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### **Australia International Dive Expo 10-11 September 2016**

From scuba diving, free diving and disabled diving to surviving a shark attack, shipwreck archeology and marine conservation, underwater enthusiasts have much to look forward to at this year's [Australia International Dive Expo](#).

Taking place from 10 - 11 September 2016 at the Royal Hall of Industries at Sydney's Moore Park, the third installation of the Expo continues to draw the interest of divers, non-divers and those in the business of the sport.

This year's show will feature a range of dive schools, dive courses, dream destinations, the latest in underwater gears and gadgets and activities for families. Visitors will also hear from a line-up of experts on marine conservation, photography, cinematography, equipment and the latest practices. Some of the topics include OpenROV by Dominik Fretz, the importance of gear maintenance by Kel Bradley, Facing Jaws by shark attack survivor Lisa Mondy, Filming in the Open Ocean by cinematographer Jon Shaw, conservation practices by Monique Grol from [CoralWatch](#), Issues Facing the World's Ocean by George Evatt, Perspective by underwater photographer Brett Lobwein and many [more](#).

[Non-divers](#) interested in scuba diving can once again give the sport a go in the pool with instructors from St George Underwater Centre. The school will also advise on re-breather courses and the importance of dive gear maintenance.

Mark Slingo from Disabled Divers International (DDI) and Ash Payne from Scuba Diving International (SDI) will also be present to provide insight and guidance to those interested in learning to dive and becoming instructors. Both Mark and Ash have shared that the number of [disabled divers](#) is gradually increasing over the years due to the mental and health benefits of the sport.

There will also be information and safety education on free diving by the [Australia Free Diving Association](#) for anyone interested in the sport. Visitors participating in the longest breath-holding game will stand to win prizes at the stand as well.

University students keen on improving their photography skills will be able to attend a free five-hour professional [photography course](#), courtesy of The Dive Spot. Students through a number of topics including tips and tricks on capturing vivid underwater images.

For families, the Australian National Maritime Museum will be hosting a series of fun activities for families with kids, including dress-ups, crafting masks, artwork and more. And as per every event, a number of experts on the sport and the marine world will be present to share their knowledge and tips.

The [admission](#) is AU\$7 at the door, AU\$5 for PADI, SDI TDI divers and online registrants. DDI members, senior divers above 60yo, University students and children under 17 can enter free of charge.

All visitors will receive goody bags and be entered for a chance to win major prizes including holidays to the Maldives, Bali and Vanuatu; return air tickets to and within The Philippines; as well as a wetsuit and an advanced diver kit. [Prizes](#) will be drawn live on both days at 1.30pm and 5pm.

To find out more about the Expo, freebies, activities and more, visit [www.australiadiveexpo.com](http://www.australiadiveexpo.com).

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## **About AIDE**

Organised by the team behind the vastly successful Malaysia International Dive Expo (MIDE), the Australia International Dive Expo is the premier event and meeting place for the local and international scuba diving industry and dive enthusiasts.