

On 6/12/08 my friend Sharon and I thought we would toddle down to Woodman's Point in the City of Cockburn for the first scuba dive of the season. Usually this first dive is rather stressful as dive gear is brought out of its winter hibernation and put together. My dive computer wasn't working for some reason and luckily my husband managed to take off early from work the day before to drop it off at a local dive shop for repair. Luckily it was just the battery and not something more complex. Sharon's dive tank had its air tap stuck and needed to be serviced before the dive, resulting in the need to hire a tank for her dive.

Off we went to Woodman's Point, it was a lovely sunny morning around 9.30 when we pulled up to the dive site. Struggling to put on my tight (because of the winter excess kilo's) wetsuit and trying hard to remember how to put together my dive gear I eventually managed and then... at last! Into the water we went! My husband took the attached photo's showing us in our dive gear and eventually in the water.

Trying hard to avoid the fisherman we went out to the end of the groyne, eventually being free from fishing lines we descended to about 8 metres and we saw some lovely sites. A lonely seahorse greeted us and soft corals were plentiful. There wasn't a lot of fish - but those that we saw were colourful and interesting.

About 30 minutes into the dive I relaxed and spent the rest of the time slowly swimming amongst rocks. It was a lovely relaxing first dive, going down one side of the groyne and back to the end again and I regained my confidence in my diving.

At one stage I looked around and lost my buddy diver.... Sharon was nowhere to be seen so slowly I descended to the top of the water and upset the local fisherman because I was too close to the groyne. We met up and swam slowly back to the shore disturbing a family of pelicans and meeting up with my helpful husband waiting on the shore to help us carry our gear back to the car. Sharon commented that the Woodman's Point dive is her favourite shore dive of all the shore dives that she has done and I will definitely return back again for another dive.