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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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Membership fees must be paid by 31 July 2011

Please see the article on page 25, and use the form in the July Reel Talk.



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Note 2. The Minutes Secretary, Website Editor, Membership Coordinator and AAWA Delegates are Committee functions and jobs, not additional Committee positions.

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Life Members of the Club

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

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Membership fees were payable by 31 July 2011

Membership fees for 2011/12 became due on 1 July and were payable by 31 July 2011.

Please see the article on page 25 and use the form in the July Reel Talk.

Minutes of General Meeting 10 August 2011

Venue:- Coolbinia West Perth Amateur Football and Sporting Club room.
Commenced 8:00 pm. John Curtis presiding due to President and Vice President not being available.

Present:- 20 members.

Apologies:- Justin Rose, Wayne Shaw, Malcolm Head, George Holman, Bob Henderson, Allan Jones, Peter Pekaar, Marcia Pekaar, Gary Gildersleeves, Jeff Hewton, Rhys Jones, Terry Fuller, Melvin Wee, Ian Cook, Michelle Walker, Holly Walker.

Visitors:- Christopher Stickells.

New member:- Martin Wearmouth was welcomed into the club, and presented with his membership pack.

Minutes of previous meeting:- **Moved** Sandra Wessels seconded Jim Strong 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 have been published in Reel Talk.

Secretary's report:- Details handed out. Moved John Crompton, seconded Peter Osborne that report be accepted, carried.

<u>Correspondence In:-</u>	Westpac Shire of Dandaragan R & D White Associates Metroliner Accountants BT Sam Ransley City of Stirling	Bank statement to 29 July 2011 Permission to camp at Cervantes. Change to another company for accounting Offer to do Club accounts Annual statement Enquiry about Club activities Yokine Reserve, seasonal ground application for Summer 2011/12 Club information
<u>Correspondence out:-</u>	Joseph Madaffari, Chris Stickells Various Martin Wearmouth City of Stirling Christopher Stickells Terry Fuller	Field Day certificates Acceptance into the Club Club participation survey Membership application is published in August Reel Talk Get well card

Moved Andy Thorgersen, seconded Jim Strong correspondence be accepted, carried.

Treasurer's report:- Terry Fuller had prepared a report covering up to 6 August.

Accounts for payment.

To	For	Amount	
Telstra	Club phone 9209 2117	\$120.00	Comm approved
Water Corporation	Water rates 2011/12	\$706.30	Comm approved
West Wear	Club cloth badges 100	\$440.00	
Australia Post	Insufficient postage.....	\$6.30	
iiNet	Email and website	\$50.00	
Peet Wessels	Ferry tickets Rottnest August 2011	\$519.38	
Terry Fuller	Stamps for Reel Talk	\$60.00	
	Printing of August Reel Talk.....	\$116.16	
	Stamps 10 x 60c.....	\$6.00	
	Carbon paper for receipts and banking	\$4.50	T Fuller total
	Clip board.....	\$3.40	\$190.06
John Crompton	Rolling storage box 55 litre white x 2.....	\$28.00	
	RM500 Reflex copy paper A4	\$5.17	
	HP 02 L-Cyan ink cartridge.....	\$14.83	
	HP 02 Magenta ink cartridge.....	\$14.83	J Crompton total
	Stamps 10 x 60c.....	\$6.00	\$68.83
Total <u>new</u> accounts for approval at GM		<u>\$1,274.57</u>	<i>Excludes Comm approved</i>

Income / money received since July General meeting

Membership fees 2011/12	\$1,230.00
Nomination fee Single membership	\$10.00
Field day fees July Open	\$62.00
Donation	\$50.00
Rottnest Field day balance August 2011	\$180.00
Total income since July General meeting	\$1,532.00

Bank account summary

Bank balance at 6 Aug.....	\$6,140.55
Accounts for payment	\$1,274.57
Available balance after payment of new accounts	\$4,865.98
Cash and cheques held for banking	\$850.00
Outstanding cheques.....	\$400.00
Available total.....	\$5,235.98

Moved John Crompton, seconded Peet Wessels the Treasurer's report be accepted, carried.
 Moved Sandra Wessels seconded Ray Walker accounts be passed for payment, carried.

Property Officer:- Ray Walker said bookings were still light in coming months. He is looking at buying linen. John Curtis asked about photos to display in the house. A rod rack has been produced and will be installed at some future opportunity.

Field Days:- Peet Wessels spoke briefly on the recent successful Steep Point Safari. Most fish were caught from boats. Fisheries Officers did a great job checking compliance.

He gave some details for the August Rottnest field day. The next month's Field Day would be to Cervantes. He congratulated George Holman for the magnificent Pink Snapper caught at Floreat. Justin Rose caught some great tailor on poppers.

Dry Casting Officer:- John Crompton reported on August Dry Casting.

AAA report:- John Curtis spoke briefly on the National AAA Championships held at South West Rocks. The proposed additions to the AAAWA rules about inappropriate behaviour had been passed at the July Delegates meeting with some minor amendments.

Social Organiser:- Next month is the AGM. Pat reminded members to bring a plate of food. 10 pin bowling will be organised for September. Details to come. The Bullsbrook Maze is a possibility.

Coffee maker and card table are up for sale as advertised in Reel Talk. Members' shirts and jackets, badges and car stickers are available.

Reel Talk:- John Curtis said Reel Talk had been done and keeps getting bigger and better.

Web site:- John Curtis said he regularly checked the Club website and Terry Fuller would appreciate any extra material.

Recorder:- Justin Rose has entered a tailor for a Grand Masters. Shane Becu has entered a flathead for his species badge.

Recfishwest report:- Terry Fuller was an apology for the meeting.

General business:- AGM is coming in September, new Committee will be elected. A Secretary is required due to John Crompton stepping down.

Peet Wessels commented on improved facilities, new chairs and tables in the Coolbinia Club rooms.

Peter Osborne won second prize in a recent competition for donating fish frames to Fisheries research.

Tino Baiardo spoke of a recent trip to Steep Point and Dirk Hartog Island.

Members approved Pat McKeown as proxy delegate to AAA meeting in place of T Fuller if he is not able to attend.

Raffle:- Won by Tino Baiardo.

Meeting closed:- Formal meeting closed at 8:50 pm.

Instruction period:- John Curtis gave a talk titled "The truth about Solunar theory."

Action points from August 2011 General meeting.			
Number	Action	By	Status
None			

Action points from July 2011 General meeting.			
Number	Action	By	Status
AP GM7/11 #1	Make suggestions for the Presentation night for the Club's 60th year in 2012	All members	Ongoing

Action points from December 2010 General meeting.			
Number	Action	By	Status
AP GM12/10 #2	Suggest social activities to Social Organiser	All members	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

Minutes Secretary, Terry Fuller

Action points from August 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 minutes.

Action points from 17 August 2011 Committee meeting.			
AP No.	Action	By	Status
CM8/11 #1	Look at requirements for member protection and working with children and recommend action by Club	Terry Fuller	

The Annual General meeting and election of officers has been moved to September due to the number of people who were away in August.

Future Instruction periods.

- September Annual General Meeting and election of 2011/12 Committee, social get together with food and drinks afterwards.
- October Use of a vacuum sealer, looking after and getting the best out of your fish. Terry Fuller.
- Future Choosing and looking after frozen bait. Terry Fuller.

Minutes Secretary and Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

Notice of Annual General Meeting and election of Committee

The Annual General Meeting of the Surf Casting and Angling Club of WA (Inc) and election of Committee for 2011/12 will be held at Coolbinia West Perth Amateur Football and Sporting Club room, Wordsworth Avenue, at 8pm on Wednesday 14 September 2011, the same night as the September General Meeting.

All Committee positions will be up for election. Please consider who you want to be your Committee and if you can help by being a Committee member. Please remember, if it is worth having, it is worth working for.

Members please bring a plate of food for the social get together after the AGM.

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

Coming Club events

September Dry Casting

All casters please 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.

When:- Sunday 11 September 2011. **Note** Not the first Sunday. Competition casting starts 8:30am.

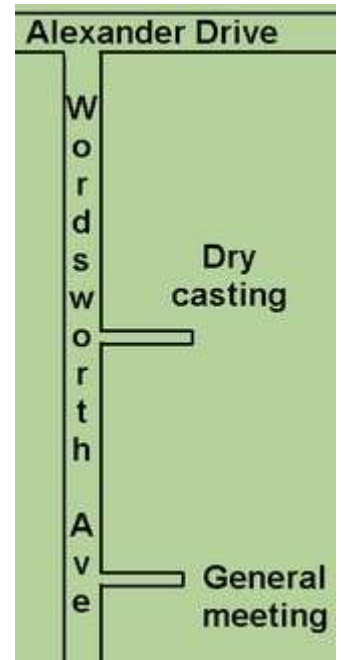
Where:- Yokine Reserve, Wordsworth Avenue

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

PLUS Double handed 56 gram Open (not part of SCAC competition, just practice and training for AAAWA State drycasting)

Seniors, Ladies and Juniors will cast accuracy first, Veterans will cast distance first.

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



September General meeting and Annual General Meeting

When:- Wednesday 14 September, 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.

Instruction period:- Social get together after the Annual General Meeting.

September Field Day

When:- Saturday/Sunday 17/18 September.

Where:- Cervantes.

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

Sign On:- Saturday 11 am at Cervantes Hill River car park.

Lines Down: Saturday 12 noon

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

Times:- 12 noon 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 Cervantes Hill River car park.

Tides for Jurien	Sat	0.57m at	0.93m at	Moonset	About 8:35 am at 292 deg
	17 Sep	6:30 pm	11:33 pm	Moonrise	About 10:40 pm at 66 deg

	Sun	0.58m at		Moonset	About 9:15 am at 295 deg
	18 Sep	9:52 am		Moonrise	About 11:30 pm at 64 deg

Sunrises	About 6:16 am at 88 deg	Sunsets	About 6:13 pm at 272 deg
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Local Field Day for September

When:- Saturday/Sunday 17/18 September.

Sign On: Phone FDO before 8 pm Thursday evening.

Lines Down:- Saturday 12 noon.

Times:- 12 noon 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 locally in the metropolitan area.

Tides for Fremantle

Sat	0.60m at	0.94m at
17 Sep	3:21 pm	11:32 pm

<u>Moonset</u>	About 8:30 am at 292 deg
<u>Moonrise</u>	About 10:40 pm at 66 deg



Sun	0.58m at
18 Sep	3:24 pm

<u>Moonset</u>	About 9:10 am at 295 deg
<u>Moonrise</u>	About 11:30 pm at 64 deg



Sunrises About 6:14 am at 88 deg

Sunsets About 6:10 pm at 272 deg

September Committee meeting

When:- Wednesday 21 September 2011, 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.

October Field Day

When:- Friday/Saturday/Sunday 28/29/30 October long weekend. **Note** Friday start.

Where:- Port Gregory.

Boundaries:- 500 metres north and south respectively of the mouth of the Murchison River at Kalbarri and mouth of the Bowes River at Horrocks.

Sign On:- Friday 12 noon at Wagoie chalets.

Lines Down:- Friday 1 pm

Times:- 1 pm Friday to 10:00 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 10:00 am at Wagoie Chalets.



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

Note:- Boundaries stretch over 113 km. Depending on who are going where, we will possibly have 2 sign-on and weigh-in points. To be discussed at next General Meeting.

Tides for Geraldton

Fri	0.41m at	0.40m at	0.90m at	<u>Moonrise</u>	About 6:20 am at 113 deg
28 Oct	11:57 am	1:23 pm	10:40 pm	<u>Moonset</u>	About 8:30 pm at 245 deg



Sat 29 Oct	0.12m at 7:56 am	0.88m at 11:21 pm	Moonrise Moonset	About 7:15 am at 115 deg About 9:35 pm at 244 deg	
Sun 30 Oct	0.13m at 9:18 am		Moonrise Moonset	About 8:15 am at 116 deg About 10:30 pm at 245 deg	
Sunrises		About 5:30 am at 106 deg	Sunsets		About 6:40 pm at 255 deg

Local Field Day for October

When:- Friday/Saturday/Sunday 28/29/30 October long weekend. **Note** Friday start.

Sign On: Phone Field Day Officer before Thursday evening.




Lines Down:- Friday 1 pm

Times:- 1 pm Friday to 10:00 am Sunday. 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:- Sunday 10:00 am Sunday 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.

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Tides for Fremantle	Fri 28 Oct	0.34m at 6:46 am	1.05m at 9:40 pm	Moonrise Moonset	About 6:08 am at 113 deg About 8:30 pm at 245 deg	
	Sat 29 Oct	0.34m at 7:51 am	1.03m at 10:04 pm	Moonrise Moonset	About 7:03 am at 116 deg About 9:37 pm at 244 deg	
	Sun 30 Oct	0.36m at 8:46 am	0.99m at 10:25 pm	Moonrise Moonset	About 8:03 am at 117 deg About 10:36 pm at 244 deg	
Sunrises		About 5:25 am at 106 deg		Sunsets		About 6:40pm at 254 deg

Calendar for next three months

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

25 AAWA event																				
3 Dry Casting							13 General Meeting			14 15 Field Day				21 Committee Meeting						

September 2011							October 2011							November 2011						
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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26	27	28	29	30			24	25	26	27	28	29	30	28	29	30				

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.

Christopher (Chris) Stickells, 8 Glenbrook Drive, Ballajura 6066

Secretary and Membership Coordinator, John Crompton

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.

None this month.

Secretary and Membership Coordinator, John Crompton

President's report

Well this month has been all over the place as I spent half a month in Western Australia and the rest in New South Wales competing in the National casting and attending a number of Convention meetings. As a result I have had to rely on club members to keep things flowing and I would like to thank John Curtis for chairing our last General meeting and from all accounts it was very successful.

Terry Fuller, our Vice President was out of action as well due to a hospital visit which has him now on the road to recovery and fitness.

Good to hear this month's casting went well and numbers were good, bearing in mind numbers of us were over East representing the State. Thanks to all who made the day a pleasant and successful one.

Well it finally happened. I was sitting at the top table at a conference at South West Rocks reading out John Curtis's President report for our State when my mobile phone went off. Embarrassing but pleasant, as it was Pat McKeown ringing to tell me he had just caught that bloody gardie he has been trying to catch for so long. I can see a full page photo with a certain gardie and a big smile. Good on you Pat.

Looking ahead I wonder if Pat can repeat that at the forthcoming Cervantes field day. This is a great location which lends itself to 2 wheel as well as 4 wheel drive vehicles and with boundaries from Cervantes to Jurien Bay there are plenty of options, jetties, groynes, beaches and reefs and you can even stay in caravan parks, houses or camp. What more could you want? Well yes a few fish. See you all there.

Our next casting day is the final cast before the State Dry Casting Championships on 25 September so let's see a good attendance for Allan and Gary and make yourself available for selection in our teams. There will be a meeting at 89 Clontarf Street on Monday 5 September to tidy up arrangements and set up the program. We will need helpers and the plan is to put the courts up late on Saturday afternoon. The club is putting on a sausage sizzle and drinks on the day.

The September General meeting will also be the Annual General Meeting and I look forward to a full and healthy committee to keep our club going forward. Remember you only get what you want by putting in and helping and supporting one another. We need a Secretary as John Compton is calling it a day after five years. Thanks John. Would still like to see you on Committee.

At this time I would like to say a sincere thank you to our committee for their work and commitment over the last 12 months and also the support from you the members of our club for your positive input and the camaraderie displayed.

I will give a full report later on the team that went over East representing our State, but I will say at this time that it was a harmonious and enjoyable time rewarded by some great personal achievements which were just reward for effort. The location and accommodation was first class, the scenery was fantastic, we witnessed great fishing, and the casting ground, even though a bit damp was ideal. We only had to walk about 800 m from our

accommodation to the casting ground and across the road to fish in the river. The accommodation was so good that Gary Gildersleeves is still smiling.

My highlight of the convention was receiving a Certificate of Honour which is the top award one can receive in National AAA for which I am very grateful. Thanks.

Trevor Stam still has his monitor attached but things are progressing nicely even though at this time he is not able to drive. We need to give him a lift to dry casting etc for a time until he becomes independent once again.

Tight lines and good casting.

President 2010/11, George Holman

Recfishwest report

Proposed standardisation and simplification of fishing rules

Further to my report for the July Delegates meeting, Fisheries provided RFW with a document so that RFW can prepare a considered formal response which could include requiring changes. The scope of the document was more than just standardisation and simplification of fishing rules. The RFW Board met on Saturday 23 July to discuss the paper and direct RFW's initial response, which will be formally presented to the Dept of Fisheries.

Recfishwest submission on South west marine plans and proposals

The final version of RFW's response to the Commonwealth South west marine plans and proposals has been posted on the Recfishwest website.

E Newsletter

As part of the ongoing communication with Western Australia's recreational fishers, the first edition of Recfishwest's E-News was distributed by email this week. This is a free publication available to anyone with an interest in Western Australia's recreational fishing issues, and may be passed on to or subscribed to by anyone else who may be interested.

Recreational Western Rock Lobster

Recfishwest has written to the Department of Fisheries regarding possible changes to management arrangements to enable the recreational sector to actually achieve its allocated 5% catch share of Western Rock Lobster under Integrated Fisheries Management.

Principal Policy Officer resignation

After 6 years, Principal Policy Officer Kane Moyle has given notice of his resignation to take up a new position with the Chamber of Minerals and Energy from 2 September. RFW will need to employ a replacement.

RFW Annual General Meeting and election of Board members.

The Recfishwest AGM has been brought forward one week to Friday 21 October because of the CHOGM long weekend.

Nomination of AAAWA person for possible election to Recfishwest Board

For many years, at the AAAWA Annual General Meeting each August, Delegates voted for someone to be the AAAWA Board member on Recfishwest. Changes to Section 9 of the Recfishwest Constitution in 2009 mean that Associations must now each nominate one person to contest elections for one of the Association positions on the Recfishwest Board. The decision is made by a vote of Recfishwest members. I understand there will be three Association vacancies for filling at the 2011 Recfishwest AGM.

If an elected Association Board member resigns before the end of their 2 year term, unless for medical reasons or employment relocation, then the Association loses its position on the RFW Board and is replaced by the Association which was unsuccessful but received the next highest number of votes.

In 2009, the process at the AAAWA AGM was changed to become voting to select someone to be put forward as the AAAWA candidate at the elections for the Recfishwest Board. My 2

year term as Board member for AAAWA expires in October 2011, so this AAAWA AGM needs to nominate a person for possible election to the RFW Board.

The above report was prepared for the August AAAWA Delegates and Annual General Meeting by Recfishwest Board Member for the Australian Anglers Association, Terry Fuller.

Bookings for Kalbarri house in 2011/12

With the upgrade of the Kalbarri house, addition of a second air conditioner, new bunk beds, table and chairs, the Committee has reviewed the rates for the Kalbarri house. See the article on the inside back cover. Some public bookings, keys etc will be done through Kalbarri Visitor Centre, not via Ray White Kalbarri. All club bookings and queries should go to the Property Officer, Ray Walker.

A discount of 20% will be offered for public bookings for the months of August and September 2011.

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

The Club's Kalbarri house has bookings in 2011 and 2012 for the following dates, inclusive. All other dates not listed are currently available. Note some bookings run to the end of one month and into the start of the next month. This list is at 21 August 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.

2011		2011	
September	24 Sep to 30 Sep	October	1 Oct to 7 Oct, 22 Oct to 31 Oct
November	1 Nov to 12 Nov	December	31 Dec
2012		2012	
January	1 Jan to 6 Jan 2012	April	5 Apr to 15 Apr

Property Officer, Ray Walker

Deadline for Reel Talk articles and reports

Can I please have general articles and reports for the October Reel Talk no later than 5 pm Friday 23 September. Please contact me if any item will be late.

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

Wanted - aluminium cans

Wanted - Aluminium cans. Please bring them along to the General Meeting or to Mal Head's home, but not to Dry Casting. Mal saves them up and takes them to the recyclers when he has enough, and the price is right, and donates all the proceeds to the Club.

Mal will not be present at the September General meeting, and has asked if people can hold cans until the October meeting.

Malcolm Head

Buy, sell or swap

Members who want to buy, sell or swap something fishing related can advertise in the Reel Talk free of charge. Contact me with the details.

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.

Please 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

Happy birthday to

Sharon Osborne, 5 Sept,
Brooke Reilly 22 Sept,
Tino Baiardo 27 Sept.

Des De Villiers, 15 Sept,
Rhys Jones 23 Sept,

Peet Wessels 20 Sept,
Sabby Pizzolante, 27 Sept,

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

Field days 2011/12

Venues and boundaries for the year were decided by the members at the April General Meeting.

Now these 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 conditions on the day (eg high winds, huge swell or extensive seaweed.)

Month	Venue	Dates	Distance / boundaries / details /
Sep 2011	Cervantes	17/18 Sept	<i>Medium.</i> Jurien Marina north wall - south side of Cervantes
Oct 2011	Port Gregory	LWE Fri/Sat/Sun 28/29/30 Oct	<i>Long.</i> Kalbarri to mouth of Bowes River at Horrocks
Nov 2011	Cervantes	12/13 Nov	<i>Medium.</i> Jurien Marina north wall to south side of Cervantes
Dec 2011	White Hills	17/18 Dec	<i>Medium.</i> South wall of the Mandurah Cut to 2 km south of Preston Beach access
Jan 2012	Mindarie to Yanchep	14/15 Jan	<i>Short.</i> North wall of Two Rocks Marina to Mindarie Marina south/west rock wall
Feb 2012	Cervantes	Feb 11/12	<i>Medium.</i> Jurien Marina north wall to south side of Cervantes
Mar 2012	Bluff Creek	3/4/5 Mar LWE	<i>Long.</i> Dunsky 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 2012	Capes	14/15 Apr	<i>Medium.</i> Busselton Jetty to river mouth at Augusta

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

General Meeting dates for 2011/12

These are all on the standard second Wednesday of the month.

14 September 2011 (includes AGM and elections) 12 October 2011 9 November 2011
14 December 2011 11 January 2012 8 February 2012 14 March 2012
11 April 2012

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

Drycasting dates for 2011/12

These are mostly the first Sunday of the month, except Fathers' Day and New Year's Day, or when the Field Day includes the first Sunday due to a long weekend.

11 September 2011 (Note 2) 25 September AAA State Dry Casting 2 October 2011
6 November 2011 4 December 2011 8 January 2012 (Note 3)
5 February 2012 11 March 2012 (Note 1) 1 April 2012

Note 1. Field Day is on the long weekend. **Note 2.** September avoids Fathers' Day.

Note 3. Avoids New Year's Day.

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

AAAWA State Championships during 2011/12

State Dry Casting Championships, Yokine Reserve, Sunday 25 September 2011.

State Estuary Championships, Saturday/Sunday 26/27 November 2011, Walpole.

State Boating Championships, Saturday 3 March 2012, Jurien.

State Rock and Beach Fishing Championships Saturday/Sunday 24/25 March 2012, Jurien.

AAAWA Delegate, Terry Fuller

Dry Casting report 7 August 2011

With many of the usual casters away competing in the AAA National Championships in South West Rocks, there weren't as many casters as usual to enjoy the perfect sunny and calm winter weather conditions on our August dry casting day. A great day was had by all, as the scores show.

With the usual organisers away, it fell to someone else to be the organiser. Terry Fuller was the nominee, and no one else wanted to take that away from him, so he was "elected unopposed," and set about organising things. With the small numbers, it was decided to put all the casters though together to help with marking.

First problem:- a heap of hockey people turned up and set themselves up right in the middle of the area we use for accuracy casting, and all requests to move were met with "this is the hockey court we have been allocated to, and if we move to another court we will risk forfeiting, so we won't move."

There's a bit of background to this. Back in early June we were contacted by hockey who said their fixtures had been widely published as using the Yokine Reserve on the days SCAC had confirmed bookings for June, July and August, and asking if there was anything that could be done. We agreed that they could use the three courts at the extreme southern end of the field because that would not affect our casting. Anyway after talking to the organisers and explaining that 112 gram weights and people don't mix, and reminding them of the agreement, the teams moved themselves down to the southern end and we could set up our casting courts.

It was great to see Bev Grigo and Morgan Keet return for the casting and bringing Greg, Felicity and Olivia. A big thank you to Alan Hale, John Crompton, Pat McKeown, Dean Stewart and helpers for setting up the courts, and to Greg, Felicity, Olivia and Morgan Keet for putting out and bringing in the flags and banners. Thank you to the people who brought in the equipment at the end of casting.

There were 2 bullseyes in double handed accuracy by John Crompton and Terry Fuller, and 3 near misses scoring 24 points by Dean Stewart, Pat McKeown and Olivia Keet. There were also 3 bullseyes in single handed accuracy by Greg Keet, Bev Grigo and Terry Fuller, and near misses scoring 9 by Felicity Keet and Terry Fuller.

When it came time for the distance casting, we had a light westerly (from behind) which helped a bit with some of the distances, particularly for Alan Hale who got the best scores and distances for the year in all the distance events. Still that makes up for all those other days when casters have to punch into a head or cross wind.

Best distance casts	Seniors	Alan Hale	171 metres	112 grams
	Veterans	John Crompton	118 metres	112 grams
	Ladies	Bev Grigo	81 metres	112 grams
	Juniors	Felicity Keet	56 metres	56 grams
	Mini Juniors	Morgan Keet	60 metres	56 grams

Section winners for August	Seniors	Alan Hale	139 points
	Veterans	Terry Fuller	229 points
	Ladies	Bev Grigo	139 points
	Juniors	Felicity Keet	59 points
	Mini Juniors	Olivia Keet	87 points

On the 11 September casting, Seniors, Ladies and Juniors will cast accuracy first, Veterans will cast distance first. Can you please come early if possible to help set up for casting and you need to pay your fees to Marcia before 8am. Thank you.

Events will be the usual distance and accuracy **PLUS** a double handed 56 gram Open. This is not part of the SCAC competition, just training and preparation for the AAWA State drycasting which will be held on 25 September.

Please nominate for State Dry Casting as a SCAC team member. More details at dry casting and the General meeting. Marcia Pekaar has the forms and is collecting the entry money.

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

Dry Casting winners for 7 August 2011

Event	Seniors winner		Veterans winner	
56 gram Score	29	Alan Hale	22	Pat McKeown
56 gram Distance	150	Alan Hale	117	Pat McKeown
Artificial Bait Score	28	Alan Hale	19	Terry Fuller, John Crompton, Pat McKeown
Artificial Bait Distance	143	Alan Hale	102	John Crompton
112 gram Score	34	Alan Hale	23	Terry Fuller, John Crompton, Pat McKeown
112 gram Distance	171	Alan Hale	118	John Crompton
Double Handed Acc.	33	Alan Hale	125	Terry Fuller
Single Handed Acc.	15	Greg Keet	32	Terry Fuller
Section Highest Points	139	Alan Hale	229	Terry Fuller

Event	Ladies winner		Juniors winner		Mini Juniors winner	
56 gram Score	11	Bev Grigo	10	Felicity Keet	11	Morgan Keet
56 gram Distance	72	Bev Grigo	56	Felicity Keet	60	Morgan Keet
Artificial Bait Score	11	Bev Grigo	6	Felicity Keet	8	Morgan Keet
Artificial Bait Distance	58	Bev Grigo	31	Felicity Keet	41	Morgan Keet
112 gram Score	16	Bev Grigo	6	Felicity Keet	10	Morgan Keet
112 gram Distance	81	Bev Grigo	34	Felicity Keet	54	Morgan Keet
Double Handed Acc.	80	Bev Grigo	14	Felicity Keet	41	Olivia Keet
Single Handed Acc.	11	Bev Grigo	13	Felicity Keet	20	Olivia Keet
Section Highest Points	139	Bev Grigo	59	Felicity Keet	87	Olivia Keet

Event	Overall winner for August		Year's best up to August	
56 gram Score	29	Alan Hale	29	Alan Hale
56 gram Distance	150	Alan Hale	150	Alan Hale
Artificial Bait Score	28	Alan Hale	28	Alan Hale
Artificial Bait Distance	143	Alan Hale	143	Alan Hale
112 gram Score	34	Alan Hale	34	Alan Hale
112 gram Distance	171	Alan Hale	171	Alan Hale
Double Handed Acc.	125	Terry Fuller	159	George Holman
Single Handed Acc.	32	Terry Fuller	32	Terry Fuller
Section Highest Points	229	Terry Fuller	263	George Holman

Dry Casting top scores for 2011/12

Total scores up to and including August casting. Only the best 11 months out of 12 will count at the end of the competition year. These will be announced at and published after the Presentation of Trophies in June 2012.

Name	Points	Rank	Name	Points	Rank	Name	Point	Rank
Terry Fuller	873	1	George Holman	501	11	Morgan Keet	171	21
Allan Jones	711	2	Jeff Hewton	480	12	Pat McKeown	170	22
Peter Osborne	708	3	Terry Willison	345	13	Greg Keet	107	23
Gary Gildersleeves	703	4	Dean Stewart	329	14	Ray Walker	99	24
Peter Pekaar	703	5	Rhys Jones	306	15	Olivia Keet	87	25
Malcolm Head	682	6	Mark Hansen	273	16	Chris Stickells	62	26
John Crompton	630	7	Bev Grigo	265	17	Felicity Keet	59	27
Marcia Pekaar	563	8	Bob Henderson	227	18	Wendy Hansen	37	28
Trevor Stam	552	9	Geoff Raftis	200	19			
Alan Hale	520	10	Shane Becu	195	20			

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

August 2011 Field Day Rottnest

The Aug 2011 Rottnest field day lived up to expectations and those of us that went had a thrilling fishing experience.

The Surf Casting Club has been using Rottnest for the August venue since I joined the club some 30 years ago, and even in recent times when not working overseas, the thought of a Rottnest field day was always an anticipation of catching great fish like Salmon, Yellowtail Kingfish, Skippy and of course Herring.

At the August General Meeting John Curtis's presentation of Solunar tables reinforced the observation that a Low pressure weather system was not the best time as fish tend to go off the bite. Fortunately this did not occur on this weekend. Despite some terrible weather the foregoing anticipation was realized.

A team of some 7 SCAC fisherpersons (Mark and Wendy Hansen, Peet and Sandra Wessels, Greg Keet, Ian Taggart, and Peter Osborne) and 2 visitors arrived Friday night or Saturday morning.

Saturday morning at 11 am the bus trip out to West End and observation gave weather not too bad, but deteriorating.

Of course we stopped at the bakery to get a hot pie for lunch on the way out. To my and Sandra's palates, the lamb and rosemary pies are a real treat.



The Rottnest cottages we stayed in – very comfortable

On arrival, we spread out from the Tennis Courts to Wilsons. Those who tried the Tennis Courts could not get the herring to go on the bite, very unusual. Whereas Ian Taggart and I who tried Wilsons for Tailor, could not find Tailor but Herring were on the boil for a short period, disappeared and then came back again. Both locations gave the odd Wrasse, Skippy and Western Rock Blackfish.

Around 3 pm most of us took a break at the bus stop to have a drink/coffee to restore energy and again engage in anticipation of what was to come. About 4 pm we made our way to Radar reef. For those not already at the Tennis Courts, even though downhill, it is a tough climb down. The presence of the low was starting to be felt, but the wind was N/NW, hence some protection from the Island. Initially a few tarwhine and Western Rock Blackfish were caught, then at 4:30 pm I had the first hit of a Yellow Tail Kingfish (YT), only a relatively small one (63 cm) but do they fight.



Greg Keet modeling what a well equipped fisherperson wears at Radar Reef



Radar Reef late afternoon. Conditions here were not great but were fishable

From that point on it all started to happen. People to the left, people to the right, rods bent, following a real tug of war battle, mixtures of exhilaration and dismay as some managed to get their fish in their bag and some had a bust-off. Most managed to land at least one Yellowtail. Greg Keet quietly fishing on the outside end quietly and efficiently landing YT and slipping a couple into his bag, not like some of our South Africans who tend to be somewhat vocal when they hook up, Sandra you know what I mean.



Notice the seagulls above each fisherperson, bait stealers or good fairies watching over us?



Peet Wessels with a good Buff Bream

If there was any weak point in a fishing outfit (knots, nicks in the line, leaders too light etc) or inability to control the fish (keep them away from sharp rocks on edge of the reef – bigger fish are good at doing this) it was going to be a break off. A few skippy came in as it started to get dark with the YT starting to shut down. While the low tide was still fairly high at 0.6m, and wind was high, the swell was fairly low which gave reasonable fishing conditions, for experienced fisherpersons. Still had to be careful as an odd higher wave came through.

After cleaning fish on the rocks, a group of happy anglers made their way up the cliff to get the bus at 7:30 pm. When at the top of the cliff, the low really hit us, high wind and rain. I took a small umbrella out in anticipation, which immediately turned inside out. All of us huddled in our rain gear and wet suits and we were glad to see the bus arrive. Lots of excited talk on the bus as everyone wanted to relive their successes or bust-offs. Once back in the very comfortable cottages, the foregoing was followed by a hot shower and a hot meal. Everyone slept well that night.

Sunday morning gave a sleep-in, breakfast, gear clean-up and some making new rigs. Then a repeat of loading up the bus at 11 am, stop off at the bakery and an informative tour, compliments of the bus driver, out to West End.

Again a mixture of persons heading to Tennis Courts and Wilsons, with a few more showing up at Wilsons. Mark picked it right and again tried the Tennis Courts using small plastics for herring. This time it worked well for him as he got his bag limit. Wendy was successful too but not to the same numbers as Mark. Wilsons was not as prolific with fewer herring compared to the previous day, however an odd Western Rock Blackfish, Skippy, Tarwhine, and Wrasse were caught. Ian Taggart stayed at this location catching these smaller fish and was not able to raise a tailor late afternoon.

Again the plan of being on Radar Reef at 4 pm was put into practice. While the tide was the same, wind a bit lighter but more in our face, the swell was a different matter. It was nearly double the previous night being at 5 to 6 metres. While the outer reefs give protection, some pretty high lumps of water come over the top of Radar. An incorrect placement of foot or not anticipating a wave correctly gave a probability of being bowled over. I had one bowl over followed by Sandra being well and truly bowled. Fortunately I was right beside her so managed to reach down and pull up on her feet a spluttering and drenched fisher lady.

In the first 40 minutes a few Wrasse, Western Rock Blackfish and Tarwhine were caught. Was great there was nearly an absence of Buff Bream. Then on the dot of 4:30 pm I had a

hook-up with a YT as the first for the evening. The action was not as fast or furious as the previous night, however all succeeded in getting hook-ups. Again some successes with fish in the bag and some bust-offs. Sandra of course adding to the noise when she hooked up and landed YT, even letting loose with yells when persons beside her hooked up. Yep I fished beside her. Thought about the need for using earplugs for the next time I go fishing with Surfcasters.

After landing a few and losing one by not being careful enough had a hook-up and while thinking this is a good fish that I have in control, this YT decided it had enough of me playing around and decided to head out to sea. Full drag lock and the reel screamed in protest until he stripped off 100 metres and broke me off on a reef.

Peet a few seconds later also had a good hook up and with skilful playing and manoeuvring managed to land his fish. Before gilling and gutting would have been in excess of 7.0 kg., a great capture.

At the other end of the line of fisherpersons, Mark surpassed his previous night by landing at least 4 fish.

By then it was approaching dark and with a few of us being bowled it was considered too dangerous to stay out in the dark, so we carefully waded back to shore and cleaned fish and made our way up to the road and bus stop.

Was not as windy and no rain as compared to the previous night so allowed us to change out of wetsuits and into warm dry clothing before the bus came.

To compare the evening's action my personal statistics on YT were 10 fish hooked and 3 bust-offs for Saturday evening and on Sunday evening, 5 fish hooked with 2 bust-offs and total of four fish kept. Others had similar comparisons. The reel I use is an 8000 series Mitchell loaded with 15kg line, that I had taken to Rottneest some 3 times before, however this trip proved its undoing. While I played the last two YT I hooked, the reel sounded as though I had thrown a handful of coarse sand in the gearing. Just confirms the point on how hard this species fight.

Back to the cottage and hauling all the fish to a street light table for the weigh-in. Here we admired and weighed some great bags of fish, and took photos of groups and individuals holding up their Yellowtail all with a big grin on their faces.

Relax again after this, hot food, shower, sleep in, and following morning load crates, then down to the bakery for a coffee etc, whereupon we were advised the ferry was delayed. Instead of leaving at 11 am, we found it was rescheduled for 2:30 pm.

Some relaxed back at the cottage, some went on an island bus tour and some visited the Rottneest museum. Of all the times I have visited Rottneest have never done the latter. Was very interesting and is recommended if you visit Rottneest.

On boarding the ferry was a rough and exhilarating ride back as swell was 6 + metres and strong 30 to 40 knot winds. Definitely could not have fished Radar Reef on Monday. We were lucky to have reasonable conditions for Saturday afternoon and early evening.



Peet and Sandra Wessels with Peet's Yellow Tailed Kingfish



Peter Osborne with Skippy



Peter Osborne with Western Rock Blackfish and Tarwhine



Peter Osborne with YTKs

While fishing conditions were in the range of up to just fishable, these will be forgotten over time but the joy of catching some really great, i.e. large, and tough fighting yellowtail kingfish will imprint on our minds forever.

If you can organize your calendar and budgets, I thoroughly recommend you join us on a sojourn to a Rottneest field day if you possibly can to enjoy some truly remarkable fishing.

Assistant Field Day Officer, Peter Osborne

Catch results and points for the August Field Day

Angler	Weight	Species	Fish	Points
Peter Osborne	17.38 kg	7	30	293.8
Peet Wessels	13.95 kg	6	12	249.5
Mark Hansen	10.96 kg	4	30	199.6
Sandra Wessels	7.32 kg	7	11	193.2
Greg Keet	7.44 kg	4	6	154.4
Ian Taggart	1.39 kg	2	9	83.9
Wendy Hansen	0.77 kg	2	7	77.7
Peter Pekaar	0.23 kg	1	1	22.3
John Crompton	0	0	0	20
Allan Jones	0	0	0	10
Shane Becu	0	0	0	10

Points include Field Day and August General Meeting points.

Species weighed at the Rottneest Field Day were:- Yellowtail Kingfish, Skipjack Trevally, Wrasse, Breaksea Cod, Herring, Tarwhine, Western Rock Blackfish and Sweep.

Species weighed at the Local Field Day were:- Tarwhine.

Sportsperson of the Year winners for August 2011

Best scale fish	Peet Wessels	Yellowtail Kingfish	5.83 kg
Best bag of scale fish	Peter Osborne	Mixed Bag	17.38 kg

Field day section winners for August 2011

Best scale fish	Peet Wessels	Yellowtail Kingfish	5.83 kg
Best bag of scale fish	Peter Osborne	Mixed Bag	17.38 kg

Field Day sections 2011/12

Up to and including August Field Day.

1A	Best Scale Fish (1st Six Months)	George Holman	Pink Snapper	6.55 kg
1B	Best Scale Fish (2nd Six Months)			
2	Most Meritorious Fish	To be awarded by Committee		
3	Best Shark (4.5kg min)			
4	Best Mulloway (2.0kg min)			
5	Best Tailor (1.0kg min)	Justin Rose	Tailor	1.92 kg
6	Best Salmon (3kg min)			
7	Best Skipjack Trevally (0.5 kg min)	Sandra Wessels	Trevally, Skipjack	1.13 kg
8	Best Mackerel (2kg Min)			
9	Best Scale Fish (Other than above)	Peet Wessels	Yellowtail Kingfish	5.83 kg
10	Best Bag Of Scale Fish	Peter Osborne	Mixed Bag	17.38 kg
11	Best Bag Of Mulloway (2 Fish Min)			
12	Best Bag Of Tailor (2 Fish Min)	Justin Rose	Tailor	5.58 kg
13	Best Fish On S/H Rod 4kg b/s line (max)	Peter Osborne	Wrasse	0.36 kg
14	Best Fish Caught on Fly Rod	Frank Gaudin	Trevally, Skipjack	0.75 kg

Field Day top scores for 2011/12

Total scores up to and including August Field Day and General meeting.

Name	Points	Rank	Name	Points	Rank	Name	Points	Rank
Peet Wessels	742.5	1	Wendy Hansen	164.5	12	Wayne Shaw	57	23
Peter Osborne	733.3	2	Marcia Pekaar	150.7	13	Ray Walker	50	24
Sandra Wessels	559.1	3	Sumarie Gaudin	148.5	14	Ron Lindsay	50	25
Mark Hansen	385.4	4	Michael Gaudin	123.5	15	Shane Becu	50	26
Theo Van Niekerk	327.7	5	John Crompton	120	16	Lachlan Spickett	40	27
Greg Keet	324.7	6	Stuart Spickett	108.8	17	Olivia Keet	40	28
George Holman	317.2	7	Allan Jones	106.1	18	Sharon Osborne	40	29
Justin Rose	241.5	8	Nick Edwards	103.6	19	Shane Wignell	32.8	30
Peter Pekaar	196.9	9	Pat McKeown	83.6	20	Sarah Wignell	21.4	31
Frank Gaudin	187.4	10	Morgan Keet	66.3	21	John Curtis	20	32
Ian Taggart	174.2	11	Felicity Keet	62.5	22			

Update to Species Badge competition

The list of species registered to members has been updated for catches during the August Field Day and open entries.

Pat McKeown has finally caught that elusive gardie to give him the 10 species needed for his Species Badge.

Recorder, John Curtis



Pat McKeown with that elusive gardie.

Open fishing competition 2011/12

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.

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	Dave Maxted, 6.5 kg, False Entrance
4	Best Salmon	3.5 kg	
5	Best Dhufish	Legal size	
6	Best Tailor	1.5 kg	Justin Rose, 3.2 kg, S Bend
7	Best Samson Fish	1.5 kg	
8	Best Fish on single handed rod maximum 4kg line class	Legal size	Pat McKeown, Garfish, 108 grams
9	Best Pink Snapper	2.0 kg	George Holman, 3.0 kg, False Entrance
10	Best Tarwhine	0.5 kg	Pat McKeown, 0.5 kg, False Entrance
11	Best Mackerel	4.0 kg	George Holman, 17 kg, False Entrance
12	Best Skipjack Trevally (southern)	1.0 kg	George Holman, 2.5 kg, False Entrance
13	Best Trevally (northern)	4.0 kg	
14	Best Snook/Pike	0.5 kg	
15	Best Black or Yellow finned Bream	0.6 kg	
16	Best Scale fish other than sections 3 - 15	2.0 kg	George Holman, 10.75kg Northern bluefin tuna, False Entrance
17	Best Fish caught on Fly Rod.	Legal size	

Barron Lure competition 2011/12

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

Heaviest Tailor on Lure.	Justin Rose	1.92 kg Tailor
Heaviest Salmon on Lure.	No entry yet	
Heaviest Scale Fish on Lure.	Justin Rose	1.92 kg Tailor

Win free Club membership for a year

The Committee has decided to extend the offer of one year's free Club membership to the 2011/12 year as an added incentive for new members to join the Club. In the draw to be held at our Presentation night in June 2012, all members who have been accepted into the club between July 2011 and June 2012 will be in a draw to receive 1 year's free membership. The free membership will be for them and be the same type as they held in 2011/12, that is, single or family, etc.

Please let your fishing friends, relatives, workmates, neighbours or acquaintances know about this **"win free club membership for a year"** offer, what the Club does, and 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/>

Membership Coordinator, John Crompton

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

Steep Point Fishing Safari - July 2011

During the July 2011 school break a group of 9 SCAC members and friends broke away from city life and went on a fishing safari to Steep Point. Members included Greg Walker, Theo and Louise van Niekerk, Frank and Sumarie Gaudin, Michael Gaudin, Sandra and Peet Wessels and an old friend Morris Kolman.

Steep Point is still a wild and natural destination and a very sought after fishing destination for keen fishers who chase some of the best shore based game and bottom fish in Australia. The area is dominated by a very rugged coastline that exists mainly of high limestone cliffs. The South Passage gives access into Shark Bay from the south and there are beautiful white beaches all along Shelter Bay.

Access to Steep Point is mainly by boat from Denham or by road with a 4x4 vehicle. Well maintained and reliable vehicles are a must when venturing into Steep.



The road from the Overlander to Steep is approximately 180 km long. The first section of 40km is a very good bitumen road, followed by an unsealed section of 115 km which has some of the worst corrugated sections I have ever come across. Lowering our tyre pressure to about 25 psi for this stretch did help a lot. The last 25 km is just a basic two wheel track with some hills and some soft sand in certain areas. We dropped the 4x4, trailer and boat trailer tyre pressures to 18 psi for this section and had no problems with getting through. We encountered some traffic from the front and this caused some delay as we struggled to get past.



Camping at Steep is real outdoor living. You are many miles away from civilization. There is NO water, fuel, food or any basic necessities. You have to bring everything with you and take all your rubbish back with you. There are a few long drop toilets scattered along Shelter Bay and at the Point itself. We had no problems with flies and mosquitoes, but we were hassled by sand flies. We used a "Kolman" homemade insect repellent made of a 1/3 methylated spirits, 1/3 baby oil and a 1/3 Dettol to keep them at bay.



We camped at Easter Camp and had 4 vehicles, 2 boats, 2 trailers, 2 generators and 6 mini freezers at our disposal. We ran the new EU20i portable Honda generators between 10 and 12 hours per day, mostly only one at a time. They are very efficient and only used about 5 litres of fuel per day.

Fresh water was only used for drinking and we used between 3 to 4 litres per person per day. All washing and bathing was done with special saltwater soap and this saved a lot of fresh water. The

boats were very handy and useful as it took us to otherwise inaccessible spots. We did a fair bit of trolling and used between 20 and 25 litres of fuel per day. It is important to bring decent anchors and good long mooring ropes for mooring your boat in the bay. Stormy weather and strong winds did break our mooring ropes on a few occasions and luckily the boats were washed out onto the beach.



Fishing at Steep Point is the sort of fishing one can only dream of. Especially during summer months huge pelagic fish are caught here. The huge and sought after Spanish Mackerel are mostly caught from trolling lures and baits from behind a boat, but can also be caught from the cliffs with a method called balloon fishing. You do however need special gaffs and heavy equipment to land these magnificent fish. We did some shore based fishing from the western cliffs. For this we used long and sturdy rods with good overhead and fixed spool spinning reels loaded with 15kg mono line.

The rig of choice was a single 80 pound paternoster rig with a 6/0 or 7/0 hook loaded with a whole mulie, with a 6 ounce snapper sinker on the bottom. The water along this stretch is quite deep and the cliff faces are high and straight down, making this type of fishing exhilarating but also very dangerous, as indicated by the many name bearing plaques along this coast. Our fishing session from here was very productive and we landed beautiful Pink Snapper, Baldchin Groper and a few large Emperors. Huge sharks were a problem and many a beautiful fish and fishing gear was lost to these resident predators.

Fishing Steep Point during the winter months is popular for boating and camping at Shelter Bay as the conditions are generally calmer and the winds lighter. We really enjoyed having the boats there and soon got into a pattern of early morning trolling with a rest period mid-day, and completed the day's fishing with an afternoon session of bottom and drift fishing. Frank and Michael are keen fly fishermen and soon we discovered the most effective trolling lure was a heavy white and blue fly trolled at around 6 knots. We also had some success on the Mackerels with a few bibless lures but they were not nearly as effective as the flies.



During our bottom and drift fishing sessions we targeted the South Passage around the Fault Line area when the conditions were favourable or we went behind Dirk Hartog Island if the conditions were too choppy and dangerous. Every day the fish sounder indicated huge schools of fish and sometimes huge areas of water were boiling with great numbers of fish.



Usually a baited hook was picked up by a hungry fish within seconds of the bait landing in the water. Hooking the fish was the easy part, landing it the difficult part. The great number of sharks following or staying close to the boat at most times made it very hard to land any really big fish. A few beauties did make it to the boat and it was with great relief when you got it into the Esky.



Steep Point is now controlled by the Department of Environment and Conservation and you need to apply for an entry permit before venturing out there. During our stay we were visited by Fisheries who checked our bag limits, fish sizes and also our fishing licences. It is great to see these people out there looking after our precious fishing resources.

For me this was another great Aussie adventure with fantastic memories loaded with some extreme fishing experiences. Too soon this adventure came to an end and God willing I will be back there soon. Thanks to everybody that was part of this unique escape, you made it truly worthwhile!!

SCAC Field Day Officer, Peet Wessels

Social Organiser Report, August

Hello fellow members.

Well it's that time again for your Annual General Meeting, Wednesday 14 September. As requested last month, can you all please bring a plate with something on it for the social chit chat after the AGM has concluded. A table will be set up just on your right as you walk in the door. Please, not too many hot dishes as there are limited facilities for warming up food. Drinks hot and cold will be provided.

This meeting decides and guides your club through the upcoming club year. It is most important to come along and have your say.

On the night there will be a special raffle of a brand new surf reel at a DOLLAR a ticket, so buy up and support your club.

Don't forget I still need numbers for the upcoming ten pin bowling in September. The cost per head is \$25.00 this includes 2 x games, finger food and a drink, beer, wine, soft drinks. Shoes are provided. This is excellent value and a good time will be had by all.

On the for sale side of things, we have a Coffee maker filter type, 10 cup capacity, made by Breville for \$20.00. Also a card table in good condition no longer used by the club \$10.00.

Club polo shirts are available, long and short sleeve. These are the new club colours and we should all be wearing them and show we are proud members of the Surfcasters.

Cloth badges and stick on badges for vehicles are also available. Let's see them displayed on vehicles.

Polo shirt long sleeve \$35.00 Polo shirt short sleeve \$30.00

Cloth badges \$5.00 Stick on badge for vehicles \$4.00

All prices are close to cost. All shirts are UV rated.

Well that's about it for this month. See you at the AGM.

Social Organiser, Pat McKeown

AAAWA State drycasting

AAAWA State drycasting championships will be held on 25 September at Yokine Reserve.

Note. This is one month earlier than usual.

Casting **WILL** commence at 8:00am sharp. Entrants need to be present, with rods rigged up and completely ready to cast by no later than 7:45am.

There are two separate forms, the Dry Casting Individual registration form and the Dry Casting Teams nomination form. Registration and Nomination forms can be downloaded from the AAWA website <http://www.aaawa.iinet.net.au/DrycastingMain.html>

Registration and Nomination forms with entry fees must be returned before Wednesday 21 September 2011. Late entry fees apply. No nominations or changes will be accepted after 8:00 pm Friday 23 September.

These Championships are run under the Association's Rules for the Dry Casting Competition, and are slightly different to the Club's rules for dry casting. Rules and simple diagrams of the rigs specified by the rules are available from the AAWA website.

Please nominate for State Dry Casting as an Individual and SCAC team member. Peter and Marcia Pekaar are coordinating the collection of fees and nomination of teams for the Club.

Early Nomination Fees:- Mens, Ladies, Veterans or Super Veterans:- \$15, Juniors or Mini Juniors:- \$7.50 (on or before 21 September) Late Nomination Fees:- Mens, Ladies, Veterans or Super Veterans:- \$20, Juniors or Mini Juniors:- \$12.50 (22-23 September)

More details will be available at dry casting and the September General meeting.

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

Membership fees were due by 31 July 2011

The Committee has decided there will be no changes to the membership fees for 2011/12.

The amounts payable by 31 July are:-

Single membership	\$100 per year	Concession single	\$70 per year
Family membership	\$120 per year	Concession Family	\$80 per year
Associate membership	\$30 per year	Junior membership	\$65 per year

The concession membership is for members of age 60 years or more. This reduced membership fee will apply to members who make an application to the Committee to qualify for the reduced rate. Members in paid employment are not eligible for reduced fees.

You must pay your fees by 31 July 2011. The above amounts will take your membership up to 30 June 2012. Please contact the Treasurer if you wish to pay by installments.

NOTE. To help keep Club membership records up to date, please fill in **ALL** details, particularly for all of the family members you want to be included on your family membership.

Please use the form at the back of the July Reel Talk. New on the form this year is a place to put your partner's name, even if they are not part of your Club membership. Knowing your partner's name and how it is spelt is very helpful at social functions, for invitations, etc.

Please use the form, attach your payment and post to the Club's Post Office Box address, **NOT** to any private address.

If paying at a General Meeting or other Club event, please remember that lots of others may want to pay too, so please help by having the right amount of money and a **completed form** and put both in an unsealed envelope or small plastic bag.

Spare forms will be available at the General Meeting, and you may be required to complete the form before your payment is accepted.

If you do not intend to renew your membership, can you please advise the Secretary or Treasurer as soon as possible using the form at the back of the July Reel Talk.

Treasurer, Terry Fuller

Rock fishing safety review

WA Environment Minister Bill Marmion issued a media release welcoming the findings of an internal Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC) review into guidelines surrounding coastal safety, reef and rock fishing, initiated after a man drowned in April at Salmon Holes, near Albany.

This review has been conducted to examine visitor risk management relating to reef and rock fishing management on DEC-managed lands, to investigate what other agencies across Australia are doing to manage this issue, and provide recommendations.

There were 14 recommendations in total and DEC will endorse all of these.

Recommendation 1. That DEC adopt the recommendations and guidelines outlined in the Australian Water Safety Strategy 2008 - 2011, which supports the NSW Water Safety Taskforce four broad strategies to address drowning deaths in this area;

- Improving knowledge about the risks of rock fishing,
- Reducing risk taking behaviour through education and taking personal responsibility,
- Promoting safe rock fishing - including the use of the 11 key messages identified,
- Increasing the ability of rock fishers to stay afloat.

In addition to the above four broad strategies one additional strategy should be included -

- Prevent people falling/slipping into the water through the use of appropriate tie-on points.

Recommendation 2. That DEC supports the formation of an interdepartmental working group to ensure consistency in approach to rock fishing safety across all agencies. This interdepartmental working group should include representatives from Department of Fisheries, Department of Health, Department of Education and Training, Department of Sport and Recreation, Department of Local Government, Western Australian Local Government Association, as well as non-government groups such as RecFishWest and Royal Life Saving.

Recommendation 3. That DEC write to Department of Sport and Recreation and/or Department of Health requesting that they form and chair this working group.

Recommendation 4. That the DEC Coastal Rock Fishing Safety VRM Guideline be reviewed and re-written as required, to reflect the recommendations of this review. This review should also provide clearer information and guidelines regarding site selection for installation of endorsed safety measures and processes for assessment of these sites. The guidelines should also be re-written to ensure accuracy of information relating to DEC accepting responsibility for inspections and maintenance of DEC approved devices in conjunction with local communities.

Recommendation 5. That DEC continues to use the current DEC sign system.

Recommendation 6. That DEC seriously considers the use of multi-lingual communications at high risk locations to deliver risk messages to users, where there are identified target groups, locations and messages.

Recommendation 7. That DEC staff liaise with, as required, other agencies responsible for coastal management to ensure consistency in safety messages.

Recommendation 8. That the DEC website be updated to include safety messages in regards to rock fishing. This should occur as part of a wider review of safety information available on the website.

Recommendation 9. That DEC prepare a comprehensive communications plan for delivering rock fishing safety messages to fishers, in the absence of a state-wide strategy. This communication plan should run until such time that a state-wide strategy is developed and implemented.

Recommendation 10. DEC supports local community initiatives regarding the use of Silent Sentries and Angel Ring devices and in conjunction with local communities and organisations wishing to install such devices DEC will consider the installation of such devices on a site-by-

site basis, with clear responsibilities for maintenance and inspections agreed upon prior to installation. The model for this process should be based on the model SW region has developed, which includes consultation with local fishing organisations and geotechnical advice where necessary. Further information is to be provided in the Coastal Rock Fishing Safety VRM Guideline.

Recommendation 11. DEC supports local community initiatives regarding the use of anchor points (installed and natural) devices and in conjunction with local communities and organisations wishing to install such devices DEC will consider the installation of such devices on a site-by-site basis, with clear responsibilities for maintenance and inspections agreed upon prior to installation. The model for this process should be based on the model SW region has developed, which includes consultation with local fishing organisations and geotechnical advice where necessary. Further information is to be provided in the Coastal Rock Fishing Safety VRM Guideline.

Recommendation 12. That DEC supports the use of personal flotation devices and will promote the use of such devices in signage, printed materials and the fishing media.

Recommendation 13. DEC supports local community initiatives regarding the use of emergency based communication devices and in conjunction with local communities and organisations wishing to install such devices DEC will consider the installation of such devices on a site-by-site basis, with clear responsibilities for maintenance and inspections agreed upon prior to installation. The model for this process should be based on the model SW region has developed, which includes consultation with local fishing organisations and geotechnical advice where necessary. Further information is to be provided in the Coastal Rock Fishing Safety VRM Guideline.

Recommendation 14. That DEC consider the strategic implementation of Regulation 5 and/or Regulation 44 (1) of the CALM Regulations 2002, at key sites during periods of extreme risk.

The CALM Regulations listed in recommendation 14 allow CALM to declare areas to be closed to fishing. The wording is:-

5. Restricted areas. (1) *The CEO may, by notice published in the Gazette*

(a) declare an area of CALM land to be a restricted area for the purposes of regulations 9 (fishing), 28 (cleaning etc. fish), 51 (vehicles), 51A (bicycles), 60 (anchoring), 61 (operation of vessels) and 64 (launching etc. of vessels) or any of those regulations; and

(b) specify which activities are prohibited or restricted in the restricted area, and the nature of the restrictions.

(2) An area may be declared to be a restricted area at all times or during a period or periods specified in the notice.

44. Direction to close area. (1) *If the CEO is satisfied that there is a significant and imminent threat of loss or harm to the safety or health of persons or fauna, or of damage to property or any part of the environment, the CEO may direct a named authorised officer to close as much CALM land as the officer thinks necessary to reduce or remove the threat.*

This review specifically says it does not support declaring a restricted area for the purposes of fishing using Regulation 5, unless all other avenues of risk mitigation have been trialed. The restriction of the area for the purposes of fishing is likely to have significant political impacts on DEC in terms of the vocal nature of the fishing fraternity regarding access to land for the purposes of fishing. This review also believes that it would be unfeasible for DEC staff in districts to enforce this regulation on a consistent and long-term basis and would place unrealistic burdens on staff in trying to enforce the regulation and would be ineffectual in stopping people accessing rock areas for fishing purposes.

However, it also says there may be a case for occasional application of Regulation 44 (1) under conditions that create extreme risk (storm surges or very large swells) similar to the current closure mechanisms in place for the sandbar at Penguin Island. In order to implement occasional closures of coastal areas, the criteria for closure will need to be documented and a Standard Operating Procedure developed. In the event of a region implementing temporary

closures under Regulation 44 (1), the Direction to Close Areas paperwork is required to be completed prior to each closure.

http://www.dec.wa.gov.au/component/option,com_docman/task,doc_download/gid,5533/Itemid/ has the full report.

Recfishwest has complained that they, as the Peak body for recreational fishing, were not consulted during this review, even though references were made to several items from Recfishwest and its website.

DEC has defended its decision not to consult Recfishwest, the State's Peak recreational fishing group, during their review of rock fishing in WA. DEC's director of regional services Peter Dans says Recfishwest has not been ignored, and there will be plenty of opportunity for Recfishwest to have ample input into how rock fishing progresses in Western Australia. He added that the key recommendation out of DEC's internal review was the formation of a working group that includes Recfishwest to develop a consistent approach to the management of rock fishing in WA.

Recfishwest's comments in response to possible restrictions on rock fishing in the Edel Land area (Steep Point, False Entrance, etc) are very relevant. Quote:-

"Fishing safety is always an important consideration for recreational fishers, however this is always the responsibility of the individual fisher and fishing party considering their abilities, experience, judgment, equipment and the weather and swell conditions at the time.

Over many years innovative and resourceful recreational anglers have come up with fishing equipment and methods which have allowed many difficult areas to be fished safely and effectively in the right weather conditions. Recfishwest believes this has been demonstrated by the low level of incidents in this currently remote and difficult area.

Rock fishing has its inherent risks, however rock fishing can be carried out safely by people who are aware of these risks, so no other body should make decisions about restricting access based mainly or solely on any perceived "safe fishing" criteria, or the lack of ability to provide extras such as rock anchor points, which may be desirable but are not essential."

This topic has the potential to affect some of this Club's fishing on areas such as rocks and reefs. Proposals will need to be watched carefully to ensure that the principle of personal responsibility for safety is not replaced by rules which prevent fishing at some places and times when it can be completely safe to do so by experienced people who are aware of the risks and are properly equipped for the conditions.

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

Ageing Australian Herring

The "Marine Waters" website provides teachers and students with the opportunity to participate in both field-based and classroom teaching and learning programs about our marine environment.

Marine Waters has launched a new resource, called "What's My Age Again?" at <http://marinewaters.fish.wa.gov.au/resources/whats-my-age-again/> The addition includes five new activities, 'Extraction to Analysis' vision, and presentations of whole and sectioned otoliths. This covers the process used to age a fish, using real data collected by Department of Fisheries research staff to estimate the age of fish.

As a fish grows, tiny white and clear bands of calcified material are laid down in the otolith, similar to growth rings in a tree. The otoliths are extracted and cut into thin sections and the growth bands are counted under a microscope to determine the age of the fish.

Fish never stop growing entirely, though the growth rate is reduced as fish mature. As a result, rings from later parts of the life cycle tend to be closer together.

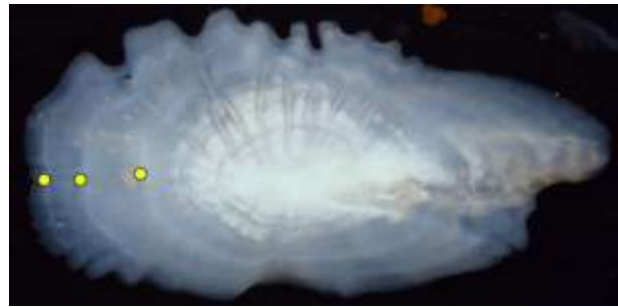
Researchers can also find out about the environmental conditions in which the fish lived, which are clues to where it may have spent major parts of its life, by analysing the chemistry

of otoliths. Dyes have been used to mark the otoliths and bones of fish released for restocking to help identify these when they are recaptured.

The Power Point presentations have some great high resolution images of sectioned otoliths from Australian Herring and Black Bream.



Otolith from a 7 year old herring, rings marked.



Otolith from a 3 year old herring with the yearly rings marked

Recreational fishers are asked to supply fish frames to Fisheries researchers. A fish frame is the skeletal and gut remains of a fish after the fillets have been taken off. Researchers use the fish frame to measure the length of the fish, examine the reproductive organs and extract the otoliths to age the fish.

Recreational fishers who donate their fish frames to the Department of Fisheries' Research Division are in the running to win some great prizes, as our own Peter Osborne can confirm, having recently won this ice box in the 2010/11 competition.

Check <http://www.fish.wa.gov.au/frames> for the 2011/12 competition.



Peter Osborne with his prize for donating fish frames for research.

Frames are wanted from Baldchin groper, Western Australian dhufish, Pink snapper, Australian herring, Tailor, Garfish and Whiting (all species).

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

Are you a stepper, a runner or a stander?

When it comes to casting, are you a “stepper”, a “runner” or a “stander”? Now these casting terms and styles may not be familiar to you, but think a bit. You’ve all seen some of them while you’ve been fishing and casting, possibly without realising the difference and the significance.

It’s very obvious when you look at photos of our club casters and see the many different casting styles, and how all of these styles can be very successful for both very good distance and very good accuracy, but behind all these most successful casters is a great deal of experience and practice and innate ability.

A “runner” casts from a run up of some speed, sometimes giving good material for a “funniest home video” when it doesn’t work exactly as intended. You don’t see many “runners” when fishing from the rocks for obvious reasons, so then the “standers” or “steppers” take over.

A “stander” is, as the name implies, a person who casts from a steady standing position without moving the feet, while a “stepper” takes one or more slow or medium paced steps to the final casting position.

Does it matter and which is best? Well for experienced casters, no, not much, and best depends on their experience and physical ability.

But for learners or people trying new casting actions, it can make a big difference. And there's a difference if you are trying to cast for distance or for accuracy.

One of the difficulties learner casters have is doing everything needed at the same time:- holding the rod, moving the arms and body, releasing the line, moving the feet, ending up properly balanced in the right spot with all the body bits moving at the right speed or in the right place at the right time to get a good cast.

Another thing many new casters do is try much too hard, trying for extra distance before they have learnt a casting technique.

Of course someone will carefully demonstrate and explain how to do it all, and it can all look so easy. But sometimes this needs changes to the person's previous technique, it's all too much to get right without a lot of practice, and there are so many ways it can go wrong, and sometimes the changes or trying for distance can reinforce the errors or find new ones.

It's true that moving into a cast by stepping or running can add some distance to a cast for some people, but only when it all comes together.

On the other hand, it's always easy to stand still, put the feet in the right positions, spread the legs to get the body nicely balanced, and once that is all right, forget about all that and concentrate on the casting action needed.

For a learner, that means fewer things to think about and fewer things to go wrong. In the early stages of learning to cast, why add the extra complexity of a run up or stepping?

So my suggestions are:- When learning, be a "stander" and don't cast very hard. Get balanced and comfortable, then concentrate on the casting action. Once you have had enough practice and your casting action is as you would like it to be and well controlled, then gradually cast harder and harder.

If your casting remains well controlled with harder and harder casting, then consider adding some steps and see if it actually adds any distance to your casts.

If things start to go wrong at any time, back off the effort and/or go back to the style and amount of effort which used to work for you, practice a bit more and then gradually build up again.

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

Tow ball death

An accident has resulted in a woman's death when a tow ball broke and was flung through the windscreen as the car she was in attempted to pull another bogged vehicle out using a snatch strap.

This is a reminder that tow balls should never be used to attach snatch straps or tow ropes because simply they are not strong enough to resist the forces. Unfortunately the reality is:- tow ball + snatch-strap = big slingshot if anything lets go.

Make sure to use a **rated tow point** to attach any strap to **both** the towing and towed vehicle. A proper recovery damper bag or a heavy blanket draped across the strap near its mid-point to act as a recoil damper is strongly advised.

If another vehicle is bogged but doesn't have a suitable rated attachment point, then don't use a snatch strap, because anything that breaks off that vehicle will be heading for your vehicle at great speed.

There have been plenty of reports of bull bars and tow bars and tow balls being pulled off vehicles because they weren't attached properly and/or couldn't resist the forces involved in snatching vehicles from bogs.

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

Have you paid your 2011/12 membership fees?

Fees were due on 31 July. Please see the article on page 25.

Kalbarri House for rent. Update – 20% discount for public for September 2011

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 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 bunks.

Users need to bring their own linen, blankets and towels, tea towels, etc. It has a radio and television, stove with oven, microwave oven, crockery and cutlery and all cooking utensils, large fridge and a separate chest freezer. It does not have a washing machine.

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:

Public. 20% discount on rental will be offered for September 2011

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		

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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

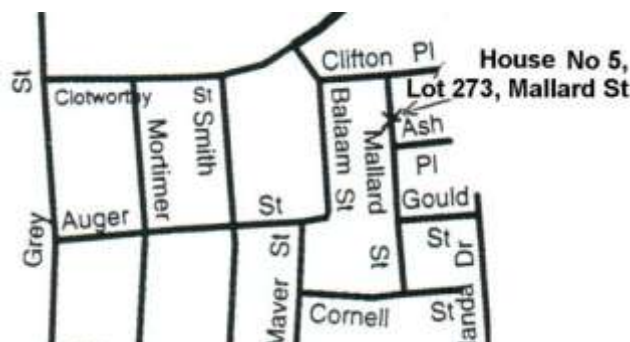
Members of clubs affiliated with the Australian Anglers Association WA Division receive a **20% discount** on the normal public rates.

Contact Property Officer Ray Walker on 9313 4196, mobile 0422 455 119 for more details and for bookings, location of keys etc. Check in time is 2pm. Check out time is 10am.

If any work needs to be done in, on or around the house, please contact the Property Officer for approval.

Regulations do not allow caravans to be occupied (lived in) on the Kalbarri site.

Ray Walker, Property Officer



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