



Welcome to our 1st newsletter for 2009! It has not been a great start to the year for diving with near continuous rain and a cyclone or two thrown into the mix. Hopefully the worst of the weather is behind us now as we have some fantastic trips scheduled for the next few months!

TRIP	Dates
Lady Bowen wreck dive	Sat, 21-Mar
Easter – Port Douglas	12-13 Apr
Pelorus Is. camping and diving	2-4 May
Orpheus Is. clean-up w'kend	29-31 May

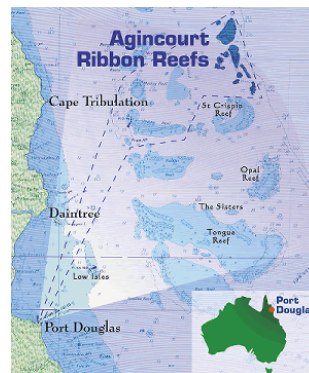
Dive the Lady Bowen (contact: Alana)

The Lady Bowen is a 70m, 4 mast schooner that became wrecked off Dunk Island in 1894. It is now almost a reef in itself, home to an abundance of marine life. It is also a deep dive with the lady resting at depths greater than 30m. If you are up to the challenge (!!), certified advance or above, please contact Alana via email for further information (see buddyline). There may be a few spots left!



Easter - Port Douglas (contact: Jo Crerar)

A couple of NQUEC members are taking advantage of the Easter long weekend to go diving on the Agincourt Ribbon Reefs (outer GBR). With your NQUEC membership you can get some great discounts (min 20%) from dive operators. There are also some great deals to be had on accommodation at the moment. Contact Jo via the buddyline if you are interested.



Pelorus Island Trip (contact: Irena)

This is an NQUEC favourite – a relaxed, long weekend of camping and diving on Pelorus Island. Two days is never enough so we make it three!! Keep an eye out for this trip. Details will be circulated soon!!





Orpheus Island clean-up weekend (contact: Simon)

The JCU Research Station on Orpheus Island has once again offered to host us for our belated Clean-up Australia day weekend.

The transfer times are:

Fri 29th May Pick up Taylor's Beach at 1345
Sun 31st May 2009 Depart OIRS at 1500

Confirmation on costs and details on what to bring to the island will be circulated in the next couple of weeks. Cost will be kept to a minimum but a contribution towards fuel for the transfer, fuel in the tenders, tank refills and accommodation will be required.

Spots on this trip are strictly limited so get in quick and let Simon know if you can go.

This is a chance to dive and also do something good for the environment. Last year NQUEC got in some good diving and also collected 25 bags of rubbish!!



18 April – NQUEC Fundraiser Garage Sale (contact: Simon)

The first of our fundraising activities, a garage sale, is to be held at 10 Mt. Louisa Drive, morning of Saturday 18th April (Start time TBC).

All items donated and sold will be very much appreciated as we can use this to offset the cost of an insurance policy for our club.

So please have a think about those bits-and-bobs under the house. Remember one person's trash maybe another person's treasure!!

Please contact Simon directly to arrange a time for delivery of items prior to the day.

