



Vice Presidents Report 2019-2020

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As Vice President of the club, it has been my role for the last 17 months or so to oversee the safety of the club (including COVID-19), coordinate grants and to assist the president with the running of the club when needed. I have also taken over the role as the clubs liason with AU Sport for the West Beach Sporting Hub development.

COVID-19

Since February/March this year COVID-19 has significantly affected all of us in various ways and has also affected AUSC operations, with the club forced to suspend operations for several months while the curve was flattened in South Australia.

Starting in May, we were able to begin reopening the club as the COVID-19 situation in SA began to get more under control, this was done cautiously with limitations on numbers in activities and mandating social distancing in all that we did. Since then, we have been through several phases of COVID Safe plans with The State Government and our own internal COVID Mitigation Plans.

At present, we are operating in line with the South Australian COVID Directives which are reflected in our COVID Mitigation Policy as well as our Mandated COVID Safe Plan. At present this sees us largely operating at full capacity with some limitations, however this is subject to change at short notice as we are all aware.

Club Safety

Thankfully it has been a fairly quiet year as far as club safety is concerned, with no incidents to report. However there have been some breaches of the AUSC Policies, with inexperienced divers diving on sites that they are not sufficiently qualified or experienced to safely dive. This has prompted reminders to our boat handlers that they have the authority and support of the club to not allow a member to dive if they are not confident in their skills or ability to do so safely.

Development Grants

In 2019 AU Sport awarded the Club a significant grant for clubs safety related training for members. This ended up funding 7 Rescue Diver Courses, 7 First Aid Courses, 6 Seamanship courses and 5 SROCP Courses. Partly due to COVID-19 there are some outstanding courses still to be finalised, however we have two Members who underwent the Seamanship course who are now in the process of becoming Boat Handlers. The grant process for 2020 has changed somewhat, development grants are in the process of being submitted.

Capital Equipment Grants

A business case and Capital Equipment Grant Proposal for two small portable compressors to restore the clubs portable compressor capability was prepared in 2019 to support the (at the time) upcoming Kangaroo Island Dive trip and continuing Coobowie Trips, however the committee was not willing to vote on this matter and has remained so, referring it to the incumbent 2020/2021 committee.

Clubrooms

And the saga continues... Since the last AGM there have been a number of developments, and a complete shift in priorities, goals and funding from the University and State Government. Things are currently still up in the air, but it is expected that a sporting hub with changerooms, bar, kitchen and meeting rooms will be constructed to support primarily the Hockey, Cricket and Soccer Clubs, with AUSC getting a new shed complex, with an additional bay and integrated compressor room where the groundskeepers cottage currently sits.

Dive Trips

In 2019/2020 the club has run several trips down to Coobowie which continues to be a great base for exploring the underwater wonders at Edithburgh. At the end of 2019 we ran a week long trip to Kangaroo Island, based out of the Flinders Baudin Research Centre. With Vitamin Sea and 9 divers, we explored some exotic and rarely dived sites around Kangaroo Island and despite a close call with the bushfires, it was a truly spectacular trip enjoyed by all.

