

Warrnambool Sub Aqua Club Sep/oct

**BULA FROM FIJI
KELLI AND PARKO Tie the knot**



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- Try Scuba date set
- Dives coming up
- What's been happening
- Stories on diving
- Hints to make life easy
- Ideas wanted

NEXT MEETING WILL BE IN NOVEMBER, A DATE TO BE FIXED, PARKO WILL TEXT YOU AND CONFIRM THE DATE SO IF YOUR NUMBER HAS CHANGED PLEASE LET ME KNOW 0402676804.



Ross And Parko Ready to dive

Piccaninnie Ponds bottomed out at 110 mt. There is some research going on with Linda and Gary being a part of the team exploring the deep reaches of the ponds. This is done using mixed gas, Nitrox and Helium as breathing mixes. This is ongoing project with more dives going on soon, we will keep you updated as things proceed. We are mapping from 80 mt up, while Rebreather divers do the bottom bits. There dive time for one dive to this depth is 4.30 Hrs in the water—30 min on the bottom then 4 hours deco.

Tek tip

Try keeping some spare O rings on a zip tie then keep it Tied to your tank neck or on your first Stage. these will save the dive for you at the dive site. Also check all your fin straps and mask straps for the start of the dive season so you do not miss a dive.



Linda After her 80 mt dive in Pics

Try Scuba

Try Scuba Will be held at the Port Fairy pool on the SUNDAY 2nd of NOVEMBER Between 10.00 and 12.00. This is a opportunity for people to try diving in a nice warm pool with qualified instructors. All you need is bathers t-shirt and 5 bucks—it is that easy PLEASE CALL Linda on 0355658793 or 040802070



Doing it tough in Fiji

Fiji is about 4 to 5 hours from Melbourne it has 300 +islands the main being Viti Levu. These islands are part of a volcanic chain that starts in new guinea and ends in NZ.

It is the soft coral capital of the world with the largest starfish the basket star with arms more than 1 .5 mt long lots of fish and BIG sharks on most dives, lion fish, clown fish the list is big on what you might see on dives, there are both boat dives or shore dives

Michelle and Linda check out a Spanish dancer on a dive in Fiji



Blue ribbon eel FIJI



Scary looking EEL in FIJI but Linda and others could pat it .quite a friendly little fellow



Kellie and Parko enjoy sunset cruise



Alane and Doug at the Shangri -La, Fiji

The clubs 5cfm compressor housed at Doug's

The club offers members cheap fills and all money stays in the club, a 10 fill card is available for \$60. For more information or to get a fill please call Doug or PARKO. 0402676804



Around the traps

Gary's been busy fixing boat moorings I the bay . With one boat going adrift and been rescued by The SES It was his job to find the old mooring and affix a new chain to it .Well after he found it for the 5th time we did the job. and on the swim home I found an oar which just so happened to be the same guy who lost his barge, then he tells me his row boat sunk two weeks ago and he also lost a Set of pulleys that I did a search and found the on the way out under the jetty I found a set of keys CAN you guess whose they Were????? WOW what a day



Ross and his new dry suit on its maiden voyage

Long John Trotter with his find after a dive in hells hole SA (handed in to police)



A little bit of vinegar Can remove that green stuff on your regs if left soak a while, but not to long it can also take the chrome off as well

DID YOU KNOW well



Beqa Lagoon Water Taxi with our Luggage stowed under Tarp. Waiting to load Passengers for the 14Km Trip to Pacific Harbour. And Catch bus to Nadi.

Legend Of Fire Walking On Beqa Island

About 500 years ago, when there were only about 50 people in the village of Nakarovu in the high land of central Beqa Island, an old man in the village, Dredre (meaning love), told stories to the young people but only after they first gave him a gift. One young man, Tunaiviqalita (Who for this story be renamed Tuna), promised to give Dredre a fresh eel as a gift and Dredre agreed to tell him stories once he gave him the eel.

The next morning Tuna followed a small stream near the village in his search for an eel. As he moved upstream he came across a big rock in the stream. He put his hand under the rock hoping to catch an eel but instead felt something soft and warm, so he pulled it out. In his hand was a perfect tapa cloth undamaged by the water. The tapa cloth was wound around something that he could feel moving inside. He unwound the tapa and a small man jumped out shouting "Don't kill me, give me life, I will make you the strongest man on the island." Tuna replied "I am already the strongest man on the island and I will kill you".

Then the small man said, "Don't kill me and I will make you very rich". To which the young man replied "I don't know what money is. I have no need for it."

Then the small man said, "If you don't kill me I will give you the gift of walking on fire and then bury you for four nights but you will unharmed and still be living."

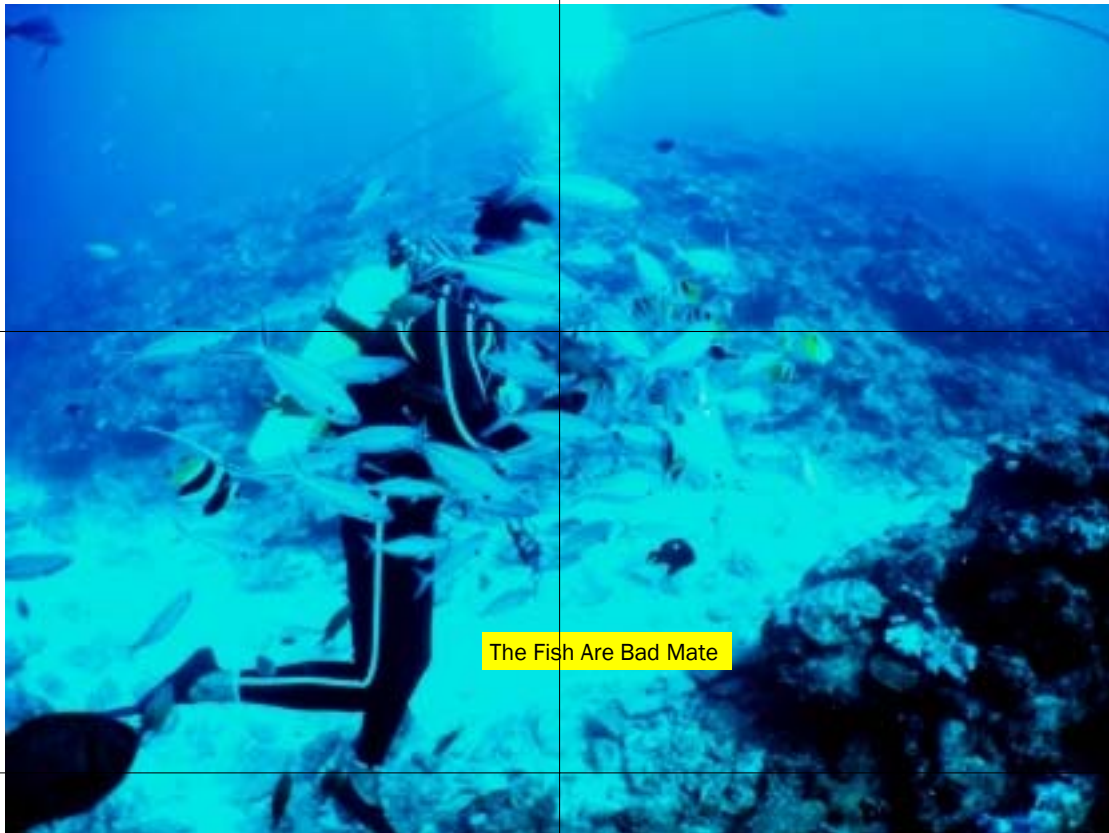
Tuna replied, "I don't want all of that I just want to be able to walk on fire". The small man said, "Then so be it as long as the sun rises and the sun sets your descendants will be able to walk on fire."

But Tuna did not believe him and said, "First you must show me." So they built a fire under stones which after many hours became red hot. The small man said, "Follow me," then he danced and danced on the hot stones without any ill effect. Tuna followed him onto the hot stones and sang with happiness as he realized what a powerful gift he had been given by the small man.

Tuna gave that gift of walking on fire through his blood line in the Sawau Tribe on Beqa Island.

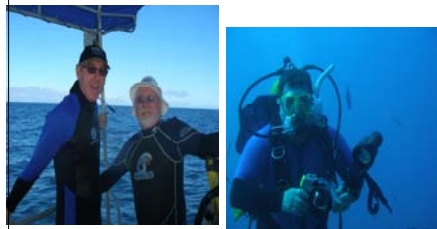
The descendants are today, as promised by the small man, still able to walk on hot stones without any ill effects.





The Fish Are Bad Mate

The club is in the process of organising a couple of trips away soon, one being over to Port Mac Donald for a cray bash and looking at a long weekend at Robe, SA. It would be great if you could make it and if you are interested please let us know for more details.



The next club meeting we will showing a few slides on our Fiji trip, some very cool sharks to be seen as well as numerous fish, just amazing the clear water over there. Hope to see you there.

Do you have any dives you really want to do???? We would love to try and help and make it a club day. A few members are interested in the Subs at Port Phillip you will need an advanced ticket or deep certification but would be great fun.

The Canberra will be sunk soon so the club will be organising dives there to. Members are regularly going to Mt Gambier diving.

Some are ken to do a scallop dive too so let me know and we can organise it.