

## Tweed Heads Dive



On the 12<sup>th</sup> of July, Ross, John and I headed down to Tweed Heads for a double dive with Ocean Dive off Cook Island. Following a short wait, the boat arrived, and we headed out to the glistening waters. It was a pleasant trip up, as the sea was relatively flat and it was much warmer than it had been recently. Following our arrival at the dive site, the DM briefed us on the immediate area as well as the landscape (reefs, the odd crevice). After buddying up with the other club members, we kitted up and headed down to about 25m with 12m visibility. There were a decent number of fish around the place, with numerous puffers, several enormous (from my perspective, I could be wrong) crayfish and a small turtle that flitted away at the first sign of a wetsuit. Despite a minor air panic (gauge in psi rather than bar) it was a most enjoyable dive.



We headed up to the boat and were greeted with coffee, biscuits and chicken sandwiches apparently supplied by a local bakery. There was the customary hour-long wait, then we moved the boat, were briefed on the new location, kitted up and headed down again. Despite the relatively



short distance between dive sites, the marine life was markedly different, with no puffer fish, more wobbegongs and small black fish that seemed to enjoy the taste of fingers. With the same basic depth and visibility, air issues resolved and the route firmly in mind, it was simple, straightforward, pleasant dive. There was one enormous wobbegong, but Ross was quick to assure me afterwards that he'd seen larger at Straddie (which I find hard to believe; it was huge!). All up it was a great way to spend a Saturday and we should definitely schedule more day trips.

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