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**The last public holiday long weekend for a while occurs on 11th June (Queen's Birthday).
The next public holiday after that is 1st October for Labour Day so make the most of the
Queen's Birthday long weekend.**

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NEXT MEETING

Our next meeting is being held at the Marden Senior College on Marden Road, Marden at 8pm on 12th June. Please ensure that your club's appointed delegate, or a proxy, attends the meeting.

AGM

We will be holding our AGM at **7.30pm** on Tuesday 10th July. Please bring a plate of food along for a shared supper. Details of any important issues for discussion at our AGM need to be given to us by 12th June, the night of our June meeting. We need to give our members plenty of notice regarding the discussion of important issues. Twentyone days notice is required under our constitution for the proposal of any special resolutions.

CLUB AGMs

Speaking of AGMs, it's that time of year when the thoughts of several of our member clubs turn to their AGM. For example, MLSSA's AGM is being held on 16th May. ASDC & UEC both hold their AGM in June, whilst Glenelg & NARCD both hold theirs in July.

OTHER CLUB NEWS

NARCD

Congratulations to Nathan Crettenden from the NARCD club who won an award at the recent Leafy Sea Dragon festival. Nathan's print of a Leafy Seadragon won the People's Choice and Wet Category awards. He was rewarded with some cash and a trip to Kangaroo Island. NARCD hold their AGM in July.

MILDURA DESERT DIVERS

The May issue of the Mildura Desert Divers Club newsletter is the 200th issue of the newsletter. Congratulations to the Desert Divers on this milestone. You should be able to view the newsletter by visiting either <http://web.aanet.com.au/desertdivers/pages/Newsletter/may07.pdf> or www.desertdivers.org.au.

MLSSA

Philip Hall, President of the Marine Life Society of SA, and his wife Margaret attended the recent visit of the ABC's "Collectors" program to the National Railway Museum at Port Adelaide. This meant that they both featured in the TV show on 4th May. MLSSA's AGM is being held at the Star of the Sea School on 16th May.

ASDC

The Adelaide Scuba Diving Club is holding its AGM in June. The club's quarterly newsletter informs us that air fills are still available at the same location once occupied by Dolphin Dive at

Normanville. Aussie Xtreme are located in the old court house at 52 Main St, Normanville. It's no longer a dive shop though. Aussie Xtreme provide various lines of gifts and produce. Their list of services and produce includes travel, holidays, produce, gourmet foods, café, gifts, Internet, B&B accommodation and, last but not least, scuba air fills. Contact Kerry Byrne on 8558 3208 for more information.

ULTIMATE SPLASH PARTY

The Dive Industry Association of SA is holding a "Splash Party" on Saturday 26th May. It is being held at the Somerton Surf Lifesaving Club, The Esplanade, Somerton Park from 7.30pm to 1am. It is a "black tie" event with music from Two Hard Basket, 2 hours of hors-d'oeuvres, door prizes and a scuba auction. Tickets cost \$45 each and all profits from the party go towards recreational diving in SA. Contact Nicole at Adelaide Scuba on 8296 0577 to arrange your tickets.

SHOP NEWS

It has now been confirmed that the new owners of Divers Delight at St Peters are Norm George, Jackie Bone-George and Alex Onofrei. Trevor Smith and his family have moved to more tropical waters. Josh is still managing the shop though.

WHYALLA CUTTLEFISH SEASON

The Whyalla cuttlefish season started this month and runs until September. A new boardwalk at Stony Point provides easier access to the water for divers and snorkelers. We understand through the SODS that all accommodation in Whyalla is booked out for the cuttlefish season though. It seems that you need to book one year in advance. To find out more about the annual cuttlefish spawning at the top of SA's Spencer Gulf, phone the Whyalla VIC on 8645 7900 or 1800 088 589 or visit: - <http://www.whyallacuttlefish.com/cuttlefish/index.htm> , <http://www.whyallacuttlefish.com/cuttlefish/Cuttlefish%20A4%20brochure.pdf> or www.cuttlefishcapital.com.au .

MAY MEETING REPORT

Our May meeting started with a PowerPoint presentation by Anita Poddar and Darren Niejalke of BHP Billiton on the proposed desalination plant at Port Bonython. Their presentation was followed a presentation by Alex Derewlaney from the City of Onkaparinga Council on the Port Noarlunga foreshore redevelopment plans. Both presentations lasted an average of about 1 hour each, so it was 10pm by the time that Alex left us. This meant that we had no time whatsoever to discuss any of the business set out in our agenda. We can always catch up on some of the business at our June meeting though. Just going through some of the topics on the agenda, we can make mention of some of them now. Remember that the DIASA Splash Party is being held on Saturday 26th May. We are holding our AGM in July. The new DES cards were handed out to club delegates at the meeting. Remember that Active Club Program Grant applications close on 21st May.

SARFAC REPORT

Rob Richards, our SARFAC Representative was an apology for our May meeting. He had sent us a written report on the SARFAC meeting held on 17th April. Here are some details from his report: -

Whilst the Fisheries Council members are yet to be appointed, SARFAC has approached the Minister for clarification on future funding. Should the new council have reason to deny funding, it is believed that SARFAC could only remain active in its current form for a year or so.

It appears that Fisheries have dropped their campaign to ban the use of animal products in crab nets off suburban jetties after SARFAC pointed out that that a smelly bunch of fish heads (which were considered legal), were at least as likely to attract sharks to the jetty as an old lamb chop or part of a chicken carcass (which had been ruled by Fisheries as illegal) was.

The Draft Marine Parks Bill... there has been no reported progress, however concern was expressed that all 19 nominated parks were to be in place by 2010. It looks that there will be little time for public consultation unless the draft legislation is released soon.

A workshop to discuss SARFAC's 5-year R&D strategy review is likely to be held in June.

MORE NEWS FROM SARFAC

PIRSA has released a new aquaculture policy for public comment. The proposed policy, if approved, would effectively put a stop to any more aquaculture around Coffin Bay. The policy establishes six aquaculture zones and one exclusion zone. PIRSA's Aquaculture Executive Director, Ian Nightingale, says that Coffin Bay is already supporting as much aquaculture as possible and the zones cover existing farms. According to radio station 639ABC, Ian Nightingale said "The industry and the government are of a similar view that the capacity that's in the water, the amount of oysters that are being farmed right now, is enough for the moment. So this is, as I said, it's really a consolidation of the existing industry." He also says that there's another policy out for public comment specifically dealing with Port Lincoln. According to radio station 639ABC, Ian Nightingale said "That's looking at really consolidating the tuna industry, there's some existing mussel farming activity in and around Port Lincoln and that'll allow for some small changes to the existing industry but not significant."

ALARM BUOY FOR M24 JAPANESE MIDGET SUB

A buoy with an alarm system has been installed at the site of the M24 Japanese midget submarine which was discovered north of Sydney Harbour last November. The installation of the alarm buoy was reported on ABC TV news on 28th April. Any one caught at the 'off limits' site will be fined as much as \$1m and also risk confiscation of their boating equipment and diving gear. Although the precise location of the sub is not known, it is in 70m of water 3nm off of the coast between Long Reef and Barrenjoey Headland (near Broken Bay and Palm Beach). The discovery of the sub was reported in the December 2006 SDFSA Bulletin. Check it out at <http://www.sdfsa.net/pdf/Dec%2006%20SDFSA%20Bulletin.pdf>. The ABC showed some great underwater footage of the wreck of the sub. The news report also featured marine archaeologist Tim Smith.

SCUBA DIVERS REUNION

The first SA scuba divers reunion was held in April last year. We are told that there will be another reunion but a date has not yet been set. We are also endeavouring to obtain copies of photos from last year's reunion.

DIVE RALLY TROPHIES

It is now over seven years since the last SDF dive rally was held at Aldinga Beach in 2001. Does any one know the whereabouts of any of the trophies that used to be awarded to winning contestants and teams, particularly the "Golden Lead"?

NEW DES CARDS

Thanks to the support of Adelaide Scuba, we have now produced some new Divers Emergency Cards. These are a newly-designed card. They are waterproof and credit card size. They may be kept in a purse or wallet, glovebox or BCD pocket, etc.. They provide the Freecall number (1800 088 200) and the international number (+61 8 8212 9242) for the Divers Emergency Service.

They also explain how best to discuss an emergency with DES plus attendance of the victim(s) and how to reassure them. Cards were first issued to our member clubs at our May meeting and they will be available at future monthly meetings. Many thanks go to Adelaide Scuba, DES and John Lippman from DAN for their assistance with the cards.

NEW DAN WEBSITE

Speaking of DAN, a new (redeveloped) DAN Asia-Pacific website is being launched this month. Check it out at www.danasiapacific.org.

OZTeK'07 AWARDS

DAN's John Lippman was an award presenter at OZTeK'07. He presented Dive Log's Barry Andrewartha with the "Industry Recognition Award" at the OZTeK awards dinner. PADI's Terry Cummins was also awarded an "Industry Recognition Award" (at PADI HQ). Dr Mark Spencer was awarded a special "Outstanding Achievement Award" for his work on the AE2 submarine (see our May Bulletin). The Sydney Project's Samir Alhafith was awarded the "Technical Diver of the Year Award". Congratulations to Barry, Terry, Mark and Samir who can all be seen receiving their awards on page 35 of the May issue of Dive Log.

ADELAIDE BOAT SHOW

This year's Adelaide Boat Show is being held July 19th –22nd at the Adelaide Convention Centre in North Terrace. Visit www.adelaideboatshow.com.au for more details.

JAIL SENTENCES IMPOSED FOR ILLEGAL ABALONE FISHING

According to a recent media release from PIRSA Fisheries, jail sentences have been imposed as a penalty for illegal abalone fishing in South Australia for the second time in less than six months. Visit www.pir.sa.gov.au for more information.

SA CRAY SEASON CLOSURE

The SA cray season (both zones) closes on 31st May for the winter breeding season.

GABMP CLOSURE

The waters of the Great Australian Bight Marine Park are closed to all boats until 31st October. Visit either <http://www.environment.sa.gov.au/coasts/gabmp/> or <http://www.ea.gov.au/coasts/mpa/gab/index.html> for more details on the 6-month closure.

VOLUNTEER DAYS

14th – 20th May is National Volunteer Week. South Australia's Volunteers Day 2007 is being held on Monday 11th June. International Volunteer Day is on Wednesday 5th December 2007. Visit the Office for Volunteers website at www.ofv.sa.gov.au for more details.

Many thanks to the delegates who volunteer some of their time to SDF matters by attending meetings and participating on committees, etc..

REEF WATCH NEWS

Reef Watch would like to recognise Reef Watch Volunteers during National Volunteer Week and thank you all by giving you something back. Reef Watch wants to say thanks for all your contributions, no matter how small. You are all invited to a morning tea at the Conservation Centre, 120 Wakefield Street, Adelaide on Tuesday 15th May between 10 & 11 am. Call in between 10 am and 11 am for a sumptuous spread and a chance to meet some members of the marine team. If you have never been to the Conservation Centre before, you will find lots of

resources, notices, leaflets and more to inform you further about environmental and conservation issues.

GRANTS UPDATE

Applications for funding for the next round of Active Club Program Grants close on 21st May. Phone 8416 6708 or visit www.recsport.sa.gov.au for more details.

YEAR OF THE DOLPHIN

The United Nations Environment Program declared 2007 as the Year of the Dolphin. The SA Maritime Museum in Port Adelaide is still running its dolphin display "Dolphins! The Port River Pod". Meanwhile, the US Navy plans to use about 75 dolphins and 25 sealions to patrol Kitsap-Bangor, the Naval Base in the State of Washington which houses nuclear submarines, ships and laboratories. Russian marine biologists are also training seals to defend the country's fleet of nuclear submarines. Biologists say that seals are the best animals to defend the submarine bases on Russia's Arctic coast because they can weather the cold icy temperatures. Visit <http://www.planetark.com/dailynewsstory.cfm/newsid/41426/story.htm> for more details.

Russia's International Diving Festival, which was held last February, is called the "Golden Dolphin". Visit http://www.panda.org/news_facts/newsroom/index.cfm?uNewsID=99120 for details regarding New Zealand's Hector's dolphin and Maui's dolphin numbers. Fishing in coastal areas is seen as the biggest threat to the dolphins. This, plus boat strikes, disturbances from tourism and increasingly polluted waters, means that survival for the dolphins is a losing battle.

KETCHES OF SA EXHIBITION

Whilst discussing the Maritime Museum, they now have a newer display about the ketches of SA. The new display is to be a permanent exhibition. It features the leather jacket worn by Albert 'Scug' Cutler, the last skipper of both the *Ulonga* and the *Nelcebee*.

MARINA UPDATE

A proposed new \$1.5b project at Port Wakefield is to include a 200-berth marina with a sailing school, yacht club, rowing club and a fishing retail centre. Meanwhile, a development on Boston Island has been proposed, including a marina.

SHIPWRECK STAMPS

The ASDC newsletter tells us that Australia Post have released a series of postage stamps featuring major Australian shipwrecks, including the *Admella* (50¢), *Loch Ard* (\$1) and the *Dunbar* (\$2).

SHIPWRECK ANNIVERSARIES

Whilst discussing shipwrecks, 1st June will mark the 129th anniversary of the wrecking of the immigrant ship *Loch Ard* at Port Campbell, Victoria in 1878. 49 of the 51 passengers on board perished.

The steamship *Ly-ee-Moon* sank 121 years ago on 30th May 1886 at Green Cape, NSW. 71 lives were lost, although only 24 bodies were recovered. A lucky 13 survived. Sister Mary MacKillop's mother, Flora MacKillop (nee) MacDonald was one of the 71 casualties, 12 days before her 70th birthday.

OTHER ANNIVERSARIES

UEC'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY

It is now three years since the Underwater Explorers Club of SA celebrated its 50th anniversary in 2004. The celebrations in 2004 started on Valentine's Day (24th February) with a barbecue. A dive was then held at Port Noarlunga on Anzac Day. Some 20-odd past and present members participated in the anniversary dive. The 50th anniversary General Meeting was held on 5th May 2004. On 22nd May, an Anniversary Dinner was held at the Cruising Yacht Club at North Haven. "Let's Go For A Dive", a book detailing the history of the UEC of SA, was published as part of the celebrations. UEC members were interviewed as part of the ABC's "Stateline" program. Three senior members were then filmed diving at the Henley Beach jetty. This all means that the UEC of SA is now 53 years old. Congratulations to them.

TROUBRIDGE HILL AQUATIC RESERVE

30 years ago (in 1977) the SDFS (then Scuba Divers Association, SA Branch) made approaches to the SA Department of Fisheries to protect organisms in the coastal waters near Troubridge Hill. The Troubridge Hill Aquatic Reserve was finally declared on 22nd September 1983.

SDF membership of WSAC & SARFAC

The SDFS became a member of both the Water Safety Advisory Council and the SA Recreational Fishing Advisory Council more than 30 years ago. By 1976, the SDF (then SDASA) was represented on the committee of the Water Safety Advisory Council that framed the boating leg. It dealt with buoyancy vests, divers' flag, and the "Silly Billy" programme. According to the August 1976 issue of the SDASA's newsletter (New Series No.2), the SDA was "currently involved in research on buoyancy compensators, and has recently completed a report on children's masks. It is also involved actively in the promotion and distribution of the Diver Below Flag stickers". Russell Gardiner and Igo Oak both did the mask testing. The (then) SDASA was also represented on the committee of the SA Recreational Fishing Advisory Council by 1976. According to the August 1976 issue of the SDASA's newsletter (New Series No.2), the reasons for joining both SARFAC and the WSAC was "to try to make diving a safer sport, to foster better relations between diving and non-diving public, and to aid in the conservation and protection of the marine environment that we must all share".

National Parks Association of NSW

The NPA is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year, having commenced in 1957. The association lobbies the NSW government for the conservation of Grey Nurse Sharks and other wildlife in NSW. Nicky Hammond, Marine Program Manager for NPA asks that we visit <http://www.marine.org.au/newsletterapril07.htm> to read their April newsletter and take 2 minutes to e-lobby the NSW Premier and other politicians, asking for the changes to marine parks and threatened species responsibility to not be reversed.

PADI Russia

Russia's first PADI dive centre opened in 1996. Gennady Grutsya, organiser of the Golden Dolphin International Diving Festival, was PADI Russia's first certificated diver ten years ago in 1997. There have been some 200,000 new divers in Russia since then. Gennady organised the first Russian Imaging Festival and Dive Show in 2001.

NARCD's 25TH ANNIVERSARY

Whilst discussing anniversaries, the NARCD dive club will celebrate their 25th Anniversary on 3rd August 2007. They have arranged a get together at the Port Noarlunga Hotel (their first meeting place) on Saturday the 11 August at 7.00pm. If you are in contact with any old NARCD members please ask them to go along and talk about past diving & events, etc. Please let Faye Bujok know if you are able to attend the get together. Ring Faye on 0409 280 639 or email her at bujoks@bigpond.com.

CRUISE SHIP OIL THREAT

The sunken cruise ship the *Sea Diamond*, which sank on 6th April after running aground near the Greek island of Santorini, is in danger of spilling the hundreds of tonnes of oil trapped in its tanks. Greenpeace said that the oil must be pumped out of the tanks to avert an environmental disaster. Visit <http://www.planetark.com/dailynewsstory.cfm/newsid/41429/story.htm> for more details.

OTHER ITEMS IN THE NEWS

A new SES search and rescue vessel was recently launched at Ceduna. It was named *Protector* after SA's first naval ship.

Hope remains for the future of the *City of Adelaide*. The Save the City of Adelaide Action Group is pushing for the historic ship to be cut in to major portions, moved to the Scottish Maritime Museum and put back together again.

Fish experts from the SA Museum recently identified a fish as being a piranha. The fish came from an alleged illegal fish breeding operation. It has now been frozen and kept as evidence.

An underwater robot called DepthX is being tested in one of the world's deepest flooded cave systems in preparation for plans to search for life on Europa, one of the planet Jupiter's moons. A robot that thinks for itself is being developed for the Europa expedition. It needs to be able to penetrate the ice-covered sea surrounding Europa.

The sand-pumping trial held at West Beach has been declared successful. The trial ends in June and permanent pumps will then be installed along Adelaide beaches.

DEEP-SEA SPONGE GARDENS

We recently reported the discovery of 1000 new marine habitat areas, including reefs, sandy bottoms and seagrass beds in SA with the help of satellites (plus acoustic & underwater video technology). A new form of algae of interest to medical researchers was found in one of the newly discovered habitat areas. Two deep-sea trenches containing sponge gardens were discovered in Backstairs Passage at a depth of almost 90m. The strong currents running through Backstairs Passage provide an ideal habitat for the sponge gardens. One site runs near the NW end of Cape Jervis whilst the other one is along the NE coast of KI. More details will be published in our next Bulletin.

CUTTLEFISH ATTACKS

In June last year our news sheet and Bulletin both reported the occurrence of cuttlefish attacks on divers. An article by Dennis Hutson (concerning a small female cuttle seeking (and finding) assistance from a larger male cuttlefish to attack a diver) was published in the June 2006 MLSSA Newsletter (No.333). MLSSA member Dr Brian Brock responded to the article by sending a letter and a copy of an article to the society. Brian thought that the article "Cuttlefish Behaviour" by DC Lake (in the "South Australian Naturalist", March 1986, Vol.60, No.3) answers a few questions. He (Brian) suggested that "Colour does not seem to be a factor in attacks" and "The acuity of vision and memory appear to be the main factors". He added that "One could not eliminate sense of "smell" (some chemical factor). One of the attacks on DC (David) Lake had occurred on Anzac Day, for what it's worth. Brian suggests that "The moral seems to be, don't razz up a cuttlefish". I had heard (read) about the Anzac Day long weekend attacks long ago. They occurred during some BSAC dives off Troubridge Point on the Yorke Peninsula. Mike Scotland wrote about cuttlefish and attacks in his article "Cephalopods – Shimmering, Shredders of the Seas" in the February 2001 issue of Dive Log. Sharon Gowen wrote an article titled "Attack of the Killer Cuttlefish" for the July 2005 issue of Dive Log. I, myself, was doing a low-viz dive with Dennis Hutson at Port Noarlunga reef in May this year when Dennis witnessed a cuttlefish grab at the bunch of car keys clipped on to my BCD. I was too preoccupied to realize

what had happened at the time. Fortunately, my car was still in the car park when I returned there after the dive. The moral of this story is “Don’t dive with Dennis Hutson” who has now suffered a couple of attacks (just joking!). I have now experienced a couple of ‘attacks’ myself, although I wasn’t aware of this latest one.

SHARK CAGE DIVING

Great White Eco Cage Tours offer cage diving with Great Whites off of Port Lincoln. Phone 8682 1656 for details.

ICE DIVING

If you are looking for something more extreme than shark cage diving, consider ice diving in either the Arctic or the Antarctic. Just cut a hole in the ice with a chainsaw, tether your self to the surface with a rope and harness and away you go. The Arctic/Antarctic waters are crystal clear but extremely cold. There are vast undersea canyons to explore and coldwater corals, brightly coloured invertebrates and seals to see. But seriously, this kind of diving requires training and expert guidance. For example, if your weight belt falls off and you ascend uncontrollably to the surface, you need to know the best way to smack into the ice. The appropriately named Mad Dog Expeditions will provide you with the necessary training. Visit www.mad-dog.net for more information. Victory Cruises also offer ice diving tours. Visit www.victory-cruises.com/Antarcticicediving.html for more details.

TEMPERATE REEFS DVD SET

SARDI Aquatic Sciences and Flinders University have collaborated to produce a two disk DVD set of short films documenting our temperate reefs and how we can all take actions to help prevent their degradation. Titled “Beyond the Coast”, the documentaries have been written, filmed and produced by students in the Masters of Natural History Film-making course at Flinders University. One of the disks is about “Preserving Southern Australian Reefs”. It features three 5-6min short films. The other disk is about “Exploring Southern Australian Reefs”. It features four 7-8min short films. These DVDs are said to be ideal teaching aids. It is also said to be the first time that anyone has documented the southern seas temperate reefs on film and made it available for general distribution. The two disk set costs only \$5 and is available from Reef Watch: www.reefwatch.asn.au, info@reefwatch.asn.au, or call the Conservation Council of SA on 08 8223 5155 to speak to one of the Marine Team.

ANOTHER SIDE-GILLED SEA SLUG SIGHTING

Following on from the report in last month’s news sheet about a sighting of the side-gilled sea slug *Pleurobranchus hilli* at Rapid Bay jetty, one has now been sighted at Port Noarlunga jetty. Alexius Sutandio (who reported the Rapid Bay sighting) found another side-gilled slug during a night dive under Port Noarlunga jetty on 26th April. This one was a bit smaller, about 17cm diameter. As reported in last month’s news sheet, Dr Richard C. Willan, Senior Curator of Molluscs at the Museum & Art Gallery of the Northern Territory, says that *Pleurobranchus hilli* is mostly nocturnal. One of Alexius’s photos of the Rapid Bay specimen has now been placed in MLSSA’s Photo Index of SA Marine Life.

HMAS CANBERRA UPDATE

John Lawler, President of the Victorian Artificial Reef Society Inc, tells us that VARS is very concerned about the ongoing delays in securing the ex-HMAS *Canberra* and subsequent preparation and sinking of this vessel as a dive wreck. It now seems highly likely that this project will not be completed prior to the proposed commencement of channel deepening

operations. He says that such a delay will have an enormous negative impact on the expected outcomes of the *Canberra* project.

PORT PHILLIP BAY CHANNEL DEEPENING UPDATE

The Port of Melbourne Corporation recently released its Supplementary Environment Effects Statement (SEES) regarding the channel deepening. The Blue Wedges have considerable data suggesting that this project will destroy Port Phillip Bay. The Victorian State Government has only allowed 6 weeks for the community to respond to 14-15,000 pages of documents and data. Alan Beckhurst reports that the SEES shows that Port of Melbourne Corporation has little idea what effects deepening will have on the ecology of the bay or its inhabitants. He says that the SEES has failed to deliver an environmentally sound program and it would be impossible to support the findings of this document. He believes that John Hawkins proposal of an "Environmental Bond" now seems essential. An action meeting was held at the Beaumaris Motor Yacht Squadron on Monday 16th April.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

KERNEWEK LOWENDER

The Kernewek Lowender, the Copper Coast Cornish Festival, runs from 14-20th May. It is held in the Yorke Peninsula towns of Kadina, Moonta and Wallaroo. A day of seafood delights is held at Wallaroo jetty on Sunday 20th May. There will also be a cavalcade of cars & motorcycles that day. Visit www.kernewek.org for more details.

THE 1770 FESTIVAL 2007

The Annual 1770 Festival celebrating the historic landing of Captain James Cook will be held from May 24-27th 2007 on the foreshore of the Town of 1770 on the Central Queensland Discovery Coast. Visit the 1770 Festival Website for more information www.1770Festival.com.

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 March issue of Dive Log (pages 34-5).

THAILAND TRAVEL & DIVE EXPO 2007

The Thailand Travel & Dive Expo 2007 is being held 24-27th May 2007 at the National Convention Center, Bangkok, Thailand. Visit http://www.thailanddiveexpo.com/eng_index.php for more details. Details were also included in the March issue of Dive Log (page 64).

MALAYSIA INTERNATIONAL DIVE EXPO 2007

The Malaysia International Dive Expo 2007 is being held in Hall 4 at the Putra World Trade Centre, in 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 May issue of Dive Log (page 67).

DIGITAL DOWNLOAD

Workshops and shootout competitions are being held at the Seraya Resort in Bali from 11-17th August. Details were published on page 14 of the April issue of Dive Log. Application forms are available by emailing download@underwaterartists.com.

AUSTRALIAN CORAL REEF SOCIETY CONFERENCE

The Australian Coral Reef Society's 83rd Annual Conference is being held in Fremantle, Western Australia from 9-11th October 2007. Visit www.australiancoralreefsociety.org for details.

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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