



## Marine Teachers Association of Queensland

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# Newsletter Summer 1994

### HISTORY OF ASSOCIATION

On Thursday 4th August 1994, at 4.30 pm, at Camp Minjerribah on South Stradbroke Island in Queensland a group of approximately 45 assembled teachers agreed to form an association where Marine Education teachers as well as Marine Studies Teachers could join.

The name of the association agreed to by those assembled was to be the Marine Teachers Association of Queensland.

### ASSOCIATION PROGRESS SO FAR

In September draft copies of a



### FIRST EXECUTIVE MEETING

This was held on 31 October and it was decided to send this newsletter out, write to consumer affairs to get comment of the first draft and send the first draft to regional reps.

### PROPOSED CONFERENCE JULY 1-3 1995

Our executive has decided to invite all marine teachers to our first ever conference in central Queensland on the weekend preceding and including the first student free day in Semester two. Rockhampton Grammar School and North Keppel Island Environmental Education Centre have generously invited us and a proposed program is set out below.

### FUNDING

We hope to have corporate sponsors in place so that schools can register all their marine teachers.

Goodwill has funded association activities so far.

constitution were sent to all members of an interim council.

Our Vice President has written to the Director General who has informed Regional Officers of our existence.

While at the Maritime Teachers Consortium meeting at AMC in Launceston, informal discussion were held between ten Marine Studies Teachers and a draft of the constitution was briefly discussed.

The ten agreed to reorganise the MESA constitution to be the basis of our first draft.

### DRAFT CONSTITUTION

A first draft has been prepared and copies are available for people to comment on. Just send a stamp addressed envelope to the above address. First draft comments are to be back to Ken Maclean by November 30th.

The comments will be circulated to a constitution committee made up of all councillors and anyone who has a passion for constitutions in early December and processed by end of school.

A second draft will be prepared over the Christmas break and then be available for comment till March 30 next year. Once again the comments will be circulated to the constitution committee and a third draft prepared and sent to all those who want to come to our conference in July.

### INTERIM COUNCIL APPOINTED

An interim council consisting of representatives of the assembled group was elected as follows:

South Coast (Incl. Brisbane) - Mark Rickard, Bob Moffatt and Jan Thornton  
North Coast - Geoff Waterhouse, Gary James, Peter Travis. Central region -

Peter Slaughter, Denise Wright, Ross Gibbons, Don Reid. Mackay and district - Tina Derry, Peter Hamlyn. Cairns Region - Geoff Jensen, Ken Maclean.

### ELECTED OFFICERS

The interim executive is Ken Maclean (Babinda High - President), Geoff Jensen (Innisfail SHS Vice President), Jan Thornton (Sea World Secretary, Bob Moffatt (Wet Paper Publications, Publicity Officer)

### PROPOSED PROGRAM

#### FRIDAY 30 JUNE

5.00pm Registration and cocktail party  
6.30pm Dinner

#### SATURDAY 1 JULY

9.00 Welcome and opening  
9.30 Professional Sessions  
10.30 Morning tea  
11.00 Professional Sessions  
12.30 Lunch  
1.30 Bus to Yeppoon and boat to North Keppel Island  
3.30 Afternoon tea  
4.00 Exploring the Island and Reef  
6.00 Island Night and networking

#### SUNDAY 2 JULY

9.00 Reef organisms identification and interpretation  
10.30 Morning tea  
11.00 Reef trip organisation, activities and conservation in excursions  
12.30 Lunch  
1.30 Pack and return to Rockhampton Grammar  
4.00 Snorkelling Education (in pool)  
6.00 Dinner

#### MONDAY 3 JULY (STUDENT FREE DAY)

9.00 Department of Education session  
10.00 Board of Secondary School Studies session  
11.00 Department of Transport session  
12.00 Competitions session and plenary  
1.00 Annual General Meeting  
2.00 Depart

### PROPOSED SPONSORS FOR 1995

Do you have any contacts or ideas for organisations you may wish to help us get started?



## MEMBERSHIP FEE

No fee has been set yet and will be subject to the constitution. All costs to date have been sponsored.



## LAUNCESTON TRIP OF A LIFETIME

A privileged group of ten Queensland Marine Studies teachers were invited to attend a national consortium meeting of maritime teachers in Launceston last week by the Australian Maritime College.

Successful participants were Roger Townsend, Peter Hamlyn, Greg McGarvie, Graham Rogers, Peter Travis, Don Reid, Geoff Jensen, Ross McDonald, John Maloney and Bob Moffatt.

In all, 42 teachers from around Australia were invited to learn about the college and see the facilities. Many teachers were able to meet their students and find out how successful they were.

"I passed my Navigation exams after you gave me an LA!!" was one comment worth noting.

The college has a high standard as are the expectations of staff. The college actively promotes a caring approach while demanding greatly of its students.

We saw how learning was greatly enhanced by fear where raw recruits in their third day at sea, performed a flawless man overboard rescue. They had wanted to — as one of our teachers - Ron Jensen from WA, was one of men overboard.

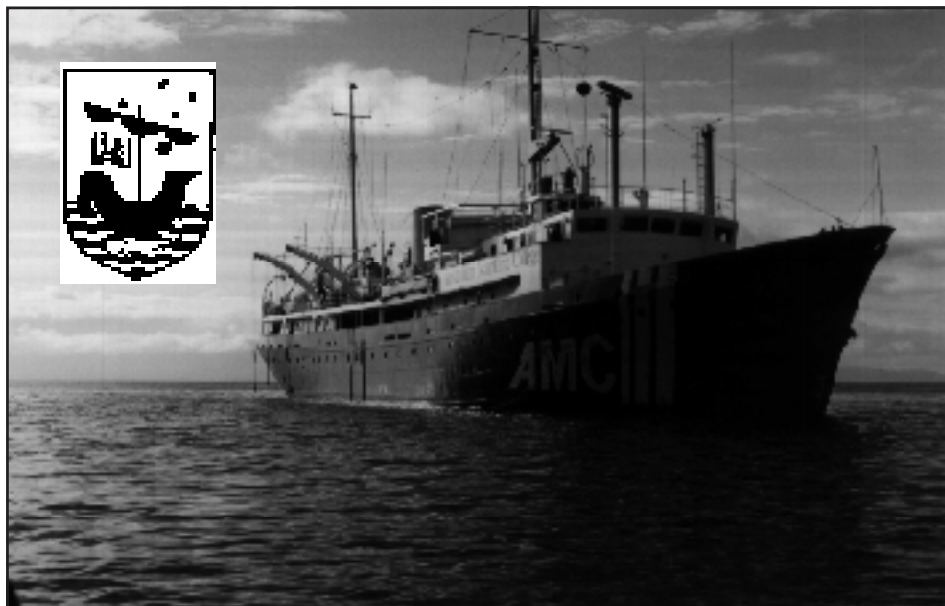
Ron, who came from a shipping background, has a spouse who feared that one day he would be washed overboard.



*Australian Marine Teachers participate in Man Overboard drill AMC Launceston*

Well Ron now takes home (mind you on video), a tape of him jumping three stories from a ship into the Southern Ocean of 11 degrees with a one metre swell.

NSW and WA seem also to getting organised and Mick O'Connor (NSW) and Ron Jensen (WA) and others are taking up the challenge.



*Australian Maritime College training ship used on day 3 of the conference*

## Schools asked to budget

We are running this in vacation time and feel that if teachers give up three days of their holidays, the least the school could do would be to help with travel. Now the regional reps of the association could be charged with organising a bus down from Cairns and up from Brisbane and sort out with the bus company a deal and pay direct.

The college is a national centre for maritime education training and research and has received many of our students in the past.

## AMC Scholarships

Each scholarship comprises full payment of residential costs for an academic year, \$300 towards the cost of textbooks and a \$500 stipend.

If you wish to nominate your student for an undergraduate scholarship, please reply providing details of the students

- ★ academic record
- ★ personal background
- ★ extracurricular/community involvement

## REPLIES TO BE SENT TO

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