

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held at Darwin Ski Club 17th August 2025@ 11.00 am

Present: Grant Treloar, Mick Henderson, Jackie Healy, Ian Van de Straat, Suzie O'Brien, Graham Piggott, Mike Wilson, Aaron Norris, Bradley Rose, Benjamin Goss, Nicola Jones, Natasha Rose, Sasha Muller & M Tozer via Teams meeting

Proxy votes received from: Clive Bartsch, Roland Hugli

Apologies Peter Meyer, Russell Ayers, Jeff Swann

Minutes of last yeast AGM:

Provided, read and accepted by: Ian Van de Straat, 2nd Grant Treloar

Business from last year's AGM:

- Boat to go to North track for service/ and valuation Peter Meyer completed
- CBF Grant acquittal has been submitted. completed
- Everyone encouraged to supply ideas for future grant opportunities. ongoing
- Work with Heritage on a Booya photogrammetry project, in short term work on a video before end of this year (50 yr anniversary) completed we did do some video for 50th Anniversary.
- Take the sister of the lost crew members back onsite to Booya Grant was involved in the wreath laying when she went down to the Booya in the National Geographic submersible for TV series life on the edge. (this was part of the 50th Anniversary event) completed
- Look at Government Grant for laptop/equipment and software to do photogrammetry ongoing
- Refurb the Anchor at Ski Club remount and install a Plaque Located and recovered by DSAC on 22/4/1974. ongoing
- David Steinburg suggested a pool day for younger members to refresh skills and then an easy dive out in harbour next day possibly Dudley bommies or the Booya to get them more comfortable with conditions and get more younger ones involved. This can happen at any time member wish to do it completed/ but ongoing
- Skills pool sessions or a fun comp. Simon Penprase. some pool days were completed
- Order 4 new sets of wheel bearings and fit before selling the old trailer. The old trailer was scrapped so this is completed

Just FYI for all here fees did go up last year on 1/7/24

Membership	Dive club
Single Diver	\$120.00
Associate/Social non diver	\$20.00
Kids under 18 junior/student	\$50.00

Darwin-Sub-Aqua Club Inc

Ski club renewals dates are rolling 12months from when you joined as such you need pay direct to ski club, resubmit your application form at the bar with a DSAC stamped for to get the reduced fee of \$30.00

It's an honesty system that we join their club, we are homed here.

Ski club Treasurer tells me you should have all got emails with details on how to log into hello Club which will allow you to renew online each year.

Committee Member Reports

President: Mick Henderson

This year has seen us farewell long term members & welcome new members.

Again, the diving has been limited by availability to access the sites due to the spasmodic tide dates & times.

The boat has proven its reliability due to maintenance procedures & members assisting in repairs. We have not missed one opportunity to get out and dive.

Community Benefit Grants

No submissions for 2024-2025 where lodged.

Safety

The DSAC safety culture is still promoted with regular discussions on risk & improvement in procedures. I commend members for sharing information or their experiences with other divers and looking after each other on land or sea.

Nitrox fills have been successful have contributed to our safety.

Community promotion and events

Our regular Thursday meetings continue to grow in participation promoting the diving community. DSAC representatives have attended Industry promotion events on stands for Welcome New Defence Personnel to Darwin Expo, Top End Tourism Expo & Seabreeze festival.

On November 10th 2024 DSAC had one of the most significate dive days with the 50th Anniversary of the sinking of the Booya.

DSAC was invited by NT Government to lay a wreath on the Booya in the presence of family members of the crew that died on that tragic day. The club was thanked & blessed by the family for being respectful & given the custody of the site, a very humble moment in the club history.

DSAC members continue to be involved and collaborate with the Environment and Heritage division of the Northern Territory Government in identifying historical artifacts.

Our social events over the year have had good participation by members & family, thank you Pam, our social coordinator.

Memberships

2024-2025 has seen a balance in new memberships against members leaving the NT.

I would like to thank the members and the committee for the valuable support keeping the Dive club active and for your contribution.

Mick Henderson
President



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Accepted by: Graham Piggott 2nd by Ian Van de Straat, all in favour.

Treasurer: Jackie Healey

40 diving members 2x Social

25 members utilised the boat for dives

- Cash in bank \$54,108.57 @ 1/4/25
- Profit of \$2,793.13 Last year was \$873.90

The major outlays this year were Boat, Compressors and Insurances Jackie provided a breakdown of the major cost during the year 2024-25

Without the volunteer labour our costs would have been significantly higher to achieve what we have this year of course the best source of income is diving so let's get as many people out as often as possible.

Accounts were audited as required by

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The Audit report includes a Profit & Loss Statement, and Balance Sheets and statement by management committee as required.

Accepted by: Bradley Rose 2nd by Natalie Rose, accepted by all as true and correct for the last financial year.

Social Officer: Pam Martin

DSAC SOCIAL ... 1ST APRIL 2024 to 31st March 2025

18th May 2024

The Last Supper Pizzeria – 22 No.

Fun & interesting group enjoying pizza dinner & drinks in a cosy private area (Long weekends, school holidays, Darwin Cup, Darwin Festival ... a popular time of year for camping, travelling, socialising & entertainment.)

7th September 2024

The Greenhouse Café, Nightcliff – 19 No.

Fun night with great food & drinks, as well as an unexpected 'noisy' open mike night. However, the conversations between the singing were very positive & appreciative of the talent. Some of the voices (mainly the islanders) were enjoyable & really easy to listen to.

16th November 2024

Yogi's Way, Stuart Park – 23 No.

End of Year Dinner ... Christmas & Carl & Donna Farewell.

Fancy Dress ... anything starting with 'R'

Prizes ...

- Male – 1st Roger 'Redneck'
- Female – 1st Claudia & Teagan 'Reef'
- Junior – 'Referee' 9 year old Lucy

Lucky Door Prize (Cake & Ham) – Arlene

Heaps of fun & laughs to send Carl & Donna on their way east for their retirement. A farewell gift of DSAC engraved Yeti wine cups, red & white wine, fruit cake (Carl's favourite) was presented to our friends of 15 years.

Great staff & service, fabulous food & BYO ... always a winner!

29th March 2025

Siam Gateway, Rapid Creek – 14 No.

Great staff, Amazing food & lots of leftovers to take home.

Another BYO Café we will definitely go back to.

Note:

Set banquets at BYO venues help us raise \$\$\$ for our end of year dinner gifts & prizes. The cost of the banquet plus the corkage fee is rounded up generally by \$2 to achieve this social fund raiser. Many thanks for your donations.

Accepted by all

Committee member 1 (Equipment/Assets Officer): Peter Meyer

Boat has been in for service

EPIRB has been replaced

Flares have also been replaced

Club has several steel cylinders we will refurbish and sell, keep our hire tanks to a minimum

Cylinder register has been produced and will be at the club to record hydro dates.

AQT for compressor been completed.

Little blue compressor needs a new filter before being used(its in the shed)

No issues with the club equipment and everything is currently in service.

Accepted Grant Treloar, 2nd Mick Henderson, all in favour.

Sub Committee: Boat. Roland Hugli

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Over the past few years, the boat has undergone a series of significant upgrades. It began with the engine replacement, the addition of shade, and updated electronics.

In 2023, we installed new pontoons and carried out several upgrades and repairs to the hull.

Early in 2024, the boat was fitted with a brand-new trailer, made possible thanks to the hard work of the team and the support of the NT Government.

With these works complete, the boat and trailer are now fully upgraded and ready for many more years of service.

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who contributed to maintaining and improving the boat and trailer, keeping them in excellent condition.

Thanks everyone to support the Darwin dive club

Have a safe and great dive year.

Roland

Accepted by: Ian Van de Straat , 2nd Grant Treloar, all in favour.

Committee Member 2 (scuba officer) Carl Davies

As new divers join the club please make sure we follow the guidelines and take new members under our wing it's our job to look after them and make them feel comfortable in Darwin waters.

The "What's App" method of organising dives continues to provide up to date information, plus the ability to update and contribute. This is by far the most advanced approach to booking dives the club has accepted in its long history, and I am certain it will continue.

Top diver was hotly contested again this year with Simon Penprase in first place, tie for second Ian Gurry and Peter Meyer, 3rd Mike Willson
25 different divers utilised the boat on dives during the year

Accepted Mike Willson, 2nd Ian Van de Straat, all in favour.

Sub Committee: Safety. Simon Penprase

Simon moved interstate, early 2025 we have had no major incidents during the year, the dive logs and checklist prior to leaving the dive shed have worked out well.

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Accepted Mick Henderson, 2nd Grant Treloar, all in favour.

Web Page: update Grant Treloar

The web site continues to get visits/hits and its worth keeping it going so we have a presence on the web, it gives us an opportunity to post meeting, financial or other info for members and to say thanks for any assistance we get from sponsorship or government grants. The cost is minimal

Above reports were accepted as accurate for the financial year

Election of New Committee

A chairperson was appointed

All positions were declared vacant, and Nominations were proposed/accepted from the floor as soon as a president was elected control was given back to the president and all positions were filled by unanimous agreement as follows.

President/Public officer	Mick Henderson
Proposed	Grant Treloar
Second	Ian Van de Straat

Treasurer	Jackie Healey
Proposed	Graham Piggott
Second	Grant Treloar

Secretary	Grant Treloar
Proposed	Mick Henderson
Second	Graham Piggott

Committee member 1 Diving officer/Training/safety	Peter Meyer
Proposed	Grant Treloar
Second	Mick Henderson

Committee Member 2 Facilities Officer/Equipment/boat	Ian Van de Straat
Proposed	Grant Treloar
Second	Graham Pigott

Social functions	Pam Martin Agreed to coordinate these again next year
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General Business

- Plans to apply/look for a community grant to replace the fill panel were discussed. it quite old and outdated better to replace it than try to refurbish. Mick Henderson to investigate next round of government grants.
- Suggestion for a group dive trip to Timor for 2026. Around one of the long weekends, if possible, Committee to source quotes.
- The club will continue with nitrox fills, returning to the simplified payment process of paying for dives and fills immediately after a dive.
- Improve membership onboarding process – Committee members – Ongoing
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Meeting closed at 11:59 pm