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GENERAL MEETING & ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



Wednesday – 4th
August

1945 for 2000

Broadview Uniting Church Hall, Cnr Galway Ave and Collingrove Ave, Broadview SA
All members, past members and potential members are invited to attend.

*This will be a Special General Meeting, during which the proposed Constitution will be considered and voted on for adoption or not.
The AGM will follow during which the election of office bearers for the coming year will be conducted.*

Prior to the meeting, you are invited to join with those members enjoying a meal at the Hampstead Hotel on North East Road, Collinswood. Meet there at 1815.

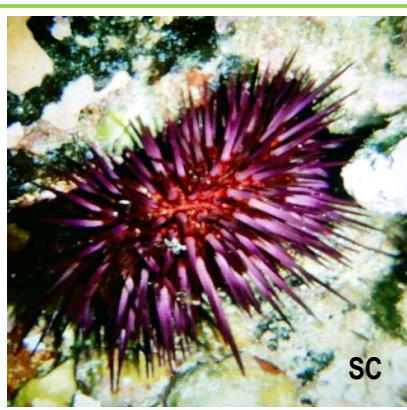
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Waters to be Explored



AUGUST

Sun 8th

Ardrossan Town Jetty

Tide times — [H] 0509 **2.32** [L] 1041 **1.04** [H] 1647 **3.23**

This jetty is a superb dive, especially in winter when it is usually flat calm and visibility can be to 25M. It is only 6M deep and entry and exit are easy from steps on both sides of the jetty. Clear water makes it easy to find plenty of species of fish. There are cowfish, moonlighters, and cuttlefish. You may see the huge school of Mulloway at the end of the jetty. Look carefully for seahorses in the brown algae, decorator crabs and bryozoans in the seagrass, and nudibranchs and colourful ascidians on the pylons. Bring your camera. A trolley is useful.

*The Diving Calendar for the 2021-2022 Diving Year has yet to be finalised
Future months to be decided*

History of Ardrossan Jetty

The town of Ardrossan was proclaimed on 1873, named after a town in Scotland. The residents petitioned the government for a jetty the following year. The jetty, 128 metres long and with a depth of 9 metres at the outer end at low water, was completed in 1877. In 1880 it was extended to 244 metres and later to 433 metres.

The jetty was extensively restored in the 1950's and a major upgrade took place in 1998. The jetty is now 414 metres long. At low tide, depth near shore is two metres.

The town was noted for Clarence Smith's factory where he manufactured the Stump-jump plough.

Shipping played an important role in the early development of Yorke Peninsula. Before the building of jetties, cargo was moved from ship to shore and vice versa by ketches. Farmer settlers were moving into the area as farming areas near and south of Adelaide had become 'wheat sick'. The need for jetties and wharves became urgent to accommodate the steamships and windjammers as farmers had to be able to ship their grain across the Gulf St. Vincent to Port Adelaide. At its' peak, there were 20 jetties on the Peninsula.

The Ardrossan jetty serviced the community until 1950 when the B.H.P. loading jetty was built two kilometres to the south for locally mined dolomite with magnesium limestone used in steel making. When plans for this jetty was in its' initial stages, wheat handling was in its' infancy. A bulk receiving and handling installation was constructed by the Australian Wheat Board in 1952. Provision was also made for the bulk shipment of salt, mined in the solar salt pans at Price.

Ardrossan now has one of the largest grain bulk handling infrastructures in South Australia and the 74 meter elevator tower above the B.H.P. jetty is the highest in the state.

Today, jetties are a valuable resource for tourism – fishing, diving, and other attractions. The District Council of Yorke Peninsula has ensured that the history of the jetties is not lost by erecting notices and photographs.

► *Safety Officer*

PREPARING FOR A LONG DRIVING TRIP AWAY

We divers travel long distances to get to dive sites. Our state is big and we may even venture interstate. It's a long way to drive, even on a day trip, and sometimes it may be to remote areas or places with few facilities.

Before you go —

Plan ahead and be prepared

- Are you well rested before you leave?
- Do you know how to get there and how long it will take?
- Have you told someone where you are going, where you are staying, when you are expected to return, and names of people with whom you are going?
- Car in good order, serviced? Full fuel?
- Do you have 24 hour road service? Upgrade your policy to include long distance coverage?
- Maps? What if there is no phone coverage?
- Food and drink? Warm clothes?
- Dive gear in good order, serviced, tanks filled, spares, 1st aid and tool kits, safety gear?
- Knowledge of local dive sites: hazards, entries and exits, boat ramps, nearest hospital?
- Check the weather and tides?
- Location of air filling stations?
- Chargers for phone, camera, etc.?

While on the road or at your destination —

- Always travel with your full headlights on
- Be well-rested, and while driving have frequent rest stops, every 2 hours.
- Share the driving
- Divers always have residual nitrogen in their bodies after a dive no matter how shallow the dive. The common symptom is fatigue.

Diving, driving, and drinking don't mix.

A well-planned diver is safe diver

Safe Diving

Sue



On the deck of Whyalla Jetty — Sue Cucchiarelli

► *Past Dives*

WHYALLA — STONY POINT 3 > 5 JULY

Marianne and I headed off to Whyalla early on the Saturday morning. The weather looked good and brightened up as we left Adelaide, venturing north to see the cuttlefish! It was a long drive but we chatted and enjoyed the countryside. We stopped for a break near Port Pirie and arrived about 1pm. We went straight to Stony Point to check out the conditions. We drove along the coast on a very bumpy, rocky road, to see different sites. But we returned to the main entry point where there were quite a few snorkelers and divers who were finishing for the day. It was fairly calm offshore but there were menacing waves lapping at the shore so we decided not to dive and leave it until tomorrow. Instead, we went sightseeing, even though we were getting some drizzling rain. We headed to Hummock Hill which looks over Whyalla and the steelworks. What a wonderful vista. Then we went to see the new jetty, in the round! It's quite spectacular, very big, new and clean, set high above the water. Just a pity one can't dive on it! On the shore end, there are some great mosaics of sea creatures. The weather had cleared and we were rewarded with a rainbow and beautiful sunset. We had a delicious dinner at the Westlander Hotel and then headed to the Sundowner Motel for our clean, spacious accommodation.

We woke early on Sunday morning, anticipating a good day of diving. But...oh oh, flat tyre! So we called the RAA. Oh, what fun clearing out the boot of all our dive gear. But they came promptly and all was good to go. We headed out to Stony Point. Good conditions but a few divers and hordes of snorkelers. It was the start of school holidays and commercial groups were taking people out to see the cuttlefish. We were able to get in pretty quickly down a boardwalk and along the chain over flat rocks. It was an advantage for us as divers escaping the many snorkelers on the surface. And we were rewarded. Hundreds of cuttlefish, singly, pairs, and in large groups. And so much colour and camouflage. The water was clear and wonderful for photos. They were busy doing their own thing so we were not worried about us getting too close. We were in the water for about an hour. We came out for a break and then did a second dive, an hour again. More people this time but the sun came out and the tide was up. It was easier to get in and out. The dive was so relaxing to a maximum depth of 6M but mostly in 3M. The water was cold but it was certainly worth getting wet.

Because the cuttlefish and Stony Point are becoming so popular, the Council has built toilets and change rooms at the site. It is a world-renowned dive site and great to see these added facilities, even though the cuttlefish are there in their many numbers only 3 months of the year. After the dive, we headed back to Whyalla for a warm shower and another fine meal, this time at the Sundowner.

Monday morning, we got up early, again clearing out the car boot, and went to nearby Bridgestone to get the tyre repaired. We had picked up a nail, we suspect on the gravel road to Stony Point. The gravel road was in bad need of a grade or perhaps the nail came from the new facilities build. But again we were good to go and away by 9. We stopped at the dive shop for fills and then a local bakery for breakfast.

It was a great weekend and worth the trip. I hadn't been for a number of years and was pleasantly surprised with the amount of cuttlefish we saw, the new facilities, sights, and food and accommodation.

We had a good time.



Photography – Marianne Chi

Sous Marin

PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION

Display your skills and submit 3 photographs for consideration in our on-going competition which now runs every four months, with judging occurring in April, August and December

New themes will be decided for future Competitions and will be advised when that decision is made.

The current theme is * **Leather Jackets**

Photographs should be **8"x 6"** which is **2400 x 1800** pixels when resolution is **300** pixels/in

File should be **jpeg**, with a size less than **400** Kb

Forward to committee@uecofsa.org.au
by **15-Sep-2021**



SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Patron's Day



A day to be different
The venue located at
Dock 2, Honey St. – Port Adelaide
will be
**Clipper Ship
City of Adelaide**
on
Sunday-15-August

Our host for this occasion will be our Patron Peter Christopher who will take us on a tour to see what the current status of the vessel is.

We will meet at the location at **12:00 pm**

Pizzas are going to be organised with the tour beginning when lunch is finished. You are invited to bring something to drink and we will adjourn to the nearby shed 13 to complete lunch

We need to know numbers and pizza preferences so bookings are necessary

Please do this via the website booking facility

THE THREE BROTHERS ARMS

Macclesfield Saturday-19-June

I can't remember why we decided to change the Annual Dinner this year to a lunch time event. I'm sure there must have been a good reason though and as it turned out it was a thoroughly enjoyable event.

Weather in the hills at this time of year is always a bit unpredictable (some might disagree). It rained consistently from the start of the freeway all the way to Macclesfield and then for the rest of the afternoon. On the drive home the mist over the hills provided an ethereal effect with the sun peeping through the clouds occasionally and a couple of spectacular rainbows as we approached Flaxley on our journey north back to Adelaide.

A welcoming fire greeted us as we entered The Three Brothers Arms but unfortunately our table was in the long room on the other side of the wall from the fireplace. The event was well attended and we needed the extra space afforded by the larger room. It was definitely warm enough though.

The menu was good and we were certainly well fed. I can recommend the lamb shoulder and also have to mention the Affogatos – must remember to go easy on the red so I can indulge with an Affogato Frangelico when I visit next time. I heard a whisper that the Pecan Pie was pretty good too.

At this time of year we are not doing so much diving and there is less opportunity to catch up and hear everyone's news. We made up for this over lunch and a lot of gossip was exchanged. By 3:30 pm conversation was still at full steam ahead but the light outside was beginning to fade and it was time to say our farewells.

I think everyone would agree with me that we had a great meal and a very pleasant time. All in all, a successful outing.

Hugh



More from the Weekend away at Whyalla



Photography by Sue Cucchiarelli

► *Seafood Sensation*

Bruschetta Salmon

INGREDIENTS



- 4 (6-oz.) salmon fillets
- 1 tsp. dried oregano
- Kosher salt
- Freshly ground black pepper
- 2 tbsp. extra-virgin olive oil
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 shallots, minced
- 3 c. halved cherry tomatoes
- Juice of 1/2 lemon
- 1/4 c. thinly sliced basil
- Freshly grated Parmesan, for serving
- Balsamic glaze, for drizzling

INSTRUCTIONS

- Season salmon all over with oregano, salt and pepper.
- In a large skillet over medium heat, heat olive oil. When oil is shimmering but not smoking, add salmon skin-side up and cook until deeply golden, about 6 minutes. Flip and cook 6 minutes, until salmon is opaque and flakes easily. Transfer to a plate.
- Add remaining tablespoon olive to skillet, then stir in garlic and shallots. Cook until garlic is fragrant, about 1 minute. Add tomatoes and season with salt and pepper. Cook, stirring frequently, until tomatoes just begin to burst. Remove from heat and squeeze over lemon juice.
- Serve salmon with tomato mixture spooned on top. Garnish each serving with basil and Parmesan, then drizzle with balsamic glaze






CALENDAR

 All Sunday dives to be booked **on the Website** by the **Thursday** before the dive 

(Dive Site **meeting** times as shown)



AUGUST

	Wed 4th	General Meeting — Broadview Uniting Church Hall.	2000
	Sun 8th	Ardrossan	1000
	Sat 15th	Patron's Day — "City of Adelaide" Dock 2, Honey St, Port Adelaide	1200



Due to restrictions imposed due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the committee has not yet been able to meet and prepare the 2021-2022 diving calendar. It is hoped that all going well for all of us, this task will be completed before the current part of the calendar shown above is completed.



Those of you who have attended sessions of Scuba in the Pub (which by the way has its next session on Friday-27-August) will be familiar with the above logo which represents the system by which you make a booking to attend the event.

Up until now we have used a booking system based on going to our web site and clicking on the email link then sending an email to the appropriate committee member, or alternatively writing your name on a booking list at General Meetings. Activities such as Diving, Away Trips, Social events (for example, Beach Picnic, Annual Dinner, Patron's Day) go through this process. This has involved a lot of paperwork and time adjusting lists, advising cancellations etc and usually involved more than one member of the committee.

Our Web Manager has been looking at using Eventbrite to streamline what we are currently doing.

The new process is reasonably straight forward – Go to the UEC website (www.uecofsa.org.au), click on the **Calendar** Tab, then select what you are going to book for (listed under Coming **Dives**, Coming **Events** and Coming **Trips**)

To book a dive or event, simply click on the “Book a dive” or “Book an Event” link and you will be redirected to the Eventbrite website. Here you will register, providing details for follow up and communication. Remember to select the number of “Tickets” from the drop down list. We don't need you to bring tickets to our events but that is how we tell the system how many divers/attendees will be coming along.

Confirmation of your booking will be sent to you immediately. You will be sent a reminder email two days prior to the event. You will be notified of any cancellations or changes by the same means.

If you have not booked for the Patron's Day event, perhaps you could give the system a go.

