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## **President's Report Summer 2024**

Hi Rucites,

Well, here we are again.

The weather is very ordinary at the moment and the dive this weekend may be cancelled due to the weather.

Oh!! The scuba diver's lament.

However, it can also be said that there has been a lot happening lately in the diving & social scene.

We have just come back from a great weekend down at Callala Bay,

The boat went out both days, with a BBQ on Saturday Night. All 13 members who attended had a thoroughly enjoyable weekend.

Most weekends see at least 1 day of shore diving. The boat is also ready to be used (subject to weather conditions) and has just had a working bee to get it ship shape for the weekend away as well as Christmas.

We recently had some members do a First Aid course in Campbelltown followed by a BBQ at our house. Both went well. I have to say it is the first one both Ylva & I have done and think it was time well spent.

Big Reminder to keep Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December as it is our annual Christmas Party. Michael & Anne Persson have kindly offered the house this year so please keep a look out for further details coming through soon.

Don't forget to order any RUC clothing currently being organized by Wanda. Minimum numbers are important so if you need clothing this is a great opportunity to become a RUC Fashionista (and I am not talking about the site).

That's it from me for now but hope to see you all soon.

Kind Rgds

**Peter Hardman** 

President.

### **Editor's Cut Summer 2024**

Welcome to our Summer Edition of RUC Surface Interval!

This is a bumper issue as there has been lots of diving over the last three months and consequently lots of articles form keen divers. We have initiated a Dive Log that we encourage every DAL, or their nominated rep, to fill out giving details of the dives, who got wet and hopefully some photos of the critters and people in the water.

We have arranged a series of guest speakers at general meetings commencing with Allan Kessler in October from the Historical Diving Society showing us how difficult it has been to get the Cosmos Seahorse (aka Yellow Submarine) back underwater. November provided us with insight into the world of VIZ, with Marco Bordieri showing us how he has developed VIZ as a service to divers in Sydney providing dive conditions, maps and details of popular sites around Sydney. No speaker in December as it PARTY TIME!!! but look out for interesting speakers next year.

Keep the articles coming folks and most of all enjoy the Club dives and lets get wet as often as possible.

Bruce Spry Editor (Temporarily)



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### Social Officer's Report - Après Dive

For the month of Sept, we were away in sunny UK enjoying the British scenery and the glorious weather UK had to offer.

The year is quickly running by, and we are so close to heading into 2025! Lots of social activities are coming along your way and, of course, there is lots of diving too!

#### Just gone:

Sunday 8 September 2024 – RUC Social Hike – Coogee to Bondi Walk Thank you to Wayne for taking over the coastal Bondi walk during that time.

Sat / Sunday 28/29 September 2024 – Sydney Go Diving Show – Sydney Olympic Park Thank you to Brett & Noel for arranging and was enjoyed by some members.

In the month of **October** 3 social events rolled along:

**Inscription Point, Kurnell Dive/Picnic event on Sunday 20 October** was a fabulous spot with lovely views of the whale sculpture and Botany Bay. 5 divers enjoyed the shore dive and 9 of us had a BBQ/picnic afterwards.





The First Aid course was held at Campbelltown on Sat 26 October where 10 of us attended. The course was fun, and we certainly had a few belly laughs.



Thanks to Dustyn, from National Courses, for his extensive knowledge and experience and, hope that some have taken the lessons onboard. A BBQ was held afterwards at Peter and Ylva's residence and was enjoyed by all.

Sculpture by the Sea held at Bondi on Sunday 27 October was quite an event. Not to mention I became 'disabled' due to the fact some lady driver practically ran over my foot whilst I was looking at the parking signs! Long story to short, I was able to join some of you all in between packs of ice and rest. Some unusual sculptures could be seen, and you were sort of trying to analyse what the artist was thinking at the time they created the masterpiece. Lunch was enjoyed by all at Bondi RSL with sweeping views of the bay.



**Fri - Sunday 8-10 November 2024 – Dive / Social weekend away – Callala / Jervis Bay** A popular spot in Callala with a well contained house named, "Drifters", was booked and 13 of us enjoyed the weekend. The stunning, beautiful Callala beach was only a few minutes' walk away from the accommodation.

Friday night saw 9 of us hitching a free ride on the courtesy bus to Callala RSL for dinner.





The schnitzels were huge and enjoyed by most!



Charlie the Bull Ray at Callala boat jetty and Herb the "Skipper"





RUC divers – Front left to right – Herb, Bruce the Skipper, Ross, Mal & Diego



Callala Beach



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David braved the chilly waters of the swimming pool on site, practising his surfing skills.



Saturday night everyone attended the. awesome BBQ feast out on the balmy veranda.



Sat 7 December 2024 - RUC Annual Xmas Party at Anne & Michael's Residence.



A very steamy, hot afternoon saw 24 attend the Xmas Party. Some braved the heat on the veranda whilst most gathered around the dining table enjoying the air con.



Kris Kringle started off with our official Club Mascot, Benny, the dog! He even got his own Kris Kringle and enjoyed his squeaky boot along with wearing the fluro / RUC jacket with pride!









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Kris Kringle kicked off by having everyone seated in the lounge area and we played a game called, "Right Left" Christmas Story / Poem whereby every time I mentioned the word LEFT or RIGHT the parcel had to go in that direction. After a few laughs, everyone was able to open the Kris Kringle at the end of the Poem. Thanks to Wanda for introducing the game and a huge thank you to Anne and Michael for hosting their lovely home for this event.





### Coming up:

# Thurs 26 Dec 2024 – Fri 3 Jan 2025 – RUC Annual Xmas Camping Trip – Myola, Jervis Bay

5 unpowered sites have been booked at Tasman Holiday Park, Myola in Jervis Bay.

We have sites 31-36 along the fence and are big sites so will accommodate caravans and our boat

Park details: https://tasmanholidayparks.com/au/myola/

#### Thurs 16 Jan 2025 - Steve Backshall's Ocean - Enmore Theatre

An exciting event coming up on Thurs 16 Jan 2025 to see STEVE BACKSHALL'S OCEAN held at Enmore Theatre in Newtown at 7PM.

Tickets are around \$50 - \$80 depending on where you are seated.

Dinner somewhere in Newtown TBA.

Please find link below if you are interested and let me know if you are going along.

Link: <a href="https://www.enmoretheatre.com.au/event/steve-backshall/">https://www.enmoretheatre.com.au/event/steve-backshall/</a>

Steve Backshall's *Ocean* is a love letter to the most exciting environment on our planet - and a great way to learn more about what we need to do to save our seas.

Stunts, experiments, props, cutting edge science and big screen footage from his two decades in TV will all help Steve to bring the icons of the Big Blue to life.

From Great whites to Great whales, seals to sardine shoals, Orca to the oddities of the deep: this is a fantastic opportunity for fans of all ages to dive deep into the wonderful world beneath the waves.

### Sat 01 / Sunday 02 Feb 2025 - Dive / Picnic - Inscription Point -

This has been moved forward from Australia Day 26 Jan due to high volumes holiday traffic.

### Thurs 6 March or Friday 7 March 2025 7pm - Oceans Film Festival - Hayden Orpheum

Sat 22 March – Ferry Pub Crawl – Sydney Harbour / The Rocks.

If you have any ideas of what you would like to do, please do let me know and in the meantime, we wish you and your Families a Merry Christmas and a Safe New Year.



#### **Natalie McCallum Social Officer**

### Social Calendar, December 2024 - Feb 2025

SOCIAL CALENDAR - December 2024							
DATE	Event	<b>Event Activity Leader</b>	Location	Notes/Result			
Sat 7	Christmas Part	Natalie McCallum	Anne & Michaels				
Thur 19	Club Christmas Meeting	President	West Ryde Hotel				
Tue 26 – Tue 1	Club Christmas Trip to Jervis Bay	Peter Hardman & Natalie McCallum	Myola, NSW				

SOCIAL CALENDAR – January 2025							
DATE	Dive/Event	Dive/Event Dive/Event Activity Leader Dive Site/Depth					
Thu 16	Steve BackShall's Oceans	Natalie McCallum	Enmore Theatre				
Sun 26	Australia Day Picnicnc/DiveClub Boat Dive	Sarah Wilks	Inscription Point Shore Dive				

SOCIAL CALENDAR – February 2025						
DATE	Dive/Event	Dive/Event Dive/Event Activity Leader Dive Site/Depth				
Tue 11	Executive Meeting	Peter Hardman	ТВА			
Thu 20	Club General Meeting	Peter Hardman	West Ryde Hotel			
Fri 21	Ocean's Film Festival	Natalie McCallum	Hayden Orpheum – Cremorne 7-10pm	Dinner beforehand at Minksies		

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# Wet Calendar, Dec 2024 – Feb 2025

WET CALENDAR – December 2024							
DATE	Dive/Event	Dive/Event Activity Leader	Dive Site/Depth	Notes			
Sat 7	Christmas Party	Natalie McCallum	Michael's home/ Carlingford				
Sun 8	Sydney Shore Dive Club Boat Dive	Robert Pearce Boat Tower	Freshwater / 12m Blue Fish Point / 16m				
Wed 11	Twilight Dive	Dive Officer	Clifton Gardens / 6m				
Sat 14/Sun 15	Sydney Shore Dive Club Boat Dive	Brett Houlton Boat Tower	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 Boat Tower	Fairlight/ 9m Whiterock/ 25m				
Tue 26-Tue 1	Club Christmas Trip to Jervis Bay	Peter Hardman & Natalie McCallum	Myola, NSW				

WET CALENDAR – January 2025							
DATE	Dive/Event	Dive/Event Activity Leader	Dive Site/Depth	Notes			
Sat 4/Sun 5	Sydney Shore Dive Club Boat Dive	Michael Persson Boat Tower	Parsley Bay/ 6m The Colours/ 24m				
Wed 8	Twilight	Dive Officer	Shelly Beach /10m				
Sat 11/Sun 12	Sydney Shore Dive Club Boat Dive	Diego Molla Boat Tower	Shiprock/ 15m The Colours / 24m				
Thu 16	STEVE BACKSHALL'S OCEAN	Natalie McCallum	Enmore Theatre				
Sat 18/Sun 19	Sydney Shore Dive Club Boat Dive	Sarah Wilks Boat Tower	Little Manly Cove / 5m The Cathedral/ 26m				
Sun 26	Australia Day – Picnic/Dive	Sarah Wilks & Natalie McCallum	Inscription Point – Shore dive				

WET CALENDAR – February 2025						
DATE	Dive/Event	Dive/Event Activity Leader	Dive Site/Depth	Notes		
Sat 1/Sun 2	Sydney Shore Dive Club Boat Dive	Ross Di Bartolo Boat Tower	Oak Park / 8m The Gap / 24m			
Sat 8/Sun 9	Sydney Shore Dive Club Boat Dive	Bruce Spry Boat Tower	Shelly Beach / 10m Shelly Reef / 22m			
Tue 11	Executive Meeting	President	Via Zoom			
Wed 12	Twilight Dive	Dive Officer	Camp Cove / 7m			
Sat 15/Sun 16	Sydney Shore Dive Club Boat Dive	Neil Anderson Boat Tower	Gordons Bay / 12m The Colours / 24m			
Thu 20	Club General Meeting	President	West Ryde Hotel			
Fri 21	Ocean Film Festival	Natalie McCallum	Hayden Orpheum – Cremorne 7-10 pm	Dinner at Minsky's Hotel		
Sat 22/Sun 23	Sydney Shore Dive Club Boat Dive	Wayne Pielak Boat Tower	Bare Island/10 Quarantine Bay/ 20m			

### Meeting Presentation: Cosmos Seahorse, 10 October



Cosmos Seahorse II Allan Kessler allan@kessleer.net.au

The Seahorse II wet submarine was created by Lt Sergio Pucciarini, an ex-frogman from the WWII Italian Navy's Decima MAS. They used the human torpedoes to sink Allied ships in the Mediterranean.

He believed there would be a demand for a recreational version of the sub. These were produced from the mid 1950s to the mid 1960s. Due to their later work there is little public information. As the sub was not very successful the company, COS.MO.S., went into making military versions. Before the company folded they were making dry, one atmosphere subs.

This sub was found in Australia. It is powered by a 48V electric motor. Originally it was said to have a 4 hour run time with special batteries. Later it was said to have a one hour run time with standard batteries. The batteries wowuld have been 4 x 12 Volt batteries the same or similar to old car batteries.

Specifications: 4.3m long, 810mm wide, weight 227kg, Motor – 18HP, 3400RPM using a 5:1 reduction gear. Two forward and two reverese speeds up to 6.4km/h underwater and 9.7km/h on the surface.

## Dive Report: Shelley Beach, 18 October

Another classic Shelley Beach dive with five divers in the water nd shore support by three humans and Benny.









# **Dive Report: Kurnell, 20 October**

Kurnell Dive Report It was a perfect day for a dive at Kurnell. After a quick gear check, our group of five divers waded into the calm water from a small sandy beach and swam about five minutes towards a ledge that would take us into a true diver's wonderland. Though the water was a fresh16 degrees at depth, the underwater magic truly made us forget the chill.

The first surprise greeted us almost immediately—a large wobbegong lounging under a ledge, its enormous tail lazily sticking out. Better not to disturb sleeping giants, so we moved along, only to be treated to an even rarer sight. A. suddenly signalled, and there it was—a massive weedy sea dragon, gracefully gliding through the water. As it wasn't in any rush, we all had plenty of time to take in the spectacle.

As if that wasn't enough, the vibrant sponge garden came alive around us, bursting with colour and marine life. Bright red biscuit stars and mosaic sea stars competed with the many nudibranchs in bright colours for our attention. It felt like we were swimming through an underwater art gallery.

After just over 60 minutes in the water, all were in agreement: this dive was one for the books. To finish this perfect dive, we gathered for a picnic in the park and are reminded again why we dive—great company & incredible sights.









### **Dive Report: Bushrangers Bay, 06 November**

Bushrangers Bay saw a double dive by RUCites with eight divers and two Dive Support. It was a great day and yes we all found Grey Nurse Sharks.









### Dive report: Callala Bay, 09-10 November

Point perpendicular 9<sup>th</sup> November

Four divers and a bot skipper braved the overcast to head to the inside of Point Perpendicular. Just outside the outer tubes no anchor zone we found a good dive site with water extremely clear. Herb, Mal, Ross and Diego braved the 18 degree water while Bruce enjoyed the gentle breeze and eventual sunny skies while minding the boat. A good spot with lots of life including a large ray.

### Bowen Island 10<sup>th</sup> November

This was the Sunday of the club weekend away at Callala Bay (Jervis Bay). The idea was to get out early so we could be back before lunch in time to pack up and head back to Sydney on Sunday afternoon.

The night before we had 5 divers keen to get out early the next day. In the morning, Susan decided that she'd had too much junk food the night before and wasn't feeling the best so now we were down to 4 divers.

Herb checked the weather and found high winds reported down south which may arrive at Jervis bay before we got back from the dive so there was a bit of nervous checking of the weather updates every 10 minutes. Subsequent updates showed the wind wasn't moving

up the coast as fast as predicted so the decision was made to get out and back before the wind hit.

Bruce towed the boat to the ramp where captain Herb took over. The trip out was across flat seas so we made good time traveling at over 20 knots. Mal had studied the charts and suggested that there was an underwater ridge extending out from the north west corner of Bowen island which maybe worth investigating.

It was on the way out that Mal discovered that he'd left his weight belt back in the car. We had some spare weight belt webbing and 3 spare weights but that was not enough to keep Mal on the bottom. For a brief moment, we even considered tying the spare anchor to his waist but in the end Mal kept Herb company on the boat while Ross, Diego and Dave did the dive.

We anchored just outside the sanctuary zone, where anchoring is permitted. The visibility was not good in the first few meters but once we got below that layer the vis opened up to a good 10 meters. Even though there weren't many fish (unlike the dive the day before at the outer Tubes) there were lots of big boulders covered with all sorts of fixed life. This was a macro photographers dream and as result we didn't have to wander too far from the anchor.

Before the dive, we agreed to save some air for a second (quick) dive on the wreck of the Firefly (<a href="https://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/maritimeheritageapp/ViewSiteDetail.aspx?siteid=2387">https://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/maritimeheritageapp/ViewSiteDetail.aspx?siteid=2387</a>) so at about 100 bar remaining, Diego indicated it was time to find the anchor and surface.

Back on board the wind and swell had picked up so the captain made the call to head back to Callala bay and skip the Firefly this time.

Bruce was there to meet us at the ramp. We retrieved the boat and gave it a wash at the ramp ready for the tip back to Sydney.

A nice ending to a great weekend.

Ross



# Dive Report: Oak Park, 10 November

A great dive on a beautiful day for three divers (Brett, Robert and Sarah), supported by Noel and Jenneane (whose cough unfortunately kept her dry this time around).

ITW at 8.45 and out just before 10am, with vis between 3 and 7m or so. A bit of surge by the time we were getting out. Max depth 9.5m.

Critters included a large bull ray cruising along (which made Brett jump!), many schools of small fish, a cuttlefish that looked like he was the veteran of many mating battles and determined to enter the fray a few more times, and a lot of small but very vivid

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nudibranchs. All of this framed against the colourful sea tulips, sponges and the odd soft coral. Big friendly gropers looking suggestively at our dive knives then back to the black urchins reminding us that, contrary to Kurt Cobain's song lyric, fish actually DO have feelings.

After getting skittled on the exit, Noel and Jenneane handed us survivors fruit drinks and very welcome chocolate biccies. Thanks buddies.

#### Sarah









# Meeting Presentation: VIZ with Marco Bordieri, 21 November



At the November meeting Marco Bordieri from VIZ (Facebook and website) presented on how he developed the VIZ facebook group and website that provides up to date dive conditions on many dive sites around Sydney. Marco has put a lot of effort into this service and it's free. A great presentation and lots gratitude for his efforts.

https://www.viz.net.au/ https://www.facebook.com/groups/sydviz

# Dive report: Shiprock, 22 November

As there are a few "longer term" members who can dive mid-week we decided to give the site a try on a Friday when the traffic throiugh the site would be low. In fact there were no other divers and the high tide was 2:00 pm.



Shiprock was always an exciting palce to dive when I started underwater back in the early 80s. In the "good old days" we would slither down a dirt track and attack the rock step half way down with the vigour of youth. Now there is an easily trafficked set of stairs and a rock steps to get into the water.

The three of us arrived around 1:00pm to give us lots of time to gear up and take the

long downward journey on the stairs with all our gear and cameras in tow. There were a few swimmers and sunbathers on the platform at the waters edge,. Something I'd never come across before but it is a pleasant spot down at the water's edge.



At high tide we'd expected the current to be slack however it was still running inward and continued to do so during the entire dive. It made the outward journey slow and we all use a bit more air than expected however the return trip was a quick one. ?Next time we might get in after high tide to see if we can get the slack.

Dive sites change

greatly over time and this was no exception. I remember lots of Carijoa coral and a seabed covered in Fortescues making it difficult to set down to take photos. Still some Fortescues and a bit of coral but its lost a lot of the fixed life.

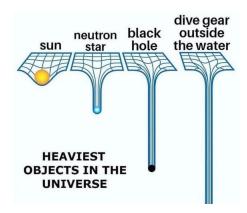
We came across hermit crabs, an electric ray, morwongs, leather jackets and a couple of stingrays. No nudibranchs sited but I did spot the egg trail of Vercos Tambja (Parramatta Nudibranch).





After about an hour in the water we decided to storm the steps out and hit the local coffee shop. We had to brave all the school kids on their electric bikes. Still a very cruisy dive and good company with no crowds to deal with.

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# Dive report: Bare Island, 24 November

Seven divers including Sarah, Jeannene, Mal, Robert, Dave (possible new member), Michael & myself, with Dive Support Anne, Noel& Benny arrivesd to dive Bare Island. The vizibility on the west side was about 4 metres. Water temp 18 to 20 degrees however out on the south west the temp dropped to 16 degrees (a), In the water for 60 + Minutes lots of nudibranchs+ 2 Gropers. Sarah said she saw a few



## **Dive Report: Clifton Gardens Night Dive, 27 November**

Mid week night dives were discussed at the November club meeting so I volunteered to kick it off and be the Dive Activity Leader (DAL) for the first to be held on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November.

The plan was to

- Meet in the car park at 7:30pm
- Parking is free from 8pm
- Tide 6:38pm 1.34m
- Sunset 7:48pm
- Enter to water at 8pm for a one hour dive
- Bring a primary dive light and a Marker Light
- After the dive the plan was to have dinner at <u>Hotel Mosman</u> (kitchen open until midnight)
- Given we haven't done much night diving recently we plan to limit our dive to the area around the nets



Arriving at the car park at 7:15pm I was surprised to see all the divers were already there and getting their gear together. A swarm of flying ants were being a bit of a bother but after waiting around a bit for it to get dark, we geared up and headed off to the netted swimming enclosure.

Linda and Susan took up a bench seat by the beach to look after the car keys and relax with some drinks and nibbles. Brett and Noel

turned up just as we were getting ready to get in the water.

Sarah and Robert buddied up and were first in the water. Bruce, Mal and I were next in. We submerged near the beach in only 1.8m of water and I found it difficult to stay on the bottom but I got my buoyancy under control once the water depth increased to over 2m. I took an Ultra Violet (UV) dive light with me to see what would fluoresce. I didn't have to look very long before I saw a tiny cuttle fish which lit up bright green when illuminated with UV. Next a big Nudi did a similar thing. I



tried getting photo of this effect but it looked better to the naked eye than it does in the photos.



Swimming around the net Mal spotted some Sea horses and I could see Bruce's strobe going off indicating he was taking lots of photos.

We did see some small rays as well but talking to Sarah and Robert after the dive we found out we missed seeing a big ray "as wide as your car".

After the dive a few people went off to have dinner while others went home.

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have to look very long before I saw a tiny cuttle fish which lit up bright green when illuminated with UV. Next a big Nudi did a similar thing. I tried getting photo of this effect but it looked better to the naked eye than it does in the photos.





A pleasant night diving after a hot day.

Ross

### **Tides**

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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.

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#### **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.

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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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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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