

SDF Newsletter – August 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:

Get your cameras ready for the SA Scuba Week photo competition! South Australian amateur photographers are invited to enter their digital photographs in a competition to celebrate scuba diving in South Australia. Images must be taken from 1st October 2018 to 31st October 2019, with the winners to be announced at the SA Scuba Week Splash Party on the 23rd of November. Winning photos will be published in Dive Log. For details on how to enter, go to the SDFSA website (www.sdfsa.net) or check out the Federation's Facebook page. And remember to mark SA Scuba Week in your calendar. It launches November 17 at Port Noarlunga 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 speakers 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.

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NEXT MEETING

Our next meeting is being held at 7pm on Wednesday 28th August at the Arab Steed Hotel, 241 Hutt St, Adelaide. Dinner will be held at 6pm before the 7pm meeting upstairs. Please let us know by 21st August if you wish to book for the dinner.

FUTURE MEETINGS

Our next four meetings are scheduled at the Arab Steed Hotel, 241 Hutt St, Adelaide at 7pm on the fourth Wednesday of the month, as follows: -

Wednesday, 28 August

Wednesday, 25 September

Wednesday, 23 October

Wednesday, 27 November

Dinner will be held at 6pm before the 7pm meeting upstairs. Please let us know one week ahead if you wish to book for the dinner. No meetings will be held in December. Our meetings commence again in January (on 4th Wednesday of the month). Contact the hotel on 8223 1015 or at www.arabsteedhotel.com.au .

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

A special presentation is being held at the next General Meeting of the Conservation Council of South Australia at 6pm on Thursday 8th August at The Joinery, 111 Franklin Street, Adelaide. Michelle Grady, Deputy Director, Pew Charitable Trusts (& former CCSA

Executive Officer) is giving a presentation titled “How to win big for the environment when the field is against you”.

STEPS AT PORT NOARLUNGA JETTY

The steps at Port Noarlunga jetty will be installed only during a spell of good weather. We can only hope that this will happen sooner rather than later.

AGM RESULTS

Last month’s meeting was our Annual General Meeting. A new committee was elected for 2019-20. Most of the previous committee were re-elected though. Some members changed positions, however, and a couple of new members came on board. Tony Leggatt and Andrew Hunter swapped positions, with Andrew becoming President and Tony becoming Vice-President. Alex Suslin and Helena Wescombe-Down also swapped positions, with Helena becoming Treasurer and Alex becoming a Committee Member. Steve Reynolds continued as Secretary and Heather Creech, Stephanie Grovermann, Merv Brash, and Sara Leggatt continued as Committee Members (along with Alex Suslin). Chelsea Haebich and Emma Baird became our two new Committee Members. Congratulations to the whole committee on their election. New President, Andrew Hunter says, “If you're a scuba diver in South Australia, make sure you follow the SDFSAs. We'll keep you updated with issues and events, including what's happening at SA Scuba Week this November! Even better - get involved by becoming a member. Work with the team that working to improve outcomes for you. The more members we have, the more opportunity we'll have to lobby for better outcomes for you.”

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Helena Wescombe-Down has been appointed as our Membership Officer. We will soon be making an announcement about membership fees.

NEW CONSTITUTION

A new SDFSAs constitution was adopted at our AGM. Details will be posted to our website when it is re-launched shortly.

THE SCUBA CLINIC WINTER HOURS UPDATE

The Scuba Clinic will be closed for their annual winter break from Monday 5th of August and will return on Monday 26th of August. The Scuba Clinic will now not be closing on Fridays (except for the annual break in August). The updated hours for August/September are: Monday to Thursday 9.30am to 5.30pm and Friday 9.00am to 12.00pm. There is just one week left before the annual break during August. The Scuba Clinic’s new address is Unit 16, 937 Marion Road, Mitchell Park.

TRAILS SA

The Trails SA Advisory Committee met on 30th July to discuss its future. SDFSAs Vice-President Tony Leggatt attended the meeting on our behalf. The Trails SA Advisory Committee is now considering a completely new approach to SA trails. A decision is expected by the end of this year. In the meantime, it seems that the Trails SA website at www.southaustraliantrails.com/ may soon be shut down due to a lack of funding and/or interest.

UNDERWATER MILITARY MUSEUM

A military museum has been established underwater in the Red Sea. The Underwater Military Museum Dive Site features a total of 19 sunken military relics such as tanks, guns and helicopters. These are at depths of between 15-28m and 20-28m.

“IN PERILOUS SEAS”

According to the web page found at <https://illuminart.com.au/announcement/in-perilous-seas/?fbclid=IwAR1Bxc3FZw6Xiw2J1cICn2EfOHb5YCB-nVankZ3PUkm3Me7mfWJKFpcR2oQ>, “In Perilous Seas” will integrate images contributed by photographers, divers, and artists in a community-based public art performance illuminating the historic Aldinga Uniting Church, where the gravesite and memorial of those whose lives were lost, is located. This projection art story will interweave photos and videos with music and narration to tell the community the important tragic history of our coastlines and provide insight into coastal safety today. The story about local shipwrecks and the lives lost at sea to be projected onto the Aldinga Uniting Church on Saturday 31 August. The show ‘In Perilous Seas’ will last for 45 minutes to an hour.”

VIDEO FOOTAGE OF THE PORT PHILLIP BAY SHELLFISH REEF

Anita Nedosyko, the Marine Restoration Coordinator SA (Australia Program) for The Nature Conservancy recently provided a link to fresh new video footage taken by Ben Cleveland at the Port Phillip Bay shellfish reef that they rebuilt two years ago. It can be found at <https://tnc.box.com/s/ohug0cf5sz893wqpair97ypcvim2xx27> . “Before we undertook any restoration works, this was a barren sandy seascape and now there is a 1000+ school of pinkie snapper that are residing on the reef year-round, hula fish (just to name a couple) and thriving Australian flat oysters,” says Anita, “Giving nature a helping hand can pay huge dividends.” Earlier footage can be found at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VAjh53Ffqx0> .

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Wade Doak on being awarded the John Morton medal at the New Zealand Marine Sciences Society conference last month for his lifelong contribution to marine conservation and sustainability.

NEW WHYALLA JETTY

Work on the new \$3.8m 165m-long Whyalla jetty with a 145m circular boardwalk starts this month.

NEW SHARK BOAT

Rodney Fox Great White Shark Expeditions have joined forces with Mark Tozer in the purchase of a new liveaboard boat that is twice the size of the *Princess II*. The new vessel was announced at the Scuba in the Pub event in July. The boat has more of everything – more space and more facilities to work more comfortably and more productively throughout more of the year. Visit www.rodneyfox.com.au for more details.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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 6 & 59 of the August 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-1-jilrldk-uilulrbly-q/> for more details. The Department's complete newsletter can be found at <https://coasts.cmail19.com/t/ViewEmail/r/D1F6C0614C2C73872540EF23F30FEDED/9383F812BD46EA993EDEEDC46EB9B960> .

AUSTRALIAN SHELLFISH REEF RESTORATION NETWORK MEETING

The Australian Shellfish Reef Restoration Network meeting & 11th International Conference on Shellfish Restoration is being held at Port Stephens, NSW from 17-20th March 2020

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