



St George Sportfishing Club

Newsletter — February 2016 - Issue 520



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Thu 4 Feb **General Meeting** at the Masonic Club, 7.30. Meeting #518. Don't forget to sign our attendance book for the Lucky Door prize.

Feb 6-7 **Swansea Flathead** Weekend/day

Feb 19-21 **Nowra Sportfishing Convention**

27-28 Feb **Trailerboat Show** Showground Olympic Park

28 Feb **Snapper Day**

3 Mar **General Meeting** with club speakers

6 Mar **Clean up Australia Day**

11-13 Mar **Narooma Sportfishing Convention**

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- Our oldest club member reaches 101
- New Saltwater and Freshwater Guides now available
- The Geelong Star has been spotted fishing off Bermagui
- Geoff Hawkins passes away

Birthday people for February

3 John Mason	10 Ann Simpson
4 Peter Mortel	10 Nicole Rayment
15 James Rayment	15 Paul Simpson

The EAR



Trevor Dean is on a winning streak. But hold fire on buying a lottery ticket with him just yet. Trev



has won the coveted giant pack of toilet paper at the Christmas raffle **for the 3rd time running**. Suggest you might sit with Trev at the next meeting for some of his luck to rub off – or perhaps sit on the other side of the room? Trevor was overheard to mutter as he went out to collect his prize *“Holy crap! This is amazing - I won't need to buy toilet paper for another year!”*

Fished Merry Beach during January. The weather was pretty good with only 2 wet days. During that time the water off the rocks turned green but this didn't seem to deter the fish.

Fished the rocks at Snapper Point most days. Best fish was a 99.7cm king on 10kg—didn't weigh it unfortunately. The king was caught fishing under a balloon (green balloon if you are interested). Landing the king was interesting, the nearest bloke fishing either couldn't hear me (or didn't want to) so needed to land the fish alone. The fish was finally washed up on a ledge—after waiting for the right wave and it was gaffed with one hand on the rod and the other wielding a wild gaff.

Bait was easy to get, plenty of yellowtail.

And plenty of salmon, in fact one optimistic salmon took a yakka and must of choked on it as when landed it was found the hook hadn't penetrated the fish.

Eight salmon were caught on fly using a *pink thing* fly. And plenty of blackfish and drummer some still swimming away. Cabbage was the bait. Needed now is a new supply of nigger floats, lost too many to the drummer.

I must be slowing down. The walk to the fishing spot at Snapper Point used to take an easy 15mins, carrying 5 rods, a sturdy 2 piece gaff, 2 buckets with berley, hooks, *continued page 3*

Coming Events — the detail

4 Feb **General Meeting.** Our guest speaker will be Anthony Downs. Anthony is a Boating Education Officer with the Maritime Division of the RMS. He will be discussing the new boating education program at RMS, PDF regulations, types and servicing, safety equipment and a refresher on the main boating regulations. **Not to be missed.**

Details of the forthcoming Swansea Outing this coming weekend will be discussed together with the Nowra Weekend.

6-7 Feb — **Swansea Flathead Weekend** the emphasis is on flathead, giant flathead and while using poddy mullet is very successful, try for a change, give the poddies a miss and concentrate on fishing with hardbody lures, soft plastics and even blades. If the poddy has the back of neck bitten there are squid about. Try using a squid jig. We will meet for lunch in the park near the boat ramp (which is now being repaired) at Pelican around 12 noon to compare notes. Fishing is from boats although don't let this put you off. Talk to some of those attending to suggest likely spots. Launch on either south or north side of the lake. Col will provide an update on poddy availability at the meeting.

20-22 Feb — **Nowra Sportfishing Convention** has both blue-water and estuary fishing, both very productive. This get-together has clubs from up and down the coast and inland, fishing and competing and has great camaraderie. And if you haven't been for a while it is worth another look — perhaps fish Sussex Inlet for big tailor and even larger flathead. Entry forms will be available at the February meeting.

28 Feb—**Clubs snapper day.** Not sure of the arrangements at the time of writing but it will be conveyed by separate email when to hand. This will include suggested fishing locations, baits, fishing times and meeting times afterwards—perhaps for lunch.

6 Mar — **Clean up Australia Day**, location to be confirmed

11-13 Mar—**Narooma Sportfishing Convention.** First run in 1969 this is the first of the great ANSA Conventions. Excellent blue water fishing around the fabled Montague Island, estuary fishing, beach and rock are all available. Start is early (very early) 12.01am Fri 11 March to 1pm Sun 13 March. *See Fact Sheet on page 9*

Entry Forms will be available at the February meeting.

from our President



I trust everyone had a great Christmas and New Year and are looking forward to good fishing this year.

Many thanks to all who donated items and who made the December meeting a great night.

The first Committee Meeting for the year has been held and a number of activities and issues discussed with a focus on forthcoming speakers/presentations, fishing outings and the encouragement of new and younger members.

The early part of this year will be hectic.

In this regard we have arranged for the RMS Boating Education Officer to speak at the February meeting. His presentation in part will provide an overview of his role and current regulations. I encourage all to attend as an opportunity for Q & A will also exist at the conclusion of the presentation.

This will be followed by the Swansea weekend on Feb 6 - 7 fishing principally for flathead. More details will be provided at the club meeting prior re bait collection, suggested fishing locations, etc

The Nowra Convention from Feb 19 -21 is the first tournament for the year and is one in which our club strongly contests. With its proximity to Sydney it is a good opportunity to experience tournament fishing.

Other tournaments which follow are

- Narooma Convention Mar 11-13. This area offers great fishing. Great hospitality
- Sydney Convention Apr 1-3. As co-hosts with SSAFA, more specific detail is to follow particularly set-up prior to and target species for those fishing.

There are a number of other club activities before these tournaments for which detail will be provided.

As mentioned above, a hectic start. Hopefully good conditions will prevail

Good fishing

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;		
Scale verifier	Phil Turner	
Newsletter	Clark Kent (C/-Bill Harvey)	9533 2453

The EAR *continued from page 1*

sinkers, bait pumps, and the like. It now takes me 30 mins plus. I was thinking of putting an advertisement in the office at the park.

WANTED

Woman wishing to learn the art of rock fishing and fly fishing. Must be able to carry rods, gaffs, buckets, hooks, sinkers and bring lunch. Must be able to walk fast, not talk to much. Must be able to catch the bait quickly without supervision. Apply Sid Young.

Now for the Christmas presents. What did Santa bring you? What did you buy for yourself? In one Christmas stocking there was a book, ***It Happened on a Fishing Trip***. This has given some inspiration..... In discussing presents with Phil Worsley, he has put pen to paper (fingers to keyboard), see *page 10*, and dredged up some old photos of his family's fishing and Phil's early fishing memories with them. Now, it would be a fair chance you can recall your early days, real early days of fishing with your grandpa and your dad. In coming issues it is hoped we will have more of these articles. And it is not such a bad idea anyway to have all the info recorded for your kids. Photos of course will be a bonus. Old black and white photos can be 'cleaned up' for reproduction. Photos taken with the old Box Brownies? Did you fish with your kids and grandkids over Christmas? Photos please.

The EAR has observed some members (who would normally go fishing in a couple of times a month) have not wet a line at all in the last two months. Why is this I hear you ask? Understandably family stuff over the Christmas/New Year could be an excuse. But pre-Christmas? Lousy weather? Perhaps after the New Year? The hot weather making us lethargic? Having the can't-be-bothereds? Perhaps crowded boat ramps, crowded waterways and fishing spots? Weather again? Whatever it was the committee has fixed all this now with a plethora of club fishing opportunities to fish. The Coming Events list is hereabouts.

Ron Camp has some rods fitted with a hook keeper fitted just above the top grip while others haven't. He reckons these are better than hanging the hook or lure on a runner.

In looking for a suitable way to fix the problem rather than having to bind one on, he came up with these. They are from China of course.

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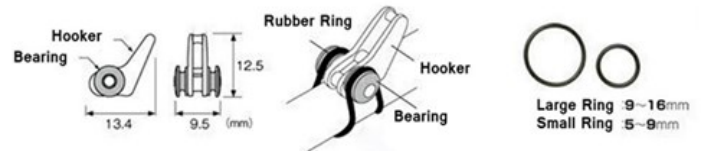
The EAR *continued*

Hi Bill

I got them on eBay. 6 for about \$5.50 and takes about 2 weeks for delivery.

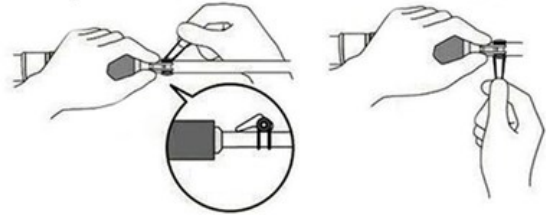
Go to eBay and search following -

6Set Fish Secure Hook Keepers Holder Lures Jig Safe Adjustable Fishing Rod Black (there's a mouthful)



1. Fold The Hook Keeper Backward As Picture Below

2. Fasten It on Rod with Rubber Ring



3. Flip It Forward

The NEWS



This time last year we recorded Hartley Giller had just celebrated his 100th birthday. Well we can add another year to that. **Hartley celebrated his 101st birthday** on 13 January. Hartley is the dad of Roger, Helen and Colin and grandfather to countless grandkids and great-great grandkids. He looks well and now looking forward to another 101 years. He sends his regards to all club members.

The latest NSW Fisheries **Saltwater and Freshwater Guides**



are now available. There will be sufficient copies on the table at the February meeting together with the abbreviated

length and bag limits brochure (just the shot for the boat &/or tackle boxes). The new 'sticky rulers' for your boat will be on the table as well. Copies are also available at your local tackle shop.

Fishing Reports

Hi Bill, this is just a fishing report **from the Agius family**, fishing Bermagui in January.

To start the week the first couple of days were not good due to the weather being windy and rainy, although once it passed there was plenty of action on the flathead grounds, catching gummy sharks and flathead. We fished



Montague Island for Kingies although they were few and far between and of course plenty of seals. One of the biggest highlights was catching 20 odd kilos of prawns in 2 nights, easily one of our best hauls,

meaning a lot of prawns eaten over the 2 weeks away! When the seas were too rough, we fished Wallaga lake with surface lures and divers with astonishing results. Walking the flats fishing on sand and over the top of weed beds with surface lures we were astounded with the quality of the fish on offer. Out of 3 days fishing we caught 74 Yellow fin Bream with an average size of around 34cm with Ray Agius achieving a PB of 45.5cm and Andrew Agius achieving a PB of 41 cm, unbelievable action on the flats providing magical top water action! See accompanying photos...

Regards,

Andrew Agius

(JUST a fishing report! Ed)

See following page for more photos

Fished Monday 11th during the middle of the day downrigging for kings off Cronulla. Caught 15-20 of which 4 were legal size, the biggest being 67cm. We also got a 67cm salmon.

Bruce.

The Rayments fished St. Georges Basin on Avalon and Beakie over the Christmas break with Belinda scoring a Lure Casting Masters Trevally of 0.99kg on 1kg amongst a bunch of table fish. *See pics page 6*

Hi Bill,

The fishing season has started in earnest. The rocks have been full of kingfish and when the kings are not there then its frigates and bonito. We have been getting at least one legal king each time we go out usually 70-77cm range. But there have been a lot released around the 63cm mark - actually released 40 kings on one day a few weeks back. When the temperatures of the water has kicked up over 23C there are acres of small white bait (1cm) have been present and into these are large bonito and hundreds of frigate mackerel. A few squid are also present when the kings are not around. Also had a marlin around 80-90 kg at my feet two weeks ago - a great sight in 5m of water. There have been a few salmon and lots of large luderick. around. My mate put a 50 cm salmon out under a balloon which was taken by a large king but dropped at the rock ledge in front of us so there are also some big kings cruising around. I have not done any beach session this season so far. Looks like its going to be a good season with the early arrival of the warm currents.

Cheers **Phil Turner**

Sorry no photos—too busy pull'n them in.

Bruce and I fished the Central Coast GFC Bluewater Classic the weekend of January 10/11. We had just made it to the Norah Canyons on the Sunday when we spotted two striped marlin swimming amongst our spread of five lures. Within seconds we had a double hook up. As we started to think about how we could fight two fish with only the two of us on board, one line became tangled in one of the other lures and broke, thereby resolving part of our problem. Bruce quickly cleared the other lines and then took the controls while I fought the remaining fish for another 30 minutes. Bruce tagged and measured the marlin and then we swam it beside the boat until we were sure it was strong enough to be released. Was definitely a day to remember!

Belinda

Pic on page 6

Hi Bill,

We fished the Botany Bay GFCs Bill Heyward Memorial Tournament the weekend before Australia Day on Avalon with Belinda, James and good mate Chris on board. Fishing in the worst sea conditions we have for many years we tagged 13 Mahi Mahi over Saturday and Sunday with Chris and Belinda on the rods to take out Champion Boat Tag & Release Other Game Fish. This is the 3rd year in a row we have won at least one category at the tournament. To top off the \$500 or so worth of prizes we also won the \$5k raffle!

THE AGIUS HOLIDAY REPORT - BERMAGUI - JAN 2016

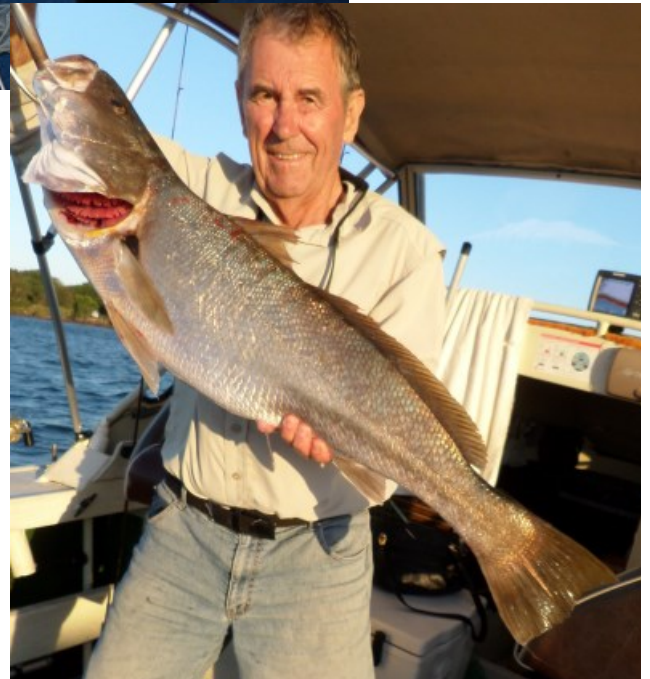




Belinda with her 75kg on 15kg striped marlin
The fish was tagged and released



Mary's 980mm Flathead
No 10 Length Only Masters



Phil's 5.4kg jew on 4kg



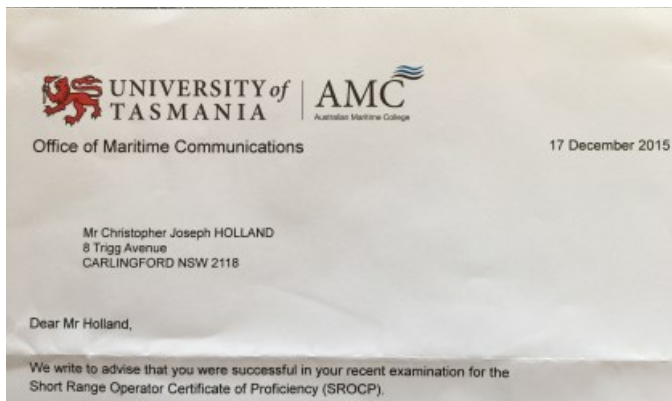
Belinda with her Lure Casting Masters Silver Trevally
0.99kg on 1kg

Don with a rather ordinary flathead (for him)



Mary's 6kg jew.
(South West Rocks regulars, note the location)

Fishing Reports continued



Recently our president successfully completed a VHS Radio Course held at the Cronulla Fisheries old Headquarters which was organised by the Maritime Rescue NSW .

Dennis suggested at the November club meeting that all club members with a boat should also do the course as it was beneficial , informative and necessary if you have a VHF radio on board.

The current 27 mhz radio system will be slowly phased out.

Club member Dave Maltby signed up so I joined him. A fee of \$180.00 and a photo of me, passport standard was required.

The lecture was held on a Saturday at Cronulla. Duration 4 Hrs commencing 8.00am with a coffee break of 10 minutes at half time.

The lecturer was very good, got the message across, completed the syllabus with ease and included an in house question and answer section.

12noon a 25 question exam with multiple choice answer commenced with unlimited time to complete, pass mark 70%.

Present were a large group from A.S.C.U.B.A. diving club, other fisho's, a sailor and some other group that needed radio use (I think rural fire).

On completion my photo was signed and dated on the back. That and the exam paper was placed in a sealed envelope and sent to Tasmania Maritime for marking and processing.

Before Xmas a letter arrived from: THE UNIVERSITY OF TASMANIA A.M.C. (Aust. Maritime Office of Maritime Communications) complete with photo ID plastic card lasts for duration of my life.

Certificate has been framed, I.D. card in glovebox of boat. I need to ask a question to A.M.C. Do I get to use the letters DR. before my name . Will contact them A.S.A.P. I told all of Tasmania has 5 weeks holiday at Xmas-keep tuned.

Christopher Joseph

Hi Bill,

Our two weeks at South West Rocks early December 2015 was cursed by very strong windy conditions ,but fortunately no rain.

First trip outside after gathering live bait Phil fed out a small Slimey on a 2/0 hook on 10 kg line and within 30 seconds, we had a very frisky small Black Marlin grey-hounding all over the ocean.

After 15 minutes had it alongside, put a Fisheries Billfish tag into it and released it on its merry way, none the worse for its encounter. Estimated 30-35 kg.

The River fishing was fairly slow, however we caught 3 very large Flathead, including Mary's No. 10 Length only Masters 860mm.

Several Mulloway, the largest of them being 6 kg and one afternoon caught our bag limit of keeper fish ,released quite a few under 70mm.

The River bar was a bit hairy as the leads had been decommissioned due to the channel having disappeared.

We were very lucky that the weather held as the day we came home three weeks of solid rain followed.

Looking forward to April/May to do it all again.

Phil and Mary Worsley

Pics on page 6

Hi Bill, not a great deal to report. In December I had three outings in the Woronora River chucking plastics for a total of 4 Estuary Perch, 2 Bream and 3 Flathead. I went up to the Entrance with family and happened to have a rod in the car and much to my surprise I got a nice Estuary Perch on the first cast with a lure (off the bank among other fishos). In January I spent a week down at Greenwell Point where I fished hard with plastics for a measly 8 Flathead. I did enjoy a morning out with Lloyd Anderson his boat. Sorry, I've got no pics.

Bob McMahan

The NEWS continued

The **Geelong Star** (factory freezer super trawler). This ship has approval from the Federal Government to fish the Small Pelagic Fishery (SPF) in Commonwealth waters.

The 95-metre Dutch ship Dirk Dirk has been renamed Geelong Star, and operates outside the state government's three-kilometre zone in which super-trawlers are banned. The target species are jack mackerel and redbait. There is a lot of opposition to this operation which targets slimies and the like ie gamefish bait.

The Australian Recreational Fishing Foundation (ARFF) has expressed disappointment and concern that the Geelong Star operators have not heeded advice from ARFF or honoured undertakings made at a meeting with the Government, Australian Fisheries Management Authority (AFMA), ARFF and the vessel operators before Christmas. This follows reports that the Geelong Star has been fishing the popular and iconic recreational fishing grounds off Bermagui on the South coast of NSW in recent days after ARFF advised them not to fish these areas. (8th January 2016)



The Assistant Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources, Anne Ruston, said the Geelong Star was the most heavily regulated boat in the Australian fishery. "There is no other boat in the whole of the Australian fishery that has more regulation than this boat," she said. "It carries at all times two observers from AFMA." The ship is operated by Seafish Tasmania.

Geoff Hawkins passed away in the last days of December in Orange hospital. Geoff had been unwell for many years but always managed to keep one step ahead of the final day.

Geoff, held numerous positions at a National and NSW level including several stints as National and NSW President and until a few years back was the Chairman of ANSA National. In 1984 he was awarded Life Membership to ANSA National. He was a Foundation & Life Member of Campbelltown City Sportfishing Club.

Les Waldock (former member and past president of St George (now preso of Narooma) is one year into his probationary period of becoming an Australian Citizen on Australian Day last year, 2015. So far he has not been observed cheering for any English team. However time will tell. He has been seen however cheering for Australian teams when up against any non English team. Congratulations Les, well done.

The NON Fishing Reports

No fishing lately Bill

Thanks for the well wishes and God bless ya mate

Jeffrey F Tabley

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Sorry Bill, but we have done very little.....too busy doing other things. Cheers, **Wayne (Colling)**

(Wayne lives very close to South West Rocks!)

Hi Bill

Unfortunately I have not been out over the Christmas break. Too many terrorists, oops, tourists have been in town.

I hear the fishing was sensational during the last prawn run but has dropped off since the rain started a week or so ago. Hopefully I should get out sometime next week when the holiday makers have all gone home. I am told the last prawn run was the best for many years. Most fish love live prawns.

Sorry I have nothing much to report. Will set my diary for next month. The whole Rayment clan will be fishing the Nowra comp. so hopefully we will have plenty to report. Bruce & Belinda have fished hard over the holiday period with some good results and have some good pics & videos.

Don (Rayment at Sussex)

The EAR has heard from NSW DPI Fisheries that they are **looking for more Fishcare Volunteers** in the Sydney region. Local Sydney recreational fishing education officer, Carl Bevilacqua, coordinates the local Fishcare Volunteers and is looking to ramp up education activities for Sydney locals. So if you have ever thought about volunteering, how about becoming a FishCare Volunteer?

Volunteers can get involved in all sorts of different, fun filled activities such as children's fishing workshops, local community events with 'Bluey' the advisory trailer, trade shows such as the International Sydney International Boat Show, schools visits and much, much more.

It is easy to nominate for the program, just give Sydney Education Officer **Carl Bevilacqua** a call on 02 9741 4846, 0448 837 677 or email carl.bevilacqua@dpi.nsw.gov.au.

Nominees should be available to attend a two day training weekend and be able to commit to at least a minimum of 8 hours per month to the program. The Fishcare Volunteer Program is run using funds from the NSW Recreational Fishing Trust.

NAROOMA SPORT AND GAMEFISHING CLUB ANSA CONVENTION **FACT SHEET**

Friday 11 March - Sunday 13 March 2016

Competition times; Start ; Friday 12.01am 11 March 2016

Finish; Sunday 1pm 13 March 2016

Cost: Fully catered (all 7 meals) \$50 Senior \$20 Junior \$100 Family

Uncatered (no meals, entry only) \$20 Senior \$10 Junior

Meal Times; "ANGLERS TO SUPPLY OWN PLATES AND CUTLERY"

Thursday Sausage Sizzle 6.30 pm 'til late (free to all)

Friday Breakfast 5.30 am 'til 8 am Friday Dinner 6.00 pm 'til 8 pm

Saturday Breakfast 5.30 am 'til 8 am Saturday Dinner 6.00 pm 'til 8 pm

Sunday Breakfast 5.30 am 'til 8 am Sunday Lunch 12 noon 'til 2 pm

Entertainment;

Raffles; Thursday evening, Friday evening, Saturday evening and Sunday presentation BIG DRAW.

Unclaimed prizes from Thursday/Friday/Saturday raffles will be re-drawn in Sunday BIG DRAW.

Tides for the weekend

Friday 11 March 2016 Low 5.10am High 11.30am Low 5.38pm High 10.52pm

Saturday 12 March 2016 Low 6.04am High 12.16pm Low 6.24pm High 11.42pm

Sunday 13 March 2016 Low 7.00am High 1.10pm

Ramps;

Apex Park (all size boats, with pontoons).

Mill Bay (all size boats, be careful with drop off, no pontoons).

Taylor's (The Inlet Restaurant) (has wharf. Do not drive boat onto trailer).

Westside of Highway Bridge (tinnies only)

The Loop (near Narooma Marine)*** (tinnies only or drive on big boats, no pontoon).

SEE NOTES REGARDING MOORINGS AVAILABLE FOR TRAILERBOATS

Petrol Stations;

Shell on the Flat 5.30am - 6.30pm

Matilda on the Flat 6.00am - 6.00pm

BP (next to Cinema) 6.00am - late

Eateries;

Bakery on the flat 5am-5pm

ABC Bakery 6.30am

Casey's Cafe Roxy's Cafe

Bait and Tackle;

Compleat Angler (on the Flat) Darryl Open 7am- 7pm 4476 2278 All bait and tackle

Narooma Fish and Dive Darryl Stewart 0407909111 All bait and tackle

Marine;

Kingfisher Marine Behind Compleat Angler 4476 2650

Narooma Marina Riverside Drive 1 minute from Clubhouse 4476 2126

Local GPS marks;

Narooma Bar Entrance S 36.12.660 E150.08.010 Bermagui Ent S 36.25.240 E150.04.440

Montague Seamount S 36.10.000 E150.37.000 Montague Cany S 36.17.175 E150.24.450

South Kink S 36.18.050 E150.19.000 North Kink S 36.17.120 E150.19.450

Aughinish Rock S 36.16.400 E150.12.800 Shelf Edge S 36.16.460 E150.12.880

Local Medical Centres;

Moruya Hospital 4474 2666 Wagonga St Medical 4476 2622

Lighthouse Surgery 4476 2999 Blue House Surgery 4476 1390

Accommodation

Inlet Views 4476 2483 Apollo Units 4476 2461

Horizons Apartments 4476 5200 Black Bream Point 4476 1759

Island View 4456 1165 Festival Motor Inn 4476 2099

Big 4 Easts Narooma 4476 2046 Golfers Lodge 4476 2428

Coastal Comfort Motel 4476 2256 Surf Beach Caravan Park 4476 2275

Fishing Charters;

Aussie Fish Estuary Adventures 6495 9902 Charter Fish Narooma Benn 0407 487 702

Calm Water Charters Bill 4476 2483 Narooma Charters Norm 0407 909 111

Island Charters Chris 0408 428 857 Lighthouse Charters Wazza 4476 2621

Sheriff Charters Narooma Matt 0447951359 Narooma Fishing Charters John 0432 599 619

****MOORINGS AVAILABLE** NAROOMA MARINA ph; 4476 2126**

Trailer Boats welcome to moor at Narooma Marina over the Convention weekend or week.

Contact Narooma Marina ph; 4476 2126. Cost \$25 per night or \$100 a week.

Walk on/ Walk off for the weekend. No ramp problems. Fuel bowser on Marina. Bait and Ice. TOO EASY !

NSGFC Contacts Les Waldock 0411392608

Jan Hemmingsen 4476 4895

SALTWATER MEMORIES

My father had always been a keen fisherman. After the War, with his split cane rod and centre pin reel, would climb down ropes and ladders at North Head and Bluefish Point, and often fill his large cane basket with up to 20 kg. of Snapper.

In the late 40s and 50s, he took up professional fishing out of his 16ft Clinker built tiller - steered half cabin putt - putt moored off Dave Treharne's boat shed at Fairlight. He mostly fished North Head and Long Reef for Snapper, Teraglin and Jewfish. His bait was always trolled up before getting to the Heads. In those days the word went out "the Mackerel are on" and acres upon acres of huge Slimey Mackerel would fill the Harbour from Manly wharf to Forty Baskets. In my early years I would sometimes join him for an evening fishing the surf at Manly ocean beach. We would always get a feed of Flathead or Bream.

I enjoyed joining my Grandpa when he would take me to Manly wharf or the old Spit bridge, or closer to home, at Treharne's wharf, where if you weren't looking, the cats would steal your bait.

My Uncle Jim was another well known and respected fisherman. With his beautiful 36ft cruiser "Minnamurra" (means plenty of fish), he became a foundation member of the Sydney Gamefishing Club at Watson's Bay, and rubbed shoulders with the likes of Bob and Dolly Dyer, Jack Davey, Athol d'Ombraim, Max Lawson, Jack Southam, Basil Davidson and Dr A. B. Watkins, to name just a few !!.

My Uncle Bob had always loved his fishing, and in the 1960s, when I really took up angling, my Father, Uncle Bob and I would fish the Rocks and washes at Whale Beach and Long Reef—a long time before it was locked out to fishos, and we would always bring home a bag full of lovely Bream to eat.



After we got married in 1968, I took Mary to Oberon Trout fishing. She became "HOOKED" and we bought a little 4mtr Quinnie, and shortly after in 1974, with 2 kids in tow, bought our first proper boat, the old 16½ft Pongrass. Then the best thing ever- we became aware of the St George Fishing Club and joined up. The rest is History.

Definitely- saltwater in the veins.

Phil Worsley



(Uncle) Jim Worsley



M.V. MINNAMURRA
(Uncle Jim's boat)

CLUB RECORDER'S REPORT - JANUARY 2016

Certificates awarded at December meeting, events between 24 November and 28 January



Congratulations to the following anglers who were awarded **Masters capture certificates** last month:

Bill Harvey – Sportfishing – Whiting 0.775kg on 1kg (100.75 pts)	CAA pts	5
This capture was a Club Record	CAA pts	3
Deborah Logan – All Tackle Species #1 – Yellowfin Bream 410mm	CAA pts	5
Karen Maltby – Length Only – Dusky Flathead 862mm	CAA pts	5

CHAMPION ANGLER AWARD 2015/16 - END JANUARY							
MENS		LADIES		JUNIORS		Non-NSW	
Bruce Rayment	17	Karen Maltby	8	<i>no entries</i>	-	<i>no entries</i>	-
Bill Harvey	8	Belinda Rayment	8				
Phil Turner	6	Debbie Logan	5				
John Everett	5	Lia Zacharias	3				
Peter Logan	5	Maria Zacharias	3				
David Maltby	3						
Brendan McMahon	3						
Arthur Zacharias	3						

Keep your entries coming in for the **length only competition**. Email or in writing is fine, just so long as you let me know where, when, what and how big the capture was. Entries can be upgraded any time throughout the year.

DIVISION 1 - LENGTH ONLY COMPETITION - 2015/16					Updated as at: 28/1/2016
Angler	Best Flathead - Length (mm)	Best Snapper - Length (mm)	Best Salmon - Length (mm)	Combined length (mm)	
Karen Maltby	862	580	-	1,442	
John Everett	720	-	540	1,260	
Peter Logan	680	350	-	1,030	
Mary Worsley	860	-	-	860	
Phil Worsley	760	-	-	760	
Phil Turner	-	-	650	650	
Trevor Dean	570	-	-	570	
Bob McMahon	560	-	-	560	
Brendan McMahon	550	-	-	550	
Bruce Rayment	550	-	-	550	
Don Rayment	550	-	-	550	
Andrew Dean	490	-	-	490	
David Maltby	-	420	-	420	

DIVISION 2 - LENGTH ONLY COMPETITION - 2015/16					Updated as at: 28/1/2016
Angler	Best Bream - Length (mm)	Best Whiting - Length (mm)	Best Tailor - Length (mm)	Combined length (mm)	
Debbie Logan	410	-	480	890	
Peter Logan	400	-	400	800	
Ray Agius	455	-	-	455	
Bill Harvey	-	437	-	437	
Andrew Agius	410	-	-	410	
David Maltby	395	-	-	395	
John Everett	370	-	-	370	
James Rayment	340	-	-	340	
Trevor Dean	330	-	-	330	
Bruce Rayment	330	-	-	330	
Bob McMahon	300	-	-	300	
Karen Maltby	300	-	-	300	

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Waterbird Of The Month



Paradise Shelduck *Tadorna variegata*

Australian Shelduck *Tadorna tadornoides*

On December 30, 2015 birdwatchers at Lake Wollumboola, south of Culburra Beach, reported seeing a single male Paradise Shelduck. While this species is common and widespread in New Zealand it is believed that this is the first confirmed sighting on the Australian mainland. There is one report of a group of 5 on Lord Howe Island in the 1950's. Bev and I went to Lake Wollumboola on New Years Day and I was able to obtain a reasonable photo, although attempts to get closer than about 70 metres caused the bird to leave the shoreline and swim out into the lake.

Appearance. The Australian Shelduck (also called Mountain Duck or Chestnut Breasted Duck) is a large goose-like duck, about 70 cm in length. The head and upper neck are black, separated from the chestnut coloured breast by a white neck ring. The remainder of the plumage is black except for a patch of chestnut and reflective green on the wings. The male Paradise Shelduck is all black except for the chestnut and green patch on the wings. The female is a rich orange/chestnut colour with an all white head and neck.

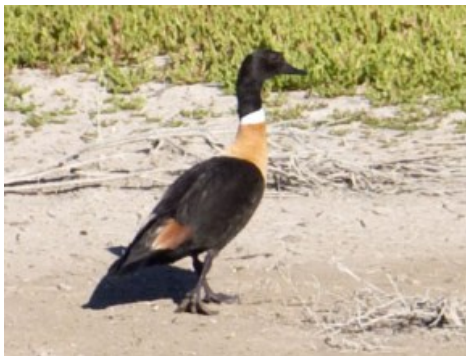
Habitat. Both species frequent large shallow lakes and ponds, farmland, pastures, young crops etc.

Range. The Australian Shelduck is found in central and SW Western Australia, eastern South Australia, Victoria and NSW except the NE quarter. Paradise Shelduck is endemic to New Zealand.

Breeding. Australian Shelduck breeds June-Nov. A clutch of 8-14 oval cream eggs in a down-lined nest in tree hollow, under vegetation, rabbit burrows etc. Paradise Shelduck breeds August - December.

Feeding. Both species feed mainly on grasses, weeds, water plants, algae, insects and molluscs.

Voice. In both species the male has a deep grunting honk and the female has a higher-pitched "Eeek-eeek"



Australian Shelduck - Lake Pamamaroo



Paradise Shelduck - Lake Wollumboola



Part of a flock of about 100 Australian Shelduck at Fivebough Wetland, Leeton.

Roger Giller