



**NQUEC**

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## GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

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**DATE:** Tuesday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2011  
**VENUE:** Townsville Cruising Yacht Club  
**ATTENDEES:** Simon, Robyn, Vince, Tony, Irena, Steve, Jane, Yvonne, Ray, Ian, Amanda, Dan, Jackie (new member), Guy (prospective member)  
**MEETING OPENED:** 7:40 pm

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**1. Apologies:** Bob

**2. Minutes of Previous Meeting:** The Annual General Meeting minutes were read by Simon. These were accepted as complete and accurate by Robyn, motion seconded by Ian.

**3. Mail**

**Incoming:** An invoice from the *Townsville Skin Diving Centre* (TSDC) for a compressor air quality test was received in the mail on July 10th.

A promotional flier was received from *Whitsunday Village Travel* on July 10<sup>th</sup>. This outlined available travel packages for diving, fishing and sailing trips in the Whitsunday region. Details can be found on their website: [www.magnums.com.au](http://www.magnums.com.au).

An email was received on July 21<sup>st</sup> from *Affordable Charters* advertising their '2011 Far North Trip' on December 1<sup>st</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>. The trip costs \$3850 per berth or \$6600 twin share cabin. Contact Dave Stewart for details or bookings ([davestewy@bigpond.com](mailto:davestewy@bigpond.com))

*Your Maldives* emailed a promotional flier on July 29<sup>th</sup>. They are offering various trips in August and September to manta ray and whale shark feeding grounds in Hanifaru Bay. See their website for details: [www.yourmaldives.mv](http://www.yourmaldives.mv).

**Outgoing:** A check was sent to TSDC for \$160 in payment of received invoice.

**4. Treasurer/Membership Officer's Report:** The balance of the club's account as at August 2<sup>nd</sup> is \$6772.40. This is down slightly from last month. Deposits for August consisted of \$10 for tank hire, \$35 for membership fees, \$90 for fundraising and \$10 chutney sales. Various cheques drawn for \$957.50 in payment for purchase of tanks, compressor maintenance and website registry. There is a \$160 outstanding cheque for TSDC.

*Membership Cards* – The first batch of 2011-12 membership cards have been handed out to those who have paid their membership fees.

**5. Equipment Officer's Report:** Simon has completed a Property Inventory of all equipment owned by the club. This inventory will eventually be used to obtain quotes for insurance of property.

A motion was made that 18 new stainless steel S-hooks are purchased for the club tarpaulin. Simon has found suitable hooks for \$4 each, although a cheaper alternative may be sourced.

**6. Dive Officer's Report:** John absent; Simon provided report.

*Acheron Island Trip* – The day trip which was organised with *Splash Watersports* to Acheron Island on Saturday, July 16<sup>th</sup> was cancelled due to bad weather. No raincheck was made.

*Loadstone Reef* – Ian and Robyn went on recent private trip with *Splash Watersports* to Loadstone Reef. It took approximately 2 hours to reach the reef and diving was good with good visibility. *Adrenalin Dive* were also there. They suggested a similar trip for the club in the future.

*Magnetic Island Social Weekend* – Simon has organised a social trip to Magnetic Island on August 19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>. He suggested that you book your accommodation in Geoffrey Bay. Simon will be taking his car over on the 6 pm vehicle ferry on Friday evening and will return Sunday afternoon. A flyer was distributed.

*Strand Night Dive* – A night dive has been suggested north of the rockpool on the Strand. No date has been set, as tide will have to be considered. Dan will be taking a group of trainees on a similar dive on Saturday evening (August 6<sup>th</sup>) and invited anyone interested to join them.

*Crater Lake National Park/Eacham Trip* – No dates have been set for a possible trip to Lake Eacham. Simon will attempt to contact Kerry McKenzie regarding a trip in September. Ian has suggested a practice dive in the river near Riverway to establish freshwater buoyancy.

*Pelorus Island* – Robyn provided a list of weekends with suitable tides for the remainder of the year (see attached table). A volunteer(s) is required to organise a trip.

*Whitsundays Trip* – Robyn has proposed a trip to the Whitsundays with *MV Yaran* in September. A previous trip in April-May was enjoyable and Robyn hopes to see whales in September. No date has been set, although Ian is in contact with the operator and information will be forwarded when available.

## **7. Social Officer's Report:**

*NQIA Garden Party* – Steve and Jane hosted a Garden Party for the North Queensland Irish Association (NQIA) on Saturday July 23<sup>rd</sup>. Those NQUEC members who attended enjoyed the event.

*Photo Presentation* – Ken Garnett will be hosting a photo presentation this Saturday, August 6<sup>th</sup> at *Splash Watersports*. A BBQ lunch will be provided between 12:00 – 1:30, followed by the presentation. See the flyer for details. A Raffle will be drawn on the day. Tickets are \$2 each or \$5/3.

## **8. Promotions Officer's Report:**

*Garage Sale* – Simon is still collecting items to be sold in October at his residence at Mt. Louisa.

*Dive Bag Raffle* – Raffle tickets are still on sale for a donated dive bag to raise funds for the club. See Photo Presentation above.

*Banner* – Purchase of a banner to be used at club functions has been proposed. Ian has suggested that it may be possible to avoid an expensive signwriter and proposed Officeworks as an alternative source. A recent advertisement offered weatherproof posters on an A-frame for \$88-\$299. A design with club logo will be required for printing.

*Club T-shirts* – All members present were interested in purchasing proposed club t-shirts. Ray suggested this was a good idea provided that it didn't cost the club. T-shirts may be used at sausage sizzles which do not allow 'advertising' such as those held at Bunnings. Prices are to be collected and a design to be decided on.

*Stubby coolers* – Club stubby coolers are still available for \$4 each.

## **9. Any Other Club Business: None.**

**Lucinda Tide Table**  
(selected dates for suitable Pelorus dive trip)

Date	High Tide		Low Tide		High Tide		Low Tide	
	24/06	2.33 m	4:21 am	1.15 m	11:28 am	2.41 m	5:53 pm	
5/08	2.71 m	12:38 am	1.06 m	7:59 am	2.42 m	2:14 pm	1.58 m	8:46 pm
2/09	0.89 m	5:57 am	2.70 m	12:13 pm	1.45 m	7:04 pm		
16/09	1.19 m	3:48 am	2.40 m	10:58 am	1.65 m	3:50 pm	2.25 m	9:47 pm
14/10	0.93 m	3:00 am	2.73 m	9:57 am	1.55 m	3:26 pm	2.33 m	8:59 pm
18/11	1.92 m	3:59 am	1.45 m	9:22 am	2.8 m	3:34 pm	1.14 m	11:01 pm