

The Argyle Downs Homestead Site

Submerged by the fast-rising waters of the Lake that bears its name in 1971 and early '72, the Homestead Site is one of Australia's best historical dives. The main homestead was partially pulled down to be rebuilt above the lake waters adjacent to the Lake Argyle Resort. Unfortunately, the demolition was cut short as Lake Argyle filled much quicker than anticipated.

The remnants of the main homestead and many outbuildings are now submerged and make for great diving. Over the years many amazing items have been discovered. An old tractor still parked beside a fuel bowser, the station workers quarters and saddlery, the cook house and outhouse from the main homestead, the generator shed and main bore tripod and water tanks. Plus a few old station vehicles and trucks, garden beds and the Argyle Airstrip nearby.

In 2019 the main homestead site will be in 7 to 15 meters of water with expected better than normal visibility. This will be a very popular dive choice and will sell out fast. The homestead dives will be mostly through the last 2 weeks of October as it is expected this will be the best visibility.

Although this dive is relatively shallow and well within Open Water Diver limits, we have stated that divers must have a minimum certification of Advanced Open Water to dive this site. This is because divers must have excellent buoyancy skills as the area has a silty bottom which is easily stirred up. We are happy to consider divers with open water qualifications if they can show us they have a minimum of 20 dives and have dived within the last 6 months.



Please be aware that if the silty bottom is disturbed this will greatly decrease visibility instantly and will impact if the dive site can be continued to be dived upon that day or subsequent days.

If you are unsure of your buoyancy skills please let us know.

We are able to offer a PADI Peak Performance Buoyancy Specialty dive or you can even do your PADI Advanced Open Water Diver certification at Lake Argyle before diving the Homestead site.

- For all dive charter bookings and availability dates please email: dive@lakeargyle.com
- For further detail regarding your buoyancy skill requirements or other dive technical information we can be contacted by email at: pilbaradive@inet.net.au