



**NQUEC**

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## GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

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**DATE:** Tuesday, August 5, 2008  
**VENUE:** Townsville Motor Boat and Yacht Club  
**ATTENDEES:** Jim, Steve, Garry, Mike, Amanda, Maureen, Derek, Peter, Scott, Anica (new member), John (new member), Sam (new member), David (new member), Alana, Dave  
**MEETING OPENED:** 7:40 pm

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1. **Apologies:** Yvonne, Ray, Irena

2. **Minutes of Previous Meeting:** Read by Amanda. Accepted as complete and accurate by Steve. Seconded by Garry.

3. **Mail**

**Incoming:** A membership form and cheque were received. The form was sent on to Breda for processing and filing. The cheque was taken by Garry to be banked.

**Outgoing:** None

4. **Treasurer's Report:** Garry reported that the bank balance has increased to \$2760 as several membership fees have been paid. A cheque for \$70 is owing to Steve for the rental on the post office box. \$8 also needs to be paid for the engraving for the 'Most Valuable Club Member' trophy.

Garry also brought forward that an e-mail reminding members who have not yet paid their fees needs to be sent out. Clear instructions as to how payments can be made should be included.

5. **Equipment Officer's Report:** All equipment is accounted for and in working order, as reported by Steve

6. **Dive Officer's Report**

**Safety sheet:** Mike reported that a formalized safety sheet is currently being written. It will dictate the safety procedures that are to be followed on club diving trips (including using a diving log which every diver will need to sign at the beginning and end of each dive). He reassured members that this will not in any way impact on the social, enjoyable atmosphere that the club encourages.

**Local discount list:** Mike intends to create a list of local operators who offer a discount to locals and/or club members (example: Adrenalin Dive and Yongala Dive both offer a 10% discount). He will also include a list of popular dive sites in the local area (example: shore diving sites in Bowen and Magnetic Island). These lists are to be posted on the website where they can easily be referenced by club members or other interested parties.

**Weekly e-mails:** A weekly e-mail will be sent around to club members detailing dives available with various local operators for the upcoming weekend.

Standby rates or discounts for club members are to be included when available.

**Whitsunday trip:** A trip to the Whitsundays was to be planned for August. Unfortunately, Mike has had problems finding an appropriate dive operator. Many of the small operators have gone out of business and larger operators only offer weekend trips, not the day trips which would be ideal for the club's purposes. The larger operators also charge more than expected. It was suggested that a camping excursion to one of the smaller islands is possible, but again, a boat would be needed to get there. Mike is still looking into the possibilities, but suggests that a trip during August is not possible.

**Pelorus trip:** A trip to Pelorus Island is being planned by Yvonne for the last weekend in September.

**Christmas themed dive:** Mike suggested that a Christmas themed dive be planned for late November/early December. Participants would be encouraged to dress up their dive gear with prizes going to the best underwater costumes.

## 7. Social Officer's Report

**Jazz Festival:** Jo has organized a dinner to be held at the Australian Hotel on Saturday evening at 7:00. All those interested are to contact Jo as soon as possible.

**Magnetic Island Jazz Party:** plans are yet to be made for the weekend of September 19<sup>th</sup> -21<sup>st</sup>. A combined social/dive weekend has been proposed which will include a dive on Saturday afternoon and taking in the Jazz party in the evening. Accommodation possibilities will be investigated.

**Hallowe'en Party:** to be held on October 31<sup>st</sup> at Alana and Dave's. Fancy dress.

Alana and Jo are to keep everyone informed via e-mail.

7. **Promotion Officer's Report:** Sausage sizzles at Super A-mart were discussed. Garry suggested that they could be held monthly. No dates were set, although Garry expressed the need for approximately a weeks notice for preparations.

Peter suggested a stall at the night markets. He also proposed a new club logo.

Steve suggested a garage sale be held at his home. Everyone is encouraged to bring items suitable for sale. Big ticket items could be sold, with a percentage of the sale to go to the club. Profits from any other sales are to be donated to the club. Saturday, September 13<sup>th</sup> was set as the date for the sale. Steve is to organize an advertisement to be printed in the paper.

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

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**MEETING CLOSED:** 8:30 pm