

## Results - Nelson Bay Sea Slug Census V- Saturday 13th December 2014

### Thank you to everyone who participated in the Nelson Bay Sea Slug Census;

Peter Davey, Rick Sheather, Nicola Davis, Tom Davis, Meryl Larkin, Matt Nimbs, Chris Latham, Dave Atkinson, Will Oowong, Karen Diehl, Zara Boyce, Nic Rewitt, Bob Edgar, Nicola Fraser, Allan Nelson, Wendy Nelson, John Turnbull, Kristine O'Keeffe, Cath Shorthouse, Kate Tinson, Deb Aston, Robert Gardiner, Allyson Groth, Rianti Bieler, Ron Bowditch, Jacqui Ashby, Jim Dodd, Ashley Smith, Margo Smith, Brynn Cotterill, Damian Sacco, Trevor Cotterill, Steve Smith, Anne Russell, Nigel Hayward. Elizabeth Moule, James Henderson, Dave Harasti, Ian Marriner, Michael Mears, Bec Neil, Cherie Dodd, Brent Adams

### Results:

- 43 participants - 42 Divers & 1 Intertidal
- 65 different species identified (an album of all species will be sent to all participants)
- 1 'new' species for the area

The major prize, of an Aeris JetPack BCD and prize pack, was drawn from the names of all divers taking part (A big thanks to Oceanic/Aeris for the BCD). The lucky winner was Cath Shorthouse.

The prize for best photo, of a ScubaPro torch and prize pack, was awarded by a panel of 3 judges (A big thanks to ScubaPro for the torch). The deserved winner was Bob Edgar for his awesome portrait of a *Polycera capensis*.

The prize for the most unusual species, of a prize pack for both members of the spotting team, was judged by Dr Richard Willan, Australia's foremost expert in identifying nudibranchs. The winner was Nic Rewitt who found a *Thecacera pacifica*, a tropical species which has rarely been seen in the bay.

The prize for the most species found, of CHUG memberships and a prize pack for both members of the spotting team, was awarded to John Turnbull and Kris O'Keefe who managed to send in clearly identifiable photos of 20 species of sea slugs (Tom and Nicola Davis found 28 species, but members of the organizing team were not eligible for this prize)



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**Best Photo!** *Polycera capensis*  
by Bob Edgar



**Most Unusual Species!** *Thecacera pacifica*  
by Nic Rewitt



**New Species!** *Okenia plana*  
by Matt Nimbs

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