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Nautilus SCUBA Club Newsletter

Cairns QLD Australia



**Dive Trips
Club Meetings
Guest Speakers
Trip Reports**

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Local dive trips and get together information

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

August 2017						
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Calypso - Port Douglas
Club day dive trip
Contact:
dive-coordinator@nautilus-scuba.net

Club meeting

Yongala Weekend

September 2017						
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For our August Trip we have provisionally reserved 12 places on Tusa 6 on Sunday 9th.

Tusa does not reserve a spot until payment has been made in full.

To pay and book, or for more information, call Tusa directly on 4047 9120. You will need to be at E Finger of Cairns Marina at 7:40 for an 8:00 departure.

Remember to tell them you are a Nautilus member.

Once you have booked, please let Mark know so he can keep track of who is going. markearney54@gmail.com NB Tusa allows unguided diving, and they also have Nitrox tanks on board (subject to availability).



This months guest speaker will be Linda Honey. Linda hales from TUFU Resort in PNG, a major prize sponsor in this years photo competition. Linda is also the sales manager of PNG Air. Not only will she be talking about TUFU Resort but also talking about other destinations such as the Kokoda Trail.

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.



Lazing on Lissenung Island

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Back in 2016 one of my images was picked as the 'Club Members Choice' on the night of the photo competition which meant I was the fortunate recipient of a 7 night 5 day diving package prize sponsored by Lissenung Island, Kavieng PNG. It took me a year to get there but for the last week of July 2017 get there I did!

Leaving Cairns at a reasonable morning hour and flying Air Niugini gets you stepping foot on the island sometime between 6-7pm on the same day, just in time to stow the bags and sit down for the first of many great meals.

As it turned out Aaron and Alison arrived the next evening and Fiona the day after that, so there were 4 Nautili to share the adventure.

The diving day starts after breakfast, (around 8 ish) with everyone jumping on the more than comfortable dive boat and heading out for two morning dives, getting back in time for lunch.

In the afternoon you can head out on the boat or take advantage of a long easy dive on the excellent house reef which is also a great night dive.

The position of Island offers a range of diving from walls, wrecks and muck.



Power nap palace



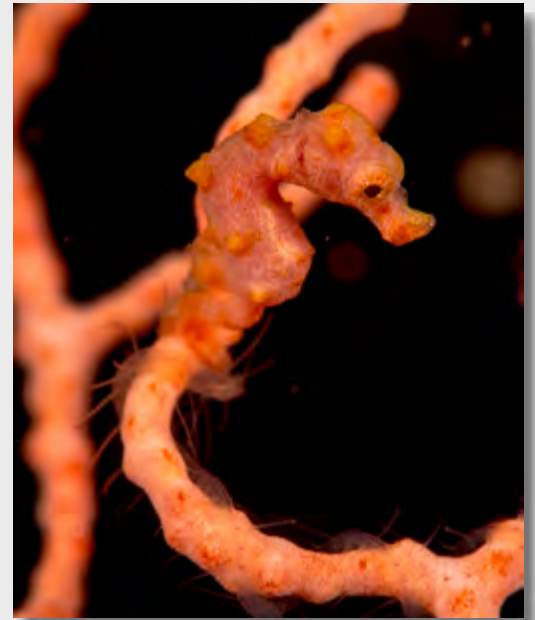
Dining room, lounge, bar

I must admit that I just enjoyed the week and didn't try to spend every waking minute underwater, its good just to sit back and have the time to read a good book, and enjoy the sound of rain on a tin roof. Yes, most of the week it rained, not all day, but when it did you couldn't miss it! The up side, the rain is warm, and as the island relies on rainwater it meant that their water tanks filled to overflowing.

Something else I should mention is the trip home, (no, my bags and I arrived together), but if you have a time constraint, I left on Sunday to go to work on Monday, which meant that I was up at 3am and off on a boat by 4am, it was a very clear if dark morning and while zipping across the pond towards kavieng it was treated to a display of shooting stars. The other upside is that I arrived back in Cairns before midday.

I'm sure that you would love me to waffle on for at least another couple of pages, (really?), I didn't think so, I'll just say a big thank you to Dietmar and Ange and let the pictures do the talking. ■

Denise's Pygmy Seahorse



Aegires serenae



Deep Pete, an upside down bi-plane wreck



Der Yang wreck



Square spot Anthias



Torpedo plane wreck



Banded Shrimpgoby



Amphipods



Crocodile fish eye



THINGS YOU MAY OR MAY NOT NEED TO KNOW

Good tip.
Take a photo with
your phone of your
certification and your
Nautilus Membership
card, you may forget
them, but I doubt
if you'll forget your
phone.



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PARTING SHOT



Yellow-lipped Sea Krait using the heat from the outboard to warm up.