

# Nautilus SCUBA Club Newsletter

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Cairns QLD Australia

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## Local dive trips and get together information

\*Please note that the news letter does not publish prices on trips offered

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Lake Eacham BBQ get together,

### Club meeting

#### GUEST SPEAKER

This months guest speaker is Ramon Barbosa, head curator at the Cairns Aquarium.

Ramon has extensive experience with large aquariums and was most recently Deputy Director of the Singapore National Aquarium at Sentosa Island. Ramona's presentation will cover a range of aspects of the aquarium and promises to be of great interest.



Artists impression of Cairns Aquarium  
Image from Cairns Aquarium website

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Calypso - Port Douglas  
Club day dive trip  
Contact:  
[dive-coordinator@nautilus-scuba.net](mailto:dive-coordinator@nautilus-scuba.net)

### Club meeting

Special dives will be organised in addition to the regular monthly day trips, these could be with Reel Cray-Zee, Rumrunner, and could be day trips or weekend trips to the reef or the Yongala. Better watch your emails for future announcements.

**N**utilus had its traditional Lake Eacham dive on Sunday 22 January. It turned out that this dive has grown into a main event with over 50 members participating. Many for a dive, others for a swim or a snorkel.

**D**ebbie had dispersed a number of yellow golf balls at the bottom of the lake. Each numbered golf ball had a price attached, so a real treasure hunt was going on. Lynn took care of the prizes. Most of the golf



balls were found and made the lucky (or smart, inquisitive, cunning) finders very proud and happy.



**B**ut the fun was not just on and in the water. The traditional barby, which used to consist of a thoroughly overcooked snag, finely balanced with tomato sauce and a helping of Coles potato salad, to be degusted on an almost fresh white bun, (sorry Aaron, I am overdoing this a bit for literary effect) has now exploded into a major culinary event of which the likes are difficult to find north of Brisbane. This of course thanks to the McManus clan, headed by master chef Bryan. They came with a trailer





only for the kitchen equipment. While Bryan cooked, Roxy & Alana arranged everything. So we had prawns on a salad of shaved pear and rocket leaves topped with Parmesan cheese, and as a second dish pork belly, cooked to perfection with a pineapple salad. This all to great appreciation of the lucky crowd who gobbled it all up with great delight.



Water temperature was optimal. The weather was fine. The atmosphere great. Thanks to all for participating. But especially thanks to these active members, Debbie, Lynn, Bryan, Roxy and Alana, who made this day into such a special and fun happening.



Rigo

# Creature Feature

## **Toadfishes, Batrachoididae**

Toadfishes are bottom-dwelling creatures that vaguely resemble scorpionfishes. They often hide in soft bottom sediment or in rock crevices, tropical species are generally nocturnal and can more often than not found around jetties and wreckage.

Toadfishes have a relatively large mouth and are well-camouflaged nocturnal predators of small fishes and invertebrates.

Several species in the Australian and East Indian regions are known to incubate eggs and small young in the mouth and the brood (containing at least 50 young) is guarded closely by one of the parents for an undetermined period.

You may not have seen a Toadfish on a night dive but you may well have heard one grunting at you because you got too close to its hideout. (Sounds like someone going UHUH, UHUH over and over)



# THINGS YOU MAY OR MAY NOT NEED TO KNOW

The Nautilus Scuba Club 2017 Calendar  
now available to order at the club meetings



## Errors and Omissions

PNG Chertan trip article in the Nov 2016 newsletter was by Micaela Murray, a new Nautilus Club member currently residing in Melbourne but plotting her escape to sunny tropical Cairns!

### Message from the editor.

Dear Nautilus members this newsletter is put together for club members.

You are invited to send content.

The articles do not have to be about club dives, (although they would be welcome) they could be about dive courses attended/completed.

What course was it? Why did you decide to do it? What benefit/knowledge/skills did you gain?

Would other club member benefit from attending a similar course.

You could have purchased new dive gear. What do you think of it?

You could have upgraded underwater photo/video equipment. Why? Is it an improvement?

I'm sure our readers would like to know the answers to all of the above.

This particular newsletter was destined to be just two pages, (a cover and a calendar page), if that is all you want it will make my copy layout very easy and quick. In short the newsletter is what you make it.

*Phil*

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Dive

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