



Surface Interval

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RYDE UNDERWATER CLUB MEMBERSHIP FEES for 2010-2011:

Single \$85 Family Concession \$130 Social \$30

Membership renewals are due 30th June each year.

Pro rata membership fees are available for new members joining during the year.

EMERGENCY & INFORMATION PHONE NUMBERS

Diving Emergency Service (DES) within Australia	1800 088 200
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Prince of Wales Hospital, Randwick	(02) 9382 3575
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Coast Guard Sydney	(02) 9337 5033
Coast Guard Sydney Boating Weather	(02) 9337 5455
Coast Guard Sydney Boating Weather at 6.50 am and at 2 hour intervals	Radio 27 MHz
NSW Maritime Authority - Sydney Boating Weather	(02) 131 236 (opt 3)

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BOAT LAUNCHING RAMPS

Map Reference (2003 Editions)

	UBD	Gregory's
Bayview	118 H13	169 B12
Tunks Park	216 H3	316 C3
Kyeemagh	275 C12	404 C12
Gunnamatta Bay	334 P13	493 J13

From the PRESIDENT

Dear Rucites,

I hope you all had a great Christmas and a safe and happy New Year

We have only just got back from our Christmas trip to Currarong. This trip was well attended with 10 divers plus partners and children so there was always plenty happening. We all had a great time with some terrific dives. The new boat ramp is a reality and made diving around Currarong much easier than before.

The weather behaved itself fairly well with little rain but a fair amount of north easterly wind. We did manage to do 6 boat trips, all but 1 in pretty good conditions. The boat and trailer also went very well with no problems other than a squeaky seal.

Anyway more on that later.

Don't forget the monthly meeting this month on Thursday 20th January

Well that's it for now, my brain is still on holidays

See you all soon on the water.

Peter Hardman
President

From the EDITOR

Dive into the New Year. In the Netherlands they do a New Year's dive into the cold North Sea, luckily here in Sydney we can do it more civilised. And then your dive computer confirms your thoughts as 15 degrees Celsius. The strong Westerlies have moved the warmer water off shore and replaced it with clearer (and colder) water from the deep. It did seem to bring out a multitude of fish life though.



Rob van der Zalm.

From the DIVE OFFICER

Dive Officers Spiel, January 2011

Rubber Lovers,

This weather of ours is driving every one nuts at the moment. Just when it's looking good mid week it turns horrible for the weekend. December was a better month for us though. Two weekend dive days went out and reported a fair days diving. Both dives had dirty water on the surface and it then cleared when on the bottom. There seems to be a layer of dirty water that is slowly settling to the bottom.



I think we had a record dive from the club boat on the 18 December 2010 by way of our youngest diver off the club boat. She was new member Bianca Moore at only 14 ½, she happily dived at Barrens Hut south of Sydney, with her dad. It was also her first boat dive and she didn't seem too perturbed about it at all. Great effort Bianca.

We also had our Christmas the trip to Currarong just north of Jervis Bay, camping and diving both at Currarong and in Jervis bay, launching at Callalla, at the north western end of the bay. They are both great spots to visit. We had our Qld dive support group join us in Currarong by way of Natalie and Herb. The water could be a little bit cool for their liking though.

Ken Jackson,
Dive Officer

	Date	Activity	Location	Contact
December	26 th – 2 nd Jan	Christmas Holiday Break	Currarong	Peter Hardman
April	TBD	Easter Break	Eden, South cost NSW	Ken Jackson

CHILDREN WRITING ABOUT THE OCEAN

- 1) This is a picture of an octopus. It has eight testicles. (Kelly, age 6)
- 2) Oysters' balls are called pearls. (Jerry, age 6)
- 3) If you are surrounded by ocean, you are an island. If you don't have ocean all round you, you are incontinent. (Jack, age 7)
- 4) Sharks are ugly and mean, and have big teeth, just like Emily Richardson. She's not my friend any more. (Kylie, age 6)
- 5) A dolphin breaths through an asshole on the top of its head. (Billy, age 8)
- 6) My uncle goes out in his boat with 2 other men and a woman and pots and comes back with crabs. (Millie, age 6)
- 7) When ships had sails, they used to use the trade winds to cross the ocean. Sometimes when the wind didn't blow the sailors would whistle to make the wind come. My brother said they would have been better off eating beans. (William, age 7)
- 8) Mermaids live in the ocean. I like mermaids. They are beautiful and I like their shiny tails, but how on earth do mermaids get pregnant? Like, really? (Helen, age 6)
- 11) When you go swimming in the ocean, it is very cold, and it makes my willy small. (Kevin, age 6)
- 12) Divers have to be safe when they go under the water. Divers can't go down alone, so they have to go down on each other. (Becky, age 8)
- 13) On vacation my Mom went water skiing. She fell off when she was going very fast. She says she won't do it again because water fired right up her big fat ass. (Julie, age 7)
- 14) The ocean is made up of water and fish. Why the fish don't drown I don't know. (Bobby, age 6)
- 15) My dad was a sailor on the ocean. He knows all about the ocean. What he doesn't know is why he quit being a sailor and married my mom. (James, age 7)



SOCIALISING



Hello, all.

1. Christmas has come and just gone and we enjoyed another great evening at Sue and Ken Jackson's home, which was again the venue for the RUC Christmas function. Thanks to Sue, Ken, Wanda and all who contributed to another successful evening. It was a balmy evening filled with laughter and good cheer and the comings and goings of the teenagers. Surely they aren't the toddlers I met back in 1994. John and I had a lovely time which we had to cut short because we were serving up snags at Dural Bunnings the next day for our local RFS Brigade...and that's another story.

2. For those of you sans children, skip to para. 3 I've found some sites which may be of interest to parents and grandparents over the summer school holidays. Quite apart from bowling and skating centres for the bigger kids, these sites may be of interest to you and your younger children (NSW K-6 primary school). The *Kid's Adventure Passport* is available from 1 January 2011 to 26 April 2011. Amongst the many adventures children can experience are: living with dinosaurs; early Australian life; taking a sculpture garden challenge or learning about shipwrecks. The URL is as follows:

<http://www.kidspassport.nsw.gov.au>

And at the Opera House, there is a new season of *Kids at the House* which, for the first time presents: Family Proms to the Concert Hall. 2011

http://www.sydneyoperahouse.com/About/Program_Kids_At_The_House.aspx

3. And now to the big kids. I've been speaking to Bob Golding who would love to re-visit *Vicary's Winery* at Llandillo. Not just for its famous winery but also for its Woolshed Dance.

I've actually been there in earlier days, and it was fun. Ah what memories. It's located at 1935 The Northern Rd, Luddenham NSW. Here is some information for you to digest.

Format

Your night commences at 7:00 pm at the Winery for your complimentary wine tasting until 8:00 pm. This will enable you time to purchase your liquor requirements for the evening ahead. There are also full bar facilities available in the Woolshed. At 8:00 pm, the evening's fun starts as we adjourn to the Woolshed. The first course is soup of the day and damper. Second course, (will be served from 8:30 pm) select your scotch fillet steak from the barbeque and salad buffet with a variety of colonial salads and hot potatoes in jackets. Third course is a choice of tempting desserts also included Tea and Coffee.

I was thinking late February, early March. Feedback please.

A very Happy New Year to each and every one,

Your Socialite,
Dale



RUC October Long Weekend – at Sanctuary Point

The October Long Weekend saw RUC heading south for a weekend of diving at Jervis Bay. We had organised accommodation through Marinka (Deep 6) and were staying at her house in Sanctuary Point. The house has 5 bedrooms with a combination of beds and bunks, a big lounge (with TV and DVD), kitchen and dining room, a drying room for gear and a BBQ area. All kitchen equipment was supplied, as well as linen, pillows and blankets. It was perfect accommodation for the 13 RUCites and family/friends who made the trip.

Most people arrived on the Friday evening and enjoyed some socialising and discussion about the plans for the weekend, and what the weather/conditions may bring.

On the Saturday morning, the RUC tub headed out from Murrays Beach for the first dive with Bruce Spry, Richard Ling, Andrew Weeks, and Mal and I on board. The weather/conditions were kind, although a little overcast, and we decided to go across the bay to dive at the double-decker cave at the Docks. The viz was quite good, which made up for the water still being a bit cold. Mal and I buddied up as usual and found the cave quite quickly on entering the water. Highlight of the dive for me was finding (and photographing) a Splendid Perch – which was foraging on the bottom of the cave. A beautiful purple/pink and vivid blue outlined fish – the type of which I'd never seen before.



A school of Old Wives swam about the majestic opening of the cave, and there were several varieties of fish to be seen in both the lower and upper parts of the cave. Moving on to the terrain outside the cave, we quickly found a Bleekers Devil Fish (actually there were a few of these to be found) and also a moray eel which was willing to pose for the camera.



The second trip in the RUC tub left from Murrays Beach with Peter & Ylva Hardman, and Diego Molla on board. They too decided to dive at the Docks, though the conditions had perhaps deteriorated a little as the rain settled in.

Air fills were organised through Crest Diving – operated by Sue and based at Old Erowal Bay, the next suburb around from Sanctuary Point and just a 10 minute drive from the house. Fills were \$6 each and we got great service. Sue was also very helpful in offering advice on diving locations and local conditions.

Later on Saturday some people gathered to watch the replay of the AFL Grand Final, while others went out and investigated the local attractions. Richard and Kate Howarth, Linda Spry and myself paid a visit to the local markets at the Lady Denman Heritage Complex in Huskisson and managed to find a few treasures.

Saturday evening we all went out to the Stone Grill restaurant at Vincentia. The restaurant was extremely busy, and the service took a while, but overall the food and experience of the meals served cooking at the table on super-heated natural volcanic stones was enjoyed by all.

Sunday morning saw Peter & Ylva, Ross di Bartolo & Susan Gay, Richard and Mal head out on the RUC boat from Murrays Beach to just inside Pt. Perpendicular. The weather was still a bit patchy, and the dive site reportedly had lots of Port Jacksons, a large ray and some interesting rock terrain to explore.

Diego & Mineko took the opportunity to go for a ride on their bikes and explore the local area. Only problem was that the rain caught them out and they came back a little wetter than when they left.



A second boat dive went out later in the day with Bruce, Richard and Diego on board.

Some of the girls opted to travel to Berry for some retail therapy ... Kate, Ylva, Linda and I enjoyed a visit to a winery, a chocolate factory, as well as several unique shops in Berry, and a lovely cuppa and scones in a quaint tea shop. We all made some good purchases ... before heading back south. We stopped at Nowra on the way back to purchase the ingredients for a BBQ dinner that we were planning for that evening.

Andrew had opted to return to Sydney as he had things to get ready in preparation for his move OS. It was great to have Andrew join us though for this weekend away and his last few dives with RUC.

The late afternoon was spent with some watching the NRL Grand Final, and others just socialising or relaxing as they felt inclined. Following the completion of the game preparations for the BBQ got underway, with some appetisers, and then a superb steak and sausage meal with salad, and followed by dessert. We all sat around the dining table and enjoyed the meal and conversation.

Later in the evening we all settled into the lounge and watched a DVD ... before turning in for the night.

Dive plans for Monday were changed after talking to Sue at Crest Diving. Conditions on the bay were not conducive to take out the boat, so those keen to dive joined the Crest Divers for a shore dive at Summercloud Bay, while Sue minded the cars parked at the dive site. Reportedly quite a good shore dive ... made easier by the assurance that the vehicles would still be there and in-tact on return. Sue even collected the dive tanks and took them off to fill ... was great to have someone available who was so helpful!!!

All too soon it was time for us to join the slow moving worm of traffic heading back to the big smoke ... which was punctuated with minor bingles and lengthy delays.

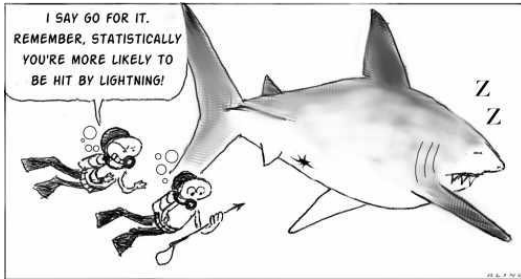
Everyone enjoyed the weekend away – some great diving, and great company making up a wonderful weekend. The accommodation was just perfect for RUC ... spacious but all together and comfortable for all.

Thanks to Bruce Spry (and Linda) for enduring the challenge of towing the boat down and back, to Marinka (Deep 6) for the use of the house at Sanctuary Point, and to Sue at Crest Diving for all her help/advice during our stay.



DIVE REPORT – MAGIC POINT

Kim



On Sunday 21 November, 6 adventurers took the RUC boat out to Magic Point to see if they could spot some nice grey nurse sharks. On board were Peter Hardman, Ken Jackson, Richard Ling & Guest (Kim), Martin Clarke & Guest (a non-diver who came to mind the boat).

We had a quick smooth trip out of Kyeemagh ramp across the bay and got to Magic Point before any of the commercial boats, but we could see the familiar shape of Sea Life 5 on the horizon and growing quickly as we lined up our marks and put down the anchor!! As we geared up Sea Life pulled up and moored almost on top of us, dropping anchor within about 5-10m of us, and got divers in the water within just a couple of minutes. So we kind of gave up on seeing sharks.

The plan was for Martin and Ken to search the sand in deeper water for some gear dropped on a previous dive, including Martin's dome port for his camera which is a fairly expensive piece of kit. Peter, Richard and Kim went in a group to the cave to spot sharks. Vis was pretty bad, but we had anchored right above the cave so finding the anchor again would not be a problem! There were no sharks in the cave, but big schools of yellowtail swirling around outside and there were a lot of different Nudis on the rocks nearby. Pro Dive divers wandered past in the murk a couple of times. Peter went up when he got low on air, while we explored the area south of the cave, finding a big wobbegong and blue groper. Then we headed back slowly towards the cave where Pro Dive were just pulling up their anchor. We were peering inside the cave when, would you believe it, a small grey nurse shark joined us! I guess he figured most of the divers had gone.

We took some shots of the shark then made a slow ascent, with stops at 10m and 5m, surfacing after over an hour. Ken and Martin had had a successful dive and were sitting on the boat with Martin's dome port -- recovered from being almost buried in sand and without even a scratch on it! Can you say "happy"!?! Peter was also there tucking into jelly snakes.

Overall a good dive, commercial boats excepted!!



DIVE REPORT – OLD MAN'S HAT

Diego Molla-Aliod

The morning looked promising at Tunks Park. The day was beautiful and it started to feel warm. So Peter, Michael, Ken and I went to the dive site with great spirits. The original plan was to dive somewhere east of North Head but as soon as we passed the head we realised that the dive would be impossible because of the swell. So we went back to the harbour and we dropped anchor at Old Man's Hat. Because of the state of the sea the area was full of fishermen just next to the dive spot but luckily the dive spot was empty.

From the surface the dive didn't look promising with murky water and nearly no visibility. But as soon as we started descending and we crossed the thermocline the water became clear, with visibility of up to 20 metres. We dived in loose groups because of the good viz and explored the boulders here and there. Early in the dive I had to descend to the bottom to readjust an integrated weight that nearly dropped out of the BCD, and while I was at that I discovered what looked like a nudibranch. I took note of its location to see it after repositioning the weight but since the other divers didn't notice what I was doing they started to leave, and after finishing putting the weight back in place I had to choose between the nudibranch or the divers and I chose the safer option. Pity, this was the first nudibranch I actually found without anybody pointing at it first.

The good thing was that on this dive I found many more nudibranches and similar critters. As soon as I saw one there would be others nearby. There was one which according to the book wasn't a nudibranch but I liked for its yellow colour and small conical shell on top (*tylodina corticalis*). I saw other feathery one (*pteraeolidia ianthina?*), and blue ones that I've seen elsewhere (*hypselodoris bennetti?*).

Half way in the dive we went through a narrow swim-through. I was always trailing everybody, spotting nudibranches here and there. To tell the truth I didn't see much more on this dive but I enjoyed it greatly.

At some point someone started getting cold. Yes, visibility was good but my thermometer registered 13 degrees. Sure Peter was happy in his new dry suit but we others were enduring the cold water. So we went up and enjoyed the warm, sunny day back at the surface.



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Bruce S

A Dive of Many Colours

Sunday 5th December arrived and after a short communication frenzy managed to fill the boat with 6 enthusiastic (?) divers. Two new starters Tom and Lawrence Cordukes turned up to be introduced to the subtle art of RUC diving, along with the great bearded one (Yeo), Genypterus Richardus, Aria non windward et Moi.

The fog rolled gently across the heads as we dodged the incoming superfreighter (*a bit of poetic licence here*) to steer a southern course toward the colours. Can I tell you the marks in the GPS don't help a lot. Anyway the green murky water soon put us off and we went home.

No sorry wrong story. We actually did get in the water with Aria saying something about how cool the water felt after the heat of the journey in the boat, about 15 centigrade I believe she said or something that started with the same letters. After we got through the murky top 10metres the viz on the bottom was great except it was too dark to see it. Ah, the delights of diving after a wet Sydney autumn/winter/spring all rolled into one.

As to the bottom well it was colourful with cuttlefish, nudibranch and lots of sponges to fill up the slides. Pity I only took 10. Too short a dive with air consumption being tested. Still, the *real* coffee and scotch finger biscuits at Southern Cross while waiting for air fills made it all worthwhile. I can't survive without at least one real coffee a day.

Let's do it again next week eh wot??

Bruce S



Aria Lee

Diving With My Mum

Julian Rocks, Monday 20th December

When I first started diving my mother was very vocally against the idea, as she believed it to be a dangerous pursuit. Buying my own gear was also fraught with concern and Mal Yeo spent many lost hours listening to my mother's questions about what brands of gear are better for keeping me alive underwater. Whenever I would go for a dive I would have to field questions about what I would do if my gear stopped working, what I would do if the boat left without me and what I would do if I encountered a great white shark (unfortunately I have not yet seen one).

A few months ago, when planning a long overdue family holiday, mum said that she would "like to try SCUBA diving". Since our holiday was to Byron Bay, I thought that Julian Rocks would be an ideal place for an intro dive.

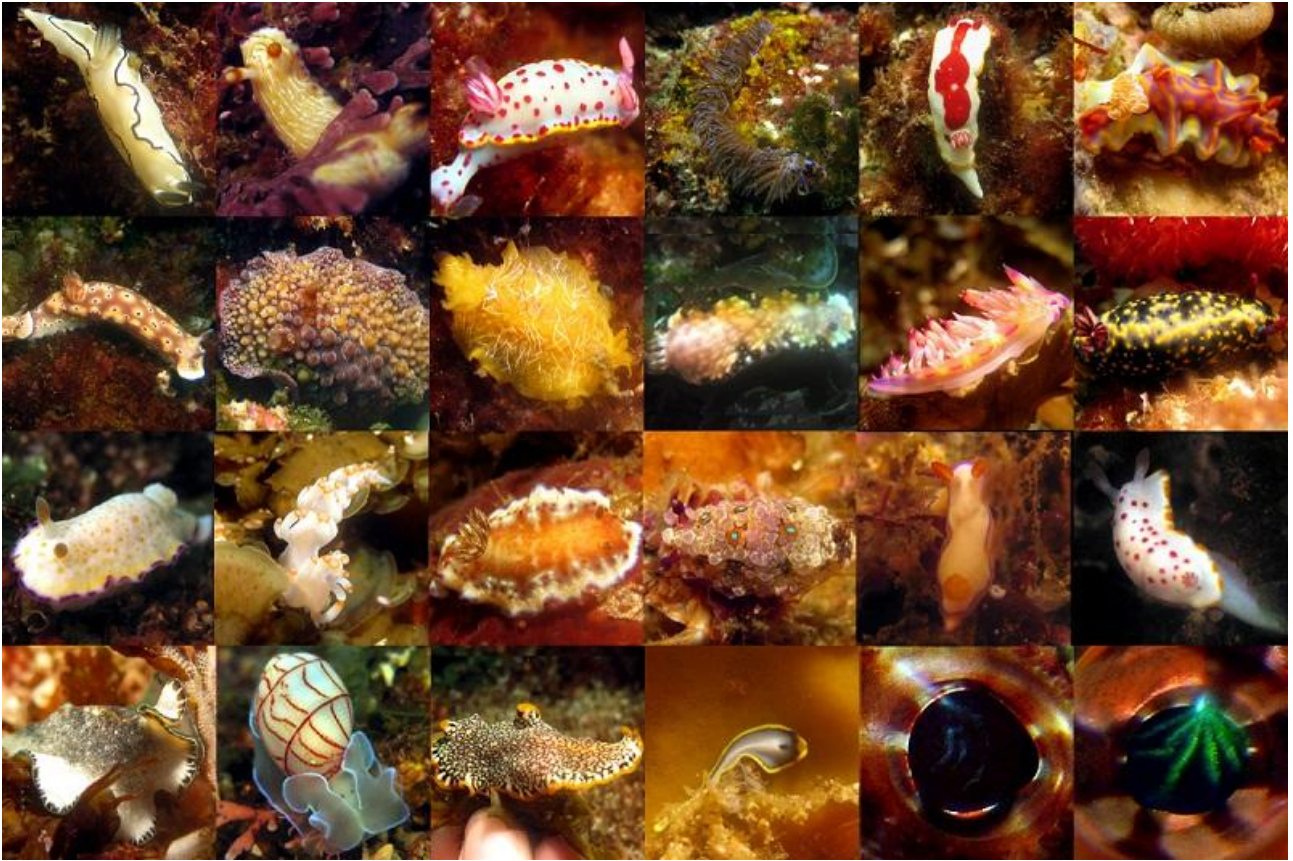
On the day of the dive, conditions were excellent with flat water, no current and 24 degree water. Luckily my mum was the only intro dive for the day, so the instructor, Liz, could give her her full attention. Mum was quite wary of swimming in the ocean and Liz had told her that she would have no problems if mum held her hand. In fact, for most of the dive, Liz was towing mum along. I swam on mum's other side, taking photos.

We dived at the Needles site, which is at the south western end of Julian Rocks. This is possibly my favourite area of Julian Rocks with plenty of rock walls and a maximum depth of 12m. The craggy rocks here are a favourite sleeping spot for green and loggerhead turtles and there are always bull rays swimming around. We chose this site as it was the most sheltered from the wind, had a nice warm thermocline and had better viz than the other side of the rock.

The dive was spectacular. As we descended to around 7m there were nudibranch all around. It was good to be able to show mum the things that I especially look for when I'm underwater. There were so many nudibranch in the one spot that when I had finished looking and photographing, mum and Liz had got bored and swum away. This happened several times during the dive.

Another highlight of the dive was the green turtle who swam along with us for a while until it decided to wedge his head under a rock and have a nap. There were also several large wobbegongs, bull rays and snapper, but unfortunately no grey nurse or leopard sharks. Our dive lasted 47 minutes and mum had 100 bar left in her tank, due to Liz doing all the swimming for her. Mum said that she especially liked seeing all the different kinds of fish, especially the giant snapper that were milling around. Altogether it was an ideal first dive experience.

And finally, for those who are interested, here are all the species of nudis that I photographed at Julian Rocks, plus a few other cool critters.



Row 1: (left to right) black-margined chromodoris, hypselodoris sp., Bennett's hypselodoris, blue dragon, splendid chromodoris, ceratosoma magnificentum

Row 2: risbecia tyroni, hoplodoris grandiflora, doriopsilla miniata, risbecia godeffroyana, red-lined flabellina, hypselodoris obscura

Row 3: chromodoris alius, flabellina bicolor, Collingwood's chromodoris, dendrodoris denisoni, thorunna daniellae, festive mexichromis

Row 4: (non-nudis) pseudoceros leptostichus, red-lined bubble shell, pseudoceros sp., cycloporus venetus, stonefish eye, lionfish eye

WET CALENDAR – JANUARY 2011

DATE	LOCATION	CODE	DEPTH (approx)	MEETING TIME & PLACE	DIVE ACTIVITY LEADER (DAL)
until Mon 3	Xmas trip	R	Varies	Currarong Trip	Peter Hardman
Sat 8					
Sun 9	SS Hilda	R	18m	8.00 @ Gunnamatta bay	
Sat 15	Inscription Pt Botany	R	20m	8.30 @ Kyeemagh	
Sun 16					
Thu 20	Ryde Eastwood Leagues Club	M		Denistone Room @ 7:30 pm	General Meeting
Sat 22	The Gap	R	26m	8.30 @ Tunks Park	
Sun 23					
Wed 26	Australia Day	R	varies	Double Dive Picnic Day	
Sun 30	Thursday Reef	R	24m	8.00 @ Tunks Park	

CODES: C = Commercial Operator M = Meeting N = Night Dive R = RUC Tub S = Shore Dive

JANUARY TIDES

Sun 30		Mon 31		Remember to ADD ONE HOUR								Sat 1			
Time	Ht	Time	Ht									Time	Ht		
0523	1.64	0618	1.68											0534	1.71
1218	0.44	1307	0.38											1225	0.40
1809	1.19	1859	1.25											1813	1.24
2337	0.55					2347	0.48								
Sun 2		Mon 3		● Tue 4		Wed 5		Thu 6		Fri 7		Sat 8			
Time	Ht	Time	Ht	Time	Ht	Time	Ht	Time	Ht	Time	Ht	Time	Ht		
0629	1.77	0038	0.47	0125	0.46	0209	0.46	0250	0.47	0330	0.49	0410	0.53		
1317	0.33	0717	1.81	0802	1.83	0844	1.81	0921	1.78	0958	1.72	1032	1.64		
1908	1.26	1403	0.29	1445	0.28	1523	0.28	1600	0.30	1633	0.34	1706	0.38		
		1955	1.29	2038	1.31	2118	1.32	2157	1.32	2234	1.32	2312	1.32		
Sun 9		Mon 10		Tue 11		☾ Wed 12		Thu 13		Fri 14		Sat 15			
Time	Ht	Time	Ht	Time	Ht	Time	Ht	Time	Ht	Time	Ht	Time	Ht		
0450	0.57	0535	0.61	0034	1.34	0123	1.35	0216	1.37	0313	1.41	0411	1.47		
1107	1.55	1144	1.46	0624	0.66	0722	0.70	0830	0.71	0947	0.69	1100	0.62		
1739	0.42	1814	0.46	1225	1.35	1315	1.25	1415	1.17	1529	1.12	1641	1.13		
2351	1.33			1852	0.51	1936	0.55	2029	0.59	2126	0.60	2225	0.59		
Sun 16		Mon 17		Tue 18		Wed 19		☉ Thu 20		Fri 21		Sat 22			
Time	Ht	Time	Ht	Time	Ht	Time	Ht	Time	Ht	Time	Ht	Time	Ht		
0506	1.56	0557	1.66	0009	0.49	0059	0.42	0146	0.35	0237	0.31	0328	0.29		
1158	0.53	1246	0.42	0645	1.77	0732	1.87	0818	1.94	0905	1.97	0952	1.93		
1744	1.17	1836	1.23	1331	0.31	1415	0.21	1458	0.15	1540	0.11	1623	0.12		
2319	0.55			1924	1.30	2010	1.37	2056	1.44	2142	1.49	2230	1.53		
Sun 23		Mon 24		Tue 25		☾ Wed 26		Thu 27		Fri 28		Sat 29			
Time	Ht	Time	Ht	Time	Ht	Time	Ht	Time	Ht	Time	Ht	Time	Ht		
0421	0.30	0517	0.35	0011	1.57	0106	1.57	0207	1.56	0313	1.57	0420	1.59		
1040	1.84	1130	1.70	0616	0.41	0723	0.48	0839	0.53	1000	0.54	1116	0.50		
1707	0.17	1752	0.25	1222	1.53	1320	1.36	1430	1.22	1549	1.15	1706	1.15		
2319	1.56			1838	0.34	1929	0.44	2027	0.52	2132	0.57	2238	0.57		

Time in 24 hour clock, height (Ht) in metres above Chart Datum, *red for low tide* and *blue for high tide*.

Times stated are Australian Eastern Standard Time. During **Daylight Saving Time** (when in force) one hour needs to be added to the times stated.

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DATE	LOCATION	CODE	DEPTH (approx)	MEETING TIME & PLACE	DIVE ACTIVITY LEADER (DAL)
Sat 4	Long Reef Cathedral	R	24m	8.00 @ Tunks Park	
Sun 12	Barrens Hut	R	24m	Gunnamatta Bay @ 8.00	
Thu 16	Ryde Eastwood Leagues Club	M		Denistone Room @ 7:30 pm	General Meeting
Sat 18	Minmi Trench	R	22m	Kyeemagh Ramp @ 8.00am	
Sat 25	Manly Reef	R	16m	8.00 @ Tunks Park	
Sun 26	Blue fish point	R	20m	8.00 @ Tunks Park	

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FEBRUARY TIDES

		Tue 1		Wed 2		● Thu 3		Fri 4		Sat 5			
		Time	Ht	Time	Ht	Time	Ht	Time	Ht	Time	Ht		
		0030	0.51	0115	0.47	0155	0.45	0233	0.44	0310	0.45		
		0705	1.72	0746	1.74	0824	1.73	0859	1.71	0931	1.66		
		1347	0.34	1423	0.32	1456	0.31	1527	0.32	1556	0.34		
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Sunday 6		Monday 7		Tuesday 8		Wednesday 9		Thursday 10		☾ Friday 11		Saturday 12	
Time	Height	Time	Height	Time	Height	Time	Height	Time	Height	Time	Height	Time	Height
0347	0.47	0426	0.50	0507	0.54	0552	0.59	0030	1.42	0120	1.41	0219	1.42
1003	1.60	1036	1.52	1111	1.43	1149	1.33	0644	0.64	0746	0.68	0903	0.68
1625	0.37	1654	0.41	1725	0.46	1759	0.52	1235	1.23	1332	1.14	1445	1.09
2233	1.43	2309	1.44	2347	1.43			1839	0.58	1930	0.63	2035	0.66
Sunday 13		Monday 14		Tuesday 15		Wednesday 16		Thursday 17		☽ Friday 18		Saturday 19	
Time	Height	Time	Height	Time	Height	Time	Height	Time	Height	Time	Height	Time	Height
0326	1.45	0430	1.53	0530	1.65	0622	1.77	0043	0.38	0133	0.29	0225	0.22
1021	0.62	1126	0.52	1218	0.40	1305	0.28	0711	1.87	0759	1.93	0846	1.94
1609	1.10	1719	1.16	1814	1.26	1902	1.37	1348	0.18	1430	0.12	1513	0.10
2148	0.64	2253	0.57	2350	0.48			1947	1.47	2033	1.57	2119	1.65
Sunday 20		Monday 21		Tuesday 22		Wednesday 23		Thursday 24		☾ Friday 25		Saturday 26	
Time	Height	Time	Height	Time	Height	Time	Height	Time	Height	Time	Height	Time	Height
0317	0.20	0412	0.22	0508	0.27	0608	0.35	0039	1.65	0140	1.60	0248	1.55
0935	1.88	1024	1.76	1115	1.60	1209	1.43	0715	0.44	0829	0.51	0948	0.54
1555	0.13	1637	0.20	1721	0.30	1807	0.42	1308	1.27	1419	1.16	1543	1.12
2206	1.70	2254	1.72	2345	1.70			1859	0.53	2001	0.62	2115	0.66
Sunday 27		Monday 28		Remember to ADD ONE HOUR									
Time	Height	Time	Height										
0401	1.54	0507	1.56										
1100	0.52	1158	0.48										
1659	1.15	1756	1.21										
2227	0.65	2328	0.60										

Time in 24 hour clock, height (Ht) in metres above Chart Datum, *red for low tide* and *blue for high tide*.
 Times stated are Australian Eastern Standard Time. During **Daylight Saving Time** (when in force) one hour needs to be added to the times stated.

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Regardless of whether you have been on an exciting dive lately or just been surfing on the internet, if there is something you would like to share with your fellow club members, why not contribute to the next edition of Surface Interval.

Just e-mail your contribution to the editor either as an attachment, or in the body of the message. A page is around 1,000 words and the closer you get to that (or 500 for a ½ pager), the better. There's a word count function in MS Word under the "tools" pull-down menu, which does the job for you.

Remember articles submitted may be posted to the Club's website.

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Our club also organises weekend and holiday trips to interesting dive locations north and south of Sydney. A variety of social activities are organised throughout the year for members and their families.

Our club conducts meetings at **7.30 pm** on the **3rd Thursday** of each month at:

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New members are always welcome to attend our meetings and join in with our activities.

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