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NEXT MEETING

We will be holding our next meeting at 8pm on Tuesday 9th October at the Marden Senior College on Marden Road, Marden. Please ensure that your club's appointed delegate, or a proxy, attends the meeting.

COAST AND MARINE SEMINAR SERIES

Robyn Morcom from Coast and Marine Conservation will be presenting 'Life's a Beach' on Wednesday 19th September, 12:30 - 1:30pm in the Coorong Board Room, 1 Richmond Road, Keswick. The Coast & Marine Seminar Series is a relatively informal affair so please feel free to bring your lunch. Visitor parking is available and all visitors must sign in at Reception on the ground floor. For further details, contact Sally O'Neill, Coast & Marine Conservation Branch, Department for Environment & Heritage, phone 8124 4896, email oneill.sally@saugov.sa.gov.au

OCTOBER LONG WEEKEND

The October holiday long weekend is being held in September this year! That's right, the holiday long weekend for Labour Day starts on Saturday 29th September. The actual public holiday is on Monday 1st October. This holiday long weekend marks the start of the new diving season. Make the most of it because it's the last long weekend before Christmas.

DIVING WITH "OCEAN TREK"

Meanwhile, Judy Hani and her brother Michael recently enjoyed a week's diving on the "Ocean Trek", the live-aboard in Jervis Bay, NSW. "It was fantastic" said Judy. "We saw the biggest stingrays we've ever seen, & the most sharks we've ever seen in one dive, which was every dive & 20 metre visibility to boot. I would thoroughly recommend this live-aboard, they even had a fully qualified chef on board, which meant (18) very happy passengers". Visit www.oceantrek.com.au for more details about Ocean Trek's diving resort and live-aboard *Ocean Trek* or their day charter dive vessel *Bay Trek*. Otherwise, contact Mick or Lyn on 02 4441 6232 or at dive@oceantrek.com.au. (Judy has since enjoyed another two weeks away diving the SS *President Coolidge* & Port Vila bommies & wrecks.)

C'EST MAGNIFIQUE! PLONGEE SUR LE HOBART EST FANTASTIQUE!

These are typical of comments received from overseas divers after visiting the ex-HMAS *Hobart* in SA's Yankalilla Bay. Now that she has been scuttled for almost five years, the old 'Green Ghost' looks resplendent under a thick coating of rich marine life. According to the web page at <http://www.southaustralia.com/DivingSnorkelling.aspx>, "South Australia has clean, uncrowded and temperate waters, among the most biologically diverse in the world. And there are plenty of sites for both experienced divers and beginners. The jewel in our diving crown is the Fleurieu Reef, an hour south of Adelaide, which features the scuttled ex-HMAS *Hobart*." The web page at <http://www.southaustralia.com/9005223.aspx> explains that "Originally one of Australia's great naval destroyers, the ex-HMAS *Hobart* is now Australia's most accessible and exciting war wreck. A short 10-minute boat ride from Marina St Vincent, the *Hobart* enjoys underwater visibility of more than 10 metres most of the year, making it an exciting dive experience." A permit is required to enter the exclusion zone and dive on the wreck. A mooring buoy at the

Hobart must be booked more than 24 hours before your dive. Contact Marina St Vincent at Wirrina Cove via phone/fax 08 8558 2999, mobile 0438 582 998.

NEW SHARK SHIELDS

Shark Shield have now launched a new, second generation, range of shark shields. They are around one third of the size of previous units, with double the battery power. The new system weighs only 355 grams (80 grams in the water). Further details are included in the September issue of our SDFSA Bulletin. Visit <http://www.sharkshield.com/Content/Articles/View+Article/default.asp?id=1> for more details.

FERRY NEWS

KI Ferries' *Seaway* is back on the Kangaroo Island run from Wirrina again. They are doing two trips to the island daily. Visit <http://www.kiferries-sa.com/index.htm/> for more details.

CLUB NEWS

BSAC Adelaide

Congrats to BSAC Adelaide who were praised in the May issue of the "BSAC Dive" magazine. A British diver wrote in to the magazine to thank BSAC Adelaide's members for their hospitality whilst he was visiting our State.

MLSSA

Dr Scoresby Shepherd will be discussing Climate Change at the Marine Life Society's meeting at the Conservation Centre, 120 Wakefield St, Adelaide on Wednesday 19th September, commencing at 8.00pm. His talk is titled: Climate change in Southern Seas: from Greenhouse to Icehouse to Hothouse. Will Scapens will also be present to respond to any questions regarding his "NautiGuides" dive site publication(s). All are welcome to attend.

Professor Barry Brook (Sir Hubert Wilkins Chair of Climate Change, Director Research Institute for Climate Change and Sustainability, School of Earth and Environmental Sciences, The University of Adelaide) giving a presentation on Climate Change at MLSSA's August meeting. Barry's excellent presentation showed how predictions are made and how/why they are proving to be startlingly accurate to date, and still may prove to be understated.

ANNUAL SARFAC AWARDS

The annual SARFAC Awards were presented at the SA Recreational Fishing Advisory Council's AGM held on 10th September. We are pleased to report that the Friends of Rapid Bay Jetty won a Silver (committee) award for their efforts in lobbying the State Government regarding the Rapid Bay jetty. Our Federation had successfully nominated FoRBJ for a SARFAC Award. Antony King, an SDF delegate from the Flinders University Underwater Club, our FoRBJ Liaison Officer and FoRBJ committee member, was presented with the award by Channel 7 TV personality Melody Horrill. We understand that Melody gave Antony a congratulatory kiss. Details from a SARFAC Media Release about the awards are included in the September issue of our SDFSA Bulletin.

PIRSA NEWS

SARFAC advise us that PIRSA Fisheries are introducing changes to the razorfish regulations. Bag limit reductions for razorfish become effective as of 1st December 2007. The recreational daily bag limit for razorfish will be reduced from 50 to 25 per day and the recreational daily boat limit will be reduced from 150 to 75 per day.

PIRSA Fisheries has issued a warning to all recreational fishers that multi-trip fishing, which exceeds the daily bag and boat limits in South Australia will not be tolerated. The practice of 'multi-tripping' is illegal. The rules state that bag and boat limits in SA apply for the 24 hour

period from midnight to midnight. This means that once a fisher has caught their bag limit of a certain species, they must wait until after midnight before they can catch more of that species. Fisheries Officers stopped two 18-year old men from Adelaide at the Little Dip Conservation Park, 10kms south of Robe on 22nd August. A search revealed that the two divers had 181 blacklip abalone and three greenlip abalone with a commercial value of nearly \$3,000. All of the abalone found had been shucked at sea. In South Australia, the daily bag limit for abalone is five abalone per diver per day and all abalone must be brought ashore before being shucked. The Fisheries Officers seized the two men's diving gear valued at around \$4,500. PIRSA Fisheries, Manager Compliance Operations, Paul Tatarelli said the area where the abalone was taken was close to shore making it very destructive to the local abalone population. "A brief will be prepared and the two men may be required to appear in court at a later date. PIRSA Fisheries will be seeking forfeiture of the seized gear as part of the brief," Mr Tatarelli said. Visit <http://www.pir.sa.gov.au> for more details.

SHOP NEWS

ADELAIDE SCUBA

Adelaide Scuba is only closed on Wednesdays. The shop is open every other day at 9am. Shop hours are as follows: - Friday - Tuesday: 9am - 5pm, Wednesday: Closed, Thursday: 9am - 8pm. The address for Adelaide Scuba Hove is 4/355 Brighton Rd, Hove SA 5048. Their phone no is 8296 0577.

AUSSIEXTREME

Kerry Byrne is the owner of Aussixtreme which is located at the Old Courthouse, Normanville. Aussixtreme organizes all kinds of diving experiences and is also able to provide airfills for divers. Phone Kerry on 8558 3208 or 04188 10299, or contact her at aussixtreme@optusnet.com.au. Visit <http://www.aussixtreme.com/diving.htm> for more details.

SA SCUBA DIVERS REUNION

The 2nd SA scuba divers reunion is being held from 12-5pm on Sunday 7th October at West Beach. As far as we understand, the reunion is for scuba divers from the 50s to the 70s. Those divers wishing to attend should advise Allen Phillips on 8356 8594. You are required to bring a plate of food to share for lunch on the day. Further details will be advised as they become available.

DEEP Indonesia 2008

DEEP Indonesia 2008 will be held at the Jakarta Convention Center from the 28th to 30th March 2008. DEEP Indonesia 2008 is the only international Diving, Adventure Travel and Water Sports exhibition to be held in Indonesia. It will incorporate seminars, workshops, special events and more. The event focuses on Indonesia's fabulous ocean life and is designed to promote marine tourism through diving, water sports and adventure travel as well as to encourage people to love the ocean and its resources. Visit the DEEP Indonesia website at <http://www.deepindonesia.com/> for more details.

DIVING INCIDENT MONITORING STUDY

According to the SPUMS (South Pacific Underwater Medicine Society) website at http://www.spums.org.au/information_and_research?p=101, the "Diving Incident Monitoring Study (DIMS) is an ongoing study of diving incidents. An incident is any error or occurrence which could, or did, reduce the safety margin for a diver on a particular dive. Please report anonymously any incident occurring in your dive party. Most incidents cause no harm but reporting them will give valuable information about which incidents are common and which incidents tend to lead to diver injury. Using this information to alter diver behaviour will make

diving safer. Diving Incident Report Forms (Recreational or Cave and Technical) can be downloaded from the DAN-SEAP (now DAN Asia-Pacific) website.”

(DAN Asia-Pacific has a new website at <http://www.danasiapacific.org> .)

We encourage all recreational divers to complete Diving Incident Report Forms. Completed forms should be returned to: DIMS, 30 Park Ave, Rosslyn Park SA 5072 (NOT 6072).

AUSTRALIAN DIVING SAFETY FOUNDATION DIVING INCIDENT REPORT FORM

There apparently used to be a group called the Australian Diving Safety Foundation. We have found a “Diving Incident Report” form (prepared by the Foundation) amongst our files. We don’t know how old the form is. There is no date or telephone number on it. It does make mention of Project Stickybeak (see below). The return address on the form is PO (GPO?) Box 400, Adelaide SA 5001. Steve Goble, a SPUMS member, says that it (the ADSF) is APSF (Australian Patient Safety Foundation). He says that the Diving Incident Monitoring Study is still using the forms which are forwarded by APSF to Dr Chris Acott who publishes his findings regularly in the SPUMS Journal. Thanks Steve. According to the web page at <http://www.apsf.net.au/history.php>: - “The APSF was incorporated as an association in July 1989, but the origins of the Foundation derive from an incident monitoring study in anaesthesia (AIMS-Anaesthesia) that began in 1988. This study arose from a symposium on patient safety and monitoring (Adelaide 1987). The symposium found that problems occurring in anaesthetic practice in Australia should be identified and analysed so that cost-effective preventative methods could be developed to minimise their adverse effects. A related study into Hyperbaric Medicine incidents (HIMS) has been operating since 1992, and is coordinated by the Hyperbaric Unit of the Royal Adelaide Hospital, in collaboration with APSF. The study receives reports from Australian and international centres and the results have been presented at international meetings such as the Hyperbaric and Underwater Medicine Society.”

PROJECT STICKYBEAK

According to the SPUMS (South Pacific Underwater Medicine Society) website at http://www.spums.org.au/information_and_research/project_stickybeak , Project Stickybeak “is an ongoing investigation seeking to document all types and severities of diving-related accidents. Information, all of which is treated as being confidential in regards to identifying details, is utilised in reports and case reports on non-fatal cases. Such reports can be freely used by any interested person or organisation to increase diving safety through better awareness of critical factors.” Information may be sent (in confidence) to: Dr D Walker, PO BOX 120, Narrabeen NSW 2101.

SPUMS 2008 ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC MEETING

According to the SPUMS (South Pacific Underwater Medicine Society) website at http://www.spums.org.au/annual_scientific_meeting , the SPUMS 2008 Annual Scientific Meeting is being held 24th – 31st May 2008 at Liamo Resort, Kimbe West New Britain, Papua New Guinea. Dr Chris Acott is the Conference Convenor. The email contact for Chris is cacott@optusnet.com.au . Themes for the conference are: The Treatment Tables, Tropical Medicine Update, and Resuscitation Update (which will include AED use and insertion of various airway devices for use in outside hospital resuscitation). Guest speakers at the conference are to be Prof. Alf Brubak, Dr Richard Moon and Dr David Williams. Diving activities will also be held at the Walindi Plantation.

BRITISH HYPERBARIC ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING 2007

The British Hyperbaric Association Annual Meeting 2007 is being held 1st – 4th November 2007

at Oban, Argyll, Scotland. For further information contact: BHA 2007, Dunstaffnage Hyperbaric Unit, Scottish Association for Marine Science, Oban, Argyll, Scotland PA37 1QA, E-mail: info@bha2007.org or visit www.bha2007.org. The pre-meeting diving programme is being held from 20th October to 1st November.

OTHER MEETINGS HELD RECENTLY

The European Underwater & Baromedical Society's 33rd Annual Scientific Meeting was held this month (September 2007) at Sharm el-Sheikh, Sinai, Egypt.

The Undersea and Hyperbaric Medical Society Annual Scientific Meeting 2007 was held from 14 –16th June 2007 at The Ritz Carlton, Kapalua, Maui.

The Australian and New Zealand College of Anaesthetists Annual Scientific Meeting was held at the Melbourne Exhibition and Convention Centre. The Diving and Hyperbaric Medicine Special Interest Group session was held on 28th May.

And, closer to home, the Hyperbaric Technicians and Nurses Association 15th Annual Scientific Meeting was held last month (9-11th August) at the Stamford Plaza, Adelaide.

HYPERBARIC MEDICINE UNIT OPEN DAY

Keep an ear open for details of the next open day to be held at the Hyperbaric Medicine Unit at the Royal Adelaide Hospital. The early indications are that one will be held in November this year.

MURRAY RIVER QUEEN

The paddle wheeler *Murray River Queen* that used to be tied up at Goolwa is now based at Waikerie in SA's Riverland. She was launched at Hindmarsh Island in 1973 and commissioned the following year. She has now been refurbished at a cost of almost \$1m. She is now a floating motel, conference centre, bar, cafe and first class restaurant. You can check out the *Murray River Queen* at Leonard Norman Drive, Waikerie. For further details phone (08) 85414411 or visit www.murrayriverqueen.com.au .

DAYLIGHT SAVING

According to the web page at http://www.safework.sa.gov.au/show_page.jsp?id=2675 "Daylight Saving - South Australian Summer Time 2007 - 2008 will be observed from 2am South Australian standard time on Sunday, 28 October 2007 until 3am South Australian summer time on Sunday, 6 April 2008. Turn your clocks forward one hour at 2am on 28 October 2007 then back one hour at 3am on 6 April 2008." Then there is this extra piece about South Australia trialling Daylight Saving extension: - "An extension of daylight saving will be piloted in South Australia early next year. The move brings SA into line with NSW, Victoria, the ACT and Tasmania who are all extending the daylight saving period so that it ends on the first Sunday in April 2008 and then begins on the first Sunday in October 2008."

NAVY NEWS

NAVY WEEK

SA's Navy Week in November includes the final Freedom of Entry by HMAS *Adelaide* prior to her decommissioning. She is going to be scuttled as a dive wreck off of NSW. (Source: <http://www.navy.gov.au/ranband/documents/Newsletter10.pdf> .) According to a recent issue of the "Portside Messenger", "At least 10 RAN ships . . . will visit (Pt Adel)". They will take part in training exercises to be held in SA's gulfs. Exercise 'Dugong' will run from 9th to 28th November. Exercise 'Sea Eagle' will run from 24th to 30th November. HMAS *Adelaide*, however, will not be participating in the exercises. She will arrive on 27th November to kick off

Navy Week celebrations. Further details about HMAS *Adelaide* are included in the September issue of our SDFS Bulletin.

AUSTRALIAN NAVAL RESERVE DIVE TEAM 10

The Australian Naval Reserve Dive Team Ten (ANRDT 10) is located in Hobart, Tasmania. The divers are trained at the RAN Diving School at HMAS PENGUIN in Sydney. They are qualified to dive to 30m on both SCUBA Air and Surface Supplied Breathing Apparatus (SSBA). The ANRDT 10 has been involved in numerous tasks, including underwater repairs to visiting warships, as well as supporting the Tasmanian Water Police units in salvage and diving operations. Each year, ANRDT 10 sends members to support Mine Warfare and Diving exercises around Australia. These members will work with interstate diving teams and support the Royal Australian Navy Clearance Diving Teams. ANRDT 10 is a reserve unit, so the dive team meets weekly for training and exercises. If you are interested in joining Australian Naval Reserve Dive Team Ten please contact Defence Force Recruiting on 13 19 01.

Source: <http://www.navy.gov.au/units/rdt10/>

AE2 EXPEDITION

A Navy supported expedition to Turkey in September was investigating the possibility of raising the HMAS *AE2* submarine. AIMA Members, Tim Smith and Ian MacLeod were participating in the AE2 Commemorative Foundation Inc archaeological expedition to the AE2 submarine wreck site near Gallipoli, Turkey. A serious diving incident occurred at approximately 1453 on Wednesday 12th September. Further details are included in the September issue of our SDFS Bulletin. Expedition details and updates can be found on <http://www.AE2.com.au> or at <http://www.submarineinstitute.com/?doc=46>.

(The *AE2*, dubbed the "Silent ANZAC", was the first Allied submarine to penetrate the Dardanelles in 1915 as part of the Gallipoli Campaign. After five hectic days "running amok", she finally fell to Turkish gunfire and was scuttled. Source: <http://www.navy.gov.au/events/ae2-expedition-to-turkey> .)

SWIMMING SAILOR STARTLED

Elaine Holmes, a Royal Navy exchange sailor who took up duties with the Directorate Reserves, went snorkelling on Queensland's Great Barrier Reef where she was startled by a huge turtle. "I almost swallowed my snorkel", she said.

Source: <https://www.navy.gov.au/reserves/files/NRN%2028Jun07%20Magazine.pdf>

REEF WATCH NEWS

Reef Watch's 10th Anniversary Quiz Night is being held at 7pm on Friday 12th October at the Reedbeds Community Centre, Fitch Road, Fulham (enter via Phelps Court). Cost is \$5 (or \$2 for unwaged) - pay on the night. BYO food & drinks. It will be a night to remember with special guests, raffles and more. Form a table of 8-10 people or let Reef Watch find you a seat. There will be something for everyone. You do not need to be a diver, marine biologist or involved in Reef Watch. There are many different kinds of prizes including lots of diving related gifts, wine, books and more! To book, email: info@reefwatch.asn.au or call 8223 5155. For more info visit www.reefwatch.asn.au/quiznight.

ANNIVERSARIES

24th August was the 126th anniversary of the sinking of the coastal steamer SS *Euro* near Beachport in 1881.

It is 50 years since "Le Monde du Silence" (Silent World) by Jacques-Yves Cousteau won an Academy Award. Another Cousteau film, "World Without Sun", won an Academy Award in 1964.

It is now almost 10 years since HMAS *Swan* was scuttled in 30 metres of water off Point

Piquet, Dunsborough, WA to become a dive wreck in 1997. The ship was commissioned in 1970 and saw service as a destroyer escort. It was decommissioned in September 1996.

10th July was the 75th anniversary of the sinking of the SS *Casino* in Apollo Bay, Victoria on 10th July 1932.

Closer to home, the *Admella* sank near Cape Northumberland 148 years ago on 6th August 1859 and the 336-ton SS *Euro* was wrecked 126 years ago off Nora Creina Bay on 24th August 1881.

DESALINATION PLANT NEWS

Water desal plants are now in the news everyday, and today's news may well be history by tomorrow. Port Stanvac and Pelican Point have both been touted as possible sites for Adelaide's proposed 50GL desal plant. A site down the coast on the Fleurieu Peninsula has also been suggested. Whatever site is chosen, it needs to be large enough to allow for an expansion of the plant's size, if needed, in the future. It would be great if the proposed plant could be energy efficient or self-powered in some way. It would also be good if the waste brine could be utilised rather than being disposed of in to Gulf St Vincent. A pipeline laid under the seabed in to the Gulf to carry waste brine away would be one of the biggest costs associated with the plant. Premier Rann acknowledged that "such a pipeline could be many kilometres in length . . . and engineering work alone would be an enormous and expensive undertaking".

FUEL-STORAGE TERMINAL & DIESEL REFINERY PROPOSAL

Meanwhile, a fuel-storage terminal and diesel refinery has been proposed for Port Bonython, the site of the proposed desal plant to service the proposed expansion of the Olympic Dam site at Roxby Downs.

MARINE PARKS UPDATE

The South Australian Government is to establish 19 new marine parks across the State by 2010. The Coast and Marine Conservation Branch of the Department for Environment & Heritage (DEH) has developed extensive resources, including fact sheets, brochures and information on their website. Contact them on 8124 4900 or go to their website at <http://www.environment.sa.gov.au/coasts/marineparks.html>. Information packs on the establishment of the marine parks were recently sent to about 800 interested parties. The Marine Parks Act needs to be passed by Parliament and marine park boundaries should be released early in 2008. Extensive consultation with coastal communities has been promised before any boundaries and zones defining the 19 marine parks will be finalised. The DEH will conduct formal and informal public consultations in coming months. The passing of the Marine Parks Bill 2007 early next year will allow DEH to develop draft marine park boundaries. It is presently before State Parliament. West Coast councils fear that the marine parks will have significant social and economic impacts on many coastal towns. The SA Seafood Industry has called for the establishment of a stakeholder council to advise the Government on the parks. The Wilderness Society has been lobbying for the introduction of the marine parks and has released a short DVD called "Save Our Sealife". It can be viewed at <http://youtube.com/watch?v=dvz3dM6RNpc>. Visit www.wilderness.org.au/sa or http://www.wilderness.org.au/campaigns/marine/sa_mnps/ for more details.

FUNDING FOR CLIFF STABILISATION

\$400,000 has been committed by the State Government to help to stabilise cliffs and caves along our southern coastline, including Witton Bluff, the Onkaparinga estuary and Maslins Beach. The three-year funding announced by Environment Minister Gail Gago would be used to fill in caves, stabilise cliff bases and cliff tops and to revegetate the areas.

NOTICES TO MARINERS

Mariners are advised of the following: -

West Beach Boat Ramp Lights

The port and starboard hand lights at the boat ramp have been replaced with new lights and the range increased to 3 nautical miles.

West Beach Boat Ramp - West Cardinal Mark - New light established

The light on West cardinal marker has been replaced with a new light and the range increased to 3 nautical miles.

O'Sullivan's Beach Breakwater Lights

The western and eastern breakwater entrance lights have been replaced and the range increased to 3 nautical miles.

There have been plenty of other SA notices to mariners for 2007, 44 to date. These can be viewed by visiting <http://www.transport.sa.gov.au/quicklinks/mariners.asp> .

NSW MARINE PARK PROTECTS GREY NURSE SHARKS

The Cod Grounds near Port Macquarie, NSW is now a marine park A 300HA marine park has been declared to protect prime habitat for the Grey Nurse Shark. All fishing, both commercial and recreational, is now prohibited in the reserve. Visit

<http://www.environment.gov.au/coasts/mpa/codgrounds/index/html> for more details.

SPONSORS NEEDED

Our Federation needs the support of sponsors. We will recognize the support of sponsors through our news sheet, Bulletin, website, minutes, annual reports, etc.. Although we appreciate all of the support that our Federation has received from organisations recently, we lack the support of any kind of major sponsor. Organisations interested in financially supporting our Federation in any way are welcome to submit a proposal either via email to sdfsa@adam.com.au or via mail to PO Box 360, Goodwood SA 5034.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

NEW GROUND

The archaeological societies of Australasia are staging a joint conference. Entitled "New Ground", this forum will bring together archaeologists and practitioners from all fields of research and practice to establish a new platform for research interchange in Australasian Archaeology. It will bring educators, researchers, consultants, government archaeologists, students and other practitioners grappling with some of the most topical issues in archaeology today together. The conference is being held at the University of Sydney, 21st – 26th September 2007. It is open to members of the societies, students and all other interested parties. Visit <http://newground.arts.usyd.edu.au/> for more details.

AUSTRALASIAN MASTERS GAMES

The Australasian Masters Games* are being held in Adelaide from 5 – 10 October this year. Phone 08 8202 0000 or visit www.AustralasianMasters.com for more details.

The Australian Masters Games were held in Adelaide in October 2005 but these are now the Australasian Masters Games. It is the first time that the Games have been expanded to include international participants from Oceania and the Asia Pacific. Masters Games are for the over-30s. Registrations close on 3rd August. Visit www.AustralasianMasters.com to register online, or call 08 8202 0000 to request a copy of the Games Registration booklet.

SA SCUBA DIVERS REUNION

The 2nd SA scuba divers reunion is being held from 12-5pm on Sunday 7th October at West Beach.

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.

AUSTRALIAN 4WD & ADVENTURE SHOW 2007

This year's 4WD Show is being held at Alan Scott Park (Morphettville Racecourse) from Friday 12th to Sunday 14th October. Visit <http://www.4wdshow.com.au/?page=adelaideshow> for more details.

COASTCARE WEEK

Coastcare Week 2007 is being held from 3rd – 9th December. For more information phone 02 9412-1040 or visit <http://www.landcareonline.com/page.asp?pID=78>.

NATIONAL MARINE SAFETY CONFERENCE

The National Marine Safety Conference is being held in South Australia next year. It is being held at the Hilton Adelaide from 27-29th May 2008. The conference will feature Australian and international experts as speakers. It will deal with a wide range of current issues impacting on the marine industry and it will cover Recreational Boating, Commercial Operations, Seafood, Industry, Engineering, Boat/ship Design and Building, Training, Safety & Environmental Management, Surveying and possibly more specialist topics (depending on papers submitted). Visit <http://www.nmsc.gov.au/> for more 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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Future issues of the *SDFSA bulletin* will include lengthy articles about matters of interest to recreational divers. We welcome contributions from our readers.

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 sdfsa@adam.com.au to be included on the mailing list for this electronic news sheet.

The SDF supports both Reef Watch & Dragonsearch

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