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From The President

Hi Ruccites

Well as I sit here on a Sunday and the rain is coming down, my thoughts obviously turn to diving and the dives we are not doing.

Having said that, the sun must eventually come out so get that dive gear ready.

In the meantime there is a lot of social action happening so keep your diary handy. Firstly we have the Oceans film festival happening on Tuesday 14th March at 7.00pm for those who pre-booked.

Thursday 16th March is our monthly dive meeting at Ryde Eastwood Leagues Club – so please bring your photo's and video's of any local or overseas trips.

On Saturday 25th March we have planned a dinner at Piato Italian in Blues Point Road McMahon's Point. Please let Bruce Spry know by the 10th March 2017 so we can book a table.

Our Easter trip to Wooli is happening over Easter in mid-April with many members attending.

A few of us are talking about an overseas dive trip to somewhere exotic sometime next year. If you would like to join us and have some ideas of where to head please let me know so we can plan.

Finally don't forget to book the June long week-end. It's up to the individual member to book their own accommodation this time and units are running out fast.

Hope to see you all soon on the water

Kind Regards

Peter Hardman

President.

Social Report

Upcoming events

When	What	Where
14th March	Oceans Film Festival Cremorne Orpheum	Cremorne Orpheum
16th March	Club Meeting	
18-19th March	OzTek Dive Exhibition and Conference	
25th March	Piato Italian Restaurant	Contact Bruce Spry (0411 889 116)
13 th - 17 th Apr	Easter	Solitary Islands diving at Wooli. Contact Michael Morley.
25 th Apr	Anzac Day	Mystery dives in Sydney
Fri 9 th to Mon 12 th June	June long weekend	Port Stephens Diving. Book through O'Meara or Winnings

From the Editors Desk

Short edition this month due to the lack of diving (and dive reports).

Don't forget that Frog Dive at Willoughby are offering tank tests including a fill for \$35 for the month of March. Tell them you are from RUC.

I intend to get in the water this month and empty my tank before getting it tested.

Ross Di Bartolo
Editor

2017 RUC Photo Competition

Hi Rucites and Photographers

Once again the Annual Photo Competition will be held and results of judging shown on Saturday 10th June – June Long Weekend at the dinner at Port Stephens.

If you cannot make it to Port Stephens you can still win so get out your cameras and start clicking. Go through all you photos that you have taken since June last year and select the best shot.

Here are the rules:

Photo Competition Rules

1. All RUC members are eligible to enter the competition
2. A currently financial RUC member must have made the photo
3. The entrant must be the creator of the image.
4. Copyright of the image remains with the photographer however, the photographer grants Ryde Underwater Club Inc. Publishing permission to reproduce the image on the Ryde Underwater Club Inc. website and in Ryde Underwater Club Inc. magazine Surface Interval and in material promoting the competition and the website.
5. The entrant must own the copyright of the image.
6. The photo was made between 30 April 2016 and 30 April 2017
7. The photo is received before 1 May 2017 by the Committee
8. The photo is provided in electronic format:
9. JPEG format preferred.
10. Image size should be minimum of 3000 pixels by 2000 pixels and a maximum size of 4000 by 3000 pixels. Larger images may be accepted but will be re-sized to be consistent with all other entries.

11. File name includes initials of photographer, location and date it was taken, e.g. Nudibranch_John_Smith_Colours_2103-05-09.jpg•
12. Some information about the photo subject included
13. Each RUC member can enter as many times as they want
14. The photo does not necessarily have to be an underwater shot, but be diving related
15. RUC members are invited to provide their top 5 of the photos entered
16. Points will be awarded to each image based on place voted by each member voting(i.e. 5 points for 1st place, 4 points for 2nd etc.)
17. Each member can enter as many photos desired, but for scoring of all the photos only your top 5, which each will receive points to compete for the top spot.
18. Entry with the most points is the winner (in case of draw, the photo with the most voters is the winner)
19. Entries can make it into the Surface Interval
20. The decision of the committee will be final and no discussion entered into regarding the winning entry.

The winner will become the proud caretaker of the Golden Camera until the next competition

So start shooting picture and put the best shots aside for the photo comp.

Kind regards,
Bruce Spry
0411889116

Dive Officers Spiel

Hello Rucites.

The year started off with some diving down at Ulladulla over xmas and new year. A keen bunch dived early in January, but true to form the weather, mainly the sea conditions are not the best for the weekend. Maybe some members are still winding back up from their great xmas break.

Lets see if March is a better month. Some divers will need to get some practice prior to the up and coming trip to the north coast. The Solitary islands are certainly worth the trip. A big turn out is planned, with 3 extremely novice potential diver coming along to see how its all done.

See you on the boat.

Ken

Dive Officer

WET CALENDAR – March 2017

DATE	LOCATION	CODE	DEPTH (approx)	MEETING TIME & PLACE	DIVE ACTIVITY LEADER (DAL)
Sun 5	The Colours		24m	Tunks Pk 8.00am	
Sun 12	Osbourne shoals		24m	Gunnamatta Bay 8,00	
Thu 16	Club meeting	M		Denistone Room @ 7:30 pm	General Meeting
Sat 25	Dals Choice		20m	8.00 Tunks Pk	

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

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	Time	m		Time	m		Time	m
1 WE	0451	0.33	12 SU	0250	0.40	23 TH	0522	1.49
	1108	1.77		0907	1.78		1208	0.58
	1725	0.26		1530	0.31		1813	1.27
	2337	1.66		2136	1.58		2353	0.69
2 TH	0541	0.35	13 MO	0333	0.39	24 FR	0617	1.56
	1154	1.68		0947	1.73		1256	0.50
	1807	0.32		1605	0.33		1900	1.36
				2214	1.60			
3 FR	0024	1.67	14 TU	0414	0.41	25 SA	0045	0.60
	0635	0.40		1026	1.67		0704	1.65
	1245	1.57		1638	0.38		1337	0.41
	1853	0.40		2249	1.60		1942	1.47
4 SA	0115	1.65	15 WE	0454	0.44	26 SU	0131	0.50
	0735	0.46		1102	1.59		0748	1.72
	1340	1.44		1709	0.44		1415	0.34
	1944	0.49		2324	1.59		2021	1.57
5 SU	0213	1.62	16 TH	0533	0.49	27 MO	0216	0.41
	0845	0.51		1139	1.50		0832	1.78
	1445	1.33		1739	0.50		1454	0.28
	2044	0.56		2359	1.57		2102	1.67
6 MO	0319	1.61	17 FR	0615	0.54	28 TU	0302	0.33
	1002	0.52		1216	1.41		0916	1.80
	1604	1.27		1812	0.56		1533	0.25
	2155	0.60					2144	1.76
7 TU	0430	1.62	18 SA	0036	1.54	29 WE	0350	0.28
	1119	0.50		0700	0.59		1003	1.78
	1725	1.28		1257	1.33		1615	0.26
	2309	0.60		1847	0.63		2228	1.82
8 WE	0541	1.66	19 SU	0118	1.50	30 TH	0440	0.27
	1227	0.44		0751	0.64		1052	1.73
	1832	1.34		1345	1.25		1657	0.30
		1931		0.69	2315		1.84	
9 TH	0015	0.55	20 MO	0208	1.46	31 FR	0533	0.29
	0642	1.72		0852	0.68		1143	1.63
	1324	0.37		1445	1.19		1742	0.37
	1928	1.41		2029	0.75			
10 FR	0113	0.48	21 TU	0309	1.43			
	0735	1.77		1001	0.68			
	1411	0.32		1558	1.17			
	2015	1.49		2139	0.77			
11 SA	0203	0.43	22 WE	0417	1.44			
	0823	1.79		1111	0.65			
	1453	0.30		1713	1.20			
	2057	1.54		2251	0.75			

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.

WET CALENDAR – April 2017

DATE	LOCATION	CODE	DEPTH (approx)	MEETING TIME & PLACE	DIVE ACTIVITY LEADER (DAL)
Sun 2	The bombs,Nth Hd	R	24m	Tunks Pk 8.00am	
Sun 9	Jibbon bommie	R	20m	Gunnamatta Bay 8,00	
Fri 14	Solitary Islands Wooli	C		Easter Friday	Michael Morley
Sat 15	Solitary Islands Wooli	C		Easter weekend	Michael Morley
Sun 16	Solitary Islands Wooli	C		Easter weekend	Michael Morley
Mon 17	Solitary Islands Wooli	C		Easter Monday	Michael Morley
Thu 20	Club meeting	M		Denistone Room @ 7:30 pm	General Meeting
Sat 22	Dee why wide	R	20m	8.00 Tunks Pk	
Sat 29	Shelley reef	R	14		

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Time m	Time m	Time m
1 0003 1.83 SA 0630 0.34 1237 1.52 1830 0.47	12 0255 0.45 WE 0858 1.56 1458 0.47 2116 1.70	23 0526 1.63 SU 1152 0.42 1806 1.57
2 0056 1.79 SU 0632 0.40 1237 1.41 1825 0.57	13 0332 0.46 TH 0934 1.51 1528 0.51 2148 1.69	24 0005 0.53 MO 0615 1.70 1234 0.36 1850 1.70
3 0055 1.72 MO 0742 0.46 1345 1.32 1930 0.65	14 0411 0.49 FR 1012 1.45 1559 0.56 2222 1.68	25 0055 0.42 TU 0703 1.74 1316 0.31 1933 1.82
4 0201 1.66 TU 0855 0.49 1503 1.29 2045 0.69	15 0451 0.52 SA 1050 1.39 1631 0.62 2259 1.64	26 0145 0.32 WE 0753 1.75 1400 0.29 2018 1.92
5 0315 1.63 WE 1005 0.49 1618 1.33 2200 0.67	16 0533 0.57 SU 1132 1.33 1709 0.68 2338 1.60	27 0237 0.26 TH 0844 1.72 1445 0.31 2105 1.98
6 0424 1.64 TH 1107 0.46 1719 1.40 2306 0.62	17 0622 0.61 MO 1219 1.27 1752 0.74	28 0330 0.24 FR 0937 1.66 1531 0.36 2154 2.00
7 0524 1.66 FR 1159 0.43 1810 1.48	18 0025 1.55 TU 0717 0.65 1315 1.23 1846 0.79	29 0426 0.25 SA 1032 1.58 1621 0.44 2245 1.96
8 0003 0.55 SA 0615 1.67 1242 0.41 1853 1.56	19 0120 1.50 WE 0819 0.66 1421 1.22 1953 0.82	30 0524 0.30 SU 1130 1.49 1714 0.53 2340 1.89
9 0052 0.50 SU 0700 1.67 1321 0.40 1932 1.62	20 0225 1.49 TH 0922 0.63 1531 1.26 2107 0.80	
10 0136 0.46 MO 0742 1.65 1355 0.41 2009 1.66	21 0332 1.51 FR 1018 0.58 1631 1.34 2215 0.74	
11 0216 0.45 TU 0821 1.61 1427 0.44 2043 1.68	22 0432 1.56 SA 1107 0.50 1722 1.45 2313 0.64	

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Contribute to Surface Interval

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.

Email 300 words and a few photos or videos (or your buddy's photos).

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

<https://www.facebook.com/RUC.org>

GUIDELINES FOR SENDING IN ARTICLES AND PHOTOS

Facebook Article

Upload by yourself, 2 sentences and plenty of pics. Do it the same or next day as the dive.
(Email tom or Diego if you need assistance signing into RUC Facebook, or signing up to Facebook.)

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Only send the article file to one email address, and not emailed 2 or 3 times.
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Use Portrait orientation especially for tables inserted into the Word document.
Please run the spell check over your article.

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Please send photographs as separate jpg files. Say which dive they are linked to in the text.
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DO link to another website if you want the link to be posted in the article and readers then open that link.)

Convert photos to about 150 kB or smaller.

Please rename photos with the dive site or date in the name from something complex such as "1G96O31P2Rf7photosO97S64S1%U#6^X\$.jpg" to something simple like "Apr23 seaslug.jpg".

It will save me a lot of time, reformatting files, finding your photos and resizing photos etc.

RYDE UNDERWATER CLUB MEMBERSHIP FEES for 2016-2017:**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.

Our members have a common interest in SCUBA diving. Dives are organised and conducted nearly every weekend around Sydney using the club boat and sometimes boats owned by club members. 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:

[Ryde-Eastwood Leagues Club](#)
117 Ryedale Road, West Ryde, 2114.

New members are always welcome to attend our meetings and join in with our activities.**EMERGENCY & INFORMATION PHONE NUMBERS**

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Diving Emergency Service (DES) outside Australia	+61 8 8373 5312
Prince of Wales Hospital, Randwick	(02) 9382 3575
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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
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NSW Maritime Authority - Sydney Boating Weather	131 236 (opt 3)
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