



Vice Presidents Report 2023-2024

Enzo Rugai

In the past year I've had the pleasure of overseeing the club's grant applications and acting as Safety Officer.

Coobowie Accomodation

After being back in action temporarily the Coobowie research station is now under review by the University. The club is working with AUSF and Facilities Management to try to secure ongoing access.

Grants

Last year the club received a grant which partially funded our new torch hire fleet.

Two grants, one for Open Water certification for Adelaide Uni students and one Rescue Courses, Oxygen Administration, Marine Radio, and Seamanship are currently providing 50% rebates for members completing these courses.

The club is awaiting the result of the Office for Recreation and Sport grant as well as the Power-Up grant from AUSF for equipment purchases.

Safety

The club has updated its risk register and risk management plan. We have also developed a new online submission form for reporting of unsafe actions, near misses, and incidents. This is part of an ongoing effort to better understand the precursors to incidents so we can prevent them from happening.

Members should submit any incidents, near misses, or unsafe actions to the system so we can build up a picture of how to improve together.

In the last year, we have issued three formal warnings for unsafe actions and had a few more discussions with divers one on one. The two main points are:

- As club members you are expected to take care of and be in contact with your buddy at all times. Losing your buddy and not following the correct lost buddy procedure is unacceptable. Not noticing you have lost your buddy is worse.
- Remember that 50bar in your tank is for emergencies. It may be needed if you have to share air or otherwise have complications during ascent. Getting back on the boat with 0 bar is unacceptable unless something has happened, in which case please let us know about it.

I remind you to please know our diving code of conduct. It's exactly what every diver learns in their open water class, and we all need to keep it front of mind.

Dive Safely and Often,

Enzo Rugai, Vice President 2023-24

