



# SYDNEY SHELLER

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

## Next Meetings:

**26<sup>th</sup> Sep 2009**

**Spit Point Volutes**

(1.30pm for 2pm – 4pm)

**24<sup>th</sup> Oct 2009**

**Annual show**

(11am– 4pm)

**28<sup>th</sup> Nov 2009**

**Architectonidae**

**Xmas meeting & dinner**

(1.30pm for 2pm – 10pm)

(normally 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday, except for clashes with long weekends, and shell events – call to check)

**Ryde Eastwood Leagues Club**

117 Ryedale Rd, West Ryde, Sydney

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### Office bearers:

President: Steve Dean

Vice Pres: Maureen Anderson

Treasurer: Peter Pienaar

Secretary: Kim Bishop

Raffles: Maureen Anderson

Sheller Editor: Steve Dean

Librarian: Steve Dean

Annual Shell Show Mgr: Steve Dean

Special Projects Mgr: Vacant

MSA Delegate: Chris Barnes

## Shell Club of Sydney

### Mission Statement:

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

One of the many colourful and unusual urchins from the new urchin book.  
All pictures in the book show natural colours.



## Some of the topics inside:

- Sea Urchins of the world (Cover photo)
- Annual Shell Show Details
- Minutes May to August, plus AGM
- Rare New Stromb
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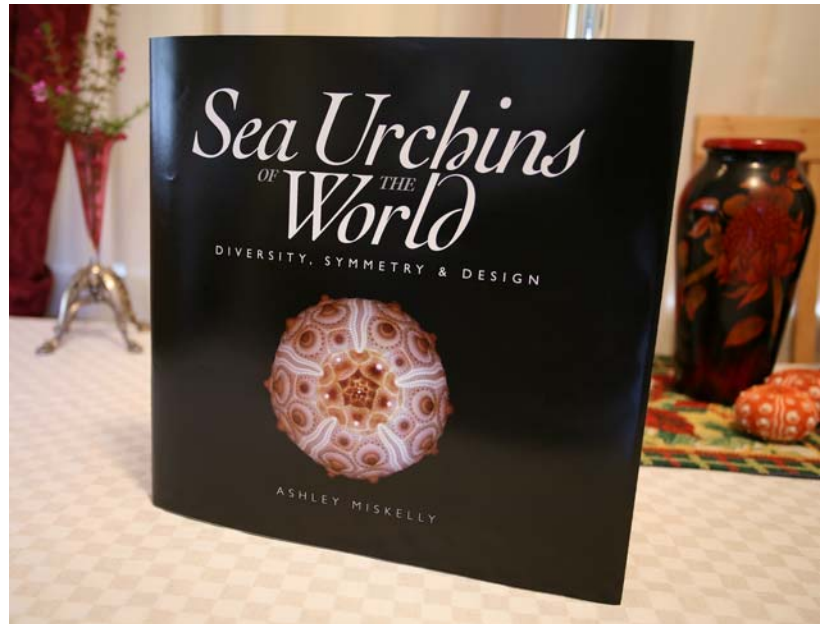




## Ashley Miskelly's new Sea Urchin book.

"For the first time ever, a book that finally gives the beauty and diversity of sea urchins justice!"

The commonly perceived image of a sea urchin will be challenged as the reader explores the unimaginable variety of sea urchins from the shallows of the tropics to the depths of Antarctic waters. Each page bursts with vividly coloured sea urchins with strikingly symmetrical patterns, bizarre shapes and incredible adaptations from the oceans across the globe. Not just a book for scientists, naturalists, or those with an interest in marine life, the scope of this book goes beyond, as an experience for everyone to appreciate and enjoy."



The photographs were taken in natural surroundings by the author. Some of the species included are so extreme that they really don't resemble sea urchins at all. For example, the species *Goniocidaris mikado* has spine tips that terminate in what resembles bryozoans. If you can imagine an umbrella fully opened up with the nylon removed, and many tiny branches on the struts, then you'd be pretty close, or *Podophora atratus* that has spines that don't resemble spines at all. More like upside down hexagonal pyramids. Or a group of naturally bright purple urchins, (or green or orange for that matter). How about an urchin with spines that look like sliced banana? or perhaps pink trumpets, or an urchin that resembles a snowflake, or the inside of a kaleidoscope, or football shaped spines, or spines with little gears occurring in regular intervals along the length of the spine. How about an urchin that looks like a 1970's lampshade, or a comet from outer space, or a spider, or spines that look like satellite dishes amongst antennae, or a heart urchin that looks like an alien skull.

An absolute must-have to anyone's library!

As for the book specifications, It is full colour, gloss pages, 280 x 290mm landscape. Hard cover with dust jacket (silver foil lettering on hard cover). 112 pages, \$95.00

To order, contact Ashley by email: [seaurchins1@optusnet.com.au](mailto:seaurchins1@optusnet.com.au) Mobile 0422240381





## Minutes 23 May 2009.

The President, Steve Dean, opened the meeting at 2.15pm.

**Attendance** Steve Dean, Maureen Anderson, Ron Moylan, Peter Pienaar, Chris Barnes, Steve Jones, Jack Hannan, David Abbott and Kim Bishop.

**Visitors** Judith Klein, Gwenael Cadiou and Bruce Seaman.

**Apologies** were received from Deborah Hannan and Bob Snedic.

### Correspondence

A letter dated 20 May 2009 from Secretary, The Shell Club of Sydney to The Board of Directors, Ryde-Eastwood Leagues Club Ltd thanking the Club for their letter dated 26 March 2009 in response to our request for discounted room hire and seeking initial donation of \$75.00 to offset April 2009 room hire was tabled by Kim Bishop.

### Finance

Bank account balance currently \$3,203.71 reported by Treasurer, Peter Pienaar.

### Sydney Sheller

December 2008-February 2009 and March 2009-May 2009 have been issued and distributed.

**Library** No new library books to report.

### Filed Trips

Jack Hannan suggested shell collecting at Silver Beach, Kurnell following extreme high tides, swells and rough weather currently being experienced along our coast. Steve Dean suggested visiting any of the surf beaches four or five days after the swells subside.

### General Business

Jack Hannan provided an overview of two types of Section 37 Permits issued by the NSW Department of Primary Industries under the Fisheries Management Act 1994. After a discussion about the Miscellaneous Collection Permit and the Scientific Collection Permit it was decided that the Club would lodge an application for the Miscellaneous Collection Permit at a cost of \$124.00. This permit is required to take and possess fish or marine vegetation for any or all of the following reasons: research purposes; aquaculture purposes; aquarium collection purposes; any purpose prescribed by the regulations and any other purpose approved by the Minister that is consistent with the objects of the Act. Jack Hannan has kindly agreed to lodge the application on behalf of the Club.

Judith Klein spoke about marine research she is currently undertaking and Bruce Seaman, visiting from Hawaii spoke about his shell collecting in Tahiti, New Caledonia and Hawaii since the 1960's.

### Raffle

First Prize: Judith Klein.

**The meeting closed at 2.54pm.**

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## Annual General Meeting Minutes 27 June 2009

The President, Steve Dean opened the meeting at 2.20pm.

**Attendance** Steve Dean, Maureen Anderson, Peter Pienaar, Ron Moylan, Chris Barnes and Kim Bishop.

**Apologies** were received from Michael Keats, Jack and Debra Hannan and Steven Jones.

### Notice of AGM

In lieu of submitting advance notice of the Annual General Meeting in the "Sydney Sheller" a vote was taken to approve the Annual General Meeting today.

### Minutes of Previous AGM held 28 June 2008

The minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting held 28 June 2008 published in the June - July 2008 "Sydney Sheller" were taken as read, moved by Ron Moylan and seconded by Maureen Anderson.

### President's Report

The President reported on the events of the last year. The report to be published in the next issue of "Sydney Sheller".



## Treasurer's Report

Peter Pienaar reported a current balance of \$3,018.39. An Income and Expenditure Report for the year was tabled by the treasurer and handed out to the meeting. A net shortfall of \$595.53 was reported for the financial year. The only source of income being club membership, raffles and one donation. The cost of publishing "Sydney Sheller invoices in 2007/2008 was \$887.95 and in 2008/2009 was \$1,268 This may just relate to when costs are invoiced. The treasurer recommended that no increase in fees apply this year. Secretary to write to members and advertisers with fees outstanding for 2008/2009.

The following annual fees apply commencing 1 July 2009, moved by Maureen Anderson and seconded by Peter Pienaar.

Membership	\$50
Junior Member	\$15
Student and Pensioner Member	\$25
International Postage Add	\$10
Additional Family Members	\$ 5

## Advertising Fees in "Sydney Sheller"

60x120mm	\$80
60x77mm	\$60
60x57mm	\$40

## Election of Office Bearers

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Moved By</u>	<u>Seconded By</u>
President	Steve Dean	Ron Moylan	Chris Barnes
Vice President	Maureen Anderson	Steve Dean	Ron Moylan
Treasurer	Peter Pienaar	Ron Moylan	Kim Bishop
Secretary	Kim Bishop	Maureen Anderson	Ron Moylan

## Honorary Positions

Sheller Editor	Steve Dean
Librarian	Steve Dean
Shell Show Manager	Steve Dean
Special Projects	To be confirmed
Raffles	Maureen Anderson
MSA Representative	Chris Barnes

The meeting closed at 3.06pm.

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## Minutes 27 June 2009

The President, Steve Dean, opened the meeting at 3.06pm.

**Attendance** Steve Dean, Maureen Anderson, Peter Pienaar, Ron Moylan, Chris Barnes and Kim Bishop.

**Apologies** were received from Michael Keats, Jack and Debra Hannan and Steve Jones.

## Correspondence

A letter dated 5 June 2009 from Ryde-Eastwood Leagues Club enclosing a cheque for \$75 being donation to offset room hire for April was tabled by Kim Bishop. A letter has been forwarded to the Club thanking them for the donation and seeking a further donation of \$150 to offset room hire for May and June 2009.

A copy of our application for Section 37 Miscellaneous Collection Permit issued by the NSW Department of Primary Industries under the Fisheries Management Act 1994 was tabled by Steve Dean.

**Finance** Bank account balance \$3,018.39 reported by Treasurer, Peter Pienaar.

## Library

A number of regular publications have been received and circulated at today's meeting.

Volume 2, Philippine Marine Mollusks by Guido T Poppe and A Conchological Iconography: The Family Tonnidae have recently been ordered.

**Acquisitions** Ron Moylan reported on the acquisition of several new *Strombus vomer kermadecensis*, *Conus lienardi* and *Conus mirletti*.

## General Business





# The Sydney Sheller



Following on from discussions in the AGM concerning membership it was decided that the Secretary would send an overdue reminder notice to non financial members seeking outstanding fees for the past year with a view that future issues of "Sydney Sheller" would not be provided if no response is received. It was also decided that an Invoice would be sent to the advertisers who are in arrears for advertising fees for the coming year.

After some discussion the following program was agreed for future meetings:

July 2009: Family Tonnidae/ Muricidae Hexaplex stainforthi.

August 2009: Shells on Stamps/ Family Architectonicidae/ Volutidae from Spit Point, Western Australia.

September 2009: Family Mitridae.

October 2009: Annual Shell Show

November 2009: Family Olividae

There was discussion on the likely shell exhibits to be displayed at the next Shell Show in October

**Raffle** First Prize: Peter Pienaar

Second Prize : Steve Dean

**The meeting closed at 4.30pm.**

## Displays



Members brought along Rostrate, Melanistic and freak shells:







# The Sydney Sheller



Name: *Cypraea tigris*  
Full heavy pale overglaze  
Unique New Caledonia



## Minutes 25 July 2009

The President, Steve Dean, opened the meeting at 2.09pm.

**Attendance** Steve Dean, Maureen Anderson, Peter Pienaar, Ron Moylan, Keith Dean, Chris Barnes, Kim Bishop, Steve Jones, Des Beechy and Michael Keats.

**Apologies** were received from Jack Hannan.

**Minutes of previous meeting** 27 June 2009 were tabled and accepted.

**Finance** Bank account balance \$3,018.39 reported by Treasurer, Peter Pienaar.

### Library

A number of regular publications have been received and circulated at today's meeting.

Volume 2, Philippine Marine Mollusks by Guido T Poppe and A Conchological Iconography: The Family Tonnidae

**Coming Events** Peter Pienaar advised that he is travelling to Penang shortly. Ron Moylan advised of plans to travel to New Caledonia later this year.

**Field Trips, Shows and Club Visits** Michael Keats reported that he intends to follow up previous studies conducted at Long Bay looking for evidence of shell species from warmer northern waters.

### General Business

A supply of flyers advertising the 8<sup>th</sup> National Shell Show in Fremantle Western Australia 19<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> February 2010 were distributed by Steve Dean.

A flyer from the Malacological Society of South Australia Inc advertising the MSAA Shell Expo 15<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> August 2009 to be held at the South Australian Museum (Armoury), West Terrace, Adelaide was tabled by Steve Dean. Kim Bishop reported that an overdue reminder letter and invoice will be mailed next week to club members who have outstanding membership fees for 2008/2009.

**The meeting closed at 2.30pm.**

### Presentation and Discussion

Following the meeting a discussion was held on the Tonnidae family. Many interesting specimens were on display.

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## Minutes 22 August 2009

The President, Steve Dean, opened the meeting at 2.18pm.

**Attendance** Steve Dean, Maureen Anderson, Ron Moylan, Chris Barnes, Steve Jones, Des Beechy, Douglas Drake and Kim Bishop.

**Visitors** Cheryl Myles.

**Apologies** were received from Michael Keats, Peter Pienaar and Jack Hannan.

**Correspondence** A letter dated 29 July 2009 from Ryde-Eastwood Leagues Club enclosing a cheque for \$150 being donation to offset room hire for May and June 2009 was tabled by Kim Bishop.

**Finance** No change in bank account balance reported.

**Library** The following books from the Library were circulated during today's meeting:

Philippine Marine Mollusks (Vol 1 Gastropoda 2) by Poppe 2009.

Mitridae & Costellariidae by Robin & Martin 2004.

**Acquisitions** Ron Moylan reported on the recent acquisition of a number of *Zoila friendii jeaniana* taken in deep water by RVO Camera & Grab at depths of 100m plus.

Steve Dean reported on and displayed two Cassidae, *Casmaria decipiens* from the east coast of South Africa.

**General Business** After a general discussion on the Annual Shell Show in October the categories to be displayed were agreed.

**The meeting closed at 3.48pm.**

### Presentation

Steve Dean led a discussion on the family Mitridae supported by Ron Moylan and his excellent display of Mitridae.





## Twenty Ninth NSW Annual Shell Show, October 2009 Competition Categories

No.	Category	Location	No. Specimens
1.	Shell of Show	Any	1
2.	Variation of one Species	Any	10
3.	Favourite Shells	Any	20
4.	Cypræidae under 40mm	Any	25
5.	Cypræidae over 40mm	Any	20
6.	Zoila	Any	15
7.	Conidae under 50mm	Any	25
8.	Conidae over 80mm	Any	15
9.	Volutidae Lyria (no restrictions)	Any	Up to 15
10.	Volutidae (no restrictions)	Australian	20
11.	Olividae	Any	20
12.	Conchologists of America Award	Refer Notes	

### Notes

- Shell Show Rules will apply.
- No display box size restrictions.
- No restrictions on number of exhibits entered.
- Conchologists of America Award. (Donated by the COA) This prestigious award is for an exhibit with a scientific educational component that best advances the interest in shells and shell collecting. The exhibit should preferably be an entry in one of the competitive categories 2-12, and if possible won its category. If there are no suitable scientific exhibits that advance the interest in shells then no COA award will be issued. Individual exhibits can now have a competitive element that is judged in the normal way - shell quality, variety, number of specimens etc, plus a non-competitive educational or other interest section that is not judged and may contain additional specimens. For the purpose of judging the COA Award the whole exhibit can be presented taken into consideration.

Location Ryde Eastwood Leagues Club.  
Willandra room (The large room next to the upstairs Bar)

11:00 – 11:15	Tables laid out and labelled
11:15 – 12:30	Competitive Display and shell sales set-up
11:30 – 12:30	Shell buy/swap/sell tables running
12:30 – 1:00	Judging of exhibits and applying award certificates, and lunch break – own arrangements. Venue has a good bistro
1:00 – 1.45	Hall closed, during lunch break
1.45 – 2.05	View spectacular shells in the competitive displays, and buy/swap/sell tables running
2:05 – 2:40ish	Guest Speaker – Des. Buy/swap/sell paused
2:40ish – 3:30	Continue display, and discussions and start to pack up
4.30	Close
5.00	Hall Cleared



## Rare New Stromb

***Strombus vomer kermadecensis*** newly described this year, from a small number collected in the Kermadec Islands. It is readily distinguished from other ***S. vomer*** by the much heavier lip and better patterning. The small region where this species comes from is now a protected area, so no more will be collected. As mentioned in our minutes, from specimens collected before the area became a marine park two were purchased by our local members. We were lucky enough to be shown Maureen's lovely specimen, presented below.

***Strombus vomer kermadecensis***

