

## Member organised dive

As already explained, any appropriately trained and experienced member may organize a URGQ dive. On Wednesday night, a dive sheet is placed on the notice board with the name of the person organising the dive and the location of the dive. ***You must be at the club to put your name down; you cannot ring up and ask someone to put your name down.*** If there are spaces left on the boat, then an email may be sent to let all other members know about the trip. Once your name is down, it is your responsibility to ring the organiser the night before the dive to confirm the launch site, leave time etc. Now the cost of your day's diving is one dive voucher per dive (2 dives-2 dive vouchers), and all divers split the cost of the boat and/or group vehicle fuel. Also remember to bring water, food, sunscreen, hat and wet weather gear.

## URGQ Weekends



Once a month, the group organises a weekend away diving. The dive captain will put up on the noticeboard a list for the weekend; place your name on the list if you wish to go and once numbers have been confirmed, our dive captain will organise the weekend (diving, accommodation etc). Our dive captain (and our committee) would appreciate any help given.



## Training

URGQ promotes safe diving and knows the best training comes through diving experience. Members are encouraged to share and assist other members. Should you have a topic which you believe will assist and educate fellow members, please see a committee member to arrange a time to deliver your talk.

## Membership

The URGQ is a non-profit diving group that welcomes divers with all levels of experience, from any dive training organisation.

### The cost of joining the URGQ:

Joining fee: \$20.00

Current yearly fee for divers: \$120.00 (Full Member)

Current yearly fee for non-divers: \$30.00 (Associate Member)

This covers the cost of running the group.

Donation vouchers which covers the cost of your diving:  
\$25.00 or SAVE at 5 for \$100

Donation vouchers are available from the Dive Captain or Treasurer on any Wednesday night.

Air fills from our own compressor: \$ 5.00 donation  
Or obtain a tank fill card with 10 fills for \$ 45.00 donation

**Tanks fills and all diving are strictly restricted to financial members.**

**ANY WEDNESDAY NIGHT**

*After 7.30pm*

**24 Pulle Street, Yeerongpilly**

**Website: [www.urgq.org](http://www.urgq.org)**



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## Non-profit diving



The URGQ was established in 1954 as Queensland's first non-profit diving club.

The URGQ aims to provide a forum for divers to meet socially on a regular basis, and provide an alternative to the commercial diving environment to further the diving interests and social activities of its members.

Over one thousand members, of all ages and experience, have participated in URGQ diving and social activities.

## Curtin Artificial Reef

On the 12<sup>th</sup> August 1968, the URGQ began to 'build' an artificial reef in Moreton Bay.

Today, over 25 vessels, concrete pipes and pontoons provide a sheltered dive site and an important habitat for a wide variety of marine life including fish, shark, rays and turtles.

Some of the vessels sunk on the Curtin Artificial Reef include the tug *Melbourne*; two whale chasers, *Kos I* and *Kos II*; a coastal trading vessel, the *Lady Norman*; gravel barges, *Bremer*, *Estrella del Mar* and *Barrambin*; the car ferry, *Point Lookout*; the whale oil carrier, *Centipede*; the tug *Lov-enstein*; the Cairncross dock gate; and a Brisbane tram.

Today the Curtin Artificial Reef has been down for over 40 years and the ocean has reclaimed some of the Reef. While

## Our home



In 1987 after many years of fund-raising by members, a building located at Yeerongpilly was bought. Members continue to meet every Wednesday for a social evening. Each week, daily and monthly dive trips are planned and organised.

On the first Wednesday of each month, a meeting is held to vote in new members and discuss group activities.

As we are a non-profit dive group, all maintenance of the building and equipment must be done by group members. Several times a year, we have a Saturday working bee where anything that needs to be built or repaired is done. Any and all help is appreciated and plenty of notice is given for these working bees so if you can come and help – great. If not, then maybe next time.

# The URGQ and diving

## The dive boat



In 1996, the URGQ became the proud owner of a club dive boat, URGQ Diver-1. The 6.3m rigid-hull inflatable is fully equipped to carry 6 divers and a driver. The equipment on board includes a marine radio, first-aid and oxygen kit, and to help find 'the un-dived' sites, a GPS and echo-sounder.

**Although diving activities are the responsibility of the Dive and Boat Captain, any appropriately trained and experienced member may organise a club dive. Don't forget that URGQ members have the choice to dive when and where they choose.**

**Please support the club boat by using it and supporting club dives.**

the vessels on the Curtin Artificial Reef offer spectacular diving, penetration of the vessels is dangerous and divers are advised not to enter. URGQ advises that safe diving practices are the responsibility of the individual divers. The Curtin Artificial Reef is a tribute to the hard work and dedication of many URGQ members, especially Frank Curtin and Linton Holroyd.

## Research



The URGQ has led and participated in numerous diving activities which promote the conservation, preservation and understanding of the marine environment. In Moreton Bay, grants have been awarded for fish and coral reef surveys. The URGQ are involved in the on-going monitoring of the Curtin Artificial reef that has been constructed by URGQ members. URGQ members have been involved in research since the group's inception.

## History



URGQ activities have included historical research and underwater exploration regarding shipwrecks in South East Queensland. The group has discovered many of the shipwrecks in South East Queensland including the *Scottish Prince*, *Cambus Wallace*, *Aarhus*, *St Paul* and *Yongala* – to name just some of the well-known ones.

The URGQ museum includes displays of early diving and underwater photographic equipment – much of it hand-made by members.

The URGQ has been involved in many historical displays, participated in Warana festivals and given lectures and demonstrations on the many aspects of diving and the URGQ to other dive groups and the general public.