



Presidents Report 2020-2021

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As President of the Club I have been responsible for the overall direction and running of AUSC, supported by an excellent committee that have put in a significant amount of effort over their term.

It was a challenging start to my term as president, with no working compressor, a large amount of equipment out of action and a loss in momentum for getting regular dives out caused by the various shutdowns and restrictions caused by COVID-19.

However, with the effort of the entire committee, the main compressor and equipment was brought back into service and momentum getting dives out has slowly built back up, assisted by regular club trips.

There have been some policies updated, with more needing to be updated in the coming year.

COVID-19

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.

We were shut down after state lockdown for several weeks at the end of 2020, however were able to run trips as planned over the new years period.

Club Safety

There has unfortunately been a few incidents during this term, thankfully with no injuries. Lessons have been learnt from each and these will be covered in more detail in the Vice Presidents report.

Capital Equipment Grant

AUSC was successful in its application for a Capital Equipment Leaseback grant from Adelaide University Sport which was used to purchase two new Bauer Junior II Scuba Compressors which have proved invaluable, being used extensively at each trip in addition to providing a backup/surge capacity at West Beach.



Equipment

Despite the lack of an equipment officer this year, things have improved on the equipment front.

We have the main compressor back in action with a B-timer to optimise filter utilisation and eliminate over use in addition to the two new Bauer Junior II Compressors which have been extremely useful for trips and providing a backup/additional fill capacity at west beach.

Almost all tanks are back in service after developing corrosion around the neck whilst left unfilled for several months in 2020, some of these will need replacement in the coming year or two.

The remainder of the clubs old regulators will have to be retired shortly, to be replaced with new regulators.

An upto date asset register has been created and acquisitions have been scheduled into the future to replace equipment as it reaches the end of its life.

Clubrooms

Finally some good news, things are coming together for the new clubrooms with an estimated finish date in May/June of this year. Whilst they will not be quite as grand as was originally planned, we will soon be getting a brand new 16x11m insulated shed, with an integrated sound insulated and airconditioned compressor room to consolidate and optimise club operations.

This will be a substantial improvement on our current arrangements and will enable the clubs gear to be much better cared for with respect to temperature and humidity, whilst providing a more pleasant and welcoming environment for our weekly meetings.

Dive Trips

In 2020/2021 the club has run trips almost every month to the Yorke Peninsula and a massive end of year trip over New Years which was great fun, despite some unseasonal weather preventing us making it out to Topgallant Isles.

