



# Australian Underwater Federation

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## News release

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After the recent AGM the AUF Federal Board is pleased to announce that we have negotiated a public liability insurance policy to cover all of our members in the various underwater sports. This policy will cover members, coaches, employees, clubs and volunteers through all the various levels of our federation. It will also include a personal accident policy at no extra cost.

This will mean that a cheaper insurance will be available, and our separate sports will no longer be burdened with the sometimes arduous task of finding insurance and finding the money to pay for it.

Along with the insurance the AUF federal office will be implementing a centralised online membership payment service, this will mean that membership fees will be the same across all of our sports, and individuals will be able to quickly update their details and pay their membership fees.

This initiative will save our state volunteers the time consuming efforts associated with collecting membership fees and compiling the data. It will mean that there may be a slight increase in fees in some states but there will be a significant decrease in fees in others. It has been decided to set the membership fee at \$55.00 to join 1 commission, the cost of joining other commissions will be an additional \$10.00 each per commission, remembering that this is the only fee for membership that you will pay.

The insurance will be effective from July next year and the online memberships will be rolled out over the next 12 months and be commensurate with our next financial year.

On another note we are pleased to announce that Mr Dave Welch, chairperson of the Queensland Spearfishing Commission has won the Beau Bear award. The award is recognition of outstanding achievement in advancing the aims and objectives of the federation in an administrative capacity, so congratulations to David who is certainly a worthy winner. Recognition of David's award will be placed on the web site shortly.

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