



SKINDIVING INSTRUCTORS COURSE FOR MTANSW MEMBERS

COMING SOON ... *see article for details!!*



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In the late 1990's MTANSW and MTAQ executives jointly negotiated Recognised Prior Learning for ***permanent experienced Marine Teachers*** in both states with the National Association of Underwater Instructors (NAUI). NAUI recognised that these teachers had already been taught educational theory; were good practitioners; had sound judgment; taught about the marine environment; usually taught snorkeling theory; could swim and rescue their students and usually had first aid certification.

On this basis NAUI was prepared to allow instructors to shorten the course provided, documentary evidence was supplied to the instructor for attachment to the NAUI Student Record folder prior to instruction beginning. The agreement is limited permanent teachers who have been MTANSW Members for two years.

The course is a one day course but is a long one (... enjoyable though), 8 am until 5.30pm

The next course will be conducted at the Pilot Station Watsons Bay on

RPL DOCUMENTS REQUIRED 3 WEEKS BEFORE THE COURSE:

- ***Proof of Age*** (over 18 - photocopy of drivers licence)
- ***Medical Certification*** as fit to snorkel (photocopy will suffice)
- ***Current Rescue Certification*** eg bronze medallion (photocopy will suffice)
- ***Current First Aid Certification*** recognised by Workcover – DEC Emergency care is insufficient. (photocopy will suffice)
- ***Experience and judgment*** Written statement from Head teacher or Principal confirming status as a permanent teacher; have taught Marine Studies or Marine and Aquaculture technology for two years and have demonstrated sound decision making and good judgment (letter on school letterhead from Head teacher or Principal. Proforma letter in kit)
- ***Proof of Liability Insurance Cover*** (If you are a teacher in a NSW Government School you are automatically covered by the NSW Government Managed Fund.)

PRIOR TO THE COURSE you will be required to complete the Wetpaper Snorkelling Workbook (supplied)

AT THE COURSE you will be required to :

- swim 20 metres underwater
- swim 400 metres in 10 minutes
- survival swim for 20 mins
- recover an object in 2 metres of water
- fin 800 metres
- demonstrate diver rescue
- give mini lessons in the classroom and in water
- demonstrate a skin diving bailout

FINANCIALS: Instruction will be done by MTANSW member Instructors ***free of charge*** but the NAUI course materials cost **\$300** per person. (MTANSW Instructors have secured some additional 'goodies' that will assist teaching – *for this course only* at no cost)

Membership of NAUI is around \$115 per year additional – as instructors that gets you regular editions of SOURCES – the NAUI magazine for instructors that has all the latest updated information for diving.

COURSE MATERIALS :

i. NAUI Course materials: NAUI Leadership and Instruction Manual, NAUI Snorkelling Manual, NAUI Student Record Folder, NAUI Certification Documentation including decals and Certificate.

ii Additional MTANSW Instructor Provided materials: Wetpaper Snorkelling Workbook, Mares high visibility Inflatable Snorkelling Vest, Kellogs RLSS Rescue Tube with shoulder strap and lanyard, Mirage Save a Diver Kit, dive slate and a mask and snorkel for use at the course. (Only have ten rescue tubes..... so for the first ten registered!!)

