



**NQUEC**

North Queensland Underwater Explorers Club Inc  
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## GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

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**DATE:** Tuesday, October 7, 2008  
**VENUE:** Townsville Motor Boat and Yacht Club  
**ATTENDEES:** Yvonne, Derek, Jo, Rochelle, Dan, Joe, Verena, Bry, Dave, Maureen, Jim, Jessica, Ray, Mike, Garry, Ross, Annika  
**MEETING OPENED:** 7:35 pm

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1. **Apologies:** Irena, Amanda, Alana, Dave, Val, Maddy, Steve, Jane, Ken, Breda
2. **Minutes of Previous Meeting:** Read by Yvonne. Accepted as complete and accurate by Jim. Seconded by Mike.
3. **Mail**  
**Incoming:** None.  
**Outgoing:** None.
4. **Treasurer's Report:** Garry reported that the current account balance is \$5200. Account unusually high due to member payments for upcoming Pelorus trip. The garage sale fundraiser held on 13<sup>th</sup> September netted \$455 for the club.

Yvonne has requested Commonwealth send hardcopies of bank statements to the new post office box.

5. **Equipment Officer's Report:** Steve was absent therefore no report was given.
6. **Dive Officer's Report:**

**Magnetic Island trip:** A trip to Magnetic Island was held on September 20<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>.

**Nautilus Dive Club, Cairns Combined trip:** The club has been invited to dive with Nautilus on their upcoming trip on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October. Refer to emails for details. Many joint trips with nautilus club have been discussed for future. Look out for emails over the coming months for details.

**JCU Dive Club Combined trip:** A combined trip to Wheeler and Yongala is upcoming. Look out for emails in the coming weeks for details.

**Pelorus trip:** Trip to Pelorus all organised for October 25<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>. This trip is already full, with members on standby.

**Jason Robinson:** Contact Jason if interested in a dive during the week anytime. Jason is trying to log dives, has his own boat and is looking for buddies. Contact Mike for Jason's contact details.

**Yongala trip:** Possible charter on Kalinda for early 2009. Look out for emails for details.

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

**Simon's Dinner:** A dinner to celebrate Simon's return to Australia and present president's award has been organized for Saturday evening (October 18<sup>th</sup>) at 7:00 at Thai International. Jo asks that anyone interested in attending please advise her as soon as possible so that she can book the numbers.

**Christmas Party:** Currently on the books. Nothing planned to date, keep on the lookout for details by email.

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

Club advertisement organised for the 'Mini Ads' Booklet, available at newsagents. Also looking into placing an advert on TV.

A reminder that stubby coolers are for sale - \$7 each.

#### **9. Any Other Club Business:**

Garry advised that Tank Hydro service is available at Remote Area Dive for \$55. Same price as Fritz, with a quick turnaround.

Ray suggested the club think about joining the Australian Underwater Federation (AUF). Joining the AUF will cost approx \$40 per member per year. The main incentive to join would be to provide the club Public Liability insurance cover (up to \$10M). Currently the club is exposed should there be an incident on one of our sanctioned dive trips or activities. The AUF insurance cover is different to DAN, in that the club is protected for PL rather than an individual's medical evacuation costs. Ray suggested members think it over, with a possible vote on joining the AUF at the November meeting. Email Ray if you have any questions.

Yvonne has advised that she will be resigning as President of the NQUEC. The position of President is now open for nominations. Election of a new President will be held at the November meeting, subject to nominations being received. To nominate, contact Yvonne or come along to the November meeting (Tuesday the 4<sup>th</sup>).

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**MEETING CLOSED: 8:30 pm**