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Club Membership Fees are Overdue.

Fees for 2002/2003 were due on 1 May, and should have been paid by 31 July. This Reel Talk is not being sent to members who haven't paid, so if someone says they haven't got their Reel Talk, you will be able to tell them why.

Payments Details and Receipts Needed.

Nearly all financial records for the club from July 2000 up to April 2002 are missing as a result of a reported theft from the previous Treasurer's vehicle. All cheque butts, bank statements, accounts from suppliers, records of payments to suppliers, receipts issued by the club, membership payment records, bank deposit records, cash payments, etc are missing. The Club needs to rebuild these records.

All money paid at or after the April General Meeting, or posted to the Club's PO Box from early April onwards, has been handled by the Secretary and is recorded OK.

We have obtained the bank statements for the cheque account from the beginning of June 2001 up to the present, but will need to pay the bank for earlier bank statements, deposit records, and details of who the cheques were paid to.

Thanks to those few members who have given me some details. **BUT WHAT ABOUT THE REST OF YOU?**

PLEASE if you have any receipts from the club, your personal or business cheque butt records, or records or memory of cash payments you have made to the club between 1 July 2000 and April 2002, please copy or write out the details and hand or send the information to the Secretary as soon as possible. **Help us, please!**

Committee Elections.

Another year gone already? Surely not? Well nearly! The Annual General Meeting will be held in August and the Committee for 2002/2003 needs to be elected.

All Committee positions will become vacant. Some existing Committee members will offer to continue in their present job or in a different job, but every one must be elected by you, the members of the club.

If you are interested in helping to run the club, or want to find out what's involved, contact the Secretary or any member of Committee, and get someone to nominate you at the AGM.

Some years ago Derry Barber listed what each Committee position needs to do. We will update those lists. Nothing difficult or heavy handed in those, just making it clear what a Committee person is committing to do for the club. There is plenty of help available from other Committee members.

There are some jobs which don't need much time or can be shared by arrangement. It's interesting and rewarding, and you really get to know people in the club.

Remember, you get out of the Club what you put in to it!

If you haven't paid your membership fees, under the Constitution you are NOT eligible to stand for, or vote for Committee.

Minutes of General Meeting, 10 July 2002

Venue:-	Yokine Bowling Club	Time 8:15 PM. President Ross Kember presiding.
Present:-	31 senior members, 3 visitors.	
Apologies:-	John Hall, Basil Marsh, Andy Thorgersen, Ian Cook, Gary Gildersleeves, Keith Derbyshire, Bob Henderson, Nick Allsworth.	
Visitors:-	Ben and Colin Lilburne, Peter Mahony.	
New Members:-	John Barnes, John Romano, Gerry Krygsman, and Martin Eardley were welcomed to the Club.	
New Members Applications:-	from Paul and Ida Thompson, Colin and Ben Lilburne and Peter Mahony were received during the meeting.	
Previous Minutes:-	Published in the Reel Talk. Moved Jim Strong seconded Peter Stoeckel, these are a true record. Carried.	
Previous Committee:-	A four drawer filing cabinet of club property needs storage since Ian Cook's place of work is moving. Can anyone help? Ross Kember described extras safety measures to be added to drycasting.	
Correspondence Out:-	Ben Lilburne,	}
	Steve and Daley Woods,	} Letters with info about the club,
	Clive Willis	} brochure and application form.
	James Hesford	} email with info about the club.
	John Romano	}
	Martin Eardley	} Acceptance as members, and
	Maureen Lissiman	} invitation to July meeting.
	Joy Brann	}
Correspondence In:-	John Lee	Kalbarri House booking.
	Ted Horsley, past member	Thanks for the 50th, and info about the club's early days.
	Doug Edward, Life member	Thanks for the 50th, and comments.
	Leigh and Nella Clifton, past members	Thanks for the 50th.
	AAA	AGM and Election nomination forms.
	AAA	Minutes of June Delegates meeting.
	AAA	Copy of email from Ian Bailey about Long Point petition.

Center Euro Wines Offer of wine tasting.
 CALM Marine Matters Newsletter.
 Rottnest Island Authority Draft Management Plan 2002/7 for Rottnest.
 Hal Screech, past member Regret can't attend 50th, enclosed copies of some old photos.
 SLE Worldwide Public Liability Insurance Certificate and Policy.
 Paul Thompson Application for membership
 Appeals Convener Result of Appeal Against Dredging in Owen Anchorage.
 Ray White (Kalbarri) Balance from Kalbarri house for June 2002.
Moved Chas Riegert, seconded Peter Stoeckel, that correspondence be accepted: Carried

Treasurer's Report:-

Accounts for payment.
 \$200.00 Yokine Bowling Club Meeting room April, May, June, July 2002
 \$28.00 Kalbarri Lawnmowing Mowing 25 June, Account 30 June
 \$40.00 iiNet Limited Club Web page hosting from 19/7/2002 for 12 months
 \$234.00 Trophy Specialists Base K Matthews Trophy, Sportsperson Of Year Trophy.
 \$168.40 Jiffy Print Reel Talk, July 2002
 \$76.20 Secretary Reel Talk postage, paper, materials for Dinner Dance.
 \$515.50 Water Corporation Annual Service Account for Kalbarri
 \$519.20 Rottnest Island Authority Accommodation August Field Day, transport
 \$168.00 Yokine Bowling Club Bar Account for Dinner dance 29/6
\$1,949.30 Total
 Available funds 9/7/2002 bank statement on line \$7,268.79
 Accounts for payment and 1 uncashed cheque \$2,039.30
 Amount available allowing for outstanding cheques. **\$5,229.49**
 In hand, to be banked, plus amount collected at GM \$2,443.49
 Total as at PM 10/7/2002 **\$7,673.36**

Secretary T Fuller reported on the situation with the Treasurer's records being stolen. The bank has messed up the supply of records, ignoring the detail of the request and giving less information than was already known and used to ask for more information. Accountant still to be contacted.

Moved Jim Strong seconded Peter Stoeckel accounts be passed for payment - carried.

Property Officer:-

Available as in Reel Talk

Field Day Officer:-

John Jardine gave details of the Cape to Cape Field Day. Due to the stormy weather forecast, the Field Day was deferred one week to 20/21 July. August Rottnest Field day requires full payment tonight.

John presented Don Batchelor with the trophy for the best skipper in 2001/2002.

Dry Casting Officer:-

Terry Willison gave brief details of the July dry casting.

Social Organiser:-

Away travelling. The Annual Dinner dance and 50th celebration was a success with members and past members mixing and enjoying the night. Suggestion not to leave it there, maybe organise a close field day and invite past members.

Recorder:-

Away travelling.

Notice of Motion:-

Don Batchelor gave notice of motion to amend the Constitution Clause 16 (e) to read:- "(e) The annual subscription of a member and new member attaining such age of 60 years may, on application from such member, be subject to be set by the Committee." Mal Head seconded.

Suspension of Standing Orders.

Moved Peter Stoeckel, seconded Jim Strong, to allow Instruction period.

Instruction Period:-

John Barnes gave a demonstration and lively discussion on preparing squid and other baits, the use of Impact Shields and rigs, and techniques for fishing for larger fish, based on his experience in South Africa, now translated to WA conditions.

Resumption of Standing Orders.

Moved Peter Stoeckel, seconded Jim Strong.

AAA Report:-

George Holman gave details of the AAA fishing clinics in July, and articles in the West Coast Fisherman paper about Long Point, Busselton Jetty, Cottesloe, and Rottnest.

General Business:-

Derry Barber reported on plans for a Saturday Instruction period on choosing and packing camping gear, and arrangements for a get together for the August local Field Day.

Terry Fuller reminded members that fees were due and the rules in the Constitution about voting and eligibility for Committee.

Raffle A12 won by John Barnes. Chocolate wheel won by Chas Riegert, who donated the prize back to the Club.

Meeting closed.

10:00pm

Coming Club Events.

August Dry Casting.

When:- Sunday 4 August 2002, 8:30 am start. **Where:-** Yokine Reserve, Wordsworth Avenue.

Events:- 112 gram distance, Double Handed accuracy, Artificial Bait distance, Single handed accuracy.

August General Meeting.

Annual General Meeting, Election of Committee for 2002/2003.

When:- Wednesday, 14 August 2002, 8:00 pm General Meeting and Annual General Meeting.

Where:- Yokine Bowling Club, 10 Wordsworth Avenue, Yokine.

Only financial members are entitled to stand for, or vote for the Committee.

Instruction Period:- Socialising and eats & drinks after the Annual General Meeting.

Please bring a plate of food. One drink will be provided for Financial Members. Buy more from the bar.

August 2002 Rottnest Field Day

When:- Saturday/Sunday 17/18 August 2002. **Sign On:-** Caroline Thompson Camping Ground.
Lines Down:- Saturday 12:00 noon. **Boundaries:-** The whole of Rottnest Island!!
Weigh in:- Sunday when the bus returns at the Caroline Thompson Camping Ground.
WARNING:- **Your rods may (will, very likely) get damaged by careless handling by the cargo loaders on the boats. Put them in rod tubes! – or bring a set of runners and binding thread with you.**

Tides for	Saturday 17 August	0.98m at 4:35 am	0.47m at 3:34 pm	Sunrise:-	About 6:50 am
Fremantle	Sunday 18 August	1.00m at 5:48 am	0.45m at 4:13 pm	Sunset:-	About 5:50 pm
Moon	Moon Phase:-	First quarter is on August 15.			
	Moonrise:-	Around 12 36 pm Saturday		Moonset:-	Around 03:13 am Sunday

Local Field Day for August.

When:- Saturday/Sunday 17/18 August 2002. **Lines Down:-** Saturday 12:00 noon
Sign On:- At the General Meeting or to the FDO by 18:00 Friday.
Weigh in:- Sunday 11:00 am at G Holman's house. Scales will be available on his back patio. An adult member must witness weights. Field Day money to be left with the scales in an envelope with your name and details written in the carbon copy Field Day book. No Money = no points. Results to be phoned to Field Day Officer by 8:00 pm that night.
Boundaries:- "North" Local, South Mole to Two Rocks, including the Swan River.

Invitation for all members to attend the local field day on Sat/Sun 17/18 August 2002

Bob Henderson and Derry Barber invite you to attend the August field day as a combined group to fish together (bring a barberque pack) and enjoy a cook up at the venue on the Saturday night

The boundaries are South Mole to Two Rocks, including the Swan River, so would include both the South and North Moles. This invite includes all members, ie, The Basil Marshe's, Jimmy Strong's, leading the long established members, the Morris Kolman's, Ken black's leading the intermediate members and all of the new members and prospective new members who are not going to the Rottnest away field trip. The Meeting Place is Derry Barbers Home at 12 PM Saturday 17 August. Venue will be decided on the day, prepare for fishing of groins. Weigh in is at the rear of George Holmans home (leave field day money next to scales on back patio. Please phone Derry Barber on P. 9448 5587 or B. on 9443 1999 to confirm attendance. See you in August – Fun – Food – Fishing
Derry Barber

September 2002 Greenough Field Day

When:- Saturday/Sunday/Monday 28/29/30 September 2002 Long Week End.
Sign On:- At Greenough Caravan Park, 11:00 am Saturday.
Lines Down:- Saturday 12:00 noon.
Barbecue Sunday 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. Or stop fishing 11:00 am to 1:00 pm, if you don't come to BBQ.
Weigh in:- Greenough Caravan Park, Monday 10:00 am.
Boundaries:- Geraldton Point Moore to Dongara Marina South Wall.

Check the September Reel Talk for any changes.

Tides for	Saturday 28 Sept	0.60m at 8:23 am	0.62m at 9:56 am	0.58m at 12:00 pm	
Geraldton	Sunday 29 Sept	1.01m at 1:51 am	0.54m at 12:41 pm	Sunrise:-	About 6:00 am
Sun	Monday 30 Sept	1.01m at 2:32 am	0.52m at 1:23 pm	Sunset:-	About 6:20 pm
Moon	Moon Phase:-	Last quarter 30 September.		Moonset:-	Around 9:50 am Saturday
	Moonrise:-	Around 0:30 am Sunday		Moonset:-	Around 10:30 am Sunday
	Moonrise:-	Around 1:25 am Monday		Moonset:-	Around 11:25 am Monday

Local Field Day for September.

When:- Saturday/Sunday/Monday 28/29/30 September 2002 Long Week End.
Sign On:- At the General Meeting or to the FDO by 18:00 Friday.
Lines Down:- Saturday 12:00 noon
Weigh in:- Monday 10:00 am at G Holman's house. Scales will be available on his back patio. An adult member must witness weights. Field Day money to be left with the scales in an envelope with your name and details written in the carbon copy Field Day book. No Money = no points. Results to be phoned to Field Day Officer by 8:00 pm that night.
Boundaries:- "South" Local, Penguin Island to North Mole, including the Swan River.

Tides for	Saturday 28 Sept	0.50m at 1:38 pm	Sunday 29 Sept	0.90m at 12:29 am	0.47m at 2:02 pm
Fremantle	Monday 30 Sept	0.90m at 1:08 am	0.44m at 2:27 pm		

Field Day and Dry Casting Fees.

Fees have been increased as covered in the June Reel Talk.

Field Day Fees:- \$7 for an individual, \$9 for families. Dry Casting Fees:- \$6 for an individual, \$8 for families.

<u>4</u>	Dry Casting	<u>14</u>	General Meeting	<u>17</u>	<u>18</u>	Field Day	<u>16</u>	Committee Meeting												
<u>14</u>	Annual General Meeting																			
August 2002							September 2002							October 2002						
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	7	8	<u>9</u>	10	11	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u>
12	13	<u>14</u>	15	16	<u>17</u>	<u>18</u>	9	10	<u>11</u>	12	13	14	15	14	15	<u>16</u>	17	18	19	20
19	20	<u>21</u>	22	23	24	25	16	17	<u>18</u>	19	20	21	22	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
26	27	28	29	30	31		23	24	25	26	27	<u>28</u>	<u>29</u>	28	29	30	31			

Surfcasters Cape to Cape Field Day – 20/21 July 2002.

No write up or results were available at the time this Reel Talk went to the printers on 1 August.

Field Day Top Ten for 2002/2003.

No results, so no changes to print. But it's a good bet that Tony D'Alonzo is number 1 on the list.

Dry Casting Report, 7 July 2002.

Listening to the forecast for Sunday, we all got out our wet weather gear and waterproof boots and got ready for some "wet casting".

But whoever organised the weather did a magnificent job. Sunday dawned cool, with some clouds which looked like they held light rain, but stayed sunny and breezy for much of the morning. And the breeze was a good westerly, coming from behind us instead of all those head winds we have had for so many months. The breeze was great for the distance events, but added some challenges for the accuracy. But the grass was dry, so we didn't have to keep wringing the water out of our accuracy pom poms, like we did on the dewy morning in June.

Just check out those distances! Chas Riegert and Nick Allsworth each threw 112 grams 175 and 180 metres, which were new club records. Six casts were 169 metres or over.

Chas threw 56 gram 169 metres and five 56 gram casts were 150 metres or over.

Despite the wind, there some bursts of good results in the accuracy. Tony and Terry were marking some of the veterans double handed accuracy, and all scores for casts at one target were 17 or over. Terry immediately proposed a quick change to the rules similar to the "catch and release" fishing rules, and asked if he could be credited with the average of everyone else's cast - but no go. His first cast was a 17, helping to keep up the average, but the second cast was "only" a 14, so dragged the average down. Lots of good natured ribbing about that.

Once again we had several visitors and new members looking for dry casting tips and tuition, and thanks to George once again for all the effort in looking after them. One visitor came all the way from Three Springs after reading about dry casting in the AAA articles in the West Coast Fisherman, and others came from the AAA clinics, and have since applied for club membership.

Some of the 112 gram weights were burying themselves 150mm into the soft grass. Weights with short plastic tubing were very hard to find, since only a little bit of the tube was visible. Please make sure all of your plastic tubes are close to the maximum length of 250mm. It's also very hard to see these as they come through the air.

If you are marking for accuracy, you need to stand well clear of the target, to give people the chance to score even if their cast is right on the edge of the circle. One of TerryF's single handed casts caused Mal to raise his arms and jump out of the way, and Terry to jam on the finger brakes harder than he was already doing. Still, we are not playing for sheep stations.

Keep it straight and long.

Willo and TerryF.

Results for the day:-

	112 gram			56 gram			Double Handed Accuracy	Single Handed Accuracy	Day Total
	Cast 1 (m)	Cast 2 (m)	Points	Cast 1 (m)	Cast 2 (m)	Points			
Seniors.									
Chas Riegert	180	175	36	153	169	32	139	13	220
Nick Allsworth	175	180	36	158	158	32	112	16	196
George Holman	0	175	18	160	0	16	132	21	187
Malcolm Harris	101	110	21	95	88	18	118	15	172
Gary Gildersleeves	158	0	16	0	149	15	118	18	167
Terry Willison	162	169	33	129	138	27	76	16	152
Peter Stoeckel	108	105	21	90	90	18	83	12	134
Ric Parker	0	154	15	134	134	27	75	14	131

Veterans	112 gram		Points	56 gram		Points	Double Handed Accuracy	Single Handed Accuracy	Day Total
	Cast 1 (m)	Cast 2 (m)		Cast 1 (m)	Cast 2 (m)				
Roy Killick	0	136	14	120	132	25	159	28	226
Mal Head	135	146	28	0	119	12	118	20	178
Tony D'Alonzo	0	125	13	124	125	25	119	20	177
Terry Fuller	82	93	18	100	102	20	110	23	171
Don Batchelor	120	133	25	0	0	0	119	14	158
Jim Strong	0	101	10	99	98	20	123	4	157
Trevor Stam	37	105	14	0	86	9	98	14	135
Andy Thorgersen	84	91	18	83	73	16	92	8	134

Ladies.

Vix Alexander	0	0	0	77	76	15	92	11	118
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Mini Juniors.

Andrew Stoeckel	60	56	12	65	65	13	47	4	76
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Day Winners.

112 gram winners	Chas Riegert / Nick Allsworth	36
56 gram winners	Chas Riegert / Nick Allsworth	32
Double Handed Accuracy winner	Roy Killick	159
Single Handed Accuracy winner	Roy Killick	28
Winner of the Day	Roy Killick	226
Ladies winner	Vix Alexander	118
Mini Junior winner	Andrew Stoeckel	76

Special Request

Would all drycasters please wear club shirts and name badge at monthly casting days. Hendo

**Next Dry Casting:- Sunday
4 August 2002, 8:30 am
start.**

Events:-

**112 gram distance,
Artificial Bait distance,
Double Handed accuracy,
Single Handed accuracy.**

Notice of Motion.

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“(e) The annual subscription of a member and new member attaining such age of 60 years may, on application from such member, be subject to be set by the Committee.” This will be voted on at the August General Meeting.

AAA and Club Publicity.

The AAA had another full page in the July West Coast Fisherman newspaper, covering some of the access and fishing restrictions proposed, and details of the AAA Clinics.

The August issue will cover fishing on the Five Fathom Bank by Adam Eastman.

For photos and all the results for all the AAA State Championships, look at the Australian Anglers Association, (WA Division) website <http://www.aaawa.iinet.net.au>

Kalbarri House For Rent.

The Club has a house in Kalbarri. The house is situated close to the river, beaches and town. It has two bedrooms and will sleep up to eight (max) in 1 double bed and 3 bunks, has reverse cycle air conditioning and ceiling fans to keep you cool in the summer months. Users need to bring their own linen, blankets and towels, tea towels, etc.

It has a radio and television, stove with oven, microwave oven, crockery and cutlery and all cooking utensils, fridge and freezer. Outside has a fish cleaning facility and a full width verandah. Rates are:-

Public:- Off season \$220 per week, On season \$360 per week } all
Club Members:- Off season \$160 per week, On Season \$210 per week } plus \$50
Club Members:- Short term \$45 for one night, \$40 per night for two or more nights } bond.

Bookings taken for the school holidays go from Saturday to Saturday (leaving by 10am). Outside of school holidays it does not matter. Club members need to do their own cleaning on departure, or we can arrange cleaners at around \$46 per clean, extra on the rates above.

Check in time is 1pm. Check out time is 10am. Keys can be picked up from Ray White, Shop 1, Kalbarri Arcade. If people arrive after hours, they leave a note on the door of their office with a map of how to get to the house and telling them where the key will be.

As at 31 July, the house is available up to 5 Sept, from 13 Sept to 4 Oct, from 12 to 18 Oct, from 30 November to 27 December, from 5 January 2003 to 17 April, and from 25 April 25 on. Contact the Secretary for bookings.

New Member Applications.

Applications for membership have been received and will come before the August Committee meeting. If any member has any reason why any of the applications should not be accepted, please contact a Committee Member and state the reason.

Paul and Ida Thompson, Peter Mahony, Ben and Colin Lilburne.

New Member Acceptances.

The following applications for membership have been accepted, and will be invited to the August General Meeting to be welcomed into the Club.

Vic Dunstan, Tony Slate.

Member Resignations.

The following members have resigned from the club since the July Reel Talk was published. The list is up to 31 July.

Louie Scibilia, due to illness.

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Wanted - Treasurer and Property Officer.

Rob Mitchell's work and other commitments have led to his standing down as Treasurer and Property Officer.

If you can help fill either one or both of these positions, please contact President Ross Kember.

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SCAC Event Calendar 2002/2003.

2002/2003 Dry Casting Dates.

All are at Yokine Reserve, Wordsworth Avenue, Yokine, starting at 8:30 am.

Sunday 1 September 2002, (change for Fathers' Day?)	Sunday 5 January 2003
Sunday 6 October 2002	Sunday 2 February 2003
Sunday 3 November 2002	Sunday 9 March 2003 (changed for Field Day)
Sunday 1 December 2002	Sunday 6 April 2003

2002/2003 General Meetings.

All at Yokine Bowling Club, Wordsworth Avenue, Yokine, starting at 8:00pm.

Wednesday 11 September 2002	Wednesday 8 January 2003
Wednesday 9 October 2002	Wednesday 12 February 2003
Wednesday 13 November 2002	Wednesday 12 March 2003
Wednesday 11 December 2002	Wednesday 9 April 2003

2002/2003 Field Day Dates and Venues.

Saturday/Sun/Mon 28/29/30 September 2002 LWE	Greenough, and "South" Local
Saturday/Sunday 13/14 October 2002	Cervantes to Jurien, and "North" Local.
Saturday/Sunday 16/17 November 2002	Lancelin to Cervantes, and "South" Local
Saturday/Sunday 14/15 December 2002	Open.
Saturday/Sunday 11/12 January 2003	Mandurah 500, and "North" Local
Saturday/Sunday 15/16 February 2003	Open.
Saturday/Sun/Mon 1/2/3 March 2003 LWE	Bluff Creek, and "South" Local
Saturday/Sunday 12/13 April 2003	Cape Naturaliste to Cape Leeuwin, and "North" Local.

Boundaries for Local Field Days.

Local field days will alternate between a "South" and a "North" on successive months, except for "Opens".

South:- Penguin Island to North Mole, including the Swan River, so includes both the North and South Moles.

North:- South Mole to Two Rocks, including the Swan River, so includes both the North and South Moles.

AAA Fishing Clinics.

The first AAA Fishing Clinics will be repeated south of the river on Mondays September 2, 9 and 16. Prices are \$22 for all three nights or \$11 per night for seniors and \$11 for all three nights and \$6 per night for juniors.

It's worth the money just to listen to some of the speakers like Paul Willis on baits and bait presentation, Gary Shugg on fishing the Swan River, etc.

AAA State Estuary Championships.

The AAA State Estuary Championships will be held in the Swan River on Saturday/Sunday 23/24 November 2002. Sign on Troy park, Saturday 11am to 12 noon. Lines down 2pm. Boundaries – the Swan River. Weigh in, Troy Park 11 am.

The Surfcasters will be entering teams. Please contact Peter Stoeckel if you are interested.

Wanted – Aluminium Cans.

Wanted - Aluminium cans. Please bring them along to the meeting and give them to Mal Head. Mal saves them up and takes them to the recyclers when he has enough, and the price is right, and donates all the proceeds to the Club.

Mal gave the club \$95 at the June General Meeting. Thanks Mal!

Wanted - Back Copies of Reel Talk.

We are looking for donations, or can copy yours if you want to keep them. A few copies, eg all of what we have for the early months of 1982 are not in good condition, so we would take any better copies if they were offered.

See the list in the February Reel Talk. Past member Ted Horsley holds the record for the earliest Reel Talk donated – October 1952.

Happy Birthday to:-

Maria Yeates, 2 August Sharon Barnes, 15 August Basil Marsh, 10 August Maureen Lissiman, 25 August

Membership Coordinator's Report.

The creation of this position has resulted in a substantial increase in new members and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the people who have assisted in this success. The position will now be an ongoing one with a proven format for ease of the membership coordinator's role over the forthcoming years. The "Buddy System" is appreciated by new members and is the type of assistance we all would like when joining a new club or association, "Thank you for your help"

Derry Barber.

Have a Go Day.

The Seniors Recreation Council of WA will be holding their annual "Have a Go" day at Burswood on 29 October. We have a usual turn up of over 3000 people during the day, and we can expect another 1500 international guests turning up this year.

As usual the club trailer and promotional gear will be on display, along with our casting arena, to teach one and all the correct and easy way to use the small flick rod. Lots of mucking about and fun can be assured.

Any club member interested in joining the show can give me a call on 9451 6341. Hendo, Social Organiser.

Mid Week Fishing

I would like to join any club member with time on his/her hands interested in a few hours of mid week local beach fishing. Call me on 9245 5837.

Gerry Krygsman.

Thanks to John Barnes.

Thanks go to new member John Barnes for the excellent instruction period at the July General Meeting about baits and bait preparation and presentation techniques, and the rigs he uses.

The questions flew thick and fast and it seemed that everyone got a lot of new ideas for ways of tempting those elusive larger fish.

Even though some of us had seen some of the methods before, John added a lot of really useful details and insights.

Thank you John for sharing your knowledge and experience with us.

President's Notes.

Well members, the time is approaching when we take the time to select the administrators of the club for the 2002/2003 season. It always seems a little anomalous to vote our committee positions some months after the start of the competition year and maybe that requires some thought for future administration. I am sure that there will be room for improvement in all our procedures, but improvement takes time. Too often we find that decisions are made or processes are adopted without regard for full consultation and investigation. A typical example of this may be reason for the present sub committee on "Eligible Species".

This will be last "President's Notes" for this year, and to date I haven't heard any adverse feedback as to the quantity or indeed the Quality of the content. Of course this could mean any number of things. One, nobody reads it. Two, what I have to say has no relevance. Or three, nobody cares either way. In any case I suppose it fills a space for Terry in the Reel Talk.

I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank the members, new and old, for an interesting year in the chair. I would especially thank those members of the committee who, through their diligence and hard work have made the running of our club relatively easy. I say relatively because it has not all been plain sailing. We have had our problems and some of those will, unfortunately, be carried over to the next administration.

I would also like to thank those members who have assisted the officers of the club in their relevant portfolios. We are, after all, only volunteers who value our time, as much as anyone and without assistance from you all would not be in a position to participate.

I will save any further comments for my annual report, which will be available at the Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 14 August and published in the Reel Talk shortly thereafter.

Good Day, Good Fishing and I look forward to seeing you all at the AGM in August. Ross Kember.

Applications for Records, Game Fish, Masters, Species etc Sections.

Any fish you wish to enter for any of the additional sections such as Masters, Grand Masters, Species or Game Fish, etc as detailed in the Club's Competition Rules, must be nominated and entered on the form available from the Recorder, Ian Cook.

Ian has attempted to keep track of eligible fish, particularly those caught and recorded on the Field Days. But with the number of members and the number of possible sections a fish could be entered into, doing it that way is a great deal of work, and too hit and miss, and some eligible fish aren't recorded.

So the onus is on you to put in an entry form nominating what section(s) the fish should be recorded for.

We'll try to publish a list of what fish have been recorded for each active club member, in the next Reel Talk.

Club Name Tags.

We now have a lot of new club members. Those of us who have been around for a while know many of the club members by name, but the newer members will be helped if the faces have a name attached.

Can you please remember to wear your name tag at club events. If you don't have your club name tag, either make up your own name tag, or contact the Secretary for a replacement Club Membership name tag.

The Sergeant-at-Arms may pick on "name tag less" / anonymous members. You have been warned !

2002/2003 Open Competition Results up to July 2002.

No change from the list published in the July Reel Talk.

Donations for Trophies.

Trophies donated for the 2001/2002 competition year are listed in the list of winners, trophies and donors. Several people donated cash, which will be used to buy commemorative badges for people who attended the 50th anniversary celebration.

From Past Reel Talks.

Many thanks to past member Ted Horsley for donating his copies of early Reel Talks from 1952 to 1954, and a copy of the Constitution of the Surfcasting and Angling Association of WA from that time. This gives us some wonderful views of the early days of the club, and will fill many pages of future Reel Talks.

Here's the November 1952 issue of Reel Talk with another article from "I.C.All".

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Well, here we are again boys. I want to thank everyone who attended the last field day for putting up with (a) no fish, (b) sunburn, (c) rain, (d) the Secretary's dirty tactics in trying to win the competition and (e) Dudley Brown's swearing after he lost a large rock, which he claimed was a fish.

Well, the competition was a kicked off at 4 p.m. Saturday and although three bods did the dirty and fudged half an hour, the start was even. By the time dusk had set in the total was 1 tailor to Bill Bridger and 1 to Bill Griffiths, both were stretched and weighed 1 lb each. Ian Edwards had 1 Rocky and 1 Johnny - half pound each.

That night Nelson Smith had a run, but as that worthy was in a cave eating, the Secretary did a dirty act and pulled the bait off his line and put his own in the hole where the bite occurred and was rewarded by a 2 lb Gurnard. (Something ought to be done about the Secretary).

Bill Griffiths was very unlucky in losing a fish (probably a Jewie) which was estimated at between 40 and 50 lbs, by two reliable witnesses. Bad luck Bill. Bill, Dudley and the Secretary fished all night and got no fish. Here I must protest about Dudley and warn all Club members who contemplate accompanying Dudley on an all night trip; the cow talks all night, and even digs one in the ribs with the gaff to keep his attention when you try to drift off to dreamland.

Daylight brought a very low tide and the reef resembled St. George's Terrace on a Friday.

From every car, truck and cave poured sleepy eyed pole and lead slingers, who, after putting one toe in the water and shivering for five minutes, braved the giant two inch waves on the reefs in the hope of a unwary fish.

After three hours and no fish the boys were very disappointed and although some fish were caught they are not worth mentioning. Some people have no pride, but I won't tell on you, Peter.

Since dawn, Felix of the Hollywell Tribe, had been spinning on the reef and after trying to catch a eight legged creature called on Octo Cat, (not to be confused with the Octo Puss), by using a spinner and spending half an hour looking for both afore mentioned, he gave up and returned to shore, muttering in a strange tongue, called Aus-Tralien, and going crook in general about an eight legged B that hides in holes and pinches spinners.

It was all very distressing to witness and after a lot of talking to, Felix was persuaded from blowing both Octo Cat and Point Peron off the face of W.A.

Well, up to lunch, only small rock fish were caught, and although the Secretary was ambitious in trying to get a 20 lb Buffalo Bream on a 6 lb line, the fish broke him up inside five seconds flat. When last seen the Secretary was speaking the language of Felix, accompanied by much fist shaking, due to the loss of prestige suffered in the encounter.

At 2 p.m. a large Kingfish thanked Ian Edwards for the fish bait and hook which it received from him and went on its way to Garden Island.

At 3 p.m. the Sec. asked the Club members to refrain from depositing baits on the back of a large stingray which took fright before the Secretary had a chance to poke a bait down its mouth. To quote him "very unsporting indeed!" unquote. Sez he!

Well, just at 4 pm, when the bods were having the hide to weigh the fish caught, Dud caught a large Rock fish? (Type unknown); but they parted company after five minutes and Dud stayed on after the competition, accompanied by Bill Woolley, who had to place the sleeves of his shirt in his ears to keep out the strange language of the Brown Tribe. (I think it's remarkable that the language of the Hollywell Tribe can spread so easily. I must get Felix to demonstrate in lecture form next meeting.)

About 10 p.m. on Saturday night my spies heard a feminine voice crying: "Come home Jim Edwards" (or was it Ian?) who knows.

The places after the last field day in the point score didn't change very much and the Davis tribe are leading the Smiths for first place. So buck up for the next day which is the final for the year.

The next Field Day is on the 13th and 14th December, 1952, from 4 p.m. Saturday until 4 p.m. Sunday, the deadline being 4 p.m. Sunday as the recorder will refuse any fish after 4 p.m. It will be between City Beach and Yancheper, with the weighing station at Triggs Island. The deadline Sunday at 4 p.m. is because those who are fishing any distance away will be able to be at Triggs by 3:45 p.m. If a member is late no argument will take place, as you all know the rules. There will be a good gallery; also the Press will be in attendance, so a good roll up is expected. Be in it, boys.

The "For Sale" Section had good start, but it has not much to offer this week. If you want to get rid at some stuff send me the news.

1 Heavy Rangoon Cane Rod, suitable for 35 to 47 lb Nylon, £3.0.0.

1 Pair Gum Boats, new, Size 9, £1.10.0.

1 Box (100) 6/0 Viking Hooks, 25/-

1 Box (100) 4/0 Viking Hooks, 15/-

Congratulations.

To Frazer White who landed a 30 lb Kingfish (Mulloway) on 200 yards of 9½ lb line, on a single handed rod.

To President Vic. Davis who never unpacked his rod while in Geraldton for two weeks.

To Bill Griffith who, to avoid crowding other fishermen moved on to a spot not so good at the last field day.

Black Marks.

To the Bod who runs a car on water, also to the guy who suggested Point Peron for a field day, and to the bod who sabotaged the gear of a certain Buffalo Bream fisherman.

Well, that's about all now chaps, so tight lines and better fish for the next day.

Ye Parable of Ye Loafers & Fishers.

Yea, and it came to pass that a great multitude was assembled beside the waters and they didst cast forth their lines upon the face of the deep. But fish knew them not and they didst catch only she of the tribe of Adams, called by men Fanny, who beith of a strange sweetness.

And there came unto them a great prophet, saying: "Make way, O children of Israel, for he of the tribe of Davis, whom all men know as Victor, is among ye and all will be well!"

He bore in his right hand a mighty pole, tall even as the cedars upon Lebanon and of many cubits, and upon it was a winding machine of great cunning wrought by he whom men call Graham, and who dwelleth in a far country named Sidi Nee.

And his garments were of a great antiquity and did smell unto the high heavens of fish that had long been gathered to their fathers so that the multitude made way for him to pass and didst marvel exceedingly.

Whereupon Victor lifted up his voice once more and didst say with much loudness: "Know ye, O men that I am a mighty catcher of fish and have this day brought to my basket many fish at great beauty and of a number exceeding even three score and ten!"

And lo! he didst wield with great vigour his rod and swing it mightily, whereby his spinner was cast forth with much swiftness and a great wonder rose in the hearts of those who saw.

But it came to pass that the reel which was fashioned of strange metal and of a great shininess, didst give tongue loudly and was then stilled. It was oiled not, so neither did it spin. Yea, and the line didst rise up and fall back on itself until its loops were as the sands of the sea and beyond numbering. And the wildfowl of the air didst verily perceive this fearful sight and didst say, each to the other, with great rejoicing: "Ho! ho! ho!" and "Get thee a load of this, O brothers"

Yea, and a many legged beast of the ocean, known as Crab, which sat on a rock after the manner of its kind, didst also perceive and didst wax joyful also even unto falling helpless backwards with great mirth and much waving of limbs.

And he, of the tribe of Davis did rend his garments, beat his breast and heap the sands of the shore upon his head, and didst make lamentation, saying: "Woe is me" and "Accursed am I" and many other strange words in an alien tongue, of which he possessed a great store, likened even in number unto the fleas which sitteth upon the animal of he of the tribe of Hollywell, named Felix, and is called Dog.

Yea, and the peoples that were there gathered uprose and went forth from him saying: "Verily this man is possessed of devils". And they cast upon him in passing all manner of odorous objects, yea, even they of the tribe of fish named jelly. And it came to pass he was so altered thereby that his good wife knew him not.

And there was a weeping and a wailing and a gnashing of teeth in the tent of Davis and all was confusion. Yea, and so are the mighty fallen, the meek exalted, and the proud reminded that Backlash cometh, to all who angle.

By I. C. ALL.

Busselton Jetty

In early July, the State Government announced a \$500,000 grant for an access building to be built above the underwater observatory. The \$2.5 million underwater observatory for viewing is expected to be completed by March 2003.

Dredging in Owen Anchorage.

The appeals against the proposals to dredge shellsand from Owen Anchorage for the next 30 plus years have been heard.

Environment Minister Dr Judy Edwards rejected Cockburn Cement's proposal to dredge 168.5 hectares of sea grass, instead limiting the company to just 53 hectares. The dredging will occur primarily along the alignment of the existing shipping channel and along the alignment of the proposed second shipping channel. The company will be required to stop dredging in the inshore areas within a maximum of 8 years, with a target of 6 years.

Government had also secured from Cockburn Cement a number of further commitments to address a range of environmental concerns in Cockburn Sound. This includes, most importantly, a commitment by the company not to dredge 2,800ha of inshore areas of Owen Anchorage, including 895ha of sea grass.

The Minister for the Environment and Heritage has supported the EPA's recommendation to place seagrass areas in marine reserves to provide more secure conservation of remnants in the Cockburn Sound and Owen Anchorage areas through the northward extension of Shoalwater Islands Marine Park. Cockburn Cement has agreed to provide funding to a total value of \$300,000 over a 3-year period to contribute to a number of programs that have been identified as integral to the development of environmental management and implementation plans for eastern Owen Anchorage.

Heavy Duty Reel.

Looking for a **real** heavy duty spinning reel with a monstrous line capacity? How's this one sound? Claimed to be the first spinning reel developed strictly for offshore fishing, the Van Staal VS400 is said to offer many value added features that are required for bringing in the big game. It has a large spool, double manual line pick up system, (that's **two** manual pick ups, rollers, etc.) and a lever drag system with precise strike setting indicators and strike stop adjustment. It's manufactured using only the best metals, titanium, stainless steel and aircraft grade aluminum.

Ratio 4.6:1, Line capacity 800 yds / 80 lb, (yes!), lever drag, weighs 48 oz, cost a mere \$1899US, that's about \$3500 Australian at the current exchange rate, spare spool a snip at \$373US or \$680 in real money. I hope your Father Christmas is well heeled.....

It looks a million dollars with it's gold colouring. I wish I could publish the photo in colour, because as in the Reel Talk article from 1952, you would be able to see that this certainly is "a reel which is fashioned of strange metal and of a great shininess". Check out the photo on <http://tackledirect.com/vanstaaalvsf.html> if you have access to the Internet.

Thank the Donor of Your Trophy.

If you received a trophy at the Annual Presentation of Trophies, please contact the donor and thank them for donating the trophy. Please do this in person if this is possible for you, and support the business if possible.

Donors need to know that their donation is appreciated, otherwise next time we ask we may not get a donation. The full list was published in the July Reel Talk.

Wetline Commercial Fishing Management Review.

We have been waiting a long time, and on 11 July, Fisheries Minister Kim Chance announced plans to review the management of the 'wetline' or open access sector of WA's commercial fishing industry.

The Government will start by consulting with key stakeholder groups such as the West Australian Fishing Industry Council and Recfishwest on the process and timelines for developing future management arrangements.

The 'wetline' fishery is open to any holder of a fishing boat licence or commercial fishing licence and entitles them to unrestricted access to a wide range of species. Between 350 and 400 fishing boat licensees do 'wetline' fishing. Includes the use of hand lines, drop lines and hand-hauled netting.

The management of the 'wetline' fishery will mean that almost all WA's commercial fisheries will, in time, be brought under management plans. 'Wetline' management would ensure that commercial catches of fish such as dhufish and snapper on the West Coast continued to be managed sustainably.

"I am very proud of the quality of our commercial and recreational fisheries and am strongly committed not only to ensuring that stocks continue to be fished sustainably, but that a balance between community and commercial use of our fish stocks is maintained," he said. "In short, the review process will decide how the commercial 'wetline' fishery will be managed and who will be able to operate in the fishery."

Mr Chance said the process would not decide what share of the total finfish resource the commercial sector would have. This is a separate issue to that currently being examined by the Integrated Fisheries Management Review Committee headed by Justice Toohey. There had been strong support from all key stakeholders to start implementation of 'wetline' management ahead of the committee's report.

The Minister warned that should the balance of the fish catch between competing sectors shift prior to the specific allocation between the commercial, recreational and other sectors was addressed, he would not hesitate to limit catches in that particular sector in the short term.

That can only be interpreted as a warning to commercial fishers not to get in for the chop while they can. Let's hope the warning is followed up with action.

The Chairman of Recfishwest, Mr Norman Halse said that such a review was long overdue and congratulated Mr Chance for recognising and acting on the need. He explained that Recreational fishers were particularly interested in the management of the commercial 'wet fish' fishery because fish species caught by commercial fishers were generally the same key species targeted by the recreational sector.

Why Join a Fishing Club?

Here are some selected comments from the Western Angler Fishing Forum on the benefits or otherwise of joining a club. Would like to think these apply to this club also. That's up to all of us as members – you get out what you put in. You often get some "anti" answers in such discussions, but they didn't appear in this set of messages.

"Joining a club has been best the thing I ever did. I have learnt tenfold off the members from their experience. Clubs are institutions and are wonderful for seniors and junior anglers alike."

"A very important thing to remember is that Fishing Books, videos, web sites, TV shows and the like are only a supplement for fishing. They can demonstrate, teach, and keep you going until the next trip, but when you are actually fishing is where you learn the most, and have the most amount of fun at that." (Could add dry casting to that and not get too many arguments from anyone who's actually tried it.)

"In a club the more diverse the background, the better. It might sound strange but it is important to understand yourself a little before deciding on a club. If you join the wrong club you'll hate it and think the club thing is a waste of time from then on. Be honest about your fishing activities. You may be able to walk the walk for a while, but eventually you'll lose respect and interest that's no fun."

"Our club has a wide range of anglers with extraordinary skills and talent who fish a variety of places and methods. Some things you learn with them that you may have never come across in literature. Fishing is so diverse and I wouldn't pretend for a minute to know 1/50th of it."

Proposed Blowholes Fish Habitat Protection Area.

Fisheries Minister Kim Chance was asked by the Blowholes Protection Association Inc to consider the future declaration of a Fish Habitat Protection Area (FHPA) during a visit there during June.

Mr Chance had been impressed by the Association's strong custodian role over the reef area and would ensure the request was researched and considered. "The Blowholes is a valued recreation area for the Carnarvon community and a popular destination for WA tourists and visitors from interstate and overseas," he said.

"The establishment of an FHPA will lay the framework to manage the human activities within the area, minimise their impacts, protect and rehabilitate the aquatic habitat of the Blowholes area. It also encourages community stewardship by involving the local community in its management, which is something I am keen to pursue."

The Minister said preparation of a draft management plan for an FHPA involved considerable consultation with the local community as extensive information was gathered on the specific environmental, social and cultural values of the area.

The area had been heavily targeted by coral, rock and other collectors in recent years and restrictions on these activities were announced recently. As far as I know, recreational fishing was not an issue, but may get some restrictions as a result.

Pilchard Stocks Recovering Gradually.

In June, Fisheries Minister Kim Chance announced an increase in the quota for pilchards for the South Coast 2002/3 season.

Regular monitoring of the fishery along the south coast over the past four years had indicated good numbers of healthy fish, but it was important not to place too much pressure on the recovering pilchard fishery.

"The Advisory Committee recommended a gradual increase in total allowable catch for the next fishing season, particularly for the two Albany zones on the south coast," he said.

The total allowable catch for the Albany zones for the season will be set at 909 tonnes. Bremer Bay is allowed 1,230 tonnes and Esperance 1,500 tonnes.

However, the 720 tonne cap for the West Coast Managed Fishery will still apply for the 2002/03 season. Fisheries Department scientists are optimistic that the results from planned egg production surveys later in the year will indicate a recovery of West Coast stocks, which might lead to support for an increased catch in the 2003/4 season.

Cottesloe FHPA Moorings – Oops

In May, the Fisheries Minister issued a media statement. "Fisheries Minister Kim Chance today inspected five environmentally sensitive boat moorings installed in the Cottesloe Reef Fish Habitat Protection Area (FHPA). The moorings are designed to eliminate the threat of damage caused to the reef, fragile sponge gardens and seagrass meadows through careless anchoring practices.

"The locations of the moorings were determined following widespread consultation with stakeholders, including conservation groups and recreational fishers," Mr Chance said. "Prior to their installation a comprehensive on-site underwater survey, which included the use of video, was undertaken by the Fisheries Department. "This helped to provide important information regarding the sea bed characteristics and to ensure the mooring designs were appropriate."

But following one of the strong storms in late June, it was reported that at least one of these moorings had drifted onto the onshore reefs in the area. Not lasting even the first winter would be embarrassing to say the least. It's never good to have a mooring bashing itself on a "fragile" reef in a heavy swell, but to have one which was supposed to protect the area, moving and damaging the reef.....oops!

Suspect there were some red faces somewhere and strong messages "don't let this happen again" and a lot of "back to the drawing board" work. Still, it's said that the only people who never make mistakes are those who never do anything, so it's learning by mistakes, and they deserve credit for trying.

Carnarvon Jetty Closure.

The Carnarvon jetty was closed for some time early in July, because of a public liability insurance issue.

The latest report, 14 July, is that a government bail out has allowed the One Mile Jetty to reopen for pedestrians and fishing. Negotiations are continuing for the jetty train to return to service. About a hundred and fifty people were treading the jarrah planks in the half hour the person was watching from the beach, attesting to the popularity of this local fishing icon.

Full marks to the Government for this!. But it is a warning of how easily recreational fishers could lose access rights.

Recfishwest Success in Recovering Funds.

May be a coincidence, but some of us don't believe in coincidences. Recently, after great difficulty in getting any answers which meant anything, Recfishwest went very public with an exposure of the diversion of over \$650,000 from the Recreational Boating Facilities Scheme to unspecified "other priorities", in probable contravention of laws and Government Policy. These funds are meant to be held in trust after being collected from recreational boating licenses fees, and used for Recreational Boating projects.

Then a short time later in late June, there was an announcement that 16 projects would share more than \$589,000 in the seventh round of funding from the Recreational Boating Facilities Scheme, and in early July, calls for submissions for funding totaling \$650,000 for recreational boating facilities to eligible Western Australian local governments through the eighth round.

Recfishwest - living up to their motto "Recfishwest - keeping them all honest for YOUR fishing future!!"

Hopefully, Departments will be a lot more careful with recreational fishing funds such as this one in future, because they know they are being watched.

Rottnest Recreational Fishing Bans Update.

I went to the 22 July Public Meeting about the Rottnest Island Draft Management Plan.

The meeting was attended by about 20 people in the board room, which isn't big enough for many more people. It was run by Rottnest Island Board member Katherine Vance with another Board member Joe Merillo also there, and Peter Purvis from the Authority.

Leslie Smith went through and explained the plan, which covers everything which happens on the Island. Give them credit where it is due, the main driver is to make sure that everything which is done on the Island is sustainable, and that things will still be good in 50 years and 100 years or so, which no one should argue with. And so there are a lot of good things in the Plan - including their statements about what won't happen, such as there won't be a "Rottnest 5 Star Yuppie Resort" in the life of this 5 year plan.

Leslie emphasised that the plan is a draft – it is out for public comment and suggestions, and that they want these, and hopefully constructive ones. There is a strong emphasis on getting the research done and the data to point them in the right direction, and they admit there are lots of gaps in what they know.

The "precautionary principle" seems to come in strongly, eg "we don't know enough, so we should protect some areas while we get the data, in case it's going wrong."

She agrees they have no evidence of overfishing or damage caused by recreational fishing for the type of fish caught in the areas they are proposing to close, particularly for the main types type of seasonal, migratory or pelagic fish, such as herring, skippy, king george whiting, tailor, salmon, etc. caught by shore based fishing.

The main things raised by the public about the plan at this meeting were the fishing restrictions and arrangements for boat moorings.

They were asked if they had considered that shore based fishing in particular was still compatible with a high level of protection for the sort of things they wanted to protect, eg similar to the proposals for the Jurien Bay Marine Park where shore based fishing would still be allowed in some protection areas. (and in the Cottesloe FHPA, now that I think of it). They said, no they had not considered that, but took notes, and that seems to be where some changes can happen if it gets enough support, and if people look at what they are trying to do, and give constructive comments and alternatives.

They were asked why the particular areas for the fishing restrictions were chosen and not other areas which were used much less because of much more difficult access to the shoreline. Some suggestions were made for some alternative areas on the North side.

They were asked how the public submissions would be reviewed, and who would be involved, in particular groups like Recfishwest. The answer was that all submissions will be summarised and looked at by the Rottnest Island Board, by people from within the Rottnest Island Authority, they will get expert advice, and groups such as Recfishwest has been offered a meeting.

The summaries of public comment and the Final Plan will be made public at or before the time it goes to the Minister. They agreed that releasing the updated plan for another period for more public comment was a good idea, (I used the example as had been done for the West Coast Recreational Fishing Review) and the Board would consider that.

Even after they decide on the final Plan, they understand that they don't have the power to bring in some of the fishing restrictions, which would have to be done by the Fisheries Minister or Department.

They made an offer for any groups to meet with the Chief Executive Officer John Mitchell or Leslie Smith to discuss anything.

I suggest everyone interested get a copy of the Plan from the Rottnest Island Authority on 9432 9300. Just telephone and a copy will be posted to you. Don't rely on second hand reports, (even this one). The plan is open for comments until Friday 27 September 2002, so there's plenty of time.

You can also attend public meetings which will be held by the Rottnest Island Authority. Call 9432 9300. They seem to be putting on more meetings to meet the demand.

Some groups seem intent on "beating the RI Authority over the head" because of the way this plan has been handled without enough consultation before the release of the draft plan. I think the RI Authority has got this message loud and clear, and suspect that they will do it differently in future.

Terry Fuller.

Life Members

Doug Edward, Lloyd Dunn, Ric Parker, Jim Strong, Bob Klein, George Holman, Ian Cook.

Does anyone know anything about Lloyd Dunn?