



Underwater Explorers Club of WA AGM June 15th 2022

Western Australia's most active scuba diving club

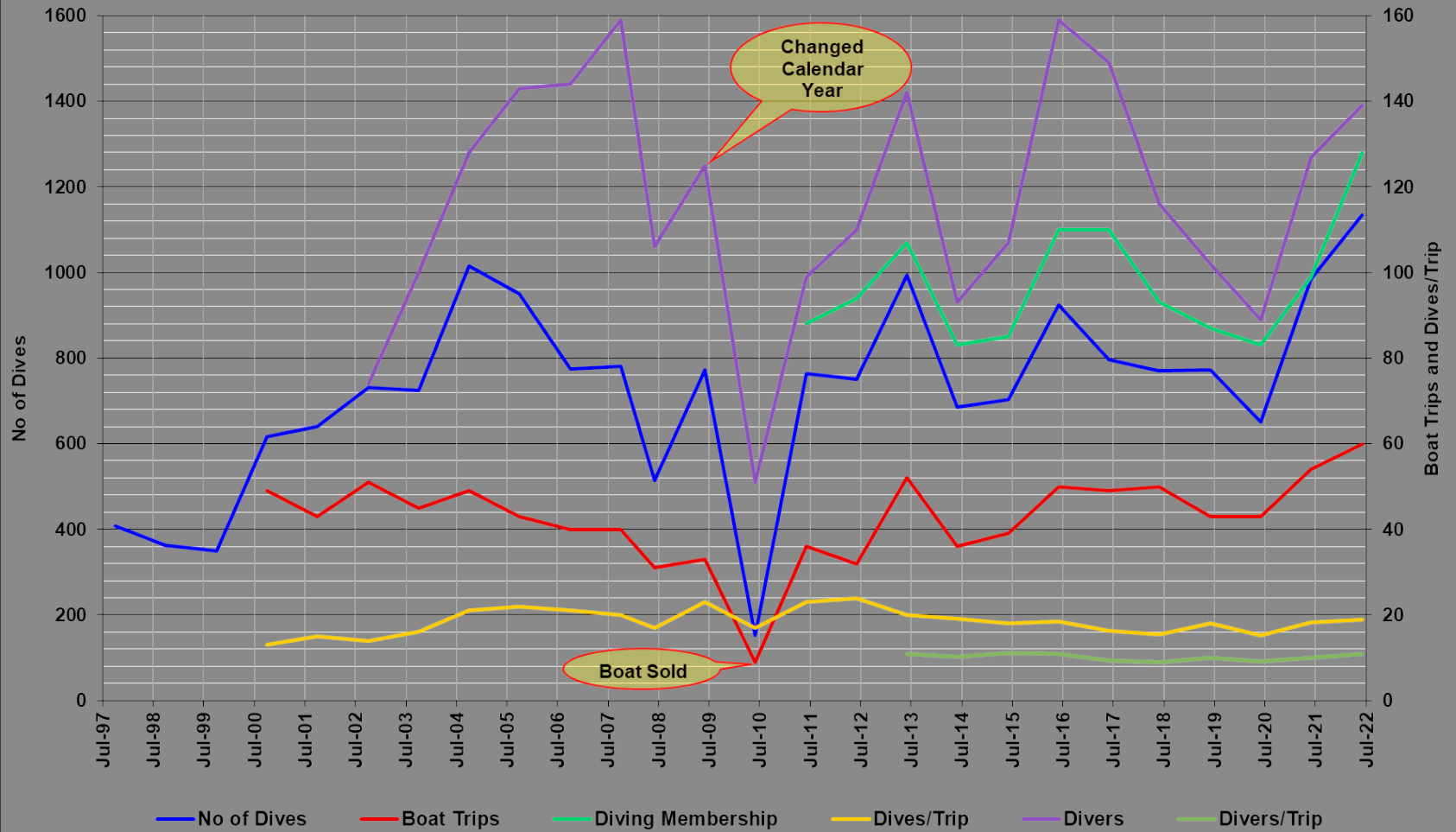


Presidents Report -Mike Buchanan

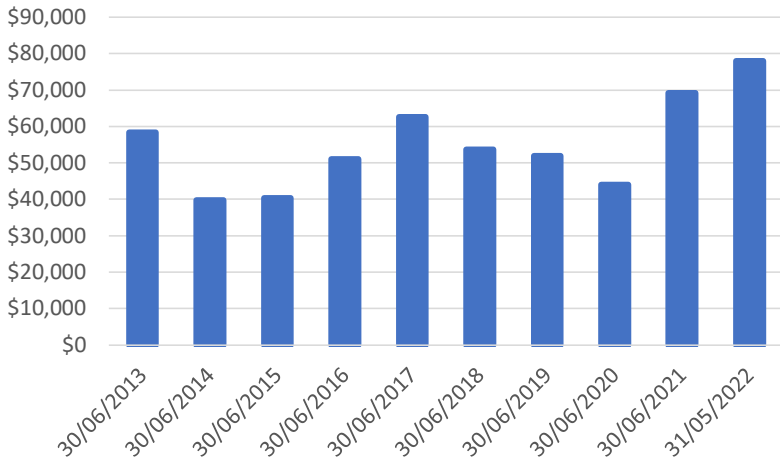


- A record year for lots of reasons (since recent records began c2011)
 - Memberships at all time high of 152 (YTD 31st May)
 - Record number of boat trips in a year at 60 (YTD 6th June)
 - Record number of boat dives in a year at 1135 (YTD 6th June)
 - Record operating surplus at \$39,416 driven by higher memberships and boat dives (YTD 31st May)
 - Highest number of Skipper and Dive Officer trainees in a year
 - Highest number of club trips, both state and overseas
- Professional boat maintenance plan now in place ensuring we protect our main asset and income source
- No safety incidents of note to report
- A big thanks to all our committee and crew for making all this possible

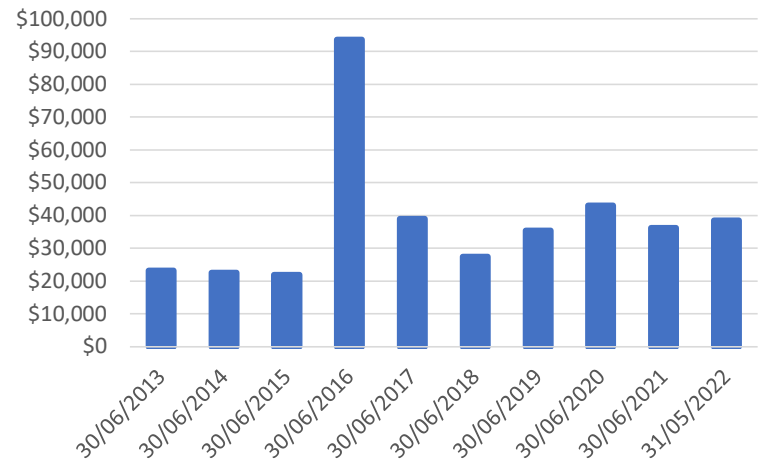
UEC Diving Statistics



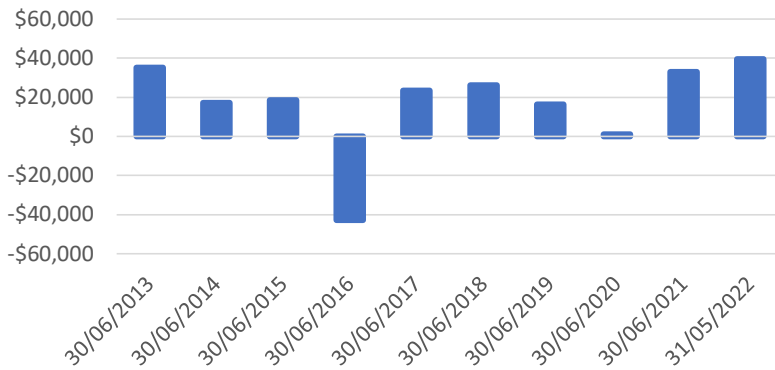
Total Income



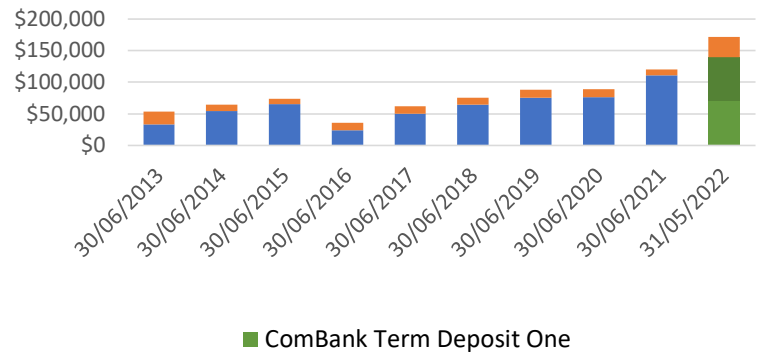
Total Expense (less depreciation)



Operating Surplus

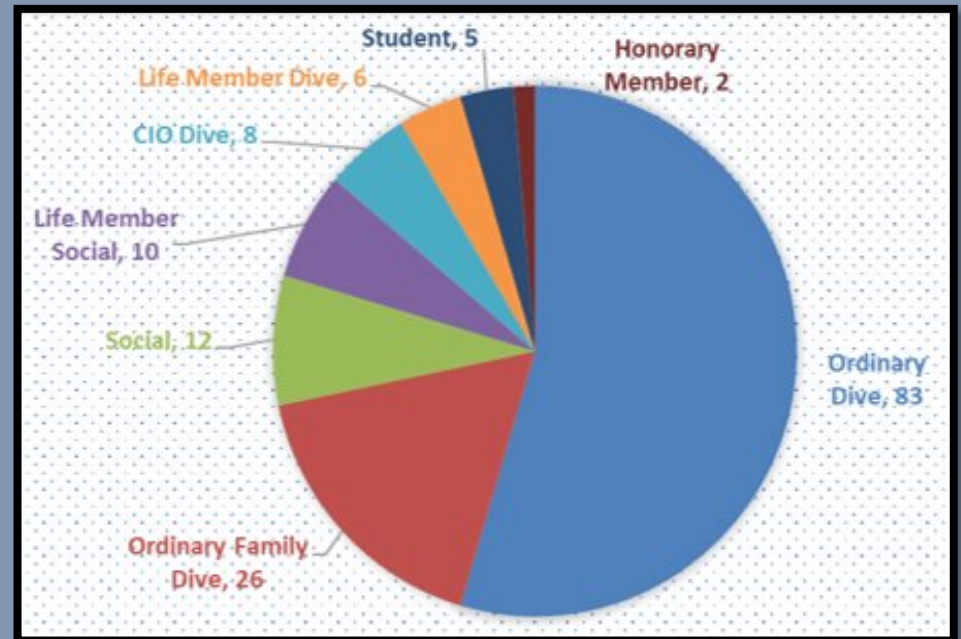
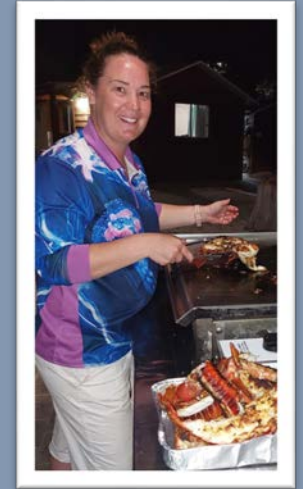


Bank Account Deposits



Membership Report—Alice Henderson

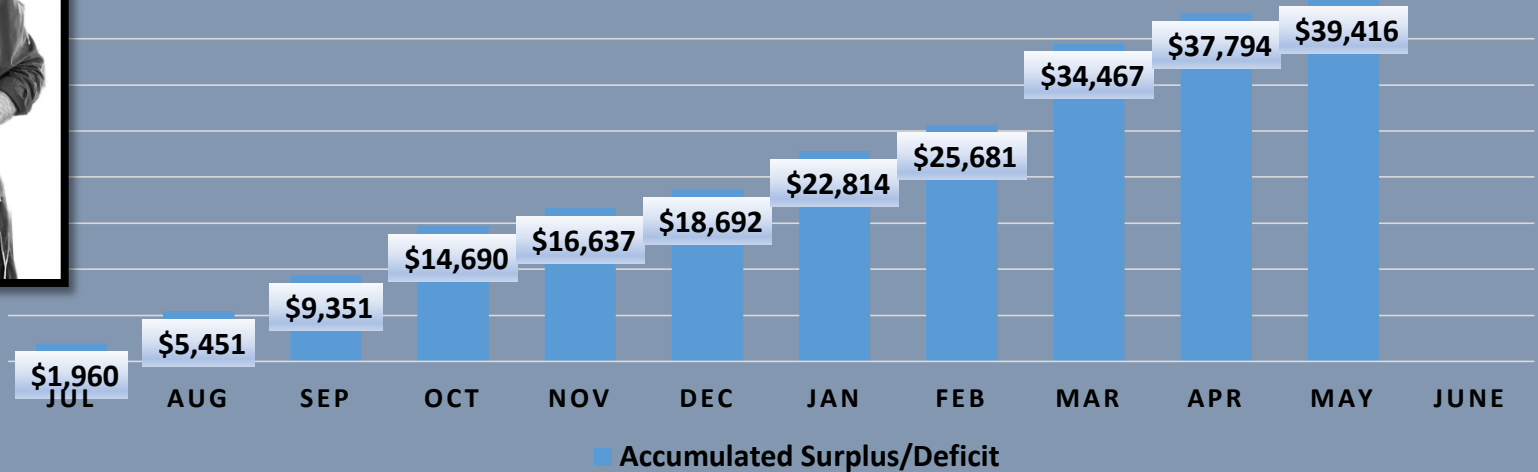
- This year, we have reached a record Membership level with 152 active members. This surpasses our previous record of 129 set in FY16-17.
- We have experienced the highest number of Enquiries, the highest number of Nomination Dives, and the highest number of New Members on record
- We have also had the lowest number in 10 years of Members not renewing
- The diversity of our Members is increasing, with 30% Female
- **Thank you all for your support, what a fantastic Club to be a part of.**



Treasurer's Report – Jean Francois Leuenberger



ACCUMULATED SURPLUS/DEFICIT



Amazing year for UEC, a constant monthly surplus reaching close to \$40,000.00 at the end of May, a record number of membership and a full boat nearly every week end.

The Club has also organised a wonderful number of dive trips and events this year E.G; The Lena, HMAS Perth, the Blade, Augusta, Coco's Islands, Rottnest pilgrimage and recently The Abrolhos all contributed to this record surplus. And our contribution to the Rottnest Swim in February.

These funds give us with the opportunity to spend around \$20K in June to service and maintain the boat while keeping the membership and dive cost down for 2022-2023.

Thank you to the hard working committee, to the skippers and Diving Officers for making the diving possible each week. Thank you all for your support, you are part of a fantastic Club.

Boat Officer Chris McCoppin

- This (fin) year:
- 77 trips
- 238 engine hours
- 8682L of diesel
- Two days missed diving due to faults or repairs
- Spent around \$30k on maintenance
- Huge thanks to the boat committee -Liz, Sue and everyone else that helps keep us running



Training – Tristan Stanley-Carey

- Club Open day / rusty diver day at Robb's Jetty in mid December was a success
- With a few of our dive officers stepping into skipper positions, DO recruitment was a major focus this year
 - Two new DOs – Dave K and Alice
 - Three current DOs in training – Gill, Liz and Laura – best of luck!
- Big thank you to all committee members and dive crew! Unfortunately - due to work & life commitments - I won't be continuing in role as training officer. Happy to assist with a new training committee member for a smooth transition!



Dive Co-ordinator Donna Gratton

- The boat and bookings have been very busy this year
- Not only is the boat booked out and waitlisted every week, the dive trips have also been filling fast
- Thanks to everyone who has had a part in keeping these trips ticking over, the committee, the crew and most importantly the club members, your enthusiastic support of these trips makes it all worthwhile!



SO... WHAT HAVE WE BEEN UP TO THIS PAST YEAR?

- Along with the weekly dives we have offered the following trips throughout 2021 and 2022 all were fully booked



Cocos Islands – July 2021 (two trips)

- We offered two trips almost back-to-back and both were booked out in hours of being advertised
- It was a wonderful experience for all
- With only one dive provider the number of divers on the whole island were kept small



HMAS Perth Albany – November 2021

- A group of 20 divers headed down for the weekend and were blessed with great conditions



Augusta Annual Trip - November 2021

- The usual crowd with a few newbies headed to Augusta
- With a strong focus on hunting (crays and abalone) and were not disappointed, with great conditions and a very healthy haul



The FV Lena January + March 2022

- Throughout Jan, Feb and Mar there were three trips to the Lena which all sold out
- We weren't to know it at the time, but it was going to be our last season diving with Kim Royce, who has been synonymous with the Lena for many years and was a club member back in the late 1960s



The Blade Coral Reef – April 2022

- A group of 10 divers headed to the Blades off Bunbury for some deep diving and a change from the usual scenery.
- We dived with Octopus Garden and Kim Royce just before he headed to Tasmania.

The Abrolhos Islands – May 2022

- Another fantastically successful trip was had by thirteen divers
- Catching a plethora of crayfish and seeing some lovely coral reef from the Aussie Warrior, our club dive provider of choice at the Abrolhos.

Coming up!

Christmas Islands in July 2022

- Thanks again everyone for your support of the UEC and my role as Dive Coordinator.



ENVIRONMENT - SUE HASTE

What another year gone!

- We can be proud to say we managed to do three Underwater Clean Ups 😊
- We were involved in the **Annual Seeds for Snapper** and UEC contributed to the discussions and planning for the new Ammo Jetty.
- **Cash for Cans** has been supported by our members and has provided a small income, some of which we purchased the latest fish identification book - **The Rottnest Island Fish Book**
- Authors Glen Whisson and Alexandra Hoschke used some photos that had been taken by UEC members
- I have represented the club for the information nights on the **Blue Mussel Reef Project** in the Swan River, more to come in the new year!





Luca's Legacy

- We took part in Lucas Legacy
- not without its challenges due to the **Mandurah** tide
- Careful planning with well experienced divers in the poor viz, with a dingy in the middle of the channel fishing jetty!
- A second site close to town (with current and minimal viz), was achieved with the support of Murdoch University Divers
- Good amount of rubbish removed
- Big thanks to all those involved!



Adopt a Spot Port Coogee Marina

- Our other cleanup was the **Port Coogee Marina!**
- again another great effort considering the poor viz for the divers



- Last July we had a group of UEC divers that did a beach clean at **Cocos Island** and those coming to **Christmas Island** in July will be involved in underwater cleanup and beach clean!



- It goes without saying whenever we are under **Ammo Jetty** Liz and I have always come back with heaps including chairs, fishing lines and even a computer!



SOCIAL & FUNDRAISING

LIZ DAVEY

- Well that's another year of fabulous diving with UEC, and haven't we been lucky!
- Our club and Cape Cruiser have suffered little while Covid has raged throughout our community
- In fact one might refer to the club as a "Cockroach", the current term being given to those amongst us (me included) who can withstand nuclear explosion and Covid



Rottnest Club Trip 2022

- The highlight of Rotto diving 😊
- This year's event was a little different
- We were unable to secure our usual chalets in Geordie, instead 2 Cabins in Thompsons area
- But was never the less a sell-out!
- It worked well, due in part to the extra effort of crew, adding an additional hour to their working day
- The diving was great as always, even if some days were a little swelly





Christmas Gathering + Club awards 2021

- Once again a well supported even
- **Boat person** of the year award went to Jonathan Anderson
- **Club person** of the year award went to Donna Gratton

Sky Show fireworks + Dinner river cruise.

- Once again, this trip was a sell-out!
- the evening was balmy, the fireworks fabulous and the food received accolades
- On board for the first time was June, a wonderful lady of 92 years of age, mother of one of the passengers who said she had the best night ever
- Grateful thanks to skipper John DB and Deckie Tom Bassette, who made the trip possible





Club Clothing

- I am about to close the clothing order, so please, if you want some warm club clothing, see me tonight!
- We have hoodies, beanies, caps hats, polo shirts and Shell Jackets on offer



Entertainment App

- The Entertainment app (this is the second year without books) despite Covid, remains strong!
- Check out the App on the weekly newsletter to see some of their fabulous current deals



Well, that's all from me folks, thanks for supporting your club, and hopefully I will see you aboard Cape Cruiser soon!

Liz Davey - Social and fundraising

Public Relations – Sandra O’Hara

- Thanks all for your support over the last nearly 12 months since I have taken on this role
- Have worked to raise the public profile of the club

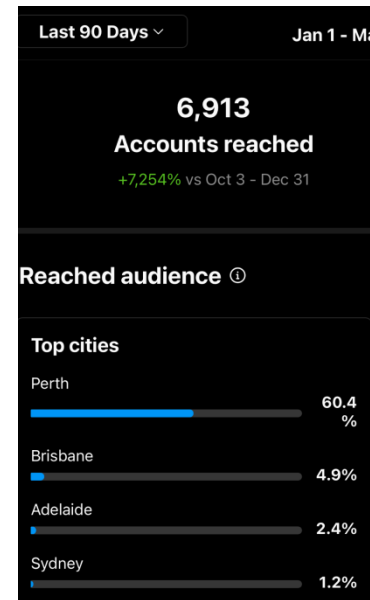
Highlights

- Being offered a segment on community radio - Mike Buchanan talking about club history and current events
- Assisting Gideon Haigh with his article on the Tryal shipwreck that appeared in the Australian Newspaper – first Aussie shipwreck found by some notorious past UECWA members
- Thanks to the committee and clubs members for their support!



Instagram

- Reactivated account
- Now at 159 followers and growing
- Reels most popular
- Thanks in particular to Briony and Lauren for tagging UECWA in their posts 😊



Facebook

- >1000 people on the club page
- Thanks to all for contribution of photos and videos
- Now fully public so monitoring for spam etc...any incidences or inappropriate posts please contact me on messenger if not quickly resolved



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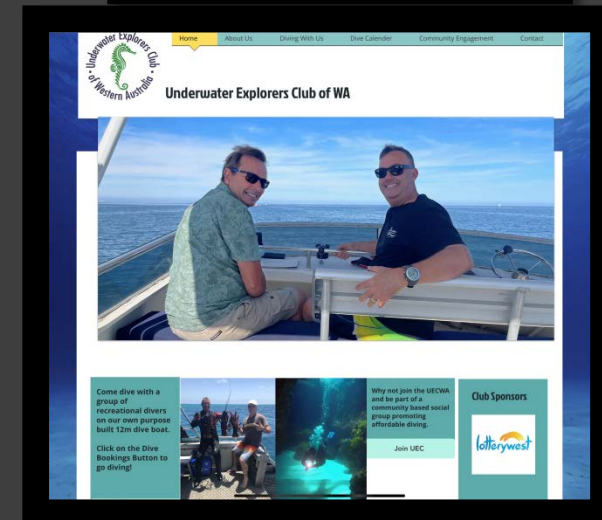
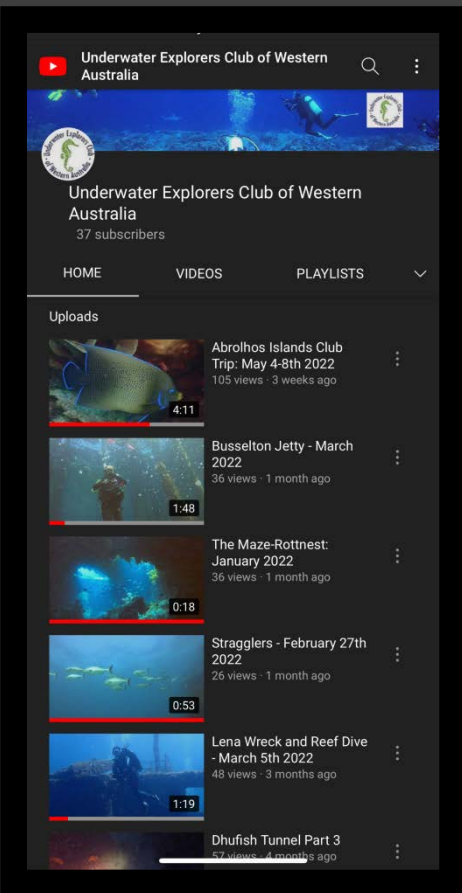
- Started club channel in 2021
- 16 videos on the channel
- Now 37 subscribers, thanks to this who have subscribed, would be good to see more!
- If anyone is happy to share their videos of club dives / trips to the club YouTube channel please let me know

Website <https://www.uecwa.com.au/>

- Improved usability
- Updated all photos to better represent the club members and dive sites
- Updated information to current and added community service events

Planning on adding

- Historical Club information / photos
- Current events / trips



Thanks also to...



**Vice President
John De Boer**



**Secretary
Michele Hardesty-
Munday**



**Newsletter
Thomas Bassett**

Underwater Explorers Club of WA

Nominations for Management Committee 2022 to 2023



POSITION	NOMINEE	NOMINATED BY	SECONDED	ACCEPTED
President	John De Boer	Liz Davey	Chris McCoppin	Yes
Vice President	Mike Buchanan	Chris McCoppin	Liz Davey	Yes
Treasurer	Jean Francois Leuenberger	Liz Davey	Chris McCoppin	Yes
Secretary	Michele Hardesty-Munday	Liz Davey	Sue Haste	Yes
Public Relations	Sandra O'Hara	Liz Davey	Sue Haste	Yes
Membership	Alice Henderson	Michele Hardesty-Munday	Sue Haste	Yes
Dive Bookings	Donna Gratton	Liz Davey	Sue Haste	Yes
Environment	Sue Haste	John De Boer	Chris McCoppin	Yes
Social/Fundraising	Liz Davey	Chris McCoppin	Jean Francois Leuenberger	Yes
Boat	Chris McCoppin	John De Boer	Liz Davey	Yes
Training				
Safety				

Life Membership Award - Carl Anders

- Carl Anders joined the Club in 1984 and is our longest surviving active Member
- He has supported the club over these years unwaveringly
- Over the years he has done the Boat work, dived with us, attended and supported social event. All the while soaking up local knowledge of dive sites, weather conditions and he has a clear great feel for exactly where he is when out on the ocean, maybe it's his country farming outdoor upbringing!
- Earlier in his time with us as a diver, Carl always caught crayfish and was always generous to a fault with sharing them
- Carl is always enthusiastic and passionate about the Club. He is unflappable when things get tough, and a great Skipper, who always jumps in if he is needed, without a moments hesitation (special thanks from Donna the DC here 😊).
- He has a natural instinct for boat handling. It is a sad truth that all excellent boat handlers do not always make good skippers for the club. However, the reverse is very true, in that all good skippers are also good boat handlers, that's Carl.
- Carl has brought a massive amount of local knowledge to his skippership, of dive sites, reefs, shallows and most important, sea and wind conditions which enable him to know when and where to divert to in otherwise undiveable situations.
- Carl certainly deserves life membership with UEC and we welcome him into this rank of special people, very much valued in our club.
- **Congratulations Carl!**

