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# SYDNEY SHELLER

Newsletter of the Shell Club of Sydney  
NSW Branch, The Malacological Society of Australasia Limited ACN 067 894 848

## Next Meeting:

**22<sup>nd</sup> July 2006**

(Normally 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday)

**Ryde Eastwood Leagues Club**  
117 Ryedale Rd, West Ryde, Sydney

1.30 for 2.00pm

**Topic: Marine Toxins**  
**Sandra Montague**

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To appreciate, understand and  
preserve shells and their environment  
and to share this with others.



National Shell Show Sydney 2006: Shells on display; Trophies for 1<sup>st</sup> place winners, featuring *Kapala kengrahama* Ponder, 1982

## Some of the topics inside:

- Australian National Shell Show Report
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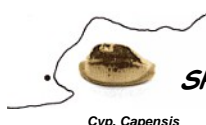
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## Spondylus Book

Kevin Lamprell completed his major revision of worldwide Spondylus (Thorny Oysters) just before he died. He also completed all the work for the associated book. Rather than rush publishing, it was decided to take a bit of time and get the book laid out exactly as he had wanted it.

The new book is "Spiny Oysters: A revision of the living *Spondylus* species of the world. By Kevin Lamprell"

Publishing is due for completion about now. There are only 500 copies printed. (I have ordered my copy)

At the Sydney National Kevin's wife, Jean, had flyers and was taking orders. If you collect spondylus and have not ordered yours yet, contact Mrs Jean Lamprell, PO Box 933, Morayfield, QLD 4506 [crabby@bournet.com.au](mailto:crabby@bournet.com.au)

The price is Aust\$50 plus postage.

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## Future National Shell Shows:

### Australia:

The next Australian National Shell Show will be in Brisbane 7-9<sup>th</sup> March 2008 at the Italo Austria Centre, 23 Foster St, Newmarket, Brisbane 4051

To receive updates about the show email your details to [msagld@powerup.com.au](mailto:msagld@powerup.com.au) or post to MSA QLD, PO Box 15064 City East 4002, Brisbane, Australia

### New Zealand:

The next New Zealand National is only six months away at Lower Hutt (on the outskirts of Wellington)

Lower Hutt Town Hall, Laings Road, Lower Hutt 26-28 January 2007

Rego forms and other info from Wellington Shell Club Secretary  
+64 4 938 6554 [deirdre.standish@clear.net.nz](mailto:deirdre.standish@clear.net.nz) 116 Te Anau Road, Hataitai, Wellington, New Zealand

If exhibiting entry is free, exhibits free, tea and coffee free. Register by 15 Dec 2006.  
Dealer tables \$50 each. Sunday sell-swap-buy tables \$7 per table.

| Friday 26 Jan 2007                          | Saturday 27 Jan 2007   | Sunday 28 Jan 2007   |
|---|--|--|
| 1pm - 6pm Set up time<br>from - 6pm Judging | 10am - 5pm Open to the public<br>from - 5.30pm Prize-giving & Dinner | 10.30am - 12pm Sell/Swap tables<br>10am - 4pm Open to the public<br>4pm - 6pm Pack up time |

Possible trip to beaches on Monday

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## Exchange of European and African shells

I am 35 years old and I am a shell collector (not a dealer). I have been collecting since I was a very small boy.

My collection is very modest, with only about 1300 specimens mostly from the European coasts.

I collect all types of shells and am interested in swapping or selling shells.

I can offer shells from deep water taken in the Cantabric Sea. (The Cantabric Sea is on the Spanish West Coast, North of Portugal)

In four months I hope to have shells from West Africa to offer as well

I usually only offer shells of a very good quality (live collected and w/o).

My name is David and my email address is [david1550@gmail.com](mailto:david1550@gmail.com)

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## Report on the Australian National Shell Show 2006 Sydney Australia

**Steve Dean (Show Manager)**

### Statistics:

Number of Dealers: 23

Number of Exhibits: 225

Number of Exhibitors: 50 approx

Number of categories Exhibited: 70

Most number of exhibits by a single family: 42 The Jordan Family

Number of first place trophies issued: 72

Number of Australian and International Judges: 20

Number of people attending the dinner/presentation night: 82

Number of new Perpetual Trophies donated: 1 (Thanks to Merv Cooper, Perth Shell Distributors)

Approximate numbers of the general public attending: 600

Total cost of running the show \$18,000.00

### How the show went:

The venue for the shell show was a large leagues club, with all facilities:- fully air-conditioned, bars, restaurants, poker machines, money change facilities and typical casino style security. We used all 6 of the upstairs conference rooms joined together into an L shape, plus the upstairs foyer and the upper and lower sections of the auditorium. We had a large number of dealer tables so we set them up around all walls of the L shaped open conference rooms and then placed the competitive exhibits in rows in the middle. Dealer tables were placed directly under the roof down lights to best show off specimens for sale. One section of the room had windows, but the club had special blinds that let the light through a very fine mesh removing glare and shadows so people could see the dealer tables without straining. Naturally we used these blinds. To make sure the public spent equal time with dealers around the corner of the L shape, we placed all the special exhibits in the middle of this area. (Shell of the show, favourite spectacular shell, shell craft, art etc)

For 'Shell of the Show' we obtained a large Perspex display cabinet with all around viewing. For security we put all of the small specimens of 'Favourite Spectacular Shell', and 'Shell of the Show' exhibits in it. 'Favourite Spectacular Shell' was a very popular category, with a number of large specimens, so the large shells were displayed on the table outside the cabinet with smaller fragile or stealable shells locked inside. We had "Fragile do not touch" signs and we chose a large circular table thus displaying all shells away from edges. The overall effect looked very good and made a lovely display of shells that the general public really enjoyed. The purpose of having the "Favourite Spectacular Shell" category was to ensure there were some spectacular shells for the enjoyment of non-collectors at the show. It also provided a popular category for exhibitors to show their spectacular shells that do not fit in other categories or might not be gem.







John was able to convince the club to hire us their large Auditorium for the full weekend. (Normally used EVERY Saturday night for cabaret shows for their members) This provided a great location for the lecture program on Saturday and then the buy swap and sell session on Sunday. It also provided a great area for the two types of children's activities. We paid the Coastal Environment Centre to bring along their full kids schools program. (Touch tables of marine creatures, young enthusiastic teachers, craft materials etc.) We also invited the Ryde council to set up an environmental exhibit related to water creatures in the local area. With microscopes and creatures to look at.

We invited the federal government to come to the show to do export paperwork, as they have done at other nationals. They came along and had an exhibit in the foyer in front of our exhibition rooms, but with recent legislation changes, did not need to issue export paperwork. They were very knowledgeable, so hopefully all of you who sometimes need to send shells out of Australia got to talk to them to understand Australian federal and state export laws as they relate to your situation.

Since the show there has been a steady stream of congratulations from around Australia, confirming our thoughts that the show went very well. Dealers have advised they have never sold so much. Buy/swap/sellers indicated they did a roaring trade. There were many-many collectors who were very pleased with the numbers and quality of shells they came away with. Trade was so good that several people who had ordered buy/swap/sell tables had sold everything they brought along as they walked around on Saturday, so they did not need buy/swap/sell tables on the Sunday.

Everybody enjoyed the venue. Having everything under one roof, including the presentation dinner, plus facilities for private side meetings in on site coffee shops, bars or restaurants allowed dealers and collectors to rub shoulders and get to know each other a lot more than would otherwise be the case.

In one of our news letters we indicated which hotel most dealers were staying in resulting in many other show attendees staying there. This gave further opportunity for collectors and dealers from around Australia to get to know each other better. Primarily over breakfast and through car pooling to the show.

We took the view that we should do everything to get the public along to help dealer sales and make for a better show, but most importantly to expose shell collecting to the Sydney population and give us the best chance of gaining new members. (This was one of the reasons we held the shell show at Ryde Eastwood Leagues Club, the same venue where we hold our monthly meetings, and where we hold our annual shell show each October) We did \$1300 of direct advertising in the 'what to do this weekend' section of a major Sydney newspaper plus ads in the local newspapers. Ryde Eastwood Leagues gave us \$500 worth of advertising in their own weekly ads of what they have on at the club in the local newspapers FREE.

We invited scout and guide groups, schools, and others. We prepared a lovely flyer and fairly late on realised that all dive shops and fishing tackle shops in Sydney were happy to place it on the counter. We had a matching A3 size poster in a selection of shop windows, especially around Ryde. Some of us sent email invitations to everyone in our address books, or to everyone in



our company. Who knows which of our advertising was most effective, but it worked. We had a continual stream of the general public turn up both days, who had not heard about us by word of mouth. (A few shell collectors have subsequently contacted us, and even come along to a meeting. Unfortunately few have got involved enough to become members.)

Our membership is quite small. This meant a very small number of people worked very hard to get everything to come together. It helped that the venue provided a full time person for the weekend to organise things for us, plus labourers to move and set tables. However there were times we did not even have enough people to man the door and collect entry fees. We did not have enough helpers to run raffles of interesting shells.

At the dinner John Franklin did all the thankyou's and I announced the various shell competition winners. With so many trophies to issue we had to rush a bit to minimise boredom. As a result we almost forgot to thank the judges. Thanks to whoever reminded us to do so. However the gifts we had for judges were locked in the main hall with the shell displays so had to be given out the next day, or by post.

I had planned on thanking John Franklin for all his work during the evening, but this did not happen, I will do it now. Most of you did not see the huge effort he had put in both before and during the show. John did so much. He had done all the negotiations to get the venue for a very low price, then to add the auditorium, and to get the full day Friday for setup. He organised for the guest speakers, and the sponsors, and the kids program, and the government and council exhibits, and the display boxes. During the show as well as having tables of shells for sale, he chaired the lecture program and ran most of the ancillary programs including the delegates meeting and the Mayors visit. He also managed to compete in 15 categories. Amazingly in spite of all the logistics to achieve all of this and get all of his shells there, he also managed to move house only one week before the show, and at the same time was working full time. Thank you John.

Some of the other people who dropped what they had planned to do and enjoy at the show, and instead worked flat out during the weekend:

Ron Moylan Sorting out tables and layout to achieve the easy flow of people around exhibits and dealers; Matching judges to categories for judge.

Maureen Anderson Organising the dinner arrangements, and running the registration desk, and many other things.

Noel Anderson Spending the whole weekend at the registration desk.

Patty Jansen Regularly having to leave her book sales table unattended to help with whatever problem sprung up

Peter Pienaar had offered to work on whatever jobs we needed him for the whole weekend, and we did not give him a break

John Dunkerley as our treasurer had the task of processing all the money both before and during the show, and like Peter pitched in where needed. He also ran the buy swap and sell.

Catherine Kindt. Is still a member of our club, but is based in Brisbane and is also a member of the Brisbane club, so we only expected her to turn up and enjoy the show. Recognising our people shortage she volunteered her services for all of both days. Of course all of our other local members contributed as much time as they could to make the show a great success, but those above stand out as going above and beyond. Thank you to all of our members.

Lecture program. The three speakers provided a fascinating and interesting mix of presentations.

For any National show to grow in stature and worth the number of perpetual trophies should increase from show to show. Only one entity embraced this concept and donated a new perpetual trophy for this show, and what a trophy it is. Merv Cooper of Perth Shell Distributors deserves special thanks for his donation of a Perpetual Trophy for Columbarium. It is a large solid trophy in a modern style yet it packs away fairly flat for transport. The water effect embossed into the clear panels is particularly impressive. Columbarium should be hotly contested category in future shows. Merv deserves a very special thank you for an expensive donation that will enrich future National Shell Shows. At this show there were therefore 11 perpetual trophies.

We had hoped to break even to replenish funds put aside for any future Nationals we run. Unfortunately this was not achieved.

We had no reported problems with security. A venue with video surveillance, security guards and bouncers probably helped.

What might we do differently next time:

- Most of the book auction books suited new collectors and the public, neither of whom were still there at the close of the day. If similar books get donated, we may have the book auction in the middle of the day.
- If at the same venue we could organise more trolleys to help dealers and exhibitors unpack and pack.
- I feel Nationals would be better with far less competition categories. Not only would judging and award presentation be quicker, but there would be more competition within each category. Logistically each exhibitor can only bring a certain number of entries. At this National we had only 25 categories with enough exhibitors to issue 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> places.

## Results:

### Judges:

Maureen Anderson, Trevor Appleton, Simon Barbour,  
Des Beechey, Adrian Bishop, Michael Burrell,  
Barbara Collins, Lesley Colliver, Merv Cooper,  
Robert Ellis, Angus Hawke, Patty Jansen,  
Jules Leroy, Max Marrow, Ron Moylan,  
John Phillips, Wayne Rumble, Doug Thorn,  
Michael Keats, Chris Barnes



## Perpetual Trophies:

The Harry Ford Trophy; Shell of the show; Wayne Rumball;

The Frank McCamley Trophy; Cassidae WW 15; Maureen Anderson;

The President's Trophy MSA NSW Branch; Conidae WW 20; Heather Smith;

The Olaf Christensen Trophy; Cypraeidae WW 20; Heather Smith;

The Io Myers Trophy; Muricidae WW 20; Kris Woods;

The Gertrude Thornley Trophy; Volutidae WW 20; John Phillips;

The Shell Company of Australia; Pectinidae WW 20; Heather Smith;

The Milton Church Memorial Trophy; Spondylidae WW 10;

The MSA QLD Trophy; Ranellidae & Personidae; Mike Burrell;

The Perth Shell Distributors Trophy for Columbarium; Turbinellidae WW; Jenny Raven;

The Port Curtis Discussion Group Trophy; In the past was allocated once for variation of one species, once for a similar category; and this year for Most Spectacular favourite shell "Wow"; Julianne Nixon; C/O John Jordan

## Exhibit Winners:

| No. | Category                   | First            | Second          | Third           |
|-----|----------------------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1   | Shell of the Show WW       | Wayne Rumball    |                 |                 |
| 2   | Cassidae WW                | Maureen Anderson | Wayne Rumball   |                 |
| 3   | Conidae WW                 | Heather Smith    | Wayne Rumball   | John Singleton  |
| 4   | Cypraeidae WW              | Heather Smith    | Robert Ellis    | Wayne Rumball   |
| 5   | Muricidae WW               | Kris Woods       | Deirdre Besanko | Allan Horsfall  |
| 6   | Volutidae WW               | John Phillips    | Heather Smith   | Trevor Appleton |
| 7   | Pectinidae WW              | Heather Smith    | P & D Southgate | Steve Dean      |
| 8   | Spondylidae WW             | Deirdre Besanko  | Deirdre Besanko | Jenny Church    |
| 9   | Conidae > 50mm Aust        | John Franklin    |                 |                 |
| 10  | Conidae < 50mm Aust        | John Franklin    | Peter Pienaar   | Peter Pienaar   |
| 11  | Cypraeidae >50mm Aust      | Chris Barnes     | Lucie Johnston  | John Jordan     |
| 12  | Cypraeidae <50mm Aust      | Chris Barnes     | Robert Ellis    | Lesley Colliver |
| 13  | Micro Shells <10mm Au      | Sandra Montague  | Sandra Montague | John Jordan     |
| 14  | Micro Shells <10mm WW      | Heather Smith    | Steve Dean      | Sandra Montague |
| 16  | Buccinidae WW              | Mike Burrell     |                 |                 |
| 17  | Cancellariidae WW          | Chris Barnes     | Steve Dean      |                 |
| 19  | Columbellidae Aust         | Sandra Montague  | Steve Dean      |                 |
| 20  | Cypraea hesitata NSW       | John Franklin    | John Jordan     | Jenny Church    |
| 21  | Cypraeidae (Zoila)         | John Phillips    | Simon Barbour   | John Jordan     |
| 22  | Epitoniidae WW             | Sandra Montague  |                 |                 |
| 23  | Ficidae & Tonnididae WW    | Steve Dean       |                 |                 |
| 24  | Fissurellidae WW           | Patty Jansen     | John Franklin   |                 |
| 25  | Haliotidae WW              | Bob Kershaw      | Heather Smith   | Lucie Johnston  |
| 26  | Harpidae WW                | Maureen Anderson | Wayne Rumball   |                 |
| 27  | Australian Littorinidae    | Steve Dean       |                 |                 |
| 28  | Marginellidae WW           | Heather Smith    | Trevor Appleton | Wayne Rumball   |
| 29  | Mitridae/Costellariidae WW | Deirdre Besanko  | Heather Smith   |                 |
| 30  | Australian Muricidae       | Allan Horsfall   | Lucie Johnston  |                 |



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|----|---|----------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| 32 | <a href="#">Australian Neritidae</a>                      | Steve Dean           |                  |                 |
| 33 | <a href="#">Olividae WW</a>                               | Heather Smith        | Chris Barnes     |                 |
| 34 | <a href="#">Ovulidae &amp; Triviidae WW</a>               | Barbara Collins      | Barbara Rowsell  |                 |
| 35 | <a href="#">Ranellidae &amp; Personidae WW</a>            | Mike Burrell         | Simon Barbour    | Steve Dean      |
| 36 | <a href="#">Bursidae WW</a>                               | Steve Dean           | Deirdre Besanko  |                 |
| 37 | <a href="#">Strombidae WW</a>                             | Maureen Anderson     | Heather Smith    | Deirdre Besanko |
| 38 | <a href="#">Terebridae WW</a>                             | Steve Dean           |                  |                 |
| 39 | <a href="#">Australian Tonnidae</a>                       | Des Beechey          |                  |                 |
| 40 | <a href="#">Australian Triphoridae</a>                    | Sandra Montague      |                  |                 |
| 41 | <a href="#">Trochidae WW</a>                              | Lucie Johnston       |                  |                 |
| 42 | <a href="#">Turbinellidae WW</a>                          | Jenny Raven          | Steve Dean       |                 |
| 43 | <a href="#">Turbinidae WW</a>                             | Lucie Johnston       |                  |                 |
| 44 | <a href="#">Turridae 10 Aust, 10 other</a>                | Wayne Rumball        | Barbara Collins  |                 |
| 45 | <a href="#">Australian Turritellidae</a>                  | Steve Dean           |                  |                 |
| 46 | <a href="#">Australian Volutidae</a>                      | John Phillips        | Trevor Appleton  | Lucie Johnston  |
| 47 | <a href="#">Cymbiolista hunteri NSW</a>                   | Maureen Anderson     | John Jordan      | Robert Ellis    |
| 48 | <a href="#">Ericusa sowerbyi NSW</a>                      | Simon Barbour        | John Jordan      | John Jordan     |
| 49 | <a href="#">Xenophoridae WW</a>                           | Des Beechey          |                  |                 |
| 50 | <a href="#">Australian Arcidae</a>                        | John Franklin        |                  |                 |
| 51 | <a href="#">Cardiidae WW</a>                              | John Franklin        |                  |                 |
| 52 | <a href="#">Australian Glycymerididae</a>                 | Steve Dean           | John Franklin    |                 |
| 53 | <a href="#">Australian Lucinidae</a>                      | John Franklin        |                  |                 |
| 54 | <a href="#">Australian Mactridae</a>                      | John Franklin        |                  |                 |
| 55 | <a href="#">Australian Pectinidae</a>                     | Steve Dean           |                  |                 |
| 56 | <a href="#">Tellinidae/Psammobiidae WW</a>                | Patty Jansen         |                  |                 |
| 61 | <a href="#">Australian Scaphopoda</a>                     | Steve Dean           |                  |                 |
| 62 | <a href="#">Beach Collected Shells Aust</a>               | Sandra Montague      | Andrea Ruhl      |                 |
| 63 | <a href="#">Endemic Australian</a>                        | John Jordan          |                  |                 |
| 64 | <a href="#">Shells of one colour WW</a>                   | Maureen Anderson     | Heather Smith    | John Jordan     |
| 65 | <a href="#">Shells of one country not Aust</a>            | Mike Burrell         | Jenny Raven      |                 |
| 66 | <a href="#">Aust shells of one locality</a>               | Simon Barbour        | Sandra Montague  | Chris Barnes    |
| 67 | <a href="#">Aust self Collected Shells</a>                | Robert Ellis         |                  |                 |
| 68 | <a href="#">Most Spectacular Shell WW</a>                 | Julienne Nixon       | NA               | NA              |
| 69 | <a href="#">Land snails WW</a>                            | Heather Smith        | Jules Leroi      | John Franklin   |
| 70 | <a href="#">Shell Crafts Junior</a>                       | Gabby Dean           |                  |                 |
| 70 | <a href="#">Shell Crafts</a>                              | John Jordan          | Maureen Anderson | John Jordan     |
| 71 | <a href="#">Pictures or Paintings</a>                     | Jack Hannan          | Jack Hannan      | Patty Jansen    |
| 71 | <a href="#">Pictures or Paintings Junior</a>              | Jade Forbes-Smith    |                  |                 |
| 72 | <a href="#">U9 shell display 1st</a>                      | Jonah Franklin       | Zac Franklin     |                 |
| 73 | <a href="#">U11 shell display</a>                         | Ambrose Tant-Phillis |                  |                 |
| 74 | <a href="#">U15 shell display</a>                         | Gabby Dean           |                  |                 |
| 78 | <a href="#">U14 Junior Miscellaneous</a>                  | Gabby Dean           |                  |                 |
| 79 | <a href="#">The most entries at show</a>                  | John Jordan          |                  |                 |
| 80 | <a href="#">Most 1st places against other competitors</a> | Heather Smith        |                  |                 |

**Pictures of the exhibits, dealers, and interesting shells, in no particular order:**

Pictures courtesy of Mike Burrell, Maureen Anderson, Steve Dean, Des Beechey and the majority from Barbara Collins.





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A panorama of pictures around the room taken from my table







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Junior Exhibit:



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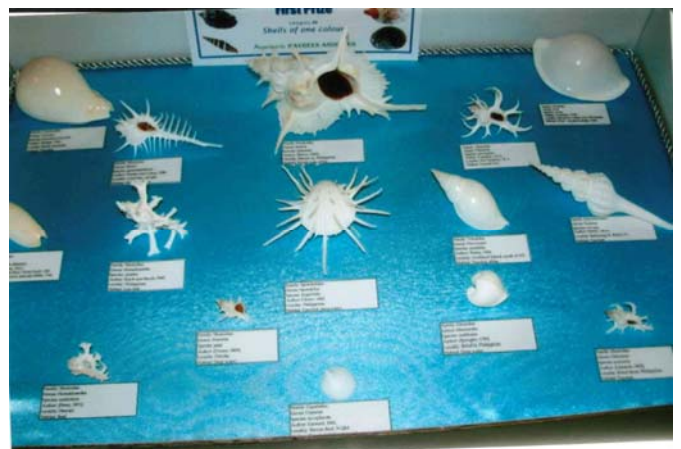
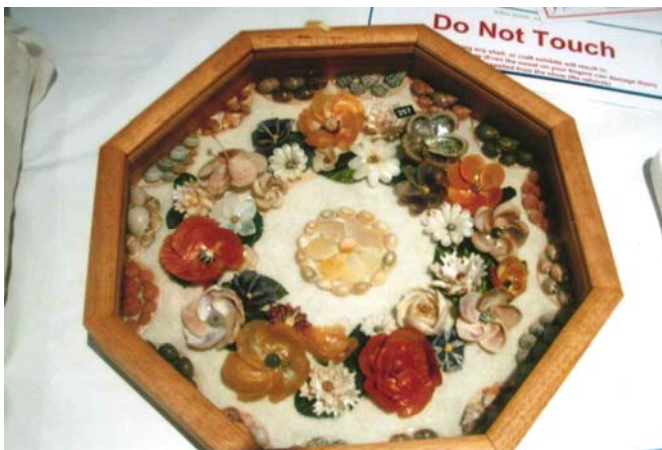
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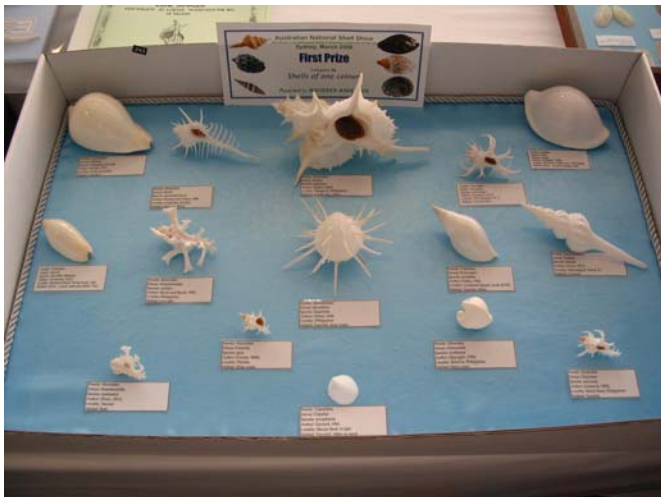
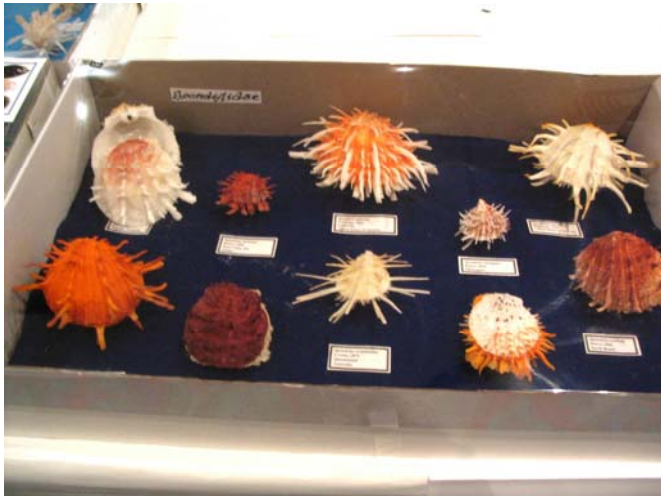




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## Shell Club Minutes 27<sup>th</sup> May 2006

### 1. Sixth National Shell Show/Conference

The President opened the meeting at 2:00pm and the Treasurer reported on the final accounts. The President congratulated the Treasurer for his significant contribution not only in preparation of the Club's account but the assistance he gave at the Show.

Mr Steve Dean tabled several emails from persons who had attended the show congratulating the Club on an outstanding event.

### 2. Annual General Meeting

It was noted that the Annual General Meeting of the Club will take place on 24th June 2006 at 2:00pm.

### 3. Membership Fees

The President reported on the future likely expenses facing the Club over the next months and it was decided that, barring any concerns of members not at the meeting, a new adult membership fee of \$45.00 per member is considered. In all other respects fees would not increase. The intent was that the following fee structure would apply:

|                                    |                  |
|------------------------------------|------------------|
| Adult Member                       | \$45.00          |
| Junior Member                      | \$15.00          |
| Student & Pensioner Member         | \$25.00          |
| International Postage, add         | \$8.00           |
| Additional family Member           | \$5.00           |
| Advertising in Sheller as follows: |                  |
| 60mm x 120mm                       | \$80.00 per year |
| 60mm x 77mm                        | \$60.00 per year |
| 60mm x 57mm                        | \$40.00 per year |

### 4. 26th Annual Shell Show/Conference

In response to his request for confirmation of the use of the Ryedale Room for the show it was reported that the President had received a letter from the Club stating that the hire of the room for the Show was confirmed.

### 5. Raffle Dinner for Two Voucher

The President reported on the REL Club's generous offer of making again the voucher available this year.

### 6. Field Day: 9th September 2006.

Following discussion by members the next field day will be held at Toowoona Bay on 9th September 2006. The tide is 0.14 at 3:09pm

**Excursions:** John Dunkerley reported on his recent trip to Cairns, Queensland.

**Guest Speaker:** Jack Hannon gave a very interesting talk on the issue of collecting/research permits in NSW

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## Shell Club Minutes 24<sup>th</sup> June 2006

Following the Annual General Meeting the President opened the meeting.

### 1. 6th National Shell Show

In the absence of John Dunkerley Treasurer the President reported on the final accounts which showed a very good result. It was also reported that congratulations on a job well done were received from many people who visited the show.

### 2. Annual Shell Show – 28th October 2006

It was reported that the list of categories for exhibition at the Show had been pretty much decided at the last meeting. The President read through the list noting that a new category had been added which required the exhibit to consist of 20



shells from the Sydney region, from any depth, including the area between Port Hacking to Broken Bay in the north.

### 3. Annual Shell Show – Advertising

The possibility of using Club funds to advertise the Shell Show was discussed and in this regard it was noted that advertising in the SMH and local newspapers although costly (\$1,300) was a very successful medium to get visitors through the door.

Generally members were of the view that Club funds should not be spent on newspaper advertising but rather brochures should be prepared and distributed to the Museum and other likely outlets. Enquiries should be made as to the possibility of inserting Club details in the Yellow Pages and through other sources such as the Ryde City Library. As to future use of outlets, investigations are to continue.

### 4. Library

The President reported that over the last two years there had been no expenditure on the acquisition of books, but rather the library had continued to grow with the generous support including gifts from members. Following discussion it was noted that the Club should purchase at least one major book on a particular family per year and to this extend members will consider which book they would like purchased and advise at the next meeting.

### 5. Guest Speakers

It was noted that Sandra Montague will talk on Poisonous Shells and Toxins at the July meeting.

### 6. Cake Roster

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|----------------------------|-----------|------------------|
| It was decided as follows: | July      | Chris Barnes     |
|                            | August    | Sandra Montague  |
|                            | September | Kim Bishop       |
|                            | October   | Maureen Anderson |
|                            | November  | Steve Dean       |

### 7. Raffles

The President handed Kim Bishop the original voucher for the sponsored dinner for two. It was noted that more raffle prizes are required.

### 8. Field Trip

The next field trip will be held at Toowoomba Bay on Saturday 9th September 2006 at 3:00pm.

### 9. 7th National Shell Show

Will be held at Newmarket Brisbane on 7-9th March 2008.

## Minutes of the AGM Held 2pm 24<sup>th</sup> June 2006

The Chairman opened the meeting and called for nominations of the various office bearers/positions. It was moved and seconded that the following persons be elected to the positions nominated.

|                          |                  |
|--------------------------|------------------|
| President                | John Franklin    |
| Vice President           | Maureen Anderson |
| Secretary                | To be confirmed  |
| Treasurer                | To be confirmed  |
| Special Projects Manager | John Dunkerley   |
| Sheller Editor           | Steve Dean       |
| Raffles                  | Kim Bishop       |
| Librarian                | Steve Dean       |

The President reported on the events over the last twelve months and also on the financial position of the Club.

It was reported that the total cost of the National Shell Show including the dinner was \$17,755.75.

It was further reported that as at the close of business for June 2006 the Club had the following membership structure:

|                   |            |
|-------------------|------------|
| Members           | 35         |
| Junior Members    | 4          |
| Associate Members | 3          |
| Family Members    | --         |
| Total             | 39 Members |

It was further reported that at the last meeting of the Club it was decided to increase the membership fees from \$40 to



\$45. Further discussion followed and it was RESOLVED that the Adult Membership fee remain at \$40 per person.

There was to be no change to the other fees.

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT TO THE SHELL CLUB OF SYDNEY NSW BRANCH OF THE MALACOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF AUSTRALASIA LIMITED FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2006**

Members, Visitors, Ladies and Gentlemen,

The Club's activities for the year were dominated by arrangements made for the Sixth National Shell Show which was held at the Ryde Eastwood Leagues Club, Ryedale Road, West Ryde between the 10th to 12th March 2006.

Virtually two years in the making, the planning, commitment and dedication of members over that period resulted in a highly successful and truly outstanding Show and Conference. In March 2006 it was not simply the pleasure of renewing acquaintances from interstate and overseas, but also the exquisite joy I think we all experienced from viewing some of the world's most beautiful and rare shells.

Apart from the magnificent displays of shells and the huge number of dealer displays, we managed to build into the weekend an extensive junior shell education program, supplemented by talks given by four prominent persons dealing with shell life generally.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank the sponsors for their generous contributions; the Department of the Environment, The City of Ryde Council and the Children's Museum.

In retrospect I think we all learnt a lot and perhaps it can be said that the initiatives taken in running the Show and Conference will for the future assist us greatly with our future planning. For the future, it is hoped that with increased communication and awareness through education, there will be more interest from the community at large and a consequent rise in the number of shell enthusiasts.

### **The Program Over the Last Twelve Months**

Our guest speaker program was severely curtailed over the last twelve months as a result of our involvement with the arrangements for the National Shell Show however Mrs Cathy Hemery who is associated with the Coastal Environment Centre Narrabeen produced a wonderful display of slides extracted from the collection of Ms Isabel Bennett who has written many books of molluscan environment. The slides represented photographs taken by Ms Bennett many years ago and were both interesting and informative.

A little later in the year Ron Moylan gave a talk on how the present shells in an exhibit for the show and Chris Barnes gave a talk on his observations of shell life at both Little and Long Bays, Sydney.

The Vice-President Maureen Anderson gave a very interesting report on her trip to Broome Western Australia involving visiting several sites for shells.

Finally in more recent times Jack Hannon discussed the Rules and Regulations dealing with aquatic reserves, marine parks, intertidal protected areas, fishing closures and protected species legislation. Briefly Jack spoke on the Law of the Sea and the impact of shell collecting.

### **Office Bearers**

In this special year involving the 6th National Shell Show I thank Patty Jansen, Maureen Anderson but with a special word of thanks to Steve Dean who as Shell Show Manager performed magnificently. His contribution was not only as an Administrator but also behind the scenes preparing materials for the exhibits and for judging. To our Treasurer John Dunkerley I also say a special thanks for so efficiently handling the additional work which involved the National Shell Show accounts.

No Show could be a success without the assistance of members and in that regard I would like to thank Chris Barnes, Ron Moylan, Peter Pienaar and those, too many to name, who gave their assistance.

### **Finance**

The Treasurer will issue a separate report which will include accounts for the National Shell Show.

### **Membership**

Our membership has been steady showing a slight increase, no doubt of interest generated by the National Shell Show. There were 37 full members plus three junior members. In addition a further three people received the Sheller only.

### **Field Trip**

We had a field trip to Long Reef and the day was very successful.

### **The Sheller**

Under the guidance of Steve Dean the Sheller has grown in popularity and is being very well received throughout Australia. Thank you Steve for the great work which is appreciated by us all.

### **Concluding Remarks**

The National Shell Show was an outstanding success and whilst all our aims and ideals were achieved, perhaps with the increased communication and awareness generated by the Show through education, we can only hope that for the younger generation and for the community generally, in future, there will be a rise in the number of shell enthusiasts.

**John A. Franklin,  
President**