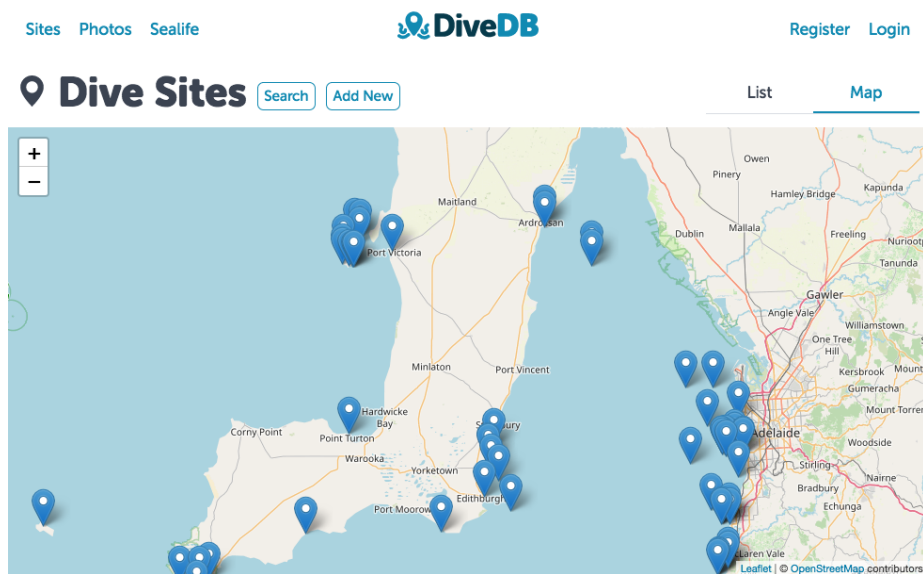


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LEAD STORY: New dive site database for South Australia

Peter Lesty, Secretary and Information Officer for the Adelaide Uni Dive Club, has launched a new online database logging the locations of South Australia dive sites. The site takes a crowd sourcing approach, inviting contributions from all divers to enter GPS coordinates and other details for dive sites around the state, including useful descriptions of site access, depth, difficulty, marine life and other features – including links to current weather forecasts for that site. You can log your dives on the site and submit photos of marine life as well. A directory of SA sealife is also being developed on the site. Much like Wikipedia, all registered users can edit and update all entries in the database.

Currently there is a core group of people contributing to the information, but Peter would like to encourage all divers to register on the site and then participate in information sharing. The appropriate controls will be put in place to minimise any issues arising around security and user behaviour.

SDFSA will be reviewing how to migrate information from its own directory of SA dive sites to Peter's initiative, with a view to linking to his database as the "goto" place for locating dive sites around the State. If you wish to join Peter and others in this excellent project, register at <https://divedb.net>.

Aldinga Pinnacles Edit Show Forecast

Depth: 8m, **Difficulty:** OW, **GPS:** -35.266833 138.433666

Description

Part of the Aldinga reef system closer in shore from the drop off. Spectacular dive with lots of swim throughs, overhangs, fish life and weed growth.

The dive is in starts in only 8m of water so an extended amount of time can be spent exploring the reef system, the overhangs and occasional cave.


Visibility here is generally very good and swimming amongst rock pinnacles extending from the sea floor to just beneath the surface of the sea is very different to other SA dives.

Access

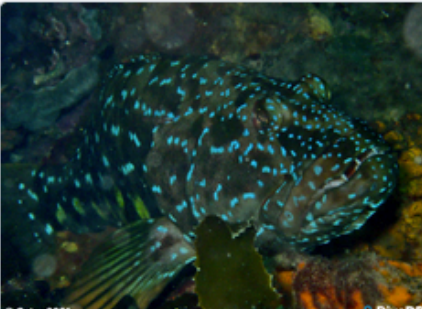
Access is via boat with the closest boat ramp being O'Sullivan's Boat Ramp. On a good day it will take around 20 minutes to drive up.

Be mindful of some of the shallower regions of the reef.

Photos Add New



Mexichromis macropus Aldinga Pinnacles
2021-03-22



Harlequin fish Aldinga Pinnacles 2021-03-22

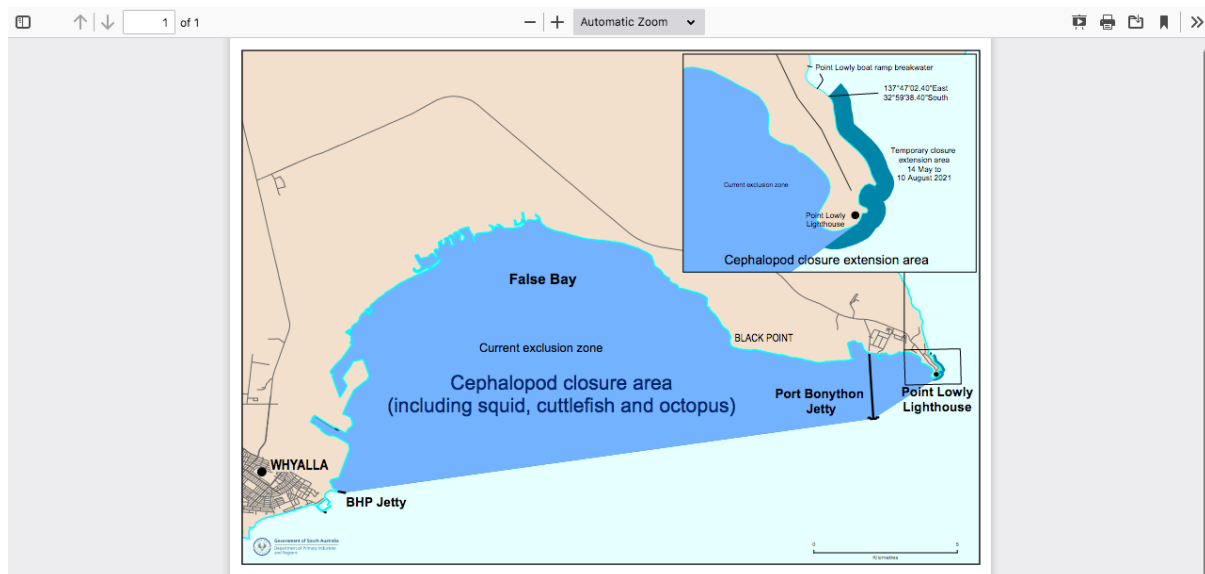
And in other news

Increased protection for the Giant cuttlefish

Giant Australian Cuttlefish in the Spencer Gulf have been given an increased protection zone this breeding season with a new 100-metre fishing exclusion zone off the coast of Port Lowly. This is not a complete ban on fishing for the Giant cuttlefish across the Spencer Gulf during the breeding season, but it does provide some increased protection.

This 100-metre strip will be closed on a trial basis between 14 May and 10 August 2021 and will be an expansion of the permanent cephalopod fishing ban at False Bay.

Read the Minister's announcement here: <https://www.premier.sa.gov.au/news/media-releases/news/increased-protection-for-giant-australian-cuttlefish>.



Whyalla Council is investing \$1M to develop further facilities at the Cuttlefish site.

SDFSA will continue to advocate for further protections for the Giant cuttlefish, as the aggregation is one of the premier dive and snorkel attractions for South Australia, and a globally recognised event.

Fundraising for Bali Dive Guides

Reg and Helen Foster are continuing their efforts to raise funds to support Dive Guides and their families in Bali. They note that: "The Tourism industry in Bali has laid off most of its workforce. In particular the Dive industry has released most of the staff who provide visitors with amazing experiences and memories that last a lifetime. With no social security, and many with no immediate family in Bali these young families are really in trouble. Many have sold their Dive gear (tools of trade) to provide food, pay rent, pay school fees". If you wish to contribute to Reg and Helen's initiative, you can do so at **Bali Dive Guide Connect** on GoFundMe, <https://www.gofundme.com/>.

IMPORTANT NOTICES

Safety Alert - Rapid Bay Jetty bottom platform.



Photo credit: Steve van der Henst, shared with SA Dive Sites Viz and Conditions on Facebook

SDFSFA has been in touch with DPTI regarding the bottom platform on the steps of Rapid Bay Jetty. The bottom platform on the steps of Rapid Bay Jetty broke away entirely and has had to be replaced. The State's technical crew have modified the way the new platform will be secured so that it doesn't come away again; we are hopeful that the installation will take place by mid-July.

In the meantime, please be aware of this safety issue, and pass on to others you know.

Update on Second Valley from the Yankalilla Council

In February this year, a storm dislodged the stairs on the Second Valley Jetty putting them out of action. Council has been working with the owners of the Jetty, the State Government on getting these repaired. Under our licence agreement, we need to pay an excess of approximately \$15,000 to get the repairs done and Council has now allocated these funds, in late April we engaged divers to perform a full audit of the Jetty to ensure that all needed repairs could be done at the same time. We await the results of the audit and will then discuss with the State Government the repairs. We understand these stairs are well used by the community throughout the year and continue to treat them as a priority to get fixed.

SDFSFA COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Please be advised the Annual General Meeting of the Scuba Divers Federation of SA will be held Wednesday 28th July from 7.00pm at:

Arab Steed Hotel (first floor meeting room – enter via the stairs at the back of the bistro); 241 Hutt Street (corner of Hutt & Gilles Streets), Adelaide

Due to COVID restrictions please RSVP if you will be attending, by emailing [Helena Wescombe-Down](mailto:Helena.Wescombe-Down@info@sdfsfa.net) at info@sdfsfa.net

A number of us will be enjoying a meal beforehand from 6:00pm. When replying please indicate if you will also be joining us for dinner, so we can advise the venue of numbers.

The Agenda and Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting will be forwarded closer to the date, but will include the President's report, as well as reports from the Treasurer, Communications and Membership Officers, and will include a progress report on the 1st year of the SDFSA 5 year Strategic Plan.

We have an ambitious year ahead of us with some great projects and important advocacy campaigns. We need your help to be able to achieve our plans and invite you to nominate for one of the following SDFSA Committee positions. The nomination form is appended to this Newsletter.

- ❖ President
- ❖ Vice-President
- ❖ Secretary
- ❖ Treasurer
- ❖ General Committee members

GREAT TIPS AND CONGRATULATIONS TO...

Thanks to Steve Simmons for the following post on SA Dive Sites Viz and Conditions in June: It's a great way to remember what makes good and bad conditions at Edithburgh.

Here's one for everyone who doesn't know to screen shot so divers don't waste time and effort coming over here to Edithburgh when conditions are not so favourable.

If wind is N NE or E even though they maybe light winds vis will usually be poor, N = average to poor NE = poor. E = atrocious.

SE = generally ok S = Good to Great Sw & W = Really good NW = usually OK

I've done over 500 logged dives just at Edithburgh (not all at the Jetty) so I can say with out a doubt this is accurate.

Thanks and congratulations to Don Silcock on the publication of his guide to photographing Leafy seadragons on **Dive Photograph Guide**. Download it at <http://www.divephotoguide.com/underwater-photography-special-features/article/photographing-incredible-leafy-seadragon>.

UPCOMING EVENTS

South Australia

6,7,8 August: Science Alive at the Adelaide Showgrounds! SDFSA will be there, in partnership with Experiencing Marine Sanctuaries. We will be promoting diving for science and recreation to the next generation of scuba, freedivers and snorkellers. Tickets are available at <https://tickets.lup.com.au/science-alive-adelaide?cat=CAT-REGISTRATION>.

14 August 2021: SDFSA Bunnings BBQ Sizzle! Edwardstown. Come and support your Committee, and have a tasty snag at the same time.

20-24 September 2021: World Fisheries Congress, to be held in Adelaide – <https://wfc2020.com.au/>.

Interstate/International

JULY: ICRS 2021 – International Coral Reef Symposium 18th to 23rd July 2021. The 14th ICRS is being held in Bremen, Northern Germany the primary international conference on coral reef science, conservation and management, bringing together leading scientists, early career researchers, conservationists, ocean experts, policy makers, managers and the public. Visit <https://icrs2021.de/> for more details.

POSTPONED TO 2022: OZTEK CONFERENCE & OZDIVE EXPO 1-2 October 2022. OZTek, the Advanced Diving Conference & Exhibition has combined with the OZDive Expo, Melbourne Conference & Exhibition Centre. Visit <https://OZTek.com.au> and <https://OZDive.net.au> for more details.

HISTORY STORY for the month

By Steve Reynolds

Flinders Adjunct Associate Professor Mark Staniforth has received a 2020 Flinders University Distinguished Alumni Award “for his distinguished contribution and commitment to the investigation, protection, promotion and pedagogy of maritime archaeology, history and heritage in Australia and Southeast Asia.” The Flinders University Alumni Awards acknowledge the significant contributions made by graduates to the community, the University or within their chosen field, locally, nationally and internationally.

According to the web page found at <https://blogs.flinders.edu.au/alumni-stories/2021/03/31/markstaniforth/>, “Exploring Kublai Khan’s 1288AD invasion fleet and investigating colonial era shipwrecks off Australia – Flinders University’s Adjunct Associate Professor Mark Staniforth has enjoyed a long and fascinating career in maritime archaeology, history and heritage.

“Over a 46-year career as a practicing archaeologist, Staniforth has participated in diving archaeology excavations on significant shipwrecks such as Pandora, William Salthouse, Clarence, Batavia and Sydney Cove. In the process he has increased the knowledge of maritime history, colonial trade, shipbuilding, shipwreck conservation practice, and the immigrant experience.

“While working as curator at the Australian National Maritime Museum in Sydney he had higher degree studies in his sights, choosing Flinders as the best University to complete his PhD.

“Flinders University was one of the few universities that taught and conducted research in historical archaeology,” says Associate Professor Mark Staniforth. “It was an eclectic, accepting and interesting university with highly respected archaeologists, including Vincent Megaw – a renaissance man and an outstanding scholar and the person who has inspired me the most in my academic life.”

“While undertaking his PhD, Associate Professor Staniforth became a lecturer in Historical Archaeology at Flinders University before he established the first Maritime Archaeology Program at any Australian University here at Flinders University, which he convened from 1997 to 2010.

“Associate Professor Staniforth is a professional member of the International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS) and an expert member of two International Scientific Committees. He has served on the Advisory Council on Underwater Archaeology (ACUA), including three years as Chair – the first Australian to do so. He is a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries (FSA) and has played a significant role in the establishment and development of five maritime archaeology programs across Australia and Vietnam.

“Retired since 2010, Associate Professor Staniforth’s lifelong involvement in maritime archaeology continues through a range of projects including the Star of Greece shipwreck off Port Willunga, the MaP Fund, and the Vietnam Maritime Archaeology Project.

“My wife Dr Paddy O’Toole and I established the MAP Fund which has supported maritime archaeology students at Flinders and early career professionals to attend conferences, conduct research and recently has funded a student from Indonesia to study a Master of Maritime Archaeology at Flinders,” says Associate Professor Staniforth.

“Archaeology, history and heritage have been a vocation for me – I have been doing it since I was first involved as a 17-year-old in Western Australia and unless, or until, my health gives out I will continue to be active in archaeology, history and heritage till I die.”

ABOUT THE SDFSA

SDFSA is a non-profit, incorporated membership association dedicated to the preservation and enjoyment of our unique underwater world.

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The more members we have, the stronger our influence. We serve as a peak body representing the interests of South Australian recreational scuba divers and the related sports of freediving and snorkelling, including the provision of information to government and the general public. Together we can have real impact on the issues affecting the South Australian diving community.

You can also read about the Federation’s work in issues of DiveLog Australasia, Scubadiver ANZ and on our website at <https://sdfsa.net>. Stay up to date with the latest news through our Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/scubadivesa/> and our FB group, SA Dive Sites Viz and Conditions, <https://www.facebook.com/groups/568109670769809>.

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2021-22 SDFSA Committee Nomination Form

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Nomination for the Scuba Divers Federation of SA (SDFSA) Committee – 2021-2022

Nominations are now open for the following SDFSA Committee positions to be appointed at the upcoming Annual General Meeting (AGM) to be held on Wednesday 28th July 2021:

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Committee Position (several positions available)

One form is required for each nomination.

I, being a current SDFSA individual or affiliated club member, namely..... (Club – if applicable), do hereby nominate the following person for a position on the SDFSA Committee for a 12 month period:

Name

for the position of

Signed Date / / 2021

My nomination is seconded by: **Name** (being a current SDFSA individual or club member), namely.....(Club – if applicable)

Signed Date / / 2021

I,, nominated above, confirm that I am willing to accept a position on the SDFSA Committee for a 12 month period.

Signed Date / / 2021

Completed nomination forms can be returned via email to info@sdfsa.net and will also be accepted at the AGM.

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