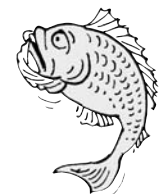




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## MTAQ TOWNSVILLE OFFICE UP AND RUNNING

BY TINA KAY

Finally we have secured a room which we have converted to the MTAQ office. The room has been given a fresh coat of blue paint - courtesy of the Year 12 boys at the end of 2002. I have also purchased curtains with the marine theme on them. Looks pretty good even if I say so myself!!!! Pity the photos are not in colour.

This year a lot of our students are taking the option to use Wednesdays to go to TAFE, do industry placement or take on a school-based traineeship; therefore, it has been difficult to work on a roster system for the office.

I have secured one student to work in the office each Wednesday and I am pursuing another, who is still awaiting to hear if she has a traineeship.

So if I am a bit late with things, please accept my apology now. As they say, I can only do what I can do.

Membership applications/tax invoices for 2003 have already been sent out in the mail and the following members have renewed their membership for this year:

Robyn Elkington	St Brendon's College	<b>WELL DONE</b>
Springwood State High School	Alan Chapman	
Thomas Jones	Bob Shaw	
Kinchant Outdoor Ed Ctr	John Langford	
Heatley Secondary College	Coombah SHS	
The Southport School	Bill Rankine	
Victoria Pt State High School	Shalom College	
Neil McCabe	Hervey Bay State High School	
Elanora State High School	Wynnum Nth SHS	
Ian Davis	Marymount College	

Please don't forget to return the **completed application form with your cheque** as it is needed for the records.

The conference team are working hard to put events into place, and I am sure that this year's conference will be an exciting place to be in July this year.

Hope everyone has a wonderful and productive 2003.

Christina Kay

MTAQ Treasurer and Office



Tina Kay and her Year 11 Small Business Class are now running MTAQ Memberships and Admin from an office at Heatley Secondary College

# REPORT ON MEETING OF MARINE TEACHERS ASSOCIATION OF QUEENSLAND WITH MARINE BOARD

**FROM: "LLOYD H JONES"**

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Attendance – K. Steggles (MTAQ), L. Jones (MTAQ), Michael Bartlett (Chair), Hume Campbell ( Director Riverside Coal Transport), Tony Briggs (Director Coral Princess Cruises), Frances Hannah (QUT Lecturer/Barrister of Supreme Court), Maria Dwyer (Director Oceanic Insurance Brokers) and Werner Bundschuh, John Watkinson and Doug Weston (Queensland Transport)

Meeting Opened – 3pm Location – Mineral House, Brisbane.

On December 9 Kathy Steggles (President, MTAQ) and Lloyd Jones (Brisbane North Rep. MTAQ) met with the Board of Maritime Safety, Queensland.

We were received by the board in a friendly and informal manner. The purpose of the meeting was to present the concerns that marine teachers have in relation to –

1. The requirement of Certificate IV Workplace Assessor to deliver the RSML (power boat) course and to teach Vocational Education units of Marine Studies/Marine and Aquatic Practices (eg First Aid, Radio, SCUBA and Skin Diving)
2. The lack of portability of Coxswains Certificate throughout Queensland for teachers who have been transferred or move within the state.

The Marine Board welcomed our efforts in the promotion of marine safety. They were also interested in the various career pathways created by Marine Studies and Marine and Aquatic Practices. They would also like to forge links between the school system and Industry/TAFE.

We came away from this meeting with the welcome news that –

1. Certificate IV – Currently there are negotiations under way with Bruce Chapman (Queensland Yachting Assoc.) to produce an RPL process for teachers delivering RSML as a QYA provider. QYA has 12 months to satisfy their obligations as an RTO within the AQTF framework. This is likely to be offered at the Mackay MTAQ conference (July 2003) at a reduced fee. (We will also cater for teachers who do not teach RSML and those who cannot make it to the conference)
2. Portability of Coxswains Ticket – Captain Watkinson has assured the MTAQ that he will simplify the requirements for portability of coxswains endorsements throughout Queensland.

I feel that these two factors alone will make life easier for marine teachers to deliver a quality education in marine safety throughout Queensland.

Meeting closed - 4.20pm

## BRANCH MUTTERS

**FROM: "LLOYD H JONES"**

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Things are quiet here, we are going on a dive/marine biology camp at Straddie on Apr 13-17, will have an article then but will be too late for you. Put in the minutes of the meeting with the Marine Board (Kathy and I).

Just some side gossip - we recently had a DOT inspection of our boat, not a nice experience, as they want us to have 3 parachute flares (we already have a VHF radio, EPIRB and 2 red\2orange flares), a stop cock on the fuel line and a metal bucket painted red with the word "fire" written on it. I have written a letter asking for exemption from parachute flares and coastal PFD's. Sent a copy to DOT and Marine Board - the letter is still under "consideration".

**FROM: "JAMES KNEALE"**

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MTAQ meeting on Wed 26th for Sunshine Coast branch at Peregrin Beach bowls club. 18:00 hours for tea (\$6.00) meeting to start at 19:00 hours.

Agenda is:

- have invited Peter Allen (from river cruise) to cost snorkel instructor's course
- MAST Day held last Friday, organised by Sunshine Bch High - breakdown of the good, bad and ugly
- MTAQ conference 2004
- Bit late to advertise the above meeting via email but for the newsletter
- here is some blurb about the Marine safety day held on Friday 21st March at Munna Point.

Craig Reid (Sunshine Bch)organised the safety day. DPI (Wave O'Connor and Pete Dixon), Water Police (Murray Lyons), Transport (Marine safety)(Bob Lowe and Geniveve) and Coastguard ( lots of people involved but Tony Taylor and Robin Hood seemed to be the movers and shakers. Thanks to Coastguard for the sausage sizzle too. Media coverage was good, WIN news on Friday, local papers, etc. Contact Craig for digital pics. My kids wanted the competitive nature but alas the organisers didn't hence the MAST Day. A certain Marine teacher tipped petrol in the 2 stroke oil reservoir on one of the jetskis so it didn't run for long! Just a hint is that he is fresh from Cooktown and it wasn't Beasley.

Genevieve (Transport) supplied rulers and pens and 3 copies of the small ships manual for each school. Cape Byron Imports provided plenty of prizes, thanks to them and to Underwater World for their donations.

Next item was Luke Stratton's idea (of Robina SHS) of a MTAQ web link that would allow all marine teachers to access each others stuff of each school's intranet. Luke has created a great site and unit of work about surf skills that is self sufficient ie. doesn't need a textbook to answer the questions as he has scanned the relevant info and pics. He presented at the conference.

**FROM: "ACADEMY OF CAREER TRAINING"**

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Kimberly Halter, formerly CEO of the NAUI Service Centre in Australia, is still a NAUI Instructor. Kimberly still teaches Scuba and Snorkelling and Snorkel Instructor Course. In addition, Kimberly has registered the Academy of Career Training as a Registered Training Organisation (RTO) specialising in Marine Studies and Outdoor Recreation. A Registered Training Organisation is like a small, private TAFE and offers Nationally Recognised Training. The Academy offers Certificate II, Certificate III and Certificate IV in Outdoor Recreation. Therefore, a Snorkel Instructor course through ACT can be completed with a NAUI Certificate and with a Vocational Education (VET) Certificate. The VET Certificate is what is required to teach Snorkelling and offer VET qualifications to students. For more information on Certificates to satisfy DOEM requirements, or VET Certificates, contact Kimberly at the Academy of Career Training in Toowoomba (07) 4659 5062.

**FROM: "GREG LYNCH"**

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Not much happening in the Wide Bay branch. We are all too busy organising and teaching the new syllabus.

Our MAST day has been cancelled at this stage.

**FROM: "WARD NICHOLAS"**

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MTAQ North and Peninsula are running an inservice on recreation fishing. David Beezley is running this. Phone : Cooktown State High School 07 4082 0222

## MARINE STUDIES FIELD TRIPS

*THIS NEWSLETTER WAS SPONSORED  
BY PETER HOLT OF THE MURPHY  
STAR — THANKS PETER*



PHONE 07 32064490 OR 0413 587 667.

A new series of field trips is being introduced, to be run on the vessel Murphy Star, under the guidance of owner skipper Peter Holt. The vessel is a twin screw timber motor cruiser with a survey for 22 day time and 12 overnight.

The core is a three day to Tangalooma, with half the party being camped ashore on the first night and rotating the second night. All meals, tentage and permits are supplied, while during the day boat handling skills, navigation, seamanship and snorkelling can be undertaken. Other trips can be one or two days, to Amity Point or the One Mile or to any other destination. More information can be obtained by phoning Peter on 07 32064490 or 0413 587 667.

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# 2003 MTAQ MACKAY CONFERENCE UPDATE

## PROGRAM

Refer to the glossy program. It doesn't mention a cost as these will be forwarded to you when Bill Rankine receives your fax back. You can present the appropriate package (1 to 4 below) to your professional development committee.

## CONFERENCE FEES

(add \$55 to each of the 4 options for non MTAQ members) include: sandwiches and coffee on arrival, conference dinner, excursions, Whitsunday cruise and buses to and fro, conference shirt, BBQ, lunches, morning and afternoon teas.

## BASE RATE:

1. \$200 ie no accommodation included. (\$255 non members)

## FEES INCLUDING ACCOMMODATION

2. Whitsunday Anglican School- dorm style including breakfast; \$112 for 4 nights(\$28/n) ie \$312 for the conference. (\$367 non members)
3. Rover Holiday Units- fully self contained, twin share \$40/n/p, ie \$160/4n/p ie\$360 for the conference. (\$415 non members)
4. Rover Holiday Units fully self contained family rooms \$100/n, ie \$400/4n/family, ie \$600 for the conference. (\$655 non members)

## CLIMATE

The Whitsundays have a mean July daily min of 17°C, max 23 °C, and water temperature mean of 22 °C. Nights can get down close to 10 °C!!! Expect (and hope for) fine weather. You will still need that hat and sun screen and some form of wetsuit if diving.

## PROPOSED EXCURSIONS

As per the program, nominate preferences on the fax back. For Friday's Whitsunday 3 island cruise snorkelling gear is not included in the cost. However school gear can be signed out the day before if desired as there is a reasonable snorkel site featuring fish a short walk from the jetty on Daydream I. And there is a 1.5 h stopover. Supply your own wetsuit if desired. On Hamilton there are millions of dollars of all sorts of boats to drool over at their marina. There are lovely pools, lots of shops, walks and even bars on both islands. Lunch is on board en route to the lovely Whitehaven beach. We hope to hear of some management issues at Whitehaven.

## AVAILABLE FAMILY ACTIVITIES

Tenpin bowling, skating, laser games, swimming, shopping centres, cinemas, art gallery, library, nearby national parks (eg Eungella platypusses, Cape Hillsborough kangas), close beaches, fishing.

## SHOW AND TELL SESSIONS

What do you do well that you can share with us?

Remember Mark's spearguns, Janelle's mini surfboards, Bill's cardboard IALA buoys and reefs, Bill Fowles antifouling experiment, Luke's how to present units, ...

Please volunteer to present a short session. Let us know by March 31 or bring it with you!

## PRECONFERENCE COURSES

Contact the relevant people listed on the program for costs and requirements.

## MACKAY SHS AUDITORIUM

seats 140 and can project on screen(s) images, photos. video, DVD, any computer images, ie internet, programs and powerpoint presentations for your show and tell. Computer rooms, whiteboards, OHTs and laboratories also available.

## COSTS FOR FAMILY MEMBERS

conference dinner \$50 for partners, Whitsunday cruise \$60 adults, \$30 kids, bus to Shute Harbour \$10 adults or \$15 for the family. To confirm the cruise booking pay at the same time as the conference fees. Extra shirts \$33 approx.

## GOLD SPONSORS

Wet Paper, DPI (fisheries), QYA, GBRMPA, and SILVER SPONSORS; maritime Safety Qld have helped keep our costs down as has Mackay SHS and BRONZE SPONSOR Quintrex.



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