



**NQUEC**

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## GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

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**DATE:** Tuesday, November 4, 2008  
**VENUE:** Townsville Motor Boat and Yacht Club  
**ATTENDEES:** Yvonne, Simon, Mike, Steve, Rochelle, Jessica, Ross, Alana, Jeff, Suzy, Jim, Maureen, Amanda  
**MEETING OPENED:** 7:30 pm

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1. **Apologies:** Irena, Ray, Dave, Garry, Jane, Jo, Derek
2. **Minutes of Previous Meeting:** Read by Yvonne. Accepted as complete and accurate by Mike, seconded by Jim.
3. **Mail**
  - Incoming:** None.
  - Outgoing:** None.
4. **Treasurer's Report:** Garry was absent. Yvonne reported the current bank balance at \$5387, however a cheque to Remote Area Dive for the recent Pelorus trip is still outstanding.
5. **Equipment Officer's Report:** Steve reported that all equipment is accounted for and is in good working order. The compressor was taken to Pelorus Island and worked well. One tank was also hired for the trip.

### 5. Dive Officer's Report

**Pelorus trip:** Several club members went on a trip to Pelorus Island on the weekend on October 25<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>. Everyone enjoyed themselves and the weather was decent. Jess celebrated a birthday while on the island. Garry took his boat over and members were able to go further out, including to Ray's Lump/Knob where the current was very strong. A few people went on a night dives, which were very enjoyable as the tide was perfect.

It was suggested that another trip to Pelorus would not be possible until the rainy season is over. A trip may be possible for Easter weekend next year.

**Port Hinchinbrook trip:** Mike was attempting to organise a trip to Port Hinchinbrook in November or December. The proposed dive operator has gone out of business however. A trip to **Alva Beach** was proposed instead. The club could go out with Yongalla Express at the end of November or early December. The boat can only take 12 divers. Mike to look into availability.

**Wheeler Reef:** A few club members have organised to go to Wheeler Reef with Adrenalin Dive on Sunday November 9<sup>th</sup>. They are offering the trip for \$155 minus 10% club discount, plus \$15 reef tax, plus \$40 two dive fee (\$194.50 total). Divers will leave early Sunday morning and get back late evening. Simon is to e-mail to find out if Adrenalin Dive offer last minute/standby rates.

Mike is to speak to Paul Crocombe about discounted rates also. The weather is looking good for this weekend. Anyone interested can contact Simon.

**Kalinda trip:** Dave Stewart is making a trip 14<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> of November. Anyone interested can contact Mike.

Dave Stewart has offered to take the club out for a weekend. He'd charge \$6000 for 24 divers, if we provided 4 dive masters. He did not specify what duties the dive masters would be required to perform, how many hours they would be expected to work. There were worries among club members about legal responsibilities and insurance issues. More information will be needed before any trips are planned.

**6. Social Officer's Report:** Jo was absent.

**Simon's Dinner:** A dinner to celebrate Simon's return to Australia was held on October 18<sup>th</sup>. About 12 people showed up for a great evening. Simon was given his award for Most Valuable Club Member.

**Christmas Party:** A club Christmas party is planned for Saturday, January 10<sup>th</sup> at Breda's house. The theme will be "Shipwrecked" and all attendees will be expected to dress accordingly. The club will provide nibblies. BYO drinks.

**Potential Houswarming Party:** Yvonne and Ray have recently acquired a house in Sunningdale and have invited everyone to a housewarming/birthday party for Yvonne sometime after December 18<sup>th</sup>.

**SKA Party:** Jim and Maureen will be having a party on November 15<sup>th</sup> at their place. Everyone is encouraged to wear "SKA" costumes. They will also be have a 'go as you please' New Year's Party. Everyone is invited.

**7. Promotions Officer's Report:** Ray was absent. Yvonne reminded the club that NQUEC stubby coolers can be purchased for \$7 each. Business cards and promotional leaflets are also available to be handed out.

Promotional NQUEC stickers were discussed. Steve has some half-finished designs from previous years.

Maureen volunteered to look into selling chocolates to raise funds for the club. In previous years chocolates have been hand-made by Koko Rose and sold for \$1 profit each chocolate. "Name brand" Chocolates (ex: Freddo Frogs, Mars bars, etc.) could also be ordered off of promotional website.

It was also suggested that another sausage sizzle is a good opportunity to raise funds and also to socialize with other club members.

Several stubby coolers were sold at the meeting. Yvonne collected the money, which will be handed on to Garry.

**8. Webmaster's Report:** Irena was absent. It was suggested that the website was a good opportunity for promotions and all information about club activities should continue to be kept up to date.

**9. Membership Officer's Report:** Breda was absent. No new members have joined since the last meeting.

Yvonne is to be in charge of the buddy line. Any club member requiring information to be passed on to the rest of the club, please e-mail Yvonne.  
([Yvonne\\_Kane@health.qld.gov.au](mailto:Yvonne_Kane@health.qld.gov.au))

**10. Any Other Club Business:** Discussion of joining the Australian Underwater Federation (AUF) was deferred to the December meeting, when Ray would be present.

Yvonne stepped down as President of the club. The floor was opened for nominations to fill the position until July, when a new committee is to be elected. Jim was nominated. Steve made a motion to elect Jim for the position of President; seconded by Jeff. All members were in favour. Motion carried.

As Jim was elected as President, the position of Vice-President is now absent. Yvonne was nominated to fill this position until July. Alana made a motion to elect Yvonne for the position of Vice-President; seconded by Simon. All members were in favour. Motion carried.

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**MEETING CLOSED: 8:40 pm**