



**NQUEC**

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## GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

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**DATE:** Tuesday, March 3, 2009  
**VENUE:** Townsville Motor Boat and Yacht Club  
**ATTENDEES:** Jim, Irena, Rachel, Jessica, Simon, Jo, Annika, Marsha, Tracey, Trevor, Robin, Garry, Tony (prospective member)  
**MEETING OPENED:** 7:35 pm

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1. **Apologies:** Yvonne, Ray, Derek, Maureen
2. **Minutes of Previous Meeting:** Read by Jim. Accepted as full and complete by Garry. Seconded by Jo.
3. **Mail**
  - Incoming:** None.
  - Outgoing:** None.
4. **Treasurer's Report:** Garry reported that the club bank account has \$2500 available.
5. **Equipment Officer's Report:** Steve absent.
6. **Dive Officer's Report:**

**Lady Bowen:** Alana has been organising a wreck dive on Lady Bowen for March 21<sup>st</sup> with Calypso. The cost is \$225 per person plus fuel and reef taxes. So far only five club members have expressed an interest in attending. For the trip to run, approximately 12 people will need to go. She may ask if there are any JCU Dive or Nautilus club members interested. Contact Alana as soon as possible if you are interested. She has suggested that participants may stay in Mission Beach on Friday night, ready to catch the boat on Saturday morning.

**Pelorus:** Yvonne has previously asked the club if anyone was interested in a trip to Pelorus Island on May Day long weekend. Simon suggested that a trip would have to be organized very soon as the Remote Area Dive will need to be booked and other arrangements made. Irena volunteered to organize the trip and will send out an email to all club members.

**Easter:** The Easter trip has been cancelled as the Cairns-based operator has gone out of business. If anyone has any other suggestions for this weekend, please contact Mike.

**Whitsundays:** Mike has had difficulty finding an operator to accommodate the club for a trip to the Whitsundays. Most dive operators in the area appear to have gone out of business. Mike is currently in discussions with a boat owner who may be able to take members to and from one of the islands.

**New Zealand:** Trevor expressed an interest in going to Poor Knight's in New Zealand with the club. Suggested operators include "Dive Adventures" who

may be able to organize a trip. If anybody has any other suggestions, please contact the buddy line. Volunteers are required to organize such a trip.

7. **Social Officer's Report:** Jo and Alana plan to organize a social event to coincide with the Lady Bowen dive. This will be held on Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup> in Mission Beach.
8. **Promotions Officer's Report:** Simon will organize a garage sale for a Saturday in April. The venue has yet to be determined. Jim is to email Steve to determine if it could be held at his house. Watch your email for updates.

Jo reported to the club that if the club held a raffle, no lottery permit would be necessary, provided that we are not expecting to sell tickets up to ten times the value of the prizes. As the proposed prize is a \$2000 piece of furniture, the club would need to sell \$20,000 worth of tickets, which is unlikely. Garry volunteered to speak to Dave (club member) at Kingfisher Furniture about his proposed furniture donation.

9. **Any Other Club Business:** Jo reported to the club about insurance, which she agreed to look into during a previous meeting. She discovered that the Nautilus club in Cairns are insured with AON risk assessors, for a flat rate of \$1250 per year regardless of member numbers. Many other insurance companies have refused to even quote a price to insure us for diving. Jo received forms from AON which need to be filled out in order to receive a quotation. Irena volunteered to fill these in. Hopefully, we will have a response before the next meeting. Jim suggests that this insurance issue needs to be finalised before the next Pelorus trip. Two firm quotes are to be obtained and presented at the committee meeting before the end of March.

Marsha reported that she recently went on a Cod Hole trip with Mike Ball. She was able to get discounted rates by presenting proof of membership to NQUEC. She volunteered to make laminated membership cards for all paid members. Jim made a motion that membership cards are to be handed out in June/July when the membership year commences. Seconded by Amanda. Motion carried.

Simon is to look into available weekends to go to Orpheus Island for Clean Up Australia Day. In previous years the research station has provided transport from Taylor's Beach and accommodation. A weekend trip in April was proposed.

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**MEETING CLOSED: 8:30 pm**