



## Charlestown Diving Academy



## Morton Bay

### HMAS Brisbane

Moreton Bay is a beautiful place to play in with many wonders and dive sites which include a huge number of wrecks the most famous being The Ex- HMAS Brisbane. Commissioned into the Royal Australian Navy in 1967 the HMAS Brisbane was a 133 metre, Charles F Adams Class DDG, guided missile destroyer. Over 34 years of service, till she was decommissioned in 2001, she served in both the Vietnam and Gulf wars. In January 2003, the Queensland Government agreed to accept the decommissioned HMAS Brisbane from the Commonwealth Government for sinking off the Sunshine Coast as an artificial reef and dive site. After extensive and careful preparation, the ship was towed for its last journey to the Sunshine Coast and scuttled on 31 July 2005 at a site 2.8 nautical miles east of Mudjumba Island off the Sunshine Coast.

The wreck now serves as a world-class artificial reef and diving site. Scuttled in mid 2005 as an artificial reef, the former destroyer, ex HMAS Brisbane is attracting a growing number of divers from around the country and around the world. Being on a sandy floor in 27 metres of water, she seems to be in the perfect diving spot. Sitting bolt upright the HMAS Brisbane has 12 to 15 metres of water over her forward decks and 18 metres over her stern. Consistently good water clarity and minimal swell makes for great diving. A resident school of predatory yellow tailed king fish now 'buzz' the schools of bait fish that surround the HMAS Brisbane. Local inhabitants include a large bull ray, angler fish, lion fish, blennies, Nudibranchs, sea hares, squid and a small school of juvenile snapper. Other visitors include a shoveled nose ray, greasy cod and eagle rays.

Strive towards the "Master Scuba Diver" rating whilst you're away on this trip. Do your PADI Wreck Diver or Enriched Air Course for only \$250.00 each. That's a huge saving!

CDA can organise trip packages to suit you individual needs, for example;

#### Weekend Package

- 4 great Boat Dives (2 double dives)
- 3 Nights accommodation
- Dive guide services
- Entertainment Area
- Full Kitchen Facilities
- Refreshments between dives
- Air fills
- Fantastic BBQ or Dinner out in town Saturday night



Please contact the friendly CDA Shop Crew for current trip dates & prices or check out our calendar.



"So much ocean, So little time"

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