



**NQUEC**

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## GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

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**DATE:** Tuesday, April 7, 2009  
**VENUE:** Townsville Motor Boat and Yacht Club  
**ATTENDEES:** Jim, Rachel, Tracey, Marsha, John, Tony (new member), Simon, Dave, Derek, Amanda, Garry, Robin  
**MEETING OPENED:** 7:30 pm

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1. **Apologies:** Mike, Ray, Yvonne, Irena, Steve
2. **Minutes of Previous Meeting:** Read by Jim. Accepted as complete and accurate by Garry. Seconded by Derek.
3. **Mail**  
**Incoming:** None.  
**Outgoing:** None.
4. **Treasurer's Report:** Garry reported that cheques for the compressor service (\$527.82) and website upkeep (\$13.75) have been cashed, leaving a bank balance of \$3022.15. Another \$120 bill is expected for repairs on the compressor motor.
5. **Equipment Officer's Report:** Steve was absent. Garry reported to the club that Steve has had the compressor motor repaired. It cost \$120 and it was predicted that the motor should not need to be replaced for at least five years.
6. **Dive Officer's Report:** Mike absent.

**Lady Bowen:** A trip was organized for March 21<sup>st</sup>. Several club members participated, however the weather was not optimal for a dive on the Lady Bowen wreck. An alternate trip to Beaver Reef was enjoyed by all and each member was refunded \$70. It was suggested that someone who went on the trip should do a small write-up which could be displayed on the website.

**Pelorus Trip:** The trip to Pelorus Island which was to be held on the Labour Day weekend (May 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup>) has been cancelled as the club is uninsured.

**Clean Up Australia Day:** Simon announced that the Clean Up Australia Day trip which was to be held on May 29<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> has been cancelled. This is because the club will not be insured before July. A group of volunteers may still be going to Orpheus Island on that weekend. They will be assisting researchers at the James Cook University Orpheus Island Research Station and doing minor environmental cleanup on the island. The trip costs \$75 per person and includes transfers from Taylor's Beach and accommodation for two nights. Anyone interested please contact Simon. Please be aware that this is not a Clean Up Australia Day event and is not club sanctioned.

**Kalinda Trip:** Mike has been organizing a trip on the Kalinda for August 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>. A flier was distributed at the meeting as well as on an email. There are only 8 spaces left. If anyone has any questions or is interested, please contact Mike as soon as possible.

7. **Social Officer's Report:** Alana and Jo absent. No report given.

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

A garage sale will be held on April 18<sup>th</sup> at Simon's place. Any club members who have items they wish to donate for sale are advised to contact Simon to organize a drop off time. Simon will place an ad in the Townsville Bulletin; this will appear in Saturday's paper and advertise various items for sale between 8:00am and 2:00pm. Volunteers are encouraged to assist at the sale. Barbequed sausages and drinks will be provided for all who volunteer. All proceeds will be donated to the club.

A possible raffle was discussed. Dave re-iterated that he was willing to donate a custom-made piece of furniture. Jim suggested that ticket sales should coincide with other promotional events, such as a sausage sizzle.

Various locations for a sausage sizzle were discussed (Willows, Toys R Us, SuperCheap, Amart, Anaconda etc.). It was also suggested that a sausage sizzle or promotional table could be set up at events such as the recent Home Show. Simon agreed to look into Food Handling courses as some of these businesses require at least one club member present at the sizzles with a licence. First aid courses were also discussed, with possible facilities including those provided by AUF (with membership), Royal Life Saving, St John's Ambulance, and RAD.

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

The committee has announced that NQUEC will join the Australian Underwater Federation. All club members will be required to join the AUF as this is a requirement for insurance. As the AUF membership is \$55 the committee has lowered our membership fees to \$25 per person. Each club member will also have to pay \$35 for AUF membership; the club will provide the remaining \$35. Total to be paid \$60 per member. These details will be discussed further in following meetings.

Jim announced that the AGM will be held on May 5<sup>th</sup>. Any nominations for committee members will be accepted.

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**MEETING CLOSED: 8:30 pm**