



This event runs within coastal waters from Brooms Head in the north to Sawtell in the south, and is being held from the 21 to 29 January 2023.

Whilst diving is one of the ways to look for sea slugs, SURG also encourages shore-based participants for this event, who can take advantage of the many rock-pools along this part of the coast to track down nudibranchs. Some species are more likely to be found in the coastal rockpools.

As part of this event SURG will be running subsidised dives with local dive operators. On the 22nd of January SURG will be chartering a dive boat with Divequest at Mullaway. There are six diver places on board and to obtain one of these places divers are asked to deposit \$60 into the SURG account and then send a receipt to Craig Lewis by email. Once the six places are filled Craig will keep a waiting list, if needed. Places on the waiting list will not need money deposited until a space may become available and you are advised by Craig. Note that SURG is only subsidising the cost of the trip with tanks, but excluding any other dive gear rental, which is the responsibility of each diver.

The second subsidised dives are with Jetty Dive. SURG will subsidise one dive trip, once per diver, whilst the Census is running. This will involve SURG paying \$60 towards the cost with a receipt to be provided as proof of your dive with a reimbursement request following your trip. Note that SURG is only subsidising the cost of the trip with tanks, but excluding any other dive gear rental, which is the responsibility of each diver.

Please note, the subsidised dives are only available to those SURG members who have current paid membership at the 18/1/2023. The SURG bank account details are; Bank: Bananacoast Credit Union, BSB: 533-000, Account Number: 43996, Reference: please use your first name initial and surname as a reference.

It is noted that this event is to record Sea Slugs, so whilst owning a camera is not mandatory, it is a requirement that any dive team, or buddy pair, have one.

For this event there are three prize categories; Most Interesting Species, Most Number of Species and Best Photo. Prizes for the event are to be allocated by the judges and the SURG committee, and are a double dive with Divequest, \$200 worth of Enth Degree clothing from Jetty Dive, \$50 print voucher from Coffs Harbour Camera House and a double dive with Jetty Dive.

I would like to thank our sponsors for the event:



Data collection for this event will be via the iNaturalist website. This allows “real time” recording of slugs seen, the ability to track progress during the event and to view other participants recordings. Submissions for best photo will be a separate collection at the end of the event.

If you have any questions please contact me at [clewis1812@gmail.com](mailto:clewis1812@gmail.com) or on 0427 588 505.

Thanks, and I hope to see you out there.

Craig Lewis  
SURG Expedition Officer

