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Gary Parkinson, Kaye and George Holman, Slavka and Victor Schilo,
Laurel and Terry Fuller, Shane Wignell, Allan Jones

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 2015

The Woodvale Tavern has been booked for 6pm Saturday 20 June 2015.

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.

Please consider donating prizes for the winners of the Club's competitions.

Social Organiser, Pat McKeown

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Barbecue and Night cast 2015

Saturday 31 January, George and Kaye Holman's house. BYO everything including chairs. Start time 6pm, not before. More details inside January Reel Talk.



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George Holman

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Note 3

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Note 2. All emails addressed to the Club via the Secretary should use the Club's email address surfcast@inet.net.au not the Secretary's private email address.

Note 3. The Public Officer, Minutes Secretary, Website Editor, AAWA Delegates and 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, 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, Bob Klein.

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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 10 December 2014

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

George welcomed members to the Christmas meeting and wished all Club members a merry Christmas from Kaye and him.

Present Allan Jones, Bob Henderson, Dave Maxted, Dean Stewart, Eric Parker, Gary Parkinson, Gary Gildersleeves, Geoff Raftis, George Holman, Glen Wong, Jason Zerella, Ken Howells, Klaus Schönwolf, Mark Hansen, Mark Nurse, Martin Wearmouth, Michael Pisano, Pat McKeown, Peet Wessels, Sandra Wessels, Malcolm Head, Peter Osborne, Ray Walker, Reuben Ball, Ron Thomas, Shane Wignell, Terry Fuller, Wilf Core.
Total 28 members.

Apologies Bev Grigo, Debbie Korin, Eddie Korin, Peter Butland, Peter Pekaar

Visitors None

New member Michael Pisano was welcomed into the club and presented with his membership pack.

Minutes of previous meeting Business arising - none. **Moved** Peet Wessels seconded Gary Gildersleeves 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.

<u>Correspondence in</u>	AAAWA	Minutes of November 2014 Delegates' meeting
	AAAWA	Articles on herring management
	Shane Wignell	Suggestions for field days
	City of Stirling Clubs Forever	Compulsory attendance at Club development forum to get application forms for dry casting venue Winter 2015. (T Fuller attended)
	Peter Pekaar	Thank you for bereavement card for passing of Marcia's mother
<u>Correspondence out</u>	President, Coolbinia	Increased fees for hall hire, copy of SCAC's original offer letter from 2003 showing 2 nights per month
	City of Stirling, Reserves	Application for Yokine Reserve for dry casting for Winter 2015 season
	Mark Hansen	SCAC Committee letter headed "conduct at meetings and content of emails"

Business arising from correspondence Mark Hansen said he hadn't received the letter listed. A copy was handed to him.

Moved Pat McKeown seconded Peter Osborne that correspondence be accepted, carried.

Secretary's report Nothing to report

Treasurer's report

Paid since 12 November General meeting.

To	For	Amount
Synergy	Kalbarri house electricity.....	\$131.00
Aylmore & Associates	SCAC tax return	\$913.00
Mal Head	Tumbler set for Kalbarri house	\$6.00

New accounts for approval for payment at 10 December General meeting.

To	For	Amount	
Elizabeth Pett	Cleaning Kalbarri House 8 November 2014.....	\$70.00	
Terry Fuller	Printing of December Reel Talk.....	\$156.55	
Terry Fuller	Stamps for January Reel Talk	\$84.00	
Terry Fuller	Brother LC77XL magenta printer ink	\$30.95	T Fuller total
Terry Fuller	Ice for Drinks - Bunning's Malaga Sausage Sizzle.....	\$10.00	\$281.50
Pat McKeown	Ice 3 x bags (October Drycasting)	\$10.00	
Pat McKeown	Sausages 2kg (Special Price) (October Dry Casting)	\$5.98	
Pat McKeown	Rolls Hotdog Jumbo 6 x Pkts @ \$3.50 ea (Oct Dry Casting).....	\$21.00	

Pat McKeown	Onions Brown (October Dry Casting).....	\$2.00	
Pat McKeown	Canola Oil 750ml (restock).....	\$2.25	
Pat McKeown	Rolls Hotdog Jumbo 6 x 6Pkts @ \$3 ea (Dec Dry Casting	\$18.00	
Pat McKeown	Onions Brown (December Dry Casting)	\$3.75	
Pat McKeown	Sausages 2kg (December Dry Casting).....	\$9.00	
Pat McKeown	Ice 3 x bags (December Drycasting & December GM)	\$10.00	
Pat McKeown	Aprons x 2 @ \$4.00 ea (Drycasting Stock)	\$8.00	
Pat McKeown	Rubbish Bin 49 litres (Drycasting Stock)	\$12.00	P McKeown total
Pat McKeown	Harvey Fresh Milk 1lt (December GM).....	\$2.15	\$104.13
Coolbinia West Perth			
Amateur Football Club	Club Room Hire (2 nights per month, 6 months in advance	\$415.00	
Ivy Home & Maint.	Kalbarri House Lawn Mowing & Edging	\$50.00	
iiNet Limited	SCAC Email & Website Service	\$60.00	
Water Corporation	Kalbarri House Water Usage & Service Bill	\$174.37	
Total new accounts for approval at 10 December GM.....		\$1155.00	

Bank account summary

Bank balance at 9 December.....	\$9264.89
Accounts for payment	\$1155.00
Available balance after payment of new accounts.....	\$8109.89
Cash/cheques held for banking	nil
Outstanding cheques	\$92.33
Total available at 9 Dec 2014	\$8017.56

Income / money received since 12 November

General meeting

Donations	\$5
Membership fees	\$162
Nomination Fee	\$20
Club Shirt	\$30
October Dry Casting	\$93
November Field Day - Cervantes.....	\$92
November Dry Casting Sausage Sizzle	\$67
Kalbarri House Bond.....	\$200
Club Raffle - November General Meeting	\$66

Total income received since 12 November

General meeting..... \$735

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

Property Officer Ray Walker said all is going well with the property. He will have a summary of the last six months' income and expenses for the January meeting

Field Days Peter Osborne gave certificates for winners at the Cervantes field day.

He reminded members of the article in Reel Talk asking for suggestions from members for field day venues. These are needed by the January General meeting.

Dry Casting DCO Ron Thomas gave some details of scores from the December casting.

AAA report George Holman reported on a recent email from AAWA to delegates asking for Notices of Motion they would like included in the 2015 AAA National Convention, however the request gave only 10 days, which is not sufficient for everything that needs to be done and which should have been started at the beginning of 2014.

George told members that Kaye and he will not be attending the AAA National Championships at Wallaroo in 2015 even though they had booked a caravan site and paid the deposit.

He said the team spirit is not there, and if people are going to spend a lot of their money to go away, they must be in a position to enjoy the experience.

He apologised if his decision has any influence on this club particularly after the 40 years he has put in to support the Australian Anglers Association, WA Division.

Ron Thomas advised that Deirdre and he had also decided they will not go to Wallaroo for reasons similar to George's.

Social Organiser Pat McKeown thanked members who helped at the Bunnings Malaga sausage sizzle on Saturday 6 December, and gave some details of income and expenses. These will be printed in the Reel Talk.

A night cast has been organised for Saturday night 31 January.

Recorder Terry Fuller told members about catches recorded for Species badge, and that four more members had qualified. See the more detailed Recorder's report in the December Reel Talk.

Reel Talk Terry Fuller said there were some minor errors in Reel Talk and mentioned how much content needs to be checked as shown by the word and character count statistics for recent Reel Talks as printed in the December Reel Talk.

After reading about the wind at the December 2014 Cervantes Field day and variable catches, Terry reprinted a field day report from 40 years ago which showed that some things hadn't changed much. Some familiar names were active in the Club even that long ago.

Club website Website is up to date with content.

General business Shane Wignell asked if the instruction period on slide baiting and live baiting could be given soon, preferably before the Bluff Creek field day.

Mark Nurse reported on "finding" Gary Parkinson's lost herring from a recent Cervantes field day and presented Gary with its skeleton mounted on a wooden frame.

Notices of motion

1. Mark Hansen gave notice of motion that "No SCAC AAawa Delegate can move or second a notice of motion at a Delegate's Council Meeting unless the said notice of motion has been first moved, voted on and passed at a SCAC General Meeting. Further, all notices of motion tabled at the Delegate's Council Meeting must be moved and voted at a SCAC General Meeting before the SCAC AAawa Delegate shall vote accordingly at a subsequent Delegate's Council Meeting. If these procedures are not followed, then the SCAC AAawa Delegate must abstain from moving, seconding and or voting on said notices of motion at the AAawa Delegate's Council Meeting."

2. Terry Fuller gave notice of a motion to amend the motion by Mark Hansen, by adding "These rules shall not be binding on SCAC delegates until AAawa introduces similar rules which apply to all delegates from all clubs, and has effective procedures to ensure those rules are followed."

3. Gary Parkinson gave notice of a motion to "Change the start time of General meetings to 7:30pm"

Raffle First prize, a folding knife won by Martin Wearmouth, second prize, a lure won by Peter Osborne, third prize, a lure won by Terry Fuller. Prizes donated by the Club.

Meeting closed Formal meeting closed at 8:43pm.

Instruction period Christmas get together by members over some food and drinks, and lucky dip for small presents.

Action points from December 2014 General meeting.			
Number	Action	By	Status
None			

Action points from July 2014 General meeting.			
Number	Action	By	Status
AP GM7/14 #1	Reserve Saturday evening 20 June 2015 for Presentation night	All members	

Future General meeting instruction periods.

January Slide and live baiting
 February Preparation for Bluff Creek field day.
 Possibilities for other months Cooking fish, including smoking fish.
 Invitation to experienced and successful fisherman to show their rigs.
 Solunar charts
 Making berley cages.

Minutes Secretary and Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

Action points from December Committee meeting

A summary of points from the previous Committee meeting is given at each General 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 17 December 2014 Committee meeting.			
AP No.	Action	By	Status
CM 12/14 #1	Prepare article for Reel Talk about need for temporary replacement for Social Organiser	Terry Fuller	Done
CM 12/14 #2	Prepare article for Reel Talk about need for temporary replacement for Property Officer Maintenance	Terry Fuller	Done
CM 12/14 #3	Draft letter to AAAWA about sending emails or correspondence directly to members	Terry Fuller	

Minutes Secretary and Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

Please wear your name tag and Club clothing at Club events

The heading says it all. New members and visitors will be grateful for the name tag and the Club clothing advertises the Club.

If you don't have a name tag, please make one or contact Secretary Eric Parker. Club clothing can be bought from the Social Organiser.

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

Coming Club events - summary

January Dry casting, Sunday 4 January.

January General meeting. Wednesday 14 January, 8pm.

January Field day, White Hills, Saturday/Sunday 17/18 January.

January Committee meeting, Wednesday 21 December, 7:30pm.

January Dry casting

When Sunday 4 January 2015.

Competition casting starts at 8:30am.

All casters **please come early, no later than 7:30 am**

Members need to pay their fees and sign themselves on, and help to set up the casting courts, targets and warning flags, do the marking and scoring, and clear down, pack and put away all the dry casting equipment used on the day.

If you **really** can't get there early or **really must** leave early, please make sure you explain why to other people, and help more while you are there so that you do your share.

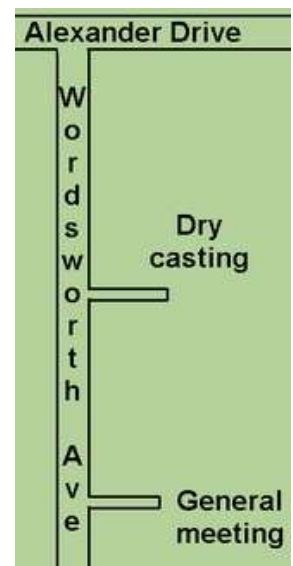
Fees \$10 per person, \$12 per family, to help cover booking charges for the oval and public liability insurance. Please bring the correct change.

Paying fees **You** need to make sure your fees are paid **before 8:30am**.

There will be a locked container, some plastic money bags, pieces of paper, and pens on a table near the back of the Terry Fuller's white Pajero 4WD.

Signing on **You** need to sign yourself on. **Before 8:15am**, put your name on the list of casters, on the table near the back of Terry Fuller's white Pajero 4WD. The list **will close at 8:15am** so that the list of names in casting order can be prepared in time for the 8:30am start of competition.

Name tags All casters, please wear your name tag.



Where Yokine Reserve East, Wordsworth Avenue, using the area to the south of the amenities building.

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

<u>Casting order</u>	<u>Month</u>	<u>Seniors, Ladies and Juniors</u>	<u>Veterans</u>
	4 January	Accuracy first, then distance	Distance first, then accuracy
	1 February	Distance first, then accuracy	Accuracy first, then distance
	8 March	Accuracy first, then distance	Distance first, then accuracy

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

January General meeting

When Wednesday 14 January 2015, 8pm.

Where Coolbinia West Perth Amateur Football and Sporting Club room.

Sign In Please remember to have your name ticked on the attendance sheet. See helpers at the front table.

Raffle tickets From helpers at the front table.

Name tags All members, please wear your name tag.

Instruction period Making berley cages.

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

January fishing Field day modified Local with extended boundaries

When Saturday/Sunday 17/18 January 2015.

Where Extended Local, Binningup to Jurien

Boundaries Beach access at Binningup to north wall of Jurien Marina, including Swan and Canning Rivers. New members are encouraged to fish with older members for guidance and help.

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

Late sign on Phone the Field Day Organiser. The club will assume you will not be fishing if you haven't signed on at the sign on place or phoned.

Sign off If you have signed on then you must sign off in person at the weigh-in place at the nominated time or by phone no later than ½ hour before the weigh-in time if you have no fish, have an emergency outside of the Field Day, or have personal reasons and will not attend the weigh-in.

Fees \$10 per person, \$12 per family. If you sign on you must pay the Field day fees. Please bring the correct money because the Field Day organiser cannot give change for lots of \$50 notes.

Lines in Saturday 2pm

Lines out Sunday 11am



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

Fishing times Lines in 2pm Saturday to Lines out 11am 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 fishing competition.

Weigh in Sunday 3pm at car park under south side of the Narrows Bridge, South Perth, or the Field Day officer may set an alternative or additional location or time by arrangement with the members who have signed on. Scales will also be available on George Holman's 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 8pm the next night.

Tides, sun and moon

Tide heights and times shown are tides in metres at Fremantle.

Saturday 17 Jan	0.48m at 4:35am	1.09m at 7:25pm			Moonrise Moonset	2:05am at 111 deg 4:10pm at 249 deg	
	Moon above About 9:10am			Moon below About 9:35pm			
Sunday 18 Jan	0.43m at 4:50am	1.13m at 8:05pm			Moonrise Moonset	3am at 112 deg 5:05pm at 248 deg	
	Moon above About 10:05am			Moon below About 10:32pm			
	Sunrises About 5:25am at 115 deg			Sunsets About 7:25pm at 241 deg			

Prepared by Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

Local Fishing Field day for January

Since the "away" fishing field day is an extended local and includes all the areas in a normal Local field day, there will be no separate local field day for January.

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 a lift, want help or want to fish with someone, ask and arrange to go with other members. It's best done early, but can also 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.

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

January Committee meeting

When Wednesday 21 January 2015, 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 before the meeting to arrange your invitation.

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

February Field Day

When Saturday/Sunday 14/15 February 2015

Where Cervantes / Jurien.

Boundaries Jurien Marina north wall to south side of Cervantes. New members are encouraged to fish with older members for guidance and help.

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

Sign on Saturday 12:30pm at service station at Cervantes.

Late sign on Phone the Field Day Organiser. The club will assume you will not be fishing if you haven't signed on at the sign on place or phoned.

Sign off If you have signed on then you must sign off in person at the weigh-in place at the nominated time or by phone no later than ½ hour before the weigh-in time if you have no fish, have an emergency outside of the Field Day, or have personal reasons and will not attend the weigh-in.

Lines in Saturday 2pm.



Lines out Sunday 10am.

Fees \$10 per person, \$12 per family. If you sign on you must pay the Field day fees. Please bring the correct money because the Field Day organiser cannot give change for lots of \$50 notes.

Times Lines in 2pm Saturday to Lines out 10am 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 fishing competition.

Weigh in Sunday 11:30am at service station at Cervantes.

Tides, sun and moon Tide heights and times shown are tides in metres at Jurien

Saturday 14 Feb	0.51m at 4am	1.05m at 5:15pm	<u>Moonrise</u> 12:50am at 111 deg	
			<u>Moonset</u> 2:50pm at 249 deg	
	<u>Moon above</u> About 7:45am		<u>Moon below</u> About 8:15pm	
Sunday 15 Feb	0.49m at 4:05am	1.09m at 6:35pm	<u>Moonrise</u> 1:45am at 111 deg	
			<u>Moonset</u> 3:45pm at 249 deg	
	<u>Moon above</u> About 8:45am		<u>Moon below</u> About 9:12pm	
	<u>Sunrises</u> About 6am at 106 deg		<u>Sunsets</u> About 7:10pm at 254 deg	

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Local Field Day for February

When Saturday/Sunday 14/15 February 2015.

Where Floreat.

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

Late sign on Phone the Field Day Organiser. The club will assume you will not be fishing if you haven't signed on at the General meeting or phoned.

FDO Local FDO to be advised at the February General meeting.

Sign off If you have signed on then you must sign off in person at the weigh in place at the nominated time or by phone no later than ½ hour before the weigh in time.

Lines in Saturday 2pm.

Lines out Sunday 10am.

Fees \$10 per person, \$12 per family. If you sign on you must pay the Field day fees. Please bring the correct money because there may not be change.

Times Lines in 2pm Saturday to Lines out 10am 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 fishing competition.



Weigh in Sunday 11am, location to be set at February General meeting, or the Local Field Day officer may set an alternative or additional location or time by arrangement with the members who have signed on. Scales will also be available on George Holman's 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 8pm the next night.

Boundaries Floreat beach. Details to be decided at February General meeting.

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

Tides, sun and moon

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	<u>Moon above</u> About 7:45am		<u>Moon below</u> About 8:15pm		
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	<u>Moon above</u> About 8:45am		<u>Moon below</u> About 9:12pm		
	<u>Sunrises</u> About 5:55am at 105 deg		<u>Sunsets</u> About 7:05pm at 255 deg		

Prepared by Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

Happy birthday to

John Lee, 9 January Pat McKeown, 18 January Andy Thorgersen, 26 January
Emma Wignell, 27 January

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

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.

22 Deadline for Reel Talk articles, 5pm	31 Night cast and barbecue		
4 Dry Casting	14 General Meeting	17 18 Fishing Field days	21 Committee Meeting

January 2015						
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

February 2015						
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
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Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

Deadline for Reel Talk articles and reports

The Reel Talk needs to be delivered to members during the week before the first Club event for that month. I try to get the Reel Talk printed on Friday so I can post it on the weekend or the Monday for delivery in the metro area during that week, however public holidays or Australia Post holidays can change that. Can I please have all general articles and reports

For the February Reel Talk, no later than 5 pm Thursday 22 January. Dry casting is early.

For the March Reel Talk, no later than 5 pm Thursday 19 February. Field day is early.

For the April Reel Talk, no later than 5 pm Thursday 19 March. Dry casting is early.

I really appreciate getting articles well **before** the deadline, please. If I have all the regular articles and enough content, I may go to print earlier than the dates shown. **Please note:** These dates and times are deadlines and closing and cut off times, not targets for you to aim to just meet. If your article will be close to the deadline, please make sure you contact me well before or risk missing out.

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

Bookings for Kalbarri house in 2014/15

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

Please note. These dates have been adjusted to show the nights the house is **NOT** available for a booking, and dates are now the same as shown on the Club website.

The Club's Kalbarri house has bookings for the following dates/nights. Tenants will leave by 10am on the **day after** the last day and date shown. All other dates/nights not listed are currently available. This list has been updated in late December and does not include any bookings or changes which may have been made between then and whenever you read this. Pets may be allowed by prior arrangement but must stay outside the house.

Please contact Terry Fuller 9447 4545 for bookings or more information.

Dec 2014 Sat 27 Dec to Wed 31 Dec

Jan 2015 Thu 1 Jan to Fri 2 Jan
Sat 17 to Fri 23 Jan

Apr 2015 Fri 3 Apr to Fri 24 Apr

May 2015 Sat 2 May to Fri 15 May

Oct 2015 Sat 17 to Sat 31 Oct

Nov 2015 Sun 1 Nov to Fri 6 Nov

Property Booking Officer, 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.

None this month

Secretary and Membership Coordinator, Eric Parker

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.

Terry McLean

Secretary and Membership Coordinator, Eric Parker

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

Temporary replacement needed for Social Organiser

Pat McKeown will soon have some medical treatment and will not be allowed to lift for 6 to 8 weeks, so will not be available for the following where he usually brings eskies, food, etc.

January, General meeting, Committee meeting.

February, Drycasting, General meeting, Committee meeting.

March, Drycasting, General meeting, Committee meeting.

A volunteer is needed to do the work of the Social Organiser for these Club events. Please contact Pat for details.

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

Social Organiser's report

Hello fellow club members, hope all is well

Another year all but gone where did it go they just get faster is this a sign of getting older?

The Bunnings sausage sizzle went very well with a lot of support from you the club members.

The roster system worked well with fresh crews coming on every 2½ hrs.

Everybody did a wonderful job which in turn made running the sausage sizzle so easy.

At shift changes I had to virtually throw the old shift out to make way for the eager shift waiting to get into the action.

Each shift had its highlights making it a pleasure to work with. I don't want to single out anybody as you all did such a good job with a smile.

This reflected onto the passersby who looked, smiled and bought a sausage in a bun with a drink after prompting from the front counter. Customer service at its finest.

After all the tension in the club it was exciting to see it disappearing as everybody supported each other. Let's keep it going

It's with pleasure that we give "thank you"s to the following.

Woolworths Beechboro Sean Looker, Manager and his staff - a big thank you for all your help and advice to supply us with goods needed. It must have been very trying at times trying to sort out dates and suppliers and Pat. The cheques caused drama but it was sorted.

Bunbury Meat Company a big thank you to Blair for all your help and support.

Bunnings Malaga for supplying the facilities, the effort the staff put into it makes it a great place to hold a sausage sizzle A big thank you.

Members who donated drinks. Thank you

Members who took drinks and chilled them for the day and made ice. Thank you.

To the onion cutters a job well done Thank you.

Members who collected rolls etc to transport to the sausage sizzle a big thank you, could not have managed all of this without you all supporting me. THANKS

Just to keep the pace up it was time to organise the Christmas bits and pieces.

The food on the table looked just great anything from Buffalo jerky to Grandma Butler's Christmas cake - yum. Buffalo Jerky by Mark Nurse, Grandma Butler's Christmas cake by Laurel Fuller. A big plate of sandwiches by Sandra Wessels (did Peet help?) Once again everybody did their bit to make it a good spread.

The Christmas box of assorted presents all donated by the members went down very well. Has Peet Wessels eaten those chocolates yet?

Ray Walker and Garry Parkinson (The flying postie) thanks for helping to set up the table etc.

Thanks to Dave Maxted and Ray Walker for helping to clean up after the event

Dean Stewart for selling the raffle tickets and marking off members who attend the meetings
Thanks Deano.

It's a pleasure to look around and see everybody enjoying themselves

The next event on the Calendar is the Night cast on Saturday 31 January 2015 at Kaye and George Holman's place. All details in the Reel Talk.

To all the Surfcasters and families have a safe and happy Christmas.

Tight lines and stay safe.

Social Organiser Pat McKeown

Bunnings Sausage sizzle 6 December 2014

Money raised \$2,402.80 Expenses \$1,157.08 Profit \$1,245.72
 Quantity sold Sausage in a bun 788
 Quantity sold Drinks 288
 Rolls purchased Tip Top Splits 67 bags 804 \$468.00
 Rolls sold 788, 16 damaged or disposed of.
 Onions purchased 50kg Onions used 30kg
 Sausages: Quantity purchased 816 \$373.32. Quantity donated 120 Total 936
 Quantity in freezer for future use 96
 Raw sold to George Holman 24
 Cooked sold by Peet Wessels, 5, raised \$5.00
 Cooked given away at end of day 23
 Drinks purchased 390 \$211.00 Drinks donated 126 Total 516
 Drinks not sold for use at a later date at Drycasting and Club meetings
 Coke 30, Pepsi Max 66, Solo 30, plus others to come.
 Sauce purchased, Sauce not used has been stored for future use at Drycasting
 Tomato 6 litre. Mustard 2 litre, BBQ 3 litre

Social Organiser Pat McKeown

Recorder's report, December 2014

Nothing much to report because members haven't given me any entries for the competitions.

Recorder 2014/15 Terry Fuller

Update to Species Badge competition

This is a continuous work in progress. The list of species registered to members has been checked for catches on the December Field day as recorded by the FDO in the Field Day spreadsheet.

A member may ask for a capture to be added by advising the Recorder of the details of a capture already recorded in the Club's fishing Field days or Open competitions. Badges will be presented at the annual Presentation night. The full list of members' recorded catches is on the Club website at <http://www.surfcasters.iinet.net.au/SpeciesCompetitionEntries.pdf>

Species badge rules, from section 5.1 of Competition Rules, are:

1. Submit entries to the Recorder on the appropriate form, **unless caught on a Field Day**.
2. Fish may be caught at any time including on Club fishing Field Days.
3. A member must capture ten (10) of the listed species to qualify for a Species badge.
4. Weighing of fish, photographs and witnesses to weight are optional.
5. Fish must be a minimum of 20 cm or comply with Department of Fisheries minimum lengths if these are greater.

Name	Bream	Flathead	Flounder	Garfish	Herring	Yellow Eyed Mullet	Mackerel	Mulloway	Pink Snapper	Salmon	Samson Fish	Snook or Pike	Tailor	Tarwhine	Trevally	Whiting	Wrasse	Amberjack	Dart	Banded Sweep	Western Rock Blackfish	Yellowtail Kingfish	Number caught	
Ray Walker		1			1		1	1							1	1								6
Mark Nurse					1								1			1								3
Michael Pisano		1			1																			2

Recorder 2014/15, Terry Fuller

Barron Lure competition 2014/15

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.

No entry yet

Heaviest Salmon on Lure.

No entry yet

Heaviest Scale Fish on Lure.

No entry yet

Recorder 2014/15, Terry Fuller

Open fishing competition 2014/15

The Open Competition is for fish caught between 1 May 2014 and 30 April 2015, 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.

The current entries up until the deadline for this Reel Talk, are:

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 kg	
4	Best salmon	3.5 kg	Peet Wessels, 5.9kg, Bremer Bay, 16 Sept 2014
5	Best flathead	0.5 kg	
6	Best tailor	1.5 kg	Peet Wessels, 6.30kg, Bremer Bay, 17 Sept 2014
7	Best samson fish	5 kg	
8	Best fish on single handed rod maximum 4kg line class	Legal size	Peter Pekaar, 0.14kg garfish, South Mole, 13 July 2014
9	Best pink snapper	2 kg	
10	Best tarwhine	0.5 kg	
11	Best mackerel	4 kg	
12	Best skipjack trevally (southern)	1 kg	Peet Wessels, 1.3kg, Bremer Bay, 16 Sept 2014
13	Best trevally (northern)	2 kg	
14	Best snook or pike	0.5 kg	
15	Best black or yellow finned bream	0.6 kg	Geoff Raftis, 0.6kg (estimated) black bream, Stokes Inlet, 21 September 2014 (Note 1)
16	Best scale fish other than sections 3-15	2 kg	
17	Best fish caught on fly rod.	Legal size	
18	Best fish caught using a soft plastic or hard body lure on a single handed rod (4kg line max.)	Legal size	

Note 1. Estimated weight. Any other weighed catch of 0.6kg or more will replace this one.

Recorder 2014/15, Terry Fuller

President's report for December

A lot happens in a month, some good, some bad, but I would rather deal with the good. We just need to work at it and make it what we wish for.

I must apologise for not wishing you all a Merry Christmas from Kaye and me and your committee in my last report, but I take this opportunity of wishing you all best wishes for 2015.

While I write this report, our worthy Treasurer Glen Wong and his better half Eliza are enjoying the benefits of our club cottage at Kalbarri. Now that he has his new four wheel drive I am sure that the location is going to get a real hiding (and the fish also). I appreciate his input into our committee and his positive and informative approach and with this type of input our club benefits. Thanks Glen.

Pat McKeown's efforts in organising the club's sausage sizzle at Bunnings at Malaga was justly rewarded by the positive response from over 20 club members who honoured their rosters of four lots of five plus others and made Pat a very "happy chappy." It was great to see the way they all worked together, the comradery, and all done with a smile which was a great promotion for our club, and the club benefited financially. The club was united with this effort and to Pat and his helpers a very sincere thank you.

Remember Pat's next event is a barbecue and night cast at my place in Sorrento starting at 6 pm on Saturday 31 January in the new year. Take the time to come along as it is more of a social occasion with a novelty casting event as a bonus. Please bring a chair.

Mark Nurse, one of our new members, added a bit of humour to our last general meeting by making a very appropriate presentation to Gary Parkinson of a shield with the head and skeleton of the herring on it. Apparently Gary lost a herring at our recent Cervantes venue and a lot of time was spent looking for it. Good effort Mark.

I was impressed with Peter Butland's article in last month's Reel Talk which was a follow-up to others and makes for interesting reading. I know Terry Fuller appreciates his efforts and looks forward to others doing the same. Peter passes on his best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

I had the pleasant job of welcoming Michael Pisano into our club. I noted he was all smiles at the Cervantes venue as he was teamed up with Glen Wong in Glen's four wheel drive enjoying the event and the fishing. He will be a good member.

Eddie and Debbie Korin wanted me to pass on their best wishes for the festive season as we do to them. Eddie's shoulder operation was successful and he is starting to drive a little.

My daughter Donna was married on 8 December on the river foreshore near the Guildford bridge at Lilac Hill. It was only 100 metres from where Peter Osborne's granddaughter Astrid caught her flathead at the club's progressive fishing event organised by Pat McKeown only a week or two earlier. The wedding went off well and I have a new son-in-law Glen Hamilton.

There was some very good casting at our last event run by our worthy Dry Casting Organiser, Ron Thomas. The downside was a light attendance but I remind club members it is about learning and social as well as an organised competition. It enables us to compare the different rods and reels and try them out so when you need to look at a combo to do a specific form of fishing you know exactly what to buy. You do not have to be a champion Caster, come down and enjoy yourself and the company.

We will need a bit of help from members during January, February and March as two of our committee members in Pat McKeown and Ron Thomas need some treatment and will have a recuperating period where we need to assist them. Best wishes to you both.

Our club members have competed successfully during 2014 in State events run by AAA of WA and as a result we achieved runner up champion club and a plethora of team and individual winner and runner up awards which is a good indication of the ability of our club members in the beach, estuary and casting events.

Representation by our club delegates on the other hand has been a serious uphill grind with no reward for their efforts. I have spent 40 years of effort at all levels. We are all involved to enjoy the activity, learn, make friends and look to a positive future for our members and

future members and even their grandchildren. Also it has enabled us to compete interstate and make lots of great friendships. The future of this has been restricted and needs a serious look at as the future of National events is in the balance.

My outlook for 2015 is to make the Surfcasters priority number one, look after our members, particularly our newer members, encourage more of you to go fishing together, cast together, and socialise together and to enjoy each other's company. We need to make our instruction periods interesting and pass on knowledge to others and have that learning interaction as we all have different ways of doing things which is what makes our activities and past time so interesting. There is no such thing as an expert but some people do know a lot more than others and if they pass on their knowledge then we all benefit.

I think that is what the Surfcasters is all about, but above all it is the comradery and friendships that really matter.

I want this to continue and will do everything I can to make this happen so we can all look towards a positive future as Surfcasters.

President 2014/15, George Holman

Dry casting report 30 November 2014

The "December" dry casting day was held early on 30 November because the Club could not get a booking for Yokine Reserve on the "usual" day of 7 December and there was too much else going on in December.

A very disappointing roll up with only 14 members in all, on an almost perfect day. For the seniors a light head wind for the distance events kept the casts down to about average.

Alan Hale had the longest casts in all events, with Jeff Hewton just behind in the 112 gram event. Jeff also won the seniors double handed accuracy and single handed accuracy events. Reuben Ball continues to improve with a cast of 122 metres in the 112 gram distance.

In the veterans division it was a different story, with a light tail wind. George Holman had a good cast in the 56 gram of 150 metres with Klaus Schönwolf close behind with 147 metres.

I managed the longest 112 gram and artificial bait. George and I were neck and neck in the double handed accuracy until Terry Fuller came along and knocked us both off with 147.

Two bullseyes in the single handed accuracy went to Jeff Hewton and Bob Henderson with bob also winning the single handed event. Even though there were only 7 casters in the veterans there were 6 casts in the 112 gram event within 7 metres of each other from 149 metres to 156 metres. Klaus also continues to improve in the distance events.

Thanks to all the helpers once again and also to the snagger cook.

I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of my wife and me to wish everybody and their families, all the best for Christmas and the New Year.

Let's make an effort next year to attend more drycasting events, because let's face it, it is a fun day, and when we do have a good roll up it makes me feel it is all worthwhile.

Cheers

Dry Casting Organiser, Ron Thomas

Dry Casting winners for 30 November 2014

Event	Seniors winner		Veterans winner	
56 gram score	20	Eric Parker	29	George Holman, Gary Gildersleeves
56 gram distance	123	Alan Hale	150	George Holman
Artificial bait score	24	Alan Hale	28	Ron Thomas
Artificial bait distance	124	Alan Hale	143	Ron Thomas
112 gram score	28	Alan Hale	31	George Holman
112 gram distance	142	Alan Hale	156	Ron Thomas
Double handed accuracy	118	Jeff Hewton	147	Terry Fuller
Single handed accuracy	18	Jeff Hewton	31	Bob Henderson
Section highest points	206	Jeff Hewton	265	George Holman

Event	Juniors winner	
56 gram score	14	Sarah Wignell
56 gram distance	71	Sarah Wignell
Artificial bait score	12	Sarah Wignell
Artificial bait distance	68	Sarah Wignell
112 gram score	16	Sarah Wignell
112 gram distance	81	Sarah Wignell
Double handed accuracy	61	Sarah Wignell
Single handed accuracy	8	Sarah Wignell
Section highest points	121	Sarah Wignell

Event	Overall winner for December		Year's best for 2014/15	
56 gram score	29	George Holman, Gary Gildersleeves	33	Robert Pekaar
56 gram distance	150	George Holman	168	Robert Pekaar
Artificial bait score	28	Ron Thomas	33	Peter Pekaar
Artificial bait distance	143	Ron Thomas	165	Peter Pekaar
112 gram score	31	George Holman	37	Peter Pekaar
112 gram distance	156	Ron Thomas	190	Peter Pekaar
Double handed accuracy	147	Terry Fuller	158	Bob Henderson
Single handed accuracy	31	Bob Henderson	36	Bob Henderson
Section highest points	265	George Holman	287	George Holman

Dry casting spreadsheet developer and data entry, Terry Fuller

Dry Casting top scores for 2014/15

Total scores are up to and including December casting and December 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. All results will be announced at the Presentation of Trophies in June 2015, and adjusted scores will be published after that.

Name	Points	Rank	Name	Points	Rank	Name	Points	Rank
George Holman	2000	1	Robert Pekaar	837	14	Shane Wignell	182	27
Bob Henderson	1919	2	Gary Parkinson	790	15	Mick Burgin	179	28
Terry Fuller	1906	3	Wilf Core	742	16	Geoff Raftis	146	29
Gary Gildersleeves	1532	4	Malcolm Head	583	17	Pat McKeown	130	30
Peter Pekaar	1381	5	Greg Keet	451	18	Sarah Wignell	121	31
Jeff Hewton	1323	6	Morgan Keet	436	19	Tony Ayrey	78	32
Klaus Schönwolf	1309	7	Ken Howells	422	20	Andy Thorgersen	70	33
Ron Thomas	1248	8	Andrew Pekaar	401	21	Jason Zerella	67	34
Peter Osborne	1225	9	Reuben Ball	387	22	Terry Willison	59	35
Alan Hale	1208	10	Glen Wong	338	23	Deirdre Thomas	40	36
Allan Jones	1098	11	Olivia Keet	275	24			
Eric Parker	1003	12	Trevor Stam	275	25			
Dean Stewart	984	13	Mark Taylor	192	26			

Dry casting spreadsheet developer and data entry, Terry Fuller

Free Club car stickers

The Committee decided at the November meeting that new members will get two Club car stickers in the membership pack given to them when they are welcomed into the Club.

Other Club members can get one free Club car sticker by asking the Social Organiser, who has the stickers. And if you are a recently welcomed new member, I am sure Pat will slip you an extra one if you ask him.

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

Dry Casting results 30 November 2014

Results for the day	56 gram			Artificial Bait			112 gram			Double Handed Accuracy								Single Handed Accuracy					Day Total	Attendance		Total Points									
	Cast 1 (m)	Cast 2 (m)	Points	Cast 1 (m)	Cast 2 (m)	Points	Cast 1 (m)	Cast 2 (m)	Points	Target number								Target distance																	
										3	3	1	1	4	4	2	2	Points	L	S	L	S		Points											
Seniors																																			
Jeff Hewton	Out	116	12	104	113	22	132	129	26	16	19	10	18	0	19	17	19	118	0	8	0	10	18	196	10									206	
Shane Wignell	61	107	17	95	Out	10	126	124	25	9	16	19	14	0	0	21	18	97	7	2	0	4	13	162	10	10								182	
Eric Parker	100	97	20	100	107	21	121	127	25	8	17	12	0	0	0	13	7	57	2	9	0	3	14	137	10	10								157	
Alan Hale	Out	123	12	124	116	24	142	133	28	7	13	15	10	0	0	0	9	54	0	1	0	0	1	119	10									129	
Reuben Ball	83	78	16	86	90	18	110	122	23	0	0	23	11	0	0	0	17	51	0	0	0	0	0	108	10	10								128	
Gary Parkinson	80	B/O	8	B/O	77	8	98	97	20	0	3	18	11	7	0	17	0	56	0	0	4	0	4	96	10	10								116	

Veterans

George Holman	150	144	29	133	134	27	155	152	31	18	18	18	24	20	16	10	19	143	8	4	4	9	25	255	10	10								275																				
Ron Thomas	133	141	27	141	143	28	Out	156	16	18	20	22	17	17	16	11	22	143	8	5	4	8	25	239	10	10									259																			
Allan Jones	112	113	23	106	98	20	124	122	25	21	21	20	17	11	16	15	19	140	1	9	6	0	16	224	10	10									244																			
Terry Fuller	104	105	21	96	92	19	104	104	21	22	22	14	24	12	14	19	20	147	4	5	0	6	15	223	10	10									243																			
Gary Gildersleeves	146	144	29	113	115	23	B/O	149	15	17	23	22	22	13	5	14	18	134	4	2	7	5	18	219	10	10									239																			
Bob Henderson	127	B/O	13	124	124	25	144	150	29	10	0	24	17	12	15	19	19	116	5	9	7	10	31	214	10	10									234																			
Klaus Schönwolf	147	133	28	125	120	25	139	151	29	15	10	0	19	14	3	0	21	82	0	8	0	6	14	178	10	10									138																			
Pat McKeown	Did not cast. Helped with marking and scoring and ran sausage sizzle.																																											10	10									20

Juniors

Sarah Wignell	71	67	14	68	54	12	74	81	16	4	0	0	20	16	0	0	21	61	0	0	0	8	8	111	10											121
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These scores include points for attendance at the December General Meeting. DNC=Did Not Cast. B/O=Break Off. Out=weight landed out of court.

Dry casting spreadsheet developer and data entry, Terry Fuller

Please wear your name tag and Club clothing at Club events

The heading says it all. New members and visitors will be grateful for the name tag and the Club clothing advertises the Club.

If you don't have a name tag, please make one or contact Secretary Eric Parker. Club clothing can be bought from the Social Organiser.

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

Presentation night 2015

The Woodvale Tavern has been booked for 6pm Saturday 20 June 2015. 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

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

In the draw to be held at the Presentation night in late June 2015, all members who have been accepted into the club between July 2014 and June 2015 will be in a draw to receive one year's free membership, valued at up to \$120. The free membership will be the same type as they held in 2014/15, that is, single, or family membership, etc.

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

Calendar of Club events for 2014/15

A full marked up calendar of Club events for 2014/15 is on the Club website, and a calendar for the next 3 months is printed in each Reel Talk.

The version on page 28 of the June 2014 Reel Talk is no longer correct because the Club is unable to get bookings for Yokine Reserve on the first Sundays in October and December.

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

General and Committee meeting dates for 2014/15

General meetings are all at 8 pm on the second Wednesday of the month. Committee meetings are at 7:30pm on Wednesday 1 week later.

Club meetings are held in the Coolbinia West Perth Amateur Football and Sporting Club room, off Wordsworth Avenue, Yokine, about 200 metres south east of the Yokine Bowling Club.

14 January 2015 11 February 2015 11 March 2015 8 April 2015

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

Drycasting dates for 2014/15

These are mostly on the first Sunday of the month, except Easter, September Fathers' Day, when the Field Day includes the first Sunday due to a long weekend, or when the City of Stirling does not give a booking for the date asked for. All dates have been confirmed at a Club General meeting.

4 January 2015

1 February 2015

8 March 2015 (Note 1)

29 March 2015 (Note 2)

Note 1. Fishing field day is on the long weekend.

Note 2. 5 April 2015 is Easter Sunday. April Dry casting is shown one week earlier on the last Sunday of March, because 12 April is the normal Fishing field day weekend.

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

2014/15 Fishing field days

Full details of the 2014/5 field day dates, venues and boundaries were printed on pages 15 and 16 of the April 2014 Reel Talk. Here is a summary of the rest of the year.

January 17/18, 2015	Extended Local Binningup to Jurien. Weigh in at Narrows
February 14/15, 2015	Cervantes / Jurien, Local at Floreat
February 28, 1/2 March 2015, long weekend	Bluff Creek and standard Local
April 11/12, 2015	Cape to Cape and standard Local

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

December 2014 fishing field day

White Hills 13 and 14 December 2014. Synopsis. The December 2014 field day was spread from south wall of the Dawesville cut to Preston Beach with the majority of persons fishing a stretch of beach approximately 15km south of the White Hills road. A few quality tailor were captured in one section of the beach, as were some small mulloway. Schools of herring were prolific for one group on one beach area but pretty thin elsewhere. Literally dozens of tiny tarwhine were landed with less than a handful being size. All had a feed to take back home. Local fishos managed to catch at least one fish but quantity and size were well down.

The Field Day highlights. Accompanied by most having a good cup of coffee and a hot pie for lunch, the sign on at the Miami Bakery was at noon Saturday 13 January with lines down at 2pm. The fishing period was through until Sunday with the weigh-in at noon at the car park at the back at the same bakery.

A total of 3 anglers fished locally, George Holman, Glen Wong, and Michael Pisano. For the away trip, 7 anglers signed on. Ken Howells, Gary Parkinson, Mark Nurse, Peet and Sandra Wessels, Ray Walker, and Peter Osborne.)Our starting point has become a tradition to sign on at the Miami Bakery. As noted above, this gives the opportunity on both arrival and departure to treat oneself to a good cup of coffee with a pie and/or donuts or other goodies.

Ken, Gary and Mark headed down to Preston and went north along the beach, The rest of us let down tires on the last major sand dune to the White Hills beach track. The track along the beach was very soft in most sections and in one area we had to turn off the beach behind sand dunes and then return to the beach. Some 4WD skills were needed to negotiate the beach. We could see this could have the same problem for our return trip. Holidays had not started for all schools, so beach traffic while heavy was not as bad as last year. We did observe how some drove with tires over inflated resulting in some sections of the tracks becoming badly cut up.

Initially the wind was a slight southwester and stayed that way all afternoon and evening, a really balmy night for beach fishing. Sunday morning slight winds only which gave very comfortable fishing conditions.

We fished in two small groups along the beach looking for a bit of reef structure that appears intermittently along this bit of coastline. Some 15km down from the White Hills entrance track we, Peet and Sandra, Ray and Peter found some suitable reef area that was not occupied.

Ken, Mark and Gary went a similar distance north of Preston and also found some reef with deeper water in front of the reef. Hence both parties ended up fishing less than a kilometre from each other.

The latter group on setting up and starting to fish with very little use of burley found they had a school of herring in front of them. These fish continued to be caught on both Saturday and Sundays. They tried to catch bigger fish but mulie baits were quickly stripped. Late afternoon some chopper tailor appeared with each getting only one or two of this species. Ken worked hard and was successful in getting a great little gummy shark. Mark also managed to find a size whiting among the herring and very small tarwhine. At the weigh-in Peter asked Ken if he wanted to swap his shark for some fish from his bag. Answer was a resounding "no". For those that aren't aware, gummy sharks are extremely good eating

Congratulations must go to Gary, as along with a tailor; he weighed in a herring as he did not throw it away. Hopefully we will see him put more fish across the scales in future events.

It is noted that with plenty of herring available, Mark and Ken bagged and put on ice their herring needs and then went into the mode of catch and release. As they had released more than sufficient numbers, on weigh-in they were able to notify the Field Day Officer and add additional herring to equate to the bag limit of 30 fish in total.

At right: Gary Parkinson proves he can catch fish including herring



Mark added 9 catch and release fish at nominated weight of 0.1 kg each and Ken added 11 catch and release fish at 0.1 kg each. All members please note rule 2.3.6 of the Competition rules there is provision that, with-in the 30 fish bag limit, there is a mechanism to add additional numbers of fish with a nominated weight to their bag for the field day spread sheet point's calculation. Keep this rule for makeup on fish quantity in mind when ability to catch fish exceeds numbers to be retained.

For the group that came in from White Hills, throughout the fishing period, all had issues with very small fish stripping mulies. This turned out to be very much undersize tarwhine and some blowies. Only Peter and Sandra managed to find a size tarwhine among the tiddlers. Through the afternoon, this gave periods of having lines out but no bait on the hooks. Sandra hooked the first tailor but there was a large time gaps between fish coming in.

For this group, the field day was about catching mulloway, most were undersize however some were landed in the 55 to 60 cm range, a great eating fish.

Ray has some accolades coming to him as he started this part of the story. Early afternoon he pulled in a Mulloway that looked as though it could be size, Peter went across to assist and on measure was found to be some 49 cm, darn just undersize. Some smaller ones, less than 45 cm were also caught intermittently by all.

However at about 4pm Ray pulled in a bigger fish that looked size, Peter, fishing only 5 meters away went across and checked size. Beauty was over 55cm. On checking size and unhooking the fish and putting on ice, Ray immediately put out another cast. Peter had walked back to his rods and no sooner got there than Ray was hooked up again, with another slightly bigger mulloway.

Over the period with Peter getting frustrated with not getting a mulloway, Ray reiterated the story of over a year ago fishing at Frustration at Kalbarri, Ray could not get a bite, but Peter landed good mulloway and got busted up by big fish.



Ray Walker with his bag of mulloway

However, Peter finally landed a size mulloway late Sunday morning. Ray enjoyed rubbing it in to Peter as his prowess in catching mulloway. Accolades must also go Ray as one of his mulloway was the largest fish caught on the Field Day.



Peet Wessels on the beach on Sunday morning with 2 mulloway

The mulloway story continues with Peet Wessels also having good success in landing 5 size mulloway over the field day period. He also noted Peter's frustration in not getting a mulloway, but he was frustrated in not getting a tailor. Peter had one tailor by Saturday evening, and both Peter and Peet got up at sun-up Sunday morning to try for tailor. For the first 1½ hours nothing happens (except the tarwhine problem) then some tailor came through.

Peter hooked up and landed two in a row, quality size fish. Peet moved across alongside Peter and to rub it in both Peet and Peter dropped a good tailor virtually at their feet immediately followed by Peter landing a double header of tailor.

At a lot of beaches with this type of fishing, Peter uses a double hook set rig, set of hooks for a mulie on the bottom, 3/0 hooks and off the top swivel a set of 3 number 3 hooks for a small bait.

You may remember George Holman gave us a demo of the rig at an instruction period at a General meeting earlier this year. Peet kept trying but only managed some more mulloway. Peter at this stage finally caught his one mulloway along with a couple of skippy and bagging out one short of the tailor limit of 8 fish.

During both evening and morning Sandra was quietly working away at catching a mulloway, a couple of tailor, a skippy and a size tarwhine. But do have to admit that when Sandra gets hooked up to a good fish she yells out, loud enough that friends in South Africa can hear her.

While the group from Preston were overwhelmed with herring, they did not appear in front of the White Hills group. Only evidence of herring was on Sunday morning Peter's set rod sporting top hook using a white bait, resulted that on reeling in this top bait hook there was a well chewed herring head. Suspect the live bait attracted and was ravaged by some of that tailor school.

The drive back along the beach to the weigh-in required the same good 4WD driving skills to tackle the soft sand beach. An hour was required for the drive back including time to inflate tires.



Sandra Wessels with her mulloway



Ray Walker also knows how to catch tailor

Local Field Day participants. As noted above, three of Surfcaster members fished locally for shorter time periods due to family and social obligations.

Fish were somewhat scarce. Results were that:

George only fished the middle section of the night. Like the rest of us he was besieged by undersize tarwhine. He finally managed to get one tarwhine that was size but no tailor or as in the recent past, quality mulloway.

Michael and Glen fished the evening with Glen capturing one tailor and Michael capturing three herring.

Hope to see you at our January Field Day weigh-in. Full details are in the Reel Talk.

In summary, 17/18 January with boundaries from Binningup to Jurien for lines in 2 pm Saturday and lines out at 11am Sunday with the weigh-in at 3pm under the south side of the Narrows Bridge in South Perth. Sign on at the January 2015 General meeting.

Tight lines

Field Day Officer, Peter Osborne

Sportsperson of the Year section winners for December 2014

Best scale fish	Ray Walker	Mulloway	2.19kg
Best bag of scale fish	Peter Osborne	Mixed bag	6.85kg
Best shark	Ken Howells	Gummy shark	2.30kg
Best bag including sharks	Ken Howells	Mixed bag and shark	4.60kg

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The Newbie report

So Peter is away on a Christmas adventure spree
Thus the Newbie report has fallen to me
Opportunity to lie, bend the truth and even to brag
Like did you know at Cervantes the Newbies got a full bag

White Hills was the chosen venue
Toothy sea critters were on the menu
It was only my third club fish
To catch one or two my only wish

Ken and I arrived on Friday with a great wind blowing
My dreams of tons of fish slowing
I managed to put up my swag
In seconds sand filled up the whole bag

Setting up camp had me pulling at my hair
Sand had me living in despair
We couldn't sit or stand around
Without instantly being covered in ground

Later, Ken, Gary and I sat and had a chat
In the howling wind we sat
Deciding it wasn't any fun to cast a line
The call for sleep came at the perfect time

In no time I was fast sleep
In what seemed like seconds the alarm started to beep
I first listened for the wind, it was no more
I did however hear the sounds of a Ken snore

Gary was up and had a first throw
An immediate bite and a tailor was in tow
Filletted and straight into a hot pan
Fresher breakfast cannot be found by any man

Later in the day the Wessels arrived via CB in
spectacular style
Always a warm greeting and a friendly smile
Hulle sal ons nooit vertstaan as on praat van gehieme
plekke
En groot visse was eet so lekker

Now we had to wait to start at 2
A few hours to find out what was biting is what we
decided to do
Now as the hour to go drew close
The wind decided to give us another dose

We toiled until at 10 we had enough
Holding 14 foot rod upright in that wind was tough
We had caught herring, whiting, a shark and a tailor or two
But that wind, well even a huge mulloway wouldn't have
stopped me feeling blue

Back in my sleeping bag and off to dream land
All was ok except for my teeth still crunching sand
If the morning wasn't calm
The word I would use wasn't darn

Early on I got a big bite and solid run
I can say my first ever stingray was a lot of fun
Putting him back had me turning pale
I was terrified of that spiky horrid tail

A quick tailor and 100 more herring were caught
Cast herring, cast herring, one day I'll show you the lure I
recently bought
Soon it was time to start the big pack
Time to finish the event and head back

The weigh in saw Peter put down a huge bag
The word I used wasn't shag
Was he fishing in a different sea
The fish he caught were all bigger and different to me

Not to outdone you should have seen Sandra, Peet and
Ray
There isn't much more for me to say
I will say with the utmost pluck
The word I used wasn't duck

Too see big mulloway was a total treat
Huge slabs of shining silver fish meat
I am not going to tell a lie
They were more beautiful than a Miami Bake House pie

All too soon it was time to say farewell
Off to our homes, no more tales to tell
I had some time on the homeward drive to think
How the weekend was like a soul quenching cold drink

It was a big decision to leave our South African home
There are days when I feel so alone
It's not easy leaving for a foreign land
But I'm starting to love my feet being in your white sand

Each time I get together with a fellow club member
There are memories and laughs to remember
So as I ponder my family's fates
I know they will be golden with my new Aussie mates

So on to next month and a new place to fish
Big mulloway and sharks on the dish
I can't wait for the continued fun
Of our adventures under the Australian sun

Newbie Mark Nurse

Catch results and points for December 2014 Field Day

Angler	Weight	Species	Fish	Points
Peter Osborne	6.85kg	4	11	128.5
Ken Howells	5.7kg	3	30	107
Ray Walker	5.14kg	2	4	91.4
Sandra Wessels	3.09kg	4	5	90.9
Mark Nurse	3.91kg	3	30	89.1
Peet Wessels	4.14kg	2	3	81.4
Gary Parkinson	0.68kg	2	2	46.8
Glen Wong	0.83kg	1	1	38.3
Michael Pisano	0.3kg	1	3	33
George Holman	0.25kg	1	1	32.5

Points include Field day and December General meeting points.

Species weighed at the December field day were: tailor, herring, mulloay, skippy, whiting, tarwhine and gummy shark.

Species weighed at the December local field day were: tarwhine

Field Day top scores for 2014/15

Total scores calculated automatically by the field day scoring spreadsheet including December 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 2015, and adjusted scores will be published after that. Names with equal scores are sorted alphabetically.

Name	Points	Rank	Name	Points	Rank	Name	Points	Rank
Peter Osborne	915.3	1	Peter Pekaar	157.4	13	Christian Wearmouth	38.1	25
George Holman	867.3	2	Peter Butland	145.8	14	George Belin	33.7	26
Peet Wessels	692.8	3	Geoff Raftis	124.6	15	Victor Schilo	32.3	27
Sandra Wessels	573.3	4	Terry Fuller	110.6	16	Jason Zerella	30	28
Martin Wearmouth	388	5	Gary Gildersleeves	109.9	17	Nicolas Terpkos	28.5	29
Pat McKeown	361.3	6	Paul Terpkos	84.6	18	Slavka Schilo	22.2	30
Glen Wong	317.8	7	Michael Pisano	65.9	19	David Maxted	20	31
Ken Howells	227.6	8	Dean Stewart	58.8	20	Ian Taggart	10	32
Ray Walker	227.4	9	Shane Wignell	54.9	21	Robert Pekaar	10	33
Mark Nurse	210	10	Sarah Wignell	52	22	Alan Osborne	10	34
Theo Van Niekerk	175.7	11	Klaus Schönwolf	40	23			
Gary Parkinson	166.8	12	Thomas Wearmouth	38.5	24			

Field Day sections 2014/15

Up to and including December 2014 Field Day.

1A	Best scale fish (1st six months)	George Holman	Mulloay	15.6kg	August
1B	Best scale fish (2nd six months)	Ray Walker	Mulloay	2.19kg	December
2	Most meritorious fish	To be awarded by Committee			
3	Best Shark (4.5kg min)				
4	Best Mulloway (2.0kg min)	George Holman	Mulloay	15.6kg	August
5	Best Tailor (1.0kg min)	George Holman	Tailor	1.51kg	September
6	Best Salmon (3kg min)	Peter Osborne	Salmon	4.08kg	May
7	Best Skipjack Trevally (0.5 kg min)	Theo Van Niekerk	Skipjack Trevally	1.11kg	August
8	Best Mackerel (2kg min)				
9	Best Yellowtail Kingfish, Samson or Amberjack (4kg min)	Theo Van Niekerk	Yellowtail Kingfish	2.79kg	August
10	Best scale fish (other than above)	Martin Wearmouth	Dart	0.96kg	September
11	Best bag of scale fish	Peter Osborne	Mixed bag	19.56kg	May
12	Best bag of Mulloway (2 fish min)	Peet Wessels	Mulloay	3.99kg	December
13	Best bag of Tailor (2 fish min)	George Holman	Tailor	7.96kg	September

14	Best fish on single handed rod (4kg line max)	Martin Wearmouth	Tarwhine	0.64kg	September
15	Best fish caught on fly rod				
16	Best fish caught on single handed rod (4kg line max) and a soft plastic lure				
17	Best fish caught on single handed rod (4kg line max) and a hard body lure				

Field day spreadsheet developer, Terry Fuller

Club rods and reels for loan

Club rods and reels are available for short term loan to members and visitors to Club events by arrangement with President George Holman. These include spinning (threadline) and Alvey reels, and rod buckets.

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

Suggestions for field days for 2015/16

Please see the article "Suggestions for field days for 2015/16" on pages 21 to 24 of the November 2014 Reel Talk.

It's January already. Preferably **before** the April General Meeting, we need to set the fishing Field Day venues, boundaries and dates for the May 2015 to April 2016 club competition year.

Please send in your suggestions by the 14 January General meeting.

If you have any ideas, please put your suggestions in to the Committee, and list the venues on the coloured form included with the November Reel Talk.

You are requested to nominate only those months and venues that you have a reasonable expectation of attending. These could be choices from local, close venues, or distant venues. The latter are generally tied to long weekends.

The Committee will use this information to recommend a set of venues that attracts and gives the greatest interest and potentially maximize attendance by Club members.

DO IT NOW, PLEASE!!! The current Competition Rules are available from the Secretary or see the club's web site <http://www.surfcasters.iinet.net.au/> for the online versions.

We don't want to have all the discussions and all the changes at the last minute at the April General Meeting. That's not the way to make good decisions.

The Committee also will examine any new ideas, or lateral thinking that could improve our fishing enjoyment. For those fisherpersons who attend our field days please give this process your attention and put forward your personal preferences and any further ideas.

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

Free Club car stickers

The Committee decided at the November meeting that new members will get two Club car stickers in the membership pack given to them when they are welcomed into the Club.

Other Club members can get one free Club car sticker by asking the Social Organiser, who has the stickers. And if you are a recently welcomed new member, I am sure Pat will slip you an extra one if you ask him.

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

Payments into SCAC bank account

Payments to the Club may be made by direct deposit into the Club's bank account. Westpac Bank, BSB 036 059, Account 880334, name Surf Casting and Angling Club of WA General Account. Please make sure your deposit can be identified.

Treasurer, Glen Wong

Temporary replacement for Property Officer (Maintenance)

Kalbarri Property Officer (Maintenance) Ray Walker will be away from Perth travelling with his camper trailer for six months from March 2015.

Someone will be needed to take on the property maintenance role for the Kalbarri house for this time.

Accommodation bookings for the house are done by Terry Fuller, cleaning by a local cleaner on dates required by bookings as listed by Terry, and mowing and edging is done by a local lawn mowing contractor.

The house has had a lot of maintenance and some new appliances in the last three years, so the maintenance left is mostly just what comes up from time to time, and mostly involves organising local contractors to do some work.

Please contact Ray Walker for details of what's involved.

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

RockSteady rod holder

Justin Russell met some of the Surfcasters' members at the Club's sausage sizzle at Bunnings Malaga.

A couple of years ago while fishing with his daughter he had a problem finding a place to hold his rod, which led him to invent the Rocksteady rod holder.

It is an inflatable that allows you to support a standard style PVC rod holder tube and your rod in a suitable gap in the rocks.

He is trying to raise awareness of his invention, and has donated two of these holders to the club to show the members, and get someone to give it a try.

The inflatable device puts pressure inwards onto the tube and outwards onto the rock surfaces. This pressure wedges the rod holder tube in place.

The average person can blow 1.4 pounds per square inch. That may not seem like much but the force adds up when there is a larger area. Even with a lazy effort enough pressure can be built up to hold the fishing rod holder tube very steady.

Here are some photos of the device in use in limestone rocks like used in some metro rock walls. You can check out more at www.rocksteadyrodholder.com



Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

Barbecue and night cast, Saturday 31 January, 6 pm

This 2015 year's social calendar begins with a barbecue and 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 which also has a glow stick, using one hand only, eg single handed casting. The judge for the night will be announced later.

George and Kaye's address is in page 1 of the Reel Talk, but everything is held at the rear of the house. Getting there: 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.

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

See you there.

Social Organiser Pat McKeown

Changes to herring management

Some of you will have seen the media reports and articles about changes to the management of herring by the Minister for Fisheries

In summary, these changes are:

1. the closure of the south coast commercial herring G-trap fishery,
2. reduction of the recreational bag limit to 12 herring per person per day, from 1 March 2015,
3. review of the stock status and the new management arrangements before the end of 2016.

In 2013 Department of Fisheries released herring research results in Fisheries Research Report No. 246, that showed the herring stock was in a depleted state and said that the overall catch of herring needed to be halved.

http://www.fish.wa.gov.au/Documents/research_reports/fr246.pdf is worth reading.

Department of Fisheries are said to have recommended changes in recreational bag limits to as low as 8 per person per day plus a 3 month closed season including Easter during which no herring could be kept.

The commercial fishing industry pushed very hard that the halving of the total catch should be shared equally between the commercial and recreational fishers.

But Recfishwest, representing the interests of all recreational fishermen, put a very different opinion which is covered in its recent media release <http://recfishwest.org.au/herring-dozen/> headed "Herring by the Dozen." Here are some extracts:

Recfishwest welcomed today's announcement to close the commercial south coast herring trap fishery and while disappointed with the size of the bag limit reduction we are glad to have maintained year round access to WA's most important fish.

Most Western Australians who like to fish have a close affinity with herring. These little fish are the heroes and life blood of recreational fishing in WA and an important part of our culture.

An endemic Australian species, they spawn only in the south west of WA in May to June when the Leeuwin Current is in full flow. This current distributes the eggs and larvae to sheltered coastal nursery sites along south coast, and in some years when the current is strong, all the way back to Victoria. The juvenile herring then migrate back to WA's South West to spawn. Following spawning adult fish generally remain on the west coast.

The commercial G-Trap fishery on the South Coast targets the migrating juvenile herring before they have had a chance to breed and are sold as a low value bait product that is destined to end up in the bottom of a cray pot.

In 2014 this fishery captured hundreds of tons of herring which have recently been advertised at retail prices of only 70c per kg. Today's announcement by the Fisheries Minister to close this fishery will see millions of herring left in the water to breed and will help stocks recover.

For recreational fishing families, herring is the most important fish in WA therefore its sustainability is paramount to ensuring quality fishing experiences can be passed on to future generations. Herring is the first fish that many fishers catch and it is one of the main species parents introduce to their children when teaching them to fish.

As a responsible recreational fishing sector, it is important that we too carry some of the burden to ensure the long-term sustainability of this life blood species. While a bag limit reduction to 12 is disappointing and a larger cut than we think necessary, we are pleased to have secured year round access and to see that the government has prioritised the use of herring in line with community expectations.

Since sustainability concerns were first raised over 12 months ago, Recfishwest have been proactively pushing for management action that prioritises the use of this resource for recreational and human consumption purposes.

Today's decision reflects Recfishwest's belief that herring is much more valuable on the end of a kid's fishing line than as bait in the bottom of a cray pot.

It's the right of every West Australian to catch herring and Recfishwest is happy that families can still catch herring whenever they have an opportunity to go fishing.

Recfishwest looks forward to seeing the herring recovery plan in detail and will keep the recreational fishing community up to date with this issue as new information becomes available.

End of extracts.

Note. No mention has been made of how the Department of Fisheries will legislate for the bag limit change. Herring are currently in the category "All other species of finfish" with no individual limits except the combined daily bag limit of 30.

All other species with an individual limit are in one of the other categories, and so shifting herring to one of those (eg to the "Nearshore/estuarine" category) would mean a double whammy reduction in bag limits.

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

Wanted articles and photos

New and extra content is wanted from members for the web site and for Reel Talk. Categories are photos, hints and tips, articles, members' stories, movies, etc.

I can take these articles in any of the usual formats, Word, PDF, text, email, even an audio recording for content, and any of the usual image or movie formats.

Please tell us about your fishing or other activities, and share those with other Club members and help to attract new members to the Club.

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

Bluff Creek Field Day 28 Feb 1/2 March 2015

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 2pm 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 just 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. And yes the rips can be bad and you'll need some heavy weights to hold the bottom at times.

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.



Miles of beaches like this !!!!

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. Getting off the beach to the camping area with a loaded trailer can need a good run up with the vehicle in the correct gear, because unless it's an automatic, changing gears usually means bogging down.

In past years we have used a track through the dunes above the beach, but in recent 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 found a way to dodge the rocks and made a new track around this by now.

We recommend this Field day to all new members as the fishing is good, you will learn a lot, 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, and some go Thursday. 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 February General Meeting will be about the Bluff Creek area, fishing, camping, road and track details for getting there, gear needed and more.

Reel Talk Editor,
Terry Fuller

Weather at Bluff Creek

What sort of weather can be expected at Bluff Creek on the March long weekend? Well it is summer and on the South Coast, so in a few words – it will be windy or hot or cool or wet or sunny or cloudy or thunderstorms or any combination, but you can bet on windy to very windy for at least some of the time.

The beach near the camp runs south west to north east curving more towards the east as you get closer to the rocks. The typical summer weather pattern of a high pressure system in or moving into the Bight and a trough down the West Coast with hot weather in Perth means north east to south east winds at Bluff. These winds are straight along the beach or at 45 or more degrees off the water from the left.

The mornings are sometimes cloudy, often with some drizzle if the winds are from the east or south east off the ocean. The daily mid to late morning ocean “sea breeze” on the South Coast is usually south easterly, where the morning easterly or north easterly winds just turn a bit towards the south east and crank the wind speed up several notches towards 20 to 25 knots or 30 to 40 kilometres per hour.

The wind driven waves continually breaking over the sandbar from the left front make for strong sideways drifts to the right in the channel along the beach. Be prepared with heavy sinkers and it may be necessary to go down to single or smaller baits to cast far enough and then hold the bottom.

The actual air temperature may be over 20 degrees but the wind chill factor makes it feel a lot colder. So come prepared with plenty of warm clothes, warm headgear and a water proof jacket and waders.

If the forecast says Perth will get a “cool change” then the winds at Bluff Creek will go to the west or south west or calm right down, and this is often accompanied by showers, light rain or drizzle. If the winds come from the north, then very hot weather is possible, over 40 degrees. Usually the cooler sea breeze will force itself in during the afternoon so it is cooler on the beach, but is often still very hot in the sandhills and on the track out.

Hot weather inland with the West Coast trough moving inland often has thunderstorms on the eastern side, and heavy rain showers and lightning and quite strong winds are possible. Keep off the beaches and don't use your graphite rods if there is lightning about.

Make sure your camp is well covered and well tied down and that rain water can drain off and drain away because that incessant wind will find any weak spots, and a thunderstorm will really test it all.

Despite all this, Bluff Creek is really a great place to be instead of in Perth when Perth has those several 38 plus degrees days in a row.

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How to get to Bluff Creek

See the details in the article on pages 10-11 of the February 2013 Reel Talk. GPS coordinates for tracks to the beach and camping area are below, so get out your GPS instruction manual and work out how to use these coordinates.

Track in/out meets the beach at

118° 24' 36.32" E 34° 48' 02.25" S

118° 24.605' E 34° 48.038' S

Longitude 118.410088, Latitude -34.800625

Western entry to the camping area

118° 26' 22.33" E 34° 45' 40.08" S

118° 26.372' E 34° 45.668' S

Longitude 118.439537, Latitude -34.761131

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Tides March 2015 long weekend

Albany Saturday 28 February	0.33m at 5:25am	0.94m at 9pm
Albany Sunday 1 March	0.35m at 5:20am	0.97m at 9:25pm
Albany Monday 2 March	0.37m at 5:20am	0.69m at 12:05pm

In 2014 the high tide was in the middle of the day which clashed with the stop fishing time for the Sunday barbecue. No such worries in 2015.

Tide times shown are for Albany. Tides at Bluff Creek are about 52 minutes earlier.

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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 2 level bunks. The bathroom and shower were rebuilt in 2012.

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, food fridge/freezer and an extra chest freezer for bait and fish.

Outside has a built in gas barbecue, a fish cleaning facility and a full width verandah. There is plenty of fenced parking space for cars, trailers and boats behind a gate. Pets may be allowed by prior arrangement but must stay outside the house. Rates are:

Off season	Short term (min 2 nights)	\$100 per night	\$100 bond
On season	Short term (min 2 nights)	\$120 per night	\$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 \$70 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.

Members of clubs affiliated with the Australian Anglers Association WA Division, **and friends of members** of the Surf Casting and Angling Club receive a **20% discount** on the normal public rates.

See inside the latest Reel Talk for dates already booked. Contact **Terry Fuller 9447 4545** for more details and for bookings, location of keys etc, or email the Club surfcast@iinet.net.au Check in time is 2pm. Check out time is 10am. There are 20 photos on the Club website www.surfcasters.iinet.net.au/KalbarriHouse.html

If any work needs to be done in, on or around the house, please contact Property Maintenance Officer Ray Walker on 9313 4196, mobile 0414 925 538 for approval.

Terry Fuller, Property Booking

Ray Walker, Property Maintenance



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