



President's Report – March 2019-August 2020

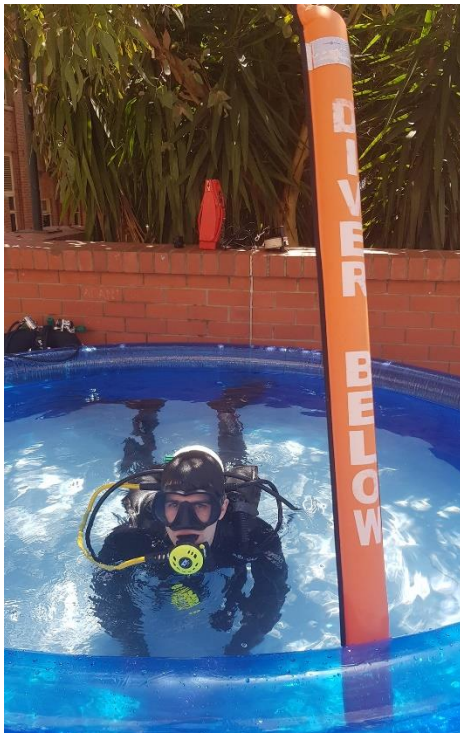
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The past 18 months have been interesting for the club, to say the least. In 2019 several trips were organised. This included multiple trips to Coobowie, a trip to Point Lowly to see the annual Cuttlefish gathering, and a New Year's trip to Kangaroo Island with excellent attendance.

2020 threw us a curve ball, with COVID-19 halting usual activities and delaying the AGM from March to August. A massive thanks to the current committee who stayed on to help the club navigate unfamiliar waters and stay afloat. Activities are returning to a new kind of normal; boat dives have resumed, and a trip to Coobowie has successfully taken place, with more planned.



1-Spotted on a boat dive out from Port Victoria. Photo credit to Steve Jones



2-Spotted at O'Week 2020. Steven Saffi setting a new (inverse) depth record. The show was a hit and attracted hundreds of spectators over the day.

2020 O'Week was initially a resounding success with nearly 40 new members. Unfortunately, the club shutdown soon after due to COVID-19 has meant many of the memberships gained have not been converted into active members. I am hopeful this will be remedied somewhat with the upcoming dive season.

The West Beach Recreational Sports Hub has seen some development this year, with the inclusion of Soccer, Hockey, and Cricket. AU Sport have secured funding from external associations to assist in the financing of the development. Whilst AU Sport are still awaiting final development approval, we are hopeful for construction work to begin in the next 12 months.

I wish the best to the incoming committee. Here is hoping for a less turbulent year ahead!