



OVER 50 TO ATTEND STATE CONFERENCE

Thanks to the conference committee we expect over 50 to attend this year's conference.

Unfortunately there was not enough interest to run the Monday - Tuesday programs. Maybe we all are up to date with our qualifications this year. However the rest of the program is full steam as follows. (see page 3 for program)

COOKTOWN CADETSHIP

David has sent this down from Cooktown and although the closing date has passed, it is an example of what the branch has done. I'll put it on the curriculum exchange as well as attach it with this newsletter as a word document so you can cut and paste what you want.

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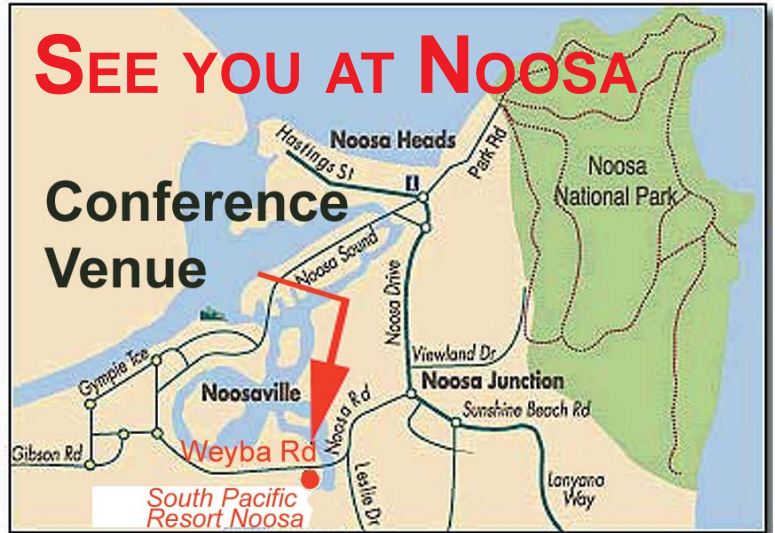
Cooktown Orchid Travellers' Park, Paradise Blue, Richard Lee,
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INFORMATION FOR POTENTIAL APPLICANTS

This document provides prospective applicants with information they need to make an application.

If you are thinking about applying, we also encourage you to discuss your career and your application with Isobel Skoczek.

We will also shortly be holding an information evening where Steve Budd and Richard Lee will answer any questions you may have. The date will be announced at School shortly.



STOP PRESS

LATE CONFERENCE REGISTRATIONS

Jim Kneale and Mark Cooper
Noosa District State High School
Tulip Street COOROY 4563
Telephone: 07 5472 2223 Fax: 07 5447 7399

RSML AGENTS

A reminder to all Yachting Queensland Recreational Ship Masters Licence agents that BoatSafe details must be submitted to Yachting Queensland by August 26th 2004.

Failure to contact Yachting Queensland by this date will result in cancellation of your accreditation.

Yachting Queensland-
Phone: (07) 3399 1111 Fax: (07) 3399 1100
E-mail: admin@qldyachting.org.au

2005 EXECUTIVE AND BRANCH NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN

Cooktown Diving & Boating Cadetship

Years 11 & 12 Students are invited to apply for the Inaugural 2004-5 Cadetship

To train and qualify in Cooktown as PADI Dive Master and Coxswain

If you are interested in applying, please contact Isobel Skoczek for an information sheet on what the Cadetship involves and how to apply.

This Cadetship is Arranged and Provided by Cooktown Orchid Travellers' Park Paradise Blue Richard Lee

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COOKTOWN CADETSHIP (CONT'D)

WHAT IS THIS CADETSHIP?

TO TRAIN AND QUALIFY AS PADI DIVE MASTER AND COXSWAIN.

To reach Dive Master status you will also undertake dive courses in and qualify as a PADI Open Water Diver, an Advanced Diver and a Rescue Diver as well as qualifying as a DAN Oxygen provider and a Senior First Aid provider. Richard Lee will provide the dive instruction and training.

Steve Budd on Paradise Blue (or other boats as appropriate) will provide the sea time and training for an Open Coxswain's Endorsement by way of an 'internship'. There is a one-week Coxswain's Certificate II course that must be undertaken at TAFE in Cairns. At the end of the Cadetship you should qualify for a 'Restricted Coxswain's Endorsement' and need only additional sea time to qualify for an Open Coxswain's Endorsement.

As part of the Cadetship you will be working with Steve and Kim Budd and Richard Lee on board Paradise Blue. You will acquire excellent working experience as part of an 'on boat' team providing recreational diving and fishing to tourists. Steve has been a Master of a vessel and Coxswain for over sixteen years and a Dive Master for twenty-one years and will provide invaluable experience and knowledge in seamanship.

Cooktown Orchid Travellers' Park is funding the cost of the dive training and the Coxswain's certificate, including course fees and flights to and from, and any necessary accommodation costs in, Cairns (\$7,000+).

Steve and Kim Budd of Paradise Blue will provide one set of Scuba Gear for the successful applicant (worth approximately \$1,000) on condition that ownership will only pass to the cadet on successfully completing the Cadetship.

WHAT DOES THE TRAINING COMPRISE?

You must undertake at least 60 days training and working on board the Paradise Blue. A detailed training schedule is set out at the end.

You will have to pass written exams and undertake some on shore training. To be successful you will need to study in your own time.

To obtain an Open Coxswain's Endorsement you need 365 days of sea time experience. To qualify for a 'Restricted Coxswain's Endorsement' you must have 92 days of sea time experience. Sea time experience can include recreational boating experience you may have or may acquire independently of this Cadetship. You are expected to make up the balance of time (to achieve 92 days of sea time experience) by working on Paradise Blue (or other boats as appropriate) after obtaining your Dive Master qualification. We anticipate the cadetship will take approximately 6 months for someone who is able to dedicate themselves virtually full time and approximately 12 months for someone who is still at school. When on board the Paradise Blue, you will be expected to contribute full time as part of the working crew.

WHAT KIND OF WORK OPPORTUNITIES WILL THIS PROVIDE?

The combination of Dive Master and Coxswain will open up a number of employment opportunities in the recreational diving and commercial fishing industries. These qualifications will also assist with employment opportunities in the Police, Water Police, Navy, Boating & Fisheries and National Parks and Wildlife or provide an excellent grounding for pursuing further studies in the marine sector.

WHY IS IT BEING OFFERED?

To provide local students with the opportunity to undertake vocational training in Cooktown to develop a career that can be pursued locally (as well as many other places in the world).

WHO CAN APPLY?

Any student of Cooktown P - 12 School in years 11 or 12 who wants to pursue a career in the marine or related industries or in marine science. Please note that you must pass a Diving and Coxswain's medical. You do not have to take the medical unless you are short-listed.

HOW IS THE SUCCESSFUL PERSON SELECTED?

The Selection Board will determine the successful candidate by applying the following criteria:

- Interest in the diving and marine industry
- Interest in marine science

- Commitment to and suitability for the cadetship
- Passion to share the marine environment with others
- Sound pass or higher grade in Marine Studies
- Good communicator and 'team player'

HOW DO I APPLY?

Prepare a letter of application explaining in not more than 200 words:

- Why you are applying
- What makes you suitable for the cadetship
- Your post school plans and career and/or study aspirations
- How you will ensure that you are able to dedicate the time to complete the cadetship.

Please include your contact details. Please send the letter to Elizabeth Peck:

- By post to 33 Oswald Street Sydney NSW 2000
- By email to peckfamily@optusnet.com.au
- By fax to: 02 9399 9398

Elizabeth will acknowledge receipt of your application when received.

What is the closing date for applications?

Applications must be received by no later than Friday 6th August 2004.

WHAT IS THE SELECTION PROCESS? (SEE PAGE 4)

OUR \$3000 TO QSA

Last week Sheree Bell and Bob Moffatt submitted the Coast and Marine Syllabus to the QSA for accreditation 2 years after we started.

The accreditation process will cost us \$3000 and will take about 4 months so wish it luck. Copies of the submitted copy will shortly be on the web site but you can get a copy from Bob at bmoffatt@wetpaper.com.au



Bob Moffatt, Sheree Bell and Dayrelle Abbey

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS - FOR COMMENT PLEASE

The Marine Teachers Association of Queensland acknowledges the assistance of the Queensland Studies Authority and Education Queensland in the development of this syllabus and their permission to reproduce tables and figures from generic documents. — **Have I left anyone out????**

The Marine Teachers Association of Queensland is also grateful to the following members who participated in syllabus development from 2000 – 2004.

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NOOSA CONFERENCE PROGRAM

WEDNESDAY 29TH

- 9.00am Coast and Marine Education Syllabus workshop – trial schools results (Ring Bob if interested in attending 07 5525 6122)
- 12 noon Sponsors set up displays in Moana Conference Room.
- 2.00pm Conference registration and check-in at South Pacific. View sponsors displays
- Please use this time to complete your selection for the workshops and field trips form and give to the registering party
- 3.00pm Official opening – Nambour Executive Director Schools: Robin McAlpine
- 3.05pm Keynote address 1 – Carly Bessemer ‘Grey Nurse Sharks in Australia’
- 4.00pm Sponsors afternoon tea – each sponsor presents goods and services on offer
- 4.40pm MTAQ web site presentation – Trent Moffatt
- 4.55pm Important announcements – Sheree Bell
- 5.00pm AGM in conference room.
- Please make your own arrangements for dinner – see restaurants guide in your registration pack
- 7.00pm Informal gathering around the pool. BYO

THURSDAY 30TH

EARLY MORNING OFF-CAMPUS WORKSHOPS

- Learn to surf (Wavesense) – 7.30am – 9.30am Meet Craig Reid in the foyer of South Pacific
- Bar Crossings (Coast Guard) – 7.30am – 10.30 Meet Jim Kneale in foyer of South Pacific
- On-campus workshops (Have you forgotten your selection? Check your selection in the foyer)

8.30AM WORKSHOPS

- Workshop 1: Maritime Safety of Queensland – boatsafe, boating in schools, new standards – Dave Oelrich
- Workshop 2: GBRMPA – Reef Guardians Marine Conservation program – Sheree Bell
- Workshop 3: Making fishing rods and lures in class – Rob Armstrong
- Workshop 4: Apnoea Demonstration – David Beasley
- Workshop 5: MTAQ Curriculum Exchange – Bob Moffatt
- Workshop 6: Water Police – Murray Lions
- 10.00am Morning tea – view sponsors displays
- 10.45am Meet in foyer of South Pacific. Everybody board bus to Coast Guard for workshop and lunch
- 11.00am Coast Guard workshop
- 12 noon Seafood preparation and cook up
Seafood BBQ lunch – Yum!
- 2.00pm Board bus – return to South Pacific
- 2.30pm Fine Weather Field Trips
Open water snorkel at Flat Rock – Sheree Bell
Sand pumping at Main Beach – Alan Sheridan Noosa Council
Noosa National Park walk with nature guide
Hire a boat and discover Noosa (see pamphlet in registration pack)
- 6.00pm Make own dinner arrangements – see organisers for hotspots or check the pamphlet in your registration pack
- 7.30pm Social gathering at the Reef Hotel, Noosa Heads

FRIDAY 1ST

EARLY MORNING OFF-CAMPUS WORKSHOPS

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- Workshop 1: Coral Bleaching – University of Queensland – Justin Marshall
- Workshop 2: Sustainable Aquaculture – Craig Bohm
- Workshop 3: Marine teacher’s workshops – Lloyd Jones
- Workshop 4: El Nino and La Nina – Bureau of Meteorology – Mike Bergin
- Workshop 5: Shark Nets and Drumlins – DPI - To be confirmed
- 12 noon Delegates meet in the foyer of South Pacific. Catch the express bus to Underwater World for a behind the scenes tour
Lunch is provided
Exceptions to this tour will be those delegates who pre-booked the Everglades Tour – you will catch the bus to the Tour shop 12.30pm – 4.30pm
- 6.00pm Conference Dinner at the Noosa Yacht and Rowing Club
Keynote Speaker 2 – Justin Marshall – ‘Coral Bleaching’



Junior Marine Studies students from the Reef Guardians Program will speak at conference

SATURDAY 2ND

- All members are invited to hear the Australian Maritime college Careers Keynote address at the MESA conference followed by a complimentary morning tea
- 8.00am Room check out
MESA conference registration or keynote address
- 8.30am Meet in foyer to board the bus to Australia Zoo (all day)

COOKTOWN CADETSHIP (CONT'D)

WHAT IS THE SELECTION PROCESS?

We will complete a review of the applications by 15 August. During late August or early September we will ask each applicant to attend an interview with the Selection Board. We will short-list the applicants to 2 or 3. The short listed applicants must then pass the medicals.

The short listed candidates will then spend approximately one week of Suitability Assessment working on board Paradise Blue preferably during the September school holidays. A final decision will be made shortly after this. There will be a one-month trial period at the end of which we will, with you, review your progress and continuing commitment and suitability. This will give you an opportunity to withdraw if you do not want to continue. We also reserve the right to terminate the cadetship if we conclude that your ability (for whatever reason) to successfully complete the cadetship is doubtful. Only the full Selection Board will make all these selection decisions.

You will be expected to dedicate a large amount of your available time to this cadetship. This will involve your weekends and holidays and will require a considerable commitment on your part.

The following table gives an indication of what should be anticipated for a student who is doing year 12 (we will allocate as many boat days to the holidays so treat this as a guide only).

Month	Activity	Minimum time commitment
1	Trial period	8+ days deckhand on boat
2	PADI open water	2 days on shore, 3 days deckhand and dive training
3	PADI Advanced	4 days deckhand and dive training
4	Coxswain's work experience	5 days deckhand
5	DAN Oxygen Provider & First Aid	3 days on shore
6	PADI Rescue Diver	5 days on shore
7	Coxswain's work experience	7+ days deckhand
8	Coastguard Competent Crew	2 days deckhand
9	Exams and Coxswain's work experience	5+ days deckhand
10	Exams and Coxswain's work experience	2 days deckhand and 1 week in Cairns
11	Exams and Coxswain's work experience	5+ days deckhand
12	PADI Dive Master and Coxswain's work experience.	14 days deckhand and 7 days dive training
13	PADI Dive Master and Coxswain's work experience.	On shore and on boat – assist Open Water courses

The age requirement for Dive Master and Coxswain means that many students will probably not be able to complete the Cadetship before they leave school. This makes timescales very tight if you intend to go pursue university or other tertiary education immediately after completing year 12. We want to encourage students to take tertiary education and are therefore prepared to be flexible about a finishing timeframe. However, the Cadetship is not open ended and, if you plan to undertake tertiary education, please explain in your application how and when you propose to complete the Cadetship.

You will have to maintain a Sea Time Log Book as part of the procedure to obtain a Coxswain's licence.

You will need to obtain a Recreational Ship Master's Licence and a Restricted Radio Operator's Licence, which may be part of the Marine Studies course at School.

As soon as your age permits you must join the Coastguards and undertake the Competent Crew course as part of this Cadetship.

As mentioned, when on Paradise Blue you will be expected to work full time as part of the crew. This will involve all practical seamanship and related duties including the following:

- Weighing and dropping anchor in all conditions
- Observer and Lookout in proximity to Reef
- Sail handling and knots
- Clean fish, bait hooks and handle fishing gear for guests
- Clean up after diving and fishing trips
- Fill tanks and use dive compressor
- Maintenance of dive equipment
- Wash up and clear up after meals
- Engine room maintenance including changing oil and water filters
- Make beds and attend generally to guest needs

- Mix and relate to guests, set courses, steer and navigate Paradise Blue, duty watches at the wheel, drive dinghy to reef with guests, divers and snorkellers

All nautical duties will be supervised and assessed by Steve Budd as Master of Paradise Blue and will only be signed off if you have proven your competence. While on board Paradise Blue you will be provided with meals and accommodation. The specialised sailing, diving and fishing equipment on Paradise Blue will give you extensive experience in a variety of conditions.

NEWS FROM SIMONE

Simone is on study leave from the 23rd June - Dec 30

You can email Simone at: simonebaker2004@yahoo.com

FLORIDA NMEA CONFERENCE

Hello hello or as the Americans love to hear you say g'day g'day,

The conference in St. Petersburg has been very busy as all conferences are. There is nothing like being at a conference or anywhere where people are so passionate about their hobby / work.

The attendees are ever so helpful. I have been offered so many places to visit marine schools / facilities. I need another 3 months.

I still have nothing planned for Friday onwards - i better pull my finger out & get some planning happening.

Highlights so far - first night of conference - i am staying in the dorms with the majority of attendees (400 people here in total at the conference). What better way to meet people than at 2.30am when the fire alarm went off. It was a really good ice breaker to meet people & funny to see what people wear to bed - the lighter side of being woken up. To add to this by the 3rd time with the alarm ringing (5.15am & 5.50am) - the atmosphere wasn't as churpy. Florida pier was great. We had finger food & drinks there. Great kids water play area. Big kids too.

Florida is known as the lightning capital of the world & after this week I'd believe it. Today is the first day it hasn't raining & the blue sky was beaming. I am not complaining - i loved walking around in the rain - so good to get some different weather. Very humid here. Feels like mackay.

I went for my first swim last night (1am) in the gulf of Mexico (sounds unreal hey!!!) Very warm & dirty. St Petersburg beach is beautiful. The holiday inn where a few colleagues are staying has a bar right on the beach. A few of us went there to hear some great 80's music & drink budweisers. Not a bad beer similar to corona.

Kennedy space centre was fantastic. I will send you a photo of me in space. Hee hee. I went to an awesome school today with innovative marine teachers. The school is yr's k-6 but has an integrated learning curriculum. Very good.

I have so much stuff to send back home this week. 3 big boxes full of teaching material as well as a few goodies i picked up along the way - yep more nick nacks.

I heard via email that Shannon's song "fly" has reached no.1. yeah hah. I haven't heard 1 aussie song in 1 month. The only aussie news i have heard is about the shark attack in Perth.

Keep the emails coming. Love hearing what you are up to. Miss you all.

Hope this finds you well.

All is well here. Take care & keep smiling

Simone is at: simonebaker2004@yahoo.com



We know Simone is out of this world