2007 at the Australian Technology Park in Sydney. The OZTeK'07 web site at [www.diveoztek.com.au](http://www.diveoztek.com.au) provides news and updates on exhibitors, speakers, prizes, seminars, new products, photo

competition, the famous gala dinner and all the events and action that will make OZTeK'07 the highlight of the 2007 Dive Calendar.

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