



NQUEC

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GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Tuesday, June 1st, 2010
VENUE: Townsville Yacht Club
ATTENDEES: Yvonne, Mike, Ian, Robyn, John, Irena, Amanda, Chris, Bradley, Geoff, Susan, Vince (new member), Dan, Marsha
MEETING OPENED: 7:30 pm

1. **Apologies:** Ray, Steve, Jane, Bill, Maryanne, Kinga
2. **Minutes of Previous Meeting:** May minutes read by Yvonne. Accepted as complete and accurate by John; motion seconded by Robyn.

3. Mail

Incoming: A letter was received from the Triple T radio station. They are selling 30-second ad spaces to be delivered during their community updates at a cost of \$88/year. Club members agreed that since the bank balance is healthy, it may be worthwhile advertising.

Outgoing: None.

4. **Treasurer's Report:** The balance in the club account was reported at \$10,486. \$655.10, which was raised at the recent garage sale, was deposited. A cheque has been written for the upcoming Kalinda trip and is still outstanding.
5. **Equipment Officer's Report:** Steve absent.
6. **Dive Officer's Report**

Kalinda trip: Mike has asked that all participants on the upcoming Kalinda trip (June 4th – 6th) confirm their spots for the trip by making full payment into the club account. He will be sending an email with all relevant details to everyone who has paid. Departure to Wheeler Reef is expected at approximately 9:30 am and participants are asked to meet to load the boat by 7:30 am. Please watch your email and don't forget your logbooks and diving certificates.

Pelorus trip: A trip to Pelorus Island has been proposed for the Townsville Show Day long weekend, July 3rd-5th. An email will be sent around to gauge interest. If numbers are suitable, Simon and John volunteered to organise the trip. Anyone interested is reminded that club membership is due on June 30th and will need to be paid before going on this trip. AUF renewal is especially necessary for insurance purposes.

Orpheus Island/JCU volunteers: There have been recent staff changes at the Orpheus Island Research Station. An email has been received by all previous volunteers on the island, detailing a few changes to procedure. Yvonne will clarify these details (in particular a minimum 5 day stay and alternate dates than those proposed by OIRS). A trip may be organised for the weekend of 20th-22nd of August. If anyone is interested, please contact Yvonne as soon as possible.

Airlie Beach trip: Simon has been looking into a possible camping/dive trip to Hook Island with the charter company Scamper. There are 24 camp sites available at Maureen's Cove, where amenities include picnic tables and a bush toilet. National Parks have been receptive to the use of our compressor for the trip. This is an opportunity for the club to go somewhere new. Although diving is reported to be

similar to Pelorus Island, the area is snorkler-friendly. Anyone interested, please contact Simon.

Myrmidon trip: A possible trip aboard Kalinda to Myrmidon Reef has been proposed for either the end of October this year, Easter or Anzac Day next year. The proposed trip would be a 4-5 day live-aboard. Yvonne will be sending an email to determine interest.

7. Social Officer's Report

Palm Creek Folk Festival: Club members are reminded that the club tarp will be set up at the Palm Creek Folk Festival on the weekend of June 11th-13th. Camping is available and tickets are on sale now. Visit the club website and click on the link for more information.

Photo/DVD night: A DVD and photo presentation will be held on Tuesday 15th June at Salt dive shop at 7:00 pm. The programme will include presentations about Palau by Jo, Christmas Island by Kinga, and the Coral Sea by Yvonne and Irena. Pizza, beer and wine will be provided. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

President's BBQ: Yvonne has proposed a BBQ in the near future. Venue and date to be announced.

8. Promotions Officer's Report:

Garage Sale: Simon recently hosted a garage sale on behalf of the club. \$655.10 was raised. These funds will be put toward the maintenance of club equipment. Thank you to Simon and all of the volunteers.

9. Any Other Club Business: The procedures for renewing club membership were outlined by Yvonne. An online membership form will need to be completed and \$55 paid to the Australian Underwater Federation. A further \$5 is to be paid directly to NQUEC, preferably by direct deposit into the club account. Non-diving social members will receive a 10% discount on club trips/activities up to \$30.00 during the 12 month membership period. Memberships are due on July 1st. All details and instructions have been posted on the club website.

The Annual General Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 3rd. Nominations for committee positions are now open. All full club members are eligible for committee positions.

Club member Neil Chan has set up a 'Diving Townsville' website. The club's upcoming Kalinda trip has been featured on the site and it has been agreed that other upcoming club trips will be posted.

Club t-shirts have been proposed. Club members agreed that they would be willing to pay between \$30-40 for a good quality, collared polo.

MEETING CLOSED: 8:45 pm