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Minutes of General Meeting, 12 October 2005

- Venue:-** Coolbinia West Perth Amateur Football and Sporting Club room. Time 8:10 pm. President John Romano presiding
- Present:-** 27 members.
- Apologies:-** John Jardine, Bob Henderson, Roy Killick, Trevor Stam.
- Visitors:-** Joseph Laundry (membership application received)
- New Members:-** None
- Instruction Period.** Paul Willis gave a very interesting talk on the techniques and places for catching mulloway.
- Previous Minutes:-** As published in the Reel Talk. **Moved** Jim Strong, seconded Peter Stoeckel, these are a true record. Carried.
- Previous Committee:-** John Romano outlined actions from the previous Committee meeting. No other business arising.
- Correspondence In:**
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| Westpac Bank | Bank statement for September. |
| Joseph Laundry | Application for Club membership + cheque for \$85 |
| Malcolm and Diane Simpson | Application for membership +\$10 cash |
| RD White & Assoc | ATO Tax refund - cheque \$35.16 |
| Ray White Kalbarri | Statement for September plus cheque for \$348.01 and return of SCAC cheque for \$203.50 not required. |
| ATO | Notice of PAYG tax payment \$208 due 28 Oct |
| Seniors Recreation Council | Club Insurance offer (Jardine Trust) |
| BT Funds Management | Annual report |
| BT Investment Funds | Transaction Statement |
| BT Classic Investment Funds | Exit Statements. |
| BT Funds Management | PIN Number |
| AAA WA | Minutes of September AAA Delegates' Meeting |
- Correspondence Out**
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| Malcolm and Diane Simpson | Acknowledgement of application for membership |
| Aaron Rinder | Information about the club (email) |
| Mirshaad and Rasheed Ismail | Information about the club |
- Treasurer's Report:-** **Moved** George Holman, seconded Jim Strong correspondence be accepted - carried. Accounts for payment. As listed above plus John Romano, fuel for inspection of Kalbarri house \$213.60, Ian Cook laser measuring device and accessories. **Moved** Jim Strong seconded George Holman accounts be passed for payment – carried.
- Property Officer** Vix Alexander reported on the Kalbarri inspection and the report which would come.
- Secretary's Report.** Will be covered under other headings.
- Field Day Officer:-** Malcolm Harris reported on the S Bend Long Weekend Field Day. Details will be in the Reel Talk. He advised the details of the coming Open Field Day next weekend and the November Cervantes to Jurien Field Day.
- Dry Casting Officer:-** George Holman reported on the October dry casting. Details as in Reel Talk.
- AAA Report:-** The AAA State Dry Casting Championships will be held on 30 October at Yokine. Nominations had been called for Surfcasters entrants and teams. George read out the list of nominations and teams received so far. There are still places and individual entrants are still welcome. A meeting had been held Monday 10 October. Helpers will be needed on the day and assistance from club members would be appreciated. The AAA State Estuary Championship event will be held at Mandurah Saturday and Sunday 26/27 November 2005. A booklet will be provided with all the rules and everything anyone needs to know. Nominations will be called for Surfcasters entrants and teams.
- Recorder:-** Ian Cook reported on arrangements for the trip to Rottneest for the open Field Day in October. He has had not had any new entries for the fishing competitions.
- Social Organiser:-** Josh Lucocq said he had asked for some ideas for social events and activities, but had not received any response. He will discuss the barbecue and the dry casting for Christmas event and arrange these.
- Reel Talk Editor:-** The Reel Talk editor Terry Fuller read out a prepared report which is included at the end of these minutes. After reading his report, Terry advised that he was not yet, at present, saying that he would not prepare any more Reel Talks or give up Club work. He was letting the members and the committee know that there is an imbalance in the workloads and a very serious lack of support for and assistance with the voluntary work being done by the few workers. Members can not expect this to continue without having an effect on those workers. President John Romano said this must change and asked members to help the workers in any way they can.
- .Notices of Motion:-** None.

General Business:- Malcolm Harris advised members of the achievements of the ladies casting team at Yeppoon.
George Holman asked club members to support the people who are working for the club and for recreational angling.
George Holman said, despite the poor weather conditions and difficult fishing and scarcity of the fish, the social side of the recent S-Bend Field Day was excellent, and was an example of a very good choice of venue.

Instruction Period:- Had been held earlier in the meeting.

Meeting closed:- 9:30 pm.

Reel Talk Editor's Report October 2005.

I will not give you the usual joking "*what you see is what you get*" and another plea for some articles from you, the members.

I hope that you will have noticed that the October 2005 issue of the Reel Talk had very little of interest in it.

I realised just this morning that the October issue was the 50th edition that I have prepared since I took over the Reel Talk Editor's job in September 2001. This should have been a significant milestone for me as editor. I accept that this "milestone" may not mean much to anyone except me.

Ideally, the 50th edition should have been one of the best editions. I realise, with a great deal of disappointment, that it is clearly the worst edition out of the last 50 editions. Because I produced it, I accept complete responsibility for the contents.

However, three things particularly stand out for me in the last month or so which affected the October Reel Talk:-

The first is a repeat of the anonymous comments that the Reel Talk is "too political", implying that the contents should be different. That is someone saying, in effect, that I should use **my** valuable personal volunteer time to do things differently, and do things that they themselves are not prepared to do. I stress "anonymous" and "repeat".

The second is the lack of contributions from members for the October Reel Talk, apart from four lines from Paul Thompson. Thank you, Paul.

The third is the extraordinary amount of **extra** and **urgent** and **extremely difficult** problems, stresses and hassles which have been dumped on some people by recent events.

These **MUST** be handled. They cannot be postponed, cannot be given to someone else and cannot be avoided, and so people just have to find the time, people just have to fit them all in somehow, no matter what the personal cost might be.

And no, these are not over yet, far from it. And no, these have not yet involved the Reel Talk, but I am one person with several roles I have to juggle, not several different people with only one job each.

With the exception of a couple of incidents, I have enjoyed preparing the last 50 Reel Talks. I have found them challenging and rewarding, through producing some things I think are worthwhile and enduring.

Just as I have reprinted some articles from 50 years ago, I would like to think that in 50 years some future Surfcasters Reel Talk Editor will reprint some articles from this era. I hope some of those reprints will get those future members talking about how recreational fishing was heading for extinction in the early 2000's.

And how hard working and dedicated people helped turn it around so that they, the future members, could still enjoy the sort of fishing that some of us have enjoyed in our lifetime. I hope the editor does not have to report that this was done by just a few and despite the lack of support from some of the very people who had the most to gain.

The Reel Talk is just one of the volunteer things that keeps me very busy. Being very busy means I have to be very organised, and I have to keep juggling lots of things. At the best of times, keeping up that organising and juggling over an extended period is not easy. It is **much** harder when extra, avoidable work is demanded.

There can be a high personal price to pay for being very busy with volunteer work for organisations like this Club. Some personal things can get deferred or forgotten. Some personal things I would like to do simply do not get done, including going fishing enough.

We all like to think we are strong and capable and we can handle anything thrown at us, just shrug them off and simply carry on with the things we think are important.

Yet we have all heard about over work, and burn out, and disillusionment, and the effects on health, so we have to be realistic.

At some point, we need to step back and review what we are doing, the personal costs, the value of doing it and the rewards from doing it.

That time has come.

Terry Fuller, Reel Talk Editor. 12 October 2005

Wanted President and Committee Members.

There are now vacancies for some Committee jobs, including the President.

See the front page for the jobs without anyone to do them.

Please contact the Secretary or any Committee member for more details. Get yourself nominated at a General Meeting.

Coming Club Events.

November Dry Casting.

When:- Sunday 6 November.

Where:- Yokine Reserve, Wordsworth Avenue

Events:- Double handed accuracy, Single handed accuracy, 56 gram distance
Artificial bait distance, 112 gram distance.

All casters please assist with the setting up at the beginning of the day before setting up your own gear.

Please assist with the retrieval and packing up of the casting equipment at the end of the day's events.

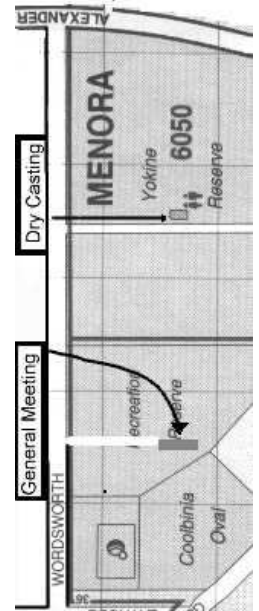
Reminder:- Competition Rules Section 3.6.2 says juniors still get a score even if the cast lands out of court. Remember to measure all junior distance casts and add the "P" symbol if necessary.

November General Meeting.

When:- Wednesday 9 November 2005, 8:00 pm.

Where:- Coolbinia West Perth Amateur Football and Sporting Club room, off Wordsworth Avenue, Yokine, about 200 metres south east of the Yokine Bowling Club.

Instruction Period:- To be advised.



November 2005 Field Day - Cervantes / Jurien.

When:- Saturday/Sunday 12/13 November 2005.

Sign On: Saturday 11:00 am at the Shell Garage in Cervantes.

Lines Down:- Saturday 12 noon.

Weigh in:- Sunday 11:00 am at the Shell Garage in Cervantes.

Boundaries:- Southern boundary of Cervantes townsite to Sandy Cape north of Jurien.

Tides for Saturday 12 Nov

Sunrise:- About 5:15 am

Jurien Sunday 13 Nov

Sunset:- About 6:45 pm

Moon Saturday 12 Nov

Moonrise:- About 3:00 pm

Full Moon:- Wed Nov 16

Sunday 13 Nov

Moonsset:- About 3:15 am

Local Field Day for November 2005.

When:- Saturday/Sunday 12/13 November 2005.

Sign On: At the General Meeting or to the FDO by 18:00 Friday.

Lines Down:- Saturday 12:00 noon.

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:- Penguin Island to north wall of the Two Rocks Marina, including the Swan River and both the North and South Moles..

Tides for Saturday 12 Nov

Sunrise:- About 5:15 am

Fremantle Sunday 13 Nov

Sunset:- About 6:45 pm

Life Members of the Club.

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

Field Day and Dry Casting Fees.

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

2005/2006 Dry Casting Dates.

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

Sunday 30 October 2005, AAA State Dry Casting Championships Sunday 5 February 2006

Sunday 6 November 2005

Sunday 12 March 2006, (changed for Field Day)

Sunday 4 December 2005

Sunday 2 April 2006

Sunday 8 January 2006 (changed for NY Day)

2005/2006 General Meetings.

All at Coolbinia West Perth Amateur Football and Sporting Club room, Wordsworth Avenue, Yokine, starting at 8:00pm.

Wednesday 9 November 2005

Wednesday 8 February 2006

Wednesday 14 December 2005

Wednesday 8 March 2006

Wednesday 11 January 2006

Wednesday 12 April 2006

Wanted President and Committee Members.

There are now vacancies for some Committee jobs, including the President.

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Please contact the Secretary or any Committee member for more details, or get yourself nominated at the next General Meeting.

Donations for Trophies.

We are looking for trophies for this current competition year. Please give us your suggestions for people / companies / etc to contact.

There are some things members can do:-

1. Donate a trophy yourself – particularly if you have been on the receiving end in past years.
2. When buying your gear and getting your services from our trophy donors and advertisers, make sure you let them know that you are a member of the Surf Casting and Angling Club, so that if or when we contact them, they will know that this Club's members support them.

Club Polo Shirts, Jackets and Caps.

We now have some stocks of short and long sleeved Club Polo shirts, long sleeved Club Jackets and baseball style caps with a club logo for sale to members. These are in the club colours of Gold (Yellow) and Black, and help to identify you as a "Surfcaster" member. Contact Andrew Aubrey.

Wanted - Aluminium Cans.

Wanted - Aluminium cans. Please bring them along to the General Meeting or to Mal Head's home, but not to Dry Casting. 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.

Please don't bring cans to the General Meetings because Mal will be away for a while at Yeppoon.

Member's Stories, Photos, Tips, etc.

Does anyone have any new stories, photos, tips, news items, etc, etc, to share? Please send them in to the Reel Talk Editor. And if you want some really interesting fishing stories in the Reel Talk, please write some or get your friends to write some. .

Open Competition 2005/6.

These are the details of the Open Competition Sections as listed in the Competition Rules. Entries close 30 days after capture. Cookie needs some entries!!

Section	For	Minimum weight	Entry
Section 1	Most Meritorious Capture	None	To be awarded by Committee
Section 2	Best Shark	4.5 kg	No entry
Section 3	Best Mulloway	5.0 kg	10.5 kg Paul Thompson, Kalbarri
Section 4	Best Salmon	3.5 kg	5.0 kg John Jardine, Swanborne Drain
Section 5	Best Dhufish	Legal size	No entry
Section 6	Best Tailor	1.5 kg	2.25 kg Tony D'Alonzo, Jurien Bay
Section 7	Best Samson Fish	1.5 kg	No entry
Section 8	Best Fish on single handed rod maximum 4kg line class	Legal size	No entry
Section 9	Best Pink Snapper	2.0 kg	No entry
Section 10	Best Tarwhine	0.5 kg	No entry
Section 11	Best Mackerel	4.0 kg	No entry
Section 12	Best Skipjack Trevally (southern)	1.0 kg	No entry
Section 13	Best Trevally (northern)	4.0 kg	No entry
Section 14	Best Snook/Pike	0.5 kg	No entry
Section 15	Best Black Bream	0.6 kg	No entry
Section 16	Best Scale fish other than sections 3 to 15	2.0 kg	No entry
Section 17	Best Fish caught on Fly Rod.	Legal size	No entry

Barron Lure Competition.

Heaviest Tailor on Lure. Paul Thompson, Tailor 1.43 kg, Seabird
Heaviest Salmon on Lure. No entry.
Heaviest Scale Fish on Lure. No entry.

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. It does not have a washing machine, but there is a laundromat in town. Outside has a fish cleaning facility and a full width verandah. Rates are:-

Public:- Off season \$250 per week, On season \$390 per week } all plus \$50

Club Members:- Off season \$160 per week, On Season \$210 per week } deposit / bond.

Club Members:- Short term \$45 for one night, \$40 per night for two or more nights} plus \$55.00 cleaning

Bookings taken for the school holidays go from Saturday to Saturday (leaving by 10am). Outside of school holidays it does not matter. The club has decided that cleaning will need to be paid for and is \$55.00 extra on the rates above for future new bookings. The club is now being charged GST on the cleaning.

Contact Property Officer Vix Alexander for more details and for bookings.

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.

If any work needs to be done in, on or around the house, please contact the Property Officer for approval. Members who are staying in the house are not allowed to authorise any repairs or services on the house without authority from the Property Officer, Treasurer or President.

Safari 2006.

The next opportunity for a club safari is during calendar year 2006. Esperance has been suggested as a possible location. Suggestions for alternative places, dates, etc are wanted, please.

Wanted President and Committee Members.

There are now vacancies for some Committee jobs, including the President.

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Please contact the Secretary or any Committee member for more details, or get yourself nominated at the next General Meeting.

Sponsorship Renewal by Yallingup Beach Holiday Park

The Yallingup Beach Holiday Park has provided the club with another accommodation voucher to the value of \$250 for two adults for two nights in one of their Malibu ensuite cabins for the new competition year.

The previous year's voucher was raffled at the February General Meeting and was won by Tony D'Alonzo.

The park has a waterfront location with spectacular views over Yallingup Bay. Opposite is a safe swimming lagoon and an excellent fishing beach plus the world famous Yallingup surf break.

On site accommodation includes ensuite cabins and standard cabins (for the budget conscious) plus plenty of well grassed van and tent sites.

This is an ideal base from which to visit the numerous nearby wineries, go whale watching, take scenic drives and walk trails and visit the spectacular Yallingup Ngilgi Cave, or of course, go fishing!!.

Check the website at <http://www.yallingupbeach.com.au/>

Happy Birthday to:-

A lot of members haven't told us their birth date, so there may be more birthdays. Dob them in!

Jamie Reilly, 3 October

Daniel Stoeckel, 9 October

Paul Thompson, 14 October

Eric Sullivan, 27 October

Nick Allsworth, 31 October,

Dale Coates, 27 November

TerryF, 29 November

Special mention:- Eric Sullivan reached the big 65 in October. Apologies for missing this in the last Reel Talk.

New Member Acceptances.

The following application for membership has been accepted, and will be invited to the next General Meeting to be welcomed into the Club.

Malcolm (Mal) and Diane (Di) Simpson.

New Member Application.

Applications for membership have been received and will come before the next 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.

Joseph (Joe) Laundry

Heather Osborne, Stephen, Brooke, Jamie and Sam Reilly

Member Resignations.

Chas Riegert and John Romano have resigned from the club.

Greg, Michelle and Holly Walker were listed in the resignations last month, but there was just a delay in payment and they are still members of the club.

Advertising in Reel Talk.

Advertising is available in the Reel Talk. 12 monthly copies are printed, currently 62 copies. Charges are:- Inside and outside back covers are printed black on Terra Yellow paper.

Inside or outside back cover. Full page, \$100.00 per annum. Half page, \$70.00 per annum.

Inside pages are printed black on white paper.

Inside pages. Full page, \$60.00 per annum. Half page, \$40.00 per annum. Quarter page \$30.00 per annum

Wanted - Back Copies of Reel Talk.

We are looking for donations of old Reel Talks, 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 2002 Reel Talk.

Help the Dry Casting Markers.

Come on, dry casting people, help the markers in the distance events, and help yourselves.

Anyone who has done any marking in winter or in windy conditions will know what I'm talking about.

Do you want your leaders and your weight mangled? Do you want long delays while the markers search for your weights or dig them out of the ground? No? Well you can easily help. Anyway even if you don't care, the markers do and cooperation works both ways.

Some of the weights bury themselves 150mm into the soft grass making it hard to get the sinkers out. Heavy leaders and a decent sized ring or swivel means the weight can be pulled out backwards. Light leaders and tiny swivels are a pain in the \$%#\$ by breaking off and the weights having to be dug out and mangled.

Please use heavy leaders – 50 pound / 25kg **MINIMUM** and preferably heavier - or else risk damaged leaders and lost weights and frustrated markers.

Independent scientific research has shown that the difference between a cast with a light leader and tiny swivel and a heavy leader and decent sized swivel averages 0.033m, which is much less than the error a tired and frustrated marker might make in rounding your cast distance down to the shorter number of metres rather than up to the longer number of metres.

Weights with short plastic tubing are very hard to find, since only a little bit of the tube is visible when weights bury. Please make sure all of your plastic tubes are close to the maximum length of 250mm. It's also very hard to see short tubes as they come through the air.

When it is windy, it is sometimes hard to find where the weight has landed. If you or any of the watching casters know where the weight has landed, PLEASE indicate to the markers by pointing in the direction and waving the markers further out or closer in.

Terry Fuller

Dry Casting Sausage Sizzle.

We usually hold a sausage sizzle on Sunday after the dry casting. Gives everyone a chance to talk over the morning's casting, gear to use, what's coming up, fishing, the state of the world or whatever, over some lunch.

But the sausage sizzle is not free, much as we would like it to be. It has to be paid for somehow, and the prices are quite reasonable compared to what you would pay elsewhere. **Don't forget to put the money in, please.**

Everything is one dollar each. You can get:-

1 drink plus 1 sausage in bread for \$2.00. Extra drink for \$1.00. Extra sausage in bread for \$1.00.

Update of Dry Casting Recording System.

Terry Fuller has commenced an update of the Drycasting recording system which contains all the results and calculations for the year's dry casting, the section winners, progressive scores, top ten, Caster and Sportsperson of the Year, day winners, longest casts, identification of new casting records, etc. etc.

The intention is to automate everything. Or putting it another way - "Dammit computer, We're the boss, we have our ways of making you do what WE need"

That's a significant computer programming job, but it is interesting, challenging and different to some of the other work. It's also self interest, since Terry has now got an extra job of looking after the dry casting results for the foreseeable future.

One major change will be that the member's names and the day's scores will be entered in only ONE place and every other calculation and entry will be done and recorded automatically.

This will have the advantage that there will not be any possibility of different or conflicting details, and any changes made to fix any wrong entries will automatically flow right through and will not require any other manual changes.

Any system where the same data is entered in more than one place has a good chance that some entries WILL be wrong and the results WILL be different and some will be wrong. A nightmare to find, sometimes.

Once this program is finished, then the total work required to enter and keep the drycasting records will be reduced considerably in future months. In particular, the requirement to count only the best 11 days' scores this year will be easy to calculate.

Some obvious outcomes will be that a more detailed summary of highest score/longest casts will be published, and attendance figures will be added to the day's scores before the Reel Talk is printed, so that the winners including attendance points will be shown in Reel Talk. (PS George's write up was written before this was ready, so is based on the day scores not counting attendance.)

Anyone who gets a total on the day which isn't more than 10 points more than the runner up, and doesn't also go to the General Meeting, might find he loses the day's winner crown or is sharing it with someone else. That's the scoring system and them's the rules. See section 3.8.3 Attendance Points. Which leads to the next article.....

Club Competition Rules and Constitution.

Printed copies of the Club's current Fishing and Dry Casting Competition Rules and Club Constitution are available.

The current version of the Competition Rules is dated 13 April 2005, and the Constitution is dated February 2003. If you have **any** earlier version, **throw it away and get a current version.**

Contact the Secretary for a copy or see the club's web site <http://www.surfcasters.iinet.net.au> for the online versions.

October Dry Casting Report.

Casting was held on 9 October which was different to the usual first Sunday, but we still had a reasonable attendance. We would always like to see more members attend.

The weather was cold with a brisk southerly wind blowing and a couple of showers early, but fined up later in the morning. Where's Spring gone?

We had a late start as the organiser was slack, and we also had to "spud in" our new laser measuring device under the supervision of Ian Cook. It took a while to sort out the best procedure, but once a modification or two are done to the tripod and base it should run smoothly. Thanks Cookie for organising all this.

Distances were not great because of the strong side wind. The Veterans were first up with the 56 gram which saw Cookie and Allan Jones with the longest casts of 118 metres. Vix Alexander cast 107 metres in the ladies and Rhys Jones cast 111 metres in the juniors.

Artificial Bait saw Allan Jones with 112 metres, Janet Hughes (ladies) 94 metres and Rhys Jones 104 metres. Allan Jones led the way in the 112 gram with 134 metres closely followed by Peter Osborne with 133 metres and junior Rhys Jones cast 145 metres which was an excellent cast in the conditions.

Tony D'Alonzo showed the vets the way in the double handed accuracy with 140 followed by Malcolm Head with 135. Janet Hughes was top lady with 99 and young Rhys Jones scored 145 which is an excellent score and included a bull's-eye.

Single handed accuracy saw a tie in the vets with Trevor Stam and Peter Osborne scoring 26 points. Filomena D'Alonzo was top lady with 29 and also score a bull's-eye.

In the seniors 56 gram distance, Malcolm Harris was longest with 138 metres followed by Gary Gildersleeves and George Holman 136 metres. George Holman was top in Artificial Bait with 141 metres followed by Malcolm Harris 135 metres. Malcolm also had the longest cast for the day in the 112 gram event with 163 metres and George Holman cast 161 metres.

There were also some good scores for the event by Andrew Aubrey and Kevin Hughes. Gary Gildersleeves blitzed the field in the double handed accuracy with 158 points, and scored a bull's-eye in the single handed accuracy. Andrew Aubrey showed the way with 23 followed by Malcolm Harris 22 and Gary Gildersleeves 21 points.

Even though the wind was gusty there were not that many casts out of court.

Gary Gildersleeves was top scorer on the day with 229, Malcolm Head and Tony D'Alonzo and 198 each in the vets and Filomena D'Alonzo top of the ladies with 177. Rhys Jones had 195 even though he did not cast in the single handed event.

Our next Club cast will be on Sunday 6 November and the usual events will be held as listed earlier under Coming Club Events.

Club members are reminded that this is where you can sharpen up your casting skills under tuition and be taught with and try different rods and reels.

See you there

George Holman.

September 2005 Field Day Report, S Bend.

As you drive into the Greenough area you start to notice something unusual about some of the trees on the side of the road. They have grown vertical for a short distance and then horizontal for the rest of their length.

This weekend we experienced the conditions that made it possible for these trees to grow this way. Wind, Geraldton's often relentless sea breeze was with us for the entire weekend. There were some respites in the morning when the wind was down to about 10 knots but for most of the time it whistled in around 25 to 30 knots.

One of the byproducts of the constant wind was a plentiful supply of weed. Most spots north of nine mile were badly affected with either weed sitting on the bottom or suspended in the water column. Consequently good catches of weed of all description was had by all.

Of the eighteen members and guests who made the trip north, only 5 of us weighed in fish at the end of the weekend. However, the fish that were weighed in were of good size.

Tony Ong had a good bag of tailor with the largest just over 2kgs. He also presented a good size school mulloway of around 4kgs. Tony reported that he returned eight just undersize mulloway over the weekend which is encouraging to see that younger stocks are in abundance.

George weighed in a couple of soapy mulloway along with three tailor. Past member Denis Green was one of the visitors for the weekend and weighed in a good size flathead. Tony D'Alonzo was up to his usual standard in bag weight with a couple of school mulloway of around 9kgs and some good tailor. Good to see new member Dion Damon along with three guests for the weekend. Unfortunately the combination of unfavorable conditions and the need to be back in Perth early meant that their catches were restricted to a couple of tailor.

The weekend was not a total disappointment by any measure. Most stayed at the S-Bend caravan park which has comfortable onsite caravan and chalets as well a well grassed camping area. The opportunity for the fishing group to stay together is not always available and all made use of the camaraderie, some however more so than others to the detriment of their head in the morning.

Even though it was not an overly fishy weekend for most of us, it is always good to get out of the city and onto a beach somewhere.

Hope to see you on the beach next time.

Malcolm Harris, Field Day Officer

Results for the September 2005 Field Day.

Angler	Weight	Species	Fish	Points
Tony D'Alonzo	12.65 kg	2	7	196.5
Tony Ong	11.25 kg	3	7	192.5
George Holman	4.45 kg	2	5	114.5
Mark Hansen	0.2 kg	1	1	62
Denis Green	0.75 kg	1	1	57.5
Peter Stoeckel	0	0	0	50
Eric Parker	0	0	0	50
Terry Fuller	0	0	0	50
Dion Damon	0	0	0	50
Vix Alexander	0	0	0	40
Craig Waters	0	0	0	40
Brian Stokes	0	0	0	40
Andrew Stoeckel	0	0	0	40
Bruce Landers	0	0	0	40
Malcolm Harris	0	0	0	40
Filomena D'Alonzo	0	0	0	40
Dale Coates	0	0	0	40
Reinart Brits	0	0	0	40

Sportsperson of the Year Sections for September 2005.

Best Scale Fish	Tony D'Alonzo	Mulloway	4.75 kg
Best Bag of Scale fish	Tony D'Alonzo	Mixed Bag	12.65 kg

Field Day prizes for September 2005.

Best Scale Fish	Tony D'Alonzo	Mulloway	4.75 kg
Best Bag of Scale fish	Tony Ong	Mixed Bag	11.25 kg

October 2005 Field Day Report, Open.

The boundaries for this weekend were any of the tidal waters in WA, so long as you can get back to George's place for the weigh in on Sunday afternoon. A group of us decided to give Rottnest another go and made the trip over on the last ferry on Friday evening. With the extended fishing hours for this field day it meant that we would have two opportunities to fish a morning session at West End.

The weather at the start was perfect, very little wind and swell and mid range tides, perfect for Rottnest. Saturday morning saw us all out on Radar Reef bait casting for what turned out to be very elusive tailor. A couple of snook, two undersize yellowtail kingfish, some herring and tarwhine were the group's morning catch.

There was however an interruption to morning session when Vix slipped and badly gashed her shin. Even the protection of a wet suit did not prevent the need for thirteen stitches. Thank goodness for mobile phones. The nursing post had a vehicle out to pick us up and take us back to the settlement for treatment in less than half an hour. Linda, the nurse on duty did a fine job of cross stitch and we were back at the West End by early afternoon.

This I might add was not a recommendation from Linda, who would have preferred that Vix take it easy back at the settlement for the rest of the weekend. That was never going to happen but Vix did take some notice and only fished on the Sunday and then from a dry position. She spent the remainder of Saturday under a makeshift shelter at the top of Radar guarding the bait eskies.



Vix resting at Rottnest.



Vix with her yellowtail kingfish at the June Field Day.

The perfect conditions did not last all day and by late afternoon the wind was in the south and around 20 knots. The one thing in our favor was that there was very little swell so most spots were still fishable.

The yellowtail kingfish turned up on cue late in the afternoon with their usual disregard for fishing tackle - diving into the rocks with predictable results. However two were landed, one to Mark Hansen of just over 2kgs (first time to Rottnest and first YTK) and the other to Ian Cook at 4kgs.

Earlier in the day Ian, Tony Ong and Mark Farnay had fished Cathedrals with four tailor to Ian, two to Mark and one to Tony.

Sunday morning was cloudy and windy which kept every one except four of us in their warm beds. With the wind still in the south, Cathedrals was the only option but the pickings were thin. A breaksea cod to Mark Hansen, skippy and breaksea cod to Tony Ong and a tailor and herring for me were all we could manage.

Others who fished the weekend on the mainland included Peter Osborne who started the comp in fine fashion with a bag of eight tailor from Swanborne but then spent the remainder of the weekend fighting weed and wind for no addition to his bag. George was only able to fish for a short time and did well with a good catch of skippy and a flathead from one of the Metro beaches. Tony D'Alonzo usually heads north for open competitions and this was no exception. Tony's catch included the bag limit of tailor and skippy along with tarwhine, pink snapper and mulloway.

The next field day is Cervantes to Sandy point on the 12/13 November which should be good with ample fishing opportunities for those with 2 wheel drive vehicles and good camping facilities at Cervantes and Jurien Bay.

You might like to put your name down as a Surfcasters team member for the AAA State Estuary Championships in Mandurah at the 26/27 of November.

Hope to see you on the beach next time.

Malcolm Harris, Field Day Officer.

Recorder's Report October 2005.

Rottnest Field Day was an exploratory trip to see how Rotto would treat us in October.

The group met at Rous Head on the Friday evening and with a large number of other people caught the 18:30 ferry to the island. The trip was calm and enjoyable. On arrival our gear was delivered to camp within 30 minutes. After setting up our huts we went down to the Café for dinner. Bretton stayed back at camp on security detail. We were most impressed with standard of the food. The meals were large and the food was very good. The cost is rather over the top, with steaks at \$27. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the relaxed atmosphere. Then back to camp and some organisation for the morning.

The weather was perfection on the Saturday morning so it was an excited group who headed for the drop off point at Wilson's Bay turnoff just before West End. For Mark and Wendy Hansen this was their first trip so it was going to be a real buzz. The conditions on arrival, were light winds, low swell and low tide. These conditions had us all eager to get a line in the water. Most people fished the area between Radar Reef and Wilson's.

Bretton was fishing at the Tailor Hole and hooked into a large fish, but unfortunately he lost it on the reef edge. It appeared to be a yellow tailed kingfish which wetted all our appetites for fishing hard. Bretton and I then fished the deep hole at West End without success. Mark Farnay had brought over his bike and new trolley so he headed off to his favourite "secret" spot at Cathedral. He fished out on the NE side of the Island and picked up two tailor. A group of anglers had a nice communal lunch in the sun at the drop off point which was most enjoyable.

At this stage Vix slipped on a rock whilst unhooking a tarwhine at the Tennis Courts and put a serve gash in her leg. On arriving back at the drop of point, the nursing post was contacted and they sent out the ambulance and nurse within 30 minutes. Vix was taken back to the nursing post and had 11 stitches in her leg. It was amusing to hear Vix swearing and then apologising profusely a second later. On arriving back after the remedial surgery she spend the rest of the day resting and cursing with her leg elevated under a sun shade. Wendy spent a fair amount of time looking round West End as this was her first trip to Rotto.

Tong Ong and I headed out to fish the island at Cathedral. We fished out towards the NE end of the island. I had a bite on my first bait cast. I landed a blackfish, 4 tailor and lost several more fish. Tony landed a tailor and a blackfish.

Towards 4:30 most anglers gravitated to Radar Reef. The word or thought of yellow tailed kingfish seems to make most anglers blood run hot and they have this starry eyed look about them. Just before this both my rods were blown over by the wind whilst sitting in the rod holders on my trolley. The outcome was 9 broken runners including 2 tip guides. It was now my turn to curse. Vix kindly offered to lend me her Azziga rod.

Radar Reef was very quiet till about 5:45. Tony Ong hooked a couple of yellow tailed kingfish that were undersize. Mark Hansen landed a nice kingfish of 2.25 Kg. This was his first tussle with a yellow tailed kingfish mind you he was using 40lb line. He was over the moon after landing the fish. Well done Mark.

I landed a 4 kg yellow tailed kingfish and let one go. This is where a long stiff rod is useful as you can control the pressure on the fish and also keep it away from the reef edge.

Unfortunately at this stage we had to leave with the fish on the bite to catch the bus back to the settlement. We all had a good meal a few drinks and an early night.

Sunday morning was fine but with a strong SE breeze. Those who got up went out to Cathedral again. The fishing was rather slow during the morning. Tony Ong picked up two nice pike.

This trip provided information that there are quality fish to be caught under very pleasant conditions at this time of year. We need to have the bus schedule changed so we can be fishing at dawn and dusk. Going the Friday night made the weekend most relaxing as well as allowing another seven hours fishing.

I feel that the members should look at going to Rottnest on a more regular basis. If we could get 10 or more people we can always organise a trip on a weekend other than a Field Day.

Give it some thought and give me some feedback, please.

Cheers

The Cookie Monster"

Sportsperson of the Year Sections for October 2005.

Best Scale Fish	Ian Cook	Yellowtail Kingfish	4.0 kg
Best Bag of Scale fish	Tony D'Alonzo	Mixed Bag	17.9 kg

Field Day prizes for October 2005.

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Best Bag of Scale fish	Tony D'Alonzo	Mixed Bag	17.9 kg

Results for the October 2005 Field Day.

Angler	Weight	Species	Fish	Points
Tony D'Alonzo	17.9 kg	7	30	299
Tony Ong	6.275 kg	8	12	192.75
Ian Cook	8.05 kg	4	7	170.5
Mark Hansen	4.25 kg	5	6	142.5
Malcolm Harris	3.305 kg	4	15	123.05
Peter Osborne	4.35 kg	1	8	103.5
Mark Farnay	2.8 kg	2	8	98
Vix Alexander	1.3 kg	3	4	93
George Holman	1.8 kg	2	8	88
Dale Coates	0.8 kg	2	3	78
Bretton Stitfold	0.1 kg	1	1	51

Field Day Sections up to October 2005.

1A	Best Scale Fish (1st Six Months)	Tony D'Alonzo	Mulloway	4.750 kg
1B	Best Scale Fish (2nd Six Months)			
2	Most Meritous Fish	Decided by Committee		
3	Best Shark (4.5kg min)		No entry	
4	Best Mulloway (2.0kg min)	Tony D'Alonzo	Mulloway	4.750 kg
5	Best Tailor (1.0kg min)	Tony Ong	Tailor	2.005 kg
6	Best Salmon (3kg min)	John Romano	Salmon	3.850 kg
7	Best Skipjack Trevally (0.5 kg min)	Tony Ong	Trevally, Skipjack	0.825 kg
8	Best Mackerel (2kg Min)		No entry	
9	Best Scale Fish (Other than above)	Ian Cook	Yellowtail Kingfish	4.0 kg
10	Best Bag Of Scale Fish	Tony D'Alonzo	Mixed Bag	27.855 kg
11	Best Bag Of Mulloway (2 Fish Min)	Tony D'Alonzo	Mulloway	9.0 kg
12	Best Bag Of Tailor (2 Fish Min)	Tony Ong	Tailor	6.350 kg
13	Best Fish On S/H Rod 4kg b/s line (max)		No entry	
14	Best Fish Caught on Fly Rod		No entry	

Field Day Top Ten for 2004/2005 up to October 2005.

	Angler	Total Points		Angler	Total Points
1	Tony D'Alonzo	1673.2	6	Filomena D'Alonzo	499.8
2	Tony Ong	654.0	7	Vix Alexander	363.3
3	Malcolm Harris	561.7	8	Ian Cook	348.8
4	George Holman	523.6	9	Dale Coates	325.3
5	Peter Osborne	515.0	10	Mark Hansen	281.2

Open Competition 2005/6.

These are the details of the Open Competition Sections up to October. Entries close 30 days after capture. Cookie would like some more entries even if they are for the species competition, please.

Section	For	Min weight	Entry
Section 1	Most Meritorious Capture	None	To be awarded by Committee
Section 2	Best Shark	4.5 kg	No entry
Section 3	Best Mulloway	5.0 kg	10.5 kg Paul Thompson, Kalbarri
Section 4	Best Salmon	3.5 kg	5.0 kg John Jardine, Swanborne Drain
Section 5	Best Dhufish	Legal size	No entry
Section 6	Best Tailor	1.5 kg	2.25 kg Tony D'Alonzo, Jurien Bay
Section 7	Best Samson Fish	1.5 kg	No entry
Section 8	Best Fish on single handed rod maximum 4kg line class	Legal size	No entry
Section 9	Best Pink Snapper	2.0 kg	No entry
Section 10	Best Tarwhine	0.5 kg	No entry
Section 11	Best Mackerel	4.0 kg	No entry
Section 12	Best Skipjack Trevally (southern)	1.0 kg	1.0 kg Malcolm Harris, Sandy Point
Section 13	Best Trevally (northern)	4.0 kg	No entry
Section 14	Best Snook/Pike	0.5 kg	No entry
Section 15	Best Black Bream	0.6 kg	No entry
Section 16	Best Scale fish other than sections 3 to 15	2.0 kg	No entry
Section 17	Best Fish caught on Fly Rod.	Legal size	No entry

Recfishwest Board Meeting Report September 2005.

Here are some of the main points from the September 2005 Recfishwest Board Meeting.

The Recfishwest Board has support in principle the proposal for special fisheries management of the metro area, with the proposed area extended to cover from Moore River to Cape Bouvard. The seaward boundary to be the 200 metre isobath (at least, and subject to map checks for comparison with the 35 NM proposed in the "Zone 5" paper).

A seminar was held 24 August to discuss research priorities from both recreational and commercial fishermen for research studies in Marine Parks. There has been much research in the field of MPA's but little of it actually driven by those most affected by the results of such research, and much of the research, has been to 'prove' the value to MPA's rather than assess if they have any value for fisheries that are already managed for sustainability. The workshop was designed to allow fishermen (both professional and recreational) the opportunity to say what research they would like to see carried out on MPA's. It is an important research topic and one that has, in the past, been driven from outside the fishing community. The outcomes are available on the Australian Anglers Association website at <http://www.aaawa.iinet.net.au/MPASeminarOutcomesAug2005.pdf>

Recfishwest held a fishing clinic at Albany, where the Fisheries Minister announced the outcomes of the South Coast Recreational fishing reviews which will come into effect on 1 January 2006. This will introduce a three category list like the West Coast, but the species and bag limits have some differences.

Recfishwest has responded to the request from the Department of Fisheries for comments on some proposals on changes to recreational pink snapper, Robinson's sea bream and pearl perch fishing rules in the Gascoyne region. Recfishwest has serious objections to the process, where a request from recreational anglers are told they must wait for the next review, but request from commercial fishermen are dealt with immediately.

Recfishwest has adopted a Policy on "Wilderness and Low Impact Fishing", which will be used proactively as a suggested alternative to closed areas for Marine Park planning.

A draft policy on "Releasing Fish" is near completion. This covers releasing fish for all reasons including deliberate catch and release.

A draft policy on Placement of Rock Lobster Pots, Ropes and Floats near Breakwaters and Groynes has been prepared to provide guidelines for the sharing of the available areas near breakwaters and groynes so that both shore based recreational line fishing and potting for Western Rock lobster can be carried out with minimum interference between these two activities.

Western rock lobster and abalone integrated fisheries management is progressing.

Recfishwest has received information from the Department of Fisheries about Voluntary Fisheries Adjustment Schemes and will decide and publish its priorities for the order in which these should be tackled. RFW is also looking at the costs and benefits which have come from this program and if these are balanced.

The new rules for protection of Cockburn and Warnbro Sound and metro Pink Snapper spawning aggregations closures and size slot limits were announced on 19 August. Negotiations are continuing on buying out the last commercial license allowed to catch snapper from Cockburn Sound.

Two commercial fishing licenses for the Swan River have been bought back, and discussions are continuing with the remaining two licenses, as part of the Government's Election policy to make the Swan River recreational only fishing. Recfishwest has worked and lobbied for this over a number of years.

Work is continuing on the Sampson fish tagging and spawning aggregations studies with an extension of the project to Geographe Bay, Albany and areas off Hillarys. An information afternoon was held at the new Fisheries Research building attended by around 70 people.

The Recfishwest Annual General Meeting and election of Board Members will be held on 21 October. AAA has a vote. The candidates and recommendations for voting will be discussed at the October Delegates' meeting.

RFW has written to the Dept of Fisheries about getting the State of the Fisheries Report and up to date data released.

Reasons for Joining a Fishing Club (Facts)

When invited to a Safari up north with a club member, be prepared to land a lot of large fish, not necessarily your own!

And when the member complains of exhaustion after fighting the fish, tell him to hook it in the mouth not the tail.

Name withheld to save embarrassment.

Snippet contributed by Paul Thompson.

Integrating Marine Reserves Science/Fisheries Management.

A very interesting article has been found which sets out the American experience in quantifying the benefits of Marine reserves for fisheries management. Surprise, surprise - the claims for benefits of better fishing from having Marine reserves are not all supported by the facts.

We understand this paper came as a surprise to many in Marine Parks Planning, and is now being used as a temper to some of the unsubstantiated claims about fish stock benefits from closed no fishing areas in Marine Parks.

A **consensus conference** is designed to answer questions that require weighing scientific evidence in dispute, and the outcome is presented in the form of a "Consensus Statement." The full 32 page report obviously has a lot more detail than in this summary and is well worth reading. See http://nfcc-fisheries.org/images/uploads/Consensus_Statement.pdf

Participants. The conference included scientists and policy experts representing the fields of biological oceanography, marine ecology, fish biology, population dynamics, stock assessment, fishery management, fishery economics, and marine environmental law. The conference's seven-member review panel was made up of scientists and policy experts not currently engaged in research or advocacy in the field of marine reserves. The conference's ten-member presentation panel was made up of scientists and policy experts that are currently engaged in research or advocacy in the field of marine reserves. In addition to conference panelists, an audience of about 100 fishers, scientists, and policy makers was observed and contributed comments.

Consensus Process. The panel, answering predefined questions, developed their conclusions based on the scientific evidence presented in open forum and the scientific literature. The panel composed a draft statement that was summarized and presented to the experts and the audience for comment. Thereafter, the panel resolved conflicting recommendations and released a summary of its revised statement at the end of the conference. The panel finalized the revisions after the conference. The draft statement was made available on the World Wide Web after panel revisions.

Conclusions. Marine reserves should be considered in the broader context of the development of ecosystem-based management in the U.S. From that perspective, marine reserves have clear application for meeting objectives for ecosystem conservation and protection of marine biodiversity in addition to whatever benefits they may have for achieving fishery management objectives. Furthermore, marine reserves are a category of area management options - including less restrictive and less permanent alternatives - that may be used in order to achieve ecosystem or species based management objectives.

With regard to fishery effects, studies of marine reserves and other area closures, most of which are from lower latitudes, have now shown that fishery target species have increased in abundance and expanded age structure within the closed area in a preponderance of cases (the so-called "reserve effect."). This is particularly **the case where the resource species are significantly overfished**. Evidence for effects outside closed areas, either by movement of adults across the reserve boundaries ("spillover") or larval "export" is more limited and effects on stocks within larger regions **can only be deduced by models** at this point. This is because of the limited size of existing reserves and inherent difficulties in measuring and interpreting such broader effects. In general, knowledge is sufficient to proceed with the design and evaluation of marine reserves and other marine protected areas and their incorporation into regional ecosystem-based management. More sophisticated modeling and analysis is required for better understanding of spatial movement rates, export of reproductive products, and adaptations by fishers.

Marine reserves clearly offer some advantages for simultaneously incorporating habitat protection and maintenance of ecosystem structure and function within the protected area. They may offer some advantages for multi-species management and as a hedge against environmental surprise or management failure.

Marine reserves are most likely to be an effective management tool for relatively sedentary species with broad larval dispersal, which are recruitment limited, and for mobile species with high site fidelity. They may also be effective for protecting rare habitats vulnerable to human disruption or in protecting aggregations of animals (e.g., when spawning), when exploited populations have been severely depleted, or where bycatch is high. Closed areas may also be useful in achieving broad demographic representation in spawning populations if large animals have limited movement potential relative to reserve boundaries, and when they can maintain populations of highly fecund, older females with strong reproductive potential. They may be more feasible to implement either when reduced yields have already restricted fishing activities and other management measures have been ineffective or when they address special needs within otherwise productive regions.

Marine reserves and other protected areas **should be integrated** with existing and emerging management measures as part of a coherent ecosystem-based approach to management of commercial and recreational fisheries and **should not be simply layered over existing regulations**. Careful consideration of the effects on allocation of resources among users, **displacement of fishing activity**, the requirements for surveys and stock assessment, and the costs of monitoring and enforcement should be made in considering protected area options and design.

The Panel found it difficult to limit its considerations to marine reserves as strictly defined, i.e. areas permanently protected from all extractive activities. We found that management actions **need to be openly evaluated against stated goals** and where goals are not being met changes in management must at least be considered. The design requirements for marine reserves depend heavily on the environmental context and specific management goals, including the overriding goal of sustainability and high yields of economically important species. **Robust experimental design will be critical** in order to determine the effects of displaced fishing pressures and enhancement effects on populations outside of reserves in before after control impact assessments.

We have been hampered in evaluating the use of marine reserves as a tool for fishery management by the **lack of experiments** explicitly designed to address reserve effects on fisheries. These explicit experiments are urgently needed. There are numerous uncertainties associated with our understanding both of important biological and socioeconomic processes and with monitoring, analysis, prediction, and implementation. Some important uncertainties for marine reserves include the degree of effective dispersion and reproductive seeding and the ability to resolve spatial and temporal interactions in monitoring and modeling. Further study is required on several key issues.....

Many authors have **speculated** that marine reserves offer more precaution against management and scientific uncertainty than traditional measures. At this point, **this is an assertion**, and **no studies** using common definitions and metrics of precaution have been conducted. Given the importance of this issue, there is a **need to conduct such work**, applying biology and social science, particularly as it relates to findings from existing marine closures.

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Did I hear an echo of many of our objections to some of the claims made for WA Marine Parks, and our call for a more scientific approach to planning? You bet!

Which leads very nicely into the next article

TerryF

Research Priorities in Marine Reserves.

There has been much research quoted in the field of Marine Protected Areas but little of it actually driven by those most affected by the results of such research, and much of the research, frankly, has been to 'prove' the value to MPA's rather than assess if they have any value for fisheries that are already managed for sustainability.

A workshop to discuss stakeholder research needs with regard to Marine Protected Areas was held on Wednesday 24 August. The workshop was designed to allow fishermen (both professional and recreational) the opportunity to say what research they would like to see carried out on MPA's. This was a chance for fishing stakeholders to say what they want. The outcomes were:-

The seminar was attended by reps from a very comprehensive list of organisations. 44 people attended from fishing and research areas, including Recfishwest, Dept of Fisheries, Premier's Dept., Fisheries Minister's office, WA Fishing Industry Council, WA Game Fishing Association, Australian Anglers Association, National Oceans Office, Natural Resource Management, Marine Branch Conservation and Land Management, Universities, Swan River Trust, Conservation Council, CSIRO, individual researchers, recreational and commercial fishers.

Topics were recorded as 1. The issues, 2. The outcome wanted, which would be turned into the actual research needed and 3. How it will be used, giving the benefits which can be expected to help justify spending the money.

Twenty one different topics were listed. Issues raised at the seminar will need to be checked against other proposed or actual research for coordination and filling any gaps.

The seminar was just the beginning of a process and was not an end in itself.

The detailed outcomes are available at <http://www.aaawa.iinet.net.au/MPASeminarOutcomesAug2005.pdf>

Review of the Caravan and Camping Act.

A discussion paper reviewing the Caravan Parks and Camping Grounds Act 1995 has been produced for comment by key stakeholders and members of the public. Copies are available at <http://www.dlgrd.wa.gov.au/news.asp#106> or from the Secretary.

Some of the issues raised in the paper include:-

- methods of enforcement and penalties available under the current legislation; and
- the regulations governing where people may camp.

The closing date for submissions is 23rd November 2005. **Are YOU doing anything about this very important issue for club anglers** who want or **need** to camp out while fishing.? Anglers may have to continue to put up with draconian laws preventing them even from having a sleep in their vehicle. **Time is running out....**

3.3 Enforcement. The Act and Regulations provide for various penalties relating to offences under the legislation. The maximum penalties range from \$1,000 to \$5,000. These amounts were set in 1995 and consideration will be given to **increasing** these amounts.

Sections 22-24 deal with the powers for local governments to prosecute offenders in the courts and issue infringement notices for particular offences. Section 23 of the Act provides local governments with powers to issue infringement notices. Schedule 4 of the Regulations sets out the infringement notice penalties for a number of offences. For example, a ranger may issue an infringement notice of \$100 to people who are camping unlawfully.

Question 3. Are the levels of the penalties under the act and regulations and infringement notice penalties in schedule 4 of the regulations appropriate? if not, what should the levels be?

Question 4. Do you think any offences should be added to, or removed from, the legislation? if yes, which offences and why?

Question 5. Are there any problems with enforcing the current legislation? if yes, please suggest how these may be addressed.

3.4 Where People May Camp. Regulation 10 provides that a person may only camp at a site in a licensed caravan park or camping ground or in accordance with Regulation 11, states that a person may camp on land other than a caravan park or camping ground for up to three nights (in any period of 28 consecutive days) if the person has obtained the prior permission of the owner or occupier of the land.

For periods longer than three nights, permission must be obtained from the local government. Local governments may permit camping on land that is not a licensed caravan park or camping ground for up to three months in any period of 12 months, while the Minister for Local Government and Regional Development can give approval for a period greater than three months within a one-year period.

It has been proposed by camping associations that the period of time that a person may camp on land once they have permission from the owner or occupier should be extended to up to seven nights before they are required to ask the local government for permission for a longer stay. It is argued that this is more practical and appropriate than requiring the permission of the relevant local government after three nights of camping. This argument is particularly pertinent with respect to the more remote areas of the State.

However, there are some concerns about this proposal in relation to health, safety, environmental and risk management issues. It is argued that, in order to alleviate such concerns, camping should be limited to those places with approved facilities if it is to continue for more than a few days.

Question 6. Should the period of time that a person may camp on land (with the owner's permission) before being required to contact the local government for permission be extended to, for example, seven nights?

Question 7. Should the prescribed period of time vary depending upon the location of the camping area? (e.g. metropolitan, townsite or rural areas).

Regulation 11 enables people to stay in caravans or other vehicles on a road reserve for up to 24 hours in an emergency situation. People may also camp for up to 24 hours in a caravan or other vehicle in a designated roadside rest area. The Regulations also enable a person to camp on unallocated Crown land or unmanaged reserves, in accordance with the permission of the Minister responsible for the Land Administration Act 1997.

Many of the places where people in the past have wanted to camp appear to be located on land controlled by either the Department for Planning and Infrastructure or the Department of Conservation and Land Management. Section 267 of the Land Administration Act 1997 makes it an offence to camp on Crown land without the permission of the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure.

Government agencies are generally reluctant to grant permission for camping on Crown land due to concerns about people's health and safety as well as environmental, liability and risk management issues. To address these concerns, minimum standards would need to be specified. The costs of maintaining the standards and managing these activities could be substantial.

It should be noted that while there may be a desire among some people to camp on unallocated Crown land or unmanaged reserves, this could have negative repercussions on caravan parks and camping grounds which are established specifically for this purpose and which will, potentially, lose customers.

Question 8. Do you have any comments or suggestions about camping on crown land?

3.6 Caravan Parks and Camping Grounds Advisory Committee. Section 25 of the Caravan Parks and Camping Grounds Act 1995 provides for the establishment, membership and functions of the Caravan Parks and Camping Grounds Advisory Committee. A primary function of this Committee is to provide advice and recommendations to the Minister about camping and caravanning, such as ways to 'improve, promote and regulate' these activities in the State.

As at July 2005, the Committee consisted of 14 members representing the following departments, associations and organisations:-

State Government Departments (6 members) = Department of Local Government and Regional Development (x2 representatives) , Department of Conservation and Land Management, Department of Health, Department for Planning and Infrastructure, Tourism Western Australia, Local Government (2 members), Western Australian Local Government Association (x2),

Other Members (6 members) = Caravan Industry Australia Inc (x2), Park Home Owners Association WA Inc., WA Association of Caravan Clubs Inc., Western Australian Recreational Campers Organisation Inc., Member of public (with interest in caravanning & camping)

Question 11. Do you have comments about the caravan parks and camping grounds advisory committee, for example, in relation to:-

- (i) the composition of the committee;
- (ii) the functions of the committee;
- (iii) the terms of appointment and re-appointment for members; or
- (iv) the effectiveness of the committee?

3.7 LiabilityIt has been suggested that the law should be changed to reduce or restrict the liability of the local governments or property owners in some cases, for example, where an injury to a person has been caused by the person's own inappropriate behaviour or actions.....

Question 12. Do you have any particular liability concerns relating to camping activities or the operation of caravan parks?

3.8 Other A number of specific issues about caravanning and camping do not directly relate to the operation of the Caravan Parks and Camping Grounds Act and Regulations have been referred to the Department for consideration.

(v) Roadside Rest Areas Main Roads Western Australia (MRWA) has established numerous overnight roadside rest areas throughout the State that offer basic facilities such as toilets and water. Proposals in relation to these facilities along main roads and highways should be referred to MRWA for consideration. Local governments may also set up and manage rest areas on roads or land within their district.

Question 13. Are there any matters or issues relating to the Act or Regulations that have not been discussed in this paper, and which you feel should be considered? if so, please provide details.

Question 14. Do you have any other comments about the legislation?

South Coast Recreational Fishing Rules.

The Fisheries Minister announced the outcomes of the South Coast Recreational fishing reviews which will come into effect soon.

This will introduce a three category list like the West Coast, but the species and bag limits have some differences which club recreational anglers will need to know about. These include:-

Rock Lobster Pots in Front of YOUR Favourite Shore Spots.

A submission has been considered about the problems of rock lobster pots, ropes and floats being placed right in front of many shore based fishing spots including rock walls and groynes.

These mean you can kiss goodbye (maybe a long distance kiss, not a "Rexy kiss") to any decent fish you might hook because there's a very good chance it'll end up wrapped around a float or rope.

At present, it doesn't look like this submission will be going anywhere. Needs some support if anyone cares.....

Recfishwest Board Meeting Report October 2005.

Here are some of the main points from the October 2005 Recfishwest Board Meeting.

Voluntary Fisheries Adjustment Schemes.

Voluntary Fisheries Adjustment Schemes aim to reduce the impact of commercial fishing on the quality of recreational fishing, particularly species important to shore based anglers like our club members.

VFAS include fishing for species like salmon, herring, sharks, black bream, all estuary species, crabs, bait fish affecting predatory fish, etc with a possibility of extension to some other important recreational fish.

Recfishwest has information and is looking for comments from recreational anglers.

AAA State Estuary Championships.

Anglers and Surfcasters Teams Wanted.

- Where:** Mandurah, Peel Inlet
- When:** Saturday 26 and Sunday 27 November, 2005
- Headquarters:** Mandurah Offshore Fishing and Sailing Club
- Boundaries:** All waters inside the Peel and Harvey Inlets and the Serpentine and Murray Rivers from a line drawn across the groynes at the Dawesville Cut and at the old estuary entrance. Fishing in the ocean, outside of the groynes is not permitted.
- Registration:** Between 11am to 12 noon Saturday 26th November, 2005. **Compulsory registration** at this location between the nominated times is a requirement. Note that the organisers can make other arrangements for any participants who cannot be present at this time if organised prior to the event.
- Briefing:** By a written set of Rules of the Day, issued at the time of registration.
- Lines Down:** 2 pm Saturday 26 November, 2005.
- Weigh in:** 10am Sunday 27 November, 2005.
- Species:** Heaviest of species prizes will be awarded for heaviest of: Black Bream, Whiting, Flathead, Tailor, Mulloway, Pilch (yellow eyed mullet), Herring. If some of these are not caught, then the reserves are Tarwhine and Garfish.
- Entry fees:** Men and Ladies \$10 Juniors and Veterans \$5

All the information you'll need, including the eligible species and the AAA Estuary competition rules is available in a printed information booklet which will be given to the Club members who regularly fish. Note the AAA rules, species, etc are NOT exactly the same as the Surfcasters' fishing rules. Do the homework with the information you are given and it'll all be easy.

It is also on the AAA web site at <http://www.aaawa.iinet.net.au/2005StateEstuaryChampionships.html> and <http://www.aaawa.iinet.net.au/EstuaryBooklet2006.pdf> Contact Terry Fuller for a printed copy if you don't receive one.

All club members are eligible to fish in this event. The club would like to enter Mens, Veterans, Ladies, and Juniors teams in this event.

Members who are going to fish this competition and are willing to be part of the Surfcasters teams should contact Peter Stoeckel.

Remember the experience with the AAA Rock and Beach Championships last May and fish as a team, not as individual people.

AAA State Championship Events 2005/2006.

2005/2006 AAA State Dry Casting Championships	Yokine Reserve, Sunday 30 October 2005
2005/2006 Estuary Championships	Mandurah, Saturday / Sunday 26/27 November, 2006
2005/2006 Rock and Beach Championships	Jurien, Saturday / Sunday 25/26 March, 2006
2005/2006 State Boat Angling Championships	Jurien, 4 March 2006

Releasing Fish and Catch and Release.

A draft policy on "Releasing Fish" is near completion. This covers releasing fish for all reasons including deliberate catch and release fishing. Some useful thoughts in here which might help the club.

Compulsory Rock Fishing Safety Equipment.

Following another recent death while rock fishing on the South West coast, the Government is being urged to legislate for, and is considering, that compulsory safety equipment must be worn and used while rock fishing.

Wanted President and Committee Members.

There are now vacancies for some Committee jobs, including the President.

See the front page for the jobs without anyone to do them.

Please contact the Secretary or any Committee member for more details, or get yourself nominated at the next General Meeting.