THE UEC News

Annual General Meeting Wed 17 July 2013

Thank you 2012-2013 committee

President – Mike Buchanan
Secretary – Anna Percival
Vice President – Tom Bassett
Treasurer – Wendy Hutchison/Steve Day
Membership – Pat Swallow
Dive Coordinator – Chris Cunnold/Mick Lee
Boat Officer & SYC Liaison – Rex Burke
Safety & Training – Gary Browne/Rob Jones
Environment – Danny Messom
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 2013/14 are:

UEC Ordinary member \$170

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 \$95 for 2013/14. **This should be paid directly to the SYC.**

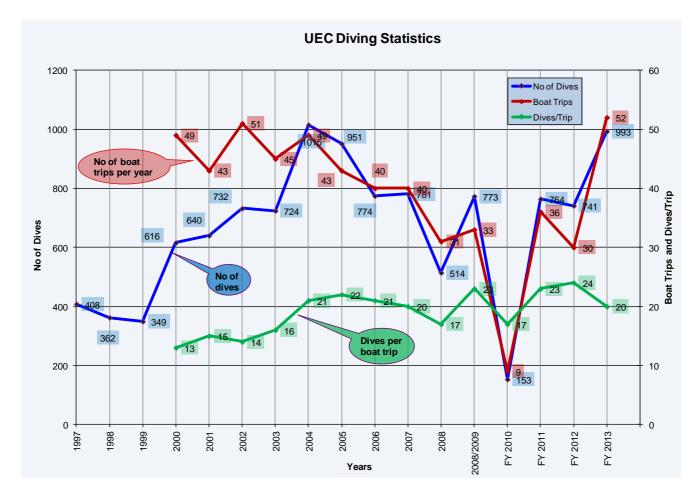
UEC Membership Database

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

Presidents Report

After receiving the tap on the shoulder from Bruce, I took on the role with a degree of trepidation. As a relatively recent member of the club I was very aware of the history, depth of knowledge and experience, both in the committee, and the membership in general. This has been both a blessing and a curse, as on one hand it has been great to have that experience to call on, but on the other it has been a challenge to keep everyone happy. As they say you can "... you can't please all of the people all of the time".

Overall it has been a very successful year for the club. We have seen membership grow, boat trips hit a record at 52 and the number of dives almost break the 1000 mark, the highest since 2004. Thanks in part to the high boat utilisation we have seen the club start to build a secure financial base after repaying the boat loans. I would like to think the new committee can start looking at all the boat improvements we have talked about such as seating layout and an upper deck canopy.



There have been a few other achievements I think worth mentioning:

Constitution

After several years of talking about updating the constitution to bring it into line with the model rules in the Associations Act I finally decided to get it done. Credit for the majority of the work must go to previous committee members including Clive and Amanda. All that was required from me was a tidy up the previous work, send out the draft, incorporate the feedback, send out the final version, organise the special resolution meeting in May and submit the final document to the Department of Commerce. The new constitution is now in place.

By Laws

One of the results of updating the constitution was to highlight the need for a separate

document to capture the rules and guidelines developed over the years into one document that can be easily updated. I am aware that we are here to have fun and rules generally don't go with fun but the number one priority has to be safety. The recent tragic death of a recreational diver off Rottnest is a reminder of the dangers of our sport. It will be no fun for anyone, divers, crew or family, if one of our friends and colleagues is hurt while diving. Most of the rules and guidelines in the By Laws have been in place in the club for some time but never been properly documented outside of meeting minutes. The first edition of this has now been issued and has already generated some healthy debate. Knowing how passionate our members can be I'm sure there will be more.

BBQ Fund Raising

I would like to make a special mention to all those who contributed to the fund for the BBQ with a special thanks to Bob & Zita, Paul Burns and Dave Kenny for their generous donations. Thanks also to Chris and Wendy for organising it all and the boat committee for buying and fitting it.

Swan River Trust Grant

A special thanks to Tracy Burns (nee Hagen) who, with help from Pat Swallow and Tom Bassett, managed to secure a \$5000 grant from the Swan River Trust for providing information



that will go towards creating a river dive trail. While mentioning Tracy we must also pass on our congratulations to the UEC marriage of the year between Tracy and Paul.

I have decided that it's time to stand down so I would like to thank the committee and the membership for giving me the opportunity to be President and I wish the club all the success for the future.

Mike Buchanan President

Vice Presidents Report

This has been one of the more challenging years for me as Vice President and I hope I have not let people down. The club has had more than its fair share of issues to deal with and it seem there is still more to come. I have never had to deal with the SYC Committee before and that was an experience. I'll leave it at that.

We had very good diving over summer and into the early part of Winter but few divers seem to want to go out at present or if you are like me, finding it hard to get the time.

I hope everyone has found the Speakers I have been able to get to talk to us with the help from Gary Brown and Rob Turner, as Interesting as I did.

Many thanks, Tom Bassett.

Treasurer's Report

BACKGROUND

I attended the UEC General Meeting in January. At that meeting Wendy Hutchison called for

a volunteer to take on her Treasurer's role until the next AGM. I called Wendy the next day to offer my services.....the rest...as they say.... is history!

TREASURER'S HANDOVER - NEW ACCOUNTING SOFTWARE PACKAGE

In early April I spent several hours with Wendy in an attempt to 'learn' the bookkeeping system that Wendy was using. I came away full with admiration for her and the previous Treasurer as the system in use was based on Excel spread sheets! It was my initial intentions to continue with this system whilst I filled in as Treasurer and maybe implement a proper accounting software package for 2013-2014 should I & the Members wanted me to continue in the role.



After much deliberation I decided that an immediate implementation of a full blown software package would be best for the Club and my sanity! With the knowledge and assent of our President & outgoing Treasurer and without cost to the Club or me, I implemented an Accounting package as at 1st April 2013. It is the same package that we use in our Caravan Business. The software company has given written permission for the Club to continue using the software, should they desire, at no charge when I retire.

RE-INTRODUCTION OF BALANCE SHEET

I instigated the following with due regard to the matching principle of accountancy and to clearly show the activities of the Club:

- Dives in Lieu owed as at 31st March 2013 were monetised at the current dive cost [\$60]. Any dives accumulated or taken as from April are now shown separately in the Profit & Loss Statement.
- Costs paid & deposits received prior to 1st July 2013 for trips taking place after July 1st 2013 are now shown on the Balance Sheet.
- Costs paid & deposits received before 1st July 2012 for trips undertaken after 1st July 2012 have been posted to shareholder's Funds and are included in this year's Profit & Loss Statement.
- Other costs paid prior to 1st July 2012 that were for the Club's activities after 1st July 2012 such as SYC pen fees were likewise posted to shareholder's Funds and are included in this year's Profit & Loss Statement
- Bank Reconciliations are performed at least monthly and can be reprinted as and when required
- Club activities are segregated in the Profit & Loss Statement to show the profits for each one
- The reintroduction of the Cape Cruiser and other depreciable assets purchased prior to 1st July 2010 into the Balance Sheet of the Club
- Catch up depreciation of the Cape Cruiser and other depreciable assets introduced into the Profit & Loss Statement.

Thanks to the SYC office who agreed to my request to have them invoice & collect their subscriptions directly to UECWA members. This will reduce significantly the workload of the UEC Treasurer

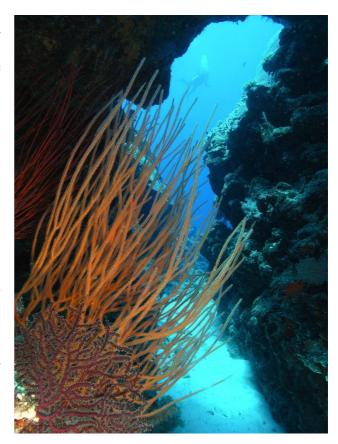
ANNUAL PROFIT

Including Depreciation [\$19,145] the Club recorded a modest profit this year of approximately \$15,000. This includes the windfall gain of \$5,000 from the Swan River Trust so the profit is actually \$10,000 from 'normal' activities

CONTINGENCIES

The Club recorded a modest profit this year which has added to the cash reserves.

In my view it is imperative that the incoming Committee arrive at and quarantine a contingency amount in the short term for major items such as motor and gearbox. The Club should also plan for the eventual funding of a replacement for Cape Cruiser.



NOMINATION

As it did take a good deal of time to implement the new software if the Members will have me I want to continue as your Treasurer next year.

Steve Day Treasurer

Membership Secretary's Report

It is good to note that the club's membership and diving activities have further increased over the past year.

Boat trips grew from 30 in FY2012 to 52 in FY2013 and we had 141 individual divers, compared to 108 the previous year. At the end of the FY13 membership year we had 125 members, compared with 122 members at the end of the FY12 year.



These 125 members fit into the following membership categories:

11 life members (sadly Bob Wallis passed away)

76 ordinary members

25 family members

1 family junior member

2 family social members

2 family student members

5 social members

3 student members

Over the year, 47 people came out on the boat and completed a nomination



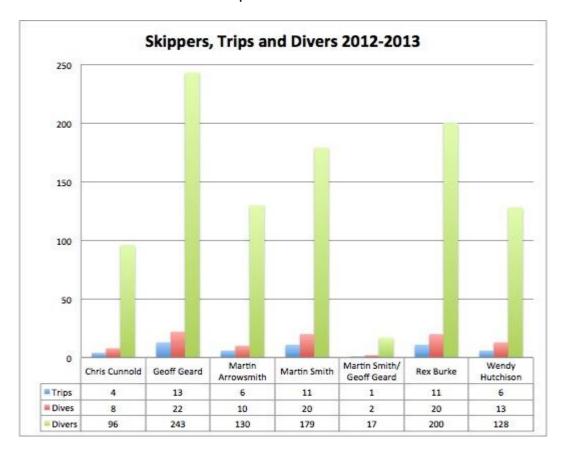
dive. From that we had 27 people who joined as diving members.

It has been a good year in terms of membership, with continued growth within the club. Please welcome new people into the club and encourage those out diving to come along to club meetings and events, as we need these new members to take the club forward into the future.

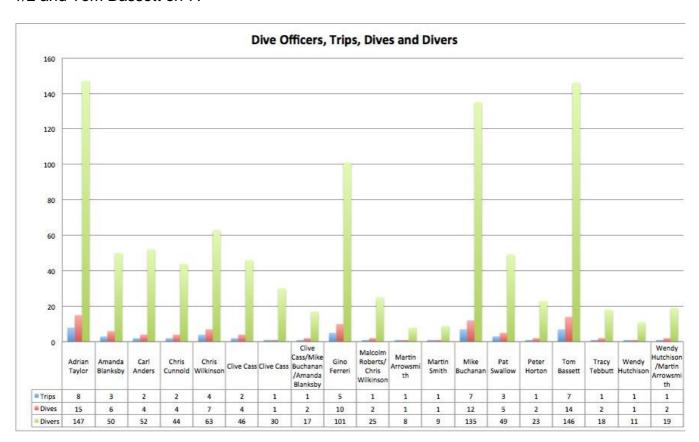
Diver of the year went to Tracy Tebbutt, who with 54 dives was so far ahead of the pack that it was never in doubt. A distant runner up but still with an impressive 34 dives was Mick Lee

Name	Dives	Name	Dives	Name	Dives	Name	Dives
Tracy Tebbutt	54	Rex Burke	10	John Phillips	4	Kendra Coufal	2
Mick Lee	34	Craig Everest	10	John de Boer	4	Kely Cannane	2
Jonathan Anderson	30	Brenton Scambler	10	Gary Browne	4	Katie Kreutz	2
Michelle Mann	29	Alton Tebbutt	10	Eloise Ashworth	4	Kaija Antipas	2
Peter Murphy	28	Steve Day	9	David Reznik	4	Julien Bourdet	2
Malcolm Roberts	21	James Nelson	9	Clare Dunn	4	Joey Clarke	2
Colin Nelson	19	Charles van den Broek	9	Chris Wilkinson	4	Jian Hui Chia	2
Mel Turner	18	Bob Dobson	9	Chris McCoppin	4	Jess McLeod	2
Carl Anders	18	Paul Day	8	Alan Rudland	4	Jai Dalgetty	2
Adrian Taylor	18	Pat Swallow	8	Yuri Verbaan	3	Gordon Poole	2
Steve Zoccoli	17	Ethan O'Brien	8	Stephanie Geard	3	Eddie Izydorski	2
Mike Buchanan	17	Damien Herbert	8	Jasmine Lyons	3	David Thompson	2
Liam Donnelly	17	Clive Cass	8	Howard Broughton	3	Cushla Barfoot	2
Andy Mason	17	Peter Horton	7	Gwenael Duclos	3	Courtney Schuur	2
Amanda Blanksby	17	Wes Gray	6	Steve Brooke	2	Chris Ward	2
Sarah Drew	16	Wayne Ralph	6	Sen Wong	2	Chris Cole	2
Liz Davey	16	Rosie Maughan	6	Sean Bennett	2	Cat Lynn	2
Geoff Geard	16	Michael Fineberg	6	Richard Arrowsmith	2	Cameron Goldie	2
Caroline Haynes	16	Mark Weber	6	Renee Barker	2	Cameron Defosses	2
Tony Palmer	15	Gino Fererri	6	Phil Jackson	2	Anton Menkveld	2
Martin Arrowsmith	15	David Geary	6	Paul Connor	2	Alice Henderson	2
Steve Bright	14	Claudia Kraus	6	Nick Rinaldi	2	Alana Fluit	2
Danny Messom	14	Besim Ceric	6	Nick Raymond	2	Aaron McDonald	2
Wayne Basford	13	Norman Lewis	5	N'Gaire Blackman	2	Thamanoon Chiranakorn	1
Rochelle Callaghan	12	Tracy Hagen	4	Neil Antoncich	2	Sue Myburgh	1
Robert Jones	12	Sue Haste	4	Mick Lawrence	2	Selina Tang	1
Pat Troy	12	Ross Henderson	4	Michael Wallent	2	Phil Good	1
Martin Smith	12	Rob Turner	4	Matthew Clements	2	Nick Pritchard	1
Jeff Weston	12	Pearce Buchanan	4	Matthew Ancliffe	2	Mohamed Masry	1
Dominic North	12	Paul Burns	4	Matt Crawford	2	Lee Rinaldi	1
Chris Cunnold	12	Morgan McDermott	4	Matt Connor	2	Julian Flakemore	1
Wendy Hutchison	11	Monique Moermond	4	Matt Bass	2	Jasmine Lyoons	1
Tom Bassett	11	Matt Philson	4	Marine Marziac	2	Ilonka Jarvis	1
Zita Dobson	10	Marjon Phur	4	Lewis Buchanan	2	Bruce Fielding	1
Trevor Walker	10	Josh Tebbutt	4	Khalin Driver	2	Ainhoa Bernal Bajo	1
						Abby Mitchell	1

Top Skipper went to Geoff Geard with 13-1/2 trips and 243 dives followed closely by Martin Smith on 11-1/2 and Rex Burke on 11 trips.



Top Dive Officer went to Adrian Taylor with 8 trips followed closely by Mike Buchanan with 7-1/2 and Tom Bassett on 7.



Boat Officers Report

Again this year we have managed to keep the boat repair and maintenance costs down to a minimum through the help of many of our club members who pitch in and help out where they can. We have been very lucky the last two years without the club boat needing any major repairs. Now would be a good time to set up a separate "boat repair and maintenance" account to provide for any major expense when it arises.

I would like to thank all Boat Committee Skippers and others who have helped keep the boat running smoothly over the past twelve months.

The Boat Committee consists of the Boat Officer and all the current skippers. They are responsible for the operation, maintenance and repair of the club boat, its mooring and ancillary equipment. The committee has the duty to provide a skipper for all trips undertaken by the club boat and ensure all safety standards are met. The committee is also responsible for the training and development of potential club skippers.

Rex Burke Boat Officer



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, and able to carry out maintenance, modifications and additions increasing comfort on "The Cape Cruiser."

Here is a little overview of our achievements:

The Entertainment books sold like hot cakes, we managed to find homes for 26 books all up, the club receiving \$13.00 profit per book.

been successful, with members requesting to purchase items. I am trying to source Bennies at present (to keep your ears and things warm and cosy in this chilly weather) and already have costings for the bucket hats with under the chin fastening. I am happy to create another order if anyone is interested, so please advise me of your choice.

UEC Log Book sales are a constant, I am pleased to report I have a few more in stock, so please if you need a new log book email me, and I will do my best to get one to you ASAP.

I have 19 copies of the fabulous 2013, UEC calendar, to find homes for. They are too good to languish in a cardboard box any longer, so I will be selling them at the AGM for a Gold Coin donation....so if you haven't got one already, or if you would like to give on to a friend or family member, even the mother in law, please see me at the AGM.

The Grand Raffle....I guess you thought I had forgotten the Grand raffle promised for this year....well I haven't. In fact plans are well under way to continue the process, and as soon as I have finalised the details you will be first to know.....stay tuned......



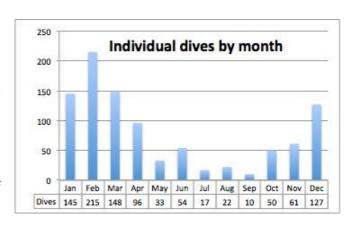
Last but not least...thank you so much for your continued support of the monthly raffle.....not only for purchasing the tickets but especially to those who donated prizes.....and folded tickets....couldn't have done it without you.....it is such a pleasure to belong to a strong and collaborative club.....thank you.

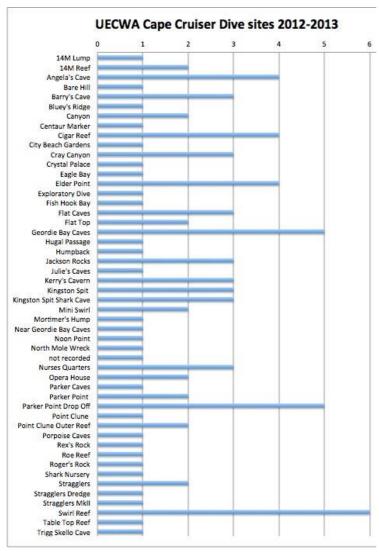
Happy Diving.....Liz

Diving Report

I guess the graph alongside is no surprise and given the weather over the last few days who would want to go diving in July. It is also probably a reflection on the Crayfishing season which usually sees a good number of divers on the boat every week.

Having said that the winter can sometimes give the best conditions and it is a shame that the boat doesn't get used more at this time of year. Maybe time to schedule a few singles.





The following graph shows very graphically the diversity of sites visited over the year, with 50 different locations notes. Swirl Reef, Geordie Bay Caves and Parker Point Drop Off were the year's most popular dive sites.

Exploring also continued with a some great new sites added to the list

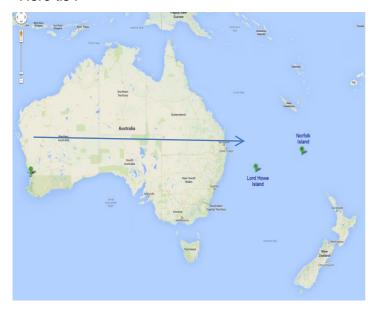
Lord Howe Island UECWA dive trip March 2013 (organised by Jo Bull)

The group : Gary and Vicky, Malcolm and Erin, Tracy and Paul, , Margarite and David, Joe Bull, Pat Troy, Liz Davey and Anna Percival.

When Jo first proposed The Lord Howe Island Dive trip we jumped at the chance, as we haven't been on a "bad" club trip ever, we then asked ourselves where is Lord Howe exactly? so let's start there!



Here tis!



A bit of background – because its so darn interesting!

Some facts about Lord Howe:

- Part of the state of NSW, selfgoverned (Lord Howe Board)
- 350 Permanent residents, maximum tourists 400.
- World Heritage Listed in 1982 and best of all declared a marine park in 1998
- The island is 10kmlong between 300m and 2km wide.
 - The highest point is Mt Gower (875m)

Lord Howe Island group contains 28 islands, including the notable Balls



Pyramid and the Admiralty group to the north. The first reported sighting of the island was from the armed tender HMS Supply by Lieutenant Lidgbird Ball. The ship was part of the first fleet and on its way to Botany Bay with 19 convicts, on the return journey Ball stopped again and claimed it as British possession. It appears prior to this the island was uninhabited and unknown to the nearby



south pacific Polynesian people.

It subsequently became the provision port for whaling, and permanently settled in 1834. When whaling declined the export of the endemic Kentia Palms began in 1880's. Kentia exports were the islands main bread and butter but this has now cessed and the last nursery closed while we were there.



Most of the island is virtually untouched forest with plants and animals found nowhere else in the world, the island is 70% protected by a Permanent Park Preserve.

The surrounding waters are a protected region designated the Lord Howe Island Marine Park. This means that from shore to 12 nautical miles its heavily protected!

Reef habitats are particularly diverse and range from true coral reefs made of limestone in sheltered lagoonal habitats to complex rocky reefs in wave exposed habitats and mid and outer shelf and slope environments. Lord Howe Island is the world's southernmost locality with a true coral reef community and also has the only fringing coral reef lagoon in NSW

The East Australian Current (EAC) dominates ocean circulation around the Lord Howe Island. This

current first flows from the north along the eastern seaboard of the Australian continent and then swings offshore in pulses from about September to December before either returning north or dissipating after shedding warm core eddies.



The trip - First impressions

We arrived on various planes from the mainland on a Dash 8 Prop plane (little and loud!), the

landing strip is on the narrowest part of the island so landing and departing quite hair raising. Off we got with our 14kg (yikes!) of luggage plus 7kg(yeah right!) of hand luggage (a tough limit when diving).

We stayed at Ocean View Apartments (self catering owned by one of the historic families, immaculate and super helpful and friendly). We arrived to these views and if you didn't gasp there was something wrong, this island is magic. One odd first impression was there was no litter, absolutley none, they recycle a tremendous amount as they have too, wow !!!



Shorts and tshirt weather for sure! We headed down to a shack on the beach to set up our gear. We dived with **Prodive** (one of two dive shops on the island) Jo had previously completed her dive interm here!

Paul and I arrived at the local café for lunch and were greeted with a fresh, locally, hand caught, <u>no guilt</u> Tuna coming through the door. The chef said wait 5 minutes and we'll have it ready for you for lunch. Sure said we and enjoyed fresh each minitary (VLIMMI)

lunch, Sure said we, and enjoyed fresh sashimi Tuna (YUMM!)



really quite comical.

Next was the self catering ... apparently the place to go was Joys. As you can imagine the food was pretty pricey but considering the transport and small

econcomy pretty reasonable. Some of us hired bikes, this and walking are the main modes of transport, as you can imagine some of us hadnt been on a bike for a while so it was



The Diving



Kitting
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dive,
they got

us sorted pretty quick, the go was to wade in



with you gear and climb onto the moored boat, but they were happy to help (but it wasn't

Indonesia!). We dived the Lagoon the first day

to get acclimatised on their very little boat,

luckily we were all friends. Aaron was our dive guide for the trip and I think now runs the operation. The lagoon dives weren't

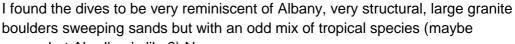
amazing but good easy dives especially when the weathers up (good to have that option) On this dive our first encounter with the reef shark like, puppy like

Galapagos shark.

Subsequent dives included the many dives at <u>The Admiralties</u>, including Malabar slide and the Arch. And offshore of the North of

Island, with the swells and cliffs pretty much inaccessible but by boat. We also enjoyed the Ocean View fishing boat for a lot of the time which was quite generous for space and handled the swells a

lot better. What we sadly missed, due to the relentless swell and current, were the Balls Pyramid dives (something to do next time!)



somewhat Abrolhos's like?) Now no need to say too much more other than go there and try it out!

Other things to do on Lord Howe:

- Climb Mount Gower to see the mist forest (and the view!)
- Snorkel with Turtles at settlers beach
- Lawn bowls with the locals





Fish feeding at Neds Beach

This is a spectacular place, and I highly recommend you get there, it is suitable for divers and non-

divers! Thanks for orgniasing Jo!! We had the best time.







Rottnest Channel Swim February 2013

Another year, another successful Rottnest Channel Swim attempt!

A monster effort for the UEC swim team, a lot of good summer diving was sacrificed for training for the Rottnest Channel Swim. Including many laps between Coogee and Ammo Jetty and black line following in the swimming pools of Perth. We braved sunburn, jellyfish in the river and jellyfish at the beach (stingers!!) to prepare. In the lead up, the group competed in many of the beach swims including the Rottnest Swim Thru (1 mile), Australia Day Swim thru (2 km), Perth Swim Thru (Mathilda Bay) 4km, Busselton Jetty 3.6km.

The Team

Swimmers: Rex, Tracy, Clive and Paul

Skipper: Chris Cunnold

Deck Officer/Coach: Wendy Hutchison

Paddlers: Jonathon Kilborn and Craig Sweeney

Support: Paul Burns, Bob and Zita Dobson, UEC Cape Cruiser divers on the day, and Skipper

Geoff Geard and DO Mike Buchanan

Thanks UEC for supporting this adventure and the UEC swim team for carrying on a UEC tradition.

The weather improved from the storms of the night before to be light southerly winds and a low swell at the start. The wind and swell increased later in the day. The team finished slightly quicker than the time of the previous year in 8 hours and 4 minutes. This is a great event and a great day, it is very much a team effort and relies on a good skipper, paddlers and support crew. Any volunteers for a 2014 team!!

Tracy and Paul got married (14th April 2013)



Tracy and Paul had a fabulous wedding in April with a reception at Cottesloe Beach. They met on a UEC Dive trip organised by Wendy to the Abrolhos in over Easter 2010.



Tracy and Paul would like to thank UEC for the good times they've had with the crew whilst getting to know each other. "During our time at the UEC we have met some great friends and had a blast. UEC has given us lots of opportunities for some great and unique travel experiences, improve our diving and photography, together we've been to Abrolhos, Exmouth, Bunbury,

Sulawesi, Bali and Lord Howe, whens the next trip? We also both had the opportunity to swim in the Rottnest Channel swim with the club."

UECWA honors board

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UECWA Club Patrons		
Lieutenant Commander L.V. Goldsworthy GC, DSC, GM. 1909 - 1994	1954	1972
His Excellency the Governer Major General Sir Douglas Kendrew KCMG CB CBE DSO 1920 - 1989	1972	1974
His Excellency the Governer Air commodore Sir Hughie Idwal Edwards VC DSO OBE DFC RAAF (ret'd) 1914 - 1982	1974	1975
Flying Officer H.G.H (Harold) Roberts - 1991)	1975	1979
Kerry M Stokes	1979	1984
Vice Patron		
Alan Bond	1973	1979

UECWA Life .	Members	Board
Elaine	Airey	aft 1984
Susie	Ashton	aft 1984
Maree	Casley	aft 1984
Tibi	Csomay	aft 1984
Peter	Horton	1981
Lyn	Jones	1972
Ken	Kennedy	1971
Dave	Kenny	1980
Barbara	Parker	1975
Dennis	Parker	1972
Hugh	Peters	1981
Mike	Pollard	1978
Harold	Roberts	1970
Dennis	Stubberfield	aft 1984
Carmine	Travaglione	aft 1984
Pat	Troy	aft 1984
John	Walden	1975
Robert	Wallis	1975
Honorary Members		

Mike

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Pollard