

# THE SOUTHERN SPEARO

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## KANGAROO ISLAND

As expected for this time of the year, much has happened in the last few months. Firstly, congratulations to our National Titles contingent who had a very successful trip to Kangaroo Island SA. Grant Temple won the Superdiver award for the highest combined score from the fin swim race and spearfishing comp; Drew Fenney is the Intermediate champion for the second year running; Jake Morris-Torelli is the sub-junior champ: and Rob Torelli narrowly missed out on another National Title coming second by a single, minimum weight fish. The whole Victorian team did us proud and it is a credit to the Southern Freedivers and our regular local competitions to produce such a competitive force.

1. Ian Puckeridge (NSW)
  2. Rob Torelli (Southern Freediver)
  3. Alex Lewis (NSW)
  4. Paul Roso (NSW)
  5. Drew Fenney (Southern Freediver)
  10. Grant Temple (Southern Freediver)
  13. Louie Papadopoulos (Southern Freediver)
  15. Paul Dorfstatter (Southern Freediver)
  19. Frank DiMartino (Southern Freediver)
  25. Jake Morris-Torelli (Southern Freediver)
- Expect a full report on the event in the next 'International Freediving and Spearfishing News' publication.

Next year the Nationals will be held in Townsville.



▲ Superdiver Grant Temple

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◀ The Victorian Team



## VICTORIAN SPEARFISHING CHALLENGE

The Victorian Challenge is really hotting with Brett Illingworth and Matt Koopman fighting it out at the top of the leaderboard. Some of the better fish weighed in so far are: Bretts 1830 gram flathead, 3730 gram crayfish, Matts 1935 gram trevally, 1760 gram kingfish, and Aaron Crocombes 1860 gram snapper. An up to date leaderboard can be found on our website. The competition ends on the 28th of May, so there is still time for a dark horse to come through the field and take the prize!



▲ *The Vic Challenge Cup.*

## LATEST CATCHES



▲ *Brett Illingworth with Gabo Island Blue Groper.*



▲ *Ziya Mustafa with a Stargazer from Mornington.*



▲ *Brett Illingworth with Flathead from Rye, Port Phillip Bay.*

## PORT FAIRY

On the Australia Day weekend, the Southern Freedivers had our annual trip to Port Fairy. We had a great couple of days of diving, which is usual for this part of the world. Many different species including snapper, whiting, squid and crayfish are regular inhabitants of the coastline, as well as the possibility of a kingfish, as has been the experience of our club members in the last few years.

On the Saturday we dived out the front of Griffiths Island which is only a couple of minutes from the town centre. This area is partly protected from the swell by a reef which breaks the surface about 150 metres off shore. The terrain varies here from still shallow water over sand in the lagoon to rocky reef in over 10 metres of water in the surf zone. About twelve of us spread out to explore the area. Plenty of fish were speared including pinkie snapper, whiting, banded morwong and boarfish to name a few. A couple of the guys also spotted snapper up to 2kgs.

That night, we all went back to where Paul and Robs' families were staying for a BBQ dinner. It was a feast of fresh fish prepared in various ways (my favourite was the fish in green curry) along with all the side dishes. We all had a great night socialising over the beautifully layed out banquet. Thanks to the Dorfstatters and Milers and their helpers for all the food

preparation, and providing the ideal setting for a club function.

Our dive at Killarney was saved for the Sunday. As many would agree, this is arguably the best dive site in Victoria. Here, there is a huge lagoon area with varying terrain satisfying most species around, as well as the reef outside the lagoon where crayfish and big sweep are common. Matt and Ziya had their bag limit of two crays each out there within 15 minutes, and Louie landed a 1.1kg sweep. Inside the lagoon is the land of the giant whiting with many being caught over 500 grams and

others still out there over 1kg. Along with plenty of trumpeter, boarfish, pinkies, leatherjacket, this place has something for everyone. The size of fish, the range of species and the possibilities of kingfish and record size catches are what makes Killarney such a great destination. The added bonus of having a fish cleaning table with hose back on shore is just extra cream!

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*National Intermediate & Western Districts  
Champion, Drew Fenney. ▼*



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## CLUB SERIES

The Western Districts Competition was held over this weekend ran by locals Peter and Dean Riddle. Our boy Drew defeated regular champ Peter by winning in this his first attempt. Congratulations also to Jordan Hill who won the random prize- a pair of Picasso fins for simply entering the Western Districts competition. These were generously supplied by PICASSO.

The results:

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|-----------------------|-------------|
| 1. Drew Fenney        | 3365 points |
| 2. Peter Riddle       | 2937        |
| 3. Dean Riddle        | 2877        |
| 4. Paul Dorfstatter   | 2568        |
| 5. Chris Monaghan     | 2463        |
| 6. Louie Papadopolous | 2163        |
| 7. Justin Goss        | 1463        |
| 8. Robbie Livermore   | 1114        |
| 9. Jordan Hill        | 1014        |
| 10. Jason Horne       | 802         |
| 11. Ziya Mustafa      | 454         |

After the Western Districts Competition our club champion leaderboard looks like this:

1. Louie Papadopoulos 410% (5 comps)
2. Drew Fenney 327 (4)
3. Paul Dorfstatter 289 (4)
4. Rob Torelli 185 (2)
5. Chris Monaghan 178 (3)
6. Russell Bennett 156 (2)
7. Joseph Bednarek 146 (3)
8. Justin Goss 132 (2)
9. Frank DiMartino 119 (2)
10. Hein Preller 81 (2)
11. Brett Illingworth 80 (1)
12. Ziya Mustafa 80 (2)
13. Jake Morris-Torelli 48 (1)
14. Jason Horne 46 (1)
15. Robbie Livermore 30 (1)

Our next club dive is the Victorian Titles planned to be run over 2 days over the Labour Day weekend (11-13th March). It will be held on the Mornington Peninsula, possibly Cape Schank and Koonya Beach.

It would be great to see a big turn out for this, our states most prestigious competition.

In the coming months, we will be running a novice pairs comp, the Vic Pairs Title, and the final club competitions for the season. Hope to see you all get involved and enjoy your clubs events.

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