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Thank you all.

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Dry Casting food and drinks

The dry casting sausage sizzle will be available AFTER the main dry casting events have been run, so please try to keep the dry casting moving along. Cool drinks will be available during the day.

Drinks are \$1.50 each. Sausage and onion in a bread roll \$2.50 each.

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Presentation night 2013

The Woodvale Tavern has been booked for Saturday 22 June 2013.

Please put this date in your diary NOW, and keep this night free of other engagements or other things to do, so you can come to the Presentation night.

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Night cast and barbecue Saturday 23 February 2013

At Kaye and George Holman's. BYO everything. Please don't get there before 6pm.

See more details on page 24 of this Reel Talk.



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Note 3. The Public Officer, Minutes Secretary, Website Editor, AAWA Delegates, Membership Coordinator, and Assistant Membership Coordinator are Committee functions and jobs, not extra Committee positions.

Note 4. The Immediate Past President (IPP) is a consequential fact. It is not a Committee position elected by the members or filled by Committee resolution, as are all other Committee positions and functions.

Life Members of the Club

Jim Strong, Bob Klein, George Holman, Ric Parker, Ian Cook, Bob Henderson, Terry Fuller.

Deceased life members:- Vic Davis, Doug Edward, Lloyd Dunn, Dudley Brown, Noel Knight, Les Shand, Ron Kildahl

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Bring a friend to a Club activity

Please bring a friend, a relative, a workmate, neighbour or an acquaintance to a General meeting, to Dry Casting or to a Club fishing Field day. Let them know what the Club does, and let them find out for themselves some of the benefits of being a club member, particularly getting all those fishing and casting tips from experienced club members.

Show them your copy of Reel Talk and let them know there is a lot more about the club on the Club website <http://www.surfcasters.iinet.net.au/>



Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

Minutes of General Meeting 9 January 2013

Venue Coolbinia West Perth Amateur Football and Sporting Club room.
Commenced 8:05 pm. President George Holman presiding.

Present 23 members, 1 visitor.

Apologies Trevor Stam, Bev Grigo, Greg Keet, Eric Parker, Wendy Hansen, Debbie Korin.

Visitors Lydiya Laver.

New members None.

Minutes of previous meeting **Moved** Jim Strong Seconded Pat McKeown the minutes of the previous meeting as published in Reel Talk are a true record, carried.

Previous Committee meeting Action points from the minutes of the Committee meeting, as published in Reel Talk, were reviewed.

Secretary's report Secretary was an apology.

Correspondence in

Bev Grigo	Apology for January meeting
Westpac	Bank statement December 2012
AAAWA	Minutes of December Delegates' Meeting

Correspondence out None

Treasurer's report, by Treasurer Terry Fuller

Accounts for payment at December General meeting.

To	For	Amount	
Synergy	Power at Kalbarri 30 Oct to 28 Dec	\$183.70	
Telstra	Club telephone 14 December to 13 January	\$27.45	
John Curtis	Blank DVD x 50 for Club information handouts	\$23.00	
Marelise Ludewig	Kalbarri bond refund 27 Dec to 7 January.....	\$100.00	
Pat McKeown	Home Brand biscuits Family assorted, Jan Gen meeting	\$2.50	
Pat McKeown	Plastic cups 25pk restock	\$2.30	
Pat McKeown	Paper towels 2pk restock	\$3.00	
Pat McKeown	Onions brown loose Jan Drycasting	\$2.79	
Pat McKeown	Aussie Beef sausages 680g Jan Drycasting	\$3.97	P McKeown total
Pat McKeown	Hot dog rolls 2 x 18 pk @ \$5.95 ea Jan Drycasting...	\$11.90	\$26.46
Terry Fuller	Printing of January Reel Talk	\$153.22	
Terry Fuller	Stamps for February Reel Talk.....	\$60.00	T Fuller total
Terry Fuller	Stamps 20 x 60c	\$12.00	\$225.22
Total new accounts for approval at January GM		\$585.83	

Bank account summary

Bank balance at 9 January	\$11,371.56
Accounts for payment	\$585.83
Available balance after payment of new accounts.....	\$10,785.73
Cash and cheques held for banking	\$0.00
Outstanding cheques	\$444.35
Total available at 9 January	\$10,341.38
Made up of	
Funds belonging to Club	\$7,963.47
Balance of \$2,500 RFW small Community grant.	\$2,354.33
Balance of 2012 \$2,000 Volunteer grant.....	\$23.58

Income / money received since December General meeting

Kalbarri rental.....	\$1,217.00
Kalbarri deposit	\$100.00
Club hats and jackets	\$145.00
Refund of postage	\$13.95
Nomination fee membership.....	\$10.00
Deposit for Rottnest Field day May 2013	\$100.00
Total income received since December General meeting	\$1,585.95
Running total of amount spent from RFW \$2,500 small Community grant	\$145.67
Running total of amount spent from 2012 \$2,000 Volunteer grant	\$1,976.42

Moved John Curtis, seconded Ron Thomas the Treasurer's report be accepted and accounts be passed for payment, carried.

Field Days Peter Osborne reported on the coming White Hills field day.

Due to school holidays, accommodation could not be booked at Rottnest for the May Field day on the normal weekend without going into the ballot system with no guarantee. A booking has been made for the following weekend 18/19 May.

Dry Casting Officer Ron Thomas reported on the January casting where 23 casters attended. The Single handed Open was deferred to February due to the wind.

Property Officer Ray Walker has received the Certificate of Title for the Kalbarri property and negotiated for the bank to waive the charges they wanted to apply.

AAA report A meeting will be held at 7:30pm on Monday 4 February about the AAA National Championships at Caloundra, Queensland in August 2013. Venue Sportsman's Association, off Stancliffe Street, Mt Lawley.

Social Organiser A night cast and barbecue will be held in February at George Holman's place on 23 February, start no earlier than 6pm. Tickets for the June Presentation night are available. Prices and menu are the same as 2012.

Recorder Recorder John Curtis has received entries from Peter Pekaar of flathead for Section 8 of the Open fishing competition and Section 13 of the Field day fishing competition.

The instruction period to be held at John Curtis' residence on 23 November was cancelled and will now be held on 18 January. John will contact people.

Reel Talk and Club website Up to date. Nothing special to report.

Notice of Motion Terry Fuller moved to amend the third paragraph of Competition Rules Section 2.3.2, Numbers of Fish and Field Day Bag Limit, to read "*Effective 1 February 2013, a maximum of 1 (one) day's bag limit of any individual species as specified by Department of Fisheries WA Regulations may be weighed in for the Field Day, subject to the mixed species daily bag limits and a maximum of 30 fish.*" More details are in Reel Talk. This will be voted on at the February General meeting.

General business Ron Thomas passed around a brochure about the feral Asian Paddle Crab and asked why Department of Fisheries hadn't publicised this more. Terry Fuller said similar comments about publicity of fisheries topics had been raised regularly and that comments should be sent to Recfishwest and to the Chief Executive Officer at the Department of Fisheries.

Ron Thomas will be travelling for some months after April and someone else will need to take over the work he has been doing for Dry casting.

Peter Osborne and grandson caught some good tailor at Hill River.

John Curtis will be running training sessions for members on the last Friday in February, April, June, August and October. Members should book with John. Contact details in Reel Talk.

Raffle First prize, a basket, won by Allan Jones. Second prize, a lure and knife, won by Eddie Korin. Prizes provided by the Club.

Meeting closed Formal meeting closed at 8:52 pm.

Instruction period George Holman spoke on matching rods with the various types of reels, and the use and setting of drags on reels.

Action points from January 2013 General meeting.			
Number	Action	By	Status
None			

Action points from September 2011 General meeting.			
Number	Action	By	Status
AP GM9/11 #2	Prepare an article on AAA club member insurance for Reel Talk	John Curtis	Ongoing

Action points from April 2010 General meeting.			
Number	Action	By	Status
AP GM4/10 #1	Help locate the old "Sportsperson of the Year" trophy.	All members	Ongoing

Future Instruction periods.

January	Matching rods with reels, use and setting of drags.
February	Cooking fish, John Curtis. Bluff Creek Field Day.
March	Discussion of recommendations for Field day venues 2013/14
Month to be decided	Fish handling and processing. Dry casting videos.

Action points from January Committee meeting

A summary of points from the previous Committee meeting is given at each General Meeting, often summarizing the action points from the Committee meeting. For members' information, here is the set of action points and status from the last Committee meeting as recorded in the draft minutes.

Action points from 16 January 2013 Committee meeting.			
AP No.	Action	By	Status
CM 1/13 #1	Send details of the Healthway Healthy Club sponsorship to Committee members	Terry Fuller	Done
	Suggest items to be requested	All Committee	Pending
CM 1/13 #2	Display booked dates for Kalbarri house on the Club website	Terry Fuller	Done and ongoing
CM 1/13 #3	Prepare tentative list of Field day venues for 2013/14 with pros and cons, for publishing in the February Reel Talk	Peter Osborne	Done in Feb Reel Talk
	Prepare list from members' suggestions for discussion at February Committee meeting	Peter Osborne	Pending

Minutes Secretary and Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

Coming Club events

February Dry Casting

All casters please come early (no later than 8 am) and assist with the setting up of the casting courts, targets, etc at the beginning of the day after setting up your own casting gear. Please assist with the retrieval and packing up of the casting equipment at the end of the day's events.

Name tags All casters, please wear your name tag.

When Sunday 3 February 2013. Competition casting starts 8:30am.

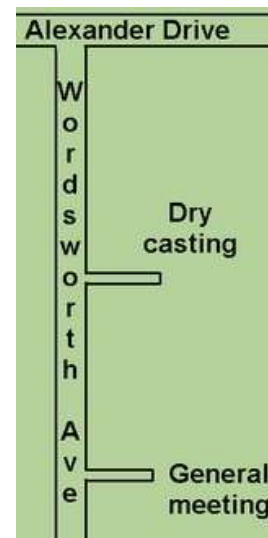
Where Yokine Reserve East, Wordsworth Avenue.

Events Double handed accuracy, Single handed accuracy, 56 gram distance, Artificial bait distance, 112 gram distance.
PLUS Open single handed, to be run after the main events.

Casting order

Month	Seniors, Ladies and Juniors	Veterans
3 February	Distance first, then accuracy	Accuracy first, then distance
10 March	Accuracy first, then distance	Distance first, then accuracy
7 April	Distance first, then accuracy	Accuracy first, then distance
5 May	Accuracy first, then distance	Distance first, then accuracy

Fees \$10 per person, \$12 per family to help cover booking charges for the oval and public liability insurance. Fees must be paid to by 8:00am to allow the collector some time before the 8:30am start. Please let someone know if you are going to be late.



February General meeting

When Wednesday 13 February 2013, 8:00pm.

Where Coolbinia West Perth Amateur Football and Sporting Club room.

Sign In Please remember to have your name ticked on the attendance sheet and buy some raffle tickets. See Jim Strong and the helpers at the front table.

Name tags All members, please wear your name tag.

Instruction period Cooking fish, John Curtis.
Bluff Creek Field Day, all the details.

Field Day sign on, fishing and weigh in times

Summer is coming with those long hot days. The proposed sign on, fishing and weigh in times for the next 2 months' Field Days are published in each Reel Talk. If you don't like any the proposed sign on, fishing or weigh in times because of the heat or whatever, there is plenty of time to comment or ask for changes. Contact the Field Day Officer.

If you are not able to be at the venue by the nominated sign on time, or need to leave early, for example for health reasons or other commitments, arrangements can be made for a late sign on, and possibly for an alternative weigh-in at the discretion of the Field Day Officer.

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

Fishing together on field days

The Club encourages members to fish together on Field days, and will help arrange this. However it helps everyone if members who want help or want to fish with someone, ask and arrange to go with other members. This can be done either before or during the sign on or at the previous General meeting or any Club event.

Check at the General meeting for arrangements and discussions about when and where members can meet to fish together locally in the metropolitan area.

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February Field Day Cervantes

When Saturday/Sunday 16/17 February 2013

Where:- Cervantes.

Boundaries: Jurien Marina North wall to south side of Cervantes.



Sign On:- Saturday 1 pm at Hill River car park.

Lines Down: Saturday 2 pm.

Fees:- \$10 per person, \$12 per family.

Times:- 2 pm Saturday to 11 am Sunday. Fish caught within those times are eligible for the Club Field Day competition and weigh-in. Fish caught before or after those times are eligible for the Open Competition.

Weigh in:- Sunday 11 am at Hill River car park.

<u>Tides for Jurien</u>	Sat	0.54m at 0.90m at	<u>Moonrise</u>	About 11:35am at 72 deg	
	16 Feb	5:05am 1:40pm	<u>Moonset</u>	About 10:40pm at 290 deg	
	<u>Moon up</u>	About 5:40 pm	<u>Moon down</u>	About 6:05 am	
	Sun	0.53m at 0.92m at	<u>Moonrise</u>	About 12:30pm at 69 deg	
	17 Feb	5:00am 2:10pm	<u>Moonset</u>	About 11:20pm at 292 deg	
	<u>Moon up</u>	About 5:55 pm	<u>Moon down</u>	About 6:20 am	
	<u>Sunrises</u>	About 6:00am at 105 deg	<u>Sunsets</u>	About 7:05pm at 255 deg	

Local Field Day for February

When Saturday/Sunday 16/17 February 2013.

Sign On At General meeting or phone Field Day Officer before 8pm on Thursday.

Times:- 2 pm Saturday to 11 am Sunday. Fish caught within those times are eligible for the Club Field Day competition and weigh-in. Fish caught before or after those times are eligible for the Open Competition.

Weigh in:- Sunday 11 am at G Holman's house, rear of 89 Clontarf St. Sorrento. 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 FDO by 8 pm the following night.

Boundaries Penguin Island sand spit to north wall of the Two Rocks Marina, including the Swan and Canning Rivers, the North and South Mole.

Fish together Check at the General Meeting prior to each field day for arrangements and discussions about when and where members can meet to fish together locally in the metropolitan area.

Tides for Fremantle Sat 0.55m at 0.90m at
16 Feb 5:15am 2:10pm

Moon up About 5:40 pm

Sun 0.53m at 0.92m at
17 Feb 4:35am 2:50pm

Moon up About 5:55 pm

Sunrises About 5:55 am at 105 deg

Moonrise About 11:35 am at 72 deg

Moonset About 10:35 pm at 290 deg

Moon down About 6:05 am

Moonrise About 12:30 pm at 69 deg

Moonset About 11:14 pm at 293 deg

Moon down About 6:20 am

Sunsets About 7:06 pm at 256 deg



February Committee meeting

When Wednesday 20 February, 7:30pm.

Where Coolbinia West Perth Amateur Football and Sporting Club room.

Visitors Club members who wish to see what's involved in Committee work may attend Committee meetings by invitation as visitors and observers and at the discretion of the President. Please contact the President or the Secretary well prior to the meeting to arrange your invitation.

Night cast, Saturday 23 February, 6 pm

This year's 2013 social calendar begins with a night cast at George and Kaye Holman's place. There is a park at the rear of the house with parking available. It is well lit and safe.

The evening starts **6pm**. Please do not get there any earlier as George and Kaye need to get organised and early arrivals only slow them down. Everything is BYO. Don't forget the chairs. A BBQ is available. Bring the family along. This is a fun event and all can take part.

The object is to cast an 56gram weight with a glow stick attached at the target using one hand only, eg single handed casting. The judge for the night will be John Curtis, otherwise known as Mr. Rocky Road. George and Kaye's address is in page 1 of the Reel Talk.

Remember. Parking at rear. BYO everything. Don't get there before 6pm

See you there.

Social Organiser Pat McKeown

Wanted - aluminium cans

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

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

March Field Day Bluff Creek

When:- Saturday/Sunday/Monday 2/3/4 March 2013.
Where:- Bluff Creek.
Sign On:- Phone FDO before Thursday night, or Saturday 12 noon at Bluff Creek camping area for people camped at Bluff Creek.

Lines Down:- Saturday 1 pm

Fees:- \$10 per person, \$12 per family.

Times:- 1 pm Saturday to 10 am Monday. Fish caught within those times are eligible for the Club Field Day competition and weigh-in. Fish caught before or after those times are eligible for the Open Competition.

Barbecue:- 12 noon Sunday to 2:00 pm Sunday. Check at the sign on for confirmation of times. If you don't come to the barbecue, you must stop fishing for those times. It's a great time for socialising with your fellow club members and yet another highlight of the Bluff Creek field days when we go back to how field days used to be "in the good old days".

Weigh in:- Monday 10 am Bluff Creek camping area. Check General meeting for 2WD weigh in arrangements.

240 volt power George Holman will take the Club's 240 volt petrol powered alternator. Power will be available for lights and fridge/freezers. Please bring your own power cords and power boards. Please use compact fluorescent or LED globes, not incandescent, to reduce the power consumption.

Boundaries:- Dunsy Beach (about 15 km west of Albany) to as far as you can walk past the rocks at the eastern end of Bluff Creek.

Tides for Albany Fri 0.78m at 0.45m at 0.90m at 0.52m at **Moonset** About 9:10am at 258 deg
 1 Mar 12:20am 6:15am 12:45pm 7:20pm **Moonrise** About 8:30pm at 105 deg

Tides are **Moon up** About 2:30am **Moon down** About 2:50pm

52 mins earlier Sat 0.67m at 0.47m at 0.92m at **Moonset** About 10:15am at 253 deg
 2 Mar 12:20am 6:05am 1:10pm **Moonrise** About 9:15pm at 109 deg

at Bluff **Moon up** About 3:25am **Moon down** About 3:45pm

Creek Sun 0.45m at 0.92m at **Moonset** About 11:20am at 249 deg
 3 Mar 5:05am 1:35pm **Moonrise** About 10:00pm at 113 deg

Moon up About 4:15am **Moon down** About 4:40pm

Mon 0.39m at 0.91m at **Moonset** About 12:25pm at 246 deg
 4 Mar 4:30am 2:10pm **Moonrise** About 10:55pm at 115 deg

Moon up About 5:10am **Moon down** About 5:40pm

Sunrises About 6:05 am at 99 deg **Sunsets** About 6:50 pm at 260 deg



Local Field Day for March

When:- Saturday/Sunday/Monday 2/3/4 March 2013.

Sign On: At the General Meeting or to FDO before Thursday evening.




Lines Down:- Saturday 1 pm

Times:- 1 pm Saturday to 10 am Monday. Fish caught within those times are eligible for the Field Day competition and weigh-in. Fish caught before or after those times are eligible for the Open Competition.

Weigh in:- Monday 10 am at G Holman's house, rear of 89 Clontarf St. Sorrento. 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 FDO by 8 pm that night.

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	<u>Moon up</u>	About 5:25am		<u>Moon down</u>	About 5:50pm	
	<u>Sunrises</u>	About 6:05 am at 99 deg		<u>Sunsets</u>	About 6:50 pm at 261 deg	

Calendar for next three months

Here's a calendar showing the dates for Dry Casting, General and Committee meetings, Field Days and other Club events in the next three months.

23 Deadline for Reel Talk articles, 5pm	16 AAA Event	23 Night cast	
6 Dry Casting	13 General Meeting	16 17 Field Day	20 Committee Meeting

February 2013							March 2013							April 2013						
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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Bluff Creek Field Day 2/3/4 March 2013

The March long weekend Field Day will be at Bluff Creek, east of Albany.

DO NOT MISS THIS FIELD DAY!! If you don't own a 4WD then ask another member for a lift. This is a FAMILY Field Day location so bring your wife or partner, friends and children. This is one of the best locations we go to for a club field day.

In past years, a barbecue has been held from 12 noon Sunday to 2 pm Sunday. It's a great time for socialising with your fellow club members and yet another highlight of the Bluff Creek field day when we go back to how field days used to be "in the good old days".

It has all the right ingredients for a great weekend. The camp site is protected from a lot of the wind and is near a fresh water creek, great for washing. You do need to take fresh water for drinking, tea making, etc.

The weather can vary from drizzle to perfect to very hot, but most days there's a strong breeze and that's usually from the left along the beach.

There are kilometers of open beach for fishing. Some reef fishing spots are within easy distance of the camping area. There have been some great catches by people who have walked from the camp site to the nearest part of the beach.

A long rod is essential as the skippy sometimes gather around the offshore reefs. This is where your dry casting practice comes into good use for distance and placing the bait accurately.



Miles of beaches like this !!!!

The beaches and water are in pristine condition so it is really a very pleasant spot to just relax and enjoy the outdoors and the fishing.

Bluff Creek is only accessible by 4WD and is east of Albany. Access to the camp site is along the beach which is usually reasonably easy, although getting off the beach to the camping area with a loaded trailer can need a good run up.

In past years we have used a track through the dunes above the beach, but in the last two years year we found this was impassable due to a large blowout in a place where it was difficult to get past with a fully loaded trailer.

Maybe someone has made a new track around this by now.

We recommend this Field Day to all new members as the fishing is easy and there will be plenty of experienced members on hand to help. Usually a group of members go down in convoy to Bluff Creek on the Friday morning. Anyone wishing to join in please raise this at the General Meeting.



Morning fishing at the reef. Does it get any better?

The Instruction period at the 13 February General Meeting will be about the Bluff Creek area, fishing, camping, road and track details for getting there, and more.

Put that date in your diary so you don't miss it.

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

How to get to Bluff Creek

There are two main ways to get to Bluff Creek. The simplest way is, with no map needed on bitumen main roads:- Take the Albany Highway to Mount Barker. From Mount Barker, go towards Albany, turn left into Millbrook Road, 17 km to King River, left onto the South Coast Highway (Albany-Jerramungup Road) to Manypeaks, 6 km more to Cheynes Beach Road, 7 km more to Bluff Creek Road. Turn right on to the gravel road, go 9 km in on Bluff Creek Road to the start of the narrower white sand 4WD track to the beach. Stop here and let down your tyres.

An alternative which uses several gravel roads and needs a good local map, is to take the Porongorup Road from Mount Barker to the Chester Pass road, use Mindijup road until you cross a ford over the Kalgan River. Find your way onto Fish Track Road to the South Coast Highway. From here, it's 5 km to Manypeaks, and on to Bluff Creek as above.

Fuel. Manypeaks has fuel but only during shop hours, and closes at 5pm most days. If you intend traveling at night, the Mount Barker service station used to close at 10pm. Check for yourself before relying on this information. Mt Barker BP Roadhouse 9851 1222. If you need fuel after 10pm, you may need to go to Albany to refuel at one of the 24 hour stations. From there go out the South Coast Highway (Albany-Jerramungup Road) to Manypeaks, and continue as above.

Track to the beach is definitely **4 wheel drive only**, bush close on both sides, and once you're on the track there are very few places to turn or get off the track and there are soft uphill sandy sections.

With the loads carried for a long weekend camping trip, you **must** let your tyres down to beach driving pressures **before starting on the track**. Suggest 20 psi or less but it's your responsibility to have pressures suitable for your vehicle, tyres and load, and use low range 4WD as there are some very soft uphill sections. It's better with the right tyre pressures and keeping moving.

The track gets badly chewed up by people who don't consider other people and leave their tyres at normal pressure or only let them down a little bit.

The track starts off easy across fairly flat country, then you'll come to a place where the track splits for a hundred metres or so and comes back together before going a bit right and up a hill. This is the start of a soft uphill section which goes on and up for quite a way and you don't want to get stuck on this.

The last uphill section is beach sand and is sometimes covered by fresh sand drifts, dry and quite soft, with a steep bit at the top on a right hand curve. If you get stuck here it's a job to get moving again, and no one can get past you. After that you're into the sand dunes downhill and on to the beach.

According to Google maps, the track to the beach meets the beach at 34°48'02.30" South, 118°24'36.20" East. Access to the camp site is along the beach which is usually reasonably easy, although getting off the beach to the camping area with a loaded trailer can need a good run up.

In past years we have used a track through the dunes above the beach, but in 2011 we found this was impassable due to a large blowout in a place where it was difficult to get past with a fully loaded trailer. Maybe someone has made a new track around this by now.

Travel east along the beach for about 4km till you reach the west side of Bluff Creek and the camp site. The camp creek meets the beach at 34°45'33.77" South, 118°26'29.11" East. If you have a GPS it might be worth checking and recording this to use when coming back to camp in the dark.

If you have time on the way back to Perth, the route through the Porongorup Ranges or the Stirling Ranges is a magnificent drive with great scenery. Allow a couple of extra hours to go this way.

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

New member applications

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.

Gordon Richards

Secretary and Membership Coordinator, Eric Parker

New member acceptances

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

Nigel Richards and Sue Heggs, Tayla, Coen and Kal Richards

Wilf Core

Secretary and Membership Coordinator, Eric Parker

Presentation night 2013

The Woodvale Tavern has been booked for Saturday 22 June 2013. Please put this date in your diary NOW, and keep this night free of other engagements or other things to do, so you can come to the Presentation night.

Social Organiser, Pat McKeown

Field Day report White Hills January 2013

Synopsis. The January 2013 field day was spread from South wall of the Dawesville Cut to Preston Beach with the majority of persons fishing a stretch of beach 10 to 15 km south of the White Hills road. While Tailor were light on, Herring were more plentiful with some people bagging out on the latter. The Pekaar men folk fished locally, with the 3 of them putting fish in their bags. In summary, the field day location at White Hills resulted in nearly everyone having feed of fish with Herring predominant, hence plenty of smiles at the weigh-in.

The Trip. The sign on at the car park behind the Miami Bakery was at 1:00 pm Saturday 12 January with lines down at 2:30 pm with fishing through until Sunday with the weigh-in at 11:00 am back at the same car park. A total of 15 anglers signed on, George Holman, Melvin Wee, Martin Wearmouth and sons Thomas and Christian with a friend Jason, Peet and Sandra Wessels, Victor and Slavka Schilo, Mark and Wendy Hansen, Ray Walker, Dean Stewart, and Peter Osborne. Our starting point has become a tradition to sign on at the car park at the back of the Bakery. This gives the opportunity on both arrival and departure to treat oneself to a good cup of coffee and donuts or other goodies.

A point we need to consider for the future, is that this date is during school holidays and 4WD vehicles were prolific. Coming out and just started to pump up tires, we just missed a 4WD club going in and would not be good to meet them on a narrow section of track. Even during fishing, vehicles were tearing past just about the whole time, observing how some drove and tires over inflated some drivers were definitely not experienced. I had a close encounter with a 4WD tearing past me at close to 50 km/h. Hence we might consider to shift this date outside of the holiday period, although other venues would also have higher than usual attendance pressures.

Often, but not every time, we have person or party run into a difficulty or bad luck. No, George did not tangle with another ray. Sorry Melvin, just have to tell your story. Melvin had a productive fishing trip getting 7 tailor (best bag of tailor for the trip), a couple of skippy and 8 herring. His good luck ran out on the way out. Somewhere along the beach his coolant system failed and started leaking coolant.

He managed to make it to the top of the hill where we pump up our tires and he accomplished this before he realized his problem. We all left this spot spasmodically to go the weigh-in, as did Melvin.

He did not get far and his engine shut down. His car has protection that did this before overheating occurs. He called RAC and got the bad news of his problem which required he then had to organize a tow back to Perth as below. He tried to telephone me but the battery in my mobile was flat so no connection. He eventually got through to Mark who passed details of his dilemma on to me as we were worried as to why he had not showed up at the weigh-in.

Via his mobile phone with some pictures and weight of his heaviest fish we were able to complete a weigh-in of his bag



Melvin demonstrating how we don't want to use a 4WD

We fished in small groups along the beach with each of us looking for a bit of small reef structure that appears intermittently along this bit of coastline. Initially the wind was a slight southeaster, but turned to a strong southwester for a few hours but well before dark this dropped off and turned back to a slight wind from the south to south east and this stayed through until lines up.



Slavka anticipating a bite. On the horizon a yacht, one of many beating down to Busselton.

A group of George Holman, Martin Wearmouth and his boys, Peet and Sandra Wessels, Victor and Slavka Schilo, to be later joined by Mark Hansen and Wendy, with Melvin fishing slightly further south found a good bit of reef and applied all their skills. Throughout the fishing period, all had issues with very small fish stripping mulies. This results in periods of having lines out but no bait on the hooks.

As above, Tailor were very scarce with only Peet and Sandra both getting a good one each just before and after dark. Herring were a lot more prolific in this area with an odd Pike, undersize Tarwhine, and odd Skippy with Mark repeating last year with a Banded Sweep.

All got at least some herring. Peet had a big hook-up and thought all his Christmases had come at once. However, it was not to be. After stripping line for 15 to 20 seconds it spat the hooks. On retrieval, one of his hooks had a scale that could only have been a Mulloway, and would have been a good one. Bad luck, but that's fishing.

Good to see all got herring even though there was a lack of Tailor. Martin got a bag of herring and his two sons and son's friend also captured herring. Peet had the best bag of 4.57 kg and heaviest fish, a tailor at 0.69kg. Sandra had the most points as she had more species.



Martin getting some tips from George



Concentration – where's that big fish?

I, accompanied by Dean and Ray, had stopped a bit further north of the main group on a stretch of reef where I had had success in the past. It was slow going in the afternoon, with only a couple of Herring, a Flathead, and Skippy coming in between us.

An hour before sunset we all anticipated Tailor, but not what I would call a run. I managed three, but found that these fish were only doing a slight suck on the bait and it was easy to miss the bite if there was not a good tight line to terminal gear. With small fish and blowies stripping bait very quickly I missed probably 5 or 6 touches.

The other two did not manage a Tailor hookup. It is noted that Dean landed a good Skippy. After dark, Ray had a big hook-up. His deep spool Alvey was just about spooled of 15 kg line before he turned it.

After 50 minutes of hook-up he had just about pumped it back to the shore when we think his line caught on some reef and snapped.

Again, bad luck, and again that's fishing. Ray's arms were some 2 inches longer after this battle. Did not fight like a large ray, and while it could have been a Mulloway, with that first huge run towards South Africa my guess it would have been a Shark in the 15 to 30 kg range. We will never know.

Hence back at the weigh-in, incorporating coffee and bakery goodies etc. All the fish went across the scales. Lots of fish but disappointment that Tailor did not make any real appearance, only Melvin made of a fist of it with 7 Tailor. If someone like George does not get a Tailor that shows it was not what we would call a Tailor run. However most made up this deficiency with a feed of Herring. As we all had a feed it was still all smiles around. See further below in Reel Talk for the actual capture results.

Local Field Day. Peter Pekaar, with his brother Robert and son Andrew also came along as visitors and fished the Swan River early afternoon Saturday for flathead and then moved to Floreat in late afternoon. As happened further down the coast a very strong southerly breeze blowing and at dusk it dropped right away and went easterly. All of the larger tailor were taken with the southerly blowing. When it turned easterly small chopper Tailor went mad and came on the bite with almost a fish per cast. Most were undersized and were returned to the water.

Thanks go to John Curtis for doing the local weigh-in. Peter's bag of 5 Tailor and one Flathead weighed in at 2.09kg, his brother Rob had a bag of 1.18kg of 3 Tailor and one Flathead and son Andrew had a bag of 1.68kg. made up of 4 Tailor.



Martin, Slavka, George and Victor, waiting for the tailor to arrive. They appear to know what they are doing.

Hence, albeit on average smaller size, their effort was better than White Hills for Tailor captures. 3 fishers for a total of 12 Tailor whereas White Hills had 15 fishers for 14 Tailor.

Hope to see you at Cervantes in February as this venue and time has historically given us good bags of Tailor plus miscellaneous species.

Tight lines

Field Officer, Peter Osborne

Catch results and points for January 2013 Field Day

Angler	Weight	Species	Fish	Points
Sandra Wessels	4.34 kg	4	30	133.4
Peet Wessels	4.57 kg	3	30	125.7
Melvin Wee	4.15 kg	3	17	121.5
Peter Osborne	3.18 kg	3	18	111.8
George Holman	2.98 kg	2	24	99.8
Martin Wearmouth	2.1 kg	1	17	81
Mark Hansen	0.78 kg	2	3	77.8
Slavka Schilo	2.64 kg	1	22	76.4
Victor Schilo	0.97 kg	2	7	69.7
Raymond Walker	0.9 kg	1	7	69
Peter Pekaar	2.09 kg	2	6	60.9
Dean Stewart	0.49 kg	1	1	54.9
Thomas Wearmouth	0.12 kg	1	1	51.2
Christian Wearmouth	0.11 kg	1	1	51.1
Rob Pekaar (visitor)	1.18 kg	2	4	41.8
Wendy Hansen				40

Points include Field day and January General meeting points.

Species weighed at the White Hills Field day were tailor, skipjack trevally, herring, long finned pike and banded sweep.

Species weighed at the Local Field day were flathead and tailor.

Sportsperson of the Year winners for January 2013

Best scale fish	Peet Wessels	Tailor	0.69
Best bag of scale fish	Peet Wessels	Mixed Bag	4.57

Field day section winners for January 2013

Best scale fish	Peet Wessels	Tailor	0.69
Best bag of scale fish	Sandra Wessels	Mixed Bag	4.34

Field Day top scores for 2012/13

Total scores up to and including January Field day and General meeting. Competition Rules section 2.4.5 specifies only the best 11 months out of 12 will count at the end of the competition year. The winners will be announced at the Presentation of Trophies in June 2013, and adjusted scores will be published after that.

Name	Points	Rank	Name	Points	Rank	Name	Points	Rank
Peter Osborne	1511.4	1	Justin Rose	264.9	13	Melvin Wee	121.5	25
Peet Wessels	1053.7	2	John Crompton	264.5	14	Francis Gaudin	115.7	26
Sandra Wessels	865.7	3	Francis Ford	251.8	15	Raymond Walker	109	27
George Holman	840.8	4	Ian Taggart	242.3	16	Jeff Hewton	104	28
Martin Wearmouth	547.6	5	Wendy Hansen	206.2	17	Josh Gorringe	99	29
Mark Hansen	517	6	Debbie Korin	198.2	18	Emma Wignell	73.2	30
Slavka Schilo	502.9	7	Theo Van Niekerk	177.6	19	Geoff Raftis	59.7	31
Victor Schilo	467.6	8	Eddie Korin	174.1	20	Dean Stewart	54.9	32
Pat McKeown	386	9	Morgan Keet	160.8	21	Rob Pekaar	41.8	33
Shane Wignell	370.5	10	Christian Wearmouth	136.9	22	Beverley Grigo	40	33
Sarah Wignell	321.3	11	Thomas Wearmouth	135.6	23	Chris Stickells	34.5	34
Greg Keet	295.1	12	Peter Pekaar	125.7	24	Allan Jones	20	35

Field Day sections 2012/13

Up to and including January 2013 Field Day.

1A	Best scale fish (1st six months)	Peet Wessels	Mulloway	7.8 kg	June
1B	Best scale fish (2nd six months)	Peter Osborne	Mackerel	1.67 kg	Nov
2	Most meritorious fish	To be awarded by Committee			
3	Best Shark (4.5kg min)	Justin Rose	Shark	6.1 kg	Nov
4	Best Mulloway (2.0kg min)	Peet Wessels	Mulloway	7.8 kg	June
5	Best Tailor (1.0kg min)	Peter Osborne	Tailor	1.22 kg	Sep
6	Best Salmon (3kg min)	George Holman	Salmon	3.79 kg	Sep
7	Best Skipjack Trevally (0.5 kg min)	Peet Wessels	Skipjack Trevally	1.42 kg	Aug
8	Best Mackerel (2kg Min)				
9	Best scale fish (other than above)	Sandra Wessels	Yellowtail Kingfish	4.72 kg	Aug
10	Best bag of scale fish	Peter Osborne	Mixed Bag	15.04 kg	Aug
11	Best bag of Mulloway (2 fish Min)				
12	Best bag of Tailor (2 fish Min)	Peter Osborne	Tailor	6.1 kg	Nov
13	Best fish on S/H rod 4kg b/s line (max)				
14	Best fish caught on fly rod	Frank Gaudin	Wrasse	0.54 kg	May

Barron Lure competition 2012/13

The Barron Lure competition is sponsored by Eric Parker, who donates the trophies. Try Eric's poppers, you will not be disappointed.

The rules for this competition are the same as for the Club's Open fishing competition, plus fish must be caught on a popper lure, and a single fish cannot win more than one of the Barron Lure sections.

Heaviest Tailor on Lure. Justin Rose 2.2kg Tailor caught at Wilbinga
 Heaviest Salmon on Lure. No entry yet
 Heaviest Scale Fish on Lure. No entry yet

Please wear your name tag at Club events

The heading says it all. New members and visitors will be grateful.

If you don't have a name tag, please make one or contact Secretary Eric Parker.

Open fishing competition 2012/13

The Open Competition is for fish caught other than on Club Gazetted Field Days, but not in any other AAA affiliated club event on the same dates. Entries for the Open competition close **30 days after capture**. See Competition Rules Section 4. Section listings have been updated to match the current Competition Rules.

Section	For	Minimum weight	Entry
1	Most meritorious capture	None	To be awarded by Committee
2	Best Shark	4.5 kg	
3	Best Mulloway	5.0 kg	Peter Osborne, 8.9kg at Kalbarri
4	Best Salmon	3.5 kg	
5	Best Flathead	0.5 kg	
6	Best Tailor	1.5 kg	Mal Head, 2.6kg at Red Bluff, Kalbarri
7	Best Samson Fish	5.0 kg	
8	Best fish on single handed rod maximum 4kg line class	Legal size	
9	Best Pink Snapper	2.0 kg	Martin Wearmouth, 5.2kg at Hill River
10	Best Tarwhine	0.5 kg	
11	Best Mackerel	4.0 kg	
12	Best Skipjack Trevally (southern)	1.0 kg	
13	Best Trevally (northern)	4.0 kg	
14	Best Snook/Pike	0.5 kg	
15	Best Black or Yellow finned Bream	0.6 kg	Victor Schilo, 0.68kg caught in Swan River
16	Best scale fish other than sections 3 - 15	2.0 kg	
17	Best fish caught on fly rod.	Legal size	

Update to Species Badge competition

The list of species registered to members has been updated for catches and entries during January. Some members are close to the 10 species needed to qualify for a badge.

Name	Bream	Flathead	Flounder	Garfish	Herring	Yellow Eyed Mullet	Mackerel	Mulloway	Pink Snapper	Salmon	Samson Fish	Snook or Pike	Tailor	Tarwhine	Trevally	Whiting	Wrasse	Number of species caught
Victor Schilo	1				1					1		1	1		1			6
Thomas Wearmouth	1				1								1			1		4
Christian Wearmouth		1		1	1								1					4
Rob Pekaar (visitor)		1											1					2

Recorder John Curtis

Dry Casting report 6 January 2013

Peter and I were chatting on the phone the day before drycasting about the attendance and we thought we would get about 12 or maybe 15 people but in fact we had 23 turn up. Great stuff! it can only get better now that Christmas holidays are over.

One person who deserves a special mention is Olivia Keet who not only cast 60 metres in the 56 gram event but scored 2 bullseyes in the single handed accuracy. Congratulations must go to Alan Hale for a bullseye in single handed accuracy and Mal Head a bullseye in double handed accuracy.

The best casts for seniors on the day were

56 gram	Jeff Hewton	113 metres	Artificial bait	Peter Pekaar	135 metres
	Peter Pekaar	135 metres		Peter Pekaar	135 metres
112 gram	Peter Pekaar	158 metres	Double handed accuracy	Alan Hale	117
	Peter Pekaar	155 metres		Peter Pekaar	95
Single handed accuracy	Alan Hale	16 points			
	Peter Pekaar	15 points			

Veterans results

56 gram	Gary Gildersleeves	135 metres	Artificial bait	Ron Thomas	113 metres
	Gary Gildersleeves	127 metres		Ron Thomas	113 metres
112 gram	George Holman	133 metres	Double handed accuracy	Ron Thomas	141
	Ron Thomas	129 metres		Alan Jones	138
Single handed accuracy	George Holman	26 points			
	Ron Thomas	24 points			
	Gary Gildersleeves	24 points			

Women's winner - Jane Keet

Min junior winner - Olivia Keet

By the way it seems our fearless leader is hell bent on landing these sting rays. The fact is he even landed one on Wordsworth oval last drycasting day. I wonder if the name 'stinger' would ever stick.

Assistant Dry Casting Officer Ron Thomas

Dry Casting winners for 6 January 2013

Event	Seniors winner		Veterans winner	
56 gram Score	22	Peter Pekaar, Jeff Hewton	26	Gary Gildersleeves
56 gram Distance	114	Jeff Hewton	135	Gary Gildersleeves
Artificial Bait Score	27	Peter Pekaar	23	Ron Thomas
Artificial Bait Distance	135	Peter Pekaar	114	Ron Thomas
112 gram Score	31	Peter Pekaar	26	George Holman
112 gram Distance	158	Peter Pekaar	133	George Holman
Double Handed Acc.	117	Alan Hale	141	Ron Thomas
Single Handed Acc.	16	Alan Hale	26	George Holman
Section Highest Points	213	Alan Hale	244	Ron Thomas

Event	Ladies winner		Mini Juniors winner	
56 gram Score			10	Olivia Keet
56 gram Distance			60	Olivia Keet
Artificial Bait Score	11	Jane Keet	9	Olivia Keet
Artificial Bait Distance	57	Jane Keet	44	Olivia Keet
112 gram Score	13	Jane Keet	9	Olivia Keet
112 gram Distance	68	Jane Keet	46	Olivia Keet
Double Handed Acc.	49	Jane Keet	6	Olivia Keet
Single Handed Acc.	9	Jane Keet	21	Olivia Keet
Section Highest Points	92	Jane Keet	65	Olivia Keet

Event	Overall winner for January		Year's best for 2012/2013	
56 gram Score	26	Gary Gildersleeves	31	Peter Pekaar, George Holman
56 gram Distance	135	Gary Gildersleeves	161	Peter Pekaar
Artificial Bait Score	27	Peter Pekaar	32	Peter Pekaar
Artificial Bait Distance	135	Peter Pekaar	172	Peter Pekaar
112 gram Score	31	Peter Pekaar	38	Peter Pekaar
112 gram Distance	158	Peter Pekaar	196	Peter Pekaar
Double Handed Acc.	141	Ron Thomas	167	Malcolm Head
Single Handed Acc.	26	George Holman	34	Allan Jones, Mark Hansen
Section Highest Points	244	Ron Thomas	294	George Holman

Dry Casting top scores for 2012/13

Total scores up to and including January casting and General meeting. Competition Rules section 3.8.1 specifies only the best 11 months out of 12 will count at the end of the competition year. The winners will be announced at the Presentation of Trophies in June 2013, and adjusted scores will be published after that.

Name	Points	Rank	Name	Points	Rank	Name	Points	Rank
George Holman	2270	1	Pat McKeown	835	16	Eddie Korin	255	31
Terry Fuller	2067	2	Geoff Raftis	744	17	Bev Grigo	249	32
Ron Thomas	2011	3	Mark Hansen	710	18	Francis Ford	227	33
Peter Pekaar	1956	4	Morgan Keet	591	19	Jane Keet	199	34
Peter Osborne	1699	5	Andrew Pekaar	549	20	Tony D'Alonzo	172	35
Jeff Hewton	1573	6	Shane Wignell	507	21	Andy Thorgersen	140	36
Gary Gildersleeves	1432	7	Alan Hale	482	22	Debbie Korin	112	37
Eric Parker	1400	8	Felicity Keet	418	23	Chris Stickells	93	38
Bob Henderson	1358	9	Olivia Keet	399	24	Marcia Pekaar	80	39
John Crompton	1249	10	Sarah Wignell	374	25	Jim Strong	28	40
Allan Jones	1148	11	Ray Walker	380	26	John Curtis	20	41
Malcolm Head	1092	12	Owen Williams	347	27	Jack McQuillan	10	42
Dean Stewart	1061	13	Wilf Core	341	28	Wendy Hansen	10	43
Trevor Stam	907	14	Victor Schilo	332	29			
Greg Keet	832	15	Mick Burgin	287	30			

Catch and release of oversize whaler sharks

Department of Fisheries Regulations for West and South Coast bioregions set a maximum size limit for Whaler sharks of 700 mm interdorsal fin length. In the Regulations, sharks of this size are classed as "totally protected."

While fishing on a Field day, a club angler might hook, land, measure and release a whaler shark which is protected solely by reason of its size, while fishing for other species or for smaller sharks.

The January Committee meeting discussed the catch and release of such oversized whaler sharks.

The Committee confirmed the principle of observing Department of Fisheries Regulations about protected species as stated in Club rules, which state that no protected fish are eligible for Field Day weigh in, or points or Sections.

This also means that oversize whaler sharks in the West Coast and South Coast regions will not receive credit or points or win sections even if the weight is estimated and the shark is released unharmed as is required by Fisheries Regulations.

Relevant parts of Club's current Competition Rules are:

Section 2.3.1 Eligible Species List

... all fish nominated as "**Protected**" by the Department of Fisheries WA Regulations ... **are not eligible for weigh-in.**

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

Field day selections 2013/14 – further notes

This overview with notes is listed in order of priorities as determined by submissions and suggestions received up to 20 January 2013.

Highest priority voting selection shows with (+) If same or reasonably close, i.e. within one vote of each other, then each is marked with **(+)**

Over and above the actual selection of a venue, some areas that need addressing are also noted in this write-up.

This info is provided to give information to allow some discussion prior to final committee selection and voting.

Following correlation of all submissions and discussion, the FDO will make a recommendation to the committee for venues. This will be considered by Committee which will prepare a recommended list of venues and dates for publishing in the March Reel Talk, and for finalization by club members by formal voting on each venue, etc. at the April General meeting)

Field Day Officer Peter Osborne

Date	Venue and <i>distance from Perth</i>	Typical catches etc	Other issues to be addressed
May 2013 (11/12 or 18/19)	Rottnest (+) <i>Close</i>	The past few years all trips have been to Rottnest in May and Aug. Main fish caught: Herring, Salmon, Skippy and Yellow Tail Kingfish, odd Dhufish, Wrasse & miscellaneous. Last couple of years, only a few YT Kingfish have been captured, but good for earlier years where there has been lots of action. Also recent years tailor have been scarce. This year tides fairly high late afternoon	Recent years fishing times are Sat and Sun afternoons/early evening, with return to Perth Mon morning. Alternative is to revert to concept of mid-day Sat to mid-day Sunday. Those going, or wishing to go need to indicate preferences. 3 cabins booked for 3 nights 17/18/19 May. Cabins only available by ballot for 10/11/12 May
	Open (Local) <i>Close to medium</i>	All of the above dependent on where you go	A number of persons wanted to open local up to be Open, to make more competitive with Rottnest. Boundaries within a few hours' drive and sign on/weigh-sign times to be resolved e.g. Lines down 2:00 pm, lines up 11:00 am Sun, with weigh-in at 4:00 pm in Perth
	Cape to Cape <i>Medium distance</i>	Herring, Skippy, salmon, chance of a Samson, Garfish, Whiting, Tailor and Western Rock Blackfish	
Jun 2013 (LWE 1/2/3)	S Bend (+) <i>Distant</i>	Past history shows good catches - best in summer. S Bend allows participation in AAA competition and SCAC to enter teams	Need to book accommodation.
	Emu Springs <i>Distant</i>	Some past history has given good catches of southern species. Good camping area	Getting permission to use this private property
Jul 2013 (13/14)	Open (+) <i>Close to medium</i>	See May alternative	Boundaries within a few hours' drive and sign on/weigh-sign times to be resolved

Jul 2013 (13/14) (continued)	Cape to Cape (+) <i>Medium distance</i>	Herring, Skippy, salmon, chance of a Samson, Garfish, Whiting, Tailor and Western Rock Blackfish. Extend boundary to Busselton as high seas/swell can eliminate most venues between Capes.	
	Rottnest <i>Close</i>	See May	
	Jurien to Leeman <i>Medium distance</i>	See November Cervantes	

Aug 2013 (10/11)	Rottnest (+) <i>Close</i>	Traditionally we have fished this over past 20 years. Historically this has given good results, particularly for YT Kingfish and Skippy and at times Tailor and Salmon plus miscellaneous. Mid-level tides late pm	
	Open <i>Close to medium</i>	All of the above dependent on where you go	Boundaries within a few hours' drive and sign on/weigh-sign times to be resolved

Sep 2013 (14/15 or LWE 28/29/30*)	Lucky Bay to Kalbarri (+) <i>Distant</i>	Good catches here including mulloway through to Spanish Mackerel, Sharks, and Trevally. Does depend on swell not being too high.	Some members have requested we use our Kalbarri clubhouse as our base. Note on LWE*
	Cervantes <i>Medium distance</i>	We have generally fished this are in the 3 rd or 4 th quarter of the year. Historically good Tailor, Pike, Herring, Garfish, Skippy, odd Shark and odd Dart very occasionally a Mulloway. Can be weed problems	
	Cape to Cape <i>Medium distance</i>	See May 2012	

October (12/13)	Cervantes (+) <i>Medium distance</i>	We have generally fished this are in the 3 rd or 4 th Quarter of the year. Historically good Tailor, Pike, Herring, Garfish, Skippy, odd Shark and odd Dart very occasionally a Mulloway. Weed problems less	Decision on Sign-on/Weigh-in. At Hill River car park, convenient for pumping up tires and close to fishing points, or garage at Cervantes. Needs pumping up tires before driving back to garage but has better shade etc. and use of garage restaurant
	S Bend <i>Distant</i>	Past history shows good catches. Best in summer	Not good for a 2 day weekend
	White Hills <i>Short to Medium</i>	Good history of Tailor, Herring Skippy, Garfish, possible Shark or Mulloway	
	Cape to Cape <i>Medium distance</i>	Herring, Skippy, Salmon, chance of a Samson, Garfish, Whiting, Tailor and Western Rock Blackfish.	Extend boundary to Busselton as high seas/swell can eliminate most venues between Capes
	Rottnest	See above	

Nov 2013 (16/17)	Cervantes (+) <i>Medium distance</i>	See October	
	Swan River <i>Close</i>	Bream, Flathead, tailor, possible large mulloway	Shift to 23/24 Nov for AAWA State Estuary Titles
	Cape to Cape <i>Medium distance</i>	Herring, Skippy, salmon, chance of a Samson, Garfish, Whiting, Tailor and Western Rock Blackfish	
	White Hills <i>Short to medium</i>	Good history of Tailor, Herring Skippy, Garfish, possible Shark or Mulloway	

Dec 2013 (14/15)	White Hills (+) <i>Short to medium</i>	Good history of Tailor, Herring Skippy, Garfish, possible Shark or Mulloway	Some wanted boundaries opened to Madora Bay to Meelup
	Local/Open (+) <i>Close to medium</i>		
	Moore River <i>Short to medium</i>		
	Cervantes <i>Medium distance</i>		

Jan 2014 (11/12)	Swan River (+) <i>Short</i>	Bream, Flathead, tailor, possible large mulloway	
	Local (+) <i>Short</i>		Some wanted boundaries opened to Madora Bay to Meelup
	Cervantes (+) <i>Short to medium</i>	Good Tailor + misc: - Pike, Herring, Garfish, Skippy, odd Shark and odd Dart very occasionally a Mulloway	
	Open		
	White Hills		

Feb 2014 (15/16)	Cervantes (+) <i>Medium distance</i>	Good Tailor + misc: - Pike, Herring, Garfish, Skippy odd Shark and odd Dart very occasionally a Mulloway. No weed.	
	White Hills <i>Short to medium</i>		

Mar 2014 (LWE 1/2/3)	Bluff Creek (+) <i>Long distance</i>	Good history of Salmon, Herring Skippy, possible Shark or Mulloway	
	Lucky Bay to Kalbarri <i>Long distance</i>		

Mar 2014 (LWE 1/2/3) (continued)	Bremer Bay <i>Long distance</i>		
	Cervantes <i>Medium distance</i>		

Apr 2014 (12/13)	Cape to Cape (+) <i>Medium distance</i>	See May 2012. Plus chance of salmon and Samson	
	Reef Beach <i>Long distance</i>	Similar to Bluff Creek	
	Open <i>Close to medium</i>		
	Kalbarri <i>Long distance</i>		
	Moore River to Jurien		
	Moore River to Seabird		

Win 1 year's free membership of the Club

The Committee has decided to once again offer free Club membership for one year to the winner of a raffle.

In the draw to be held at the Presentation night in late June 2013, all members who have been accepted into the club between July 2012 and June 2013 will be in a draw to receive 1 year's free membership, valued at up to \$120. The free membership will be the same type as they held in 2012/13, that is, single, or family membership, etc.

This offer is aimed at attracting new members to join the Club.

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

Happy birthday to

Greg Keet, 10 February,
Coen Richards, 26 February

Slavka Schilo, 13 February
Dean Stewart, 28 February

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

Deadline for Reel Talk articles and reports

The Reel Talk needs to be out during the week before the first Club event for that month. I try to get the Reel Talk printed and posted on the Monday for metro area delivery on the Tuesday or during that week, however public / Australia Post holidays can change that. Can I please have all general articles and reports for the

March Reel Talk no later than 5 pm Thursday 21 February.

April Reel Talk no later than 5 pm Thursday 28 March.

May Reel Talk no later than 5 pm Thursday 25 April.

Please contact me if any item will be late. I really appreciate getting any articles well **before** the deadline, please.

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

Social report January 2013

Hello fellow club members. Hope all is well?

The fishing scene is rather quiet at the moment. Maybe it's time for some night casting - it does not matter what the tide or weed are doing. The target does not move with the swell and sits there waiting for you to hit it. What more could you ask for?.

There will be spot prizes, so come along and have a fun night with all the family and fellow club members. Glow sticks will be supplied.

Bring along a big smile. Remember BYO everything, including chairs. Two BBQ's are available for cooking.

Since you won't get there before 6pm (will you) you don't need to worry too much about the sun, but Slip Slop Slap and wear a hat if you want. We have a good stock of hats that will be available on the day for \$15.00 each.

When:- Saturday 23rd February 2013

Remember please don't arrive before 6pm. Directions to the night cast are below.

The Presentation night is well underway. We just have to put the final touches on the menu costs hopefully no price increase from last year.

The Menu is in the Reel Talk. Those that went last year enjoyed the night very positive feedback on the venue, service and meals.

It's good to see members wearing the club shirts with name badges this really encourages new members to step forward and speak to you as they know who they are talking to.

You can also approach them and not embarrass them as they can read your name and feel comfortable. Nothing a fisherman likes better than a chat.

See you at the night cast.

Social Organiser Pat McKeown

How to get to night cast and barbecue

Directions to get to the parking area at the back of George and Kaye Holman's place.

Nearest major intersection: Traffic lights at the Marmion Avenue/Warwick Road intersection.

From that intersection, go south to Freeman Way, turn west into Freeman Way, go past the roundabout into the north going part of Freeman Way.

Turn left west into Clontarf Street, turn right north into Parnell Avenue, turn first left west into parking area alongside the grassed reserve. There are barriers at the end of that parking area, George's house is the one at the end of that parking area.

Can also come from the south along Marmion avenue, turn west into Freeman Way and as above. Or go along West Coast Drive, turn east into Clontarf Street, turn north into Parnell Ave and as above.

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

Bring a friend to a Club activity

Please bring a friend, a relative, a workmate, neighbour or an acquaintance to a General meeting, to Dry Casting or to a Club fishing Field day. Let them know what the Club does, and let them find out for themselves some of the benefits of being a club member, particularly getting all those fishing and casting tips from experienced club members. Show them your copy of Reel Talk and let them know there is a lot more about the club on the Club website

<http://www.surfcasters.iinet.net.au/>

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

Please wear your name tag at Club events

The heading says it all. New members and visitors will be grateful.

If you don't have a name tag, please make one or contact Secretary Eric Parker.

Dinner menu for Presentation Night, 22 June 2013

Entrée

Butternut squash soup **or** Bruschetta

Main Course

Sirloin steak grilled until medium and served with chips, side salad and mushroom sauce, **or**
Oven roasted chicken breast filled with sun dried tomatoes, spinach and camembert. Served
with mash, steamed vegetables and champagne sauce, **or**

Grilled snapper fillet served with mash, steamed vegetables and lemon butter sauce

Dessert

Profiterole cake served with fresh cream **or**

Apple crumble served with vanilla custard

Children's (12 and under) menu

Sausage and mash, **or**

Chicken nuggets and chips, **or**

Golden fried fish and chips

Ice cream sundae for dessert

Social Organiser Pat McKeown

Club shirts, jackets, hats, badges and stickers

Legionnaires cap yellow	\$15		
Bomber jacket waterproof	\$50	Lightweight jacket waterproof	\$45
Polo shirt long sleeved	\$35	Polo shirt short sleeved	\$30
Cloth Club badges	\$4.50	Vehicle stickers Club logo	\$2

Social Organiser, Pat McKeown

Heavy duty sewing

Contact Terry Fuller if you need some heavy duty strong sewing. The sewing machine can handle reinforcing or repairing tarpaulins, rope edging, plastic, canvas, leather, shade cloth, webbing, straps, buckles, etc, for tent flies, windbreaks, bags, fish bags, covers, etc.

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

UHF channel guide

See page 26 of the December 2012 Reel Talk or on the Club web site at

<http://www.surfcasters.iinet.net.au/UHF-ChannelGuide.pdf>

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

Future AAWA State Championships

AAWA holds four State Championships each year. See the list for coming years on page 22 of the December 2012 Reel Talk.

AAWA Delegate, Terry Fuller

Bookings for Kalbarri house in 2012-13

See the article on the inside back cover of Reel Talk for rates and more information.

The Club's Kalbarri house has bookings for the following dates, inclusive. Tenants will leave by 10 am on the last date shown and the property can be booked for the afternoon/evening of the day of the last date shown. All other dates not listed are currently available. This list is at 26 January and does not include any bookings or changes which may have been made between then and whenever you read this. Contact Property Officer Ray Walker for bookings.

April 2013 6 April to 20 April

Oct 2013 19 Oct to 31 Oct

Nov 2013

1 Nov to 10 Nov

Property Officer, Ray Walker

Upgrade to bathroom at Kalbarri house

Thanks to Scott Meikle for taking some photos of the upgraded bathroom during his recent stay at the Club's Kalbarri house.

The finished work is a credit to the contractor, Frank Rystenbergh of Kalbarri, and to the Club's Property Officer, Ray Walker.

It has upgraded an important part of the property for Club members and tenants, and looks really good.



New shower cubicle, tiling, taps and fittings and wall cladding



New hand basin and cupboard, floor covering, skirting boards, cistern, toilet and towel rack



New wall cladding, mirror and towel rack

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

Induction / information / training sessions

Several members have requested that there be some training sessions held for new members and include other not so new members.

Sessions will be held on the last Friday night in the month in February, April, June, August and October 2013. The sessions will run from 7:30 to 9:30pm and will be held in the carport workshop at John Curtis' home in Padbury. John has taught a beach fishing class for many years at TAFE and has notes from that course as well as other equipment.

Invitation is open to any member of the club to attend on the condition that they indicate their intention at the previous club meeting, or by advising John in advance of their intention to attend. Groups will be limited to a maximum of 10 with no minimum number required to run a session. Members will need to bring their own pliers, cutters and a pen and notebook.

Can members wishing to attend please advise me prior to the event and also bring items as above.

John Curtis

Notice of Motion - amendment to Competition Rules section 2.3.2

Notice of this motion was given at the January General meeting and will be voted on at the February General meeting.

Amend the third paragraph of Competition Rules Section 2.3.2, Numbers of Fish and Field Day Bag Limit.

Currently this paragraph reads *"A maximum of 1 (one) day's bag limit of any individual species as specified by Department of Fisheries WA Regulations may be weighed in for the Field Day. A maximum of seven (7) fish of the Category 1, Highest Risk Species may be weighed in. This will require captures to be spread over 2 or more days where the "mixed daily bag limit" is less than seven (7). A maximum of one (1) "mixed daily bag limit" for each of the Category 2, Medium Risk Species and the Category 3, Lowest Risk Species may be weighed in, subject to the maximum of 30 fish."*

Amend this paragraph to read *"Effective 1 February 2013, a maximum of 1 (one) day's bag limit of any individual species as specified by Department of Fisheries WA Regulations may be weighed in for the Field Day, subject to the mixed species daily bag limits and a maximum of 30 fish."*

Reasons for the change. Coming changes (1 Feb 2013) to the Fisheries State wide categories and bag limits have changed the groupings of species, their descriptions and the numbers allowed as the daily bag limit.

The current Club rule and the number 7 attempted to cater for restricted daily bag limits for demersal and large pelagic species in West Coast region, and an allowable 7 in the other regions.

The number 7 is more than the combined Demersal (2) and Large Pelagic (3) limit in the West Coast Region. Demersal rules will be reviewed in 2013.

But in all other parts of the State the number 7 is less than the combined Demersal (5) and Large Pelagic limit (3) and Demersal also has a concession allowing more of some species in the South Coast region.

The mixed species daily bag limit for large pelagic species has been increased to 3, and sharks/rays are included in this category. Leaving the club limit at 7 fish of the "highest risk" species could allow a club angler to weigh in 6 mackerel or 6 sharks, for example. Although such a catch would be legal if 3 of these fish were caught each day on 2 days, this number of fish does not fit into the Club's long tradition of a maximum of one day's bag limit and fishing for the future.

Changing the Club weigh in rule to a maximum of one day's bag limit for each and every category makes it simple to understand, simple to check against the Fisheries rules and still allows plenty of fish to be weighed in.

Note that the final sentences of the Club rule is a reminder that *"Members are responsible for complying with the maximum individual and mixed daily bag limits as listed in the Recreational Fishing Guide for the Region being fished. Members may capture any number of fish allowed by the Regulations for their personal use."*

On a two or more day field day, this means that members may catch and keep up to 2 days' bag limit of whole fish as one of the options allowed under rules for possession limits, and chose which of these fish to present for the Club Field day weigh in.

Moved by Terry Fuller

2013 AAA National Convention and Championships

Information about the 2013 AAA National Convention and Championships, Caloundra, Queensland is on the AAAWA website. It has Convention information, Newsletters Issues 1, 2, 3 and 4, the program of events, maps of competition areas, and 92 photos of the area taken by John Curtis in August 2012. <http://www.aaawa.iinet.net.au/2013Convention/index.html>

Contact Terry Fuller if you don't have Internet access and would like printouts of any of these.

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

President's report for January

We had a surprisingly good attendance at our first meeting for the new year even though we had a number of apologies. My talk on beach rods and the different reels and their usefulness and maintenance must not have been too bad as no one left early.

At our first casting day for 2013, Ron Thomas reported on a good attendance also which is pleasing, and we look forward to even better numbers enjoying themselves. Ron still needs to organise the wind to blow in the appropriate direction.

Peter Osborne, our Field Day Officer, was also pleased with the attendance at the White Hills venue and everyone seemed to catch a feed of fish, but herring seemed to be abundant and tailor a little on the light side. Melvin Wee had a bit of bad luck with his vehicle and had to be towed home when he had a water leak from his motor. It was the first time we had seen him for a while and we look forward to seeing him again soon.

Victor and Slavka Schilo wanted me to show them the ropes for White Hills and wanted to meet me at the sign on and then follow me to the beach. I was halfway to Mandurah when I had a phone call from Victor to tell me he might be a little late as he was halfway there towing his van when they realised they had forgotten the most important items when you want to fish, fishing rods. They still managed to arrive on time and after we parked his caravan at Dawesville Caravan Park we proceeded to the White Hills road. Victor wanted to find out if his vehicle was suitable for the beach and after travelling 8 km or so along the beach we decided to fish near Peet and Sandra Wessels. Guess what? After catching a few fish Slavka decided it was too far to travel back so they slept in the back of their BMW. What people will do for fish. It was a very good social weekend.

Just a reminder for those interested in going to the National AAA Championships at Caloundra in August, there will be a meeting at the meeting room at the Sportsman's Association, Mount Lawley on Monday 4 February commencing at 7:30 pm. All welcome.

There will also be a meeting of the State AAWA Rock and Beach group at the same venue on Thursday 14 February at 7:30 pm. This is to set up the program for the State Rock and Beach Championships in June and any other planning for future events. Please attend and have some input into what you would like for both beach and estuary championships and locations.

Make sure you come along to Pat McKeown's barbecue and night cast on 23 February at the Holman's place in Sorrento. It is a great social night with a little humour and a novelty cast with glow sticks for those who want to have a dash.

Get your field day suggestions in to Peter Osborne **as soon as possible** but if you are not able to attend all venues at least nominate suggestions for those you will be attending. Think of a good balance, long and short and local.

George Holman, President 2012/13

Payments into SCAC bank account

Payments to the Club may be made by direct deposit into the Club's bank account. Details are Westpac Bank, BSB 036 059, Account 880334, Name Surf Casting and Angling Club of WA General Account.

Treasurer, Terry Fuller

Fishing research boosted by licence fees investment

Western Australia's peak fishing body Recfishwest has announced that recreational licence fees will be reinvested into high quality fishing research projects along our coastline and in the Swan River.

Recfishwest Chief Executive Officer Dr Andrew Rowland said \$500,000 has been reinvested over the next three years in the mulloway and black bream projects.

"Upon the introduction of the Recreational Fishing from Boat Licence in March 2010, the State Government made a commitment that funds generated by the licence would be used to benefit recreational fishing in Western Australia," Dr Rowland said.

The large grant scheme applies to projects with expenditure greater than \$15,000 and can last up to three years. Funds are made available to selected projects through Recreational Fishing Initiatives Fund (RFIF) grants scheme to benefit recreational fishing.

Through this fund a number of projects benefiting recreational fishing have already been funded and are currently underway. These projects include:

- Restocking the Swan / Canning River with prawns;
- Restocking mulloway along the west coast;
- Development of industry/research partnerships;
- Investigating blue manna crab populations in popular recreational crabbing areas;
- Determining seasonal movements of Black Bream;
- You tube videos promoting recreational fishing in WA;
- Young future leader training; and
- Evaluating the interconnectedness of squid population on the South coast.

These high quality projects are being undertaken by experts in their fields and project partners include, Recfishwest, the Department of Fisheries, Challenger Institute, West Australian Fish Foundation, Murdoch University, Swan River Trust, Curtin University and private companies.

“Recfishwest is excited that recreational fishing licence money is being reinvested into projects that will enhance the recreational fishing experience,” Dr Rowland said.

This is a joint initiative of the State Government and Recfishwest. A sub-committee of Recfishwest with input from the Department of Fisheries will evaluate all applications and make recommendations for the approval of the Minister

The 2013 expressions of interest period for these grants are now open and will close on the 1st March 2013. Application forms can be obtained by visiting the Recfishwest website.

Applications which demonstrate the support of local recreational fishers will be given preference and all applicants are encouraged to contact Recfishwest before submitting an application.

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

Field day venues and boundaries 2012/13

"Away" venues and boundaries for the 2012/13 competition year were decided and confirmed by the members at the April 2012 General Meeting. Areas exclude any no fishing zones which may be within the boundaries. The full year's list is on page 16 of the May 2012 Reel Talk.

Now these away venues and boundaries have been decided and confirmed by the members, they will not be changed. The FDO will still have the option, on the day, with the agreement of the people who have signed on, to make changes to cater for unfishable or dangerous conditions on the day (eg high winds, huge swell or extensive seaweed.)

Local field days are run every month **except** when the main venue includes the metro area or when the main venue specifies closer or shorter boundaries in the metro area. Local field day boundaries are from Penguin Island sand spit to north wall of the Two Rocks Marina, including the Swan and Canning Rivers, the North and South Mole, and with fishing times the same as for the away field day. Full details for the coming 2 months are included in each Reel Talk.

Month	"Away" Venue	Dates	Distance / boundaries / details
Feb 2013	Cervantes	16/17 Feb 2013	<i>Medium.</i> 200 km. Jurien Marina north wall to south side of Cervantes
Mar 2013	Bluff Creek	2/3/4 Mar 2013 Sat / Sun / Mon long weekend	<i>Long.</i> 490 km. Dunsy Beach (about 15 km west of Albany) to as far as you can walk past the rocks at the eastern end of Bluff Creek.
Apr 2013	Capes South	13/14 Apr 2013	<i>Medium.</i> 310 km. Mouth of Margaret River to mouth of Blackwood River at Augusta.

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

Who can you trust about the new recreational fishing rules?

A reminder to all recreational fishermen. The new State wide recreational fishing rules apply from 1 February 2013. Some details were in the January Reel Talk in pages 23 to 27.

Members may recall my saying very strongly - *"Don't take any notice of **anything** you see on television, hear on radio or are told by anyone about the new State wide recreational fishing rules, because there have been many incorrect statements made. The **only definitive** document you can trust is the new recreational fishing guide."*

Well **I was wrong to say that**, and I now admit that.

How was I wrong? Well you can't trust even the new Recreational Fishing Guide to be a definitive and correct document, even though it is written and issued by the Department of Fisheries, which specifies and administers the rules, and briefs and trains their staff to administer and enforce those same Regulations.

The Guide has a disclaimer on Page 2, the inside front cover. It says:- (emphasis added by me)

*"This publication is to provide assistance or information. It is **only a guide and does not replace the Fish Resources Management Act 1994 or the Fish Resources Management Regulations 1995. It cannot be used as a defence in a court of law.** The information provided is current at the date of printing but may be subject to change. For the most up-to-date information on fishing and full details of legislation contact your local Department of Fisheries office or visit: www.fish.wa.gov.au "*

And when you check the Department of Fisheries website, you find an even less realistic disclaimer <http://www.fish.wa.gov.au/Pages/Disclaimer.aspx> which says in part:

*"The materials presented in the Department of Fisheries website pages and its sub-directories are provided by the Department of Fisheries as a service to the community. The information and advice provided is made available in good faith and is **derived from sources believed to be reliable and accurate** at the time of release on the Internet. However, the information is provided **solely on the basis that readers will be responsible for making their own assessment of the matters contained or discussed herein and are advised to verify all relevant representations, statements, information and advice.**"*

So where does that leave all you recreational fishers? Possibly up a smelly creek without a paddle.

If you want to do that "verification" for yourself, the references are the Fish Resources Management Act Regulations which are 336 pages and the Fish Resources Management Act which is 224 pages. These are hardly pocket size, and are not easy to read and work out what applies to particular sorts of fishing. Anyway here are the links, but remember to keep checking that you actually have the latest, current versions, and also remember, if you interpret anything wrongly - it's all **your** fault and you are liable for the penalties.

Act http://www.slp.wa.gov.au/legislation/statutes.nsf/main_mrtitle_345_homepage.html

Regs http://www.slp.wa.gov.au/legislation/statutes.nsf/main_mrtitle_1458_homepage.html

And if you want to do any verification directly with staff of the Department of Fisheries, remember that verbal statements are not worth anything in a court, so you should ensure you get a written copy of the advice, and also first make sure you ask the right questions.

Changes to the Regulations must be published in the Government Gazette available from <http://www.slp.wa.gov.au/gazette/gazette.nsf> The updated Regulations for the new Statewide Rules are not yet available on that website (checked 28 January, when this article for Reel Talk was written). These are often not in a gazette until a day or so before the date they first apply. In the past there have been some serious gotya's and mistakes in the gazetted rules which don't deliver what has been promised or has been stated in the various publications about the changes. Watch this space.

This would not be so bad if the community had an undertaking, something like *"If you are misled by something the Department publishes (the current written version and the same as available from the website) they will not charge you on that occasion."*

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

Kalbarri House for rent

The Club owns a house in Kalbarri which is ideal for a fishing holiday in the area. Access to the famous fishing spots at Wagoe, Lucky Bay, Port Gregory, etc is just a short drive away via the main bitumen road.

The Mallard Street house has easy access to the river, beaches and town. It has two reverse cycle air conditioners to keep you cool in the summer months and warm in winter. It has two bedrooms and will sleep up to eight (max) in 1 queen sized bed and 3 commercial grade bunks. The bathroom and shower were rebuilt in 2012 - see 2 photos below.

Users need to bring their own linen, blankets and towels, tea towels, etc. It has a high definition LCD television, DVD/VCR, stove, oven, microwave, crockery and cutlery and all cooking utensils, washing machine, fridge with food freezer and new extra chest freezer for bait and fish.

Outside has a fish cleaning facility and a full width verandah. There is plenty of fenced parking space for cars, trailers and boats behind a gate. Rates are:

Off season	Short term (min 2 nights)	\$100 per night for 2 people	\$20 per night per extra adult \$10 per night per extra child	\$100 bond
On season	Short term (min 2 nights)	\$120 per night for 2 people	\$20 per night per extra adult \$10 per night per extra child	\$100 bond
	Weekly rates	6 times daily rate as above		

Surf Casting and Angling Club members

Off season	\$200 per week	On season	\$300 per week	} \$100 deposit/bond
Short term	\$60 one night	\$50 per night	(two or more nights)	} plus \$60 cleaning

Winter/early spring discount special. A **discount of 20%** on the rates applies for all public bookings for stays during the months of July, August and September 2013.

Members of clubs affiliated with the Australian Anglers Association WA Division receive a **20% discount** on the normal public rates.

Contact Property Officer Ray Walker on 9313 4196, mobile 0414 925 538 for more details and for bookings, location of keys etc, or email the Club on surfcast@inet.net.au Check in time is 2pm. Check out time is 10am.

See 17 photos on the Club website <http://www.surfcasters.inet.net.au/KalbarriHouseMain.html> If any work needs to be done in, on or around the house, please contact the Property Officer for approval.

Ray Walker, Property Officer



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