

SDF News Sheet – July 2019

South Australian Scuba diving news

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We have been instrumental in preserving diving access, facilities, 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>.

Update on SA Scuba Week, 17-23 November 2019: Plans are well underway for SA Scuba Week, so be sure to mark these dates in your calendar. The Scuba Divers Federation of South Australia is launching the event at Port Noarlunga on Sunday, November 17, with an underwater hunt for prizes and a sausage sizzle. Twin Hose Tuesday, on the 19th, will celebrate vintage dive gear and the history of diving. "Splash In", a speaker event, will take place during the week, and festivities will conclude with the Splash Party on Saturday evening the 23rd -- a dance and fundraiser for the SA Sea Rescue Squadron. A photograph competition will be held throughout the week, with the winning photos to be published in Dive Log! Parallel to this, the SDFSA hopes to hold a pilot state-wide fish count, modelled after the Great Victorian Fish Count, to increase public knowledge and appreciation of the rich biodiversity in our southern waters. More details next month!

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NEW MEETING VENUE

Our future meetings will be held at the Arab Steed Hotel, 241 Hutt St, Adelaide. Keep an eye on our Facebook page for the dates that our meetings will be held. Dinner will be held at 6pm before the 7pm meeting upstairs. Contact the hotel on 8223 1015 or at www.arabsteedhotel.com.au.

NEXT MEETING - AGM

Our Annual General Meeting is being held at 7pm on Tuesday 16th July at the Arab Steed Hotel, 241 Hutt St, Adelaide. Dinner will be held at 6pm before the 7pm meeting upstairs. A new committee will be elected at the AGM. A new constitution has been drafted for consideration at the meeting.

THANKS TO JUDY HANI

Our thanks go to Judy Hani as she is stepping down as a long-serving Committee Member & former Vice President. Judy has served on the SDF committee for 21 years. She is moving overseas to live next year, and she will also be travelling more. “Thank you for all the wonderful years I've spent on the SDF, it's been a very fulfilling experience, especially representing SDF on the various committees, and the promotion of the SDF. I hope that all members now continue to move forward and advocate on behalf of the recreational scuba diving fraternity,” says Judy.

DISCOVERY OF THE WRECK OF THE NYORA

The steam tug *Nyora*, sunk about 50kms off of Cape Jaffa in 1917 whilst towing the schooner *Astoria*. The *Nyora* was a single screw steamship built in 1909 by J.P. Rennoldson & Sons in South Shields. Whilst owned by Huddart Parker & Co Pty. Ltd, she foundered west of Kingston, SA after passing Kangaroo Island on a voyage to the eastern states with the

auxiliary schooner *Astoria* in tow. The location for the wreck of the Nyora remained unknown until recently when Steve Saville found it. Video footage can be found at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8GqqHpfhmA8&feature=youtu.be> . See <https://www.adelaidenow.com.au/business/sa-business-journal/tale-of-tragedy-and-survival-emerges-from-discovery-of-nyora-tugboat-shipwreck-in-south-australias-south-east/news-story/3f92308ad308266034afc999d6006ba9?fbclid=IwAR3zJHX1EFk4V66GhZIGDhxyUuGa5b2G1FtQkOYuoLZod8OAhlNYqcnux-Q> for further details.

SCIENTISTS USE IMAGES & VIDEOS TO TRACK RARE STINGRAY SPECIES IN AFRICA

According to the web page found at <http://www.scubaverse.com/first-study-of-worlds-largest-marine-stingray-reveals-long-distance-migration/?cn-reloaded=1> , “Scientists use images and videos submitted by tourists to track rare (stingray) species in Africa. Smalleye stingrays are the largest marine stingrays on record, reaching disc widths of up to 222 cm, and yet almost nothing is known about them. Scientists from the Marine Megafauna Foundation have for the first time photo IDs to study this elusive animal in southern Mozambique, one of the only locations where it is regularly seen in the wild. Their findings were published in the journal PeerJ.”

VIRTUAL ARCHAEOLOGY MUSEUM

According to the Australasian Institute for Maritime Archaeology, “A new Virtual Archaeology Museum by the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) gives everyone the chance to “dive” the Blake Ridge Shipwreck, which is about 130 miles off the North Carolina coast and 7,000 feet underwater.” See https://www.miamiherald.com/news/nation-world/national/article230373399.html?fbclid=IwAR33R1svpZyw0yCQsu8MT10tSno8_8XtKgE8TViI-4G4QRybP3jHNhX4UuI

STATE GOVERNMENT’S ANNOUNCEMENT RE PROTECTION OF OUR COASTLINE

The State Government’s recent announcement re protection of our coastline can be found at <https://coasts.cmail19.com/t/ViewEmail/r/819A249E31DA2FF52540EF23F30FEDED/5969D1B9B3EDD5AFC06B463AA70A4F2C>

1m ANIMAL & PLANT SPECIES THREATENED WITH EXTINCTION

A new report from the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services warns that nature is declining at unprecedented rates, and that the rate of species extinction is accelerating. Transformative changes are needed to restore and protect nature. For further details see <https://unenvironment.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=81fa4175b1cfc693bd89ea261&id=fa33689c12&e=7c97e094df>

NEW REEF LIFE SURVEY WEBSITE

The new & improved Reef Life Survey website can be found at www.reeflifesurvey.com .

FORTHCOMING THAI CAVE RESCUE BOOK

“Against All Odds” by Craig Challen, Richard Harris is due out on 5th November as an e-book, a paperback book and an audio download. Visit

https://www.penguin.com.au/books/against-all-odds-9781760890957?fbclid=IwAR1F56x5wFi3HtXuMxnqNkqTMFAxdxFMYx1LbgQPJcDGjUa2vAbiwmbmkM0&utm_expid=.JC69wDioR_Kc4RimyKASfg.0&utm_referrer=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.facebook.com%2F

HOW TO FARM CORAL AND SWIM WITH SHARKS AND RAYS

Channel 10’s The Living Room’s Dr Chris Brown often heads underwater to bring the underwater world to the show’s audience. The most recent Friday night show featured Chris learning how to farm coral and swim with sharks and rays. The show can be seen at

<https://10play.com.au/the-living-room/episodes/season-8/episode-14/tpv190628wvgrj> .

Details about farming coral can be found at www.coralgardeners.org .

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

AMSA 2019 CONFERENCE

The AMSA 2019 conference is being held in Fremantle, WA from 7-11th July. This year's theme for the conference is "Marine Science for a Blue Economy". More information on the conference can be found at <http://amsa19.amsa.asn.au/> .

AIDE 2019

The Australia International Dive Expo is being held at the Exhibition Convention Centre (level 1, Hall 3) in Sydney from 1st to 5th August 2019. Visit www.australiadiveexpo.com or see pages 58-59 of the July issue of Dive Log for more details.

NATIONAL SCIENCE WEEK 2019

This year’s National Science Week is being held from 10th – 18th August – see www.scienceweek.net.au .

ROYAL ADELAIDE SHOW 2019

This year’s Royal Adelaide Show is being held from 30 August - 8 September. See <https://theshow.com.au/> for more details.

AWARE WEEK

AWARE Week is being held from 14th - 22nd September 2019. This year's theme is “Building Bridges”.

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.

2019 ASFB CONFERENCE

The Australian Society for Fish Biology conference is being held 14–17th October at the Australian National Library in Canberra, ACT. ASFB 2019 will showcase and celebrate the many ways we can illuminate the wonderful world of fishes in the hearts and minds of people spanning a range of cultures, backgrounds and perspectives. The conference program includes workshops, special events and sessions that will explore how effective communication via the visual arts, digital media, and the spoken and written word can bring new understanding and inspiration to the millions of people who value and depend on fishes for their wellbeing. See the conference website at <http://asfbconference.org/> for more details.

2019 SOUTH AUSTRALIAN COASTAL CONFERENCE

The 2019 South Australian Coastal Conference will be held in Adelaide on 7th-8th November. The conference will demonstrate the important work that others are doing to care for our coast. Attendees can share their own work and network with people passionate about coastal issues. Presentations will cover areas such as coastal collaboration, blue carbon, coastal restoration, hazards and conservation, and more. The conference is convened by the South Australian Chapter of the Australian Coastal Society. Visit <https://coasts.cmail19.com/t/r-l-jilrldk-uilulrbly-q/> for more details. The Department's complete newsletter can be found at <https://coasts.cmail19.com/t/ViewEmail/r/D1F6C0614C2C73872540EF23F30FEDED/9383F812BD46EA993EDEEDC46EB9B960>.

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