



NQUEC

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GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Tuesday, September 1st, 2009
VENUE: Townsville Motor Boat and Yacht Club
ATTENDEES: Yvonne, Amanda, Derek, Robyn, Jim, Tony, Jo, Kenny, John, Jeff, Simon, Joe (former member), Irena, Dave, Chris (prospective member), Jessica, Robert (former member), Loretta (prospective member), Ian (prospective member), Paul (former member), Lee (prospective member), Mike, Marsha
MEETING OPENED: 7:30 pm

1. **Apologies:** Steve
2. **Minutes of Previous Meeting:** August minutes read by Yvonne. Accepted as complete and accurate by Robyn. Seconded by Dave.
3. **Mail**
 - Incoming:** None.
 - Outgoing:** None.
4. **Treasurer's Report:** Marsha reported that the club has just under \$5000 in the club account. There are a few cheques still outstanding.
5. **Equipment Officer's Report:** Steve absent, no report given.
6. **Dive Officer's Report:**

Orpheus trip: A trip to Orpheus Island Research Station was held the weekend of August 21st-23rd. Club participants did several hours of volunteer work (weeding and road repairs) in exchange for accommodation and diving. A good weekend was had by all.

Kalinda trip: On August 8-9th the club went to the Yongala wreck and Wheeler Reef aboard the Kalinda. They had fantastic weather, with visibility at 20m and almost no current. As this trip was so successful, Mike has decided to organize another in November, possibly on the weekend of the 20th-22nd. The Cairns Nautilus club will be invited and a date will be confirmed once they have been consulted.

Pelorus trip: A trip to Pelorus Island has been organized for September 18th-20th. Instead of chartering the Remote Area Dive boat, an alternate will be trialled. The JCU OIRS will take participants to the island for a considerably lower fee. 11 have signed up for the trip so far, but there are a few spots still available. Anyone who is interested please contact Yvonne ASAP. An email with further details will be circulated to those going.

Beamo trip: Yvonne has suggested another trip aboard the Beamo in October. Approximately 6 divers can participate. Yvonne will send out an email to gauge interest, and organize from there.

7. Social Officer's Report:

30th Birthday Party: A party will be held on the 12th of September to celebrate 30 years of NQUEC. The theme will be 1979 as this is the year the club held their first meeting. All members are invited to bring a friend. Ken has been contacting former members encouraging them to come. Door prizes will be on offer, including a free Mike Ball trip, and a trip to Wheeler Reef with Adrenalin Dive. Party highlights will include a roast spit, a slide show featuring old club photos and a 'History of Dive Gear' display provided by Kenny. An article promoting the club party will appear in The Sun newspaper, as well as a 'Meet the Local' feature interview with Fritz, one of our life members. Please RSVP to Yvonne by email as soon as possible. The venue is to be decided once final numbers are known. Please BYO drinks, all food will be provided.

IMAX Cinema Night: The Townsville Diving Society will be holding a screening of 3D Under the Sea at the IMAX theatre on Thursday, September 10th at 7pm. All funds raised are to be donated to Project AWARE. The cost will be \$20 per person, payable via Paypal. Jo will be circulating an email with all pertinent information.

Club Video Night: A video night has been suggested as a club fundraiser. Club member videos/photos of various dive trips could be displayed. If anyone has any suggestions or ideas, please contact Jo.

8. Any Other Club Business: Yvonne asked that a representative from each of the recent club trips be nominated to write a trip report. This will be displayed on the website. Dave is to write a report on the Orpheus trip, Mike will report on the Kalinda trip and Simon will write about the Beamo trip. If anyone has any photos they would like displayed on the website, please forward them to Irena.

The AUF held a DAN training course on August 13th. Seven club members are now trained as oxygen providers. Certificates are to be handed out at the next meeting.

The President's Award for 2008/09 was awarded to Ray for his commitment to the club. Jim felt that his persistence with addressing the issue of insurance and his promotional work were deserving of reward. A meal will be organized to present Ray with the award.

Thank you to Marsha for providing delicious cupcakes for our 30th birthday meeting. Very yummy!

MEETING CLOSED: 8:25 pm