



NQUEC

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GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Tuesday, July 7th, 2009
VENUE: Townsville Motor Boat and Yacht Club
ATTENDEES: Mike, Jo, Simon, Robin, Tracey, Yvonne, Ray, Amanda, Derek, John, Suzie, Rob, Jessica, Michael (prospective member), Neil (prospective member), Jeremy (prospective member)
MEETING OPENED: 7:35 pm

1. **Apologies:** Irena, Dave, Dan, Jim, Garry
2. **Minutes of Previous Meeting:** Read by Yvonne. Simon moved to accept as complete and accurate. Seconded by John
3. **Mail**
Incoming: None
Outgoing: None
4. **Treasurer's Report:** Garry absent. Yvonne reported that the bank balance is currently \$6435, \$2150 of which is payments for the Kalinda trip. A cheque for \$3000 was raised for payment of AUF membership fees.
5. **Equipment Officer's Report:** Steve absent.
6. **Dive Officer's Report:**

Pelorus trip: The Pelorus trip which was previously being organized for the Show Day weekend at the end of June. Unfortunately, not enough club members were able to attend and the trip had to be cancelled.

Davies Reef trip: A mate of Ray's has offered to take interested club members on a trip to Davies Reef, Broadhurst, etc. (dependent on weather). The trip is to be held on July 18th, leaving at 6:30 am. There are spaces available for 9 divers and will cost \$155. Yvonne will send out an email. Anyone interested please contact Yvonne or Ray as soon as possible.

Orpheus Island trip: A trip to Orpheus Island Research Station will be held August 21-23rd. Club members will be participating in the OIRS volunteer program, where they will be required to participate in approximately 4 hours of work per day. Remaining time can be spent diving at leisure. The cost is \$75 per person, which will go toward fuel. Simon will email further information to the club, anyone who is interested in going, please contact Simon as soon as possible as there are only a few spots left.

Yongala/Kalinda trip: Mike has been organizing a trip out to the Yongala on the Kalinda in August. This trip is fully booked up. All trip expenses are to be paid by the end of July (\$350 each). All participants are to bring dive gear, sleeping bags, clothes, towels and torches for the night dive. Food, tanks

and weights will be supplied. Mike will be sending emails to all those who have signed up.

Pelorus trip: Simon and Yvonne agreed to organize a trip to Pelorus in September. Dates will be announced once RAD and tide tables have been consulted. Jeremy suggested that the club look into using alternative charters to RAD including Hinchinbrook Marine or Hinchinbrook Wildlife Safaris. He agreed to ask Dave at Hinchinbrook Marine for prices and availability.

7. Social Officer's Report:

Jo recently sent around an email asking people to participate in a social gathering on July 4th at the Lady's Race Day at the Townsville Turf Club. There were not enough interested club members and the day had to be cancelled. She suggested that we keep the event in mind for next year.

The NQUEC will be turning 30 in September! Jo has agreed to organize a celebration some time in September, perhaps at the next meeting.

8. Promotions Officer's Report:

Ray reported that little promotion has been done recently.

Garry had sent around an email asking for volunteers for a sausage sizzle which was to be held at the Offshore Motor Boat Race on July 4th-5th. Unfortunately, as there was very little notice given, it could not be organized in time. The sizzle was to be held on council property and therefore proven insurance and food handler's licenses were needed.

9. Any Other Club Business:

Several club members will be participating in an O2 course being conducted by Judy of the AUF. Judy will be in Townsville from Thursday August 13th- Sunday 16th. They plan to dive the Yongala on Friday the 14th and invite any interested club members to join them. Simon is to contact Judy to confirm whether all participants in the course must have a First Aid certificate, or only require CPR certification. Yvonne is to also look into insurance coverage for the Davies Reef trip.

Neil invited all club members to come to an Underwater Naturalist and Photography discussion which will be held every third Saturday at the TMBYC at 6 pm.

Jeremy invited club members to check out the 'Townsville Diving Page' on Facebook, where anyone can join the forum on local diving sites and activities.

MEETING CLOSED: 8:35 pm