

THE UEC News

Annual General Meeting Wed 16 July 2014



Thank you 2013-2014 committee

President – Martin Smith
Secretary – Pat Swallow
Vice President – Martin Arrowsmith
Treasurer – Steve Day
Membership – Mike Buchanan
Dive Coordinator – Tracy Tebbutt
Boat Officer & SYC Liaison – Rex Burke
Safety & Training – Rob Jones/John De Boer
Social – Malcolm Roberts
Environment – Mick Lee
Fundraising – Liz Davey
Communications – Chris Wilkinson



Member subscriptions are due now

Member subscriptions are now due. Payments can be made by cheque payable to "Underwater Explorers Club of WA" and posted to the club at: PO Box 382, Melville WA 6956 or by EFT direct to the clubs bank account (preferred): BSB 066-136, Account no. 90-1972 *please email treasurer@uecwa.com.au and advise that you have EFT paid and provide details (a screen shot of the payment is great).

Subscriptions for 2014/15 are:

UEC Ordinary member \$155

Family member \$240

Student/Junior/Social \$45

SYC membership is compulsory for all diving members - not required for UEC

Student/Junior/Social membership. Members should receive a statement from the SYC for \$100 for 2014/15. **This should be paid directly to the SYC.**

UEC Membership Database

Have you moved house recently or updated your email address / mobile phone number? If so please let Mike know on membership@uecwa.com.au so we can ensure that the UEC membership database is up to date.

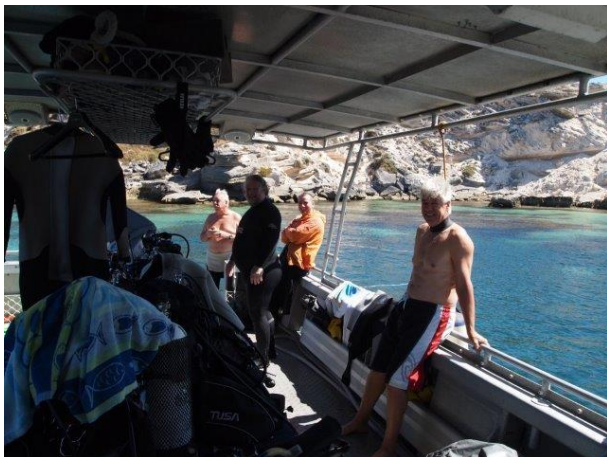
Presidents Report

Hi All

Well another year has gone by and it just seems like yesterday that I took the Chair as your President.

I am happy to say that financially the club is in fine shape. Membership is down slightly on last year but is still hovering around one hundred. Total dives are down, but different factors like the weather and maybe the media hype on sharks has not helped.

I would like to thank the outgoing committee for their time and effort. As we all know committee work is not always "beer and skittles" and those who gave up their precious time should be commended. Also other members who helped out with social events and other events, thank you.



Special thanks to Skippers and DO's because without these members giving up their time, diving from the boat just does not happen.

Looking to next year, I intend to run for President. I feel that this been my first year in the chair it was a huge learning experience. If re-elected I would like to generate enthusiasm to re-vamp our general meeting to make them more interesting and innovative for members.

Also Cape Cruiser is looking a bit "sad" and needs some T.L.C. A good paint job, non skid matting, Bimini top and side curtains would not go astray.

Last but not least is the upcoming A.G.M. If you feel you can contribute to the running of The Best Dive Club in OZ, come along and put your hand up.

Thank you all for your support over the past year.

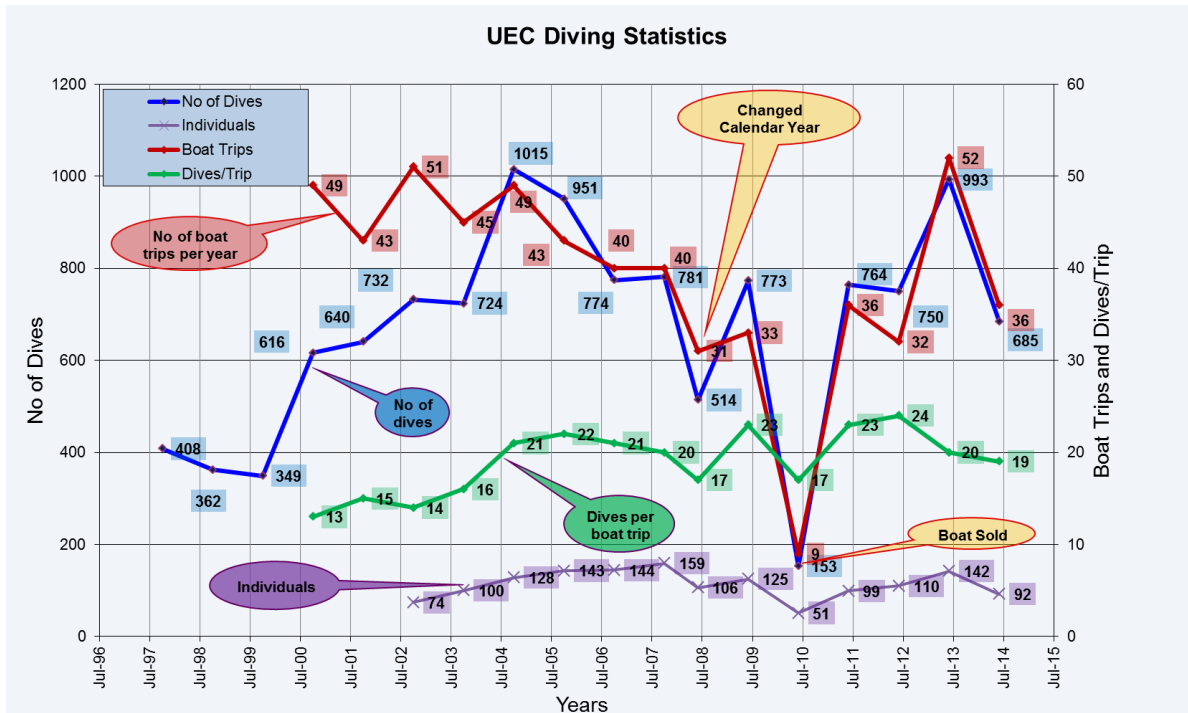
Martin Smith

President



Membership Report

The 2013-14 season saw a significant drop in diving activity from the previous year but this year was probably more in line with the long term trend. It was definitely easier to get on the boat with only four trips fully booked compared to nine the previous year. Overall this resulted in a lower number of dives per boat trip. The number of individuals diving with the club also dropped and this was reflected in the membership numbers for the year.



We finished the year with a total of 105 members, 83 diving, 12 life and 10 social.

2013-14 Membership			
Dive	Life	Social	Total
83	12	10	105

This compares with 125 the previous year so a noticeable drop. The reason for this is unclear as we did carry out a number of membership drives but I suspect the regular publicity about shark baiting did not help our cause.

Enquiries, nomination dives and new memberships were also down significantly on the previous year with only about half what we saw in 2012-13. As the new members are usually the most prolific divers this accounts for the drop in boat dives.

In terms of diving Tracy Tebutt finished the year in joint first place with Jonathan Anderson, and as the leading UEC diver, takes out the Diver of the Year award for the second year running. Given that Tracy took on the DO role this year as well and did nine trips as DO it was a notable achievement.



For Dive Sites, Parker Point Drop Off topped the league although Stragglers area was very popular

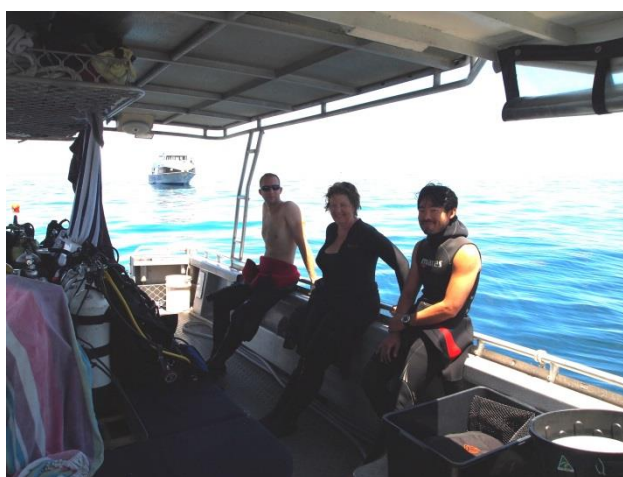
this year with nine dives in total. Clive Cass topped the list for number of dives managed by a Dive Officer with Geoff Geard the top skipper.

Mike Buchanan

Membership Officer

Membership Statistics	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY2013	FY2014
Life Members	12	12	11	12
Ordinary Members	64	70	75	55
Family members	19	19	25	18
Family junior members	1	2	1	1
Family social members	0	3	2	5
Family student	0	1	2	6
Social Members	7	13	5	5
Students	3	2	3	3
Ordinary - interstate	1	0	1	0
Total	107	122	125	105

Month	Enquiries	Nom Dives	New Members
Jul-13	2	0	0
Aug-13	3	1	0
Sep-13	4	0	1
Oct-13	3	1	2
Nov-13	6	3	1
Dec-13	9	4	1
Jan-14	13	6	2
Feb-14	5	1	1
Mar-14	1	3	1
Apr-14	5	2	2
May-14	2	2	1
Jun-14	0	0	0
Total	53	23	12



Position	Name	Dives	Position	Name	Dives	Position	Name	Dives
1	Jonathan Anderson	31	28	Carl Anders	8	59	Chris Wilkinson	3
1	Tracy Tebbutt	31	28	Tom Bassett	8	64	Hannah Henderson	2
3	Adrian Taylor	29	34	George Grandossini	7	64	Ben Davis	2
3	Jan Fishenbacher	29	34	Bob Dobson	7	64	Emily Nelson	2
5	Malcolm Roberts	22	36	James Nelson	6	64	Mal Calder	2
6	Mike Buchanan	21	36	Jeff Weston	6	64	Hugh Parker	2
6	Liz Davey	21	36	Danny Messom	6	64	Janco Duerink	2
8	Geoff Geard	20	39	Stephanie Mayoh	5	64	Ben Skeen	2
9	Mel Turner	19	39	Steve Groen	5	64	Paula Coll	2
10	Makoto Tanaka	18	39	Rochelle Callaghan	5	64	Monique Kemerink	2
11	Trevor Walker	17	39	Pat Swallow	5	64	Pearse Buchanan	2
12	Ross Henderson	16	40	Martin Arrowsmith	4	64	Stephanie Geard	2
12	Clive Cass	16	40	Courtney Tinsley	4	64	Marc Fretwell	2
14	Andy Mason	15	40	Cameron Desfosses	4	64	Kyle Loader	2
15	Mick Lee	14	40	Kevin Smith	4	64	Phil Jackson	2
15	Nigel Hobson	14	40	Rex Burke	4	64	Jamie Holland	2
15	Colin Nelson	14	40	Howard Broughton	4	64	Phil Stevenson	2
15	Martin Smith	14	40	Andrew Fox	4	64	Andrea Kesterson	2
19	Dominic North	11	40	Paul Burns	4	64	Monique Moermond	2
19	Sue Haste	11	40	Eloise Ashworth	4	64	Konrad Wehr	2
19	Maree Casley	11	40	Mark Weber	4	64	Rob Rankin	2
22	Pat Troy	10	40	Morgan McDermont	4	64	Alton Tebbutt	2
22	Tony Palmer	10	40	Peter Horton	4	64	Hilton Van Der Merwe	2
22	Damien Herbert	10	40	Matt Bass	4	64	Grace Keast	2
22	Amanda Blanksby	10	40	Tracy Burns	4	64	Alicia Sutton	2
26	Steve Day	9	40	Matt Philson	4	88	Alison Lodel	1
26	Dennis Stubberfield	9	40	Michael Fineberg	4	88	Yuri Verbaan	1
28	Paul Day	8	59	Alice Henderson	3	88	Lewis Buchanan	1
28	Thomas Greenbank	8	59	Patsy Davey	3	88	Alan Rudland	1
28	Jasmine Lyons	8	59	Steve Zoccoli	3	88	Brendan Egan	1
28	John De Boer	8	59	Aaron McDonald	3	88	Nathan Geard	1

Dive Site	Dives
Parker Point Drop Off	6
Stragglers	5
Flat Top	4
Kerry's Caverns	4
Kingston Spit	4
Cray Canyon	4
Nurses Quarters	3
Crystal Palace	3
Elder Point	2
Stragglers - Ulidia Wreck	2
Flat Cave	2
Swirl Reef	2
Jackson Rock	2
Stragglers - Carls Sweet Spot	2
Duck Rock	2
Kingston Spit Shark Cave	2
Annie's Abbey	2
Angela's Cave	1
Fish Hook Bay	1
Elder Point - Annie's Abbey	1
Channel Marker Caves	1
Cathedrals/Seals	1
Eagle Bay	1
Crystal Palace - Arches	1
Macedon/Denton Holme	1
City of York Reef	1
The Arches - Roe Reef	1
Inner Radar Reef (Fish Hook Bay)	1
Geordie Bay Caves	1
Geernup Night Dive	1
Bluey's Ridge	1
14m Reef	1
Exploratory - West End	1
Brass Monkey (Cottesloe Reef)	1
Point Clune	1
Arch Rock - Roe Reef	1
Grand Total	70

Dive Officer	No of Dives
Clive Cass	15
Mike Buchanan	14
Adrian Taylor	13
Tracy Tebbutt	9
Tom Bassett	8
Chris Cunnold	4
Wendy Hutchison	2
Pat Swallow	2
Steve Day	2
Martin Smith	1



Statistics - ZZZZZZZ!

Skipper	Dives
Geoff Geard	18
Martin Smith	14
Carl Anders	10
Rex Burke	10
Martin Arrowsmith	7
Wendy Hutchison	4
Dennis Stubberfield	4
Chris Cunnold	3

Treasurer's Report

2013-14 saw 29 Club dives undertaken which resulted in a break-even result for the Club

There were no major unexpected costs for the year which enabled the Club to increase cash and deposits on hand by \$10,000 from last year

I am unable to carry out meaningful financial comparisons from 2012/13 to 2013/14 as the accrual accounting I implemented began in the last quarter of 2012/13. The Club will be able to undertake this comparison analysis with confidence in the coming year.



The Dive in Lieu treatment has been altered since last year's accounts. At the July Committee meeting it was decided to re-monetise the DIL's as at 30th June 2014 from \$60 per DIL owed to \$1. This will allow

Committees to keep track of DIL's accumulated as at 30th June 2014 without the unintended consequence of the material distortion to the balance sheet when they were valued at \$60 each

I have enjoyed the Treasurer's role and the opportunity it has given me to understand more of the history and the moral fabric of the Club

I have renominated as your Treasurer for 2014/15

Steve Day

Treasurer



Fundraising Report

Hello Everyone.

Well what a busy year it has been for the club again, with lots of wonderful diving, social outings and activities and fabulous support in the fundraising area. Thank you all so much for digging deep and ensuring the club keeps afloat, able to carry out maintenance, modifications and additions increasing comfort on "The Cape Crusader." Didn't I say that last report?.....well the same remains true this year too!

The continued support from club members, both old(er) and young ensures the club remains healthy in outlook, and is financially sound. Your efforts have assisted both. Thank you.

So, what have we done this year in the fundraising arena?

Many of you now have club apparel, that's really great to see when we are on the boat, or at the Swan Yacht Club, and when we access lunch or supper following a dive, eg at Fisherman's Harbour.....People really notice us, when we are clearly identifiable.....and its great advertising for our club.

Books are always well received, we have purchased, Entertainment books and Apps, and Log books. Feedback from the Entertainment book Apps has been good, so if you ordered an App, but have yet to install it, get to it now, you will really like it , it is so much fun.



Those of you who joined us for the annual pilgrimage to Rotto, would have received your UEC logoed water bottle as part of your package.....if you weren't in that group, all is not lost , I am selling identical water bottles at the monthly meeting , they too have proved popular....and are a steal @ \$6.00 .

The monthly raffle has been well supported, and, thanks to a large donation of coffee table books relating to matters of an aquatic nature, well received and exciting to say the least. It is challenging ensuring raffle prizes are appropriate and acceptable, so if you have any ideas for prizes, or are willing to donate a prize, please let me know.

If there are items you would like to see included on the Club for sale list, let me know, I am very happy to attempt to source them at a reasonable cost.

So, thank you all again.....you are the club ,and its you who keep it afloat.....

Liz Davey

Fundraising Officer

Boat Officers Report

After a challenging and somewhat frustrating third year as Boat Officer, and Swan Yacht Club Liaison for the UEC I have decided not to stand for re-election for these positions this year. Although I did not achieve all the goals I set myself and the Boat Committee, many tasks were still completed.

The role of Boat Officer is to schedule and organise the maintenance and repair of the club boat as the occasion arises, making sure the boat complies with the SYC boat compliance rules, monitor the boat handover reports from the Skippers of their weekly boat trips and to ensure the boat meets the Department of Infrastructure requirements. The Boat Officer has a Boat Committee which is made up of all the Boat Skippers.

To do this the Boat Officer is required to attend the SYC Open Mooring Meetings, not only to keep abreast of the SYC marina and pen regulations, but to gain points to keep our one full membership of the SYC valid.

Other than organising and helping with the annual engine servicing i.e. changing the engine oil, oil filters and fuel filters, slipping, antifouling, replacing anodes etc., some of the tasks undertaken in the last year were;



1. The original anchor winch was removed and the forward deck welded ready for the installation of a new winch.



2. The Port fuel tank was drained, cleaned and welded to repair the fuel leak.

3. A raw water flush was performed on the cooling system with the aim of dealing with the high temperature our motor runs at. Although this did not rectify the problem it did remove a lot of build up from the after cooler.

4. The water pump was replaced as were the power steering hydraulic lines.

5. The outside seats have been recovered, as well as a new toilet seat and macerator fitted.

6. A new EPIRB purchased, registered and fitted.

7. SYC compliance obtained.

The three most important issues which will confront the new Boat Officer other than the annual slipping and servicing when the boat is slipped in September are;

1. Repair of the starboard fuel tank internal leak.
2. Bimini for the flybridge
3. Improve the anchor winch installation and alignment.

I would like to thank all those members (especially Pat Troy) who contributed to the up keep and maintenance of our boat throughout the year and hopefully I will be able to assist the new Boat Officer.

Rex Burke

Boat Officer



Secretary's Report

Although I enjoyed my role as UEC Secretary, helping the Club and Committee, I will not be standing for the position next year. As many of you know I am studying for a degree and, with full-time work, I found it difficult at times to fit everything in. I hope another Club member will pick up the reins as it's a good opportunity to become more involved with the Club. The Secretary is required to attend two meetings per month, a Committee and a General Meeting, and to produce and issue the minutes following those meetings.

This year we introduced a new system of recording each month those members who we felt stood out in helping the Club in various ways. This made our choice of Life Member, Club Person of the Year and Boat Person of the Year a relatively easy and enjoyable task.

I would like to thank you all for your support over the past year and look forward to being involved with the Club in the coming year. As usual, I will be organising the October Busselton Jetty clean-up weekend. It's always a fun weekend away, plus we get to help clean-up our wonderful underwater environment.

Pat Swallow

Secretary



The 2013 Busselton Jetty Clean-Up Weekenders: Tracy, Mel, Pat, Liz, Mark, Martin and Jazz.

Social Officer Report

Looking back, it's been a good year on the social front with Australia Day river cruises, house parties of curry nights, or maybe wood fired pizzas are more your thing? We had riverside BBQs and house BBQs for Christmas celebrations. Thank you to everyone who has helped with UEC social things this year, both hosts and helpers.

It is only through them that this social year has been a success.

With the impending opening of my new business Berry Nice Cafe, I am not in a position to be on the committee in any capacity this coming year. Thank you to my fellow committee members for working together to create a good year for club.

Perhaps you are able to take on social this year? With the group of helpers at hand, it's not too onerous. Please consider. If you can't do it, maybe you know someone who can?

See you at the AGM.

Malcolm Roberts

Social Officer



Clive swims solo to Rottnest

I must thank the UEC swim team of Rex, Bruce, Paul and Tracy from our Rottnest Channel Swim in 2012 for contributing to my decision to swim to Rotto on my own. It was close to the end of that swim that had a brain-fade and thought I could swim solo to Rottnest!

The Rottnest Channel Swim at 19.7kms is one of the longest open-water swims in the world. Less than 1,550 people in the world have swum the Rottnest Channel, and I wanted to be one of them.

I found an open-water coach, Shelley Taylor-Smith and she started coaching straight away. We trained on chilly winter mornings in the pool, in the swan river, at the beach... feeling like shark-bait. Yeah really! We trained at various times of day like 6pm, 6am, 5.30am and for two to four hours. Must admit during training my attitude faded on occasion! And the early mornings were an effort.



With encouragement from the UEC swimmers and others I was able to carry on. Many friends thought I was crazy and some thought I did not have what it takes. Actually, to complete the swim I really needed to improve ... by lots.



I managed to engage terrific support crew Carl, Rex, Mick, and others to skipper, paddle and join me during the swim. The day of the swim was exciting and I was up at 3am. There were thousands of people at the beach and after last minute sunscreen, food and goodbyes into the water we went. Where are the stingers? my paddler to guide me? the boat (is it waiting?),

sharks (hope they're not waiting!), so much planned – hope it goes well. And it did. 4hrs 15 mins and I am going well at the half way buoy - 10 kms done. The winning solo swimmer has just finished and won the day! I am still swimming! Fortunately we had wonderfully calm weather and it was reasonably enjoyable for the boat crew and paddlers.

A few stingers encouraged me on the way and Rex joined in a few times for support. Eventually I was out of the fleet and swimming the last 500 metres past cheering inebriated boaties.

Then I hit land and they announced my name as I ran (staggered) up the beach to the finish line after a marathon 8 hours 46 mins 50 secs. My crew had landed and were waiting with friends to greet me with a beer (thanks Dennis), cameras and big grins all round.



It was a one-off event for me, and was a terrific experience. Now I have my own personal car number plate RCS 1537. The coaching and the friendships developed made it well worthwhile. Thanks to all my team – you contributed immensely to my success.

Thanks to all

Clive Cass



UEC Rotto Annual Holiday February 2014

This year, as always, we had a wonderful holiday at Rottnest. With some last minute changes we ended up with a full house – actually, three full houses of divers and non-divers.

The first night communal spag bog meal on arrival was very sociable as everyone settled in to escape the busyness of the mainland.

The weather varied, the diving was always exciting and full of fish life. The crayfishers did well and the photographers had some good days and some not so. The wrasse, stingrays, cuttlefish, corals and crayfish made for thrilling photos.

We were well fed over the week with crayfish on the menu some nights.



Some of us visited the island places of interest or enjoyed coffee, the pub and relaxing.



In 2015 we have again planned for 14 of us to stay on the island and enjoy diving every day. Please see the promotion and indicate your interest as it will fill up.

Cheers to all the skippers, Dive Officers and crew who make the trip a most enjoyable holiday.

Clive Cass



Honours Board

From	To	President
1954	1955	John Stokes
1955	1957	?
1957	1958	Barry Martin
1958	1960	Harold R H (Beachmaster) Roberts
1960	1961	Rod Ashton
1961	1962	John Walden
1962	1963	Len Cohn
1963	1964	J Carrie
1964	1966	Ken Kennedy / Richard Bone
1966	1970	R.A. (Bob) Wallis
1970	1971	J Varris
1971	1973	John Walden
1973	1975	Dave Kenny
1975	1976	R.A. (Bob) Wallis
1977	1979	Dave Kenny
1979	1980	Mal Thomson
1980	1981	Dave Kenny
1981	1983	Mal Ferrier
1983	1984	John C Paskulich
1984	1985	Richard Bone / Barry Kennedy
1985	1988	Barry Kennedy
1988	1991	Maree Casley
1991	1993	Glen Collingwood
1993	1994	Dennis Stubberfield
1994	1999	Maree Casley
1999	2003	Carmine Travaglione
2003	2004	Steve Larter
2004	2006	Chris Cunnold
2006	2007	Jules Holliday
2007	2007	Rachel Stone
2007	2008	Clive Cass
2008	2009	Wendy Hutchison
2009	2012	Bruce Fielding
2012	2013	Mike Buchanan
2013		Martin Smith

Life Members
Elaine Airey
Susie Ashton
Maree Casley
Tibi Csomay
Peter Horton
Lyn Jones
Ken Kennedy
Dave Kenny
Martin Smith
Dennis Stubberfield
Carmine Travaglione
Pat Troy

