



Nautilus SCUBA Club Newsletter

July 2016

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July Club Meeting Wednesday 27th

From 7pm...

Junior Eisteddfod Hall

67 Greenslopes Street, Cairns

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2016.

The Management Committee will report on the clubs activities and finances.

There is time to give feed back and present ideas for next year.

And the annual awards will be presented!

WE NEED YOUR INPUT,

YOUR VOTES AND FEED BACK.

ALSO WE NEED YOU CHEERING FOR OUR AWARD WINNERS.

AND ENJOY THE DELICIOUS BBQ AND FREE DRINKS!

As per constitution, all the committee members will stand down on the evening and the financial members have to vote for the new committee members.

We are very happy to see that so many members have renewed their membership already. We hope that you all can come to the meeting so we won't have any problems with getting our quorum for the evening.

Local dive trips and get together information

*Please note that the news letter does not publish prices on trips offered

Nautilus Club Minke Trip with DSDD
4 DAY 4 NIGHT and Up to 16 Dives.
Departing Friday 1st July
Returns Tuesday 5th July



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Club meeting AGM

August 2016						
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Club meeting

As an extra in August the club is organising a wreck diving weekend to the Yongala, with Yongala Dive, Ayr. Accommodation is being reserved for the nights of Friday 5th, and Saturday 6th August. Diving is on the morning boat on Saturday 6th and Sunday 7th August.

To pay and book contact Yongala Dive directly on 4783 1519, and tell them you are with the Nautilus booking.

Accommodation and diving places will be held for Nautilus members until 29th July. After that, if we have not filled it up, it will be opened up to the general public.

Check your members emails for prices and further details.



Special dives will be organised in addition to the regular monthly day trips, these could be with Reel Cray-Zee, Rumrunner, and could be day trips or weekend trips to the reef or the Yongala. Better watch your emails for future announcements.



Calypso - Port Douglas
Club day dive trip
Contact:
divecoordinator@nautilus-scuba.net

Deep Cavern Diver Course

Cave Divers Association of Australia Deep Cavern Diver Course

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The reasons for learning to Cave dive are many and varied but whatever your reason for undertaking a cave diving course you will be guaranteed of two things:

- a) Your diving skills and knowledge will be put to the challenge and
- b) You will get to dive in some of the most amazing fresh water sites anywhere in the world.

Places such as Piccaninnie Pond, the Shaft and Kilsby's Sinkhole will all come within your diving reach. Your ticket to these and other cave diving sites rest in a Cave Divers Association of Australia sanctioned Deep Cavern course.

Deep Cavern Course – Dates Wednesday 28th Sept (pm) -Sun 2nd October

This 4 ½ day, full or part time course aims to develop the skills and knowledge for cavern and sinkhole diving, including the planning and organization, the procedures, techniques and problem solving required in a variety of cavern and sinkhole diving situations.

Theory sessions shall cover such topic as CDAA history, buoyancy and anti silting, reel and guideline use and equipment considerations.

Practical sessions shall include 4 training dives in Cavern rated site(s) and 3 supervised site dives.

Pre-requisites.

Before commencement of a CDAA Deep Cavern diver training program the candidate must:

1. Hold an entry level recreational SCUBA diver award for a minimum of 12 months
2. Hold Advanced Open Water certification or have evidence of equivalent dives
3. Have logged at least 25 dives totalling a minimum of 20 hours, including at least 2 night dives and 5 dives deeper than 25m
4. Be a minimum of 18 years of age.
5. Submit a current (issued less than 12 months ago) medical statement signed by a registered medical practitioner stating the candidate is fit to dive.

Equipment

1. Suitable exposure suit
2. Mask and fins
3. Small sharp line cutting device
4. Watch, bottom timer or dive computer

5. Depth gauge with maximum depth indicator or dive computer
6. Twin cylinders*, minimum capacity 2200 litres
7. Buoyancy Control Device (must be in addition to the exposure suit)
8. One primary and two back up lights – minimum duration 60mins.
9. Pencil and underwater slate
10. 2 passport sized photos

*If you have never dived with twins before or do not have a twin cylinder set-up please contact us prior to the course commencing for more information. These can be supplied for you if necessary.

Course costs:

Your course fee of \$995 includes...

- Use of a variety of reels
- All class materials
- CDAA members manual
- Student notes in folder form
- Pool costs – if applicable
- All permit fees to sites
- Joining fee with the CDAA
- Card handling fee with the CDAA
- Membership fee with the CDAA

A deposit of \$250 is necessary to confirm your place on the course.

Please note that whenever possible a welcome and orientation session will commence on the evening before the program formally commences.

For further information please contact
Linda Claridge of Garinda Dive Instruction.

garinda@tpgi.com.au

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Garinda Dive Instruction PO Box 15, Kooit 3282. Victoria



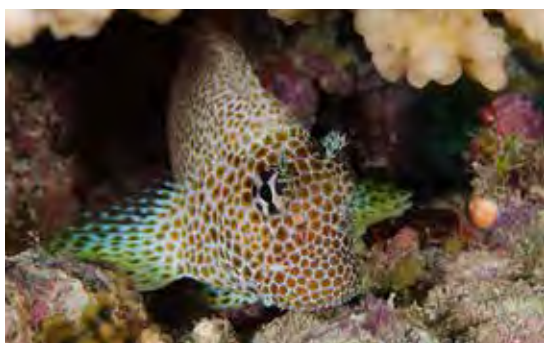
Trip Report from Alison Smith who went on Deep Sea Divers Den/Nautilus Minke Whale trip at the beginning of July 2016

Images by Alison Smith

A large contingent of Nautilus embarked on the club's annual Minke Whale trip on 1st July. Day 1 saw us transfer out to Norman Reef on SeaQuest, with two dives there followed by a transfer to OceanQuest. We enjoyed dives at Caves, Shark Mountain and Playground and were pleasantly surprised to find a beautiful black and white leaf scorpionfish on Lionfish Bommie at Playground. The diving at Norman Reef on day 1 was good, but better dive sites awaited.



After an overnight steam, day 2 saw a double dive on Steve's Bommie, followed by an afternoon dive at Clam Gardens and a night five at Gorgonian Bay. Minke Whales showed up, to the excitement of everyone, and the lines were quickly thrown out so we could get in the water. The diving on Steve's did not disappoint. The visibility was great. There are some patchy signs of coral bleaching but nothing near as bad as news reports would have us believe. The Grey Reef shark who lives out near Steve's plaque came in quite close, and it was decided after the first dive that he should be named "Gary" so that divers could greet him by name on the second dive. Gary must have got wind of his naming and may not have approved as he was nowhere to be found later on!



The disappointment of not seeing Gary on the second dive was countered by Aaron spotting an elusive Leopard Blennie right on top of the Bommie near the clownfish. Later that afternoon Clam Garden was a pleasant dive with giant clams, grey reef sharks, white tips all seen.



Day 3 saw us spend 3 dives at my favourite site - Lighthouse Bommie. The visibility was amazing and Minke Whales were around the boat for most of the day. Conditions on the surface were challenging, but most people got in the water for some time on the line with these beautiful animals. On Lighthouse Bommie itself we had schooling snapper, barracuda and jacks, turtles, snakes, sharks and a grouper. We could see the bottom from the surface, so that is an indication of the type of visibility we had. Day 2 finished with a night dive at Challenger Bay, which was adrenaline packed with GT's hunting by diver's torchlight, or so I am told (I was at the bar).

By Day 4 the wind had dropped, and we started the day with a dive at Crack a Jack - an exclusive site found by skipper Jack and known only to Divers Den. This pinnacle is covered in beautiful gorgonian fans, whips and elephant ear sponges, and has schooling jacks and fusiliers. The highlight of my dive there was coming nose to nose with a big marbled sting ray on the sand. Minke Whales again showed up and club

Trip Report from Alison Smith continued.....



(an error had been made and these essential items were unfortunately left in Cairns).

None the less we survived this hardship and (I think) an enjoyable time was had by all.



members put in some solid time on the Minke line. Dives at Rouge Reef, Big Buoy and Princess Bommie followed. Cathy M, Aaron and I were very pleased to see five cuttlefish in a group at Rouge Reef.

Overall OceanQuest is an excellent vessel. The cabins are roomy and the beds comfortable. There is a big dining room and a large bar area upstairs where people gathered for evening drinks and to share stories of their diving day.

My favourite story of the trip was of Mark's experience with his new 5mm wetsuit. He told me that on donning it for the first night dive he struggled to get into it. Doubting whether he acquired the correct size he stood up, alas, to discover that his leg was firmly wedged into the wetsuit arm. Don't worry Mark, we've all done something like that at one time or other.

A wise skipper once said to me "Whatever you do don't forget the Milo. Even if the trip is great it will always be remembered as the trip we had no Milo." I took him seriously then, and even more seriously now. Eggs, ice-cream and Milo are essential food groups on any dive boat, and there was nearly a mutiny when it was discovered there were no breakfast eggs, no ice-cream and no Milo



Trip Report from Alison Smith continued.....

More images from Alison



P.S From Deb McLeannan and Cathie Cummins

One Nautili had a Minke trip full of mishaps (or is that mess-ups?).

In the bus to the boat: camera falls from on top of luggage, strobe breaks off mount.

Day 1: loses favourite ScubaPro cap; floods strobe.

Day 2: How to fail 'Donning a Wetsuit 101' – right leg in the leg hole, left leg in the arm hole!

Day 3: Weight belt? Who needs a weight belt?

Day 3: night dive: One fin falls off on entry and floats away into the abyss- woops!

Day 4: dive buddies are shocked into action by an almighty roar, diver is signally wildly that camera is gone! Buddy casually untangles cord from around tank to retrieve 'lost' camera- phew!

Cheers to my unfortunate buddy, we all had fun waiting for the next mishap, thanks for a memorable trip and much needed Tim Tams!

Terry and I had a wonderful couple of days out with a fantastic group of Nautili, i can only image the photos that have been taken and ready for Facebook! or the club photo competition.

Terrific night dives with sharks and huge predator fish, careful with those torches!!! or the poor little guys get eaten!

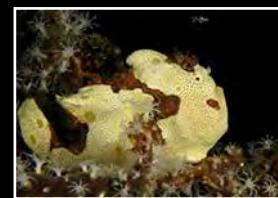
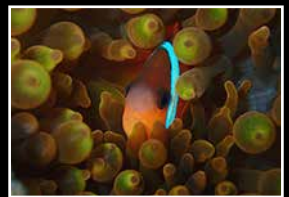
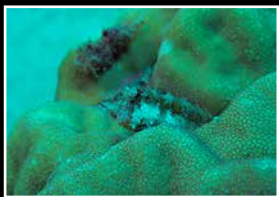
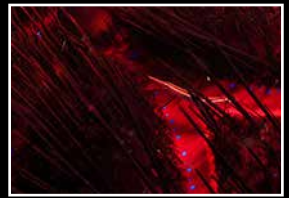
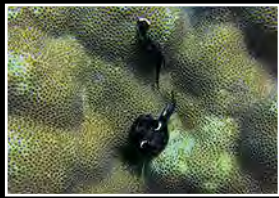
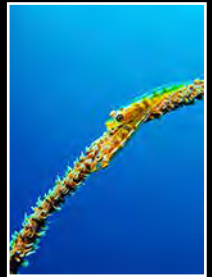
The weather was a bit windy to start, but settled down and allowed us to really enjoy the Ribbon Reefs, a huge variety of wildlife and corals, got to love our backyard!!!! With the sun shining, we all had lots of dives with pretty good viz and conditions. Thanks for organising the trip.

The Nautilus Scuba Club Underwater Photo Competition 2016

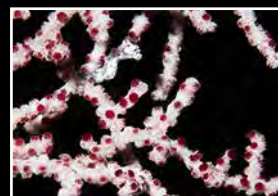
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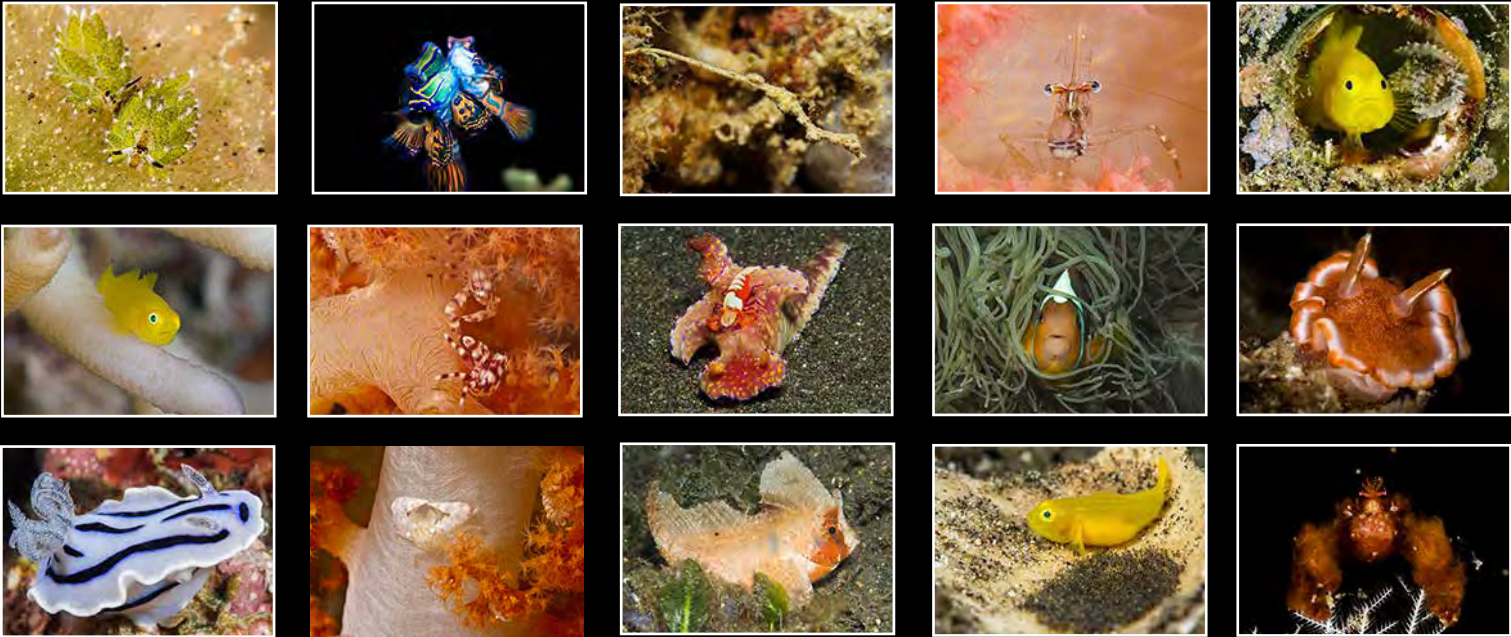
The making of the Nautilus Underwater Photo Competition
First to arrive are the images.

Compact macro

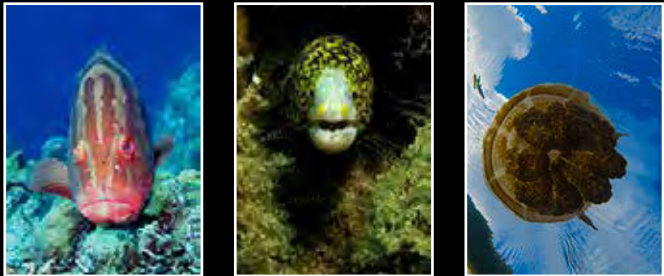


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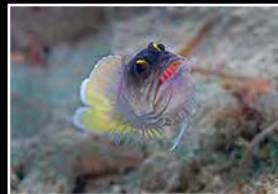
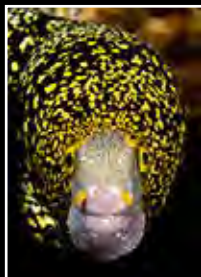


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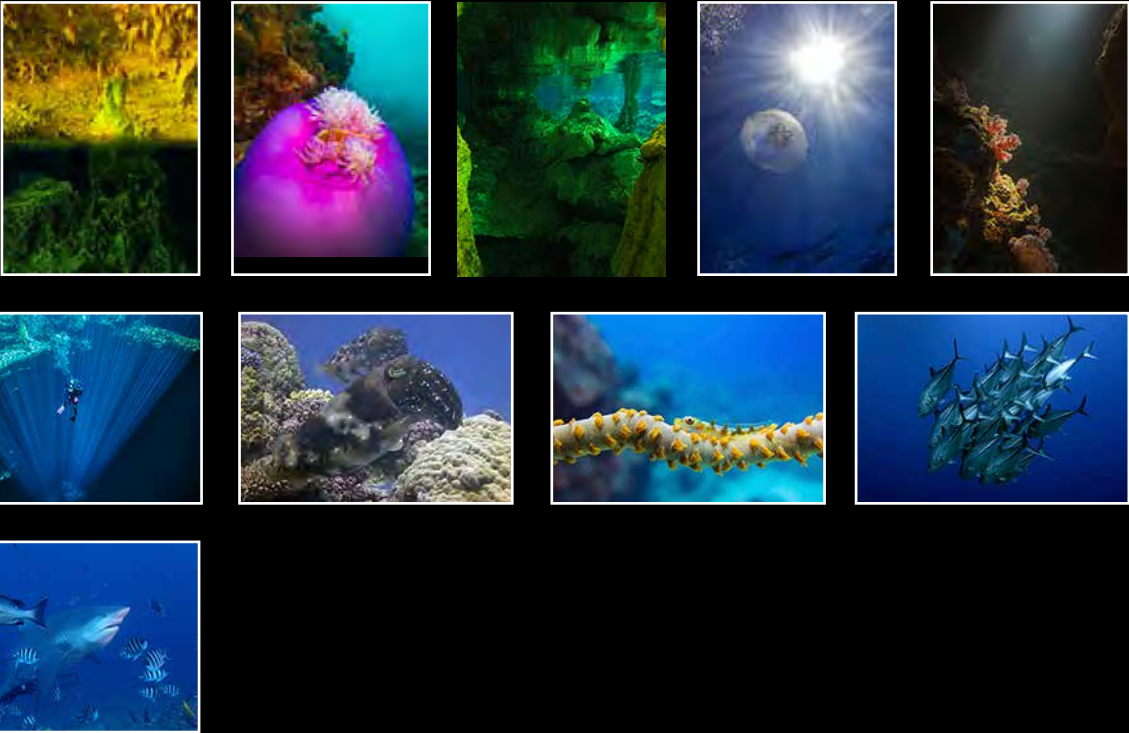




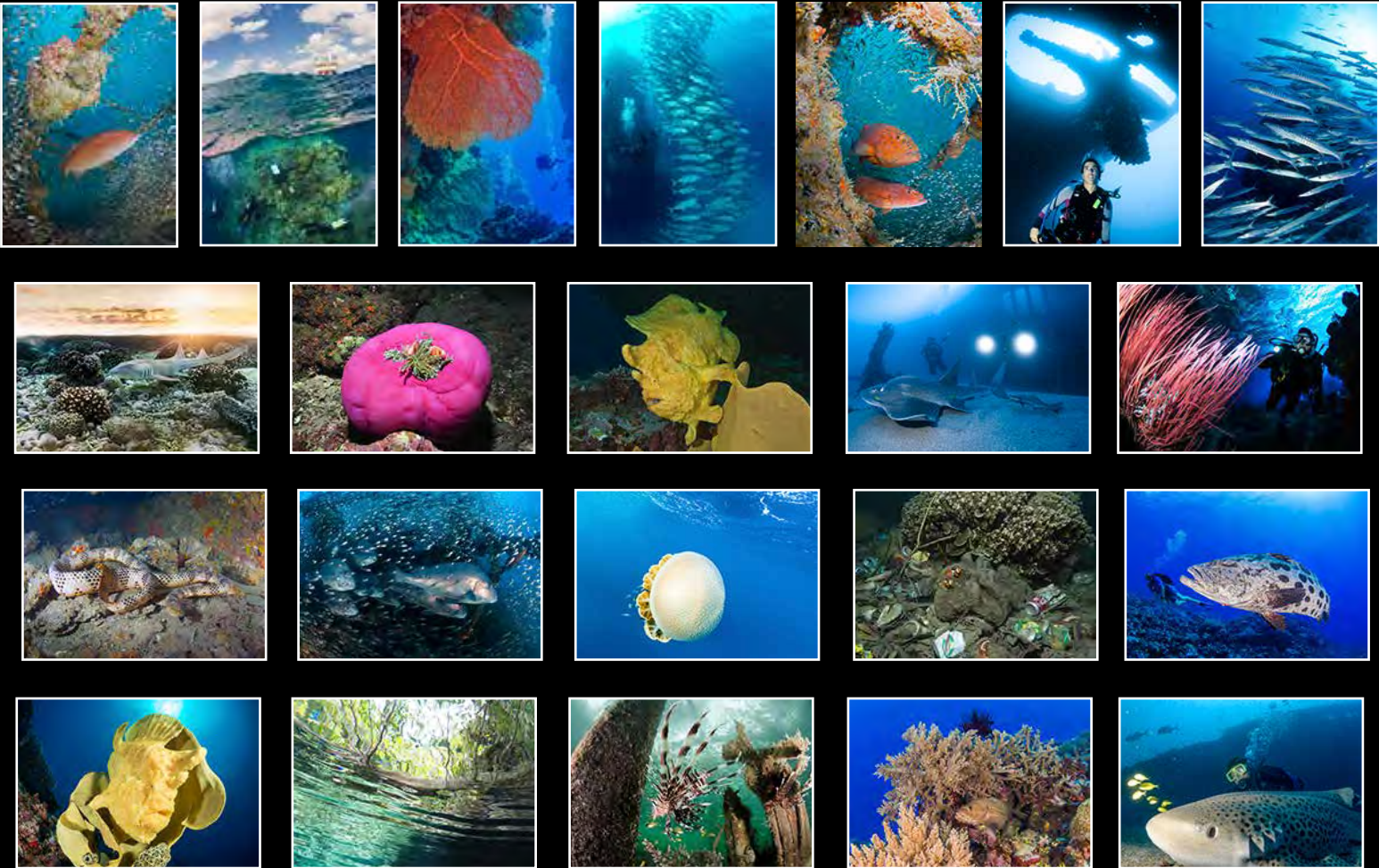
DSLR portrait



Compact
wide angle



DSLR wide angle



Feature Article continued.....

Next all the images, (the actual prints), go off to be judged.
This year the judges were Roger Steene and Mike McCoy

Australian-born Mike McCoy went to Solomon Islands in 1969 and stayed there for the next 26 years. A professional photographer and writer for more than 30 years, his work is well known in the South Pacific region as the author of several books and as a contributor to numerous regional and international publications. The main focus of his photography has been traditional cultures and natural history subjects – the latter both above and below water.

Worked on contract photographic assignments for National Geographic in the Solomons and the Philippines, stills photographer for the National Geographic television documentary The Lost Fleet of Guadalcanal. Written and photographed several stories for Australian Geographic Magazine, compiled and taught a course in photojournalism at the South Pacific Commission Media Centre in Suva, Fiji.

Moved back to Australia in 1995 and have lived in Kuranda since then, making occasional trips back to the Solomons on photographic assignments and as a consultant for television documentaries.



Roger Steene is an Australian living in Cairns where he started diving and took his first underwater photos in 1964 and has remained actively involved ever since. He has dived extensively in the Indo-Pacific and Caribbean.

He is a Research Associate of the Australian Museum in Sydney and a Research Associate of the Western Australian Museum in Perth.

He lists locations in Indonesia, Philippines and Papua New Guinea as his most productive and favoured photography areas.

Then add the sponsors who support the Nautilus Photo competition .



7 night 5 day diving holiday for one



All the image printing, all sign printing, plus two lots of 10 A4 or A3 personalised calendars



3 day Fly -dive Cod hole trip



Scuba Pro 1st and 2nd Stage reg, also PADI nitrox course including day boat trip



2 day live-aboard diving trip



2 day live-aboard diving trip



Canvas print voucher



Trophies



Go Pro - Hero 4 - Silver, with lots of goodies



Lavacor dive suit



Sharkskin covert chillproof dive suit

Feature Article continued.....

On the night.....



Set up the screens, display the images, plug in the projector, hang out the open sign, and the show begins



A great night out and a good time had by all.
A special mention to club member Jake Ykeema
who traveled up from Brisbane to be there on the
night.



THINGS YOU MAY OR MAY NOT NEED TO KNOW

All your club committee members are unpaid volunteers including the elected official positions of, President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

The AGM is a chance for you to put your hand up and take part in running your dive club.

Your newsletter needs input from you, trip reports, photo's, articles of interest, just tell us about yourself.



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