



MUD MEETING MINUTES – APR 2026

Date: 15/04/2026

Location: The Tav / MS Teams (online)

Attendees: Phillip Good (PG), Frauke Ixfeld (FI), Eloise Willsher (EW), Keith (K), Tate Wray (TW), Ben Camer-Pesci (BP), Ian Lim (IL), Faith Ng (FN), Caelan Raccanello (CR), Caitlin Howard (CH), Mark Thiele (MT)

Apologies: Raoul Hoffmann (RH), Mark Man (MM), David Juskiewicz (DJ), Erin Ring (ER), Helen Armstrong (HA), Lexy Shonefeld (LS), Jules Page (JP), Halim Kim (HK), Johnson Barb (JB)

Proxies: N/A

Meeting Start: 6:03pm

1. Previous Items / Progress from Last Meeting

1A. Dive Roster

The Dive Roster is managed by CH. The following was noted:

- Members are reminded to check the roster regularly for upcoming scheduled dates.
- The committee is working to ensure all members receive approximately two to three dive shifts per month.

2. Treasurer's Report

- No items were raised under the Treasurer's Report at this meeting.

3. Upcoming Events

3A. Orientation Day – 23 May 2026

The committee discussed the upcoming Orientation Day on 23 May 2026. The following was agreed:

- The club will secure a market stall on O-Day to promote membership and increase campus visibility.
- It was agreed that the club should aim to maintain a market stall presence at least once per month, or at minimum once every two months, as an ongoing advertising and recruitment strategy.

3B. Careers night

A proposal was discussed to host a Careers Night for members interested in professional pathways in the diving and marine sectors. The following details were noted:

- The event will be held at the Tavern (Tav).
- Speakers will be sourced from the club's sponsor network and invited to present on career areas including commercial underwater diving, scientific research diving, and marine sciences.
- The session will also address the professional and practical applications of holding a diving certificate.
- **EW** will take responsibility for organising the event, commencing planning towards the end of May 2026.
- An attendee incentive will be offered, such as one complimentary pint per ticket, or a sausage sizzle. Details to be confirmed during the planning phase.

4. Social Media

4A. Logging into the social media

The following matters were raised regarding the club's social media presence:

- The committee is to ensure appropriate members hold login access to the club's social media accounts.
- Members are encouraged to submit photographs following each dive event so that content can be uploaded in a timely manner. Regular posting was identified as a priority for growing the club's online presence.

5. Additional Items

5A. Overseas Trip Proposal

A proposal for an overseas dive trip was raised and discussed. The following destinations and considerations were noted:

- Christmas Island was suggested by **PG** as a potential destination.
- **MT** noted a previous committee trip to Bali took place approximately seven to eight years ago, with around 15 attendees.
- Coral Bay was also proposed, with capacity for approximately 20 participants.
- It was noted that members should not bring personal tanks overseas, as all equipment would be sourced from local dive shops at the destination.

5B. Upcoming Dives — Perth Region

BP proposed the next local dive be held at one of the following locations, with a final decision to be communicated to **FN** by this evening:

- Saturday or Sunday at Bathers Beach; or
- North Mole.

5C. Environmental Dives and Beach Cleanup

IL is in discussion with a contact from UECWA who previously organised a beach cleanup at Coogee. The following was discussed:

- No firm date has been set. The committee is considering hosting an environmental dive within the next few months.
- Scarborough Beach was raised as a potential venue.
- **EW** suggested concluding the event with a sausage sizzle.
- **BP** proposed collaborating with MUEnSA: MUD to lead the underwater cleanup, MUEnSA to lead the beach cleanup. A joint sausage sizzle and night dive was also proposed.
- **CH** suggested reaching out to the UWA Dive Club, who have access to a boat, as a potential collaborator.
- **TW** noted that all night dive participants should hold at minimum an Advanced Open Water certification, and that each participant must carry their own personal torch for safety purposes.
- **EW** suggested circulating an Expression of Interest prior to committing to a date, in order to gauge member numbers.

5D. Treasurer Vacancy

It was noted that the club requires a Treasurer. **EW** has several candidates in mind and will discuss the matter with **JP**, **FI**, and **CH**.

5E. Equipment Review — Deferred to Next Meeting

Equipment matters were raised but deferred to the next meeting. Items to be addressed include:

- Reducing the volume of equipment available for hire, given current low demand.
- Replacement of BCDs, dive computers, and tanks as required.