

The Club Calendar

The club and dive calendar appears on the previous page of this edition.

Amendments and additions will be made to every magazine edition, so you will still need to check it each month.

Special occasions, highlighted in green, will be added as the club decides upon them.

Club meetings, highlighted in light blue, are listed and guest speakers or meeting events will be added when they are scheduled

Boat dives

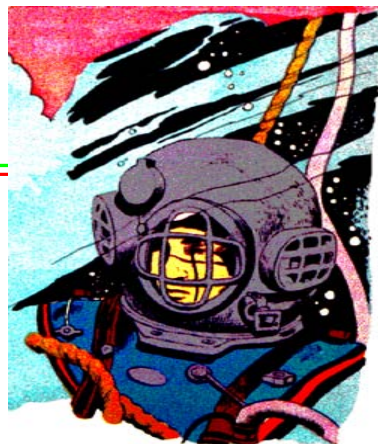
If you want to dive, you just need to ring the dive convenor for that dive. The names of the convenors will be published next to each dive on the dive calendar.

If you want a dive on a day where no dive is listed, or no convenor listed, please contact Micheal Foster or any other listed convenor who will be able to assist

Dives are at 8.00am unless otherwise notified

If you have a group of 4 or more people and would like to dive at another time, this can be arranged

If you would like a shallower dive than the one that is on the calendar, just ask the convenor and it will be organised for you.



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March 2011

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♦Never dive alone

♦Check the weather

♦Assess the conditions

♦Service your equipment

♦Never dive beyond your capabilities

♦Only dive to what you are
experienced / certified for.

♦Have FUN

**NEW
DATE
Wednesday
13th April
2011**

POSTAL ADDRESS: 22 BRISBANE WATER DRIVE
KOOLEWONG NSW 2256

Brisbane Water Aqualung Club Committee - 2010 - 2011		
President	Trent Lee 0408 274629	Directors Ruth Barnes-Dawson Sue Dengate Arthur Robinson Doug White Trent Lee
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Saturday Dives

March Dive Calendar 2011						
Day	Date	Activity	Convenor	Contact #	Location/Site	Dive Depth
Saturday		5 Weekend	Michael	0417 203812	Dee Why	48 mts
		10 Club Meeting				
Saturday		12 Weekend	Michael	0417 203812	Davenport	10 mts
Saturday		19 Weekend	Michael	0417 203812	Myola	49 mts
Saturday		26 Weekend	Michael	0417 203812	Tuncurry	59 mts
	If you want to dive another time give me a call and I will try to get the numbers and a driver					

CALLING ALL SUNDAY DIVERS

We need MOTIVATED divers who want to dive shallower depths and we need convenors who want to drive the boat, dive and get their dive FREE. The Adelaide is coming, so get ready! Call Michael on 0417 203812 and register your interest NOW!

Dive Calendar

Bwac 1 is in Newcastle

Barry D is at Ettalong

Below is the contact list for regular Sunday divers. If you would like to be added to this list, e-mail Sue

Ulrike	0424725 660	UlrikeaBrassard@web.de
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Steve	0447 487 962	stevedive@aol.com
Graham	0400244875	graham@fpdc-scuba.com
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Dean	0412121125	spir0diver@hotmail.com
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Scott	0414 778 860	scottroeback@rocketmail.com

If Scott dives, he will put on a BBQ!!!

The “Lee”ward side - aka the President’s message

Hi BWACers

It has been a busy few months and I apologise for not preparing a Presidents message last month.

There has been some concerns raised at recent meetings that there is no diving available to members who wish to dive sites in recreational depths. This is certainly not the case and the clubs bread and butter diving should be to these type of sites. The issue for as long as I have been in BWAC has been lack of interest for recreational diving. Saturday diving is going ballistic at the moment and hats off to Mike Forster who manages to juggle requests to dive to the point that over the last three months we have been seeing multiple trips on a single Saturday. Mike spends considerable time each week with his magic diary shuffling names and calling people back to make sure he accommodates as many as possible. We tried hard to offer Sunday diving from Terrigal about 6 months ago however despite the efforts of Ted and others we could not get more than 3 members interested. The club rules state that for a dive to run we need at least 4 paying divers. The alternative is that 3 divers pay the equivalent cost of 4 divers. We have two boats located on what is the best diving coast in NSW....get out and dive. Over the next two months (with the Adelaide scuttle approaching) we will be calling for all members interested in becoming convenors/boat drivers to raise a hand. Diving in the recreational limits out of Terrigal or Ettalong usually consumes the morning but you will be home by lunch (if you live on the coast) and the driver dives for free!

The clubs appreciation goes out this month to the tireless work of CCARP who have the end in sight. To Sue and the other CCARP members you have our full support.

Personally I have just returned from Blue Creek in New Zealand. Blue Creek Resurgence is located approximately 1 hour from Nelson near the famous Pearse Resurgence. The water was "refreshing" at 7 degrees but the cave system is truly spectacular in that it is marble rather than limestone. We completed 8 dives over 7 days to a depth of around 65m and runtimes up to 180 minutes. Thank goodness for dry gloves and heated undergarments.

OzTek is being held in Sydney on March 12th and 13th. The line up of speakers is impressive with divers from all around the world presenting on a range of topics. I hope to see you all there.

Finally Sunday 27th February saw the tragic death of well known Australian cave diver Agnes Milowka. Agnes was diving in Tank Cave Mt Gambier when she died. Agnes was a true inspiration to many. Anyone who had the pleasure of meeting and diving with her can tell you about her infectious passion for exploration and cave conservation. She will be sorely missed her cave diving family.

Till next month
Safe Diving



The BWAC Club Meeting

Next meeting will be

Thursday

March 10th 2011

7.30pm

At

Uncle

Arthur's House

22 Brisbane Water Dve, Koolewong

Come along and relax, have coffee and
talk all things diving

You can bring along nibblies if you like

FUNNIES PAGE

A farmer buys a young rooster.
As soon as it comes home, it rushes & shags all the 150 hens.
The farmer is impressed.
At lunch, the rooster again screws all the 150 hens.
Farmer gets tense now.
Next day, he finds the rooster shagging the ducks, goose and the donkey as well.
Later, the farmer finds the rooster pale, looking half-dead & vultures circling over its head.
Farmer says,
"You deserved it, you horny bastard"
The rooster opens one eye, points up & says "Sssh!..... Don't shout...You'll scare them off "

For The Young 'At Heart'

Reporter interviewing a 104-year-old woman:
'And what do you think is the best thing about being 104?' the reporter asked.

She simply replied, 'No peer pressure.'

It's scary when you start making the same noises
as your coffee maker.

The nice thing about being senile is You can hide
your own Easter eggs.

SAFETY

Aboard BWAC 2

When you dive from BWAC 2 for the first time, don't forget to ask for a safety briefing from the convenor for the whereabouts of all the safety features and the best way to get on and off the boat. But just in case you forget—

- ♦ Life Jackets are stowed in the forward cabin and double as cushions for the seats
- ♦ The Oxygen Kit, First Aid Kit and Vinegar for stings are stowed in the forward cabin on a shelf on the port (Left) side
- ♦ The spare air tank is in the forward cabin, and the hooker hose is attached, ready to be put up through the see-through hatch.
- ♦ The e-pirb is located in the main cabin (aft wall) behind the skippers chair
- ♦ There are 2 fire extinguishers located in the main cabin. One on the aft wall on the Port (Left) side and a VERY large one is stowed beside the skippers chair on the star-board side.
- ♦ The flares are stowed under the skippers chair
- ♦ The Deco bar is lashed to the port (left) side of the gun-wales (the ledge thingy-bit that goes around to the front)
- ♦ The dive flag is kept in the cabin and slides into a holder on the railings at the rear of the boat while divers are down.

Let's hope we never need to use any of these except the Deco bar and the Dive Flag!

A Caution: When entering the boat after a dive, ALWAYS hold on to the rails with BOTH HANDS until you are standing on the floor.

Welcome to all new BWAC members. If you have just learnt to dive, you are embarking on a lifetime of fun and amazement!

As a member of BWAC, try and get involved in how YOUR club is run. Come to the meetings and have your say, and dive regularly.

Learn more about your club at www.bwac.com.au

All Bwac members are encouraged to come to all club meetings

Reminder

In order for our club to conduct dives that are both safe and cost effective, we have a minimum limit of 4 divers per dive.

This allows all divers to have a buddy and the cost of fuel and boat maintenance to be covered.

Thank you for your continued support in this necessary measure



Ccarp Update

We have a new date at last

Wednesday 13th April 2011

At first I worried about the date being a Wednesday as I thought that as it wasn't on a weekend, the day wasn't going to be an 'event'. However, it is in the middle of the school holidays, so there will be a huge crowd in attendance. Also sporting comps won't be affected as the sports ovals are available for parking and no-one will have to cancel weekend activities (last year there were complaints from people who had weddings booked for that day). I have had a meeting with the person in Premier's Dept who is organising the 'event' and hopefully it will still be big. There will still be a special VIP celebration for all those ex Adelaide crew (and CCARP members ... yeah), but we still have 6 weeks to go and the No ship Action Group (NSAG) are again threatening to cause trouble. Their latest is to say that they are seeking legal advice again to stop it as the Liberals are saying that as long as the Adelaide complies with the law it will be scuttled. So NSAG will try and say that the work that has been carried out doesn't meet the Tribunal requirements. I am at a loss to see how they can intimate that when it is still 6 weeks away!

The reason why the date is 6 weeks is that the tugs need 6 weeks notice. The work will be complete by the end of March and we actually pushed the government to make an announcement following a successful Saturday morning in Terrigal where about 12 people from CCARP, and TUG and BWAC dive clubs got passers by to sign a petition. In less than 4 hours we got 800 signatures!

SAFETY REMINDERS

When diving from the BWAC club boat there are several very important rules to adhere to.

1. **What the convenor says GOES.** The convenor may determine that the conditions are too bad to dive at the designated site, or give you a specific maximum bottom time. These directions must be adhered to **FOR YOUR SAFETY** and the safety or comfort of others on board
2. **Wear a dive watch or have a dive computer.** Otherwise, how will you know how long you have been underwater.
3. **Don't hesitate to ask for help if you need it or are unsure of something**
4. **Check all your gear BEFORE you put it on the boat and make sure it's in working order**
5. **Before the boat leaves the wharf or beach, make sure that your tank is securely tied down by both the belt and the elastic strap.** Even though someone else may have tied it down, it is up to you to ensure that it is secure.
6. If, after finishing your dive you can't find the anchor and there is a current, **DON'T** do a safety stop as this will send you further away from the boat. Remember that it is a **SAFETY** stop, not a **DECO** stop and therefore it's *required*, but only there for extra safety, so if you're floating further away from the boat by doing it, it's no longer a safe thing to do.
7. Ask for a safety briefing if you are unfamiliar with the boat safety procedures



Photographers Page

Photos by Graham McMartin

Taken at Halifax



Please Send your photos to Sue

at ddu.s@optusnet.com.au



Ccarp update cont from page 6:

We faxed that petition to one of the local members and pushed for an immediate announcement which we got. We then held a very successful information night at the Crowne Plaza Terrigal (I got them to give us the Ball Room free of charge and I thank them very much for that). About 500 people attended (including 10 from NSAG) and listened to marine scientists tell the FACTS about artificial reefs. We also had two of the commissioning crew from the Adelaide crew there to show there support. CCARP would like to thank everyone for their support, assistance and patience in this long saga and we are so close now, but I won't have a real smile on my face till I see those explosives go off!



Sue Dengate

Central Coast Artificial Reef Project

www.ccarp.net



Brisbane Water



Aqualung Club Inc

22 Brisbane Water Drive, KOOLEWONG. NSW 2257

MEMBERSHIP / RENEWAL APPLICATION FORM

I / We the undersigned applicant/s hereby apply for membership/membership renewal of the Brisbane Water Aqualung Club Ltd (the Club) for the financial year ending:

31 / 10 / _____

Membership Application is for: ☐ New Member

☐ Membership Renewal

Tick appropriate box: All figures are in Australian Dollars

<input type="checkbox"/> Junior or Non Diving Member\$25 per year	<input type="checkbox"/> Single Diving Member.....\$80 per year
<input type="checkbox"/> Family Membership.....\$100 per year	<input type="checkbox"/> Visiting Member\$25 per month
<input type="checkbox"/> Co-membership.....\$40 per year	<input type="checkbox"/> Visiting Weekend Member.\$10 per weekend

By applying for BWAC Membership / Renewal, I / We hereby agree to be bound by the rules and regulations as set out in the BWAC's Constitution, Club Rules and Articles of Association and By-laws. I / We further acknowledge and understand that BWAC does not carry Public Liability Insurance and that I / We participate in BWAC activities at entirely my / our own risk. I / We declare that I / We have appropriate certification and training or experience in the activity of SCUBA diving and can produce such certification to club officials if requested.

Completed Application forms along with payment can be:

Posted to: 22 Brisbane Water Drive, KOOLEWONG. NSW 2257 (Cheque or Mail Order)

Submitted to: The Club Meeting: 730 Pm 2nd Thursday of Month at Central Coast Leagues Club Dane Dr Gosford

Method of payment: - Australian Dollars only.

Please make Cheques/Money Orders Payable to:
Brisbane Water Aqualung Club

☐ Cash ☐ Cheque ☐ Australian Money Order Amount Payable \$ _____

Name _____	
Additional names (Family Members) _____	
Residential Address _____	
City / Town / Suburb _____	State _____
Country (If visitor) _____	Post Code _____
Postal Address _____	
City / Town / Suburb _____	State _____
Country (If visitor) _____	Post Code _____
Telephone # Private _____	Mobile #. _____
Fax #. _____	Boat Licence. Yes / No (please circle)
Email _____	Profession _____
Diving Certification Level _____	Certifying Agency (eg. PADI, BS) _____
Signature _____	Date ____ / ____ / ____

Office use only – Club official or nominated member to sign only if "C" card of applicant has been sighted.

Nominated by current financial club member: Name: _____ Signature _____

Approved by _____ Signature _____ Date ____ / ____ / ____

Revision Date: 11/11/07

BWAC Feb 2011 Meeting Minutes - continued

1.1	EX HMAS Adelaide No Ships continue the Propaganda war in earnest. They are spreading as much false rumour and lies as possible to encourage public fear of the proposal. This is sad but not unexpected. Letters to be sent to politicians whenever possible. Insulation removal has been successful. The club looks forward to a scuttle date soon. Many thanks again to Sue. A possible strategy may be to switch emphasis to Divers caring for the environment.	Note
1.2	Suggested action Clean up Australia Day. The club to meet at the Haven and clean up rubbish. Photo of divers, rubbish etc above water to be taken and emailed to Sue.	Uli and Arthur
1.3	OZ Tek Discussion held re Oztek. Group trip down is planned. Interest in a single day, but not 2 days. MF to look into day of choice	MF
1.4	Divers who fail to turn up on a scheduled dive. Divers must arrange for their own replacement, or pay for their spot if they cancel later than the day before.	

Meeting Closed: 9.15pm

Next Meeting: Thursday 10th February 2010 7.30pm

Location : Arthur's place. 22 Brisbane Water Drive Kooliwong.

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BWAC February 2011 Meeting Minutes

BWAC Meeting Minutes

Meeting of : February 2011

Present: 9 members.

Apologies: Trent Lee , Andrew Hamilton, Ian Moore, Steve Knox, Paul Nielsen,

Meeting held at: Breakers Sports Club. Terrigal. Late change from Marine Centre as entry was not possible

Meeting Date: 10th February 2011

Meeting commenced: 8.15pm

1.0	Acceptance of Minutes	
	1.1 Accepted by: Ruth Barnes	
	1.2 Seconded by: Michael Foster	
2.0	Correspondence In	
	2.1 Correspondence Re Moorings	Arthur
	2.2 Correspondence seeking renewal of marine Rescue M'ship	Arthur
3.0	Correspondence Out	
	3.1 None	Note
4.0	Treasurer's Report	
	4.1 Income from diving and memberships is still coming in. Small profit even though some annual expenses paid in the month	Note
	4.2 IBD is rolling over : Meeting agreed to top up the IBD to \$5k from the cheque account.	Arthur
5.0	General Business	
	5.1 Barry D: No current issues. Now at Ettalong	Note
	5.2 BWAC 1 New wiring to Oil is in and working. Bench seat to be trialled. Radio works intermittently. C. Owen to look at wiring.	Ncle crew/ Charlie
	5.3 Wine. List went missing after last meeting. Whoever has the wine list to ring Mike F.	??
	5.4 Marine Centre in Terrigal. The club is grateful to the marine Centre for the use of the premises. MM to arrange key to be accessible next time.	Note
	5.5 Bunnings Arthur to ring Bunnings	Arthur

MEMBER LIST

In order to get the Sunday shallow dives happening again, we would like to publish all member contact details. A published member list in the magazine each month will allow any member to contact other divers in the club to go for a dive (either boat or shore).

In order to meet privacy laws, you need to advise us if you **DON'T** want your details published.

We intend to put name, e-mail, phone number, suburb and diving preference if we have it (shallow, deep or any depth) and if the person is a convenor (person with a boat licence) Please e-mail Sue Den-gate on ddu.s@optusnet.com.au if you don't want your details to be published.



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BOAT ETIQUETTE

Firstly, there are no passengers on our boat. If you are onboard, you are part of the crew and as such you have a number of responsibilities to perform. The first responsibility is the primary one, which is Safety. This means that you are responsible, as a crew member, for knowing where the boat's safety equipment is located and how it operates. If you don't know – ASK.

Beach Loading/Unloading

The beach loading/unloading is potentially the most dangerous time for both the boat and its crew. The boat is not under power and it is in shallow water. Its movement can be sudden and unpredictable due to wind and wave action and there is the potential for injury to personnel and damage to the boat from grounding. It is therefore essential that **ALL divers** assist in loading/unloading the boat as quickly as possible, which involves both humpers and holders, with the holders keeping the boat at the correct angle to the waves whilst the humpers move the gear.

For loading, all gear will be assembled on the beach and this will include additional items such as fuel tanks and the boat drivers dive gear. The boat driver will not normally leave the mooring until he/she is certain that all gear is on the beach and ready to load.

For unloading, the opposite is true, with all gear being transferred onto the beach and clear of any wave action. This needs to be done quickly and safely and it requires the participation of all on board. This is not the time to have casual onboard discussions about the dive etc, save that for the carpark. Once the boat is clear of gear, it can be moved to the mooring.

Dive Equipment Management.

Without stating the bleeding obvious, a boat is an unstable object subject to wind, wave and swell action. At anchor, its stability is affected by divers moving about the boat looking for their dive gear.

So, once the boat is loaded and everyone is onboard, the boat will then move clear of the beach. The boat driver will loiter in the Haven until all housekeeping is finished and the radio check has been made with the Coastal Patrol base. During this period, you should do the following:

check that your tank and regs are properly secured by both the straps and elastic

find your dive bag/fins/mask etc and place them in the storage locker under the seat in the cabin and your weight belt in the immediate vicinity of your tank.

Listen to the safety brief and familiarise yourself with the location of the safety equipment.

Concentrating your gear into one spot allows you to kit up more quickly, keeps the boat stable as less movement occurs and for those of you prone to seasickness it keeps the horizon reasonably level and gets you into the water more quickly.

Enjoy your Dive

Ocean Clean Up Day

12th February Terrigal Haven

It may have been a small turnout and a small amount of rubbish, but everyone involved had fun and felt good about what they had achieved

WELL DONE GUYS!!

