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**4th January 2017**



### **This Week**

#### **Saturday 7 January – Tec Diving Day**

Our Teccies will be exploring the depths again this week, and there are still a few spaces left on this trip.

Please note you need the relevant qualifications/certifications in order to undertake decompression diving from the UEC boat.

#### **Sunday 8 January – Carl the Cray Whisperer's Secret Spot**

Carl hasn't had much luck with the weather on his cray hunting days this season and is champing at the bit to turn this around. One space has become available for this trip, so get in quick if you're thinking of coming along.

As always bookings for UEC dives can be made via the [UEC website booking page](#).

### **Next week's diving**

Saturday's trip will head to Flat Top and Cathedral Rocks which are two club favourites. On Sunday it's the always popular Nurse's Quarters and Salmon Bay for another day of diving shenanigans.

There are spaces left on both trips, so best to get booking if you're thinking of coming along on the [UEC website](#)

### **Last weeks diving**

Finally the weather allowed for a couple for trips last weekend be



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### **Calendar and Online Bookings**

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Tec Diving Day  
Skipper - Chris  
D.O. - John

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Carl the Cray Whisperer's Secret Spot  
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it with an early start to avoid the worst of the wind.

**Friday** - yet another Strong Wind Warning threatened this double dive but Skipper Wendy was determined to get the trip going after the previous weekends trips were cancelled. The decision to leave a bit earlier made all the difference and the boat headed out to the north of Rottnest and to Easter Lumps. The water was a glass off when we arrived so everyone was quickly in the water, while the divers were down the wind picked up and the boat did a few pirouettes on its anchor. Everyone returned commenting on what a nice site it was, but unfortunately they were cray-less.



Anticipating the conditions to worsen the second dive was in close to the island at Geordie Caves which everyone also enjoyed but only one cray kept and a number of others coming in just under size. The trip back was as bumpy but we were still unloaded by 2pm and as expected an hour after entering Coogee Marina the forecast strong winds whipped up with gusto.

**Sunday New Years Day single dive.** There is no report for this trip, just this photo which speaks a thousand words.



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trip (even if you only do one dive) and \$40 for a single dive trip - If you book on please turn up! The Skipper will make any call on weather on the morning of the dive. - Designated Rotto Day Trips are open to all UEC members, affiliate club's members and their guests. The boat will drop you at Thompson Bay about 10:30am and pick you up after the double dive at about 2:00pm. Cost is \$20 per person.

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## 11th January 2017

### Last Weeks Diving

Strong winds on both Saturday and Sunday put paid to any diving. The Teccies got the closest on Saturday and cancelled the dive on the jetty and went for coffee instead. Sunday's dive was cancelled the night before due to forecasted strong winds around noon. Maybe we need to think about an earlier departure at 7am in summer to try to beat the Fremantle Doctor? Any thoughts?

### This week's diving

This week we have two trips heading out...

#### Saturday 14 January – Flat Top & Cathedral Rocks

Our boat is now fully booked for this trip, but with (only) a small waitlist.

#### Sunday 15 January – Nurse's Quarters & Salmon Bay

Nurse's Quarters is always a popular site, and consequently this trip has been booked out for some time – with a pretty decent waitlist to boot.

If you'd like me to add your name to the waitlist for either of these trips, please let me know at [divebookings@uecwa.com.au](mailto:divebookings@uecwa.com.au)

### Next week's diving

Next week the boat heads out on Saturday (21<sup>st</sup> Jan) to Swirl Reef and Martin's Arch's.

There are still a couple of spaces left on this trip, so if you're thinking of coming along – best to get booking at <http://www.uecwa.com.au/#!simpl-e-schedule/co99>

And just a **heads up**: our Australia Day Single Dive has seen a rush of bookings over the last few days. If you are thinking of coming along to this – best to book on ASAP.

### Dive Travel

We have an exciting year of dive travel planned (WOO!) Currently, our list of proposed destinations includes:



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- Lena Day Trip – February
- Albany long weekend – March
- Bremer Bay Easter Trip – April
- Great Barrier Reef & optional Yongala add-on - July
- Komodo – September

Other options we are still working on include an Exmouth Road Trip, Bali, Abrolhos and our usual trips to Augusta and Bunbury/Busselton.

So time to start thinking about where you'd like to travel this year!

We'll provide details (including indicative costs) over the next couple of weeks... watch this space J

### **Solo Diver Course – Expressions of Interest**

Seeking expressions of interest – does anyone want to complete their Solo Divers ticket?

We are looking to complete this as a group, so if you want in please let me know by Friday 20 January at [divebookings@uecwa.com.au](mailto:divebookings@uecwa.com.au)

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### **New member nominations**

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Lee Atwood

Please join me in welcoming them to the club. If you have any queries please contact me at [membership@uecwa.com.au](mailto:membership@uecwa.com.au).

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## 18th January 2017

### General Meeting Guest Speaker – TONIGHT 7pm Murdoch University (map in side bar)!

Maarten De Brauwer is a marine biologist at Curtin University. His main interests are rarity and extinction risk in marine fishes. His current research investigates the ecology and socio-economic value of critters important to muck dive tourism. He also is a dive instructor who has worked and trained divers all across Southeast Asia.

His talk will explore the bright and dark sides of muck diving. Find out how muck diving can create sustainable livelihoods in developing countries, but also how we might be loving our critters to death.

### Dive Start Time, Cancellations and Courtesy to the Crew

As we all know the weather forecast and in particular the timing and magnitude of the seabreeze determines if a dive goes ahead or not. In order to try to capitalise on the calmer period in the morning the Skippers will now be able to elect move the dive start time forward by upto an hour if they wish with of course suitable warning to all the divers booked on.

Also a reminder to all who book on that if you are not going to be able to make the dive then please cancel as early as possible to allow other people to use the place. We have had a number of last minute cancellations that have resulted in people missing out on a place on the boat and lost revenue for the club.

Finally a reminder that your crew are volunteers and do it for the love of the club (and a few free dives). Please treat them with courtesy, respect their decisions, and try to help or at least stay out of their way when they are doing their jobs.

### Last Weeks Diving

A busy weekend with two double dives....

### Saturday 14th January

Kerry's Caverns and Flat Top



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Seas were calm and winds light but there was a rolling swell coming through. We went to Flattop initially, until we realised that the boat near us was spearfishing so pulled the pick and went over to Kerry's Caverns.

All divers reported a great site with 15 to 20m vis and excellent country. Crays are still a bit thin on the ground and small or up the duff, so a few prawns came back but only a couple of size.

Second dive was back at Flattop. James decided that going diving without his fins was an effective weight saving technique but not too effective in moving him anywhere. That course of action was abandoned in favour of using fins.

The change paid off when he hand caught a big Cray and, given that he had no catch bag, swam 100m back to the boat to drop it off and have a chat while Hugh was asking any DO's out duck riding, that he saw, if his errant dive buddy was coming back.

A couple more size Crays made their way back to the BBQ queue and again, all had a good, if cold and surgy, dive.

Then back to Coogee, taking the short way.

Cheers,  
Adrian

### **Sunday 15th January**

#### Nurse's Quarters & The Stables

Last Sunday saw 13 divers plus two Trainee DO's head out to find sharks at Nurse's Quarters. The forecast had indicated the wind would be around 16kn for our departure, but we were pleasantly surprised to find it well under this as we motored out of Coogee.

By the time we got to Nurse's Quarters the wind had picked up, but not so much that we couldn't pay our shark friends a visit – so into the water our divers went... 35min later the first grinning face came back on to the boat. There were 10 female sharks in residence – varying in size from the small to the very large. Reports were that the visibility was a bit average and the current between 1-6m (depth) was a significant – but the sharks more than made up for it.

Sadly –Walter the Gnome still couldn't be found in Malcolm's "wormhole"

By the time the last of our divers were up, the conditions had picked up and it was a rocky boat, so we ducked into Fish Hook Bay for some lunch and a discussion about where to next... it was decided we would head around to Horseshoe Reef (on the north side of the island), so we would be protected from the swell and wind coming in

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from the SSW.

We decided on a site we haven't dived in a long time – The Stables. I'm pleased we did, as the divers (again) surfaced with big grins, reporting beautiful country to explore – including some big caves and swim-throughs. Plus, the visibility was somewhat better than the other side, and no current to mention. Can't say we cleaned up on the crays – but there were a few brought back on board (Malcolm continuing his streak - bringing up 5).

Then it was time to motor home... and a slow trip it was too, as the conditions had picked up. There were a few green faces and a few fish fed on the ride home, and unfortunately a fall (injury) thanks to a large swell that hit the starboard unexpectedly – so Skipper Steve made an excellent call to head straight back to Coogee to drop the divers off, before the crew headed back to Freo to refuel (a very big day by the time the boat was cleaned and put to bed that evening!)

A big thank you to Skipper Steve and our Trainee DO's Hugh and Dylan – as well as all our wonderful divers – for an adventurous day out on the boat! J

### **This week's diving**

This week we are heading out on Saturday to Swirl Reef & Martin's Arches.

We only have a couple of spots remaining on this trip, so best get booking via the website (<http://www.uecwa.com.au/#!simpl-e-schedule/co99>) if you'd like to come along.

### **Next week's diving**

Next week we have lots of diving on offer (WOO!!!)

#### Wednesday 25 January – Monthly (Shore) Night Dive

Next Wednesday it's time for our monthly night dive – meeting at Bicton Baths by 7pm...

Members and non-Members all welcome – but please let me know if you're coming (for catering purposes) at [divebookings@uecwa.com.au](mailto:divebookings@uecwa.com.au)

#### Thursday 26 January – Australia Day Single Dive

We will be heading out for a single dive on Australia Day morning – most likely to Hugel's Passage.

We only have one space left on this trip – first in, best dressed!

#### Friday 27 January – Single (Boat) Night Dive

This dive will most likely head to Robbs Jetty – so we can all avoid climbing the "dune of death" to enjoy what is a fantastic dive site!

There are still spaces left on this trip, and bookings can be made (as usual) through the website.

#### Sunday 29 January – Anders Meanders & Pocillapora Reef + Passenger Drop-off

We are offering a passenger drop to Thompson's Bay this trip for anyone who would like to spend some time on the island while the divers go blow bubbles... This would mean our passengers would be dropped off at approximately 9.30pm and pick up again after our day of diving (at approximately 2pm). If you would like to take up this offer, please don't book a spot on the website – but rather e-mail me at [divebookings@uecwa.com.au](mailto:divebookings@uecwa.com.au) and I'll send you the details.

For our divers – there are still a few spots left on this trip, and bookings are best made through the website (<http://www.uecwa.com.au/simpl-e-schedule>)

### **Dive Travel – Local**

We now have some exciting travel opportunities coming up in the first half of 2017!

If you are interested in any of these trips, please contact me at [divebookings@uecwa.com.au](mailto:divebookings@uecwa.com.au) to secure your spot...

#### Sunday 12 February – Lena (Bunbury) Day Trip

We will be heading down (for the day) to dive the Lena and surrounding reef again with our good mate Kim at Octopus Garden Dive Charters.

Cost is \$ 100 per person for 2 ½ dives, with 11 spots available.

#### March Long Weekend (3-6<sup>th</sup>) – Albany

We will head down Friday afternoon/evening, complete Double Boat Dives on both Saturday and Sunday (including the HMAS Perth, as well as some of the other fantastic sites on offer around Albany), and then an optional shore dive or tnoon Monday – before heading home.

Cost is \$ 635 per diver, which covers 3 night's accommodation and both double boat dives (4 dives total).

Our non-divers are certainly welcome at a reduced cost.

There are only 6 spots available on this trip and we need to know your interest ASAP on this one – to finalise the booking.

#### Easter – Bremer Bay

To those who registered their interest in this – a big thank you for waiting so patiently for the details! You will receive an e-mail on Thursday with all the info you need.

If you are interested in this trip but haven't let me know yet – best drop me an e-mail ASAP at [divebookings@uecwa.com.au](mailto:divebookings@uecwa.com.au).

### **Dive Travel – Further Afield**

We are also offering two trips further afield this year:

Great Barrier Reef (& optional Yongala add-on) – July 2017

If you've ever wanted to dive with Minke Whales, or on the Outer Ribbon Reefs – your chance is coming! More details in next week's newsletter..

Komodo – September 2017

This is another site that is very high on many of our Member's bucket lists. Again – more details in next week's newsletter..

**Solo Diver Course – last chance to register your interest**

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**Clean Our Rivers - Saturday 4th Feb 9am Bicton Baths**

The River Guardians team are reaching out for volunteers to participate in their #cleanourrivers campaign by cleaning up their favourite part of the Swan River shoreline between January 30<sup>th</sup> and February 5<sup>th</sup>. A group of members and friends will be meeting on Saturday 4th February at 9am in the Bicton Baths car park, casually strolling upriver cleaning any rubbish before returning to Bicton Baths around lunch time for a BBQ/drink.

Anyone interested is encourage to join and help make a difference to one of the most popular river dive locations. All you need to bring is some gloves and rubbish bags, as well as something for the BBQ and a drink or two (Jarrad will have his Engel in the car to keep it all cold). Before/after photos are being asked to be shared to the River Guardians Facebook or Instagram to see what a difference we have made.

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Elliot Lee

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## 25th January 2017

### Dive Tanks

The club has a number of dive tanks available for loan with a suggested donation to the club coffers of \$20/tank including the fill. If you would like to borrow one contact Mike at [membership@uecwa.com.au](mailto:membership@uecwa.com.au) or 0457 825 074

### Last Weeks Diving

For some reason we did not have a full boat last week - very surprising given a reasonably good forecast. Anyway with one last minute cancellation and one last minute booking we set out with eleven eager divers including four nominations and the girls almost outnumbering the boys. First dive spot was Swirl Reef and with a reasonably low swell it was looking like a good dive. All came back reporting a great dive with a little bit of surge, reasonable viz and cold water at 17-18 DegC.

We upped anchor and with a fairly brisk wind headed for The Arch on Roe Reef as the scheduled dive site of Martins Arches on the West End was not going to fly in the sea and swell. Roe Reef was busy with a number of other boats including The Lionfish anchored in the area but fortunately nobody was on our mark for The Arch. Again all our divers came back with reports of a great dive but only one Crayfish came to visit and he was promptly sent back to mummy.

By this time the Seabreeze had really kicked in so it was a rough ride back to Coogee with the upstairs brigade copping a soaking (I did warn them!). Thanks to nomination diver Lesley for the tasty florentines and I gather we can look forward to more of the same in future as she has since joined the club. Thanks also to Colin Nelson for staying behind to help the crew clean up the boat.

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#### Sunday 5th February



by 7.30pm.

Please let me know if you're coming along for catering purposes – at [divebookings@uecwa.com.au](mailto:divebookings@uecwa.com.au)

#### Australia Day Single Dive – TOMORROW

What a great way to kick off the Aussie Day Celebrations... We will be heading out for a single dive (most likely to Hugel's Passage), returning before lunch time. There is still one space left on this trip – first in best dressed!

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We've had an overwhelming response to the offer to drop passengers off on Rottneest on this trip – so unfortunately can't take any more bookings for our above-water enthusiasts... but (surprisingly) – there are still a few spaces left for divers on this trip! If you'd like a diving spot you can book on via the website.

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I'll be including a brochure in next week's newsletter.

#### Komodo – September 2017

This is another site that is very high on many of our Member's bucket lists.  
Again – a flyer will be included in next week's newsletter..

#### Solo Diver Course – last chance to register your interest

I know I said that last week, but we are putting together the options for this Solo course now, so if you didn't register your interest and wish you had – now is your last chance.

That's it from me – hope to see you out there soon! J

Cheerio from Mel

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booking is full payment to the club, so if you have already booked then please make your payment to the Treasurer and copy me (Liz) in to your e-mail, Thank-you.

Departing Coogee Marina **PROMPT 3pm**, picking up at **Claremont Jetty 3.45 PM prompt**, (for northerners) join us on board for this regular highlight on the UEC social calendar. Its forecast to be a HOT day, so please bring a hat, sunscreen, a cushion, water and whatever else you want to drink. I will supply all other foods.

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**New member nominations**

The following people have nominated for membership of UECWA:

Nick Harris  
Lesley Jolliffe  
Simon Mckinley

Please join me in welcoming them to the club. If you have any queries please contact me at [membership@uecwa.com.au](mailto:membership@uecwa.com.au).

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## 1st February 2017

### Last Weeks Diving

#### **Australia Day Single Dive**

With a near perfect forecast of no wind, low swell and 40 Deg C it was no surprise the boat was full. On a hot day where better to be than underwater. We set off from Coogee with 14 divers including three nominations for a quick single dive at Hugal's Passage. With tales of shipwrecks and chests of Lancier gold still waiting to be found we all jumped in for a dive. Needless to say no one found any gold but it was still a great dive. Although the Crayfish were everywhere, the few divers who took a loop only managed to snare two.

It was then a short ride back to Coogee, well fed on the way with copious Florentines and Apple pies from the head of catering, Lesley and a few beers in the beer garden upstairs to get into the spirit of Straya Day.

Mike

#### **Friday 27th January Night Dive**

Unfortunately the weather didn't allow our night dive to go ahead (such a shame, given the number of people booked on), however three of our keenest elected to go for a shore dive at the Coombe. Gino provided the following account of their night:

We (MUD'ies Bruno & Imogen, plus Gino) dived the three wrecks and swam along a line that goes in a northerly direction, I think it leads to the deep Coombe wreck. We didn't have enough air to reach it so eventually came back to the beach. Viz was good for the river with lots of crabs and flathead fish about. We enjoyed the dive. Max depth reached about 16 metres.

#### **Sunday 29th January**

The forecast was not looking good for Sunday. So much so that a few of our bookings bailed out the day before leaving us with seven divers plus another eight Rotto day trippers on the morning. Rex, our skipper, had already made the call to shoot for a 7:30 departure and with all but one of our divers onboard, and after consultation with everyone, took the decision to proceed. So we set off under a leaden sky for Thompson Bay, our first port of call. The crossing was a bit bumpy but not too bad and we dropped off our eight passengers on the jetty. After a quick discussion on where to go we opted for Roe Reef. Conditions at the site were much better than expected and everyone jumped in for the dive. All came back raving about the site and some of our more well travelled divers commented on the cave systems found that they had never seen before. Definitely one to revisit in the near future. We pulled the pick and headed for the City of York but on the way the Skipper decided to drop into Little Armstrong Bay.

The bay was beautifully sheltered from the South wind and we dropped the anchor and decided to dive it instead. A few of the divers opted to sit this one out so only four went in. With a max depth of 8m they all had plenty of time to explore and all came back extolling its virtues. Another site definitely worth revisiting more often.

We dropped in past Thompson Bay to pick up a coffee or two and our passengers and then it was homeward bound and back on the jetty by 2:30pm. Overall a very successful days diving and a great example that even with a bad forecast (and there was a strong wind warning) you can still have a good days diving if you pick the right places.

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Next week our Cray Whisperer Carl is out again, and will be taking our hunter-gatherer's out to find the motherlode. For those who don't know Carl - he can sniff out a cray from the flybridge of the boat, and catch them upside down and with both hands tied behind his back. Carl's days are always popular and the boat is already half full, so best to get booking if you want a slice of the action.

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- \* Diving and snorkelling the Coogee Maritime Trail
- \* Still walkers
- \* Live Music - Barefeet Sojourns, The Lost Quays
- \* Face Painting
- \* Monsterball Soccer
- \* Maritime and diving displays
- \* Delicious food & drink
- \* Market stalls
- \* And much, much more!

So bring your bathers, bring your dive gear, bring your families and friends - and come along for the fun!

We are also calling for volunteers to help on a stand (which we will have at the event) - promoting the UEC. If you can spare an hour or two helping, please let me know at [divebookings@uecwa.com.au](mailto:divebookings@uecwa.com.au) - we'd really appreciate it!

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A reminder to all our Crayfishing divers to be conversant with the rules (see link) regarding taking undersize (76mm) and totally protected female Crayfish. If you catch an undersized or TPF crayfish you must return it immediately and no account bring it back to the boat. You must still double check on the boat that it is sized and remember to clip the central flap on the tail.

[http://www.fish.wa.gov.au/Documents/recreational\\_fishing/licences/rec\\_licence\\_rock\\_lobster.pdf](http://www.fish.wa.gov.au/Documents/recreational_fishing/licences/rec_licence_rock_lobster.pdf)

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Twenty four people plus crew left Port Coogee for the Australia Day Sky Show cruise. The cruise up the river and pick up at the Claremont Jetty all went well. We arrived in good time and gained a great vantage point, everyone was enjoying the cool relief of the river when tragedy struck. Our sincere condolences go out to the family and friends of those who lost their life as part of this celebration. Thank you to skipper Martin, and all who attended and helped out throughout the evening.

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#### **Diving the Saxon Ranger**

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Yours truly with a narrow lead but the pack are close behind.

Place	Name	Dives
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2	Geoff Geard	15
3	Hugh Parker	13
3	James Jooste	13
5	Wendy Hutchison	12
6	Mel Turner	10
6	Briony Robinson	10
8	Ciaran Kelly	8
8	Steve Groen	8
8	Malcolm Roberts	8

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## **8th February 2017**

### **Coogee Parking**

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Another busy week-end of diving. On Saturday our intrepid Tec divers headed out in windy conditions to go explore some more deep sites. Unfortunately the exposed nature of the first chosen site, with the strong winds creating a very choppy sea, resulted in the dive being aborted. As a result they headed to the old favourite deep(ish) dive of Opera House which is slightly more sheltered being north of Rottneest. A good dive of over an hour by all before heading home in rough seas.

## Sunday 5th February

Sunday was looking pretty iffy with predicted strong wind warnings for 20kt plus, winds but the weather gods had a last minute change of heart and winds dropped to around 15, making the day eminently diveable. We headed to the north side for some wind shelter and hooked up on Angela's Caves, where conditions turned out to be excellent.

Crays were still thin on the ground and small with only Geoff bringing up a keeper, although I've seen bigger king prawns (note we did check it and it was size).

Despite that, everyone reported brilliant vis (the best in months) of up to 20m, great diving country and surge-free conditions.

We trundled over to Roe Reef for the second dive and despite an expected increase in wind, it just didn't happen and the seas remained relatively calm with less than a metre of waves and a strong breeze.

Head of catering, Lesley, along with Elise, pulled out a plethora of diabetic coma inducing goodies for the surface interval - the whole boat got fed and there were leftovers.

Back underwater and the second dive turned out to be a "F@%k yeah!" dive, according to Geoff, followed by a "That was F@%king awesome!" from the catering Queen. It was fantastic country with very long swim throughs and a huge cave with the vis continuing to be stunning.

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Mal brought up the only other keeper Cray, for the day. He caught another but let it go when he turned it over to find, in his words, "More fur than I've ever seen on a female....." Ookay then, seems he prefers the shaved or waxed variety.

Pulled the pick and had a straight run back whilst the good conditions held, to be back in the pen by 1400. A good day!

Adrian

### **This week's diving**

This week we are heading out on Saturday for another of Carl's Cray days.

In case you don't know Carl, he can sniff out a single cray from kilometres away, and catch them simply by whispering sweet nothings into their ears. In this case he will have to as Geoff is the actually the skipper of the day! As a bonus, the unofficial "Head of Catering" (Lesley) has already started baking for the day... I've put on 3kg just thinking about it (nom nom nom)

Unbelievably, there are still plenty of space left on this trip – bookings can be made via the website

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#### Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> February – Exploratory Diving Day (WOO!)

Staying true to our name, we will be out exploring new sites on the Sunday. More details in next week's newsletter but a heads-up – this trip (too) is booking out fast.

### **Dive Travel**

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Volunteers to help on the stand that we will have at the event (anywhere between 10am – 2pm)

1. Any photos from dives in the local (Cockburn) area – so we can showcase the magnificent diving we enjoy in the local area.

If you can either spare an hour or two to help – or some photos to showcase – please let me know at [divebookings@uecwa.com.au](mailto:divebookings@uecwa.com.au) – we'd really appreciate it!

### **Interstate Friends – VSAG**

Our Victorian Interstate friends (VSAG) have been enjoying some magnificent diving conditions over the past few months.

You can read all about it in the latest edition of their bi-monthly magazine "Fathoms" ([attached](#)).

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Cheerio from Mel

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### 15th February 2017

#### **Tonights General Meeting**

Unfortunately our speaker has cancelled for tonight so we will be having a bit of a social instead along with the usual club business. Start time is 7pm at Murdoch University (usual room see map link on right hand side).

#### **Rottneest Long Weekend 17-20th March**

A bed has become available for the much sought after Rottneest long weekend. Its first come first served. Contact Clive on klyfekass@gmail.com to book or more information.

#### **Coogee Parking**

We have been requested to use the carpark over the bridge (see map). Please note that if the gates are shut then the first person there is allowed to open them (they are not locked). You can still offload your gear but please do not cause a hazard on the road i.e. pull off the road.



#### **Last week's diving**

With rain clouding the days leading up to last Saturday's trip - the bookings were light on. With one last-minute cancellation, we headed out with 5 divers on board plus Trainee DO Dylan - in the capable hands of Skipper Carl. While not a sunny day - it was certainly a much flatter day than any of us had expected. After a quick ride over to Stragglers, we spent some time motoring over the area - with Carl sniffing out crays from the Skipper's chair. Once happy with what he smelled, the call was made to drop the



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anchor, and our divers went in not long afterwards.



An hour later they were back on board - with reports of great vis and some surge. There were only 7 crays brought up on this dive - 6 of which were in Chris McC's bag.

Time to pull the pick and then some more motoring - with Carl still sniffing out the Skipper's window. There was much ooh'ing and aah'ing as it became clear how well Carl knows this area - his selection of our second site (Crazy Wobby) was done purely on sniff and sight. Not happy with our first go, it was decided we would pull the anchor and re-set, so that our divers were bang on the spot... a good call, as we had drifted a bit. Then it was back into the water, with one Trainee DO enjoying the entry so much - he decided to do it twice (the first minus weightbelt, the second with said belt).



An hour later there were smiles breaking the surface, and comments of "that is the best dive I have ever done around Rottne" and "can we please come back here again?" being common. Our divers also bagged a load of

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crays - bringing the boat total to 20 (not bad for 5 divers!) Special mention goes to Dylan for bagging his first cray (made the two entries worthwhile), and to Lesley - who caught her first TWO! (Yes - that was two!)

After a quick ride home we were back, unpacked and cleaned before 2pm. A big thanks to Carl, Trainee DO Dylan and our divers for a fun day of diving!

### Bunbury Day Trip

Early Sunday morning, 11 keen souls set out for Bunbury - in the hope the weather would lift and we would have glass-off conditions for a couple of Lena dives.



Upon our arrival it was apparent the winds and gusts were slightly more than the forecast indicated they would be. With the predictions being the wind dropping as the morning went on, we delayed our departure by half an hour, but eventually the call was made to get going, as there was no relief in sight. So instead of hitting the Lena straight up, our first dive was on the local reef. The vis was stunning - a good 20m+, and as always - there was plenty to see, including cuttlefish, schools of fish, loads of scorpionfish, and the odd cray (they were good at hiding!)



Unfortunately the wind did the opposite to the forecast, and picked up as the day went on - so the decision was made to complete our second dive on a different patch of reef. Another lovely dive with stunning vis - but unfortunately cut short due to an impending squall.

So while it wasn't our luckiest day of diving ever, we still managed to enjoy some great Bunbury reef - and some wonderful company on board.

A big thanks to Kim from Octopus Garden Dive Charters,

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as well as Members Pete, Steve Z, Lesley, Dan & James, and friends of UEC Shane, Jen and Simon - for a fun day of diving shenanigans.

### **This week's diving**

This week we have two trips on offer...

#### **Saturday - Dive, Barbie & Bombies Day**

This is going to be A LOT of fun!

We will complete a single dive in the morning, followed by a Social BBQ on (and a few "bombies" off) the boat.

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#### **Sunday - Exploratory Diving Day! (WOO!)**

Skipper Wendy offered this intriguing little teaser of the day: we will be doing an exploratory dive in the north of Rottneest and another little tasty spot that I have up my sleeve, weather permitting...

Sounds exciting!

The Exploratory days are always great fun and consequently book out quickly. At the moment there are two spots left on this trip... better get booking if you were thinking of coming along! J

### **Next week's diving**

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#### **Wednesday - Monthly (Shore) Night Dive**

We're going Frogfish hunting in Mosman Park! Members and Non-Members welcome - more details in next week's newsletter...

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These are two great sites...

Rogers Rock is a large, isolated rock formation dropping steeply on all sides - with loads of extensive caves and gullies to explore. The Archways gets its name from a series of archways of rock which form portals between deep basins in the reef. The scenery here is quite spectacular.

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### **22nd February 2017**

The committee is pleased to announce that Curtin University Dive club has just become our third affiliate club (the other two being Murdoch University Dive Club and Reef Life Survey). This affiliation is a result of the hard work put in by Jarrad Baker, our environment officer, who has been instrumental in setting up the Curtin Uni dive club. We would like to welcome them to the club and look forward to seeing them on the boat in the future.

### **Night Dive Tonight (Wed 22nd Feb)**

Monthly UEC night dive. Due to the flooding of the Avon/Swan we will dive the ocean instead of the river. Meet at the derelict bulk jetty at the end of Riseley Road in Kwinana. It's a nice dive and like the river, I'd expect to see seahorses. Arrive in time to enjoy the sunset at 7pm as we get wet. Hope you can join us.



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As most of you know we have a supply of spare weights at the back of the boat to help people out. These have slowly been disappearing to the point where we had none available on Sunday. Could anyone who has inadvertently 'borrowed' a club weight please return it. Most of them were originally painted white and had UEC stamped on them but many were not marked.

### **Coogee Marina Update**

Last night Chris, Wendy and myself attended a somewhat fractious pen holders meeting arranged by the Marina management to discuss issues with the Marina. The main issues which were covered were problems commissioning the fueling jetty, security, parking and future expansion. The Marina management are doing a lot to try and address the immediate issues and we will need to exercise some patience as there are issues around land ownership, handover of facilities and the usual bureaucracy of local government to deal with.

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On boat security there will be additional lighting and cameras going in over the next month or so and a new security company will be engaged from mid March to improve security presence at night. Hopefully this will go some way to reducing the spate of recent break-ins. We are fortunate in that our boat is in a prominent place and also doesn't look as much a tempting target like some of the big shiny boats but it is still an area of concern.

### **Last Weeks Diving**

#### **Saturday 18th February**

Well Curtin University Dive club didn't waste anytime getting their new affiliation off to a good start with thirteen of them booked on for the inaugural Dive, Barbie and Bombie Day. In fact with the exception of the crew (myself, Mel and Briony as trainee DO) the only other non CUD diver was Dan Bruce from MUD. The forecast was looking good for the trip so we loaded up our boat full of Cuddies and Muddies, filled out the reams of paperwork and then headed out in a fresh easterly wind towards Carnac for the dive.

Curtin is a new dive club and most of their members are new divers so we elected for a relatively shallow dive at Dark Cave, just behind Carnac to start the day off.

Although there was a bit of a swell running, surface conditions were not too bad. The process to get ten fairly new divers ready and in the water with unfamiliar equipment took a while but Jarrad, Mel, Briony and Dan all did a fantastic job of mothering everyone along. Unfortunately the viz was pretty awful, a result of all the recent rains, so nobody saw too much and only one group found the/a cave about 100m east of the mark we had. Anyway it was a good training run and everyone seemed to enjoy being in the water.





We then decided to head towards the bay at Carnac for the BBQ and Bombies part of the day. On rounding the island we saw an interesting line in the water and on approach saw a line of debris/seaweed and on one side blue water and the other very dark brown water. This presumably the result of the recent rains. The bay at Carnac was deserted and the water looked like a strong cup of tea so we about turned and headed for Herring Bay on Garden Island which was on the other side of the dividing line. Looks like everyone else had the same idea and the bay was full of boats but it all added to the atmosphere in the bay. We slowly picked our way through the crowds and picked up a mooring to start the rest of the day.



We could not have asked for better weather with no wind and a warm sunny day. Our students all had a great time jumping off the boat, swimming, snorkelling and even a couple of divers went in to use up their tanks. Dan, one of the divers, was called over by Sea Rescue to help free a mooring rope from a propeller so earned some brownie points.

The BBQ was fired up and everyone feasted on snaggers and various other delicacies.



With the bombies off the roof petering out and only a few of us not having done one I was challenged by Briony "I'll do a bombie if you do". Unfortunately for Briony (or as it turned out me!) the bluff was called and we duly headed to the roof to jump. Peering over the edge brought on second thoughts so a deal was struck. Jump on the count of three. One, Two, Three and I jumped, only to surface and see Briony, looking very sheepish, peering down from the roof. The moral of the story - never trust a woman called Briony!



With everyone fed and bombed out we dropped the mooring and picked our way back out the bay. On the exit we were held up by Cockburn Sea Rescue towing a boat (possibly the one that had the fouled prop) out through the channel and there on the back was our own David Geary smiling away. It was then a short hop back to Coogee and on the jetty by 2pm after a great day out.

### Sunday 19th February

Sundays dive was to be an exploration day so Wendy, our skipper for the day, had lined up a site for our first dive called "Not the Opera House". An intriguing name which suggested an interesting site to be visited. The forecast was near perfect with low swell, low wind and a balmy 37 deg C so we set off from Coogee with great expectations of a good days diving.

We duly arrived at NTOH and jumped in for what was to be a relatively deep dive. This is best described as a lump rising up from about 32m to the top at around 26m. The first thing we noted was the poor visibility and given the rather greenish tinge to the water also a product of the recent rains.



The site was interesting but not spectacular and given its depth and relatively short bottom time probably not one worth visiting again in a hurry. There were however plenty of good sized Crays and all appeared relatively tame suggesting that they don't see too many divers. Malcolm returned to the boat with his catch bag bulging nicely.



For the second dive we had a short hop to our new favourite, the RLS mark on Roe Reef. We have now dived it 3 times in the last month and as they say you just cant get enough of a good thing. This is a stunning dive with a labyrinth of caves and gullies to explore. Again the visibility was not great but still a great dive.



It was then homeward bound enjoying the calm conditions and a few drinks in the beer garden upstairs. A short diversion via the fuel jetty at Fishing Boat harbour and we were back on the jetty by 3pm. Another almost perfect day diving.

Mike

### **This week's diving**

We have LOADS of diving on offer this week!

### **Monthly (Shore) Night Dive – TONIGHT!**

There has been a change of plans regarding the location of this dive, due to the poor visibility in the river... a result of all that rain!

Malcolm will be taking this dive, which is now happening 7pm at Bulk Jetty. (also known as Old BHP

Jetty) – see map above for details. If you are planning on coming along please let us know either via e-mail ([divebookings@uecwa.com.au](mailto:divebookings@uecwa.com.au)), or on Malcolm's post on the UEC Facebook page.

### Saturday – Rogers Rock & The Archways + **Passenger Drop**

We are also offering a passenger drop to Thompson's Bay on the Saturday – for anyone who would like to spend some time on the island (it is also the same day as the Rottneest Channel Swim – always an exciting day on Rotto!)

We've just had a space free up for one more lucky diver, so if you'd like to come diving better book on (through the website) quickly! If you'd like to come along as a passenger, please let me know at [divebookings@uecwa.com.au](mailto:divebookings@uecwa.com.au)

### Sunday – Single Dive (Garden Island & Surrounds)

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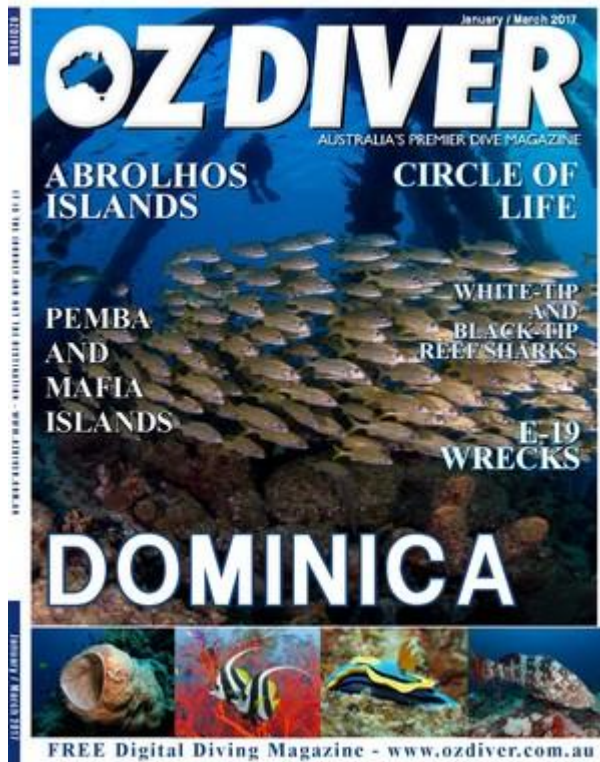
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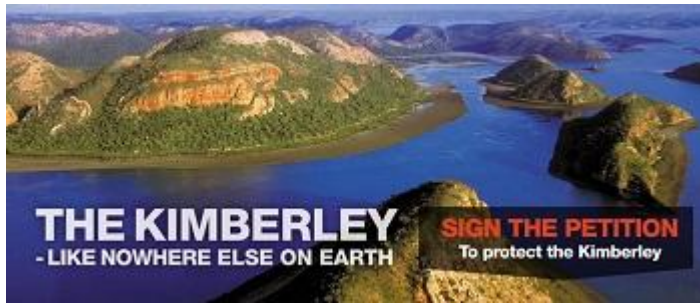
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### **1st March 2017**

#### **Salty Fest**

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We headed for Stragglers and Crazy Wobby for the second dive but the murk washing out of the river may still be in evidence, that much closer to the shore, as the water looked like soup and divers reported stunning vis of one to three metres. Most came back early and saw little but Jeff Weston bagged three good keepers, one of which was a nice big bugger.

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Pulled the pick and an easy cruise home for an early finish.

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That means – there's lots of diving available this week!

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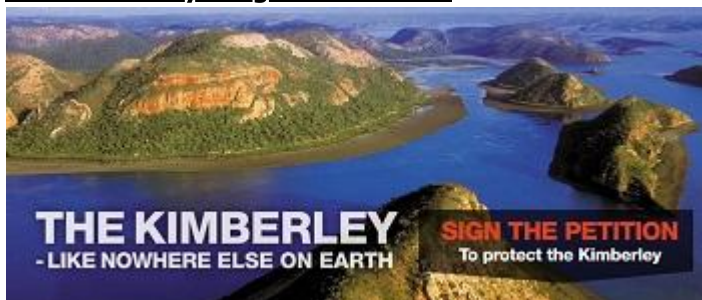
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## **8th March 2017**

### **Last Weeks Diving**

Another busy weekend of diving.

### **Sunday 5th March**

A great forecast and lived upto expectations so a full boat of divers with Steve at the helm, his double beside him (Steves bro along for the ride), Geoff as DO and Dylan as trainee set out on what promised to be a great days diving.



First stop was Carpet Emporium, a club favourite and visited just the week before with three Nurses in residence. This time we dropped the pick in what looked like perfect conditions, so much so that I was putting on my fins when we noticed the shot line was almost horizontal. A quick discussion and we decided to



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about the dive due to the ripping current.

Unfortunately our anchor had different plans and required a quick on site replacement of the switch before we could pull the pick and head of to our alternative dive site. The skipper suggested Marjorie's Holes so I had to play The Donald card and issued a presidential decree that we would visit Kerrys Caverns. This turned out to be a slightly more popular decree than the Donalds last one and we all had a stunning dive in great viz. I have dived this site four times now and each time it looks different.

For the next site we chose an old favourite, Swirl Reef, and again everyone had a great dive with excellent viz. It was then homeward bound enjoying the warm autumn sunshine up in the beer garden.

### **Monday 6th March**

I'm all for labour day when you can go diving instead of working. Another perfect forecast and a single scheduled for Garden Island surrounds. Geoff passed his DO hat from the day before to Clive and donned his skipper hat to take us out to visit the Sepia. Although conditions above water were as near to perfect as you can get, unfortunately the viz below continued to exhibit the recent rains which are plaguing the Stragglers & Carnac area. Only Sue and Nom diver Margit can categorically say they found the Sepia. The rest of us poked around in the murk looking for Crays with only Nom diver David coming back with three keepers. Still any day diving is better than a Monday at work.

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Next Wednesday (15 March 7pm) is our next General Meeting, and we have Guest Speaker Euan Harvey coming to talk to us about a case study undertaken in Albany, whereby he looked at the Monitoring of Reef Fishes by community dive groups.

Some more details...

Western Australia's temperate reef fish assemblages do

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Is there a role for community dive groups to collect and contribute meaningful data?

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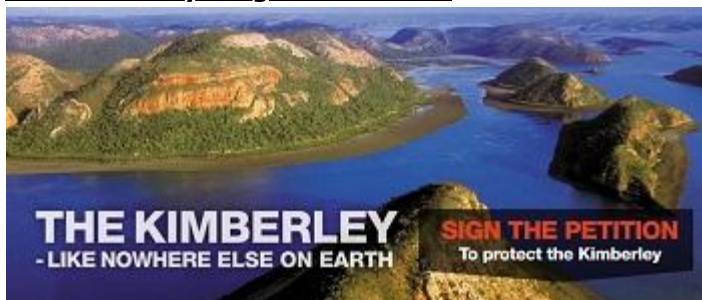
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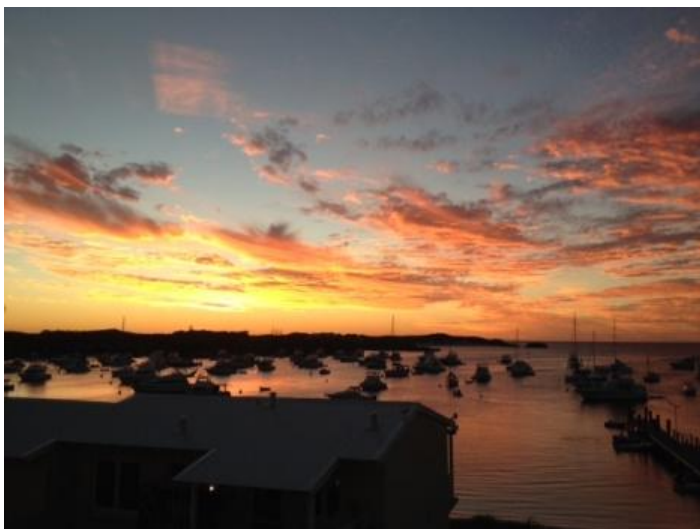
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### **Rotto Week**

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As soon as that was done we were back on the boat and out for a dive. We headed out to Victoria Station and all had a great dive, exploring the extensive cave system and back with a few Crays including a jumbo bagged by Cradrian.

Dinner that night followed the traditional blessing to Huey, the sun god and was a big sit down to Spag Bol, dished up by Liz with help from Zita etc.



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Sunday nights dinner was a feast of boiled and BBQ Crayfish followed by the Hat Game after which none of us will be able to look at Pauline Hanson again without chuckling at Dennis's mime.

### Monday

Monday morning brought a big change to the weather with a howling North wind blowing straight into Geordie. The divers and crew were not to enthusiastic but after some cajouling we set off for the South side of the island to find some shelter. We were all glad we did after two great dives in the Crystal Palace area, including one lovely cave gulley system.

Back to the chalet and Steve got cosy with the locals and made a good friend with a Quokka



### Tuesday

The weather continued to deteriorate with high winds and a now rising swell so no boat diving. A few jumped on the bikes to cycle the island with a snorkel at Fishing Hook Bay while the rest just chilled out and toured the island.

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### **Wednesday**

Another day of lower winds but a 4m swell so again no diving. Everyone chilled out and a few fixed the ducky motor which had been misbehaving.

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## **22nd March 2017**

### **Rotto Week Cont.**

#### **Wednesday Arvo**

With no diving on, the inaugural Scuba-Opoly championship was held on Wednesday afternoon at which Malcolm showed his ruthless side by cleaning up the board, and I always thought he was such a nice person. Some of us were a bit more energetic and cycled the island instead.

#### **Thursday**

A dropping swell and wind tempted us out onto the boat again to Victoria Station on Roe Reef. The viz was pretty crappy after the big swells the previous day but it was still a great dive in both the Victoria Station caves and also out further to Aladdin's/Flat Cave.

The wind continued to drop giving almost a glass off on surface so the interval was very pleasant. For the second dive we moved a few hundred meters over to The Arch and had another beautiful dive although the surge provided some interesting moments.

#### **Friday**

As Friday is changeover day we normally only squeeze in one dive but after missing out on two days everyone wanted to make the most of the near perfect conditions. First stop was a new site to us called Blue Groper Cave. This was a deeper dive so bottom time was limited but still a lovely dive with everyone finding the cave, albeit minus the Blue Groper.

Second dive was back to Roe Reef again - we just couldn't get enough of Victoria Station during the week - it is simply a stunning dive site. It was then a short hop back to Geordie to load up the departing divers (Bec, Steve, Duncan, Erin, Adrian, George, Trevor) and head back to Coogee. Conditions were lovely with warm sun and flat seas. A quick stop at the fuel jetty where most of our departing divers left us and then it was down to Coogee to pick up Clive, Yvonne, Sarah, Alison, Mark, Gill, Stephanie



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### [Calendar and Online Bookings](#)

#### **Saturday 25th March (waitlist)**

The Cathedral & Cray Canyon  
Skipper - Chris  
DO - Mike

#### **Sunday 26th March**

Down Syndrome Aim High Club  
Rotto Day Trip Private Booking  
Skipper - Mike  
Deckie - Geoff

#### **Saturday 1st April (waitlist)**

Carpet Emporium and G Wall  
(Salmon Bay)  
Skipper - Steve  
DO - Dave

#### **Saturday 8th April (1 place)**

Nurses Quarters and Crystal  
Palace  
Skipper - Geoff  
DO - Clive

#### **Sunday 16th April (7 places)**

and Tony. We got back to Geordie after sunset and in time for the traditional spag bol dished up by Liz and Zita (well done girls).

The forecast was not looking good for Saturday so we headed to bed with a 99.9% chance of not diving the next day.

### Saturday

Well the weather didn't deteriorate as much as expected so with that 0.1% chance left we decided to go diving. We picked Victoria Station (again!) as this had the best chance of getting in a dive before things really got bad. Most chickened out once we dropped anchor so it was down to the hardcore of Mel, Mark, Clive and myself to go under. It was much nicer below than above and we were all glad we did the dive although it was surgy and viz was crap. There were lots of fish taking shelter in the cave as well so lots to see.



We got back to the boat to find conditions getting worse so we called it a day and after dropping tanks in Thompson headed back to drink the rest of the day away.

### Sunday

Sunday was 100% no diving so Mark loaded Mel up like a pack horse on a bike and headed off to go Kite Surfing. The rest of us chilled out, went walking or just did nothing. After lunch we socialised, drank beer, celebrated Bobs 80th Birthday and then headed to the Governor's Bar to drink our Quiz voucher. A few games of pool and then down to the Quokka Arms for a group dinner. For the walk home a few of us took the scenic route in the dark over the golf course which was an interesting experience.



### Monday

The swell had dropped by Monday but there was a strong

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easterly blowing. We thought we might be able to dive Kerry's but decided as we approached that this was not going to happen. The wind had picked up (was meant to drop) so by the time we got back near Geordie we were doing a roller coaster of short steep waves. The only person who seemed to enjoy it was Mel up on the flybridge.

A break for coffee and then we decided to pick up one of the outer moorings in Geordie and go for a desperation dive. It turned out to be a nice dive although somewhat shallow and we even bagged a few Crays and a weight belt.

Homeward bound at last after a fun week on Rotto. Not sure what we did to upset Huey, the weather god, but still a great trip for most although the weekenders definitely got the short straw (note to self - always book on for the week). A big thanks to Clive and Liz for all the work organising it and to the full timers who kept us company for the entire duration as well (Bob, Zita, Mel, Geoff, & Malcolm). A big thanks also to Geoff for skippering us all there and back twice and to everyone who helped out crewing.

Looking forward to next year already  
Mike

### **This week's diving**

This week we are heading out on Saturday to Club favourites Cray Canyon and The Cathedral.

There must be a few people itching to get back into the water, as this trip is fully booked with a waitlist in place.

### **Next week's diving**

Next week we have two dives on offer...

#### Wednesday 29 March – Monthly (Shore) Night Dive

Save the date! We will head out for our monthly (shore) night dive next Wednesday night – meeting 7pm. We will advise the location a little closer to the time...

You can register your interest by either booking on via the website (<http://www.uecwa.com.au/#!simpl-e-schedule/co99>), or by dropping me an e-mail.

#### Saturday 1 April – Carpet Emporium & G Wall (Salmon Bay)

Carpet Emporium is another Club favourite, and as such this trip is already booked out. BUT – there is no one on the waitlist, so if you'd like me to kick off this list with your name – drop me an e-mail at [divebookings@uecwa.com.au](mailto:divebookings@uecwa.com.au)

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That's it from me, hope to see you out there soon!

Cheerio from Mel

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#### **Wine tasting at Susie's a fundraising event (May 6th 2pm, \$15)**

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#### **2nd Hand Dive/ Camera Gear sale**

This could be your year! Do you need a piece of equipment or want to sell some? Well now's the time!

I am seeking the assistance of a few members to help me organise this event, which it was suggested become open to other divers than just ourselves.

If you have any ideas or can help in any way, please step forward, your help is always appreciated.

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Anna Myers

Gill Ireland

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## 29th March 2017

### Last Weeks Diving

On Saturday we had a full boat head out in what looked like perfect conditions for a dive at Cray Canyon and The Cathedral. Along with Chris as Skipper, yours truly as DO and Brian as trainee DO, and the usual motley crew of divers, we had two VIP guests from the Victoria Sub Aqua Group (VSAG) including their President, Ian Scholey.



With the Port to Pub swim in progress, skipper Chris opted for the South side of the island so we didn't have to cross the swim line. It was a very pleasant journey out in the warm Autumn sunshine. We rounded the West End and dropped the pick on the Canyon and were in the process of launching the ducky when a series of large swells came through. This resulted in a quick discussion and a decision to move down the island to find somewhere a little less swelly. After a few attempts to pick up the anchor we were on our way to Angela's Cave.



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#### **Monday 17th April (11 places)**

Five Fathom Bank & Robbs  
Jetty  
Skipper - Martin  
DO - Clive

#### **Saturday 22nd April (8 places)**





Everyone reported a nice dive although the viz was not great. Conditions on surface were beautiful with almost a glass off. For the second dive we headed to Kingston Shark Cave and found the LionFish parked on our mark so we snuggled in close enough to get in some good advertising and managed to get our divers in the water before theirs. All reported a lovely dive with most finding the cave and a Wobbie in residence.



It was then homeward bound skirting around the tail-end of the swimmers and back to Coogee.



Ian from VSAG was kind enough to send a very complimentary thank-you email the following day:

Wreck Diving Day  
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DO - Carl

**Sunday 30th April (5 places)**

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*"I just wanted to drop you a quick note to thank you and the club members on Cape Cruiser yesterday for making us Victorians feel so very welcome. It was a pleasure to go diving with you guys.*

*I was massively impressed by the professionalism that was evident in the way the day was conducted. Briefings and safety in general were of the highest standard and you guys are to be congratulated for that. Cape Cruiser is an excellent dive boat and sets the standard for what a dive club can achieve. I am extremely envious.*

*You guys and particularly Mel have done a fantastic job in getting the interstate dive clubs together. It's a sensational initiative and hopefully it will go from strength to strength.*

*Hopefully we will see some Perth people in Melbourne soon.*

*Thanks again  
Ian Scholey  
President Victorian Sub Aqua Group."*

For anyone who isn't aware, thanks to Mel we have reciprocal arrangements in place with most of the interstate dive clubs so if you are ever visiting east you can get a dive in with one of our interstate friends (details on the website or contact Mel at [divebookings@uecwa.com.au](mailto:divebookings@uecwa.com.au)).

### **This week's diving**

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#### **TONIGHT!!! – Monthly (Shore) Night Dive**

We are heading to Ammo Jetty for our monthly (shore) night dive tonight – meeting 7pm.

Ammo has been a hive of activity lately, with loads of different nudibranchs, port Jackson sharks, squid and occies galore, and the big moray eel still hanging about.

If you're planning on coming along, please let me know (for catering purposes) by either registering your interest via the website (<http://www.uecwa.com.au/#!simpl-e-schedule/co99>), or by dropping me an e-mail or reply to the Facebook page post.

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Cheerio from Mel

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Going on last year's purchases the preferred choice of most is the App, which is loaded directly into your phone. For die-hard's, like myself I have ordered 10 books, if you want one please let me know ASAP and I will reserve a copy for you. I collect first week of May, you have until then to advise me. Want to see what you get ?, browse the link for a peek at the virtual book <https://online.flippingbook.com/view/866062/> It's an exciting book/App... and I am happy to share this with you all again. I couldn't live without my book.

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### **UEC Clothing orders.**

Following on from some wonderful but less than warm Rotto dives recently, members have asked me to order some jackets and beanies.

I will bring a range along to the next GM, so if you are interested please come along , have a look and order accordingly. Please don't hesitate to let me know if there is something in particular you would like me to source for you.

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### **Invitation to MUD AGM**

To UEC,

On behalf of Murdoch University Divers (MUD), I would like to formally invite you to our AGM this Friday the 31st at 5.30pm

It's a great opportunity for the students to see what your club is all about. We didn't get on as many boat dives with you last year and I'd really like students to be aware of the amazing dives they can go on with you.

Anyone from your club is welcome to come along, there will be a free BBQ and drinks on the night. For catering reasons, could your members please RSVP by emailing: [info@mud.org.au](mailto:info@mud.org.au)

Miriam Bell  
**Secretary - Murdoch University Divers (MUD)**



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## **5th April 2017**

### **Drop off and pick up of dive gear**

Can all divers please be mindful about how they park when dropping off and picking up their gear from the wharf. Apparently there have been complaints that we are causing a road obstruction during these times. Do not double park and please pull in far enough so as not to block the road.

### **Last Weeks Diving**

Carpet Emporium is one of our favourites so it was no surprise that the boat was full on Saturday, including a contingent from our new affiliates, Curtin University. We set off with a nice forecast but a stiff easterly for the west end of Rotto, with Steve as Skipper and Dave making a return to DO duties after three months of convalescing, ably helped out by Simon as trainee DO.



Conditions on the surface were choppy but underwater it was lovely. Viz was not bad and finding the cave was not a problem for most with the anchor hanging in the entrance. Inside we were treated to four or five Grey Nurse sharks swimming about (thanks to David Freemantle for the photos). They stayed for quite a while and gave us all a great show. Venturing a little further afield I came across another juvenile hiding in a smaller cave and Jarrad spotted a turtle so all up it was a great dive. Conditions on surface were improving so by the time we pulled up at the next dive site it had almost glassed off.



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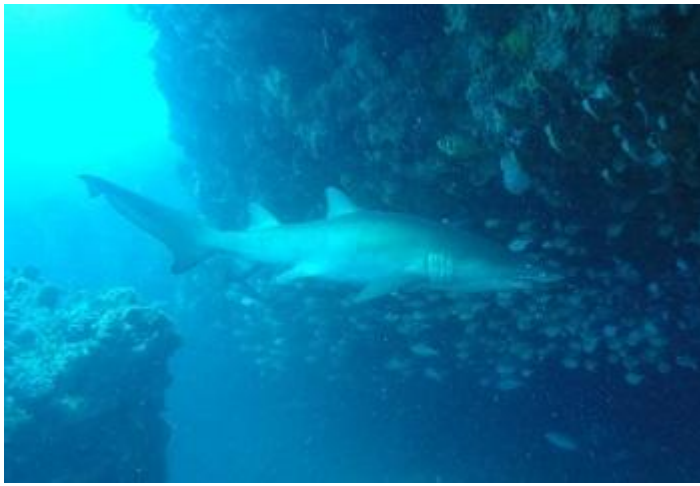
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#### **Saturday 22nd April (6 places)**

Wreck Diving Day  
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#### **Sunday 30th April (2 places)**

Kerrys Caverns & Swirl Reef



For our second dive we visited that old favourite that just keeps on giving, Crystal Palace. We dropped the anchor on the old mark (note we must remove it or correct it on the GPS) and then decided to move but the anchor decided it wanted to stay. Good choice by the anchor as the way the boat settled in the wind meant we were sitting right on top of a beautiful set of caves (which is where the mark should be). After exploring these some of us ventured further afield eventually ending up in another beautiful set of caves about 200m away to the South.



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The Crayfishers also had a great day with twenty Crays coming back to the boat for the trip home.

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Mike

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I will be taking orders for club clothing, and will bring some current samples along to the GM.

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Liz

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Deb Belbin

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### **Diver Table as of 5th April**

The Rotto trip is past and we are now on the home straight. With only about twelve scheduled boat trips and twenty four possible dives left for the club year, its not over until the fat lady sings, but I can hear her warming up in the wings.

Place	Name	Dives
1	Mike Buchanan	42
2	Geoff Geard	31
3	Mel Turner	25
4	Malcolm Roberts	21
5	Hugh Parker	17
5	James Jooste	17
7	Adrian Taylor	16
8	Wendy Hutchison	14
8	Briony Robinson	14
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## **12th April 2017**

### **Membership and Dive Fees**

Its coming up to that time of the year again and the committee are currently reviewing fees for 2017-18. The one major change we have on expenses will be the increase in pen fees for the 20m pen. At the moment we are being charged the rate for a 15m pen but as of 1st July that will increase by about \$4000/year to the rate for a 20m pen. In order to cover this additional cost we will need to increase membership and dive fees. We will try to keep the increase as low as possible and its our intention that the total cost will still be less than the total UEC and SYC fees we paid in 2015-16

### **Drop off and pick up of dive gear**

Can all divers please be mindful about how they park when dropping off and picking up their gear from the wharf. Apparently there have been complaints that we are causing a road obstruction during these times. Do not double park and please pull in far enough so as not to block the road.

### **Last Weeks Diving**

Following on from the previous weeks successful shark trip to Carpet Emporium, this week it was to be Nurses Quarters. These dives always book out early and this one was no exception. The forecast was looking borderline for a West End dive but with hopes high we headed out from Coogee with Geoff at the helm and Clive as DO. There was a bit of a swell running but after a quick discussion we decided it was doable. We dropped in the rear flag and watched with dismay as it floated almost horizontally despite the 10kg of weight attached. Clearly the current had different ideas about us diving so it was with regret that we pulled the anchor. Fortunately it came straight up, much to our relief.



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Next stop was round the West End and down to Kerry's Caverns. At first it looked okay but then a set of large swells came through which clearly showed that this was not going to work. Next stop Cray Canyon, then the Stable, then Swirl Reef and finally Angelas Cave. This was a lovely dive and being a bit deeper meant no issues with surge on bottom. The cave was just in front of the anchor so most found it with no problem.



We then headed down to Roe Reef and with a dive boat sitting on Arch Rock we opted for Aladdins Cave aka Dark Cave. We all jumped in and swam to the anchor to find it sitting in a desert of sand with no reef in sight. A quick confab underwater with lots of gesticulating and the message was clear - abort dive. Back on board we decided to pull anchor and move a little closer to Arch Rock and go for that instead. Definitely the right decision and with a short swim across some nice reef we were into the main Arch Rock site which is one of the best dive sites on Rotto with a lovely mixture of small and large caves, gullies,

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nooks and crannies to explore. On the way back to the boat I swam across a site which would best be described as a Labyrinth of caves and tunnels, none of which I have seen before. Definitely worth exploring in more detail in the future.



By the time we got back on board the wind had picked up and the seas were rising. It was then a very bumpy and wet trip back to Coogee (which the photo does not do justice to) with a few brave souls sitting it out on the bridge while the rest of us huddled in the cabin.

Mike

### **This week's diving**

This week Cape Cruiser is making the most of the Easter break, and is heading out twice over the long weekend:

#### Sunday 16 April – Kerry's Cavern & Flat Top Reef

We've had a few spaces free up on this trip in the last 24hrs, so if you were hoping to get on – best to book your spot ASAP.

#### Monday 17 April – Garden Island & Robbs Jetty

Come along and dive Robbs without having to deal with the notorious "dune of death"!

There is plenty of space left on this trip.

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### **Next week's diving**

Next week it's Wreck Diving Day (WOO!)

Wreck diving days are always a lot of fun, and generally book out fast. Right now there are still a few spaces left, so best get booking if you'd like to come along.

### **Solo Divers Courses**

These have now been finalised, and are taking place on the weekend of the 22/23 April.

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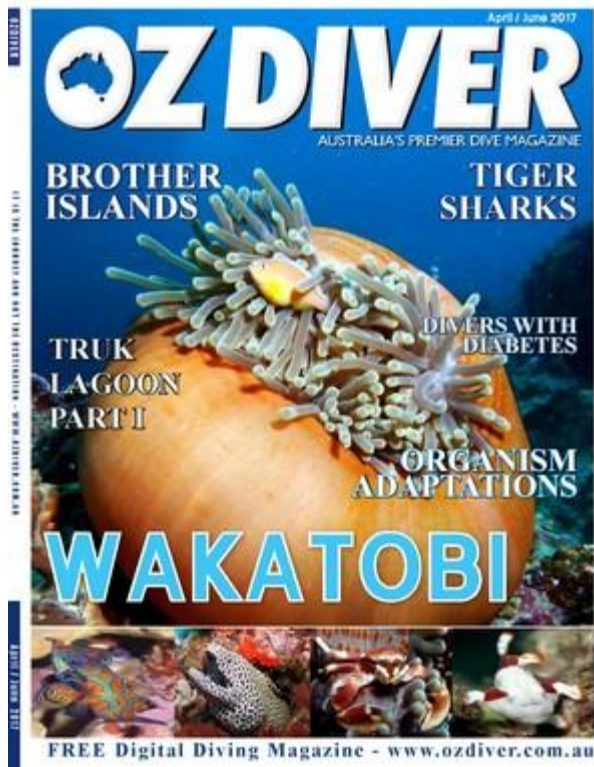
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**Catch Up Dive with Sandy Webb**

One of our previous long time and active members, Sandy Webb, is returning to Perth for a short visit. We are night diving Kent Street, Bicton on Monday 24th April ....Tuesday is a public holiday!

All welcome to join us .... please RSVP Clive at [klyfeKass@gmail.com](mailto:klyfeKass@gmail.com)

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## 19th April 2017

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### Last Weeks Diving - Easter Sunday

The forecast for Easter Sunday was looking borderline so it was a morning call by yours truly as to whether the dive would go ahead. With a SE wind blowing sea conditions looked okay and the swell was only 1.2m at 8am so we decided to go for it. Aply assisted by Steve Day as DO we set off for the north side of Rotto.



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The boat was looking pretty empty with a large number of cancellations over the previous few days, a combination I suspect of people realising it was Easter Sunday and also due to the less than great forecast. All I can say to those who cancelled is you missed a fantastic days diving with the viz reported at 30m+. Someone even mentioned 50m but I think that was a tad optimistic.



Being skipper I was unfortunately not able to join in but all the divers raved about both dives. We elected to stay in the shelter of the island so didn't venture out to Kerry's Caverns but opted for Cray Canyon instead. All enjoyed the dive and there we a good number of Crays who came back to visit.



For the second dive we pulled anchor and motored about 300m to Flat Top. Another spectacular dive with some declaring the best dive ever on Rottnest.

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Highlight in the returning Cray catch was a Slipper Cray caught by David Freemantle. A strange looking creature with some serious armour. In all 20 Crays came to visit so a good catch by our four Crayfishers.





It was then time to head home in a strong Southerly wind but overall not too unpleasant. A big thanks to Carl, Geoff and Tom who stayed back to help clean up the boat.

### **Easter Monday**

With a moderate swell and southerly breeze a select group of six divers headed out to five-fathom bank looking for a pleasurable dive. Alas we bobbed around and with diver safety and comfort a priority we moved to dive north of Rottnest in familiar territory around Roe Reef.

We decided on Victoria Station and relative calm and pleasant diving conditions. The visibility was ten metres and the fish life made for a memorable dive. The overhead cave makes for an enthralling dive. It must have been warm as one of our divers dived 48 minutes without a wetsuit. You're a hero David.

We enjoyed a lunch break in Geordie Bay and headed to Point Clune for the photographers and cray fishers to enjoy a shallow dive in protected waters.

In all 12 crayfish came back and it was terrific to hear the stories of the dive and everyone's enjoyment.

Yes, we had the covers up for the way home and traded more dive stories from this day and earlier times.

One of our new divers, Andrew brought his dive certification from the UEC when he trained decades ago. It is an inspiring memory from times when learning to dive was somewhat more treacherous. We should ask David to entertain us with some his earlier times with UEC and other dive experiences in caves and more.

Cheers all  
Clive

### **Bremer Bay Trip**

The Easter long weekend saw a group of us head down to Bremer Bay, in a quest to find ourselves some dragons.

Friday saw us head out for a shore dive at Little Boat Harbour – the go-to spot for both Leafy and Weedy Sea

Dragons. The conditions weren't great and a couple of us had a false start (thanks to a certain nameless person forgetting all the parts that make her dry suit actually function as a dry suit) – but we weren't deterred, and eventually we all made it into the water. It was extremely surgy and a bit messy under there, but we still managed an enjoyable dive. Unfortunately – no dragons on this dive, but we were entertained by a number of critters, including a big Port Jackson shark that seemed to swim around greeting each and every one of us.



That afternoon a small group headed out to Back Beach, to continue the hunt. They returned somewhat victorious—the Leafy Sea Dragons remained elusive, however the Weedy's had been found... YAY! That evening, while most of us kicked back with a beer or three, Brian and Michael headed back to Little Boat Harbour for a night dive. Their perseverance was rewarded – they returned with big grins and award-winning shots of our elusive Leafy friends. With a strengthened resolve, we all went to bed – determined tomorrow would be a big day of dragon hunting.



Saturday saw 9 of us board a boat, and head around the coast to dive a spot called Black Point. Basically this dive followed a cliff face, and whilst it was very surgy, the diving was quite spectacular – with an interesting mix of hard corals (particularly plate coral) and kelp. The vis was

very reasonable at around 15m, but most importantly – everyone on board managed to spot a Leafy Sea Dragon, making for some very happy divers!

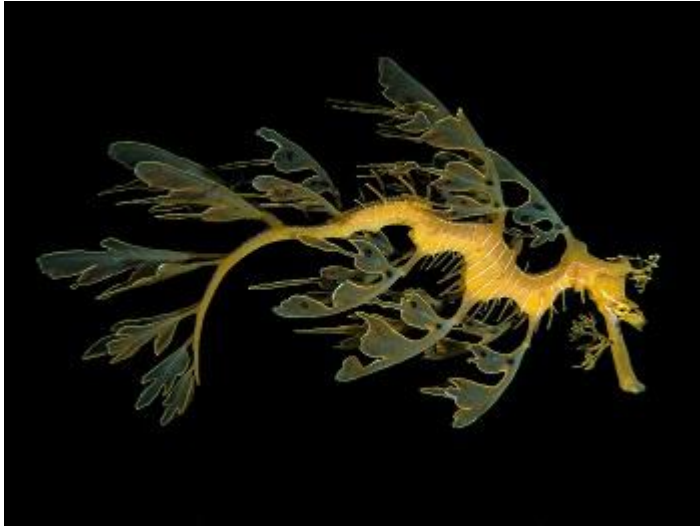


Whilst most of us headed out for wood-fired pizzas Saturday night, Jarrad and Michael sacrificed a warm meal for another night dive... Jarrad had missed the boat that day, and the Leafy Sea Dragons had alluded him until now. Thankfully, they returned ecstatic – the Leafy's were found, another creature crossed off J-rad's bucket list.



Sunday we awoke to rain, and it was a slower start for most – possibly due to the copious amounts of chocolate eggs most of us consumed for breakfast. Eventually we got ourselves moving and headed out for a dive – this time in Fisheries Bay. A highlight was bumping into the "Grandfather of MUD" (Phil) whilst kitting up, and he joined us for a pleasant dive around the rocks in the bay. No dragons spotted on this dive – but still loads of critters and fish life to enjoy.





Sunday afternoon we headed out in convoy to carve up the beaches 4WD style. What a hoot it was – with a few of us managing to get nicely bogged in the sand. Thankfully Jarrad and Mark had enough equipment on board to open their own 4WD store, so extracting the stuck cars was nothing more than a bundle of fun. Our final destination was a clearing in the dunes, where we cranked up a campfire and cooked up some snaggers, toast, pumpkin and potatoes for dinner... it was the best-tasting dinner I think I've ever eaten. The adventure was concluded with an adventurous drive home in the dark – followed by a few more beers and a game of Trivial Pursuit.



We had intended to smash out an early morning dive before our departure on Monday morning, but by then our shenanigans had caught up with us, and an extra hour in bed was the option of choice before the long journey home.



It was such a fun weekend – thank you so much to everyone who came along and made it what it was. A special shout-out and thank you to Tonya, who really persisted with organising the boat diving (and we're all so pleased she did too!) The planning has already started for next year's trip so if you want in – best to watch this space...

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The plan is to meet 6pm, kit up and dive in 6:30 to 6:45 for an hour and then relax on the banks of the river, Tuesday is ANZAC Day.

You are all welcome and please come down to dive, chat, socialise. BYOG and nibbles.

Cheers

Clive

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### Last Weeks Diving



Saturdays forecast saw the dive bookings drop like flies as the pansies decided to stay home. It was down to the hardcore with six of us deciding to brave the 2.3m swell. With Rex as Skipper and Carl as DO helped out by new trainee Pirate Pete we set off in a deceptively flat sea.



Passing through Hugels Passage it became clear that the



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**Sunday 30th April (1 place)**  
Kerrys Caverns & Swirl Reef  
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DO - Martin

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swell forecast was indeed correct. After a quick confab we elected to give the wreck diving a miss and go for Kingston Spit in the hope of avoiding the worst of the swell. Conditions below water were a lot worse than above but any dive is still a good dive.



Viz was pretty murky but most found the shark cave albeit minus any sharks. David and Geoff both managed to snare a Cray or two which was remarkable in the surgy conditions.



Back on surface it was lovely with little wind and warm sunshine. We upped anchor and headed for 14m Reef (T-Bone). This was a bit deeper but definitely more surgy. As long as you went with the flow it was roller coaster fun but catching Crays was always going to be hard in these conditions and although Geoff snared a nice one she had to go back.

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We found a lovely cave/tunnel which we entered with some trepidation given the conditions. Fortunately there was not much surge in the cave so starting at the deep end we came up about 3 or 4 m to the exit without too much trouble.



With everyone back on the boat it was then a very pleasant trip back to Coogee in light winds and warm sunshine.

### **This week's diving**

This week the Club is heading back to Kerry's Cavern & Swirl Reef – two Club favourites.

This trip is booked out with 2 on the waitlist. If you'd like me to add your name to this list, please drop me an e-mail at [divebookings@uecwa.com.au](mailto:divebookings@uecwa.com.au)

### **Next week's diving**

Next week we are heading out on Sunday for a Single dive.

More details in next week's newsletter..

### **Squidding Trip**

Our next Squidding trip will take place on Sunday 14th May.

For those who haven't been on a UEC Squidding trip – this is not to be missed, they are a bundle of fun. Don't be deterred if you haven't tried squidding before – there will be people on board to help you out and loan you fishing gear if required.



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### **Solo Course**

Last weekend Ashley, Colin R & myself embarked on an incredibly interesting (and very entertaining) SDI Solo Diver Course with Callum from Dolphin Scuba (Welshpool).

The course ran over two days, with the theory component covered on Saturday, and practical sessions at the Coombe on Sunday. By the end of it we were all full bottle (excuse the pun) on equipment configuration, redundant gas, SAC and RMV rates. All of us agreed, we took a huge amount away from the weekend. A big thanks to Callum and the team at Dolphin Scuba.

This weekend (UEC Member) Dylan will be running another solo course – this time the PADI Self Reliant diver Specialty, which is run over one full day. If you'd like to be a last-minute inclusion, best to let me know asap at [divebookings@uecwa.com.au](mailto:divebookings@uecwa.com.au)

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### **Diver Table**

Geoff made up some ground but has he left it too late with only about nine weeks to go?

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2	Geoff Geard	36
3	Mel Turner	25
4	Malcolm Roberts	21
5	Hugh Parker	17
5	James Jooste	17
7	Adrian Taylor	16
8	Bec Johnson	15
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#### **Last Weeks Diving**

With a good forecast and a run of beautiful Autumn days it was no surprise that Sundays dive was fully booked. Unfortunately a last minute cancellation brought us down to thirteen divers but still a good result for April. With a late volunteer crew of Geoff and Carl standing in for the rostered crew we set off in flat seas for Kerry's Cavern.

We always knew this was going to be a stretch as the wave rider buoy was showing 2.3m but dropping. We headed out towards the west end along the north side of Rotto but with the swel becoming more obvious the further west we went we decided to give Flat Top a try. However a couple of large swells came through after we had dropped the anchor so we decided to beat a retreat to Angelas Cave. All had a good dive and most found the cave. I had a bit of a swim around the surrounding area in the hope that there might be something else worth exploring but the rest of the reef is pretty uninteresting.

Back on he boat and our stand in crew were getting ready for their SI dive. With the lack of Crays coming back they opted to dive the second site so we upted anchor and headed off to Elder Point on Roe Reef.



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##### **Sunday 7th May (9 places)**

Note this is now a double dive (woohoo)  
Five Fathom Bank & Garden Island Area  
Skipper - Mike  
DO - Dave

##### **Saturday 13th May (3 places)**

Parker Point Drop Off and Pocillapora Reef  
Skipper - Geoff  
DO - Carl

##### **Saturday 20th May (10 places)**

Richards Pot Luck & Crystal Palace  
Skipper - Rex  
DO - Dave

##### **Sunday 21st May (10 places)**

Tec Dive  
Skipper - Mike  
DO - Geoff



Sitting on the surface in lovely calm conditions we could clearly see the caves and gullies of Roe Reef causing a surface swirl in an arc to the south and west. There were rumours that a sealion was sunbathing on the roof but that was not true. It was only yours truly giving Clive some advice on how to empty the dingy of water after the bung was left out again! He tried the Steve Day method of going for a run but in the end opted for the bailing bucket!



As soon as Geoff and Carl were back it was into the water for a beautiful dive. Viz was not the best but Roe Reef never disappoints and the caves and gillies were spectacular. I think most on the boat ended up at Victoria Station and all had a great dive.

It was then back to Coogee in the warm sunshine with a bunch of happy divers.

### **This week's diving**

This week we have changed the dive on Sunday to a double dive (it was originally marked as a single)... the weather looks far too fabulous to stop after just the one dive! The Skipper will make the call on the day as to where we end up going but if conditions are good it will be out to

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### **Next week's diving**

Next week we are heading out on Saturday for a Double Dive at Parker Point Drop-off and Pocillapora Reef. This trip only has four spots left, so best get on to this if you were thinking of coming along.

### **2016 Tangaroa Blue Clean-up Results**

UEC have been involved in the annual Tangaroa Blue Clean-up weekend for many years now, and last year was no exception – with a small group of us doing our bit and cleaning up under the Busselton Jetty.

The results of the nation-wide clean-up have now been published. If you're interested to see what they found (and where) – you can read all about it in the attached report.

That's all from me!  
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### **Squidding Trip**

Squid trip has been postponed until a later date as it clashed with mothers day which wasn't a politically correct date to go squidding (unless of course you were planning on taking your mother as her treat).

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**10th May 2017**

**Dive Officer Training Day 10th June**

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**Next Years Committee**

Its rapidly approaching that time of year again where we need to appoint a new committee. If anyone is interested or would like some more information about whats involved then please drop me a line at [president@uecwa.com.au](mailto:president@uecwa.com.au)

**Last Weeks Diving**

With a great forecast, Mel made a good call to change the dive from a single to the D9 to a double skippers choice. However her call to change the start time from 8am to 9am caught most of the crew out as she forgot to tell them. Nice one Mel! Please note we are definitely back to 8am starts after a poll of the crew returned a near unanimous result.

The forecast didn't disappoint although the swell was on the high side which undoubtedly put a few people off with a large number of late cancellations. All I can say to those who cancelled is you made a bad call.



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Palace  
Skipper - Rex  
DO - Dave

**Thursday 1st June**

Single Dive - Challenger Rock  
(Garden Island)  
Skipper - TBA  
DO - TBA

**Sunday 4th June**

Richards Pot Luck and The  
Archways Jackson Rock  
Skipper - TBA  
DO - TBA

**Sunday 11th June**

Jumbo Cave & The Ledges -

We set off with yours truly as skipper, Dave as DO and Pirate Pete as trainee. With nine divers on board and our scottish backpacker Kirsty along for the ride conditions were looking good. A quick call to the divers for suggested destinations had our intrepid Crayfishing duo of Geoff and Carl asking for Stragglers, followed by the promised Five Fathom Bank.



The swell was probably at the top end of diveable for Stragglers but Carls secret spot delivered the goods with a good bag of Crays for all. Some people went to great lengths to try and scare the Crays into their bag but can't say I'm convinced it works.



Conditions on top were still a bit bumpy with a strongish NE wind but by the time we were pulling the anchor the wind had dropped to next to nothing and the swell had gone from 2m at 7am to 1.6m and was still dropping.

We spent a bit of time cruising over the north end of Five Fathom Bank looking for a spot Carl had seen on a previous trip. In the end nothing jumped out of the depth sounder so we headed south for Seaward Reef. This is a spot that we haven't dived before in my time in the club although I'm sure some of the old timers might know differently. We cruised over the site and saw some nice

Wilson Bay  
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**Swirl Reef & Horse Cave -**  
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undulations on the depth sounder so dropped the pick. The pirate and myself were first in as everyone else was still completing their surface interval.



This was the best exploration dive I've done yet. The site was lovely with great country, lots of overhangs, gullies and a couple of good sized caves to explore. We had a visit from an over friendly Cuttlefish who just wouldn't go away. Do these things bite? He certainly looked like he wanted to.

Crays were a bit thin on the ground but we did find a row of about six in a last cave we went into. They had nowhere to go but as luck would have it neither of us had a Cray loop. The only downside to the dive was it was a bit surgy but really was not too bad.



By the time we got back to the boat it was a glass off. Geoff and Carl who were minding the boat jumped in for their dive while we all enjoyed the beautiful calm Autumn sunshine. It was then back through Hugels Passage for the short run home to Coogee to complete another great days diving.

Mike

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The boat is full however there isn't anyone on the waitlist yet. If you'd like me to add your name to this list, please let me know at [divebookings@uecwa.com.au](mailto:divebookings@uecwa.com.au)

### **Next week's diving**

Next week we are also heading out on the Saturday – to Richard's Pot Luck (on Radar Reef) and (Club favourite) Crystal Palace. The boat is half full already, so if you'd like to come along – best get booking ASAP (<http://www.uecwa.com.au/simpl-e-schedule>)

That's all from me!

Cheerio from Mel

### **Social and Fundraising**

#### **Entertainment Book/App sale**

It's time to buy your book or App from UECWA again. The books and App now cost \$70.00 each, of which the club receives \$14.00 for each sale. (First price increase in 12 years). Both book and app include comprehensive Bali bargains. Please use the [attached order form](#). **All payments must be made through Entertainment Book direct. Please NO payments direct to the club.**

Going on last year's purchases the preferred choice of most is the App, which is loaded directly into your phone. For die-hard's, like myself I have ordered 10 books, if you want one please let me know ASAP and I will reserve a copy for you. I collect first week of May, you have until then to advise me. Want to see what you get?, browse the link for a peek at the virtual book <https://online.flippingbook.com/view/866062/> It's an exciting book/App... and I am happy to share this with you all again. I couldn't live without my book. I collected the books last week from the official launch. Besides orders I have four spare books. If you would like one or maybe more contact me now!!

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With just a few of these offers, the cost of the Membership will quickly be covered.



**UEC Clothing orders.**

I will be taking orders for club clothing, but won't be at the next meeting, however, please let me know if you want to order something or, if there is anything in particular you would like sourced.

Thank you for taking the time to read this segment. If you would like to volunteer to assist with a social or fundraising event please don't hesitate to let me know, likewise if you have an idea for an event please share that too, very happy to run with new ideas.



Liz

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### **Diver Table**

With the new dive roster almost complete there are thirteen dives left to the end of the club year so theoretically its not over yet. The main battle appears to be for third place with Malcolm catching up fast on Mel who has been swanning about (or is that diving about) sampling the delights of the Great Barrier Reef instead of protecting her place on the table.

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**17th May 2017**

**TONIGHTS GENERAL MEETING IS CANCELLED**

Unfortunately our speaker has called off at the last minute so we have decided to cancel the meeting. Apologies for the late notice.

**Dive Officer Training Day 10th June**

**YOUR CLUB**



Let's get those DO Manuals signed off! Meet at the boat at 0830, Coogee Marina. Bring your printed manual and a pen. We will finish by 4pm. BYO lunch. This is open to all members so anyone who is thinking about training please come along. We will be taking the boat out so it will be real hands on training. Please register [here](#)

**Next Years Committee**

Its rapidly approaching that time of year again where we need to appoint a new committee. If anyone is interested or would like some more information about whats involved then please drop me a line at [president@uecwa.com.au](mailto:president@uecwa.com.au)

**Last Weeks Diving**

The forecast for Saturday was looking very nice with no wind and no swell so it was no surprise that there was a last minute change in dive location to Carpet Emporium. So we set off with Geoff at the helm and assisted by Carl as DO and Pirate Pete as trainee and an almost full boat of eager divers. We dropped the pick and the drop line and realised there was a bit of a current. A quick discussion and we all agreed that it was dive-able as the current



**Dive Schedule**

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**[Calendar and Online Bookings](#)**

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would bring us all back to the boat nicely (assuming we all go the right way).

The site did not disappoint with a couple of Nurses in residence and very long suffering ones as well. Typically at Carpet they quickly get fed up with divers and head off for a quieter location but this pair hung around for the whole dive. I kept coming round a corner or going into one of the other caves and there at least one of them would be. Eventually time was up and it was back to the boat just in time to see a couple of our divers drifting off into the distance courtesy of the current. Just as well they had their SMB! Anyway a good opportunity for yours truly to practice a ducky rescue and all went perfectly.

For the second dive we headed to the advertised dive spot of Parker Point Drop Off. Anyone who knows me will know my views on this site and all I can say it lived upto expectation! Enough said. It did however deliver the goods for Geoff and Carl who both came back with a nice bag of Crays. In fact by the time everyone got back we realised we had gone over the boat limit so fortunately for a few Crays it was a second chance at life.

Mike

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This week the boat is heading out to Richard's Pot Luck (part of Radar Reef, a site we haven't dive in a while), and Crystal Palace (a Club favourite)... and there are still two spots left on the boat!

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### **Next week's diving**

Next weekend Cape Cruiser will be at Rottnest with our friends from the Reef Life Survey Group, so there is no boat diving available. However, we will be shore diving somewhere on the Sunday (28<sup>th</sup> May) – site TBC a little closer to the time (weather-dependent).

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That's it from me!  
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#### **HURRY,HURRY,HURRY**

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DO - TBA

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Skipper - TBA

DO - TBA

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I'm off to Canada/Alaska and Hong Kong next week and will be away for 6 weeks.

During that time Malcolm Roberts has kindly agree to manage The Entertainment books on my behalf ( Thank you Malcolm).

I will also leave some Log Books with Malcolm, so should you need a book during my time away, please contact Malcolm.

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If you have any ideas you would like me to pursue in terms of Social events or Fundraising, don't be shy, please share these with me. I will do my best to set them up.

Thanks for reading this segment.

Liz

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## **24th May 2017**

### **Last Weeks Diving**

The forecast for Saturdays dive was never looking good and although it improved slightly as the week went on it just didnt cut it. Rex and Dave made the call Friday afternoon to cancel the dive and with a 2.6m swell running on Saturday it was the right call.

### **This week's diving**

This week Cape Cruiser will be over at Rottnest for the weekend with the Reef Life Survey Group, who will be conducting their annual survey of the life around the island. But not to fear – we will still be diving!

We will meet for a shore dive Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May at 8am – location TBA (just watching the weather). We'll make a call on the location on Friday. If you'd like to come along, register your interest on the website or drop me an e-mail at [divebookings@uecwa.com.au](mailto:divebookings@uecwa.com.au) and I'll keep you posted on the details.

### **Next week's diving**

The following week we have two dives on offer...

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Then (Public Holiday) Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June, we are heading out for a Single Dive on Challenger Rock (Garden Island).

More details in next week's newsletter...

### **Diving with the UEC of SA**

As most now know, we have an arrangement with a number of like-minded Interstate Clubs, whereby UEC Members are invited to dive with our Interstate "Friends" while visiting the area, and (likewise), they too are welcome to dive with our Club (on a CIO Membership arrangement) when visiting the west.



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### **[Calendar and Online Bookings](#)**

#### **27/28th May**

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#### **Sunday 28th May 8:00am**

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Archways Jackson Rock

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Wilson Bay

Skipper - Chris

DO - Mel





The last two weeks have seen me traversing through South Australia for work, and was lucky enough to spend two weekends diving with our namesakes in the south – the UEC of SA... and what fantastic diving it has been!



Whilst the UEC of SA are similar to our Victorian friends (VSAG) in that they use Member's boats for their diving (I've always said we are hugely spoilt having Cape Cruiser!), we didn't need to go out any boats to enjoy the great Southern Ocean diving on offer out of Adelaide.

#### Sunday 18th June

Swirl Reef & Horse Cave -  
Hayward Cape  
Skipper - Steve  
DO - Clive

#### Saturday 24th June

Cray Season Closer  
Skipper - Wendy  
DO - Dave

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My first weekend with the Club saw us head to the famous Rapid Bay Jetty, on the Fleurieu Peninsula. And it certainly didn't disappoint. Within 5min of our dive we had already spotted our first Leafy Seadragon, and it wasn't the last (we saw a total of 4 on our 86min dive). Other highlights of the dive were cuttlefish, scallops, big schools of zebrafish and old wives, to name a few. The vis was around 20m and it was a little chilly (16/17 degrees), but it was well worth the cold.



The following weekend we headed out to the Yorke Peninsula to dive Edithburgh Jetty – another stunning dive. The highlight here was dozens of beautiful Cowrie shells, Short-Headed Seahorses, fish life galore, and the most colourful pylons I have ever seen in my life... absolutely stunning! I managed to brave 100min on this dive, and exited the water blue but happy.

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The hospitality shown to me by our South Australian friends was well beyond the call of duty, and I'd like to extend a special thank you to UEC of SA Club President Bob Butterfield and his wife Robyn for not only showing me some incredible Adelaide diving, but also for inviting me into their home to stay as a guest... just too nice, and I can't wait to repay the favour.



If you are travelling to Melbourne, Adelaide or Tasmania (Hobart or Launceston) – I highly recommend contacting our Interstate friends in each of these states. You can find details on each Club in the Members section of our website, or you can drop me an e-mail

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That's it from me!  
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### **Social and Fundraising**

#### **Entertainment Books /App,**

As you know I am now in Canada and won't be back till late June. Malcolm Roberts has kindly agreed to look after the entertainment book sales while I am away. A special thanks to Malcolm. Malcolm has 3 books which we need to sell, so if you want to buy a book please purchase using the app in this add, and arrange to collect your book from Malcolm.

If the App is your choice, please order using the same attachment, Malcolm will be notified of your purchase, so a big thank you there.

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Talk again late June,  
Liz

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**31st May 2017**

**Lotterywest Grant**



Thanks to some hard work by our tireless training officer, Bec Johnson, we have been awarded over \$6000 towards a training program for our crew. This grant will fund First Aid, O2 and Rescue Diver training programs to ensure our existing crew and future trainees are provided with the skills necessary to carry out their duty on the boat.

**Last week's diving**

With Cape Cruiser over at Rottnest taking part in the annual Reef Life Survey, a keen group of 9 headed out for a shore dive on a lovely, sunny and calm Sunday morning. Given the nice conditions, we decided to head to South Mole (Bathers Beach). South Mole always turns up a few surprises, but we were all secretly hoping for some unusual nudibranchs and weedy sea dragons (not to mention minke whales, orcas and mantas – if the discussion on Facebook the night before was anything to go by).



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**Sunday 4th June**

Richards Pot Luck and The Archways Jackson Rock  
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DO - Mel

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Single Dive - Challenger Rock (Garden Island)  
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Cray Season Closer





So after a bit of a wander to check out the entry, we wasted no time kitting up and hopping in the water. It was a crisp 16/17 degrees, with 8-10m vis – improving the further we got out.



Gino and Pete managed to make it out almost to the end of the groyne and their efforts were rewarded, with a seal coming to see who they were and what they were up to. The rest of us were entertained with occies, lots of nudi's and fish life galore... it was a lovely dive. Dive times varied from 45min to an hour.

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We didn't waste any time after the dive getting warm and heading to the famous Kazoomies for an amazing brunch/lunch (good suggestion Ciaran!) A great end to a fabulous Sunday morning. A big thank you to Members Dave & Andrea (ACDC), Mark, Gino, Pete and Ciaran, and "friends of UEC" Shane and Jen for coming along!



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This weekend it's a long weekend, and we have two dives on offer:

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> June – Richard's Pot Luck & The Archways (Jackson Rock)

We have loads of space left on this trip!

For those who haven't dived these sites before, Richard's Pot Luck consists of bold gullies, caves and fissures. The lack of heavy kelp weed in this particular spot makes for very pretty scenery. Clear blue grey water and rough limestone rock sustain a wide variety of flora and fish life. "The Archways" is named because of a series of archways of rock which form portals between deep basins in the reef. The scenery here is quite spectacular. A large, long cave exists on the NE edge of the arches, abounding with fish and soft coral life... an interesting and delightful dive.

If you'd like to come along, best get booking!

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June – Challenger Rock (Single Dive)

We're heading out for a single dive on Challenger Rock, which lies to the NE of Garden Island. It is a great little dive with some great caves on the east and central portions of the reef, containing of LOTS fish life.

There is also space left on this trip. Bookings can be made via the website: <http://www.uecwa.com.au/simpl-e-schedule>

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Apologies to Dave Carter aka David Carter. He appeared twice in last weeks DO table so here is the corrected version. Glad to see someone is reading the newsletter.

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**7th June 2017**

**Dive Officer Training Day This Saturday 10th June**

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We dived at the planned location being Challenger Rock (Garden Island). Nobody on board had dived this



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location before so this really was a exploration dive. General consensus was this would be worth returning to as the country looked good, but would have to be on a smaller swell.

A small but enthusiastic group of five divers, which unfortunately turned into four as a diver (name withheld) forgot his mask, entered the water with the shot flag hanging straight down and the mermaid line slack on the surface. Unfortunately our divers reported plenty of surge and visibility not the best. These conditions did not hamper cray fisherman extraordinaire Geoff from catching his bag limit.

Pete Northrop (Trainee DO) ran the whole day as part of his final training and did a great job. Chris McCoppin did his first day at DO training, mainly observing and we look forward to seeing him continue as he has excellent diving and boat knowledge.

Rex had us safely back at the marina and we had the boat washed down and locked up by 11 am.

Thanks to Rex , Pete, and Chris for a easy DO day and special thanks to Geoff from crew with the nice pressie.  
Dave Carter

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## **14th June 2017**

### **Membership and Diving Fees 2017-18**

Another year has flashed past and its time to think about paying your UEC membership fees for 2017-18.

We thought we were going to get hit with a steep increase in pen fees as we are currently paying a 15m pen rate for a 20m pen but thanks to some great negotiating by Wendy and Chris we have been advised we will only be charged for the 15m pen for next year saving a significant amount.

Offsetting this somewhat has been the decision by the committee that we really need Public Liability Insurance for our onshore activities such as the annual Boat maintenance, social events, fund raising activities like the Sheep Poo drive and other events such as Bunnings Sausage Sizzles that we are looking at organising. Overall we have managed to keep the membership fee increases to about 5%. The revised fees are as follows:

### **Membership Fees**

Ordinary Member	\$215
Family Membership	\$350
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Social Membership	\$45
Country/Interstate/Overseas (CIO)	\$10
Nomination Fee	\$75

### **Dive Boat Fees**

Single Dive /short distance	\$45
Double/Long distance Single Dive	\$75
Technical Dive	\$100
Non-diving members / Guest	\$20

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the payment covers. Please also remember that to dive from 1st July, nominate for a committee position or vote at the AGM you have to be a financial member of the club.

### **Last week's diving**

Sunday saw 7 divers and two passengers head out for the Double diving day. The scheduled sites were Jumbo Cave and The Ledges (in Wilson Bay), but we decided to change sites due to Jumbo Cave being in a sanctuary zone, and The Ledges being a bit of an average dive site (apparently it is more kelp than ledges – not too exciting for those on board).

We headed to the Jumbo Cave area to see if we could find any interesting ground nearby (but out of the sanctuary zone), but we couldn't find much that looked interesting on the sounder. So after some deliberation we headed to Carpet Emporium. It was quite choppy on the surface and there was a moderate current running, but still a goer. As the dive progressed the shot line indicated the current had picked up – but all divers returned to the boat without a hitch. There were three grey nurses seen (one large, two small), and two (keeper) crays brought on board.

According to the forecast the wind was due to drop as the day went on, but it hadn't done so by the time the divers were back on board. We decided to head to Crystal Palace next, settling on (the dive site) "The Vault". By the time we made it there the wind had finally dropped, making it far more pleasant for those of us staying on the boat. All divers reported some beautiful country, with some lovely caves to explore. Again – two keeper crays were brought on board.

It was a fun group, and a lovely day out on the water – one of those days that remind you why it's so great to be a DO for this awesome Club of ours! A big thanks to Skipper Chris, divers Geoff, Clive, Brad, Mike, Gareth, Laura and Cory, and Passengers Denise and Patsy for an awesome day out on Cape Cruiser.

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### **Next week's diving**

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June is our last trip before the cray season closes, so we have already taken a lot of bookings for this trip. So if you are thinking of coming to this one – best to get on to this one straight away.

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That's all from me – see you all in a month!  
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Dylan not only came to the rescue of Mel for Dive Coordinator but is also going to cover for me editing the newsletter for the next three weeks. Anything to be included in the newsletter should be sent to [communications@uecwa.com.au](mailto:communications@uecwa.com.au).

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## 21th June 2017

### General Meeting New Venue

Join in tonight for the first meeting at our new venue, the Carnac Room, Esplanade Hotel Fremantle. Come early for a meal, nibbles or just a drink. The guest speaker for the evening is Peter Glanvill talking about diving in the UK. Peter is a BSAC member, a cave diver and keen photographer. Meeting starts at 7pm

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What beautiful glossy calm water in the pen at the marina. Looked like a terrific start to our day of diving.....Weather was deceiving..... as nine of us headed out to sea, the wind whipped up and created a bouncy trip out to our first dive site.



Our intended site would be a bit rough so we opted to dive South Passage - North. It was calmer underwater than on top with moderate NNE winds causing the boat to bounce around. Underwater the divers enjoyed the fish variety, squid and wonderful rocky swimthroughs and corals. Alas when

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Clive

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DO - Mel

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The nomination form can be [downloaded here](#)

### **Welcome to our two New Dive Officers**

The UEC Committee of Management we delighted to endorse Dylan Keys and Peter Northrop as our two new Dive Officers.

Through their dedication and enthusiasm, both Dylan and Peter have very ably demonstrated that they are a great asset to the UECWA Crew. Well done Dylan and Peter!

*Cape Cruiser is crewed exclusively by volunteers and we would love to train a few more Dive Officers and Skippers to bolster our ranks. If you have an interest, please make yourself known to anyone on the existing Crew or Committee.*

### **Last week's diving**

Unfortunately we did not get enough people to head out last week, probably for the best anyway the weather wasn't really on our side.

### **This week's diving**

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### **Dive Coordinator Dylan!**

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Just a reminder that Mel is currently holidaying around Canada so if you have any diving related questions feel free to get in touch. Mike is also away so if you require articles posted in the newsletter send them through to myself. Email - [communications@uecwa.com.au](mailto:communications@uecwa.com.au)

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## **19th July 2017**

### **Clive Cass**

Our great friend and Club Member Clive Cass is extremely unwell in hospital. He is in intensive care and on life support following complications after contracting pneumonia. His partner Anni is sending us regular updates on how he is progressing - the last one being: "Today (Tuesday) we have turned a corner and Clive is doing well. They have identified the super bug (bacterial) which can invade the body when there is pneumonia present so they are able to treat him with the right antibiotic. He is now off the dialysis but still on the ventilator and remains unconscious but we are hoping in a few days he may slowly gain consciousness.

It's going to be a slow and lengthy process and we have every confidence now that our Clive is going to make it. We are happy to share these updates from Anni with anyone who would like them. If this is you - please send Mike an e-mail at [president@uecwa.com.au](mailto:president@uecwa.com.au) and we'll add your name to the list.

Please keep Clive in your thoughts/prayers/etc

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## **26th July 2017**

### **2017/18 New Committee**

Last Wednesday saw the club AGM deliver the new committee. It is great to see such enthusiasm by people to take a hand in running the club. I would like to welcome the following people to their positions:

President	Mike Buchanan
Vice President	Chris Cunnold
Secretary	Wendy Hutchison
Treasurer	Steve Day
Dive Coordinator	Mel Turner
Membership Secretary	Mike Buchanan
Environment	Gill Ireland
Safety	Pete Northrop
Training	Rex Burke
Social / Fundraising	Liz Davey
Communications/Webmaster	Dylan Keys
Boat	Mark Weber
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A big shout-out to the Members who did put their hands up and offer to help, and to those who did sell bags – it was very much appreciated.

We have a great shed lined up, and so will revisit this earlier next year.

### **Last week's diving**

No diving last week thanks to some pretty below-average conditions... fingers crossed we catch a break this week!

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### **Next week's diving**

Originally we didn't have a dive planned for next week, as we had planned to be up to our eyeballs in poo. Now that we have postponed the Sheep Poo do, we are scheduling a single dive – hopefully for Saturday (crew pending). Once we have a dive scheduled I will post the details on Facebook and also the website (so keep an eye out!)

### **Squidding & Whiting Fishing Trip – Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> August**

For those who haven't been on one of our Fishing Days – you are missing out, they are a heap of fun!

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## **2nd August 2017**

### **Our friend Clive**

The latest news from Anni is SO good – our friend Clive has made a remarkable recovery.

He is up and about, but is still in the early stages of recovering and (therefore) tires very easily. As a result Anni has asked the following:

“We have a favour to ask, Clive has been overwhelmed with visitors and in conjunction with his rehab exercises he is very tired. He welcomes phone calls which he can handle ok. If you could let everyone at UEC know that would be appreciated. Thanks, love Anni xx”

This is just the best news of the year – go for gold Clive!

### **Last week's diving**

Still not a go-er – I think someone needs to start bribing Huey...

### **This week – Single Dive on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> August**

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### **Dive Travel**

We have some travel opportunities coming up between now and the end of the year...

### **Busselton (Tangaroa Blue Clean-up) – 13-15<sup>th</sup> October**

UEC will again be participating in the annual Tangaroa Blue Clean-up by cleaning up the rubbish under Busselton Jetty.

The plan for the weekend is:

- Friday afternoon/evening: Head down to our accommodation in Busselton
- Saturday: Dive the HMAS Swan (or the Lena – whichever the majority prefer)
- Sunday: 1 x fun dive and 1 x clean-up dive under Busselton Jetty

We are just finalising the costs now and will have this detail plus a flyer in next week's newsletter.

### **Augusta Weekend – 10 – 12<sup>th</sup> November**

It's time for some more spectacular Southern Ocean diving!

The plan for the weekend is:

- Friday: head down to Augusta (optional shore dive during the day for those who can score the day off work)
- Saturday: Double (boat) dive
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keen, you are welcome to pay a \$50 deposit to secure your spot (just let myself and Treasurer Steve know that you have transferred money, and what this money is for).

That's all the stuff from me (I think).  
Cheerio from Mel

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Thanks Liz

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You can access your copy (either) online from <https://www.ozdiver.com.au/> or get the Apps from the App Store or Google Play.

#### **Diving the Saxon Ranger**

Chris McCoppin has an annual permit and a small boat and is kindly offering an opportunity for anyone who wants to dive the Saxon Ranger to drop him a line at [critter350@mac.com](mailto:critter350@mac.com).



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**9th August 2017**

## General News

### New Website

We will be moving to a new website as of 16th August. The new site will bring a fresh look to the current site along with a new booking system for booking onto dives and trips. The UECWA site will be completely unavailable for the period 13 - 15 August while the new site is made live.

It is advised if you would like to book onto a dive to wait until the new site is launched or before the old site is shut down. All existing bookings will be carried over you will not need to rebook any dives.

## Weekly Diving

### Last week's diving

Still not a go-er – don't know about you, but I'm ready for summer now...

### This week's activities

#### Double Dive on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> August

This week we have a double dive scheduled to visit Victoria Station (Roe Reef) and the Denton Holme/Macedon Wrecks... and at this stage, we need a whole heap more people to even get a look-in on this dive.

If you'd like to come along you can book on via the website: <http://www.uecwa.com.au/simpl-e-schedule>

#### Squidding & Whiting Fishing Trip – Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> August

These fishing days are always hugely popular, and as such – we have no spaces left on this trip.

If you'd like me to add your name to the waitlist, drop me an e-mail at [divebookings@uecwa.com.au](mailto:divebookings@uecwa.com.au)

### Next week's diving

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### Dive Schedule

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## Dive Travel

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Following a phenomenal response at the AGM, the March Rotto, weekend is now fully booked, and there are 3 spaces remaining for the week.

So if you are keen to come along , book on now, by contacting me, [see flyer here](#).

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## Clothing

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If you want some club clothing please let me know, I will be placing an order shortly.

These garments should be visible on the web page shortly. I will be placing an order with the supplier on Monday 14th August.. Please have your orders to be by that time.

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**16th August 2017**

## General News

### General Meetings

General Meetings will be held on a quarterly basis as a trial for 12 months. Location is Esplanade at Fremantle. Bellow are the dates for the meetings.

- 20<sup>th</sup> September 2017 Esplanade Hotel – 7pm
- 17<sup>th</sup> December 2017 Diabetes Centre, Stirling
- 18<sup>th</sup> April 2018 Esplanade Hotel – 7pm
- 18<sup>th</sup> July 2018 – Esplanade Hotel – 7pm (AGM)

## Weekly Diving

### Last week's diving

This weather is beyond a joke now – hopefully we've turned a corner...

### This week's diving

The weather actually looks like it might be fining up for a spot of diving this week... WOO!

### Monthly (Shore) Night Dive – TONIGHT!

We're back up and running with our monthly (shore) night dives – good timing, as the prawns and crabs are plentiful at the moment!

Tonight we're meeting 6.30/6.45pm at Mosman's Restaurant ([see map on where to park](#)) – aiming to be in the water around 7pm.

There will also be soup and a beer or two afterwards – so non-divers are more than welcome to join us for a chat and a feed.

If you are planning on coming along please let me know at [divebookings@uecwa.com.au](mailto:divebookings@uecwa.com.au) so I have enough food to feed everyone.

Hope to see you tonight!



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## Single Dive SUPER SPECIAL – Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> August

Looking at the forecast, we are becoming very optimistic about the diving this weekend...

We are scheduled to head to the South Mole Beacon Marker for a single dive this Sunday. We haven't had a chance to dive the South Mole Beacon Marker yet – it's supposed to be a really interesting little wreck dive, in only about 9m of water.

Given the (close) proximity of South Mole to our pen (and the fact that Cape Cruiser is itching for a run) – we are only charging \$20 for this single dive. Non-diving guests = no charge. We will also do a lunch run into Fremantle Fishing Boat Harbour after the dive (mmmm... steaming hot chowder and fish & chips... yummy!)

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As you are all aware UEC has been allocated a sausage Sizzle spot at Bunnings Bibra Lake, this is a great fundraising opportunity.

Thank you so much too those members who responded to the request for volunteers for the day, the event can proceed. If you are not volunteering but are in the area on the day please drop by and purchase a sausage in a bun, you will be helping the club...

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**23th August 2017**

## General News

### New Website and Dive Booking System

The new website is now active and can be [accessed here](#) You will need to register an account to book onto a dive. You can register for an [account here](#). To book a dive navigate to the UECWA Diving menu item at the top of the site and select calendar from the drop down, you will be able to view the available trips. If you are having issue with booking please email me at [communications@uecwa.com.au](mailto:communications@uecwa.com.au)

## Historical Background to Last Weeks Diving

Last Sunday we managed a single dive out to the South Mole Beacon Marker. Five brave and hardy souls jumped into some cold water for what turned out to be a very interesting dive. This is a very extensive wreck site with bits of rusty plate and beams going on and on. What was there was such a jumble it was difficult to comprehend just what we were looking at but both Gino and Pete had a bit of background and explained it was the wreck of the Lygnern which Gino had the pleasure of demolishing in the 70's!

After I got home I did some research and discovered that there are actually two wrecks on the site, the Lygnern and the Samuel Plimsoll. The Lygnern ran aground on Beagle Rocks in 1928 and although great efforts were made to refloat her she stuck fast and then spent the next 40 years rusting away until the SAS blew her up in the 70's. A full account of the wreck can be found here [The Lygnern](#).



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Salmon Rise and Julies Cave  
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#### Saturday 9th September

Nurse's Quarters & Jumbo Cave  
Skipper - Geoff  
DO - Pete

#### Saturday 16th September

Wreck Diving Day!!!  
Skipper - Wendy  
DO - Dave

#### Sunday 24th September

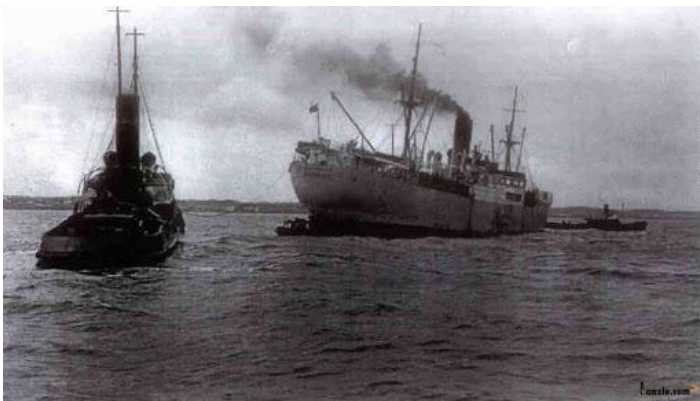
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Skipper - Geoff  
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#### Monday 25th September

Robbs Jetty (Single)  
Skipper - Rex  
DO - Pete

#### Saturday 30th September

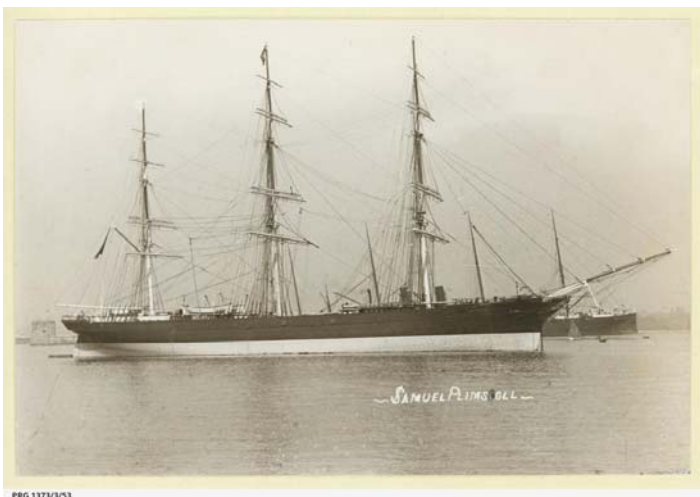
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The other ship, like the Lygnern, had rather an unfortunate career. In 1873, the **Samuel Plimsoll**, an iron hulled full-rigged merchant sailing ship, was launched at the shipyard of Walter Hood & Co. in Aberdeen, Scotland for the Aberdeen White Star Line (G. Thompson & Co.). In 1899, she caught fire in the Thames River and had to be scuttled, but was refloated and repaired in 1900. In 1902, she was severely dismantled and damaged on voyage to Port Chalmers, Australia. Towed to Sydney and subsequently to Fremantle, she was reduced to hulk status the following year. She sank in 1945 after a collision with the Dalgoma and was raised in sections and dumped on the wreck site of the Lygnern.

Now the really interesting bit and I can here you all asking a ship was named after a shoe. Well it was the other way round, kind of. Samuel Plimsoll was an English politician and social reformer with a particular passion for the welfare of sailors. He is famous for devising the Plimsoll line, which is a line on a ship's hull indicating the maximum safe draft and therefore the minimum freeboard for a vessel. This was directed against what were known as coffin ships, unseaworthy and overloaded vessels, often heavily insured, in which unscrupulous owners risked the lives of their crews.

The shoe got its name because the coloured horizontal band joining the upper to the sole resembled the Plimsoll line (just like in the photo below), or because, just like the Plimsoll line on a ship, if water got above the line of the rubber sole, the wearer would get wet feet.



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Grotto  
Skipper - Mike  
DO - Dylan

#### Sunday 1st October

Deep(er) Diving Day  
Skipper - Chris  
DO - Dave

#### Saturday 7th October

Nurse's Quarters & Crystal  
Palace  
Skipper - Steve  
DO - Mel

#### Sunday 15th October

Hunting for Crays!  
Skipper - Rex  
DO - Bec

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### Last week's diving

We went diving! YAY!!!!

### Monthly (Shore) Night Dive

It had been a while since we ran our last Monthly (shore) Night Dive – so our dive last Wednesday was long overdue.

Given we are giving the monthly General Meetings a bit of a break, it seems logical we revisit these monthly (shore) night dives instead, so that our non-divers (also) have an opportunity to come along for a bit of a chin-wag in between meetings.

So, with this awesome plan in mind – it was off to Mosman's Restaurant for our dive.

Despite it raining all day, the weather had cleared by the time we arrived, and the river looked flat and very dive-able. First to arrive was Dylan, who came along with the dogs for a chat and a walk. Then "friend of UEC" Shane arrived – ready to dive. We all chatted and waited for an hour – at which time we decided that we weren't going to wait any longer, it was time to go diving.

It was a little on the chilly side, but there was certainly no shortage of prawns or crabs. Shane cleaned up, while I pottered around taking photos. Highlights of our dive were finding the Clipper wreck (along with some pretty neat nudi's on the wreck), and dozens of shrimps all carrying eggs – hiding out under the restaurant jetty. Our dive lasted for 55min, and the vis ranged from 1m to 4m – depending on the depth.

After the dive we heated up some soup and smashed this back with some bread rolls – good times.

Going forward, we will be holding our Monthly (shore) Night Dives on the third Wednesday of each month, and we'd love to see more people coming along (divers and non-divers welcome – there is always enough soup to go around!) Our next one is on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September – location TBA... save the date!

### This week's diving

This week we are heading out for a double dive on Salmon Rise & Julie's Cave – both on the south side of the island.

We have plenty of spaces left on this trip – and it looks as though we are in for another nice weekend!

If you'd like to come along, bookings can be made via our awesome new website: <https://www.uecwa.com.au/diving-with-us/calendar/>

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The weather is starting to fine up now – time to dust off your gear and get booking!

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### Cape Cruiser Annual Boat Lift

Last weekend Cape Cruiser came out of the water for Annual Maintenance. I decided to lift her earlier this year, so that she is ready to go for the spring diving season that is already here.



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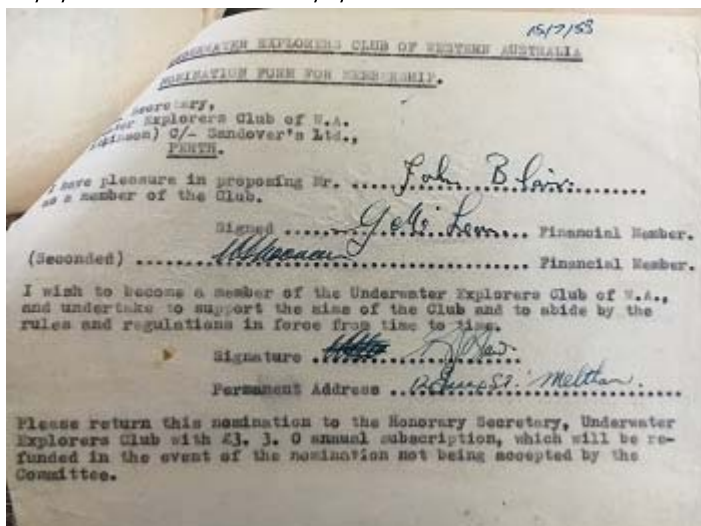
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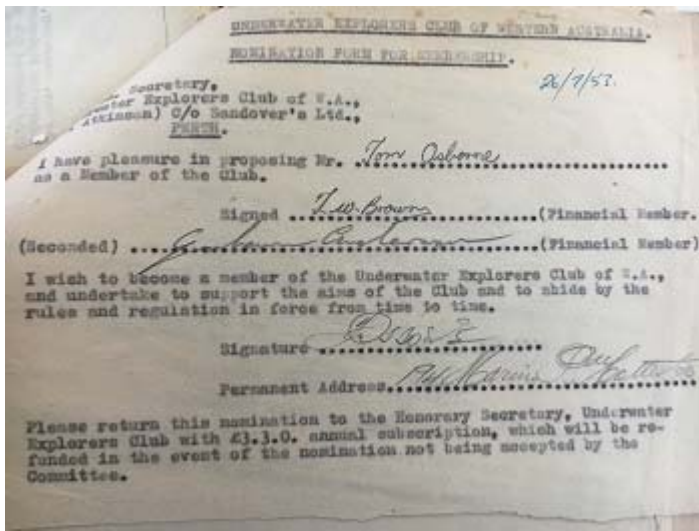
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### Next General Meeting - 20 September

Wednesday 20 September @ 7 pm @ the Esplanade Fremantle.

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If you are a diver or snorkeler or just curious to know more about the fantastic reef creatures of Ningaloo, the Great Barrier Reef and the Indo-Pacific, then this presentation is for you.

- When: Saturday 9th September 2017, 2 - 4:30pm•
- Cost: \$5
- Where: Hamilton Hill Memorial Hall ,465 Carrington St, Hamilton Hill WA 6163

Bookings essential Please register online at [events.ticketbooth.com.au/events/24045](http://events.ticketbooth.com.au/events/24045) or via customer service on 08 9411 3444. Find out more at <http://www.seereefbali.com>

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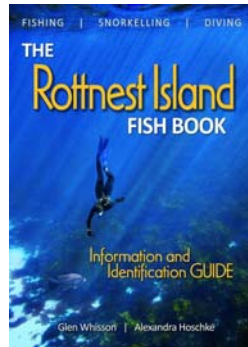


20th September 2017

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I'm still in shock – despite the nice weather, we just didn't get the numbers to see last week's dive go ahead. Fingers crossed for this week...

### **This week's diving**

This week we have two dives on offer:

#### **Sunday 24 September – Penguin Island & Surrounds (Double Dive)**

This is a really pretty area that we rarely get to dive – full of ledges and grottos to explore, all covered in loads of colour and fish life.

There is still plenty of space left on this trip.

#### **Monday 25 September – Robbs Jetty (Single Dive)**

Avoid the 'dune of death' and come and dive Robbs from the boat!

The plan is to head out for a quick Public Holiday morning

### **Hunting for Crays!**

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Given the close proximity of Robbs to our home in Coogee – the cost of this single dive is only \$20.

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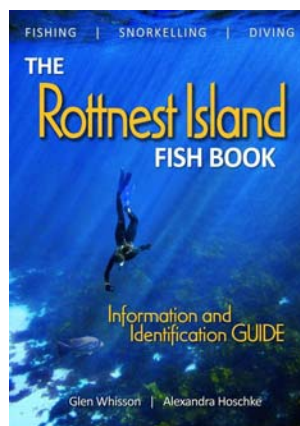


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Shawn and Alley didn't waste any time hopping into the water, and it wasn't long before Mike, Pete and myself found them on the first barge. There was a fair bit of life around (the usual boxfish, leatherjackets, starfish, nudibranchs and forever tough crabs). From there Shawn and Alley headed back to shore, I headed off to flap about and practice some skills, and Mike and Pete headed off to explore the Cabin Cruiser.

Our dive times varied from 40-60min, visibility was a very reasonable 5m, and the water temperature a balmy 17/18 degrees (depending on who's computer you were looking at) – not bad!

Afterwards we warmed up with brunch, coffee and a chin-wag at the Left Bank. By the time we were leaving the Left Bank, the clouds were starting to close in (and by the time I got home it was piddling with rain)... a perfectly timed morning dive! Big thanks to Shawn, Alley, Mike and Pete for coming along.

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We still need a few more bookings for this trip to go ahead.  
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Always a big adventure, our Deep(er) Diving days see us go a bit beyond our usual diving depths, but still within decompression limits. Sites will be completely weather dependent and decided by the Skipper on the day.

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shining and the conditions were forecast to improve, which they did.

The passengers were dropped off and we continued out to Swirl Reef. The bottom could be seen after anchoring from the boat. Divers entered the water and all had a great dive with vis 20/30m and lots to see on the reef. David Carter obtained a photo of a seal that came in for a look.



We then headed back towards Angela's Cave but were distracted for a while on the way with a close passing whale and calf or 2. Others whales could be seen breaching and tail slapping further out to the north.

We anchored at Angela's Cave and vis look just as good from the boat, although after their dive the consensus was the vis wasn't quite as good, with a good dive had by all except Dave and Andrea, who stayed on the boat due to Dave's back playing up a bit.

The passengers were picked up and a coffee run was made on Rotto. We then headed back to the marina, with very flat conditions, with little or no wind.

A good time was had by both passengers and divers over the day.

(Pete Northrop)

### **This week's diving**

This Saturday (if the weather decides to play nice) we're heading out to two Club favourites – Nurse's Quarters & Crystal Palace.

These are two really popular sites and as such – there are only a couple of spaces left. [Click Here to book.](#)

### **Next week's Diving**

Next Sunday (15<sup>th</sup> October) it's our Cray Season opener, and we only have 3 spaces left on this trip! Best get booking ASAP if you'd like to come along. [Click Here to book.](#)

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### **Fishing / Squidding Trip – Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> October**

Our rescheduled fishing trip is taking place on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> October... for those who haven't been on one of our Fishing Days – you are missing out, they are a heap of fun!

We depart the loading jetty at 9am, and head out to try our

Mel.

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**We've had a space free up on this trip** for anyone who'd like to join us...

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- Saturday: Dive the HMAS Swan
- Sunday: 1 x fun dive and 1 x clean-up dive under Busselton Jetty

Cost is \$60 per person + \$130 for the double dive on the Swan (for those who choose this option).

We do have a contingent who have decided to give the Swan a miss and instead hit the wineries on Saturday.

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**11th October 2017**

## General News

### General Meetings

Following feedback received, the vastly improved social facilities at the Esplanade Hotel and the results from the survey, it was agreed at last Wednesdays Committee meeting to increase the frequency of the General Meetings to Bi-monthly. The next General Meeting will therefore be held at the Esplanade Hotel starting at 7:00pm on the 15th November. There will be the usual tables booked for dinner beforehand from 6pm onwards. The Xmas meeting will remain as planned on the 17th December at the Type 1 Diabetes Center with the following GM to be held 21st February 2018

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- **WHEN:** Saturday 14th October from 8am to 6pm
- **WHERE:** Dolphin Scuba Diving: 3/129 Welshpool Road, Welshpool

There will be an all-day Clearance sale, a range of Guest Speakers and a free Sausage Sizzle to enjoy – full details can be found at the [Facebook event page here \(Click Here\)](#).

UEC will have a table at the event, and are calling on volunteers to help throughout the day. If you can spare an hour or two please drop me an e-mail at [divebookings@uecwa.com.au](mailto:divebookings@uecwa.com.au)



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## Weekly Diving

### Last week's diving

Eight desperate suckers....erm, I mean, intrepid, endlessly hopeful divers turned up, after several intelligent people....erm, I mean, Pikers, dropped out after consulting the existing conditions, on a day that was cold, windy and laden with strong swells.

The boat was ably Skippered by Sandbar Steve, who appeared annoyed by the new moniker but I'm sure that I was just being paranoid, and myself as DO, back from a layoff, back in training in the diving-weight category and fighting fit! It's been a while so Sandbar had to remind me that the outboard doesn't strap on to the pointy end of the dinghy - I disagree but he's an old bloke and knows many things so I deferred to his judgement.

No chance of diving Nurses Quarters, I figured, given the conditions, but the divers were keen to try their luck and so off we motored into the 2.8m swells. Funnily enough, as we approached west end and the swells combined with the ocean waves to quickly become 3.5m seas, the hopeful looks rapidly turned apprehensive - very strange.... I decided to put them out of their misery and told Sandbar, with the height of erudition, "Ain't no way I'm putting no divers in the water in this, Steve!" Immediate agreement all round and off we motored to Victoria Station.

Much more diveable there although there were still sets of big swells coming through which promised surge and my feet told me that the water was no more than 18 degrees. All were still keen to get in and off they went....to various screams, yells and whimpers (Mike), as they hit the wonderfully frigid water. I had to strap the newbies tanks in properly and actually turn them on before they dived - I reminded them that being able to breathe when under the water can be useful.

The divers managed to endure the water for longer than me and Sandbar expected but still came back with blue lips and computers reporting 16/17 degrees, not that it was any warmer on deck, either. They had about ten metres vis and reported some good country, swim-throughs and Geoff and Damien found a cave full of jumbos casually throwing them the middle feeler, safe in the knowledge that they weren't BBQ fodder for another week, yet.

We trundled a short distance over to The Arch where four of the blue-tinged suckers....erm, I mean, heroic divers, decided that there was no way in hell that they were going to risk their bits turning black and dropping off by going for a second dive, so only four went in, including (and kudos to them for going the distance) the newbies Madison & Jake.

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Another reasonable dive reported, arch and large cave sighted (the newbies found seven large caves that they eventually realised was the same one from seven different directions!) and a lot of serious surge down the limestone alleys. Everyone back and no-one dead! Another successful day!

Went to pull anchor and it was well and truly stuck fast. Elise and Jake valiantly geared up again and went in with the new lift bag. Turned out that the anchor had dropped over a ledge, caught itself under a second ledge and fallen into a hole, so no matter which way we tried to pull it, it was going to hook onto something solid. Elise managed to float it in pretty short order though and we were off back to a nice harbour without big swells and warm cars.

(Craydrian Taylor - DO)

### Busselton Trip

Well if you thought it was chilly in Perth - spare a thought for the 9 brave souls who headed down to Busselton for the weekend. We considered ourselves lucky, given the forecast and conditions did improve significantly in the lead-up to the weekend, so it was with high hopes we all arrived in Busselton Friday evening.

To combat the cold, some of our crew decided a few spirited drinks were in order that evening - suffice to say this was regretted by one (whose name starts with "T" and ends in "revor") in particular the following morning, when we headed to Dunsborough (early) to dive the HMAS Swan with Cape Dive. The other (being Mark) managed to kitesurf his sore head away, with Liz as his able helper.



Trevor, Donna, Phil, Jarrad, Iain, Shane and yours truly boarded the boat and headed out in the relatively flat (2m swell). The rain stayed away and we even saw glimmers of sunshine... a good start, especially given the forecast was for the wind to drop as the day went on. We wasted

no time kitting up and hopping in the 15/16 degree water - it was far warmer in the water than out of it! We had great vis (around 10m), and were spoilt not only with the awesomeness of the wreck, but also a big school of kingfish swimming through - all to the tune of whales that were so loud they sounded like they were on top of us... splendid.

The surface interval was brutal - the wind felt like it was coming straight from Antarctica. We were treated to some whales passing

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Upon returning to the house we hit a little speed bump - the house lock had broken and we were locked out. Turns out most of us would make pretty bad burglars but eventually J-rad came through for the team, and we were in. That evening it was a few more (not-quite-as) spirited drinks and a BBQ fit for kings and queens.

Sunday morning we headed to Busselton Jetty for two dives - one a fun dive, the other a clean-up dive as part of the annual Tangaroa Blue beach clean-up. We loaded up our trolleys and headed off for the 1.8km walk to the end of the jetty. We did have a (rather explosive) trolley blow-out - which sent a heap of tyre foam all over the place - but we still persisted and made it to the end. It was flat but a little overcast - so again, we didn't waste any time jumping in. We were all rewarded for our efforts - the vis was STUNNING, and we spent the entire dive playing with (and being followed by) a little seal who has been hanging around the jetty for a while.

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A big thank you to everyone involved in the haul, and for a hilarious weekend - looking forward to doing it all again next year!



### **This week's diving**

This week marks the start of the cray season, and Cape Cruiser will

be heading out on Sunday to take part in the action. [Click Here to Book](#)

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**18th October 2017**

## General News

### Bunnings Sausage Sizzle - Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November

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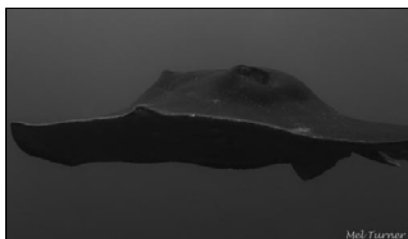
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### Last week's diving

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After a discussion with the divers we decided we would take advantage of the awesome conditions and head to West End for the first dive, and Stragglers for the second. The swell was 1-1.5m and there was barely any wind, so we chose Carpet Emporium. We had to anchor slightly off our mark as a small fishing boat was on our spot, but Carpet Emporium is such a big site, close enough is good enough. And in the end we had the site to ourselves... the fishing boat moved on as soon as we were anchored.

Being a deeper site, dive times varied (averaged) around 30-45min. Visibility was reported to be around 10m, and there was no current. 11 crays were brought up on this dive, and Damian (who was first in the water with buddy Adrian) reported seeing one very timid grey nurse shark. All divers reported a really nice dive featuring Crayfish (of course!) Bull Rays and massive schools of fish in the main caves.



Mel Turner

I took advantage of the magnificent conditions and undertook a 45min solo dive during the surface interval. I recorded a water temperature of 18 degrees, and also enjoyed interacting with two bull rays, and swimming through massive schools of bullseyes and footballer sweep in the caves. It truly is an awesome site.

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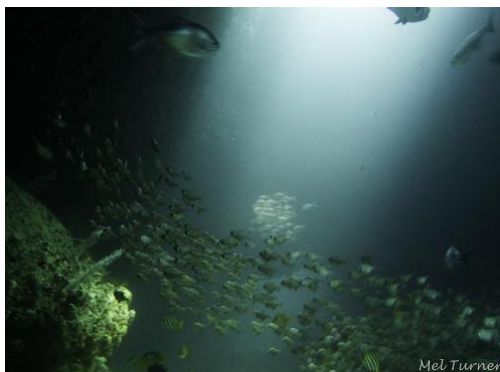
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After everyone was back on board (a few requiring pick-up by the tender) – it was anchor up and a nice ride home... great to see a big contingent making use of the (fly bridge) "Beer Garden"... it certainly was a magnificent afternoon for it.



A big thanks to everyone who came and made the day so enjoyable, and thanks to Rex for Skippering, and his choice selection of sites.

Mel

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Our rescheduled fishing trip is taking place this Sunday (22<sup>nd</sup> October)... for those who haven't been on one of our Fishing Days – you are missing out, they are a heap of fun!

We depart the loading jetty at 9am, and head out to try our luck fishing for some whiting. After we've caught enough whiting to feed the whole boat (\*fingers crossed!\*) we'll head to one of Skipper Steve's secret squid spots, to round off our fishing adventures. We may finish the day with an ice-cream/coffee/cake stop at Fremantle Fishing Harbour (depending on how we're all feeling) – back by around 2pm.

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Thanks to everyone for taking the time to work through our new (online) booking system, it's been great to see everyone embracing the change. There have been a couple of small bugs that we have had to iron out along the way (and there may be one or two more to come) – but the new system is already significantly reducing the “behind-the-scenes” workload for our Dive Coordinator and Membership Secretary.

As always, if you have any hassles or if you notice any bugs that need our attention, please contact our Communications Officer Dylan at [communications@uecwa.com.au](mailto:communications@uecwa.com.au) He would be so incredibly happy to spend countless hours talking you through the new system (he particularly loves phone calls at 3 and 4 in the morning)...

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First dive was at Carpet Emporium, surface conditions were reasonable, a little swell and no current however a bit blowie. Condition under were reported not bad with little current under and about 7/8m vis with a water temp around 18C. Divers were treated to Grey Nurse Sharks, Wobbegongs, Rays and loads of marine life.



With everyone back on the boat we went to pull the anchor up and guess what? We got it stuck... We had some how managed to catch some old chains on the bottom and had anchored ourself back to the rock with some foreign chains. After breaking free we were off to the second dive at Crystal Palace.

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All in all we had a good Saturday out diving! Thanks go to Mike for jumping in and skippering at the last minute.

Sunday...

Sunday we had 11 enthusiastic fisherman/women ready to go catch some dinner. Seas were calm and the sun was shining (I now look like a Lobster). Steve showed us how to rig our rods up and the very technical technique to catch the slimy little critters. After this it was off and away and we headed over to the very secret spot over at Garden IS where most caught at least one.

For lunch we steamed over to Fishing Boat Harbour than thought we might go for a quick look around the corner at South Mole. It looked promising here snagging a couple squid very quickly, however this was short lived and they just weren't biting any more. We headed back Port Coogee and divvied up the catch. Everyone had a great day out on the water!

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At least things are looking much better this week...

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Thanks also to Jasmine for her stoic torch bearer duties...oh yes, and her Sagg Paneer, my absolute favourite..... can't wait till next year..

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A conversation with club members on Sat night has made me re think this add and some spellings,.. **NO**, you do not need to bring a plate... I will provide the nibbles, breads , salads, deserts etc, you bring your meat and drinks..

Once I know how many people are attending I can advertise a price....As last year this event will be held @ Type 1 Diabetes Family Centre in Osborne Park. Time confirmation and a map will be available closer to the date

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Plans are being laid for this event, this year we plan to view the celebrations from Rockingham , I will be providing more information as it is confirmed. WATCH THIS SPACE....

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**8 November 2017**

## General News

### Bunnings Sausage Sizzle

You came, you helped and we raised funds... An amazing result, special thanks to Wendy and Chris for organising this event and Thank you to all who volunteered...

## Weekly Diving

### Last week's diving

It was cosy on the boat on Saturday with 10 divers, 12 passengers and about 8 bikes on board. We also had Bec on board completing the final run of her DO Training.



After dropping 11 of our passengers at Thompson Bay, we headed to Kerry's Cavern for our first dive. Reports were that the current was strong but manageable, vis around 10m and water temperature

around 19 degrees. A few crays were brought up on this dive (from memory 5) – with Craydrian and Bec leading the charge. All divers were stoked with the site selection – it's been a while since we visited Kerry's Caverns.

I completed a 50min solo dive in the surface interval and noted the same conditions and highlights as previously reported by our divers – there were so many Western Blue Groupers and Bull Rays!

We then were off to Flat Top Reef for our second dive. The wind had started to pick up slightly, but it was still pleasant. 9 divers hopped in for this one, and reported were similar vis, water temps, and current.



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The tender was put to good use, with a couple of pick-ups required. It was around this time the returning divers were reporting the anchor was going to be a "impossible" to lift, as it was wrapped around and under a rock. Adrian was still in the water swimming back to the boat, so I went out in the tender to ask if he could help retrieve the anchor. Unfortunately he didn't have enough air to do so. Back to the boat and just as I got close, the motor spluttered and then cut out – not to be started again despite best efforts. The wind was doing a good job of pushing me further from the boat – so in the oars went. Turns out, I really can't row a boat (well I can, but in circles – not in a straight line). In my defence, I did manage to put a stop to my voyage to South Africa, but all I was achieving was giving everyone on the boat a good laugh. So Bec kindly swam out to me and managed to row us to the mermaid line – where we were pull in by everyone on board.



So once the rescuers had been rescued – it was time to focus our efforts back on the anchor. Mark and Trevor went in with the lift bag and did a fine job using it to get the anchor unstuck. Then it was back to Thompson Bay for a quick coffee run while we loaded the bikes and passengers back on board for what turned out to be a rough ride home, thanks to the increasing winds. Still, that didn't deter a few crazy ones, who spent the trip home getting drenched up on the fly bridge.

Congratulations to Bec for a great job running the day, thanks to Adrian for staying back to help Bec, Mike and myself clean the boat at the end of the day – and a big thanks to Skipper Mike for his great site selections, and for getting us all home in one piece after another fabulous day on Cape Cruiser.

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General Meeting - Tonight 7pm

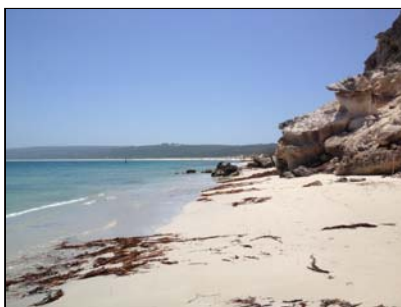
A special General Meeting UECWA, featuring a presentation by the WA Water Police. Commencing 7 pm sharp. The Esplanade Hotel Fremantle.

## Weekly Diving

**Last week's diving**

### Augusta Weekend

While the weather wasn't playing kind up in Perth, our Augustarians were treated to another great weekend of Southern Ocean diving.



Friday saw a small (lucky) group meet at Hamlin Bay at lunch time, where they enjoyed a nice shore dive along the old Hamlin Bay jetty – making their way out to Mushroom Rock, and then back around to shore... certainly a far better way to spend a Friday than the rest of us at work!

Friday afternoon saw the rest of us arrive at various times, and once all there we headed to the pub for a meal before turning in for the night.

Saturday's forecast was the better of the two days, and after a cooked bacon and egg brekkie on the boat we headed off to our first site – a tip-off from a new (Augusta local) friend of UEC. The vis wasn't too bad (around 10-15m) and the water temperature was a very mild 20 degrees. We all enjoyed exploring a big archway and cave, and surrounding ledges. There were a few crays brought up on this dive – including two monsters caught by Craydrian.

A few elected to sit out the second dive, however those who persisted were rewarded with an even better dive than the



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On our way back Damian and I hopped in for a quick dive at a shallow site called “Thousand Pound Patch” to quickly grab our abalone quota for the day – 15min was all it took (thanks to Damo’s hunting skills – not mine!), and we were back on board and heading back to dry land.



That night saw us down at the pub for another meal, followed by a few bevvies beside a fire pit that was packed (possibly next to the kitchen sink and laundry basin) in Mark’s camper trailer.

We woke up to a windy, swelly day on Sunday – but this didn’t deter a hardened few, who again headed out after a cooked brekkie on the boat.

We set out for the shelter of St Alourarn Island, a favourite from previous trips. Due to the conditions we had to shelter on a different side of the island to what we had previously explored – but holy moly, we were not disappointed, it was STUNNING! The main part of the dive consisted of a long, wide canyon with an awesome swim through filled with schooling fish and



four large port Jackson sharks. It was so awesome, Mike and I spent our dive swimming laps up and down the canyon, and then through “Port Jackson Cave” over and over again. There were some big grins back on the boat after that one.



We elected to stay at the same spot for our second dive of the day – it was too good not to, and we were enjoying the shelter from the island. Dylan and Yvette hopped in first, and were rewarded with a big (2m-ish) Bronzie checking them out before moving on – lucky ducks. We all (then) enjoyed another stunning dive, again exploring the canyon and “Port Jackson Cave” – as well as the surrounding ground, which was just as visually dramatic as the canyon...

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Another quick dive on Thousand Pound Patch by Damo and myself and then it was back to shore to pack up and head for home.

A massive thank you to Geoff for organising, and to Mike, Mark, Damian, Chris, Dave, Dylan, Yvette, Carlo, Leanne, Craydrian, Colin and Sid the dog for a fantastic weekend!



### **This week's diving**

This Saturday it's a trip to Carl the Cray Whisperer's Secret Spot... For those who don't know Carl, he can sniff out a cray from the top of the fly bridge, and he can catch them with no hands AND a blindfold on.

Carl's days are always hugely popular and as such there's only one space left. If you'd like to nab it – you can do so by booking on here: <https://www.uecwa.com.au/events/carl-cray-whisperer/>

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## General News

### Pirate Pete's Dive Safety Tips

#### Pre-dive Buddy Safety Check

It doesn't matter if you've made 10 dives or 1,000 dives, the pre-dive buddy safety check should be a part of your routine. It ensures that everyone's equipment is properly set up and working, and also helps familiarize both of you with each other's kit. Remember BWRAF from PADI's Open Water Diver manual? It's the acronym that stands for the steps in a thorough pre-dive safety check: BC/ Buoyancy, Weight, Releases, Air and Final Check. Remember the steps in a buddy check with this mnemonic: Begin With Review And Friend. Or, if you prefer: Bruce Willis Ruins All Films, Big White Rabbits Are Fluffy, etc.

You learned it during your open-water certification, but are you still practicing it?

- **BC/Buoyancy** - Check that it's adjusted properly, the low-pressure inflator hose is properly connected and the buckles are secure. Locate the dump valves and releases, and make sure they're working. Ensure that the tank is firmly strapped in. Hit the inflator button for a short burst to make sure that it's working, and then deflate it. Check that signalling devices, whistles etc, are working and easily accessible.
- **Weight** - Ensure the amount of weight is correct and distributed properly. Also be sure that the weight pockets and/or weight belt is secured. Check your buddy's weight belt to be sure it allows for quick, right-hand release, or if his or her BC has integrated weights, make sure you know how to release them.
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*Courtesy Sport Diver Magazine.*

## Weekly Diving

### Last week's diving

We had 10 divers for the first "Carl the Cray Whisperer's" trip of the season. The forecast had us all preparing for a rough day on the water, but we were greeted with far better conditions than expected for our departure from Coogee.

We headed straight to Stragglers Reef, and decided to drop anchor on "Stragglers Cave" – which Carl described as a huge cave surrounded by interesting reef – hopefully home to a bunch of crayfish! Tonya and Todd were the first to surface from their dive, and Carl was anxious to hear what they thought of the site. Tonya's words were "I thought Crystal Palace was good – this was AMAAAAZING!" YAY! That made for one happy Skipper.

As the rest of the divers returned, the reports echoed Tonya's comments – beautiful site, stunning (20m+ vis), but very surgy. There were 10 (keeper) crays brought up on this dive.

Anchor retrieval turned out to be a bit of a nightmare. Despite the chain being moved from under a ledge, we still managed to get ourselves royally stuck. But our seasoned anchor retrieval experts (Geoff and Trev) went in – lift bag in tow – and managed to free it so we could be on our merry way (that lift bag is definitely worth its weight in gold!)

The second dive we moved to another site on Stragglers that we named "Carl's Half-Tank" – since he described it as a small but interesting site. Divers were advised to take their time and really look under all the small ledges for crays here. Reports were that it was a little "soupier" (vis around 15m), still surgy, but very pretty. There were 5 crays brought on board from this dive – bringing our daily total to 15.

No issues with anchor retrieval this time, and it was a quick and uneventful trip back to Coogee.

There are a few special mentions from the day:

Thanks to Geoff for helping set up and clean the boat, to Trevor and Donna – for staying behind to help us put the boat in the pen, to (new Member) Josh for his help throughout the day (he was the first to jump to help with the ladder/tender/mermaid line/etc... thanks Josh! You can come

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These are two Club favourites...

Kerry's Cavern is a beautiful area of the reef, consisting of a many large flat caverns, swim throughs and a maze of connecting galleries. Swirl Reef is virtually formed like a crater with a hollow in the centre and many swim-throughs accessible from the inside.

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## General News

### Christmas Gift Ideas

Can you believe it's less than a month until Christmas (yikes!) We have a couple of great gift ideas (or better yet – ideas for YOUR Christmas wish-list!)

### Perth Dive Spots

The Club still has copies of Johan's fantastic book "The Dive Spots of Western Australia" (also known as the "Lonely Planet" of WA diving) available for purchase.

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A must-have for anyone who loves Rotto!

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Deep(er) Diving Day

Skipper - Chris

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Saturday 16th December

Victoria Station & Arch Rock

Skipper - Wendy

DO - Dylan

Saturday 23rd December

Nurse's Quarters & Crystal

for the day and little to no surge. Thanks to Steve getting us on the mark everyone found the cave and had a fantastic dive.

We then moved over to Flat Cave. None of us on the boat had actually dived this site before (apart from Geoff many years ago) so no one really knew what to expect other than as the name suggests some sort of flat cave. Well that's exactly what we found. Conditions were favourable underwater with calm seas and 15m vis.

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These are two Club favourites...

Kerry's Cavern is a beautiful area of the reef, consisting of a many large flat caverns, swim throughs and a maze of connecting galleries. Swirl Reef is virtually formed like a crater with a hollow in the centre and many swim-throughs accessible from the inside.

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## General News

### New member nominations

The following people have nominated for membership of UECWA:

Todd Campbell  
 Joshua Evans  
 Donna Gratton  
 Trevor Higgs  
 Mark Itzstein  
 Yvette Oxley  
 Gurmit Singh  
 Leanne Thompson

Please join me in welcoming them to the club. If you have any queries please contact me at [membership@uecwa.com.au](mailto:membership@uecwa.com.au).

### Divers Table

Well after racing off to a big lead Mikes diving has stalled following three trips as Skipper and an overseas vacation. This has opened the field up nicely.

Diver Name	Grand Total
Mike Buchanan	9
Gino Ferreri	9
Tonya Campbell	8
Hugh Parker	8
Pete Northrop	7
Todd Campbell	6
Trevor Higgs	6
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And new to our diving stats is the Crayfishing Table. No surprises as to who is in the lead.

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George Gandossini	11	4	2.75
David Freemantle	10	4	2.50
Carl Anders	8	2	4.00
Geoff Geard	8	5	1.60
Malcolm Roberts	8	4	2.00
Jarrad Baker	5	4	1.25
Jeff Weston	5	4	1.25
Chris McCoppin	5	2	2.50
Chad Wahby	4	2	2.00
Sam Montague	4	4	1.00
Caleb Newton	3	4	0.75
Elliot Lee	3	2	1.50
Bec Johnson	3	2	1.50
James Savill	3	4	0.75
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Mike Buchanan	2	9	0.22
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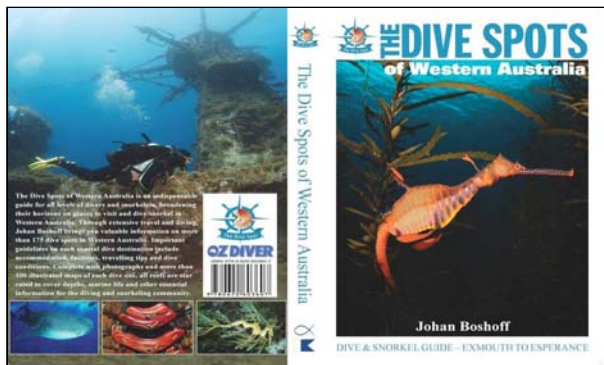
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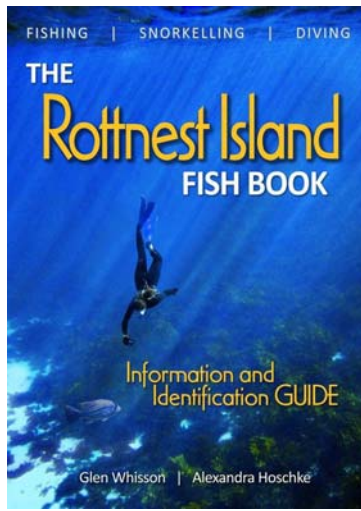
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## Weekly Diving

### Last week's diving

Cape Cruiser was busy last week, with trips on both Saturday and Sunday:

#### Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December – Kerry's Caverns

Great but long day on Saturday, with 6 divers (including one Nom) and 7 passengers for Rottnest (Rotto swim thru). Dropped everyone in Thompson bay then headed for Carpet Emporium. Dropped anchor but there was a very strong current so aborted dive. Fortunately the anchor came up with no problem.

We elected to move to Kerrys cavern. Viz was great and all divers loved site so much they opted to stay and do it twice.

Again anchor came up no problem. Into Thompson bay to pick up swimmers and day trippers at 2:30. It was an uneventful but slightly bumpy trip back to Coogee. Wind much less than forecast so no complaints.

A big thanks to David Geary who helped out with ropes all day and helped put boat in pen which with a strong SSW wind could have been tricky but went very smoothly. Thanks also to Dave Carter who did an excellent job as DO

(Skipper) Mike

#### Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December – Parker Point Drop-off & Crazy Wobby

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to a calm sea on the return trip.

First dive was at Parker Point Drop Off with divers advising 20-30m vis and no current. The water was still a bit cold though. We had three cray fishermen on board, bring back 12 crays. Everyone seemed to enjoy the dive.

We motored over to Crazy Wobby at Stragglers during the surface interval and the second dive was conducted there. About 20m vis was experienced and again no current. A further 9 crays came on board. Only 6 divers did the second dive and all enjoyed the swim throughs and overhangs.

On the return trip we refuelled CC after dropping the divers off to get coffees.

A good day was had by all on board and no dive incidents to report.

(DO) Pete

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Arriving at 8.00 am for a 8.30 am entry in to the water, those who are interested including friends and neighbours are welcome to join in.

Bring some morning tea along or something to share for the post dive catch up.

No cost involved, all welcome, but if you could indicate your interest to me that would be helpful on [socialbookings@uecwa.com.au](mailto:socialbookings@uecwa.com.au).

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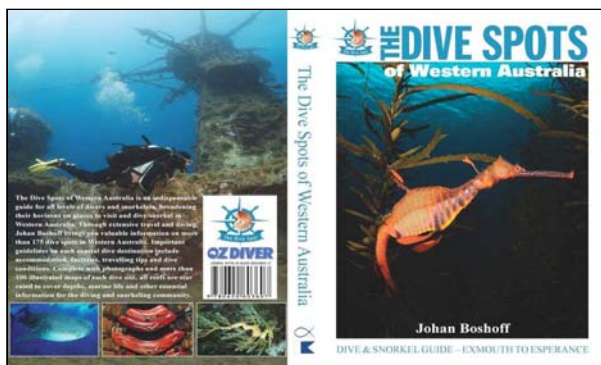
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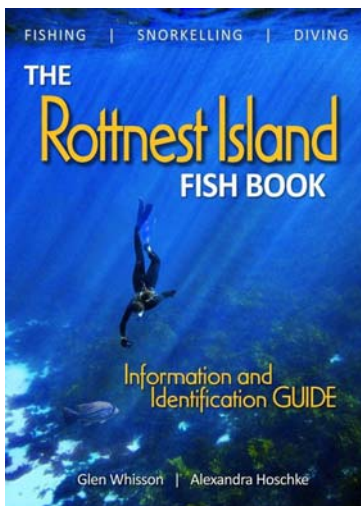
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We had special permission for 5 divers to go, given we were going to a local site and promised we would keep it under 1800



rpm. On a tip-off from Steve, we decided to head to Seaward Reef as the word on the street was the crays were plentiful there. We had good conditions and the vis looked very nice from the surface.

The divers all went in and dive times varied between 43-58min, with 14 crays brought up on board. I had to have a giggle – when I asked what else they saw down there, they all looked at me blankly and said ".....crayfish?" Haha – Carl the Cray Whisperer had delivered.

We decided to head to (nearby) Hugel Passage for the second dive, and Carl and I used the surface interval as an opportunity to dive the new site. I thoroughly enjoyed the dive – I pretty much followed Carl around like a dumb puppy dog, trying to find him a cray or two, enjoying the fish life (I found two wobbegongs on this dive, so I was happy). Carl thought it was pretty average – the crays were very light on (and they were –

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It was during the journey to the new site, an unfortunate incident occurred – we got ourselves a tad stuck on Hugel Passage. A sneaky bombie jumped in the way and while we saw it in enough time to take evasive

action, the reef still managed to get us. Full credit to all the crew and divers on board, who all helped guide us off the reef and into safer waters. We also needed to retrieve an up-turned tender, which was another solid team effort. Hats off and thanks to all on board for the way everyone handled themselves and pitched in to help.

So once off the reef and into clear water, we checked for leaks (none – all good), and then decided to call it a day. We motored back to the pen where Boat Officer Mark was ready to flush out the outboard. All compartments were checked for leaks again (none, phew!). While this was going on, Elise and Geoff donned dive gear and went in to inspect the underside of the boat. They reported just scrapes to the keel... another phew!

It was then back to Carl, Adrian and Mark, who were working on the outboard – spraying various concoctions out of various cans, and draining water out of places that shouldn't have water... to cut a long story short, they got the outboard cleaned out and working again, good news for the next day's Deep(er) Diving Day.

That rounded out an eventful day. Special thanks to Adrian for doing all of the boat cleaning jobs I dislike the most, and a big thank you to Carl, Geoff and all our wonderful divers for a day on Cape Cruiser I'll never (ever) forget J

#### **Sunday – Deep(er) Diving Day (Opera House & Jackson Arch)**

After her adventures the day before, Cape Cruiser was back at it again with 8 divers, Skipper Chris and myself headed out on a magnificent morning for Deep(er) Diving Day. Given the superb conditions – we headed straight for the Opera House. Upon arrival we were greeted to a glass-off and not a hint of current... perfect!

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The anchor got a tad stuck after the second dive, but with some careful manoeuvring we managed to get the chain unwrapped and the anchor back on the boat. It was a nice, smooth ride back to Coogee.

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### Christmas Gift Ideas

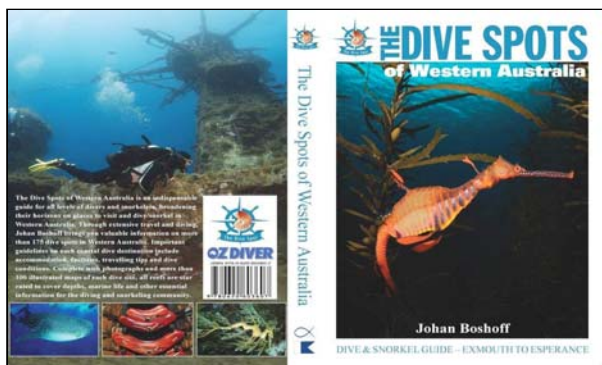
Can you believe it's less than a month until Christmas (yikes!) We have a couple of great gift ideas (or better yet – ideas for YOUR Christmas wish-list!)

### Perth Dive Spots

The Club still has copies of Johan's fantastic book "The Dive Spots of Western Australia" (also known as the "Lonely Planet" of WA diving) available for purchase.

The cost of this book is \$50 and as a bonus – included in every purchase are free copies of Johan's books: "The Diving Photographer" and "Marine Species Guide" – that's 3 books for the price of one!

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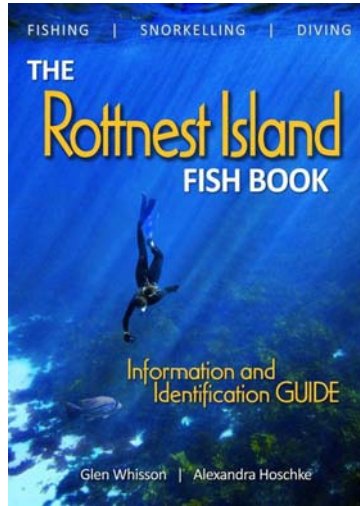
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### Last week's diving

Last week was not looking like a goer early on in the week, however the weather gods were kind enough to clear up just long enough for us to get the boat out. Saturday morning we had fantastic diving conditions, with no swell and light winds.



The first dive was scheduled for Victoria Station but because it was such a nice day we decided to head to another mark called BG Cave. Unfortunately there were already a couple of other boats on the mark, so we decided to jump in a bit of a hole surrounded by reef and rock just East.

A handful of divers decided to do the surface swim over to the actual mark to start their dive, the others went for a bit of an exploratory dive around where we had anchored. All reports were good with some interesting country to explore and nice clear vis. We only saw two cray come back after the dive though. The dingy got a bit of a workout when a buddy groups nav was not quiet right and surfaced a little further than expected from the boat.

The second dive was scheduled for Arch Rock and after a short steam over to the mark all the spots were taken by dive boats. It was turning out to be a busy day on the water. After waiting around for a little to see if PDA would move we decided to go find some other ground to dive so Wendy moved us over to Flat Cave.

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Liz



### Dive Report

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We them motored further south on Casurina Shoals to a lump noted on the plotter, for an exploratory dive. The wind had picked up to about 15 knots or so from the south then south west, flattening the swell out a bit but increasing the chop. Four divers did this dive in about 18m depth, 8-10 vis and



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