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President's Report Spring 2024

Hi Rucites,

Well, another year is upon us and a new Committee is in place.

In case you missed it these are the people that are keeping your club active on both the diving and social scene. To these people I say thank you and look forward to the diving & social year ahead.

Maybe you can put up your hand next year, instead of leaving it to someone else.

Names and titles are in the committee section below.

As far as the new year is concerned the shore diving of late has been usually well attended both in the water and on shore. The boat has not been out for a while, and we were also waiting to replace the first aid kit. That has been ordered and delivered. In fact, the boat was used on the weekend I am writing this report and divers went to Old Mans Hat and by the sounds of it, had a great time.

There also has been a discussion about organizing a First Aid Course for members. To this end keep an eye out down the track for further details. It may take some time to organize but we are looking to see what we can organize on a small group basis for members.

We have also organized a diving weekend away at Callala Bay (JB) in November and Christmas camp at Myola over the Christmas break. There are still places available, so if you want to do some great diving, let me know.

Well, that's it for now. I am really looking forward to a great year of diving and socializing and look forward to seeing you all soon.

Kind Regards

Peter Hardman

President.

Editor's Cut Spring 2024

Welcome to our Winter Edition of RUC Surface Interval!

After a bit of negotiation and horse-trading the new RUC Committee for 2024 -2025 has been confirmed. All the details in the committee section.

Happy reading!

**Neil
Editor**



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Social Officer's Report – Après Dive

Just would like to thank Brett Houlton for his Social Officer's role in the last year and to thank you all for welcoming me onboard.

Lots of diving, hopefully, and social activities coming along your way. Roll on warmer weather and clear water! The social calendar below is a guide of some of the activities happening in the next few months and, no doubt, I will squeeze in the odd social Saturday night where we will enjoy eating out in some of our favourite places.

SOCIAL CALENDAR – September 2024

DATE	Dive/Event	Dive/Event Activity Leader	Dive Site/Depth	Notes
Sun 8	RUC Social Hike	Wayne Pielak	Bondi to Coogee or Spit Bridge to Manly	Meet at 10:30am
Thu 19	Club General Meeting	President	West Ryde Hotel	
Sat 28/Sun 29	Sydney Go Diving Show	Brett / Noel	Sydney Olympic Park	Order tickets online. Photo Comp Results

SOCIAL CALENDAR – October 2024

DATE	Dive/Event	Dive/Event Activity Leader	Dive Site/Depth	Notes
Thu 17	Club General Meeting	President	West Ryde Hotel	
Sat 19/Sun 20	Dive & Picnic/BBQ	Sarah Wilks & Natalie McCallum	Frenchman's Bay, NSW	

SOCIAL CALENDAR – November 2024				
DATE	Dive/Event	Dive/Event Activity Leader	Dive Site/Depth	Notes
Sat 9/Sun 10	Callala / Jervis Bay Weekend Trip	Peter Hardman & Natalie McCallum	Jervis Bay, NSW	House booked – up to 14 to accommodate
Thu 21	Club General Meeting	President	West Ryde Hotel	

SOCIAL CALENDAR – December 2024				
DATE	Dive/Event	Dive/Event Activity Leader	Dive Site/Depth	Notes
Sat 7	Christmas Party	Natalie McCallum	TBA	
Thu 19	Club Xmas Meeting	President	West Ryde Hotel	
Tue 26–Tue 1	Club Christmas Trip to Jervis Bay	Peter Hardman & Natalie McCallum	Myola, NSW	

WET CALENDAR – August 2024				
DATE	Dive/Event	Dive/Event Activity Leader	Dive Site/Depth	Notes/Result
Sat 3	10 Pin Bowling & Dinner	Social Officer	TBA	
Sat 3/Sun 4	Sydney Shore Dive Club Boat Dive	Sarah Wilks Dive Officer	Shelly Beach / 7m Waterfall / 20m	
Tues 6	Executive Meeting	President	Via Zoom	
Sat 10/Sun 11	Sydney Shore Dive Club Boat Dive	Ross Di Bartolo Dive Officer	Clifton Gardens / 6m The Apartments / 28m	
Thu 15	Club General Meeting	President	West Ryde Hotel	
Sat 17/Sun 18	Sydney Shore Dive Club Boat Dive	Bruce Spry Dive Officer	Little Manly Cove / 5m The Colours / 24m	
Sat 24/Sun 25	Sydney Shore Dive Club Boat Dive	Neil Anderson Dive Officer	Camp Cove / 7m Sues Spot / 20m	
Sat 31	Sydney Shore Dive	Wayne Pielak	Balmoral	

WET CALENDAR – September 2024				
DATE	Dive/Event	Dive/Event Activity Leader	Dive Site/Depth	Notes/Result
Sun 1	RUC Social Hike	Social Officer	TBA	
Sat 7/Sun 8	Sydney Shore Dive Club Boat Dive	Robert Pearce Dive Officer	Bare Island / 10m Manly Reef / 12m	
Sat 14/Sun 15	Sydney Shore Dive Club Boat Dive	Brett Holton Dive Officer	Freshwater / 10m Long Reef / 25m	
Thu 19	Club General Meeting	President	West Ryde Hotel	
Sat 21/Sun 22	Sydney Shore Dive Club Boat Dive	Jeannene Moore Dive Officer	Gordons Bay / 12m Blue Fish Point / 16m	
Sat 28/Sun 29	Sydney Shore Dive Club Boat Dive	Michael Persson Dive Officer	Turimetta Head / 12m Quarantine Bay / 22m	

WET CALENDAR – October 2024

DATE	Dive/Event	Dive/Event Activity Leader	Dive Site/Depth	Notes
Sat 5- Mon 7	Jervis Bay Camping and Dive trip	Peter Hardman	Curragong, NSW	If the trip does not happen, we could a dive and picnic in Sydney
Tue 8	Executive Meeting	President	Via Zoom	
Sat 12/Sun 13	Sydney Shore Dive Club Boat Dive	Diego Molla Dive Officer	Shelly Beach / 10m Deewhy Wide / 24m	
Thu 17	Club General Meeting	President	West Ryde Hotel	
Sat 19/Sun 20	Sydney Shore Dive Club Boat Dive	Sarah Wilks Diver Officer	Inscription Point / 15m Magic Point / 18m	
Sat 26	Working Bee	Equipment Officer	TBA	
Sun 27	Club Boat Dive	Dive Officer	Old Man's Hat / 21m	

WET CALENDAR – November 2024

DATE	Dive/Event	Dive/Event Activity Leader	Dive Site/Depth	Notes
Sat 2/Sun 3	Shellharbour day trip	Dive Officer	Shellharbour	
Sat 9/Sun 10	Sydney Shore Dive Club Boat Dive	Ross Di Bartolo Dive Officer	Fairy Bower/ 5m Herold Wreck/ 26m	
Tue 12	Executive Meeting	President	Via Zoom	
Sat 16/Sun 17	Sydney Shore Dive Club Boat Dive	Bruce Spry Dive Officer	Oak Park/ 10m The Gap / 24m	
Thu 21	Club General Meeting	President	West Ryde Hotel	
Sat 23/Sun 24	Sydney Shore Dive Club Boat Dive	Neil Anderson Dive Officer	Little Manly Cove/ 5m Bombs North/ 20m	
Sat 30/Sun 1	Sydney Shore Dive Club Boat Dive	Wayne Pielak Dive Officer	Gordons Bay / 12m The Colours / 24m	

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Sun 8	Sydney Shore Dive Club Boat Dive	Robert Pearce Dive Officer	Freshwater / 12m Blue Fish Point / 16m	
Sat 14/Sun 15	Sydney Shore Dive Club Boat Dive	Brett Holton Dive Officer	North Bondi / 15m Royal Shepard / 28m	
Thu 19	Club Xmas Meeting	President	West Ryde Hotel	
Sat 21/Sun 22	Sydney Shore Dive Club Boat Dive	Jeannene Moore Dive Officer	Fairlight/ 9m Whiterock/ 25m	
Tue 26–Tue 1	Club Christmas Trip to Jervis Bay	Peter Hardman	Myola, NSW	

Dive Report: Fairy Bower, Sunday 7th July

Dive Log: 7 July Fairy Bower

The early morning photo of the dive site as supplied by Michael showed calm water with a hint of sunshine. This was good, as when we were all leaving our homes, there was the water appearing on the outside of the windscreens.

We were going to get wet either while diving or having coffee. The divers were the only ones to get wet. Dive support remained dry. We thought Benny was going to go diving with Michael as they were both dressed in Blue.

Today's dive saw Jeannene, Michael and Brett take the plunge into the cool 16-degree waters of Fairy Bower. While Anne and Noel along with Benny enjoyed the sun at the Bower Cafe. The dive team were under for just on 60 minutes. Vis was 3-4 meters slightly cloudy. There was a sighting of a Wobby and Port Jackson in very close company. They appeared to be enjoying each other's company! You will have to go for a dive to see the results of their friendship. Other fish sighted were, Blue Gropers (large and small), a few stone fish and lots of schools of small fish.

We were out of the water at 9.45, then the short walk up to the cars. Once dry, we returned to the Bower Cafe to enjoy coffee and Ginger biscuits. By this time the sun was out in full force to help warm everyone up. Time was called after another 1hr of talking about the mornings adventure.

So, until next time we meet to blow bubbles from under the water, or to have coffee from above; have a great time.

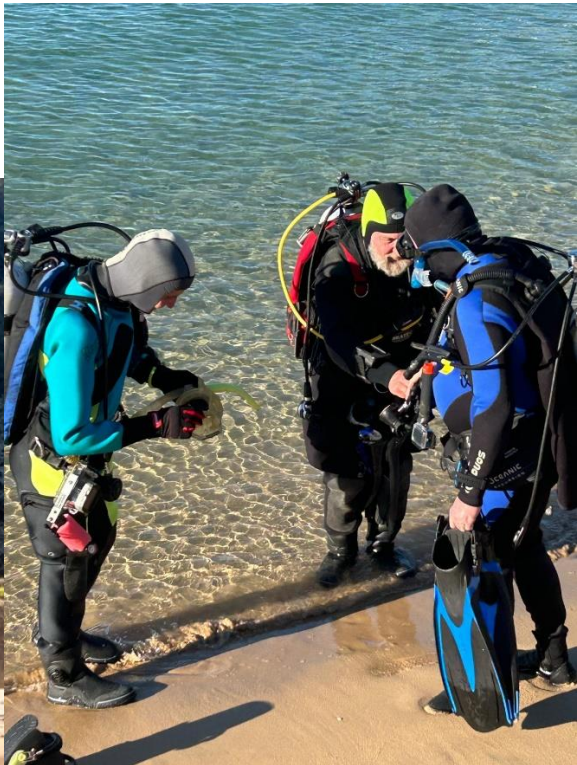
From Brett





Dive Report: Clifton Gardens, Sunday 21st July

For organising today's Shore Dive at Clifton Gardens it was great to see Natalie, Herb and Noel as dive support. Our Divers Mal, Richard, Michael & Brett. The water was cold however the water was so clear we had 10 meter vis And plenty of fish life.





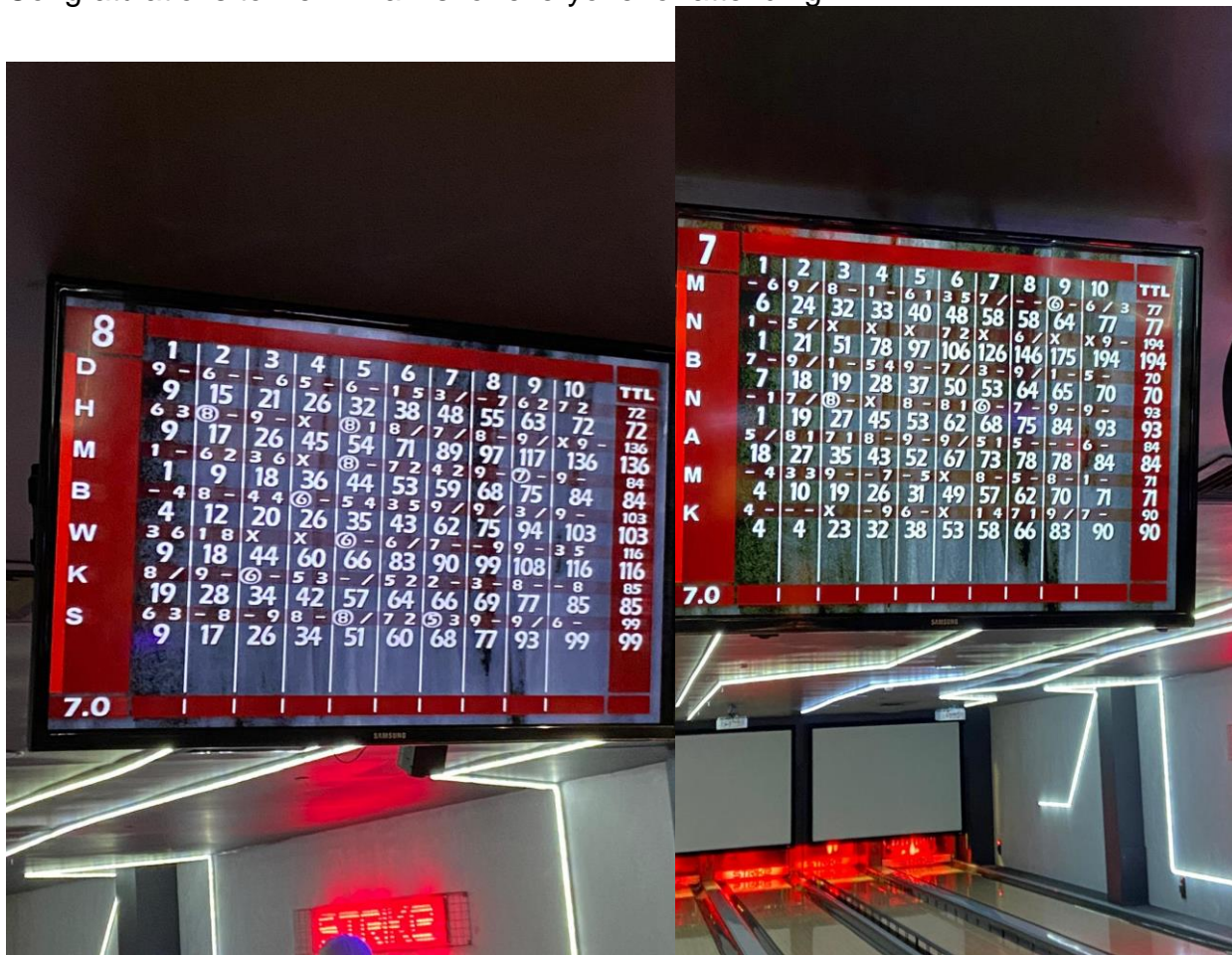
Working Bee - 27/28th July

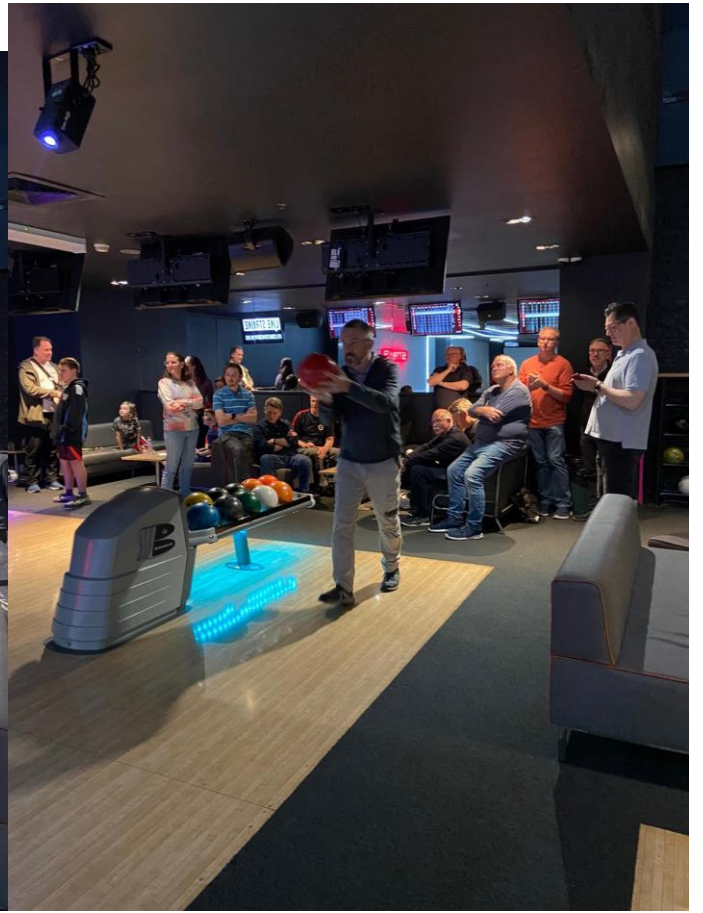
Due to the rain on Saturday morning, we worked on the boat both Saturday and Sunday. Thanks to thank Ken, Peter, Mal and Clinton. Thanks Ken for allowing us to work at your home and the BBQ Sunday afternoon. The boat itself is in good working condition but we discovered that the storage locker was flooded with water during the raining period a few months ago and unfortunately the water got into the first aid kit and ruined the majority of items. This gives us the opportunity to replenish the first aid kit. We will also be servicing the O2 regulator as well. So in the meantime, the boat will not be going into the water until these tasks have been completed.

Social – Bowling night 3rd August

The battle of the pin has been contested for another year. There was a great roll up on Saturday evening of 14 bowlers and three spectators to compete in two games. We were split over two lanes game one saw Neil take the lead with 6 strikes in lane 7. While lane 8 saw a tight

competition between Herb, Wayne, Blake and Dave. While they did not have as many strikes they had consistent high scores with spares. Games two saw the arms of the competitors get long under the weight of the bowling ball, but the competition continued. Lane 7 saw the strike rate increase for Michael and Anne keeping up with lots of spares. But Neil's lead from game one was hard to beat. While over in lane 8 the lead changed several times. Though there was a clear winner for the Pin on the night. When you score a turkey in your round that helps too. So the winner was Neil in lane 7 with a combined score of 319. Second was Wayne with 237. Third was herb on 220. The full results to be published in surface interval in due course. Congratulations to Neil. Thanks for everyone for attending.







Dive report – Bare Island Saturday, 10th August.

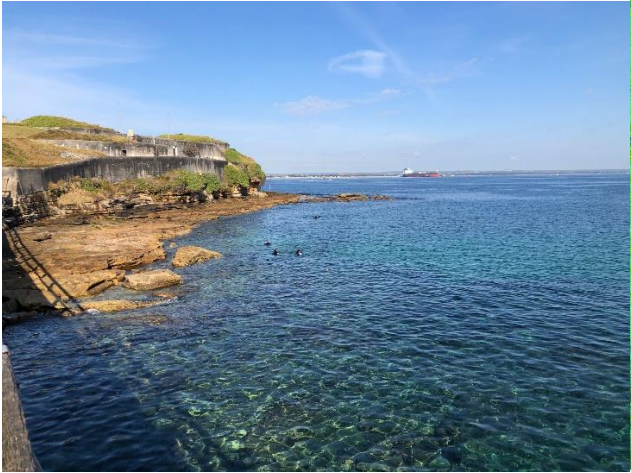
A perfect winter day for diving. The seas at Bare Island were flat and the sky shining blue. Three keen RUC divers entered the water around 9:00 and were out 50 minutes later. A coolish 16 degrees met Sarah, Jeannene and me with visibility around 5-10 metres although this seemed to reduce as we got deeper.

The outbound leg we managed to keep together well but as I raised my head after taking a photo no buddies could be seen. After surfacing for a while I still couldn't see the two other divers so decided to head back to the exit.

The usual bunch of Sydney nudies were crawling around the eastern side of the island with black fringed chromodoris and blue dragons prolific. A large baler shell was trying to bury itself into the sand as I neared the exit. Some unusual metallic creature as well.

Exiting saw the surface support team of Wayne and Brett chatting on the bridge and the exit proved fairly easy. No buddies around however so we waited for them to arrive back at the shore.

A good dive with a few other divers around including John from Frog Dive.





Dive report – Sues Spot, Sunday, 25th August

A boat dive was had after a lot of work by the crew of late. Wayne, Ken and Mark ventured out for a dive with snacks. Apologies for lack of pictures.

Dive report – Camp Cove, Sunday, 25th August

A little cold at 16 degrees however we managed 60 minutes with Brett, Jeannene and Neil. Lots of young rays a big local grouper. A boatie showed up in the wrong place but a nice jaunt.





Dive report – Balmoral Saltwater pool, Saturday, 31st August

Four divers for this one Alex, Richard , Mark , Brett and our Dive Support Noel & Dave. Thank you guys it is really important that you guys are there. Dive time of 60 minutes, water temp 16 degrees. Lots of little fish and one only seahorse & some friendly Porcupine fish.





October 2024 long weekend away trip to Currarong

Lack of numbers have meant that this has now been cancelled.

Tides

SYDNEY (FORT DENISON) – NEW SOUTH WALES

LAT 33° 51' S LONG 151° 14' E

2024

Times and Heights of High and Low Waters

Local Time

SEPTEMBER			OCTOBER			NOVEMBER			DECEMBER						
Time	m	Time	m	Time	m	Time	m	Time	m	Time	m				
1 SU 1256 1921	0.39 0.52 1.71	16 MO 1218 1845	0.27 0.41 1.88	1 TU 1317 1927	0.40 0.48 1.59	16 WE 1358 2010	0.19 0.28 1.79	1 FR 1514 2108	0.45 0.43 1.41	16 SA 1539 2138	0.34 1.98 1.47	1 SU 1538 2129	0.54 1.78 1.31	16 MO 1624 2221	0.48 1.99 1.33
2 MO 1335 1957	0.37 1.37 1.71	17 TU 1310 1932	0.17 1.53 1.93	2 WE 1354 2000	0.38 1.51 1.57	17 TH 1451 2100	0.18 1.80 1.74	2 SA 1551 2145	0.48 1.71 1.37	17 SU 1633 2233	0.40 2.00 1.39	2 MO 1617 2210	0.56 1.81 1.30	17 TU 1713 2311	0.52 1.96 1.31
3 TU 1412 2030	0.36 1.41 1.69	18 WE 1401 2020	0.12 1.64 1.91	3 TH 1430 2033	0.39 1.56 1.43	18 FR 1545 2151	0.21 1.89 1.64	3 SU 1630 2225	0.51 1.73 1.31	18 MO 1727 2328	0.48 1.97 1.31	3 TU 1700 2254	0.57 1.82 1.38	18 WE 1759 2358	0.55 1.89 1.29
4 WE 1447 2101	0.36 1.44 1.65	19 TH 1455 2109	0.12 1.73 1.83	4 FR 1506 2107	0.41 1.60 1.42	19 SA 1641 2245	0.28 1.94 1.51	4 MO 1711 2306	0.55 1.74 1.28	19 TU 1821 2341	0.55 1.90 1.32	4 WE 1744 2340	0.59 1.81 1.27	19 TH 1843 2358	0.60 1.80 1.41
5 TH 1524 2133	0.38 1.47 1.58	20 FR 1549 2159	0.17 1.80 1.69	5 SA 1545 2143	0.44 1.62 1.40	20 SU 1737 2339	0.37 1.93 1.38	5 TU 1755 2351	0.59 1.72 1.23	20 WE 1217 1917	1.25 0.63 0.41	5 TH 1831 1926	0.61 1.79 0.40	20 FR 1236 1926	1.27 1.65 0.48
6 FR 1601 2207	0.41 1.50 1.50	21 SA 1645 2251	0.26 1.81 1.52	6 SU 1725 2321	0.49 1.63 1.32	21 MO 1837 1941	0.48 1.87 0.41	6 WE 1845 1943	0.64 1.68 0.52	21 TH 0638 2107	1.21 0.70 0.54	6 FR 1227 1922	1.26 1.64 0.42	21 SA 1318 2007	1.26 0.71 0.53
7 SA 1643 2243	0.45 1.51 1.40	22 SU 1747 2347	0.38 1.79 1.34	7 MO 1808 1941	0.55 1.61 0.51	22 TU 1241 1941	1.26 0.59 0.41	7 TH 1241 1943	1.19 0.69 0.52	22 FR 1402 2107	1.19 0.75 0.54	7 SA 1318 2015	1.27 0.66 0.42	22 SU 1403 2049	1.28 0.76 0.57
8 SU 1727 2321	0.50 1.51 1.30	23 MO 1856 1956	0.51 1.73 1.44	8 TU 1214 1859	1.24 0.61 0.56	23 WE 1338 2050	1.17 0.69 0.49	8 FR 1337 2045	1.17 1.72 0.51	23 SA 1500 2157	1.21 0.78 0.57	8 SU 1415 2109	1.31 1.68 0.42	23 MO 1455 2132	1.31 0.79 0.59
9 MO 1818	0.57 1.49 0.63	24 TU 1305 2013	1.20 0.62 0.51	9 WE 1301 2000	1.17 1.54 0.60	24 TH 1444 2158	1.13 0.75 0.53	9 SA 1443 2148	1.19 0.73 0.47	24 SU 1600 2243	1.26 0.79 0.57	9 MO 1520 2201	1.37 1.67 0.41	24 TU 1554 2217	1.36 0.79 0.61
10 TU 1237 1921	1.20 0.63 0.67	25 WE 1415 2132	1.11 1.71 0.53	10 TH 1400 2112	1.12 0.73 0.60	25 FR 1555 2257	1.15 1.77 0.55	10 SU 1553 2245	1.25 0.71 0.41	25 MO 1658 2324	1.33 0.76 0.56	10 TU 1628 2252	1.48 1.63 0.41	25 WE 1658 2303	1.43 0.76 0.61
11 WE 1335 2040	1.12 0.70 0.67	26 TH 1532 2242	1.10 0.74 0.52	11 FR 1512 2225	1.10 0.75 0.54	26 SA 1700 2345	1.21 0.75 0.53	11 MO 1659 2334	1.36 0.63 0.35	26 TU 1750 1912	1.41 0.71 0.35	11 WE 1733 2343	1.60 0.56 0.41	26 TH 1800 2348	1.50 0.69 0.62
12 TH 1446 2200	1.08 0.73 0.61	27 FR 1640 2333	1.15 0.71 0.49	12 SA 1627 2326	1.15 0.72 0.45	27 SU 1753 1917	1.28 0.70 0.47	12 TU 1759 1950	1.50 0.53 1.63	27 WE 1251 1838	0.54 1.50 1.34	12 TH 1837 1943	1.72 1.46 1.43	27 FR 1856 1956	1.58 1.61 1.22
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Contribute to Surface Interval

Regardless of whether you have been on an exciting dive lately or just been surfing on the internet, if there is something you would like to share with your fellow club members, why not contribute to the next edition of Surface Interval.

Email some words and a few photos or videos (or your buddy's photos).

Remember articles submitted may be posted to the Club's website and Facebook.

Face Book: <https://www.facebook.com/RUC.org>

Website: <http://www.ruc.org.au>

GUIDELINES FOR SENDING IN ARTICLES AND PHOTOS

Facebook Article

Put together 2 sentences and plenty of pics. Do it the same or next day as the dive.

Email to "RUC Social Media Sub-Committee" (committee@RUC.groups.io) and they will post to Facebook on your behalf.

Surface Interval Article

Send the article to editor@ruc.org.au

Type the story into MS Word rather than in your text or email editor. Don't send a PDF file.

Please run the spell check over your article.

Send photographs as separate jpg files. i.e., Don't insert photos into the MS Word file.

Please rename photos with the dive site or date in the name. Something simple like "Apr23 seaslug.jpg". Say which dive they are linked to in the text.

If you would like your article to link to another website, insert the link in the article and readers can then open that link.

RYDE UNDERWATER CLUB MEMBERSHIP FEES for 2023-2024:
Single \$110 Family Concession \$190 Social \$40
Membership renewals are due 30th June each year.
 Pro rata membership fees are available for new members joining during the year.

Our members have a common interest in SCUBA diving. Dives are organised and conducted nearly every weekend around Sydney using the club boat and sometimes boats owned by club members. Our club also organises weekend and holiday trips to interesting dive locations north and south of Sydney. A variety of social activities are organised throughout the year for members and their families.

Our club conducts meetings at on the **3rd Thursday** of each month at:
West Ryde Hotel - 1021 Victoria Rd, West Ryde NSW 2114

The schedule for the evening is:

7:00pm – 7:45pm	Dinner – good food/drinks and conversation (optional)
7:45pm – 8:15pm	Committee/Business Update
8:30pm – 9:30pm	Special Guest Presenter

New members are always welcome to attend our meetings and join in with our activities.

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