



SYDNEY SHELLER

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

Next Meetings:

28th Aug Steve Dean
"Keyhole Limpets"

25th Sep Jack Hannan
Live shell photos

23rd Oct
Annual Show

27th Nov Ron Moylan
TBA

(1.30pm for 2pm – 4pm)
(normally 4th Saturday, except for
clashes with long weekends, and shell
events – call to check)

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Shell Club of Sydney Mission Statement:

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



A stunning specimen of *Conus Aplustre*.
Photographed by Jack Hannan during a club field trip to Jibbon Beach, Port
Hacking, Sydney

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➤ Terebra nitida - in Sydney

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Jibbon BeachField Trip



Report on Jibbon Beach Club Field Trip - 28 Feb 2010

Jack Hannan

The tsunami warning was still in force as two members (Jack Hannan and Steve Dean) arrived at Jibbon Beach on the afternoon low tide of 28th February. With just a bit more care than usual, they kept an eye on the water as they explored the rocks at the eastern end of the beach.

While the tsunami didn't create any danger on this occasion, both Steve and Jack found a number of blue-ringed octopuses – mostly under rocks but in one case, out in the open in a rock pool. These beautiful animals are deadly, and must not be handled under any circumstances. They need to be watched for whenever turning over rocks or picking up 'empty' shells. If someone is bitten by this octopus, the best thing to do is wrap the affected limb in a pressure bandage, have someone stay with the victim (in case CPR is needed), and if a mobile phone is not available, send someone else to get help. It is vital that the victim stays as still as possible and the first aider doesn't give up on any CPR required until professional aid arrives.



Notably, the area seemed to lack cowry shells – presumably because there was a lot of sand around most of the loose rocks. This habitat suited cone shells more, and Jack and Steve both found nice specimens of *Conus aplustre* (see front cover)

The other interesting thing was that the area had plenty of red triton shells *Charonia rubicunda* including both the red and brown forms.





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Just as Jack was taking some photos on the way back, Steve found an empty *Tonna perdix* in reasonably good condition, just rolling about in the shallows – an unusual find for Sydney. This species is normally only found in the tropics and is extremely rare in Sydney.





Meeting Minutes - 24th April 2010

The President, Steve Dean, opened the meeting at 2.24pm.

Attendance Steve Dean, Maureen Anderson, Peter Pienaar, Trevor Appleton, Ashley Miskelly, Jack Hannan, Debra Hannan, Bob Snedic and Kim Bishop.

Apologies were received from Ron Moylan and Michael Keats.

Correspondence Nil.

Finance Bank account balance was reported by Treasurer, Peter Pienaar.

Sydney Sheller Steve is seeking contributions for the next edition of Sydney Sheller. Maureen Anderson to provide a report on her trip to the National Shell Show, Perth and Jack Hannan to provide a report on recent field trips to Toowoomba Bay and Jibbon Beach.

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

Field Trips Jack Hannan reported on a successful trip to the north coast of NSW including Yamba, Iluka and Woody Head. Cypraeidae, Conidae and other tropical species including a very large and beautiful *Cypraea tigris* were collected.

General Business A copy of the financial report of MSA as at 30 June 2009 was received and circulated together with information about research grants and a logo competition, both closing 1 June 2010.

Steve Dean presented The Conchologists of America Award to Trevor Appleton for his winning exhibit "Variation within a Species - Volutidae" at our Annual Shell Show October 2009.

After a discussion about a land snail field trip a tentative date has been set for 15th and 16th May at Barrington Tops.

The following program has been agreed upon for discussions at upcoming meetings:

May Bob Snedic: Land Snails.

June Ashley Miskelly: Sea Urchins.

July Jack Hannan: Underwater photography.

August Steve Dean: Limpets.

Raffle

First Prize: Ashley Miskelly, Second Prize: Trevor Appleton.

The meeting closed at 3.50pm.

Presentation Ashley Miskelly provided an interesting talk on his trip to Western Australia supported by an exhibit of many fossil shells collected at Madura, Nullarbor Plain, Western Australia and sea urchins collected in Western Australia and South Australia.

Kim Bishop, Secretary

Meeting Minutes – 22nd May 2010

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

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

Apologies were received from Bob Snedic, Jack Hannan and Ashley Miskelly.

Correspondence Kim Bishop tabled an email dated 20 May 2010 from Candace McBride, council member for The Malacological Society of Australasia (MSA) seeking current contact details of NSW Branch of MSA to enable the MSA website to be updated. Steve Dean has replied to this email.

Steve Dean tabled an email dated 21 May 2010 from Rachel Przeslawski, President of MSA advising that the council of MSA is currently looking into rebates for branches and criteria for branch/affiliate status and is seeking a list of active members. Steve Dean to send out a note to our club members in the next issue of Sydney Sheller to identify current MSA members.

Finance Bank account balance was reported by Treasurer, Peter Pienaar.

Other Reports Des Beechy provided a report on The Malacological Society of Australasia. Des confirmed that Dr Rachel Przeslawski is the new President of MSA and that a new council was elected at the 2009 Triennial Conference of the Malacological Society of Australasia held in Brisbane in November 2009. Following a general discussion about fees and rebates



Des advised that if we wanted to continue as a Club and not disband that we could either incorporate or meet the membership requirements of MSA. It was agreed that we would continue to meet the membership requirements of MSA rather than incorporate and be subject to the costs of incorporation and legal liabilities.

Field Trips Ron Moylan spoke about his upcoming 5 to 6 week yacht trip taking in New Caledonia, Noumea, Coral Sea and Solomon Islands, returning late June or early July.

General Business Steve Dean has been able to source shell reference books at 50% off and is assembling a list of requirements for the library and members to take advantage of this special offer.

Raffle First Prize: Maureen Anderson, Second Prize: Steve Dean.

The meeting closed at 3.51pm.

Presentation Steve Dean provided an interesting talk on land snails. Many land snails from the collections of Steve Dean, Maureen Anderson and Ron Moylan were on display.

Kim Bishop, Secretary

Meeting Minutes - 26 June 2010

The President, Steve Dean, opened the meeting at 2.41pm.

Attendance Steve Dean, Peter Pienaar, Chris Barnes, Ashley Miskelly, Bob Snedic and Kim Bishop.

Visitors Angus Hawke.

Apologies were received from Maureen Anderson, Ron Moylan and Jack and Debra Hannan

Correspondence Kim Bishop tabled a letter dated 10 June 2010 from Ryde-Eastwood Leagues Club enclosing their cheque for \$225 being a donation to offset the cost of room hire in February, March and April 2010.

Finance Peter Pienaar reported the current balance.

Library The following books have been purchased and now available from the Library:

Philippine Marine MollusksV2 , Guido Poppe 2008.

Philippine Marine MollusksV3 , Guido Poppe 2010.

Conchological Iconography - Ficidae, Conch Books 2000.

Conchological Iconography - Haliotidae, Conch Books 2000.

Conchological Iconography - Amoria, Conch Books 2001.

Conchological Iconography - Recent Volutidae, Conch Books 2001.

Conchological Iconography - Lyrini, Conch Books 2004.

Conchological Iconography - Buccinidae, Conch Books 2007.

Field Trips Ashley Miskelly reported on a visit to Phillip Island 22 May 2010 and showed a number of beach collected Pheasant shells .

General Business Nil.

The meeting closed at 3.14pm.

Presentation Ashley Miskelly provided an interesting presentation on Sea Urchins supported by superb photographs and books he has published on the subject.

Kim Bishop, Secretary

Meeting Minutes - 24 July 2010

The President, Steve Dean, opened the meeting at 2.30pm.

Attendance Steve Dean, Peter Pienaar, Ron Moylan, Jack Hannan, Debra Phillis and Chris Barnes.



Apologies were received from Kim Bishop, Maureen Anderson and Bob Snedic.

Finance Bank account balance was reported by Treasurer, Peter Pienaar.

Library No new additions to report.

Coming Events New Zealand Shell Show, Wellington 12-13th February 2011.

Other Reports It was reported that New Caledonia is charging import/export duty on sea shells.

Field Trips Jack Hannan reported that he intends to travel to Western Australia next month.

General Business A discussion regarding the categories for our Annual Shell Show in October took place and is to continue at next month's meeting.

The meeting closed at 4.15pm.

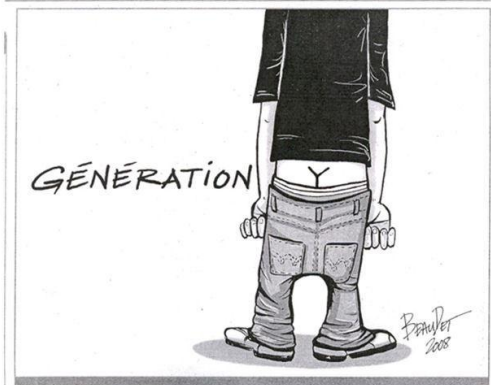
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What is Generation Y?

- The Silent generation, people born before 1946
- The Baby Boomers, people born between 1946 and 1959
- Generation X, people born between 1960 and 1979
- Generation Y, people born between 1980 and 1995

Why do we call the last generation Y?

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Uncommon Terebridae observed by Ashley in Sydney Harbour



Ashley observed these nice *Terebra nitida* living in Botany Bay, Sydney.

This is a long way south of their previous distribution limit – Woolgoolga Northern NSW

