

G'day to all of our dive buddies

SDF News Sheet – October 2018

Monthly newsletter of
The SCUBA DIVERS FEDERATION of SA

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We represent all recreational divers in SA.
We have helped to protect the ocean environment.
We have been instrumental in preserving jetties, sharks, etc..
We need your support to continue to serve all divers.

This monthly electronic news sheet is provided as a service to our members. Our monthly newsletters (and any bulletins) can be downloaded from <http://www.sdfsa.net/newsletters.htm>.

Remember to put your clocks forward one hour before you go to bed on Saturday 6th October for Daylight Savings this year

<https://www.9news.com.au/2018/09/12/16/05/daylight-saving-time-2018-when-to-change-clocks-australia> .

NEXT MEETING

Our next meeting is being held at 7pm on Tuesday 23rd October 2018 in the Conference Room on level 2 in The Braggs building (see <https://www.adelaide.edu.au/campuses/northtce/>) at the University of Adelaide. The address is Victoria Drive, Gate 8. Car parking is available on Victoria Drive. Walk in Gate 8 and through the big double doors in The Braggs building. The meeting is open to all financial members, including members of financial clubs.

RAPID BAY

The District Council of Yankalilla is considering developing the area near the Rapid Bay jetty to provide improved facilities. They want to know which facilities you think would be important for this area. You can have your say by completing a survey at <https://www.yoursayyankalilla.com.au/rapid-bay-jetty> . The survey closes on Friday 19th October 2018.

NEW SDFSA LOGO ADOPTED

The SDFSA has adopted a new official logo. It can be seen at the top of this news sheet.

TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF EWENS PONDS

Ewens Ponds (Ewens Ponds Conservation Park) is now closed to all water-based activity until Sunday 2nd December 2018. The closure applies to all bodies of water in the reserve. As such, no diving or swimming is permitted in the ponds during the closure period. The purpose of the closure is for the proper management of the reserve. For further information contact: Mount Gambier Natural Resources Centre, Phone: 08 8735 1177.

SHOP NEWS

Congratulations to Diving Adelaide who have now won the annual PADI Award for most certifications in South Australia for three years in a row. The Scuba Clinic has now resumed normal trading hours. From now on, the printed breathing report, supplied in the past with your regulator service, will only be supplied upon request due to ever increasing operating costs and time constraints. This will help to keep service costs the same. Your regulators will still be tuned in the same manner and no short cuts will be taken. Turn-around time will still be within 2 weeks in most cases.

WAVE GENERATOR TO BE LEFT AS AN ARTIFICIAL REEF

It now seems that the abandoned wave generator at Carrickalinga will be left in situ as an artificial reef. It will be cut back to 1m below the low-tide level, but the bulk of the structure will remain below the water. See https://www.adelaidenow.com.au/business/sa-business-journal/carrickalingas-sunken-wave-generator-to-be-chopped-up-under-sea-level-but-locals-want-a-more-explosive-solution/news-story/77613b112e607e36fad40fa9655d6279?utm_source=The%20Advertiser&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=editorial for more details.

UNDERWATER STATUES DESTROYED

According to the web page found at <https://divernet.com/2018/09/25/decaires-taylor-figures-destroyed-in-maldives/>, “Thirty statues that formed part of the Coralarium, the recent installation in the Maldives by British underwater sculptor Jason deCaires Taylor, have been destroyed for being anti-Islamic.” Some of Jason’s sculptures can be seen in issue number 4 of Submerged Nation – www.SubmergedNation.com .

FAREWELL TO CATHY DEANE

Our condolences go to the family and friends of Cathy Deane who died in August after a long illness. Cathy’s funeral was attended by a large gathering, with many people coming from interstate and overseas to pay their last respects to Cathy.

“SOUTH AUSTRALIAN SNIPPETS” BECOMES “SOUTHERN WATERS”

Christopher Deane has now retired from writing his popular South Aussie Snippets column in Dive Log after three decades. Steve Reynolds, our Secretary, will now relate tales of temperate water diving in his column titled “Southern Waters”. Steve’s first column appeared on page 61 of the October issue of Dive Log. This means that the October issue is more South Australian than usual, what with “Southern Waters”, the SDFSA page, Heather Creech’s two columns “Spotlight on Citizen Science” (2 pages) and “In Over My Head Again” (page 63) and also three pages about the 50th anniversary of scuba diver

representation in SA (pages 36-38). Even a PADI page (page 33) features an article about the SA coastline. Des William's Historical Diving Society page (page 71) features an article about the historic dive chamber at Glenelg. A page about OZTek2019 (page 62) mentions SA's Dr Richard Harris. That's a total of about 10 pages either about SA, SA divers or written by divers from SA. The magazine itself can be read online via <http://www.diveblog.net.au/dlonline.html> .

SITE OF THE EX-HMB ENDEAVOUR DISCOVERED

The web page found at <https://www.msn.com/en-au/news/australia/hms-endeavour-found-one-of-the-greatest-maritime-mysteries-of-all-time-solved/ar-BBNwBcJ?ocid=spartanntp> suggests that researchers are closing in on the actual location of the ex-HMB *Endeavour*, the vessel Captain James Cook (then Lieutenant) 'discovered' Australia in back in 1770. It seems that the ship was sunk 240 years ago in Newport Harbour, Rhode Island, USA in 1778. Cook left England 250 years ago to search for 'Australia' on 26th August 1768.

UNDERWATER SOUTH AUSTRALIA PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION

The Underwater South Australia photography exhibition, hosted by Force of Nature is being held until 10th October at the West Torrens Auditorium Gallery, Hamra Centre, 1 Brooker Tce, Hilton. The exhibition celebrates SA's marine and freshwater habitats, flora and fauna. It "features the work of experienced and emerging underwater photographers whose subjects range from the serene freshwater springs of the south east to the apex predators of the Neptune Islands. You'll see camouflaging cuttlefish, bizarre angler fish, and schooling fishes beneath the historic Rapid Bay jetty. Sea stars, jellyfish and a few more surprises await. The exhibition is free to enter, and open 7 days". Participating photographers are Frances Allan, Carl Charter, Nathan Cummins, Karolyn Landat, Sebastien Landat, Paul Macdonald, Dan Monceaux & Krystal Puxley. Opening hours: Monday*, Tuesday & Friday: 10am - 6pm, Wednesday: 8am - 6pm, Thursday: 10am - 8pm, Saturday 10am - 4pm, Sunday :1pm - 4pm. * The centre is closed on the Monday public holiday though.

OPENING OF THE UNDERWATER SOUTH AUSTRALIA PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION

The opening of the Underwater South Australia photography exhibition at the West Torrens Auditorium Gallery was possibly the largest gathering of underwater enthusiasts in SA so far this year, with an estimated 80 people attending. The four short videos & 20 images by a handful of photographers on display were excellent. Associate Professor Jochen Kaempf gave an interesting talk to the gathering.

STATE GOVERNMENT'S BUDGET IGNORES THE ENVIRONMENT

The new SA State Government's State Budget ignores the environment. The Government's harshest cuts are to programs that help to stop species going extinct and reduce climate change. Although there'll be 20 more park rangers, 115 other environment workers will be sacked. The Government is spending \$5m on coastal erosion (exacerbated by climate change) whilst cutting twice that amount from programs that help reduce climate change.

CLOSED SEASON FOR ROCK LOBSTER

The annual SA closure for Rock Lobster fishing will reopen in the Southern Zone at 6 am on 1st October and in the Northern Zone at midday on 1st November. All Rock Lobster taken by recreational fishers must have the middle tail fan clipped in half to a recognisable straight line before landing. Visit

http://www.pir.sa.gov.au/fishing/closures_and_aquatic_reserves/fishing_closures .

(Meanwhile, the SE's Larry the Lobster has been saved from local extinction. Visit

https://www.adelaidenow.com.au/news/south-australia/local-farming-family-from-kingstons-saves-iconic-crustacean-larry-the-lobster/news-story/cce55511051b398842d7efff194fa80d?utm_source=The%20Advertiser&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=editorial for more details.)

TRASH COLLECTION DEVICE CORRALS FLOATING PLASTIC LITTER

Engineers set out to sea on 8th September “to deploy a trash collection device to corral plastic litter floating between California and Hawaii in an attempt to clean up the world's largest garbage patch in the heart of the Pacific Ocean.” The trash collection device had been designed by Boyan Slat from the Netherlands when he was just 20 years old. Video footage of the trash collection device can be seen at

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NW_U5au00Wc. Further details were published in Issue 4 of “Submerged Nation” – see www.SubmergedNation.com .

ANNIVERSARIES

104 YEARS AGO, the submarine HMAS *AEI* disappeared off Papua New Guinea during WWI on 14th September 1914.

75 YEARS AGO, the demand regulator was developed by Jacques-Yves Cousteau and Emile Gagnan in 1943. The regulator led to the formation of Aqua Lung.

16 YEARS AGO, the ex-HMAS Hobart was scuttled as a dive wreck in Yankalilla Bay on 5th November 2002.

6 YEARS AGO, Scott & Lexi Nystrom became owners of Divers Delight on 1st October 2012.

4WD & ADVENTURE SHOW

The Adelaide 4WD & Adventure Show is being held 26th – 28th October 2018 at the Adelaide Showground. Visit <http://adelaide.4wdshow.com.au/index.phtml> .

CLUB MARINE SA BOAT & FISHING SHOW

The Club Marine SA Boat & Fishing Show 2018 is being held at the same time as the Adelaide 4WD & Adventure Show (26th – 28th October) at the Adelaide Showground. Visit <http://www.saboatshow.com.au/> for more details.

MARINE LIFE NETWORK

The Marine Life Network in Tasmania publishes an online magazine every two months. Visit either <https://www.facebook.com/MarineLifeTassie/> or <http://marinelife.org.au/> for more details. The site hosts details re the Seadragons Dive Group. Visit

<https://www.facebook.com/seadragonsdivegroup/> for more details. Details about SA dive sites can be found at http://marinelife.org.au/?page_id=124 .

BEAR GRYLL'S SHARK SHIELD TEST

As part of this year's Shark Week celebrations, Bear Grylls filmed a special titled 'Bear vs Bull Shark' for The Discovery Channel. During the film, Grylls tested out Ocean Guardian's FREEDOM7 Shark Shield by pouring chum and bait over himself. Visit https://www.prweb.com/releases/bear_grylls_proves_shark_shield_technology_works_in_shark_week_special/prweb15658496.htm for more details.

PETER BENCHLEY OCEAN AWARDS

"Jaws" author, Peter Benchley died on 12th February 2006, aged 65. Peter wrote at least 10 books, many of them with a marine theme. The Peter Benchley Ocean Awards are now presented in Peter's honour each year. Details are available at <http://peterbenchleyoceanawards.org/> .

WORLD'S OLDEST SCUBA DIVER TURNS 95

British diver Ray Woolley, who lives on the southern coast of Cyprus, is still diving at the age of 95. On 1st September, he broke his own world record when he accompanied members of his dive-club on a 44-minute wreck-dive to 40m depth. Woolley is recognised by Guinness World Records as being the world's oldest scuba diver. His record-breaking dive was on the Zenobia ferry wreck which is located off Cyprus. Further details can be found at <https://divernet.com/2018/09/02/ray-celebrates-95th-with-40m-wreck-dive/> .

AUSSIE DIVERS PHUKET OFFER TO OUR FACEBOOK GROUP MEMBERS

Darren Gaspari at Aussie Divers Phuket is offering our Facebook group members discounts for diving in Phuket. He is offering 10% discount on all PADI Courses, 15% off liveboards and scuba diving day trips and 20% discount on our luxury day trip speedboat. "We love to see some of the group over here. Happy to take good care of them when they are here," he says. To take advantage of this generous offer, email info@aussiediversphuket.com and tell them that you heard about special discounts being offered to Scuba Dive SA Facebook group members. Visit either <https://www.aussiediversphuket.com/> or <https://www.facebook.com/AussieDiversPhuket/> for more details. Follow them on Instagram via <https://www.instagram.com/aussiediversphuket/> .

FORTHCOMING EVENTS:

Many events are listed on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/events/> . Details for many other forthcoming events can be found at <http://www.divelog.net.au/news-events/> . Visit the web page found at <http://www.tourism.sa.com/events/event-news-edition-two.aspx> to see the latest from Events South Australia.

BOATFEST 2018

Boatfest 2018, the inaugural Port Adelaide Wooden and Heritage Boat Festival will be held in Port Adelaide from 13-14th October 2018. Visit www.portadelaideboatfest.com.au for more details.

DAY AT THE 'BURGH

A Day at the 'Burgh is a festival of food, music and the arts. It is being held at Blanche Street, Edithburgh on 19th November 2018. Enjoy talented local musicians, artists, gourmet food and wine tasting. There will be a vintage car and motorcycle display, jumping castle, face painting, fashion parade and more. Visit www.edithburgh.org.au for more details.

JAMES CAMERON – CHALLENGING THE DEEP

James Cameron – Challenging the Deep is an exhibition of film-maker James Cameron's achievements in deep ocean science, technology and exploration. It includes his record breaking 11,000m (36,000 ft) dive to the Mariana Trench in the submersible vessel *Deepsea Challenger* in 2012. The exhibition is currently being held at the Australian National Maritime Museum in Sydney and it runs until 30th Jan 2019. Visit <http://www.anmm.gov.au/whats-on/exhibitions/coming/james-cameron> for more details.

MEDITERRANEAN SYMPOSIA ON MARINE KEY HABITATS AND NON-INDIGENOUS SPECIES

The Mediterranean Symposia on marine key habitats and non-indigenous species will be held in Antalya, Turkey from 14 to 18th January 2019. It will bring specialists from across the Mediterranean region together to discuss the state of knowledge available on species, key formations in the Mediterranean and non-indigenous species and to present the latest developments in their conservation, the results of research and their impacts on marine and coastal biodiversity.

DIVE FOR CANCER 2019

Next year's Dive for Cancer event is being held at 9.30am on Sunday 24th February at Port Noarlunga – see <https://www.facebook.com/diveforcancer/> or <http://www.diveforcancer.com.au/buy-ticket/> .

OZTek2019

OZTek2019 will be held at the International Convention Centre Sydney, Darling Harbour on March 16/17, 2019. Visit www.oztek.com.au for more details. Some details can be found on pages 62 & 65 of the October issue of Dive Log.

2019 FESTIVAL FLEURIEU

Next year's Festival Fleurieu is being held from Saturday 13th April to Monday 22nd April (just 10 days) which includes the Easter holiday long weekend.

14TH AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL SHELL SHOW

The next Australian National Shell Show is being held in SA next April. It will be held at the Goodwood Community Centre in Rosa St, Goodwood from 13-14th April 2019. Check out <https://www.facebook.com/Malacological-Society-of-South-Australia-Inc-502260489866315/>.

2019 WORLD WHALE CONFERENCE AND WHALE HERITAGE SITES SUMMIT

The 2019 World Whale Conference and Whale Heritage Sites Summit are both being held in Hervey Bay, Queensland in October (2019). The World Whale Conference is being held from 7-9th October and Whale Heritage Sites Summit is being held from 10-11th October. The event will be hosted by Fraser Coast Tourism and Events and the World Cetacean Alliance.

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

RecFishSA (SA Recreational Fishing Advisory Council) <https://recfishsa.org.au/>

SA Trails Coordinating Committee* <http://www.southaustraliantrails.com/>

* (Office of Recreation & Sport) <http://www.ors.sa.gov.au/>

Recreation SA <http://recreationsa.org/>

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The SDF supports both Reef Watch & DragonSearch

http://www.conservationsa.org.au/reef_watch

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