



Profile

Wayne is a molecular biologist and keen scuba diver, getting underwater almost every weekend. He uses marine photography as a form of communication, a universal visual language to show the amazing beauty of the marine world.

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Marine photography

Photography Awards

Award winning photographer in the following competitions

Department of Environment, Water and Natural Resources

Sea Pixels photo competition

July 2017

Wreck of the vessel South Australian (Dredge) in St. Vincent Gulf.

Photograph presented at the South Australian Living Artist (SALA) exhibition in the foyer of the Natural Resources Centre (Adelaide) by Hon Ian Hunter MLC.



Australian Institute of Maritime archaeology "shared histories" photographic competition

AIMA Photo Competition

September 2017

The photo was selected in the people-choice awards vote as the best in the category "Maritime Life". Underwater photograph of a leatherjacket fish near "The Barge" shipwreck, off the coast of Adelaide, South Australia.

Currently on display at the Flinders University School of Humanities.



Underwater Explorers Club of South Australia

Underwater photo competition of echinoderms

March 2018

Two photos were awarded, a Sea Star was awarded first place and my photo of a Sea Urchin was awarded second place. Both photos were taken off the coast of Adelaide in approximately 14m depth of water during summer 2018.



The Neville Coleman Memorial *Nudibranch* Dive

NCMN underwater photo competition

March 2018

Winner in the category "The largest nudibranch", and winner in the "Best Seascape" category.



Heritage Snaps Photo Competition 2021 Top 20 finalist

Heritage through the lens

December 2021

Finalist for my Heritage photograph of the Excelsior Shipwreck at Mutton Cove, Osborne, South Australia.



Photography Publications

DIVE LOG Australasia

#387

Photo of Estuary Catfish *Cnidoglanis macrocephalus*

March 2021

As part of article "A load of Old Cobblers?", by Steve Reynolds (Marine Life Society of South Australia); MLSSA.

NCMND Report 2018

The Neville Coleman Memorial Nudibranch Dive Event

Summary of results of a community dive event in South Australia.

J.L. Baker, S. Ruxton, H. Newton, W. Pillen, A. Wood, D. Monceaux, **W. Leifert**, J. Mackay, R. Paton, M. McLean, M. Chi, N. Strong, J. Bowey, D. Baxter, A. Futterer, D. Kinasz, M. Sutcliffe, D. Jeffrey, B. Battersby, S. Reynolds, B. Richards & J. Baker-Johnson.

Syngnathidae Fishes of Eastern Gulf St Vincent: Utilising citizen science to investigate pipefish distribution and habitat use.

FINAL REPORT FOR GRASSROOTS GRANT PROJECT 2020-21-1-0027

Janine Baker, Fiona McQueen, Kevin Smith, Anita Futterer, Carl Charter, Marianne Chi, Danusia Podgorski, Heidi Newton & David Muirhead.

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Marine Life Society of South Australia (MLSSA) publications

"The Red Gurnard, *Chelidonichthys kumu*" by Steve Reynolds; my photos were used for the basis of this article.

"My Squid Squad Sightings" by Wayne Leifert; October 16th 2023.

<http://mlssa.org.au/2023/10/16/my-squid-squad-sightings/>

Community contributions (marine photography)

Brochure: Seadragons: South Australia (Victor Harbor Visitor Information Centre" (2023).

Edithburgh Jetty Sign (2022).