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## GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

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**DATE:** Tuesday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011  
**VENUE:** Townville Yacht Club  
**ATTENDEES:** Mike, Robyn, Ian, Amanda, Mark, Marissa, Vince, Irena, John, Bob, Geoff  
**MEETING OPENED:** 7:40 pm

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1. **Apologies:** Simon, Joanne, Yvonne, Marsha, Bradley
2. **Minutes of Previous Meeting:** December meeting minutes read by Mike and were accepted as complete and accurate by Irena. Motion seconded by Ian. February meeting was cancelled due to approaching Cyclone Yasi.

### 3. Mail

**Incoming:** A letter was received from Bunnings granting the club permission to hold a sausage sizzle at their new Fairfield Waters store on Sunday, May 8<sup>th</sup>.

Australia Post sent the club an invoice for the renewal of the club's post box. A discount was offered if this was paid before the end of March.

An email from Reef Connections of Port Douglas was forwarded to club on February 26<sup>th</sup>. They are offering live-aboard charters on their new vessel for a maximum of 10 divers. They will cater to groups and will travel to various locations in the Port Douglas region including Lizard Island and the Ribbon Reefs. The daily rate is \$3100 which includes, 4 dives, meals, tanks and weights. Please visit their website for more information: [www.reefconnections.com.au](http://www.reefconnections.com.au).

An email was received from Dave Stewart of Affordable Charters and forwarded to the club on February 26<sup>th</sup>. He will be conducting a "Reverse Yongala Live-aboard Dive Trip for Charity" on Friday, March 11<sup>th</sup> – Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup>. The cost of this trip is \$500 per person and includes 4 dives on the Yongala wreck, food, accommodation, tanks and weights. Reef tax (\$11) and Yongala mooring fees (\$15) are extra. For more information, contact Dave Stewart directly.

**Outgoing:** A confirmation letter accepting their proposed date for a sausage sizzle and a copy of club insurance details were sent to Bunnings Fairfield Waters.

4. **Treasurer's Report:** Not provided due to computer malfunction.
5. **Equipment Officer's Report:** Simon has donated an axe to the club, and a head cover has been made to make its transport on boats safer. A 1.8kg hammer has also been purchased.

Robyn made a suggestion that a covered trailer should be purchased for use on future club day trips. This could facilitate the transport of equipment to various shore dive locations and potentially increase the occurrence of spur-of-the-moment shore dives and other day trips.

## 6. Dive Officer's Report:

*Kalinda Trip* – March 11<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> Reverse Yongala trip. See incoming mail for details. Dave Stewart can be contacted directly for more information: [davestewy@bigpond.com](mailto:davestewy@bigpond.com) or 0409297413.

*Easter Trip* – a Yongala day trip has been organised, with departure from Alva Beach Yongala Express (Ayr). Contact Simon for information. Dates are yet to be confirmed, but a second trip may be organised if enough interest.

*Whitsunday's Live-aboard Trip* – a trip aboard the MV Yaran in May has been suggested. This vessel can accommodate 5-8 divers and may provide an opportunity to dive in areas which were not cyclone damaged. This would be a Friday-Sunday trip and cost \$399. This price includes 6 dives, meals and gear.

*Port Douglas* – a potential trip for 14 people may be booked with Reef Connections. See incoming mail for details.

## 7. Social Officer's Report:

*Townsville Maritime Museum* – a club trip to the maritime museum was held on December 11<sup>th</sup>.

*Future Plans* – Irena suggested that due to recent bad weather and few diving trips, the club should organise more social events. An event to commemorate the 100<sup>th</sup> year since the sinking of the Yongala was suggested as well as drinks and meals.

## 8. Promotions Officer's Report:

*Sausage Sizzle* – Bunnings has offered the club a sausage sizzle day on Sunday, May 8<sup>th</sup> at the Fairfield Waters store. Simon is the point of contact for this event and is looking for 3-5 volunteers who can help on the day. There is an information night on Monday, March 7<sup>th</sup>.

*Garage Sale* – the club was reminded that a garage sale will be held in September. Simon is happy to take donated items or pick them up.

## 9. Any Other Club Business: Simon will pay the post office box renewal before the end of March (to receive the discount) on behalf of the club, for later re-imburement.

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**MEETING CLOSED: 8:15 pm**