



President's Report 2018-2019

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All in all, the club has had a great year with the various activities and events ran. A number of scuba diving trips were organised to Coobowie, Second Valley / Rapid Bay, Whyalla, and Port MacDonnell. The start and end of the year have continued to have a high uptake of local scuba dive sites visited, reflecting the seasonality and popularity as the waters have warmed. Underwater rugby trainings increased from weekly, to twice per week, which is a great effort to have continued numbers. The underwater rugby team, the *Adelaide White Pointers*, participated and highly contested several national tournaments throughout the year.

The underwater rugby management subcommittee and associated players were very busy at the start of the year hosting the Nationals championship at the Adelaide Aquatic Centre. It was a massive effort from the Club to organise Adelaide's first UWR tournament, and excellent feedback was received with the choice of venue and level of professional organisation. It was also great to see the cross integration with the club's scuba divers helping where they could.



In terms of governance, the club's policies continued to be reviewed, and where required, revised as per the committee's requirements. An AU Sport risk management audit was also performed, with no significant issues highlighted, reflecting the maturity of the organisation and systems that are in place.

The club continues to be challenged in our assets, and for 2018, it was the club's compressor trailer. The club had the compressor trailer serviced to reveal the aging asset and significant expenditure required to bring back to a working condition. The committee elected to conduct more research and allow the decision to be made to the following serving committee. Aged regulators and BCDs will also need to be addressed for replacement in upcoming years.



The club had high hopes for fundraising for the last year, however managed to only organise Cadbury chocolates fundraising. Further projects and merchandise in 2019 should assist the Club's financial requirements for equipment upgrades and refresh of swimsuits.

The club continued to help provide support and input into the University's West Beach Recreational Sports Hub through the continued efforts of the subcommittee. Unfortunately delays with approvals and quotes has meant the facilities have been pushed back from previous guidance of completion of the year end of 2018. The club will need a lot volunteering to help the fit-outs, painting and moving equipment post construction prior to official opening.



A number of awards were recognised at 2018's AGM, including notable mention to Nino Bartolovic who received the Mostyn Walker memorial shield. Also, a massive congratulations goes to Katherine Heldt, Angela Dodd, and Charlotte Jordans, who made the 2019 Australian national female underwater rugby team. The team will be travelling to Austria in July 2019 to compete in the world championships! Good luck!

I am hopeful that the club's great atmosphere and culture will continue growing in our various activities. While the club is in a great position with two working boats, a stable underwater rugby venue, underwater goals, and scuba compressor, we will be challenged with our go forward on our compressor trailer and demands associated with the new Sports Recreation Hub. A few focus areas still remain with the club, including ongoing integration of underwater rugby within the committee, and updates to software and databases to better manage and maintain our activities and finances.

A big thanks to the 2018-2019 committee and UWR management subcommittee for their continued support to the club.

