

Surface Interval

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## President's Report

Hi Rucites,

I would like to start this Autumn edition off with a warm welcome to all our new club members. It's great to see new divers seeing the benefits of joining the Ryde Underwater Club (RUC). We have been in existence for nearly 44 years, so must be doing something right. You are joining a club that not only offers cheap boat dives both here and around our vast coastline on trips away, but you are also joining a club that is very social. We often organize social events of some kind. A night out or even a BBQ at someone's house. It's all part of the mix.

Even our many shore dives are social as they allow us to get together, do a shore dive, usually with divers in the water and someone on shore. This is usually followed up with coffee and cake either on site or local coffee shop. We also organize guest speakers when they are available, just to make our general meetings (held every 3rd Thursday of the month) more interesting. In fact, if you know anyone who would be of interest to us, please let the committee know.

It's also great to see the boat going out more often. We offer the cheapest boat dives anywhere on the coast, which allows you the opportunity to visit and see things some shore dives just don't see. It also helps fund the boat which has been the life blood of the club from its very first inception.

Shore divers have also been continually active, also great to see. Again, if you can't dive for some reason, it's also an opportunity to socialize. (and eat cake☺)

Don't forget we have some trips away planned to the Solitary islands in May and Pt. Stephen's on the June long weekend. Further details are included in this magazine.

Our Christmas dive/ camping trip (hopefully to Eden) will be announced early in April.

Well, that's it for now and hope to see you soon on or in the water

Kind Regards

*Peter Hardman, President*



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## Editor Intro



**Welcome to the Autumn Edition of the RUC Surface Interval!** We are excited to bring you another edition of the Surface Interval, packed with updates, dive stories, and club news.

For those who don't know me from 'back in the days,' I first joined RUC in 2005 when my kids were little. Back then, diving was already a huge passion of mine ( I started diving as a student at 22 years old), but as life often does, priorities shifted when my children started school and took up sports. Weekends became a blur of early morning games and sideline cheering, and before I knew it, many years had passed without much time underwater. Now that both my kids have graduated high school, I'm finally back and..diving! It's been fantastic to rejoin RUC, reconnect with the community, and get back into the water. Over the past few months, I've had the pleasure of participating in both shore and boat dives, and the welcome and support from fellow club members have been incredible. From helpful dive buddies to encouraging chats over post-dive coffee, I truly appreciate how easy it has been to slip back into the rhythm. A huge THANK YOU to everyone who has made returners like me feel at home again!

### What's Been Happening?

The past three months have been filled with exciting club activities. I've done my best to capture some of the highlights in this edition. From fascinating marine life encounters to new dive sites and unforgettable moments, there's always something happening at RUC. Whether you're a seasoned diver or just starting out, we encourage you to get involved. See you in the water!

*Annemarie, Editor*

## Social Officer Report – Après Dive

2025 came along in a flash! We've had some awesome diving and weather down the South coast at the end of 2024 and the social activities have been in full swing.

### Just gone:

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

5 unpowered sites at Tasman Holiday Park, Myola in Jervis Bay were taken by 13 campers plus Benny, 2 the official club mascot! Towing was not a problem as we travelled early on Boxing Day and so we missed all the traffic!The first afternoon at the campsite was challenging for the strong southerly winds blew all the dust and black/ash sand right into all our gear. Gave up attempting to even try to cook so the local Callala RSL came to the rescue giving us a free ride on the courtesy bus. Ken decided to wait until later at night until the decision was made to put his tent up instead of sleeping in his car.



Had a little fright on the way to the shower block, for the light was broken near the intersection, and nearly collided with a large kangaroo and stepped on its tail! Took a photo of when it came back the next evening.



Michael had a very useful tool in opening the beer bottles!



Bike riding was fun making the most of the stopover at the local coffee shack!

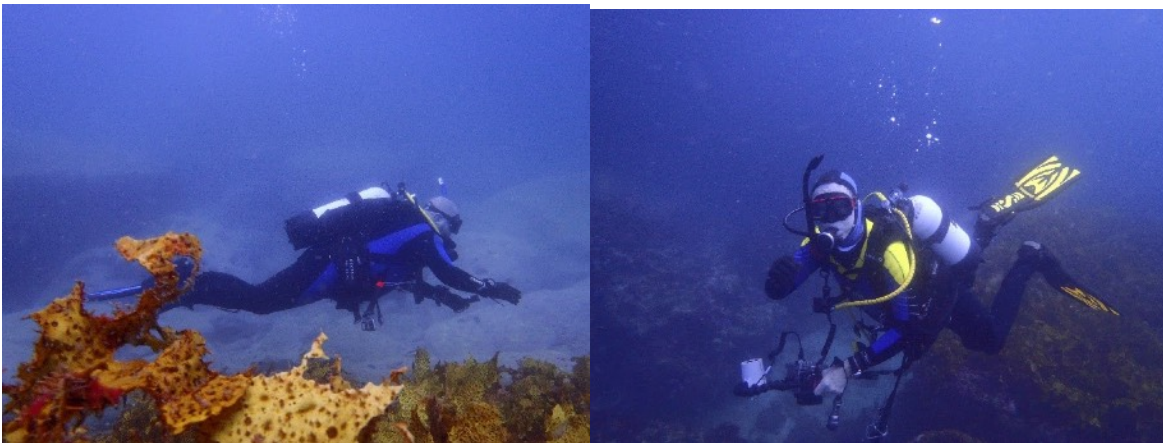


Cooling off was easy when you had a choice of the flat seas, or the sheltered warm river inlet and this proved popular as the week went on, for the swells and winds picked up. Diving, catching the ferry to Huskisson, shopping, tasting the beers / wine at the Husky Pub and fireworks on New Years Eve topped up the trip very nicely.

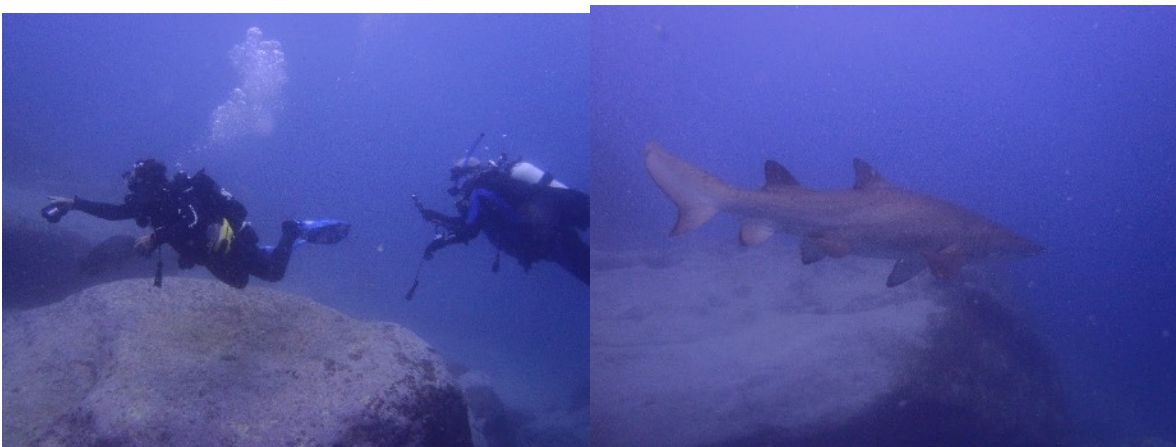
Getting the boat ready.



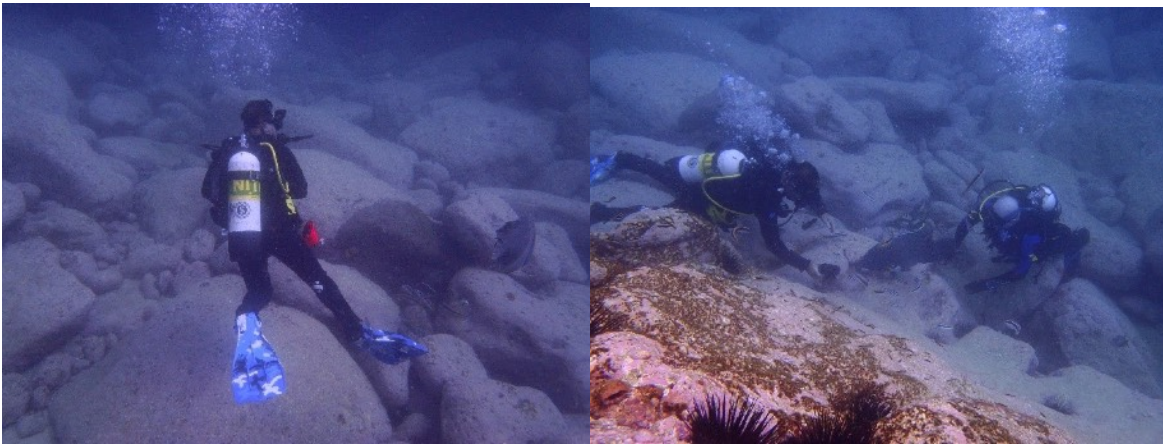
Michael Peter



Herb pointing – look a shark! Michael filming with his Go-pro



Herb and Michael feeding the blue grouper



Time is up – back to the anchor



Ladies shopping spree at Husky Fireworks in the bay





Thanks to Peter for organising the campsites and to Herb for towing the boat.

**Thursday 16 Jan 2025 – Steve Backshall's Ocean – Enmore Theatre**

Enjoyed a tasty Vietnamese meal before the show and it was very interesting to hear Steve speak of his extensive knowledge of the fish and marine life. He used marine animal props for show and tell and spoke about early education for the younger generation to get into marine science and marine life for that was how he started.





### Sunday 02 Feb 2025 – Dive / Picnic – Clifton Gardens

An enjoyable dive / social event where the club boat launched up on the beach with 5 divers, plus Skipper Dave after having dived at the Colours Reef. 8 divers enjoyed shore diving around the nets and 21 attended the BBQ. Thanks to Brett and Noel for organising the BBQ.







### **Thursday 6 March 2025 – Oceans Film Festival – Hayden Orpheum**

Dinner at Minsky's pub.

Ocean Film Festival, as always, had some amazing footage and the saying goes; "Always expect the unexpected in the unknown". 15 of us enjoyed dinner at Minsky's pub before heading across the road to the theatre.

The festival showed the World's most breathtaking ocean films from above and below the surface from Bodyboarding, swimming with whales, Aqua ballet (aquatic dancer that displayed amazing underwater artistry), surfing and marine conservation.

A gripping documentary - "White Rock" which was a description for Australia's Great Southern Reef where a devastating ecological crisis was folding as sea urchins decimate vital kelp forests. Divers were documenting the destruction offering hope by harvesting sea urchins and promoting them as delicious culinary option.

Another film called "Footprints on Katmai", Alaska, captured another type of plastic, shoes, that have ended up on the shores from around the world and how an artist had created "footprints" (sketches and water painting on the shoes that had been found). This film revealed how people leave profound marks on this pristine landscape without ever physically setting foot on its shores. Can't wait for the next edition of Ocean Film Festival next year.

### **Saturday 8 March – International Women's Day Dive / Social at Little Manly Cove**

International Women's Day event kicked off with some local coffees at Little Manly beach. Parking was uneventful and the weather was calm, mild, cloudy and warm - perfect for diving. 3 Divers, Annemarie, Herb and Richard enjoyed an 80min dive on the West side and, on the surface, Dave enjoyed his snorkeling on the East side. Krystal, Ken and I watched on as Dive Support.





Coming up:

**Sat 29 March – Ferry Pub Crawl – Sydney Harbour / The Rocks.**

Enjoy cruising on the ferries a

Stop at King Street Wharf and walk to Barangaroo for coffee at a “unique” café on the waterfront. Take a walk along the rocks to Circular Quay where we will board the ferry to Watson’s Bay for Fish n Chips lunch. Back to Circular quay where we will explore the Rocks and head to Australian Hotel roof top bar for afternoon / sunset drinks.

The choice is yours – venues could be subject to change - join in when you want or drop off when you have had enough!

**Fri 18 – Mon 21 April – Easter - TBA**

**Thurs 1 May – Fri 16 May – Road / Dive trip to Wooli, Gold Coast Seaway, Wolf Rock at Rainbow Beach and Julian Rocks, Byron Bay.**

Why go overseas when we have fabulous diving here on our doorstep!

Nat & Herb are taking a road / dive trip again like we did back in 2022. Everyone is responsible for own bookings for Dive and Accommodation. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Natalie or Herb A.S.A.P. to secure your spot.

- We have booked Stan at Wooli Dive Centre to dive Wooli and the Solitaries plus the shared house for the dates of: Thursday 01 May to Sunday 4 May. (Diving Fri 2 May & Sat 3 May).
- We must be out by Sunday morning as another group is coming in. Can leave gear in car and dive on Sunday (optional) and use outside showers if you want to. Accommodation cost is \$40 per person. <https://woolidive.com.au/accommodation/>
- Double dive costs \$200.00 - require a min of 6 divers to get the boat out. Awesome diving for critters, nemos, sharks, manta rays and more!

We will be continuing up North after checking out Sunday 04 May.

- For those interested in continuing up North, there is the option of Gold Coast Seaway shore dive on Tues 6 or Wed 7 May.
- Own accommodation.

Then the following weekend will be at Rainbow Beach diving Wolf Rock with Wolf Rock Dive centre for a double dive:

- Sat 10 May. We are booked in already. Lots of sharks, manta rays, turtles and more!
- Optional to dive on Sunday 11 May.
- Cost is double dive with Nitrox tanks and weights included \$290.00 <https://wolfrockdive.com.au/>
- Accommodation at Big 4 Breeze holiday parks as they are located next to the boat ramp. Fri 9 May to Sun 11 May or longer - Fraser Island is an option to have some fun to do a 4WD with us! <https://www.big4.com.au/caravan-parks/qld/sunshine-coast/breeze-holiday-parks-rainbow-beach>

and finally, Julian Rocks with Sun Dive at Byron Bay on Wed 14 or Thurs 15 May - this is a single boat dive only. <https://www.sundive.com.au/>

- Accommodation at Brunswick Heads - Reflections Holiday park - cabins or take your own Caravan. <https://reflections-holidays.com.au/parks/brunswick-heads/>

Like before, the idea is you choose what you want to do and stay. We only need to know whether you want to dive and stay at Wooli and, also the dive boat at Wolf Rock and Sun Dive. If you want to go, let us know and then you will need to book direct.

### **Sat 24 May – RUC 44th Annual Anniversary Dinner at Mooney Mooney Club**

Celebrate RUC's 44th Anniversary dinner

Location is: Coastal Dining at the Mooney Mooney Club, 5 Kowen Road Mooney Mooney.

<https://mooneymooneyclub.com.au/eat-drink/>

- Arrive at 5.30pm and we have a 3-hour booking.
- Bar and menu are pay as you order.
- **RSVP by 30 April** or as soon as possible so that the final table numbers can be locked in.

There will be a lucky door prize too.

## **Fri 6 – Mon 9 June – Long weekend to Nelson Bay.**

June Long weekend is a very popular Club event for both Diving and Socializing.

- Brilliant shore dives are located at Fly Point, Halifax, Pipeline and Little Beach and not forgetting, some awesome boat dives to Broughton Island, North Rock, Oakland and Cabbage Tree. Lots to see underwater that will fill up your camera disk! If you are not a diver, you can enjoy some lovely snorkelling off Fly Point that has a safe, easy entry.
- Dinner is held at the local Golf Club and the Bowling Club on the Saturday & Sunday.
- The Annual Photo competition is also held on this weekend.

Here are some links below for the accommodation and if you haven't already booked, now is the time to do so to avoid disappointment.

<https://www.portstephens.org.au/stay/halifax-holiday-park/overview> <https://www.nelsonbayaccommodation.com.au/> <https://www.winningholidays.com.au/destinations/port-stephens>

Please let me know once you have booked and where, and if you are interested in joining up for dinner.

**Finally, if you have any ideas of what you would like to do, please do let me know and in the meantime, enjoy the rest of the warm days and daylight savings.**

Natalie McCallum Social Officer

## **Photo Competition Update**

**The photo comp is open for entries**, and we will accept photos taken since the last competition closed (i.e. photos taken on or after 25th May 2024). Competition closes 10<sup>th</sup> May 2025. To allow judging by members, we will need to receive photos by 17<sup>th</sup> May 2025.

Voting will be open from the Third week in May for two weeks.

The winner of the golden camera will be announced at the June Long Weekend trip to Port Stephens (7/8/9 June 2025).

### **Photo Competition Rules**

1. All RUC members (full and social) are eligible to enter the competition
2. A current financial RUC member must have taken the photo
3. The entrant must be the creator of the image.
4. The entrant must own the copyright of the image.
5. The photographer grants Ryde Underwater Club Inc. publishing permission to reproduce the images in the Ryde Underwater Club Inc. website, club magazine (Surface Interval), Face Book page and in material promoting the club, including but not limited to a printed Calendar.
6. The photo was taken between 25<sup>th</sup> May 2024 and 10<sup>th</sup> May 2025.
7. The photo is received before 17<sup>th</sup> May 2025 by the Photography Sub-Committee EMAIL ENTRIES to [spryb@yahoo.com](mailto:spryb@yahoo.com)
8. The photo is provided in electronic format:
9. JPEG format preferred.
10. Image size should be minimum of 3000 pixels by 2000 pixels at 300dpi and a maximum size of 4000 by 3000 pixels,300 dpi. Larger images may be accepted but will be re-sized to be consistent with all other entries.

11. File name includes initials of photographer, location and date it was taken, e.g. Nudibranch\_John\_Smith\_- Colours\_2023-12-09.jpg
12. Some additional information about the photo (e.g. location and give your photo a title)
13. The photo does not necessarily have to be an underwater shot, but must be diving related
14. RUC members are invited to provide up to 10 photos (the first 10 photos received will be included but additional photos will be discarded)
15. Voting is for the top 5 photos
16. Points will be awarded to each image based on place voted by each member voting (i.e. 5 points for 1st place, 4 points for 2nd etc)
17. Entry with the most points is the winner (in case of draw, the photo with the most voters is the winner)
18. The decision of the committee will be final, and no discussion entered into regarding the winning entry.

The winner will become the proud caretaker of the Golden Camera until the next competition.

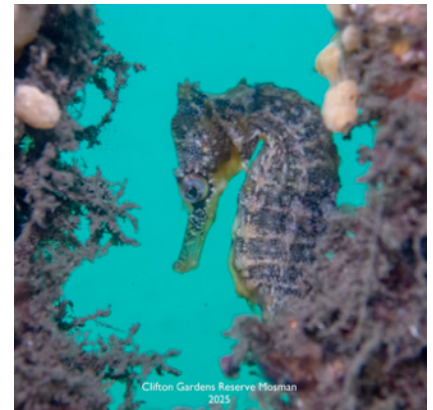
The first 15 places will have their photos printed in a Calendar, and the top three will receive a printed copy of their photos, in 8 inch x10 inch size. To all RUCPhotoites: get shooting and start putting aside your best shots aside for the photo comp!

## Dive and Club Report Highlights

### February 2 - Picnic Dive, Clifton Gardens

Boat Dive: : Ken, Bruce, Diego, Natalie, Herb; Dave as skipper (boat dive – Colours)  
 Shore Dive: Brett, Jennene, Malcom, Michael, Matthew, Krystal, Annemarie Jordon (guest diver)

Ryde Underwater Club at Clifton Gardens BBQ Sunday , Shore dive & Boat dive all divers agreed a fantastic day . Also the Seahorse's were very photogenic on the nets.



## February 9, 2025 - Shore Dive, Shelley Beach

Divers: Michael, Matt, Krystal, Gavin, Richard, Mal, Rob

Dive Support: Anne, Lucy and Benny the dog

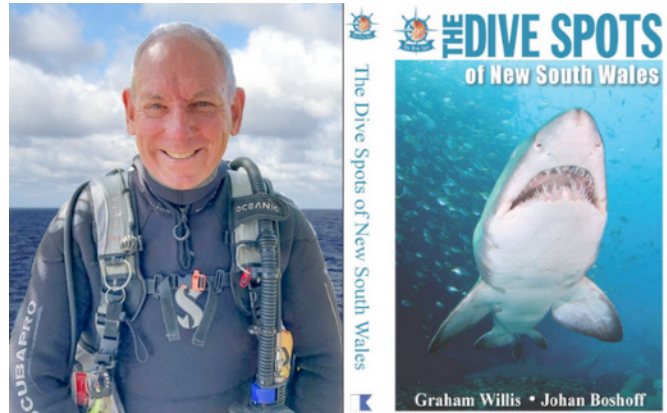
Seven RUC divers dived at Shelley beach, with two other people and Benny the dog as dive support. The first group went in about 8am, the second group about 9am. The first group went along the rocks on the RHS before turning back then heading across the seagrass beds to the boat ramp, a total dive time of 55 minutes. The day and water was warm, with visibility up to 10m. We observed Wobbegongs, Coffin ray (Numb ray), flatheads, Spangled rays, Fidler Rays, school fish. There was even a Dusky whaler off in the distance.

*Michael.P.*

## February 20, 2025 - Graham Willis Presentation

February 20th, RUC had the honor of having Graham Willis, a keen diver and instructor from [Frog Dive Sydney](#) as guest speaker at the club's monthly meeting at the [West Ryde Hotel](#). Graham discussed his book; Dive Spots of NSW and the challenges he faced during Covid to get it published. He also discussed underwater photography and video, including the cameras and equipment he uses as well as sharing a number of tips to improve everyone's photos under the sea.

These tips will prove useful to those RUC divers planning to enter their photos in this year's club underwater photo competition. Thanks again Graham for taking the time to speak to the club!



## February 22, 2025 - Club Boat Dive, Quarantine Bay, 20 meter.

Divers: Ken, Annemarie, Bruce. Skipper: Wayne

A superb dive! Once the anchor was dropped near the reef, the team went down via the anchor and quickly found the massive reef filled with sponges and colours as far as the eyes could see. It was very dark at this depth so the torch was critical but we could still see each other from a 4 meter distance ( but not more!). We kept an easy course at the same depth of 18 meters and then turned around at 'tank half way' point. Ken dutifully carried the reel and started reeling it in again (pretty awesome as would have been hard to find the boat in the darkness otherwise ). At the end I ended up with the reel and realized what an amazing job Ken did because i struggled! Reeling ourselves back to the anchorline my hands got sore from the turning, and finally Bruce finishes the job for me (thanks!!!). Hanging at the anchorline at 18 meter I suddenly felt cold and couldn't see the boat, just the line going up to the dark and had a moment of having to focus on my breathing before going up. From there, the sun slowly showed itself and the dark shape of the boat became visible. All relaxed at the 5 meter line we paused and got to say goodbye to the gorgeous warm water at 22 degrees for the entire dive. Coming up was a breeze with the great ladder and holds, and we are thankful for the great care of our skipper Wayne.

After our dive we motored to a sunny sheltered spot for muffins and coffee. What a treat! After feeling the cold down below I devoured the muffin in seconds and our bodies got warm again in the sun. Nothing better than seeing the beautiful harbour shine from a little boat. When it was time to get back it was seeing goodbye to an amazing morning with stunning underwater life. Lessons learned for me: check weights before you roll back. Check weights again when you are waiting for others to come. Don't check weights when you want to go down ! thankful I could get back in the boat quickly, get the weights and roll



back again. That rolling backwards is so much fun I just had to do it twice! Thanks everyone on board for an amazing morning and hope you will have me again on board soon! *Annemarie*

**March 2, 2025 - Volunteering Event - Clean Up Australia, Balmoral Beach**

**Wayne, Mark, Adriana, Chris**

It was a beautiful day at Balmoral beach for RUC's [Clean Up Australia](#) Day! A big thank you to Mark, Adriana and Chris for helping out at the event. Also, it was great to meet members of the [Underwater Research Group of NSW](#), Pablo and Jens. URG has regular underwater clean ups which is a great effort! Both Clubs agreed to dive together on future clean ups and social dives. Also, both Clubs are more than welcome to attend each other's monthly meetings to help build our dive community. Finally, a Big Thank You goes to the general public who came out on the day and volunteered to clean up Balmoral Beach. We couldn't have done it without you! *Wayne*



**March 8, 2025 - Shore Dive - International Women's Day, Little Manly beach**

**Divers: Annemarie, Herb, Richard. Snorkeling: Dave. Support: Nathalie, Crystal, Ken**

To celebrate International Women's Day and to recognise the contribution made to our dive club by our female members, RUC conducted a morning dive at Little Manly Cove Saturday, March 8th. The weather turned out better than expected considering Cyclone Alfred was battering our neighbors further north and those who turned up for the event had a great dive and coffee at [Ripples Little Manly](#) located right on the beach. Thanks goes to Natalie, RUC's social officer for organising the dive and special thanks goes to Annemarie and her two buddies Herb and Richard for plunging into the water. Not only did the divers take some great photos and videos but they also discovered some old bottles and removed fishing tackle and line from the dive site. Well done! *Nathalie*

**March 16, 2025 - Club Boat Dive - Old Man's Hat, 20 meter**

**Divers: Annemarie, Crystal, Michael, Ken, Matt. Skipper: Wayne**

Sunday, March 16, five RUC divers and a Skipper took the Club's boat out to Old Man's Hat on North Head and had a wonderful morning dive. The water was calm and visibility was really good at depth. We found plenty of wobbegongs and blue groupers and wee mesmerised by the many schools of fish darting around us in all kinds of shapes. Another amazing dive with great coffee and hot cross buns apres dive. *Annemarie*

## Dive and Social Calendar

### WET CALENDAR – March 2025

DATE	Dive/Event	Dive/Event Activity Leader	Dive Site/Depth	Notes
Sun 2	Clean up Australia Day	Wayne Pielak	Balmoral Beach	Wayne, Mark, Adriana, Chris. From URG; Jens & Pablo plus members of the public
Thu 6	Ocean Film Festival	Natalie McCallum	Hayden Orpheum – Cremorne 7-10 pm	Dinner at Minsky's Hotel before show. 15 members attended!
Sat 8	International Woman's Day	TBA	Little Manly Cove /5m	SD: Annemarie, Herb & Richard: Dive Support: Natalie, Ken, Krystal & Dave
Wed 12	Twilight Dive	DAL TBA	Clifton Gardens /6m	No diving
Sat 15/Sun 16	ADEX – OZTEK Conference		Exhibition Centre Sydney	Alex, Annemarie and Wayne attended (anyone else?)
Sun 16	Club Boat Dive	Ken Jackson	Old Man's Hat/ 21m	BD: Ken, Krystal, Annemarie, Michael, Matt & Skipper Wayne
Thu 20	Club General Meeting	President	West Ryde Hotel	
Sat 22/Sun 23	Sydney Shore Dive Club Boat Dive	Michael Persson Boat Tower	Camp Cove/ 9m Waterfall / 20m	
Sat 29	Ferry Pub Crawl	Natalie McCallum	Sydney Harbour /The Rocks	
Sun 30	Sydney Shore Dive Club Boat Dive	Diego Molla Boat Tower	Bare Island /12m Woody's Reef/ 20m	

### WET CALENDAR – April 2025

DATE	Dive/Event	Dive/Event Activity Leader	Dive Site/Depth	Notes
Sat 5/Sun 6	Sydney Shore Dive Club Boat Dive	Sarah Wilks Boat Tower	Shelly Beach / 10m Blue Fish Point / 16m	
Wed 9	Executive Meeting	President	Via Zoom	
Sat 12/Sun 13	Sydney Shore Dive Club Boat Dive	Ross Di Bartolo Boat Tower	Gordons Bay / 12m The Colours / 24m	
Thu 17	Club General Meeting	President	West Ryde Hotel	
Fri 18 - Mon 21	Easter Weekend	Natalie McCallum	TBA	
Fri 25 – Sun 27	Anzac Weekend	Bruce Spry Boat Tower	Fairright/ 9m Sues Spot /20m	



## WET CALENDAR – May 2025

DATE	Dive/Event	Dive/Event Activity Leader	Dive Site/Depth	Notes
Thu 1 - 14	Wolli & Queensland Trip	Natalie and Herb	Solitary Islands and Rainbow beach	
Wed 7	Twilight Dive	DAL TBA	Camp Cove /9m	
Sat 10	Ruc Photo Comp	Committee		Last day to take photos to enter into Photo Comp
Sat 10/Sun 11	Sydney Shore Dive Club Boat Dive	DAL TBA Boat Tower	Bare Island /10m Royal Shepard / 28m	
Thu 15	Club General Meeting	President	West Ryde Hotel	
Sat 17	Working Bee	Wayne Pielak	Ken's home	
Sun 18	Club Boat Dive	Wayne Pielak	The Centurion / 16m	
Sat 17	RUC Photo Comp	Committee		Entries Closed
Sun 18	RUC Photo Comp	Committee		Voting Opens to Members
Sat 17/Sun 18	Sydney Shore Dive Club Boat Dive	Wayne Pielak Boat Tower	Fairy Bower/ 5m Bombs North/ 20m	
Sat 24	RUC Anniversary Dinner	Natalie McCallum	Mooney Mooney Club	
Sat 24/Sun 25	Sydney Shore Dive Club Boat Dive	Robert Pearce Boat Tower	North Bondi /15m The Gap / 24m	
Sat 31	RUC Photo Comp	Committee		Voting Closes
Sat 31/Sun 1	Sydney Shore Dive Club Boat Dive	Brett Houlton Boat Tower	Clifton Gardens / 5m Old Man's Hat/ 21m	

## WET CALENDAR – June 2025

DATE	Dive/Event	Dive/Event Activity Leader	Dive Site/Depth	Notes
Sat 7–Mon 9	Nelson Bay Trip	Natalie McCallum	Boat and Shore dives	
Sun 8	RUC Photo Comp	Committee		Photo winner Announced
Sat 14/Sun 15	Sydney Shore Dive Club Boat Dive	Ken Jackson Boat Tower	Little Manly Cove / 5m Woody's Reef/ 20m	
Tue 17	Executive Meeting	President	Via Zoom	
Thu 19	Club General Meeting	President	West Ryde Hotel	
Sat 21/Sun 22	Sydney Shore Dive Club Boat Dive	Michael Persson Boat Tower	Gordons Bay / 12m The Colours / 24m	
Sat 28/Sun 29	Sydney Shore Dive Club Boat Dive	Diego Molla Boat Tower	Shelly Beach/ 10 Mami Reef/ 20m	

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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](mailto:committee@RUC.groups.io)) and they will post to Facebook on your behalf.

**Surface Interval Article**

Send the article to [editor@ruc.org.au](mailto: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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## Membership

### **RYDE UNDERWATER CLUB MEMBERSHIP FEES for 2023-2024:**

**Single \$110    Family Concession \$190    Social \$40**

*Membership renewals are due 30<sup>th</sup> 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.**

## Emergency & Information

### EMERGENCY & INFORMATION PHONE NUMBERS

Diving Emergency Service (DES) within Australia	1800 088 200
Diving Emergency Service (DES) outside Australia	+61 8 8373 5312
Prince of Wales Hospital, Randwick	(02) 9382 3575
Westpac Rescue Service	(02) 9311 3499
Coast Guard Sydney	(02) 9337 5033
Coast Guard Sydney Boating Weather	(02) 9337 5455
Coast Guard Sydney Boating Weather at 6.50 am and at 2-hour intervals	Radio 27 MHz
Reporting suspected Illegal Fishing – DPI (Fisheries)	1800 043 536
NSW Maritime Authority - Sydney Boating Weather	131 236 (opt 3)

**IF IN DOUBT - ALWAYS RING 000**

BOAT LAUNCHING RAMPS	Google maps links
Bayview	<a href="#">Bayview</a>
Tunks Park	<a href="#">Tunks Park</a>
Kyeemagh	<a href="#">Kyeemagh</a>
Gunnamatta Bay	<a href="#">Gunnamatta Bay</a>

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