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NEWSLETTER of the QAC UNDERWATER CLUB



NEXT MEETING
Monday 2 November
QAC training Facility
East St, Gatton
7.30pm.

Some Hellos & Goodbyes

Welcome to Rob and Trevor – newly arrived from Zimbabwe and keen to get into water sports.

Sadly, the club is saying goodbye to Ross and Kelly Harch and little Tyler – they are off to live at Airlie Beach. The family should have increased by one more before they leave as Kell is very close to having Baby No 2.

We'll miss you but wish you all the best.

General Club News

What's new?

UNDERWATER HOCKEY

We've started playing Underwater Hockey in Toowoomba – Wednesday evenings from 7 - 8 pm at the Centenary High School pool in Ramsay Street.



First game was on Wed 21 October and games will now be on every Wed – same place, same time.

Come along and meet Rob Gates. He's been in underwater sports for about 25 years – passionate about Underwater Hockey. He's played nationally for Zimbabwe and was also the national selector. He has Zimbabwe spear-fishing colours and is keen to get the sport happening here in Toowoomba.

“It's a great way to stay fit – especially in the off season for winter sports like Rugby and also motor cross sports because it uses all the same muscles.”

Bring your own mask, fins and snorkel if you can, – everything else is provided. Great fun- \$5 night. Interested??

Phone Rob - 0427587614 or 0466068650-

Dive Watch Lucky Draw

Our thanks go out to Barry Downs, from Barry Downs Watchmaker (Drayton North, 07 4635 7230) for donating a dive watch for the club to raffle.

The winner was Errol Schoenfisch – Congrats, Errol – let's make sure it gets wet soon.

Club Memberships

The membership period runs from 1 July to 30 June. This is a 2 step process

1. Join the QAC Underwater Club \$25 – Submit form and pay fees either in person at meeting or electronic funds transfer.
2. Complete affiliation with the AUFQ on their web page www.aufq.org.au on the front page there is a CLICK her to join. \$55.

TOTAL Fees: \$80 this includes your dive insurance through The Australian Underwater Federation

Electronic payment details are listed below

Electronic Deposit Payments

Details:

Bank – Heritage Building Society
Acc Name – QAC Underwater Club Inc.
BSB 638-070
Account Number – 11619937

When paying, please give your **surname** and also a **payment** reference
(Eg: Brown - Wooli deposit)

Dive Courses

If you know of anyone interested in learning to dive, please contact Mal Marsh.

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Latest Trip Reports

Swains Reef Trip



A group of keen SCUBA divers and Spearo's headed off to the Swains reef on the TURA organized by the AUFQ. A beautiful boat although not very well set out for SCUBA diving. We were lucky with the weather for the first few days, but faced with 25k winds, big seas, and a very rough trip back to Gladstone.

The SCUBA diving was very disappointing, the reef has had substantial damage during the cyclones in late 2008. A wonderful group of people who made the best of the diving we got!



Stradbroke Island –September

Only four of us on this trip – Julie, Bill, Wayne and Courtney.
Great weather – we just missed all the high winds and wild seas. A double dive on Saturday took us to Shark Alley off Flat Rock – only the one grey nurse but it was surrounded by a cloud of bait fish. I'd never seen that before. Pretty good vis. Second dive was going to be Manta Ray bombie but the current was running flat out so we dived south side of shag – it was really pretty – a long leisurely dive.
Sunday – out to the Nursery off the southern end of Flat Rock – lots to see and another beautiful dive experience.
It's always a great weekend staying at Ken's, the company was great Saturday dinner at the Bowls Club.



Dive Stradbroke Island

Upcoming Dive trips

- **Stradbroke Island 30/31st October**
- **Southport Seaway 6th December.**
(picnic lunch - Christmas break-up)
- **Australia Day weekend 23 – 26th January – To be advised.**

Anyone interested in any of the above dives please contact Judy Breeze judyaufq@bigpond.net.au or Julie Keating cjkeating@bigpond.com Deposit of \$50 will be required to hold a place on the trip to Wooli for Australia weekend.

Important Club Contacts

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