



Presidents Report 2022-2023

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As President of the club, it has been my role to oversee the overall operations of the club, liaise with Adelaide University Sport as required, and redevelop the club into our new purpose-built dive shed.

Capital Spending and Infrastructure

AUSC has successfully implemented the approved capital spending commitments from the 2021 committee in installing our new compressor room. Torque Industries completed the work as intended in the first quarter of 2022 and installed 8 new 50L bank tanks, Bauer Auto-Selector, Bauer Mini Verticus Compressor and dual 200 bar plus 300 bar fill panel. The system is fully operational and delivering fills to all our club members.

Our new shed continues to perform well overall, but we are noticing drainage issues with the boat as the installation of a spoon drain at the time of construction was deemed to be out of scope by AUSF. This will require ongoing maintenance to ensure we keep water from the boat away from the shed as much as possible.

Boat procurement for a replacement or upgrade of Vitamin Sea has been hindered by inflation and the poor Australian Dollar. We are seeing price increases of over \$40,000 on some vessel types. As we still have spare capacity with Vitamin Sea and can scale up the number of boat dives, the projected course of action is going to be to wait for the repayments of Vitamin Sea to be completed before reconsidering.

Membership Engagement

AUSC has been advised again by AUSF to focus on increasing Adelaide University student engagement and exceed a 50% target for Adelaide University Students to maintain access to SSAF funding. AUSC continues to meet this target ending with approx. 60% of our membership consisting of Adelaide University students as of 31/12/2022. We attribute the ongoing success in 2022 and the first quarter of 2023 to our ability to offer \$0 student memberships in conjunction with AUSF.

Since AUSF's new membership system was introduced, we have continued to see higher membership numbers than the historic membership system. This will assist the club with government grants in the future but also confirms we have missed opportunities for higher level of grant funding in previous grant rounds.

Dive Trips

Dive trips continue to be a major draw for new and existing club members. The marine research station at Coobowie being out of commission due to a break and enter has had a significant impact on club operations and our ability to offer regional away trips at lower costs. As of the start of 2023 the plumbing has been repaired and we hope to regain access later this year.

Dive trips overall are an excellent social opportunity that we offer members and especially our international students to experience parts of our state that may not normally be considered. With COVID-19 restrictions being significantly reduced we were able to facilitate a group of our advanced divers heading over to Victoria to enjoy some incredible diving on the Mornington Peninsula.

Club Community and Engagement

The committee over the last few years has delivered projects unlike any seen in the recent history of AUSC. For everyone who has had part of the clubs move to our new shed, development of our compressor system, equipment relocation, and making our new shed feel like home thank you! While some of the details may become fuzzy over the coming decades everyone involved can say that they were part of the club's redevelopment!

While many of the clubs' operations are committee and boat handler centric there are many activities that all general members can help with. This can include organising shore dives (Special thanks to Matt West), helping out at activities like O Week to recruit new students into AUSC (Special thanks to Mia Haoyu Lou) and social activities plus fundraising. The more members put into the club the more everyone gets back out and we encourage everyone to help out where possible.



2022 – 2023 New Years Trip to the Mornington Peninsula

