

John Pennefather has an Honours Science Degree and has worked for the RAN in the Diving and Submarine Medicine areas for over thirty years. His special interests are in selection of divers the cause and prevention of Diving accidents.

He was one of the original authors of *Diving and Subaquatic Medicine*, now in its 4<sup>th</sup> edition, and has lectured in most of the Royal Australian Navy Submarine and Underwater Medicine Unit's courses for medical practitioners, paramedics and divers over the last 3 decades. He has also presented many papers to various diving and Naval organisations, both in Australia and internationally.

His research and development activities relate mostly to diving, hyperbaric and related equipment.

In the Submarine area, he is interested in the problems of life support, escape and rescue.

He was an occasional SCUBA diver until a chest injury restricted him to snorkel diving which he still enjoys often. He joined this group as a fourth author because he is regularly exposed the problems associated with complex diving equipment, too often this has been a forensic interest to aid in the investigation of diving fatalities