

Yorke Peninsula Council

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UNDERWATER DIVERS CLEAN UP ARDROSSAN JETTY SEABED

The Underwater Explorers Club of SA (UECSA) visited Ardrossan on Sunday 23 July to dive the Ardrossan jetty and clean up the seabed. The UECSA is a recreational scuba diving club who have been participating in seabed clean ups in South Australia for many years. The group of divers was supported by family and friends, Ardrossan Tidy Towns and Yorke Peninsula Council.

Originally scheduled for Clean Up Australia Day on 5 March the Clean Up Dive had to be cancelled due to bad weather and poor visibility, but the winter day was perfect for diving despite the water temperature being a chilly 13 degrees Celsius.

An astonishing 110 kg of rubbish was removed from the seabed consisting of many bottles, 15 crab nets, 3 folding chairs, 19 squid jags and a wheelbarrow. Fortunately some local fishermen were able to assist hauling the heavier items out of the water.

Group Leader Bob Butterfield said "After the cancellation of the previous clean up dive & the windy weather of last week, it was pleasing to finally get the job done. The underwater visibility was great on Sunday being over 10 metres. I am looking forward to diving Ardrossan Jetty again later in the year to see what difference the clean-up has made. Thanks to Mike Osborne, Stephen Goldsworthy and other local participants who assisted us on top."

Mike Osborne from Ardrossan Tidy Towns said "It was pleasing to see so many bottles removed from the water as they provide the perfect habitat for blue ring octopus to hide in. And really, a wheelbarrow?"

YPC CEO Andrew Cameron said "we are grateful to the UECSA and their efforts in helping to maintain our local marine environment. With so much rubbish removed and with the oyster reef now in place, the Ardrossan marine habitat has a real chance of being regenerated and returned to its original pristine state."

After the chilly dive, the participants enjoyed a very welcome warm lunch at the Ardrossan Bakery.

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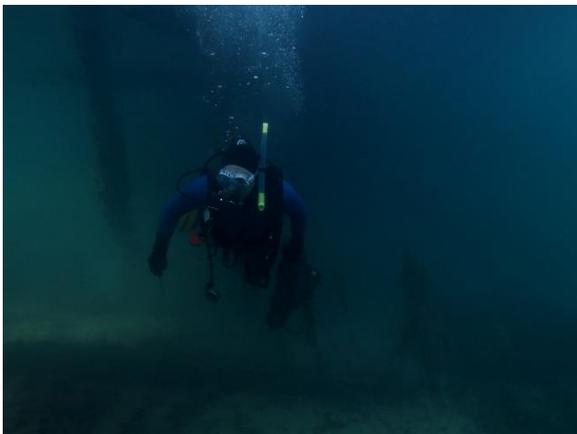
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Ardrossan Dive Bob Butterfield by Marianne Chi 23-07-17



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