



St George Sportfishing Club

Newsletter — November 2015 - Issue 518

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- Nov 21-22 ANSA ~~2-4-6 Comp~~, **NO LONGER HELD**
- Thu 3 Dec **Christmas Social and Raffle night**
- Feb 6-7 **Swansea 2016**

The EAR



The committee has deliberated long and hard and chosen the dates for **Swansea 2016**, as being 6 & 7 February, based on best available tides

But **Arthur's boat is still out of action**. He found while fitting the transducer for the new sounder/GPS some paint on the aluminium boat was lifting. He has scraped the paint off and is repainting. The sounder is yet to be fitted. Arthur, Swansea is now only 4 months away, you better get a wriggle on.

Col advises the boat ramp we normally use at **Swansea was damaged** and undermined during recent bad weather **and is now closed**. And while on Swansea, Col advises poddies are available at Nords Wharf, squid are in the channel on both sides of the bridge and big tailor in the lake. See page 2 for more

Overseas trip by the incumbent treasurer. Following last month's stunning revelation, a letter has been received from a puzzled member; *While I can see the opportunity to fleece the club's monies, I wonder whether the treasurer really has a handle on the amount available. The cost of such a trip would be costing the club some \$10.000—and that's without incidentals like drinks and shopping. That's way more than the club has as revealed in his last report. Surely there is a hidden agenda here.*
Signed a bright spark

And another; *Mr Treasurer, go for it. If it's good enough for Joe Hockey to take advantage of the situation it is good enough for our treasurer.*
Signed Eddy

Birthday people for November

Enjoy your day people—remember it won't happen again till next year.

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|---------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1st Phil Turner | 25th Brad Hinchy |
| 11th Peter Hewitt | 27th Debbie Lattin
(Worsley) |
| 17th Nathalie dHyon | |

ENTRIES NOW OPEN FOR

The Canberra Fisherman's Club

41st

BURRINJUCK CONVENTION




2015

When: 6th November – 8th November 2015

Where: Burrinjuck Dam, NSW

Headquarters: Burrinjuck Waters State Park

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Thu 5 Nov **General Meeting** - the club's 47th birthday. Our guest speaker will be Brett Wilson from Tackle World. Brett has been with us before when he worked at Shimano. He will be speaking about the latest in tackle. Don't miss this one. Bring your questions about rods, reels and lures/blades.

Nov 6-8 **ANSA Burrinjuck Convention**, see page 1 for the details

Sat 14 Nov **club mulloway** night. Unfortunately at the time of going to print, details of this outing remain to be finalised. An email will be sent when arrangements are decided.

Thu 3 Dec **General Meeting** (brief) followed by our Christmas social and monster raffle. Finger food will be provided during the night.

Well that's it for the year. We will be resuming on Thu 4 February 2016.

Bites and Pisces

From Lake Macquarie City Council. "**Pelican Boat Ramp closed**

Date posted: 21 October 2015

Lake Macquarie City Council would like to advise residents that the Pelican Boat Ramp, located at Lakeview Parade, Pelican, is closed due to structural failure and safety concerns.

Council is currently undertaking a project to engineer design a new boat ramp, with construction expected to commence in 2016.

During this time, Lake users are encouraged to use alternate launching facilities located at:

- Thomas Humphreys Reserve, Swansea, access via Dobinson Drive;
- Blacksmiths Channel Reserve, Blacksmiths, access via Ungala Road; and
- Lake Road, Swansea.

We had our **boat windscreen and frames replaced** by a terrific tradesperson.

Dennis suggested we put his details in the newsletter in case someone else needs such work done.

Affordable Boat Windscreens.

Cesar Alonso. Mobile service- he comes to you.

He does repairs, new replacements, very competitive prices and free quotes.

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85 John St Lidcombe

Highly recommended by us. Phil and Mary

from our President



I wish to take this opportunity to express my thanks for your thoughts and well wishes following my recent surgery.

I look forward to the next few weeks when it is hoped that the lift/weight restrictions imposed can be increased to allow boat handling and fishing to resume.

Brett Wilson from Tackle World will be at the November meeting providing an update on the developments in fishing tackle.

All are encouraged to attend and provide support as external speakers are difficult to arrange.

We have been able to secure a number of external speakers in 2016 who will present to members a wide range of relevant and interesting topics. If you have any suggestions for future activities or speaker topics please see one of the committee members.

Dennis

Our committee

President	Dennis Simpson	9543 0949
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Secretary	John Everett	0522 4808
Treasurer	Chris Holland	9872 5517
Recorder	Belinda Rayment	0407 337 770
Outings	Ron Camp	9520 3439
Committee	Andrew Perros	
Non Committee;		
Newsletter	Clark Kent (C/-Bill Harvey)	9533 2453
Scale verifier	Phil Turner	

The Sick List

Gwen Trench has a new hip and still not travelling too well at all. She sees the doctor again in four weeks.

Dennis Simpson has had surgery and recovering nicely.

Peter Hewitt is ailing with crook legs.

Ken Trench has a crook back (done while gardening) and is out of action for a while. His fly casting tuition is on hold for the moment

Don Rayment is champing at the bit to get out fishing. Unfortunately visits to the medicos are hindering his efforts

Fishing Reports

Bill,

During the last week Brendan and I took the boat down the river for about 5 hours and chucked soft plastics. We picked up 6 Estuary Perch to 34cm and a 45cm Flathead. Also got 6 undersized Flathead. Water temperature was up around 24 degrees. Unfortunately, no photos.

Regards,
Bob (McMahon)

Bill,

We spent a week at Boondooma Dam fishing every day. We stayed in the bunk house which has 8 rooms each accommodating up to 4 anglers. A communal kitchen—fully equipped with crockery, cutlery, cooking utensils, fridges and cookers.

Boondooma is west of Gympie Qld. It has bass, yellowbelly and a few others species and there are red claw yabbies. Considered a pest there is no bag limit but only four opera house traps per fisho is allowed. Bait for these is rock melon, sweet potatoes, carrots, boiled potatoes, zucchini, pumpkin, dog biscuits, seems anything except fish and meat. The larger yabbies are about a foot long but only a third of each has meat—the rest is head. Boil for 3 mins after the water has been brought back to the boil, plunge in cold water, split and the meat falls out. Add to a curry dish, to a pasta dish (with yellowbelly pieces) or eat with a seafood sauce. But back to the fishing. We caught yellowbelly, bass, spangled perch.

A pleasant week, the fishing was slow, the red claw great, accommodation good but the water skiers were a pain—especially on the weekend.

Clark

Sorry Bill,

We have been busy....we did a little bass fishing last weekend for only 9 fish in the morning.

Wayne (Colling)

Bill,

We haven't been out on our boat for weeks.

With regards

David Maltby

Bill,

Fished the Georges on the last full moon. Three whiting to 38cms and a mulloway that went 51cms, all on 1kg. Originally I thought the mulloway might have been the daddy of all whiting but it ran around a bit more. However also played a nice tree branch for 10mins followed by a plastic bag. There was a bit of junk in the water.

Clark

Hi Bill,

Always fishing somewhere. Still getting trout at Lithgow on fly- nymphs. Caught a lovely 55cm rainbow last time I went up. The rock fishing is variable with some nice early season kings to 80cm caught on lures on the drop - a really good tussle with the bigger ones. Also getting nice drummer (up to 45 cm) and groper (up to 55cm) on crabs and cooked prawn heads. The water temperature is 20C so the fishing is starting to pick up.

Cheers Phil



Hi bill,

Went out for the Snapper Day to Shark island and the reefs around them. The sea in the morning was a bit lumpy and there was a bit of a breeze which thankfully calmed down later in the day.

Caught a couple of undersized snapper and quite a few reef fish but after losing a bit of gear decided to try a little wider. Drifted for six flathead around the 45cm mark, a good flounder and large jacket with lots of throw-backs.

I guess no great success on the snapper front but it wasn't for the want of trying. Still, it was a great day on the water and I came home with feed.

John Everett=

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SUSSEX SNIPPETS – October/November 2015

The South Coast weather has finally come good and the surface water temperature in the Basin is now around 20 degrees. The warmer water has certainly made the fish a lot more aggressive. Many locals have been bagging out regularly on good size Flathead & Bream to 40cm. I spotted a huge school of Bream making their way into the Basin last week probably brought in from outside by the recent prawn run.

The water clarity in the Basin is still murky however if we do not get anymore heavy rain it should clear up in the next few weeks. Swan Lake has closed up once again however Berrara Lagoon is still open. This should improve the fishing in this particular estuary system.

There are a few Luderick around in the Inlet and there is now plenty of local weed in Swan Lake.

The real good news is that huge trophy length Flathead are regularly being caught regularly in the Basin. Most fishermen are getting their chance to bag one of these big girls each time they go out but not all get to complete the capture and take a few pics before returning them to fight another day. Most of these trophy fish are from 80 to 120 cm. 75 to 120 mm plastic's in varying colours are the go. Gold flake/root beer colour rip tide lures or Silver Fox Squidgy's are local favourites at the moment.

I was talking to a local angler this morning who related a good story about the size of some of these trophy length Flathead. The story goes like this:

“He had been playing a Bream around 36cm when it suddenly stopped running around and his line became very heavy. When he finally retrieved line and got his Bream to the surface he discovered he had a giant Flathead,(the biggest he has ever seen), with his Bream in its mouth. The fish dropped the Bream when it saw the boat however it immediately grabbed the now dead Bream, once again and continued the fight. The fish hung onto the now dead fish right up to the boat however the Flathead was so large he was sure the head would not fit into his small net, forget the length. He estimated the fish was well over a metre long. Ultimately he poked the fish with the net handle and forced it to let go where it ultimately returned to the murky depths of the Basin”
What a fantastic story! Maybe this was the 120 cm fish caught & released last month.

I still have not come to any conclusions regarding the “CRANKA CRAB” lures although various face book reports are still praising them. Hopefully I can get out to fish a little more in the coming month and once again target the Bream. I can say that the Z man grubs in a motor oil colour, are a good all round lures So far I have caught good sized Flathead, Bream and Flounder on these lures.

I will report more on the CRANKA's next month. Bye for now.

Tight lines. Jimmy Olsen



Wayne Rizzi with a nice mulloway from Stockton Beach

Details to follow next month.

Boondooma Dam.

Located around 20 km northwest of Proston, and 75 km from Kingaroy, Boondooma Dam is a leisurely three and a half hour drive northwest of Brisbane.

The Boondooma Dam was constructed in 1983 across the Boyne river below it's confluence with the Stuart to supply water to the Tarong power station and as is the case at so many impoundments, takes its name from the original property in the area.

It has a capacity of 210 000 mega litres under the 1920 Ha of surface area and has an average depth of 11meters.

Boondooma has had a very mixed stocking history being one of the only impoundments to be stocked with both Murray Cod & Mary River Cod in the past as well as the continued stocking of bass, golden perch, silver perch & saratoga. There is also a naturally occurring population of Tandans (Eel tailed catfish) andspangled perch.

However the main catch is bass and golden perch which can be trolled, cast to, jigged and bait fished. There is a healthy population of shrimp caught in a trap tied to dead trees and left overnight for bait. But the icing on the cake is the handy population of red claw yabbies. Caught in opera house traps baited with sweet potato, rockmelon, zucchini, dog biscuits anything but meat or fish—they are vegetarians. At catch of a dozen in a trap overnight is not uncommon. There are no bag limits as they are considered a pest. Four traps per angler is allowed. And they taste pretty good—not unlike prawns/lobster. The average size would be 15 cm. Good with pasta, with curry, with seafood sauce and au naturel.

Bites and Pisces cont from page 2

FishCare Workshop at Jindabyne

Over the long weekend earlier in the month, NSW Fisheries held a FishCare Workshop for kids at Jindabyne. The theatrette at the Gaden Hatchery was used for the lectures—knot tying and Rules/regulations while casting tuition and playing a fish was held in the grounds.

Most kids—primary school ages, came from the local towns, many from properties in the area.

After a sausage sizzle lunch it was time to put the mornings tuitions into practise. Fishing in Lake Jindabyne? Oh no, no, no, we fished in the Hatchery ponds. Using Tasmanian devils (modified by replacing the treble with a single hook) every cast was a hook up, and if that escaped the lure was soon engulfed by another fish. All kids caught a fish—many catching multiples. All fish caught were placed into a recovery tank by Fisheries staff to be released after the weekend. The fish caught comprised rainbow, brown and brook trout and Atlantic salmon. These were brood stock and fish of a lifetime.

Each child was allowed to keep one fish which Fisheries staff cleaned and put into a plastic bag and on ice until parents picked their child(ren) up.

The cost was \$40 for each child and this include a new rod and reel, a small tackle box with lures and hooks etc, lunch and drinks.

This was repeated with another group the next day.

Exhausting yes, but rewarding.

Bill Harvey, FishCare Volunteer

Jindabyne Boat Ramp

Of interest to club members will be the proposed improvements to the boat ramp at Jindabyne. The ramp has had little work carried out other than lengthening and widening as water levels permitted. The skiers have had priority even though they come only once a year in winter. Fishermen come all year and spend on fuel, food, tackle, accommodation, and the like.



The Snowy Rivers Shire Council has the responsibility for the ramp.

The Council had plans drawn in 2010 addressing the issues. The NSW Government has an initiative via the *NSW Boating Statement 2014* where monies (\$33M) has been set aside for work on ramps state-wide. Jindabyne is included (as is Oatley).

An amount has already been given to the Council to prepare plans and costings of the work required, this is expected to be completed in December this year.



The work includes a car park, better access roads, improved access from Kosciuszko Road, toilets, lighting and garbage bins. There is no provision at the moment for fish cleaning facilities or a pontoon. Snowy Mountain Lakes will not allow pontoons because of the high rate of rise of the lake of up to 10m overnight. Looks as if our feet will still get wet and cold.

The NSW Boating Statement requires all monies allocated to be spent and the work completed in three years.

From Denis Brown...

Bill

2 Hammerhead species have been declared Endangered Species

MONSTER SALE

CONTINUED

Bring your money next meeting

Club T-Shirts, caps & stickers

Look for the Sale table—be ready
for summer

CLUB RECORDER'S REPORT - OCTOBER 2015



This report is identical to last months as there has been no change

Certificates issued in September, events between 26 August and 19 September

CHAMPION ANGLER AWARD 2015/16 - END SEPTEMBER						
<u>MENS</u>		<u>LADIES</u>		<u>JUNIORS</u>		<u>Non-NSW</u>
Bruce Rayment	17	Belinda Rayment	8	<i>no entries</i>	-	<i>no entries</i>
Phil Turner	6					
Peter Logan	5					
Brendan McMahon	3					

Make sure to update any captures for the club's own **length only competition** for Flathead, Snapper and Salmon (Division 1) and Bream, Whiting and Tailor (Division 2).

DIVISION 1 - LENGTH ONLY COMPETITION - 2015/16					<i>Updated as at: 19/9/2015</i>
Angler	Best Flathead - Length (mm)	Best Snapper - Length (mm)	Best Salmon - Length (mm)	Combined length (mm)	
John Everett	720	-	540	1,260	
Peter Logan	680	-	-	680	
Karen Maltby	-	580	-	580	
Trevor Dean	570	-	-	570	
Bob McMahon	560	-	-	560	
Andrew Dean	490	-	-	490	
David Maltby	-	420	-	420	

DIVISION 2 - LENGTH ONLY COMPETITION - 2015/16					<i>Updated as at: 19/9/2015</i>
Angler	Best Bream - Length (mm)	Best Whiting - Length (mm)	Best Tailor - Length (mm)	Combined length (mm)	
Debbie Logan	390	-	480	870	
Peter Logan	400	-	400	800	
Bill Harvey	-	425	-	425	
John Everett	370	-	-	370	
Trevor Dean	330	-	-	330	
Bob McMahon	300	-	-	300	

Please send all claim forms to me at PO Box 923, Caringbah NSW 1495 or email to belinda.rayment@bigpond.com

Belinda

ST GEORGE SFC – LENGTH ONLY COMPETITION - 2015/16

Division 1: Flathead, Snapper and Salmon

Division 2: Bream, Whiting and Tailor

Angler	Species	Capture Date	Capture	Length

Signed: _____

St George SFC -	Scales			Mth verified	Mth verified	Verified at Present
SCALE No.	TYPE	WEIGHT CLASS	MEMBER	2014	2015	Nov.2015
4	Berkley Dig.	23	B Moores	Feb.		
12	Salter	0-100	P Worsley	July	July	Yes
14	Capacity	0-5	P Turner		March	Yes
15	Salter	100	R Camp		May	Yes
21	Salter	10	L Anderson			
24	Wedderburn	100	B Rayment		Sept.	Yes
26	Salter	50	P Hewitt	July		
27	Salter	20	P Hewitt	March	July	Yes
28	Salter	25	P McDonald	March	July	Yes
29	Salter	10	P McDonald	March	July	Yes
31	Chatillon	7.5	D Rayment			
32	Salter	20	A zacharias	Feb		
33	Salter	0-22	P Mortel	Aug	Aug.	Yes
36	Salter	3	B Sutton			
38	Salter	10	P Mortel			
41	Salter	15	R Agius	Nov.		Yes
42	Salter	3	R Agius	Nov.		Yes
44	Top Catch	3	W Lamontte			
45	Capacity	10	W Lamontte			
54	Rapala Dig.	25	P Turner	Feb	March	Yes
57	Rapala Dig.	50	B McMahon	July	Sept.	Yes
58	Berkley Dig.	0-23	P Worsley		June	Yes
59	Little Sampson	0-6				
61	Rapala Dig.	25	R Agius			
62	Rapala Dig.	25	P Logan	Dec		Yes
63	Rapala Dig.	25	P Logan	Dec		Yes
64	Rapala Dig.	25	B Harvey			
65	Rapala Dig.	25	B Rayment		Sept	Yes
66	Rapala Dig.	25	D Rayment			
68	Rapala Dig.	0-8	B Sutton			
70	Rapala Dig.	0-8	G Daniels			
73	Rapala Dig.	0-25	C Holland			
78	Berkley Dig.	0-14	N Wilson	March		
79	Rapala Dig.	0-25	A Zac		July	Yes
80	Rapala Dig.	0-25	D Simpson	Nov.		Yes
84	Rapala Dig.	0-25	P Logan	Dec		Yes
85	Berkley Dig.	0-14	D Maltby			
86	Rapala Dig.	0-25	J Tabley			
87	Okuma	0-25	E Dhyon			
88	Rapala Dig.	0-25	D & K Maltby	March	March	Yes
89	No Name	0-15	Ron Camp		Sept.	Yes
90	Berkley Dig.	0-50	E Dhyon	Feb		
92	Rapala Dig.	0-20	B Rayment	Feb		
93	Weiheng	0-25	P Turner	July	Sept.	Yes
94	Weiheng	0-25	R Camp	July	Sept.	Yes
95	Weiheng	0-25	D & K Maltby	Sept		
96	Weiheng	0-25	D & K Maltby	Sept		
97	Weiheng	0-25	D & K Maltby	Sept		
98	Weiheng	0-25	D & K Maltby	Sept		
99	Weiheng	0-25	B Harvey	Sept		
100						
101	No Name	0-40	R Camp	Feb	Sept	Yes
102	Black magic	0-25	A Perros	March		
103	Weiheng	0-25	B Rayment	July		
104	Weiheng	0-25	B McMahon	Sept		



FADs Update

21 October 2015

2015/16 FADs season commences



Department of Primary Industries



The 2015/16 Fish Aggregating Devices (FADs) season has commenced with the deployment of 22 FADs (see below). The FAD deployment season coincides with the East Australian Current as it pushes down the NSW coastline. These conditions are ideal for fishing around FADs as the warm water holds travelling pelagic fish species such as Mahi Mahi, Marlin and Wahoo.



A new FAD will be deployed this season at **Narooma**, bringing the total number of FADs being deployed for the 2015/16 fishing period to 30.

The remaining FADs will be progressively deployed. The DPI [website](#) will be kept up to date with the deployment status of your local FAD.

FAD Location

- (1) Tweed Heads
- (2) Byron Bay
- (3) Ballina
- (4) Evans Head
- (5) Yamba
- (6) Wooli
- (7) Coffs Harbour
- (8) Nambucca
- (9) South West Rocks
- (10) Port Macquarie
- (11) Laurieton
- (12) Crowdy Head
- (13) Forster
- (14) Port Stephens
- (15) Newcastle
- (16) Swansea
- (17) Terrigal
- (18) Sydney North
- (19) Sydney Harbour
- (20) Sydney East
- (21) Botany Bay Wide
- (22) Sydney South
- (23) Wollongong
- (24) Shellharbour
- (25) Kiama
- (26) Jervis Bay
- (27) Ulladulla
- (28) Batemans Bay
- (29) Narooma
- (30) Far South Coast

Latitude (S)

- 28° 09.730'
- 28° 36.723'
- 28° 54.430'
- 29° 06.400'
- 29° 32.480'
- 29° 52.703'
- 30° 14.858'
- 30° 39.622'
- 30° 50.534'
- 31° 24.567'
- 31° 39.601'
- 31° 47.000'
- 32° 13.211'
- 32° 46.967'
- 32° 55.333'
- 33° 10.005'
- 33° 30.032'
- 33° 35.700'
- 33° 47.021'
- 33° 59.316'
- 33° 59.672'
- 34° 08.356'

Longitude (E)

- 153° 41.000'
- 153° 42.758'
- 153° 41.189'
- 153° 36.200'
- 153° 26.517'
- 153° 26.117'
- 153° 21.605'
- 153° 08.934'
- 153° 11.803'
- 153° 04.725'
- 152° 56.235'
- 152° 55.200'
- 152° 40.680'
- 152° 24.703'
- 151° 59.935'
- 151° 48.976'
- 151° 38.592'
- 151° 34.600'
- 151° 22.700'
- 151° 20.951'
- 151° 26.743'
- 151° 22.621'

Deployment being scheduled

The remaining FADs will be progressively deployed. The DPI [website](#) will be kept up to date with the deployment status of your local FAD.

How can you get involved?

Send us your fishing reports

Please send us your fishing reports as this information helps us to manage the FADs program. We are especially interested in your reports from the Narooma FAD.

Send us your photos

We love getting photos of fish caught at the FADs, especially photos with the FAD in the background. Please let us know if you are happy for us to share your photo in this newsletter or on our Facebook page.

Let us know about missing FADs

Please contact us if you discover a FAD adrift or no longer at its posted location.

[Email the FADs Fisheries Enhancement Team](#)

Bird Of The Month



Sacred Kingfisher *Todiramphus Sanctus*

The Sacred Kingfisher is not a seabird or a shorebird, but is normally found near water.

Appearance. Similar shape to a Laughing Kookaburra but about half the size. The male has a dark blue-green cap, buff eyebrow and a dark mask behind the eye. Wings and tail are blue, the back green and the collar and underparts vary from white to buff. The female has somewhat greener wings and is more buff underneath. The large, robust bill is black above and lighter below.

Habitat. Open forest and woodlands along the margins of inland and coastal waterways, mangroves, mudflats etc. In urban areas often perches on TV antennas, utility wires or high dead branches.

Range. Common resident in Northern Australia and coastal Qld. Breeding migrant to SE and SW, Sept to March. Absent from arid interior.

Breeding. 3-4 rounded white eggs are laid in a tree hollow, tree-termite nest or riverbank tunnel. Incubation 17-18 days. Young leave the nest after 24-26 days.

Feeding. In spite of its name the Sacred Kingfisher only occasionally feeds on fish. Its diet consists mainly of small reptiles, crustaceans, insects and their larvae.

Voice. A high pitched "dek dek dek dek".

Similar Species. The Collared Kingfisher has a small white patch in front of the eye, cleaner white underparts and is strictly coastal from the NSW border north, around to Shark Bay in WA. The Forest Kingfisher has a similar white spot but is a turquoise blue on the back, not green. It is found in coastal eastern Australia and Cape York around to the WA border.



Roger Giller

