



## MEETING MINUTES – January 2025

Date	15/01/2024
Location	MS Teams (online)
Attendees	Charlotte Ackrill (CA), Phillip Good (PG), Alex Brunswick (AB), Mark Man (MM),
Apologies	Demi Bestry (DB), Helen Armstrong (HA), Sabrina Mccay (SM), Mikaela Spires (MS), David Juskiewicz (DJ), Raoul Hoffmann (RH), Barb Johnson (BJ), Erin Ring (ER)

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Proxies: PG proxy for DB

Meeting start: 6:16 PM

### 1. Previous items/previous meeting progress

#### 1A. Guild Grant and reaffiliation with the guild.

- Need somebody to take on the reaffiliation process with the guild, preferably somebody that has previously completed it.
  - o CA happy to complete this process
- Guild grant responsible person needs to be identified to ensure we don't miss out this year and all invoices can be reimbursed throughout the year.
  - o Will be added to next meeting's agenda. CA suggested that it was logical to ask HA to do the budget work.
- Whoever does it should seek assistance from those who have done it before.

#### 1B. MUD Card signatories

- HA waiting to get ID documents cited.
- Need to drop off to uni bank.

#### 1C. Gear prices and late/wash fees

- PG sent email to all members outlining new prices
- Waiting on social media team to post new prices on social media.
- MT: We might run out of tanks for this weekend. Even if those that are hired out to Dave are returned, MT said he cannot run the compressor in the current high heat that is forecast.

#### 1D. Corporate groups

- PG and AB > Update on this.
- PG The owing invoices from MVK have still not been paid
- AB contacted the guild as discussed last meeting for some internal help. The guild Clubs and Societies officer (Jordan Bell) told us by email (28/11/24) that they had contacted Mike Van Keulen. No updates since then.
- PG to contact Mike as he has good rapport with him. Will update at next meeting.

## 2. **Treasurer's report**

- CUD have paid for their tank hire which was ~\$350.
- BJ being reimbursed for the cylinder valves that she bought.
- Money slowly coming in from people renewing membership.
- PG: some people hiring gear have not renewed their membership. Committee must check if hirers have renewed their membership before giving out the gear.

## 3. **Upcoming events**

### 3A. Underwater Survey

- Update from AB on this and where he is at.

#### *Last meeting:*

- Jason Bird from Wirambi Landcare contacted AB and committee. They need an understanding of the aquatic liase that occurs in the waters off Jeff Joseph reserve. This site has never been surveyed, so they would like us to complete a survey of flora and fauna in January or February. They highlighted that it should only be a simple survey (i.e. a census of all species).
- AB keen to assist with this project. Could use some fish/algae ID skills from others.
- GoPros and cameras would be highly useful. AB has 2 at home.
- Could get some avid marine bio divers. AB considered that perhaps we could put it into Murdoch Marine Studies FB page.
- Committee decided to run an event in January and February – February event depends on how popular January event is.
- PG notes fish he sees and documents them afterwards
- CA happy to do shore support, and CA
- PG thinks it will be better as a snorkel as it is so shallow.

### **3B. Quiz night**

- CA to organize quiz night as an O week event.
- Quiz night has been booked by CA for the 21<sup>st</sup> February (Friday of O-week) at the Murdoch Tavern.
  - o AB able to support on the night
- Need to start looking at sponsors.
- CA to send MS the information on the quiz night once finalized. Then, MS to print a poster to take with them and take into shops to show businesses, and ask if they are happy to sponsor us. Alternatively the poster could be attached to emails sent to businesses when we request for sponsorship.
- From here, committee to create a smaller quiz night group chat. These committed people will contact sponsors and organize the night
- CA suggested we go to local businesses for sponsorship.
- CA considered same prices as usual: \$10 per person, or \$50 for a table of 6.
  - o Present committee happy for this.
- Look to social media team to advertise throughout January.
- CA thinks we should stick to same prices as last year
- CA contacted CUD to ask if they were keen for a collab with this upcoming quiz night, as we have done before. Awaiting a response.

### **3C. Save Our Marine Life**

- DB asks for assistance from committee
- DB to take over and email back, will contact MS and do handover. DB plans to run event around March/ not long after the quiz night event.
- DB to update committee at next meeting.

### **3D. Other dives**

- No dives done since the last meeting.
- AB to plan night dive at South Mole – the rock wall at Fremantle Tafe.
- MT suggested that AB make sure everyone is in a pair for night dives, not 3 or 4.
- CA happy to act as shore support.

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### **Social media**

#### **4A. Gear prices advertisement**

- Advertising to be implemented in January so social media team will advertise the change on social media throughout December → Needs to happen asap.
- Phil adds price change into renewal membership email, along with cleaning and timely gear return expectations.

#### **4B. Advertise quiz night in O-week**

- Posters around university
- Weekly social media posts/ stories updates etc.

#### **4C. Advertise underwater survey run by AB**

- Get details from AB and advertise.

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#### **Additional items**

#### **5A. MUD Abrolhos trips.**

- Nobody has decided to put their hand up to take over Abrolhos trips in 2025. AB and CA explored option of having a “trip/Abrolhos officer” role put out at the next AGM. This person could be tasked for the year with organising a trip (Abrolhos, south coast etc).
- MT indicated that in previous years, the organiser of such events would get a free spot on the trip.

#### **5B. Equipment**

- MT: 1 reg is out of service as we are having issues acquiring parts. Two dive shows were having trouble getting parts required due to the compasses and gauges being different sizes now.
- MT: Raised that we will soon need to look at replacing dive computers.
- Some regulators are being misused, and potentially being modified. 1 hose was leaking and had been wrapped in electrical tape. MT will let us know if this tampering behaviour continues.
- MT and CA requested the committee to check gear when it is returned. AB sent a message to the committee to request this happens.

#### **5C. Public holiday closure**

- PG: 26<sup>th</sup> = Australia day, so Monday the 27<sup>th</sup> is public holiday.
- AB messaged group chat to get covers to work on Tuesday the 27<sup>th</sup> instead of the 26<sup>th</sup>.

*Meeting end: 7:30 PM*