



Presidents Report 2023-2024

Jade Bruggeling

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 completed the install of our compressor room, finalised the sale of unused compressor items and entered into a loan agreement with the university for the funding received.

Our new shed continues to perform well overall, basic maintenance to galvanic coating on frame is needed to ensure long term survivability of the asset noting a key drainage spoon was not allocated funding in the built design.

The committee has continued to invest capital into the club and has funded key purchases to facilitate the continual growth of the club. This included: A new high-definition GPS sounder for Vitamin Sea after our old unit experienced a transducer failure. A fleet of new hire gear including 4 sets of regulators, BCD's, wetsuits, torches, fins, and masks meaning we have a significantly larger gear hire fleet to support all members but especially our students and international students.

The asset that I am most proud of is the purchase of a 2016 Ford Ranger for boat towing duties. This is yet another resource that the committee have developed and is providing groundbreaking advantages to all members. This is no small feat; the club has never had an inhouse tow vehicle. We needed to evaluate the capital requirements for such a purchase, insurance requirements, development of policy to support such a purchase and training of our boating operators in the usage of the vehicle! The benefits speak for themselves we are out on the water when ever the weather is good even on weekdays, more members are interested in boating operations, and we can easily transport gear for servicing on top of boat towing duties.

Membership Engagement

AUSC has continued to advise us to ensure the club composes of at least 50% 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 31/12/2023. We attribute the ongoing success to the first quarter of 2023 where we had the 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.

Policy Redevelopment Project

We embarked on an ambitious winter project to update the clubs' policies as they have become out of date with all the developments! This project has resulted in operational policies being reviewed successfully however the future committee will need to finish of the work with the admin policies.

Dive Trips

Dive trips continue to be a major draw for new and existing club members. The marine research station at Coobowie continuing to being out of commision due to a maintenance issues and break and enter has had a significant impact on club operations and our ability to offer regional away trips at lower costs. The club continues to advocate for the asset to remain available to AUSC.

