

WARRNAMBOOL SUB AQUA CLUB

CLUB NEWS

JUNE 2007



CLUB MEETING 08/05/07

The May club meeting was held at the Shamrock Hotel, Dennington on May 8th commencing at 7.00pm. Persons present were... Gary Barclay, Jeff Cottrill, Andrew Smith, Mick O'Brien, Michelle Boyle, Laaland Clare, Steve Parkinson and Doug Trotter.

A nice meal was had by quite a few members prior to the formalities commencing. It was great to see a good turn out and everyone keen to get some diving in. After the meal they all headed out to the back room where Gary had set up his laptop and projector to show a few pictures and a video of the sinking of and subsequent diving of the HMS Re-

pulse. Prior to this a number of matters were covered in our meeting and Doug presented the financial report.

The boat cover was claimed under warranty and the money returned to the club. Doug and Steve are to look into getting heavy duty cover made and to get quotes.

Members are keen to get some night diving in so when the sea drops back Mick, Doug or Steve can be contacted to organize these.

The Whyalla trip was discussed and there seems to be quite a bit of interest. Only problem is people needing to organize time off work! It was put forward to look at a date in

early July and let all members know so they can plan around it. Monthly dives—we will put out a monthly calendar for 2 months in advance and set some dives on it so members can put it on their fridge or similar as reminders of what dives/activities are happening. We will also publish a list of current members and some contact details in the newsletter so if anyone wants to go for a dive they can call/text the others and hopefully get a group together. Please let us know if you do not want your details published.

Thanks to all who attended and if you have a friend interested in diving please bring them along.

Meeting closed at 8.45pm.

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Photo by Doug

Treasurer's / Bean counter

The Club Currently has \$1044.44

PARKOS MOORISH FISH CAKES

Ingredients:

1 Australian Salmon
1/3 sweet potato
1/3 potato
1/2 cup desiccated coconut
Chopped lemon grass
Chopped green beans

Chopped capsicum
Chopped coriander
Chopped chili

Method:

Process salmon, potato and coconut in food processor. Mix in by hand all other chopped ingredients and

form patties. Fry in hot oil until golden brown. Great with soy or sweet chili dipping sauce.

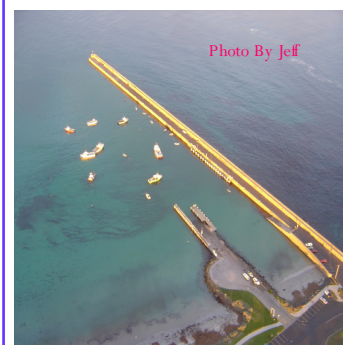
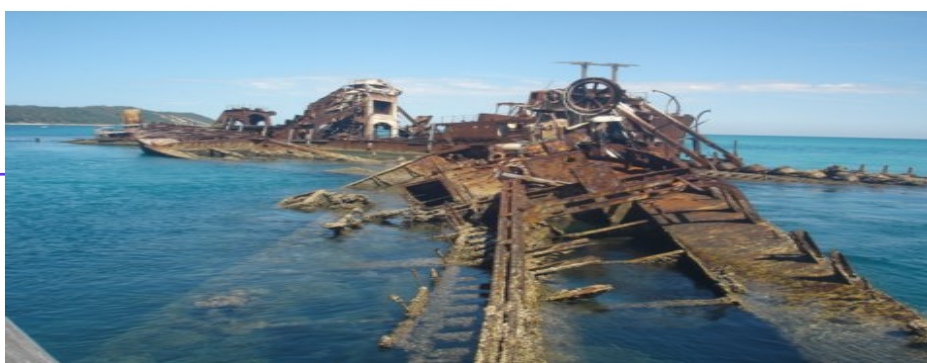


Photo By Jeff

DIVE BRISBANE BY MICK O'BRIEN AND MICHELLE BOYLE

Just recently we spent 10 days in Queensland and did some diving while we were there. We went to Moreton Island across from Brisbane, with our friends Macca and Debbie to dive Curtain Reef Wrecks. There are several wrecks there that were deliberately sunk, to make reefs. Depth was between 17-25 meters, with visibility on the first dive at about 10m and about 5 meters on the next dive because of the change in tide. There were numerous fish life and we saw a large school of barracouta on entering the water, as well as a reef shark. Lots on angle fish and we also collected 5 anchors. We stayed 3 nights of Moreton and also did some snorkelling on the Tangalooma wrecks, which are old dredges that sick out of the water. Fantastic fish life and most enjoyable temperature, but very strong currents. At night on the island, there was dolphin feeding at the jetty just on dark.

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Our main reason for going to Brisbane was to dive the HMAS Brisbane off Mooloolaba, which we did later in the week. We did our dives with Scuba World on the wharf. Got off to an early start with briefing at 7.00am and out on the boat by 7.30am. Perfect day, water like glass. We did 2 dives both to depths of 28 meters. Our guide, Steve, was an ex-navy man, who served 7 years on the ship before it was sunk. Needless to say, he knew his way around the joint! Very easy dive, 15 metres vis, plenty of marine life, excellent dive and a must do. Cant wait to dive the Canberra and see it before it corrodes. Water temp in Queensland was around 18degrees, bloody great.



PORTLAND DIVE

On the 5th of May Steve, Doug and Jeff headed to Portland for a dive. They were joined on the drive by Kellie and Alane who took in a bit of retail therapy whilst the boys did their dive. A good dive was had with Parko doing his first dry dry suit dive. He has dived in a dry suit before but this was his first DRY dry suit dive!



Dry Suit Hint No. 1:

The ends of a dry suit zipper will benefit from the occasional dollop of silicone grease. This helps to keep the wet stuff out of the suit and the dry stuff in!

WHYALLA TRIP ~ FRIDAY JULY 6TH-MONDAY JULY 9TH 2007

There has been a bit of interest in going over to Whyalla to dive with the Giant Australian Cuttlefish when they do their annual pilgrimage to the area. Each year between May and September, thousands of these Cuttlefish descend on the rocky shores to meet and mate. These amazing creatures can be observed doing what comes naturally in shallow waters just a short swim from the shore.

Our initial thoughts are that

we will drive across to Whyalla on Friday July 6th (Whyalla is about 400km from Adelaide), dive Saturday and Sunday and then drive home again on Monday July 9. Pooling cars and taking the club trailer is the main suggestion at this time. We have also been told that you can do a boat dive out to the Fish Farm nets—a net approx. 20m diameter and 10m deep full of 40,000 kingfish!

Other boat dives can be ar-

ranged if necessary. Due to the distance and number of boat dives likely to be done it is probably easier to use the local rather than tow the club boat that far.

July 6-9 2007.

Please let Parko know by 15/06/07.

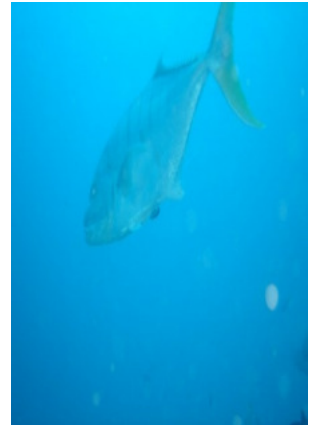


Photo by Mick O'Brien

UPCOMING TRIPS...

Some suggestions for upcoming trips include...

Jervis Bay November 2007—Jeff to follow up and report back on dates, accommodation and charter VS. club boat.

Queenscliff Trip—weekend or day trip.

King Island—Gary is getting prices on flights at the moment. A weekend of accom-

modation, dives, air and lunches will set you back about \$400. Flights still to be sourced.

Take home parcels of wine and cheese are likely to set Linda back about the same amount!

Please give us any ideas or requests that you may have or would like with regards to getting the most out of your diving.

We are always looking for new ideas or places to dive.



Rumour has the club going a little BATTY.

With some taking on cave training !!!!!!!

MICK AND PARKO LOOKING FOR NEW SITES



Photo By Doug

**Free
Offer**

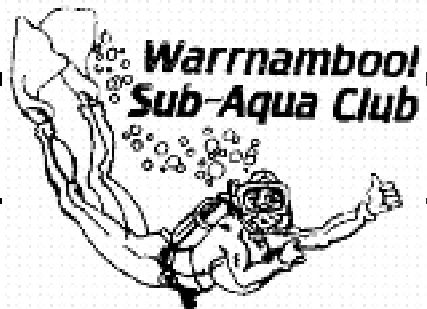
Come to our next meeting and have lots of fun and it will all be for FREE. All members go into the draw for a \$20 Air Fill Card which will be drawn on the night.

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BOAT
CONTACT PARKO OR DOUG
ON BOAT ORIENTATION

VARS (Victorian Artificial Reefs Society)

VARS are still working towards the sinking of the Canberra This will be great for the Club to have a ship of this size so close to us.

The proposed site for the sinking is half way between Barwon Heads and Point Lonsdale.

Just to the Southwest of the J Class Submarines

The planed depth for this is 36Mt on the sea bed

This will make it 22 To the top of the wreck .

SO STAYTUNED



How the Wreck will Look On The Bottom

THE SINKING OF THE FORMER HMAS CANBERRA

