

Cairns' Independent Marine Research & Education Organization



REEF TEACH (est. 1992) was born out of demand from the public wanting to know more about the Great Barrier Reef (GBR). For nearly 30 years, Reef Teach has remained independently run, and has grown into a leading research and education organisation. In late 2016 Reef Teach owners increased their commitment to dedicate more resources to their newly developed research projects as well as their existing education programs, under the Reef Naturalist Programs (RNP). Since 2017 Reef Teach Marine Biologists have spent on average 2 days a week at sea collecting critical reef health indicators and coral cover estimates and carrying out a minimum of three talk a week.

Reef Teach uses its educational programs as a way to share knowledge about the GBR and generate funds for its research program. This underlies Reef Teach's core message "With Learning Comes Appreciation..!" By participating in any of Reef Teach's programs people can feel encouraged that they have directly contributed to research and the conservation of the GBR.

Reef Teach Programs

Evening Great Barrier Reef Presentations:

This program is where it all started for Reef Teach. These 2 hour sessions are designed to enhance visitors GBR experience. For more information we can supply an information sheet on this product.

Reef Naturalist Programs (RNP):

These programs are an evolution of the original "marine biologist for a day" experience in Cairns. It was first called the Underwater Naturalist and now known as the Reef Naturalist Programs. Through these programs guests can gain experience as a marine biologist. We provide coral reef ecology information and depending on which version of the programs you choose we will train you in different reef survey techniques. We offer 1, 2, 3 or 4 day options. For more information please request the RNP information sheet.

Reef research

Reef Teach's core research project is geo-referencing photo-transect project. Reef Teach as the lead organisation, with project partners Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority (GBRMPA) and Australian Institute of Marine Science (AIMS), is enhancing the Eye On The Reef (EOTR) Tourism Weekly Monitoring survey technique. Reef Teach is not limited to this project, we also perform other surveys including different levels of EOTR methods, Coral Watch and Virtual Reef Diver to name a few.



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Marine Discovery Internship:

As part of the MDP, Reef Teach runs an internship program where participants join Reef Teach for 2 or 4 weeks (longer programs can be requested) and help with the research and educational programs.

For more information on the MDP please request the information sheet.

All staff at Reef Teach are highly qualified with post-graduate level of achievement in marine biology, together with multiple years of working experience in the marine environment. Collectively the staff have over 50 years of experience in the marine field.

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TESTIMONIALS



Rated 5 stars on Trip Advisor and Facebook.

Here are some of our latest Trip Advisor review titles. For latest reviews please feel free to visit our Trip Advisor page.

"Amazing stories about reef!" 

"Knowledge and passion for the reef" 

Reef Teach has achieved Trip Advisor's Certificate of Excellence and Hall of Fame for the last 6 years (2014, 2015 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019)

Facebook reviews include

5 ★ OUTSTANDING!!

Being a tenderfoot at sea life is pretty common. From the very beginning to the very end the lesson-or we could call it friendly chat- was easy to follow. Even when English isn't Your mother tongue!! (I'm Spanish). So yeah, 10 out of 10. Good videos and all the topics are well chosen! And of course the good correct amount of fun fact that you will remember ever after. HIGHLY RECOMMENDED to go before hitting The Great Barrier Reef- because as it is said "with learning comes appreciation"

5 ★ Had such a great night learning about the reef!



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Thanks to Natalie who informed me all about Reef Teach and thank you to Abby who taught me the most amazing things about the reef and the Marine life 😊. Would highly recommend anyone who's visiting the reef to attend Reef Teach 😊

Other Testimonials include

“Firstly I wanted to say Thank you for the session provided to University of Tampa last week. Todd the faculty leader had nothing but praise for the course. He even said it was one of the best sessions he had seen! Such great feedback.”

- Ella Durand

“On behalf of myself and my students, I wanted to thank you for such a wonderful presentation. The students listed it as their favorite guest lecture and you managed to captivate a group of students with short attention spans and diverse interests! They all hope to contribute as much to their fields as you have to yours. Thank you again for your time and passion.”

- *Rebekka Goodman PhD Lecturer, Arizona State University*

Simon Mallender of Dive Planit said after attending Reef Teach “Ideally it should be packaged with every Day trip purchased!”

William Gray, journalist for Wanderlust media, wrote after he experienced Reef Teach:

“I have to say I thought your talk was absolutely brilliant! If everyone who visited the reef came through that room it would be half the battle won! The way you explained the sex lives of corals was pure genius - and your key message to slow down and appreciate the detail was spot on.”

I've tweeted about the evening and liked your Facebook page - and will give you a big plug in the Wanderlust article too.

Keep up the great work - and keep in touch too. It would be great to collaborate on articles or any other writing or awareness-raising material you might need.”

