



# Nautilus SCUBA Club Newsletter **Newsflash**

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## Deep Cavern Diver Course



**\* COMING TO CAIRNS \***  
**\* LIMITED PLACES \***

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## Cave Divers Association of Australia

The reasons for learning to Cave dive are many and varied but whatever your reason for undertaking a cave diving course you will be guaranteed of two things:

- a) Your diving skills and knowledge will be put to the challenge and
- b) You will get to dive in some of the most amazing fresh water sites anywhere in the world.

Places such as Piccaninnie Pond, the Shaft and Kilsby's Sinkhole will all come within your diving reach.

Your ticket to these and other cave diving sites rest in a Cave Divers Association of Australia sanctioned Deep Cavern course.

## Deep Cavern Course

This 4 – 5 day, full or part time course aims to develop the skills and knowledge for cavern and sinkhole diving, including the planning and organization, the procedures, techniques and problem solving required in a variety of cavern and sinkhole diving situations.

Theory sessions shall cover such topic as CDAA history, buoyancy and anti silting, reel and guideline use and equipment considerations.

Practical sessions shall include 4 training dives in Cavern rated site(s) and 3 supervised site dives.

## Pre-requisites.

Before commencement of a CDAA Deep Cavern diver training program the candidate must:

1. Hold an entry level recreational SCUBA diver award for a minimum of 12 months
2. Hold Advanced Open Water certification or have evidence of equivalent dives
3. Have logged at least 25 dives totalling a minimum of 20 hours, including at least 2 night dives and 5 dives deeper than 25m
4. Be a minimum of 18 years of age.
5. Submit a current (issued less than 12 months ago) medical statement signed by a registered medical practitioner stating the candidate is fit to dive.

## Equipment

1. Suitable exposure suit
2. Mask and fins
3. Small sharp line cutting device
4. Watch, bottom timer or dive computer
5. Depth gauge with maximum depth indicator or dive computer
6. Twin cylinders\*, minimum capacity 2200 litres
7. Buoyancy Control Device (must be in addition to the exposure suit)
8. One primary and two back up lights – minimum duration 60mins.
9. Pencil and underwater slate
10. 2 passport sized photos

\*If you have never dived with twins before or do not have a twin cylinder set-up please contact us prior to the course commencing for more information. These can be supplied for you if necessary.

## Course costs

Your course fee of \$995 includes...

- Use of a variety of reels
- All class materials
- CDAA members manual
- Student notes in folder form
- Pool costs – if applicable
- All permit fees to sites
- Joining fee with the CDAA
- Card handling fee with the CDAA
- Membership fee with the CDAA

A deposit of \$250 is necessary to confirm your place on the course.

Please note that whenever possible a welcome and orientation session will commence at 1800hrs on the evening before the program formally commences.

For further information please contact Linda Claridge of Garinda Dive Instruction or **Steve Bates (0416 068228 / [steve@bates.net](mailto:steve@bates.net)) locally.**

### Quick re-cap

- **Dates would be Thursday 28th – Sunday 31st January 2016.**
- **Diving would be in Lake Eacham and possibly Barrine.**
- **Overview – Meet and greet eve of Day 1, Day 1 pool and classroom, Day 2, 3 and 4 in lake.**
- **4 places available.**
- **Cost: \$995**