



St George Sportfishing Club

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Seems **3 Zacs** will hit the water at the Sydney Tournament—that is if Arthur can find the keys! He last had them at Burrinjuck last November but since then the boat has been sadly neglected due to family stuff—and some work—like re-fitting the rocket launcher after a mishap with a tree. And the fitting of the new Depth Sounder purchased ages ago . Maria was overheard saying “Arthur, get your tail into gear (or words to that effect) and get this boat going”. “You have been retired long enough now”.

Quote of the year heard by a very reliable source in the food canteen, Sydney Tournament 2016, 7.58pm Saturday. Club member Karen Holland (daughter in law of Yvonne Holland) said while serving dinner “this has been a wonderful evening, put my name down for next year” *Your name is on top of the 2017 list Karen—Peter Logan, event caterer.*

Sid Young has been very quiet after receiving a reply to his wanted *advertisement for an assistant rock fisher.* Seems he is/might be waiting for a better offer?

David and Karen Maltby had a not-so-good visit to Narooma with boat engine problems. See page 7 for David's report. It does show however just how good Marine Rescue operates. But some good news Karen came second in the Ladies Section of the Convention with a 1.33kg salmon. Well done Karen.

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- 24 Apr **SPECIAL BREAKFAST— at Trial Bay SOUTH WEST ROCKS in the sheltered area, all by the Holland father and son duo. For the menu see page 2**
- 7 Apr **General Meeting** at the Masonic Club, 7.30. Meeting #520. Don't forget to sign our attendance book for the Lucky Door prize.
- 6 Apr **DPI Fisheries**, on behalf of MEMA, is hosting a stakeholder meeting with recreational fishing representatives in the bioregion to: -discuss marine biodiversity conservation balanced with multiple uses of the bioregion, including boating, fishing, diving, shipping, swimming, education and research—see page 3 for details. A NEED READ.
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- 12-21 Apr **School Holidays Fishing Workshops** Bundeena, Penrith, Manly and Balmain.
- 23 Apr-7 May **South West Rocks**—see page 8 for details

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Coming Events — the detail

- 1-3 Apr **ANSA Sydney Tournament.** (This annual event being the 23rd year). By the time you read this it will be all over. The results will be included in the May Newsletter.
- 7 Apr **General Meeting** at the Masonic Club, 7.30. Meeting #520. Our guest speaker for the evening is Phil Bolton. Phil is a prolific writer in Fishing magazines. He has been involved with the new range of mega fads and of the present mini fads. Bring note paper and pen, expect a great and informative talk.
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- 15-17 Apr **Bass Interclub Challenge**, this seems to be replacing the old Nepean Bass Challenge. I know little of this event and suggest you look at Western Sydney Bream and Bass website <http://wsbb.com.au/> and click on WSBB Bass Interclub Challenge.
- 12-21 Apr **School Holidays Fishing Workshops** Bundeena, Penrith, Manly and Balmain for FishCare Volunteers. Talk to the Editor for the details.
- 23 Apr-7 May **South West Rocks**—if you have already booked expect a great holiday with great fishing and great camaraderie. See page 8 for some information if you are considering coming or if even just a little interested.
- 24 Apr **Now the breakfast details.** The location is the shelter shed at Trial Bay. A sumptuous breakfast will be conjured up by the firm of Holland and Son, Chris n Craig. Not beginners at this game at all (but there have been times...). Now, for the MENU, Champagne Tropical Punch, Bacon, Chipolata sausages, scrambled eggs, cheesy toast, mushrooms (really) stuffed and grilled tomatoes. Tea, coffee and water. Please bring a chair, plate, knife and fork, tea cup/coffee mug and a big SMILE
- 5 May **General Meeting** at the Masonic Club, 7.30. Meeting #521 with guest speaker.



from our President



At the March meeting Belinda Rayment, Ron Camp and Phil Turner gave excellent short presentations on fishing bluewater, estuary and beach/rock respectively. Each provided target species, types of rigs, bait, etc to assist us in fishing the forthcoming Sydney Tournament. Many thanks.

A thank you to those who assisted in the set up of cooking facilities on the SSAFA grounds on Easter Monday.

Five club members fished the Narooma tournament on 11-13 March with some success. Weather was great and bar conditions quite good. An overall report is elsewhere in this newsletter

Please Note The speaker for the April meeting will be Phil Bolton from DPI. Phil is the Fisheries Manager Recreational Fisheries and will be talking on the use of “circle hooks” and improved “catch and release” techniques. As a recreational fisherman himself, Phil has that understanding and experience of fishing, hence the quality of presentation which sometimes concludes with some ‘goodies’.

I encourage all to attend to show support to the speaker as it is often difficult to have such speakers if only a few are present.

The presentation will be at the start of the meeting as Phil needs to return to Nowra that night.

See you at the meeting

Good fishing

Dennis

Our Committee

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The NEWS

New advisory council members announced

Membership of the new Recreational Fishing NSW Advisory Council, (replacement for the Advisory Council on Recreational Fishing) has been announced:

Chairman: Professor Johann Bell

- Dave Rae (North Coast)
- Paul Lennon (Central Coast)
- Stan Konstantaras and Chris Cleaver (Sydney)
- Vicki Lear and Greg Reid (South Coast)
- Jo Starling and Max Castle (Far South Coast)
- Ray Tang, Matt Hansen, Karl Mathers and Steve Samuels (western districts/freshwater)
- Matt Poulson (spearfishing)
- Vic Levitt (charter and game fishing).

Members of the new council are appointed for three years.

Congratulations to ANSA members Stan Konstantaras and Max Castle. Congratulations to Chris Cleaver, son of the late Neil Cleaver from Wollongong Sportfishing Club.

ANSA NSW is advising all representatives from fishing clubs that might be impacted by marine park lock outs in the region to get on board the NSW Marine Estate Management Authority (MEMA) assessment of the Hawkesbury Shelf marine

The Assessment is identifying options to enhance marine biodiversity conservation balanced with multiple uses of the bioregion, including boating, fishing, diving, shipping, swimming, education and research. The Assessment area extends from Newcastle to Shellharbour, and includes the coastline, estuaries, coastal lakes and lagoons, beaches and ocean waters to three nautical miles, the limit of NSW waters.

You are invited to nominate up to two (2) people from your club with relevant expertise to participate in the second round of workshops. The aims of these workshops are to:

- provide you with an update on the Assessment including the findings of the threat and risk assessment (TARA) for the Hawkesbury Shelf marine technical experts
- seek your feedback on the strengths and weaknesses of suggested management initiatives and additional or alternative initiatives.
- answer any questions you may have regarding the Assessment and the process followed.

Very important information.

ANSA NSW has been in discussions with fisheries since the beginning of January 2015 with regards to the issue of photographing fish outside bag, size or other legal limits which includes cod in excess of 75cm and for other species and circumstances.

This is an official regulation approved by NSW DPI/ Fisheries for NSW waters and applies to all ANSA NSW sanctioned competitions.

Please pass this onto your member listings.

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Sent: Tuesday, 5 May 2015 12:56 PM
To: jgred
Cc: Bryan VanDerWalt; Stan K
Subject: Re: Murray cod Gap Limits - Clarification Required

Gday Joe

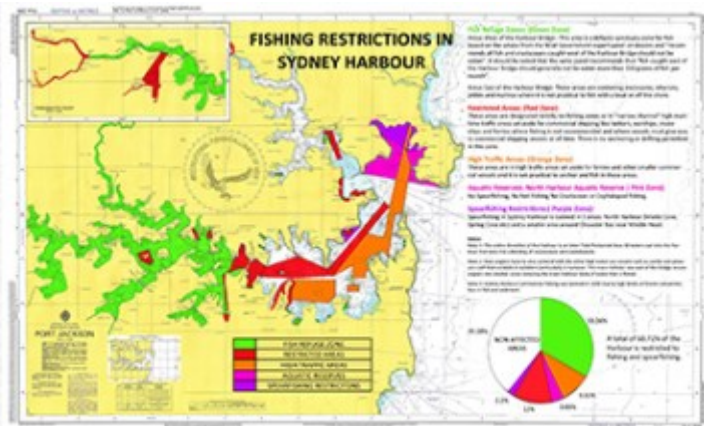
Sorry for the delay in getting back to you

Please find an extract of a recent letter from Peter Turnell, Director Recreational and Indigenous Fisheries, in response to a stakeholder letter on the same issue. The extract in italics is approved NSW DPI/ Fisheries policy in relation to this matter.

36 Defence for accidental etc taking of fish

(1) It is a defence to a prosecution for an offence against this Act or the regulations relating to the taking of fish if the person charged satisfies the court that, on becoming

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bioregion. A second round of stakeholder and community engagement will shortly be launched on the Marine Estate website. More lock outs and bioregion based on input from the community and exclusion in places like Sydney Harbour are not acceptable. Too much of our recreational fishing area is already off limits.

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aware of the taking of the fish, the person took immediate steps to return the fish to its natural environment with the least possible injury.

(2) The defence provided under subsection (1) extends to fish taken and immediately released in the course of a sport fishing activity (being an activity conducted in accordance with any requirements of the regulations).

"NSW DPI recognises that a fish may need to be landed on a boat or shore to determine whether a fish is of a particular length or species or to remove hooks to ensure least possible harm. The issue of photographing fish outside bag, size or other legal limits has arisen in respect of cod in excess of 75cm and for other species and circumstances. NSW DPI has issued the following policy advice which provides clarification to fishers within the context of Section 36 of the Act in relation to photographing fish which are not permitted to be taken (including Murray cod over the maximum size limit of 75cm).

If a fisher captures a prohibited size fish, or a fish taken in excess of the bag or possession limit, or seasonal closure or a fish that is otherwise not legally permissible to take under the Act, photographs may be taken at the immediate location where the fish is landed provided a device to photograph the fish is immediately available, DPI catch and release (best practice) guidelines are adhered to as much as possible and the fish is returned to its natural environment with the least possible injury as quickly as possible after photographs have been taken (see www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fisheries/recreational/info/catch-and-release for guidelines). Weighing of fish in these circumstances is not considered best practice and is not permitted for fish which are not permitted to be taken.

Note: If the fisher does not adhere to the above requirements, compliance action may be taken and the policy does not apply to fishing in closed waters.

Hope this is helpful and I am more than happy to discuss.
Note you can weigh any fish you are legally entitled to take.

Regards

Cameron Westaway,

Senior Fisheries Manager Inland & Abalone

Recreational & Indigenous Fisheries, NSW DPI Fisheries

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The Geelong Star—another view

The Geelong Star is fishing successfully off the NSW coast at the moment. Apparently underwent a crew change in Ulladulla a week or so ago. Prior to that had several very good trips off south Aust..

The operation was always known to be developmental in its techniques outside TAS waters & they have run into bycatch issues that solutions had to evolve for. As they have encountered bycatch that people aggressively exaggerated the potential impact of, it has taken time for Govt to rationalise their approach to those issues. None of those issues have been showstoppers.

Seabird interactions have required managing with modification of the techniques existing for the tuna longline & trawl fleets to work properly on the Geelong Star, & a meaningful allowable interaction level establish.

Most recently, false reports of catching a whaleshark were resolved quickly.

Factually, a whaleshark blundered into the OUTSIDE of the net as it was being retrieved & catch landed.

It required little action to move the net away from the shark & both independent observers on the boat were totally satisfied that the interaction was minimal & the animal unharmed. This type of encounter is extremely rare, but the protocols in place to manage such interactions (primarily with cetaceans/seals) to effect release with minimal impact worked with the required result.

This hasn't stopped people who weren't there stating with absolute certainty that the whaleshark was caught inside the net.

All the doom & gloom predictions about harvesting SPF is floundering in the reality that the East coast is seeing the highest aggregations of baitfish ever. Their allowable catch is going to contribute negligible impact.....short or long-term.

Commercial Fisherman

Fishing Reports

Hi Bill

I don't know which black cat crossed our path but for the third snapper outing in row, the weather was not kind. Large swells blighted our day but Ron Camp, Trevor Dean and myself did try our luck in the shelter of Jibbon Point and across to Shelly Beach.

Unfortunately the fish were less than obliging and among a



few throwbacks Trevor and I only recorded one reasonable flounder. Ron moved into the Port and snared some squid but not much else.

Notwithstanding the lack of good fish, I am claiming the best snapper of the day with this 12cm C&R little beauty. Still, there is always next time! John Everett

Clark's— the heaviest bream at Narooma



Bill,

Mission accomplished for Belinda and I on Avalon at the Sydney Sportfishing Tournament. Belinda won the Ladies section for the third straight year with a Black Marlin of 61kg on 15kg tackle. She also came equal 2nd in Tag & Release. This and some smaller fish on 2kg for



Ladies was our aim for the weekend which we achieved on Friday. The Marlin was taken 1/2nm east of the Port Hacking FAD in 75 fathoms. On Saturday we hooked but lost 2 very acrobatic Black Marlin which threw the hook 4nm east of Marley on 24kg tackle with me on the rod. 9 Marlin for the season for the boat, with 5 days Marlin fishing planned in the next 6 weeks. Looking forward to it. Bruce.

Sydney Sportfishing Tournament 2016

Club Results

South Sydney AFA	52
St George Sportfishing	26
Wollongong Sportfishing	16
Botany Bay Sportfishing	14
Sands Fishing Club	5

Top 5 Anglers by Division

Points	Angler	Species	Weight	Line	Club
BEACH					
81.6	Matt Manson	Luderick	0.68	1	SSAFA
BLUEWATER					
407.5	Russel Deighton	Str. Marlin	81.5	24	Sands
258	Steve Camilleri	Mac Tuna	3.44	2	Bbay
247.5	Adam Camilleri	Mac Tuna	3.3	2	Bbay
244.5	Steve Camilleri	Mac Tuna	3.26	2	Bbay
232.5	Ryan Nemec	Str. Tuna	3.1	2	SSAFA
ESTUARY					
504	Mitch Jobson	Flathead	5.04	1	W'gong
409	Ron Camp	Flathead	4.09	1	St Geo
200	Ron Camp	Flathead	2	1	St Geo
140	Gordon Jobson	Flathead	2.8	2	W'gong
137	Ron Camp	Flathead	1.37	1	St Geo
FLYFISHING					
223	Rob Sciberras	Flathead	2.23	1	SSAFA
176	Rob Sciberras	Flathead	1.76	1	SSAFA
94	Rob Sciberras	Flathead	0.94	1	SSAFA
78	Rob Sciberras	Flathead	0.78	1	SSAFA
JUNIOR					
207.8	Luke Statakis	Mahi Mahi	2.77	2	Bbay
207	Aaron Anderson	Flathead	2.07	1	W'gong
149	Aaron Anderson	Flathead	1.49	1	W'gong
147	Aaron Anderson	Flathead	1.47	1	W'gong
145.9	Darcy Sciberras	Mahi Mahi	3.89	4	SSAFA
LADIES					
488	Belinda Rayment	Blk Marlin	61	15	St Geo
173.3	Karen Maltby	Str'Tuna	2.31	2	St Geo
150.8	Belinda Rayment	Str'Tuna	2.01	2	St Geo
109	Karen Maltby	Flathead	1.09	1	St Geo
106	Karen Maltby	Flathead	1.06	1	St Geo
ROCKS					
229.5	Matt Manson	Bonito	1.53	1	SSAFA
74.4	Josh Joseph	Luderick	0.62	1	SSAFA
67.2	Josh Joseph	Luderick	0.56	1	SSAFA
57.6	Josh Joseph	Luderick	0.48	1	SSAFA
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TAGGING					
180	Ryan Nemec	15x M,mahi 3x Str Tuna		0	SSAFA
30	Michael Sciberras	3x Mahi Mahi		0	SSAFA
30	Belinda Rayment	3x Mahi Mahi		0	St Geo
20	Darreen Askew	2x Mahi Mahi		0	SSAFA
10	Damiean Kereves	Striped Tuna		0	SSAFA

Fishing Reports continued

Narooma Sportfishing Convention 2016

11–13 March 2016

Thursday 10 was the time settle in to accommodation prior to going to the Narooma clubhouse for the formalities of registration, comments from Fisheries, weather report, etc then settling in to a BBQ and meeting members of other clubs.

Those fishing were Bill, Karen, David, Ron and Dennis, supported by Lillian and Lorraine

Narooma President Les Waldock had arranged a charter on Friday morning of which Dennis took advantage along with several MBO (Malabar Boat Owners) club members. Leaving in the dark before first light, David and Karen followed the “Sheriff” (the charter boat) across the bar and out to a bait ground. Visibility was about 50m but this improved to about 100m by 0800, lifting a bit later in the morning.

Fishing was generally South, Nor East and East of Montague Island as we moved around to try not to catch rat kings. In all some 30 flathead 450mm plus were caught along with 8 large morwong and 2 snapper. Several times, good fish were ‘accidentally released’ at the boat before a net could be used.

Karen and David had some success with a mixed bag of snapper, morwong, flathead, wrasse and bream before returning to Wagonga Lake to continue fishing.

Bill fished Tilba Tilba Beach late afternoon for one bream.

Saturday was better for both Bill (fishing with Peter Hewitt and Les) fishing Wallaga Lake and Dennis fishing Tilba Beach with a 1.14kg bream and 1.95kg Australian salmon respectively. These scored 1st in heaviest categories at the end of the comp.

Drama offshore however with a motor problem for David and Karen’s “Fish On” and drifting just east of Montague Island. Following the call to Marine Rescue, a Narooma club boat stood by until Marine Rescue secured the tow. Credit to the professionalism of the rescue crew as “Fish On” was brought back to the boat ramp.

Unfortunately with no further fish to add Karen was knocked off into 2nd place in the “Ladies” section and secured a credible 5th in “catch and release”

Although Ron fished himself out, that mojo was not there to secure that elusive flathead.

Apart from the motor problem all had a good time and would recommend participating in this comp next year.

Dennis Simpson

From our last meeting

We had three of our own very experienced anglers sharing their approaches to and preparation for the forthcoming Sydney Tournament.

Firstly **Belinda Rayment** – she and Bruce planned to fish bluewater.

- * for best point scoring fish 2kg - they were to target striped tuna and dolphin fish,
- * with pink squid or Christmas tree lures
- * using mono (not braid) is more forgiving,
- * only troll 2 lures at once, prevents cross-overs,
- * have lures well back, troll at 6 knots
- * use little drag at first, don’t tighten until the run stops,
- * fish 1 mile out of Port Hacking
- * start trolling in 65-75 fathoms,
- * research water temperature and wind,
- * research what other people have caught the day before
- * the first FAD might be busy, look for others,
- * private FADs are being installed 5 to 10 miles out
- * work the striped tuna school, later in the day seems better
- * larger dolphin fish will not necessarily under FADs

Secondly from **Ron Camp**—he will be fishing the Estuary Section

- * will be targeting large flathead
- * have 3 to 4 rods fully rigged ready to go,
- * start collecting live bait up a week before
- * mullet and yellowtail are preferred baits
- * use 1kg line, the only way to score good points
- * will be fishing one night for mulloway, use berley

Lastly, **Phil Turner**, Phil will be fishing Rock and Beach sections

- * uses long rods
- * use 2500 Shimano reels, takes 3 spare spools with only 100m of new 1kg line
- * lures, max of 25gm, raiders – wind as fast as
- * Kmart Lazars – copy of white bait
- * Uses 1½ rod lengths of leader comprising 1m of 8kg trace, the remainder 4kg
- * Targeting salmon, bonito and frigates
- * Bait fishing, keep simple,
- * Leader 4kg down to 6kg trace. 1 hook
- * Pillies and squid
- * Use bobby cork in the middle of the day
- * NB half the strength of 1kg line is in the shine, once worn off, replace the line

Locations, try: **Burning Palms** northern head, spin off platform to 7.30, then across the beach for salmon, then on beach looking for salmon

Little Bay, Stanwell Park at surf club, northern end never crowded, **Garie Beach** close to north end of beach

Green Hills – up over steps to beach, 5-6 mins walk - good gutters at night or late afternoon

The Saga of the 200hp HO Etec continues.



Where do we begin

Fuelled up at Costco just prior to the Nowra Convention and used a measly 17 litres over during the weekend.

Dragged the boat to Narooma on the Thursday night and hit the water very early on Friday morning, and with some nerves crossed the bar in the dark and with a fog. The crossing was made easier as we were able to follow our friend, the skipper on the Sherriff, Matt Betts.

We stayed out around Montague Island till around 1pm, around 3hrs after the high tide. Headed in and then spent a few hours on the inlet.

Up Saturday morning early and crossed the bar our 2nd ever crossing. Conditions were great.

Motored around, in a pea soup sea fog and ended up east of Montague Island and just started catching a few fish.

The the weekend went from great to not so great.

Started the motor to complete another drift and it stalled, Strange!

Started the motor again and again it stalled. Really Strange!!

On the 3rd attempt, started but this time got a error message. "water in fuel Service Motor as soon as possible"

Buggar, and 7 or so miles east of Narooma.

So the 1st thought was to remove the fuel filters and

remove any water found, tried the 1st filter mounted on the transom. No matter how i tried i couldn't budge the filter.

Option 2, remove the 2nd filter under the cowl of the motor. And again no matter how i tried i couldn't budge the filter.

So while the cowl was off, I noticed the thermostat cover was broken and a nice shiny spring was visible.

Quick phone call the Hunts Service dept at Carlton and after speaking to the service manager, yep got to know him well over the last 12 months. Described what i had found with the Thermostat cover, and fuelling the water warning. Quote from Hunts, don't start the motor again.

Now we were at sea, 7 or so miles from Narooma, no motor and and no easy way back. Radioed Marine Rescue and they were sensational. Towed us back to Narooma, including towing us across a flat Narooma Bar.

Not to the end of the story.

Spent a week in Asia for Work the week following Narooma. Got back late morning on the Saturday and 1st priority was to get the boat to Hunts.

They rang me on Tuesday to let me know that we didn't have any water in the fuel, we had a faulty sensor on the fuel filter under the cowl on the motor. Hunts indicated that they had never seen a water sensor on this filter fail.

They replaced the thermostat cover and bingo we are up and running again.

David Maltby



Why South West Rocks?



We have made the annual journey to S.W.Rocks in April-May for many years.

This is the time for the late run of Spotted Mackerel. Many a Masters fish has been caught and lots of good eating fish to take home. The weather in general has been kind to us, just a few degrees warmer than Sydney at the same time. The river bar most days is passable for the heavier boats, but like all bars, care must be taken. Listen to the locals, watch the water and come and go with the tides.

Some years Cobia, Spanish Mackerel, Yellowfin, Northern Bluefin Tuna, Bonito and Marlin have been around. The River can yield Bream, Flathead, Whiting, Mulloway and Blue Swimmer crabs.

Horseshoe Bay is beautiful, shallow and protected from wind, families with young children love it. It is a long walk along Back Beach to the breakwall, very pleasant in the early mornings for fitness. The walk along the Trial Bay beach to the old historic jail is interesting. Along this beach there can be seen at times bits of old ship wrecks. It is popular for canoeing, sailboarding etc.

The National Park offers scenic walkways, and the Lighthouse at Smokey Cape is illuminating.

There is a small museum and craft shop all within easy walking from the Beach.

There are three caravan parks. One at Horseshoe Bay, The Big 4 en-route to the Jail and one near the Back Creek boat ramp. Some have cabins as well as tenting and vans. There are plenty of holiday rental cottages. Hookers, Elders and Rocks Real Estate are on the internet showing all details.

There are also 3 Motels. Some charter operators also provide accommodation type packages.

There is a large Coles, an IGA supermarket, Crazy Charlie's variety store, camping and caravan supplies, gelateria, Liquor outlets, picture theatre (for dull days), bike hire, tennis courts and golf course. There are plenty of eating places. The Pub and Riverside tavern are family friendly and of course there are pizza and pasta places. The Country club has both buffet and a la carte.

There are daily cruises along the river on party boats, and several charter companies for daily deep

sea fishing for those who don't bring a boat. There are two dive centres for those who wish to see the Grey Nurse sharks in the famous Fish Rock cave, or wish to become "certified".

Port Macquarie and Kempsey are only an hour's drive away. Timbertown is a good day out, as is the Kempsey Cup Race day and the Coffs Harbour Agriculture Show. Crescent Head is also a popular drive. At Ricardo's tomato and strawberry farm you can pick your own and also the Macadamia shop. For the little kids, there is a duck pond at Arakoon with a park full of Kangaroos.

Once a month markets come to town selling all manner of things including local produce, and the bakery makes great cream buns for the Club's picnic. The Trial Bay kiosk cafe has magnificent panoramic view and the best coffee and homemade scones for morning tea. The boat shed at Matty's Flats boat ramp also has great culinary delights.

There is a great tackle shop, who can certify and weigh captured fish and who collect Mulloway frames for Fisheries research. The Co-op sells fresh local oysters, prawns and fish of course. There is a children's playground, toilet facilities, BBQ area and shop at the boat ramp. An ANSA member, Vic Grezl who lives in the Rocks, services boat motors, is full of local knowledge and always helps out whatever the problem is. There are medical centre, doctors, dentist, nursing home, police station and now ambulance depot. The town is constantly changing with pretty new cottages on new developments, but still retaining the peace and tranquillity of a small country town.

The nightly Happy Hours to tell of the day's captures, and the development of tomorrow's tactics with nibbles and drinks are refreshing.

To be there with your friends-what more could you want?

For more information, just ask Phil or Mary Worsley on 9661 5428 or any one of "the crowd" who regularly go there.

See you there 23 April to 7 May, 2016. *(or any part thereof—Ed*



CLUB RECORDER'S REPORT – MARCH 2016

Certificates awarded at March meeting, events between 23 February and 20 March

Final results from **ANSA's Nowra Convention** have now been published and further CAA points are awarded to:

Ladies	1 st place	Karen Maltby – 1.1kg Tailor on 1kg (110 pts)	CAA pts	5
Ladies	3 rd place	Karen Maltby – 0.6kg Dusky Flathead on 1kg (60 pts)	CAA pts	3
Tag and Release	1 st place	Belinda Rayment (90 pts)	CAA pts	5
Longest Flathead		Ron Camp – 570mm	CAA pts	3

ANSA's Narooma Convention was held over the weekend of 11th to 13th March. Ron Camp, Bill Harvey, Peter Hewitt (fishing for Sea Bees), David and Karen Maltby, and Dennis Simpson were all in attendance.

Ladies	2 nd place	Karen Maltby – 1.33kg Salmon on 2kg (80 pts)	CAA pts	4
Heaviest Salmon		Dennis Simpson – 1.95kg	CAA pts	3
Heaviest Bream		Bill Harvey – 1.14kg	CAA pts	3

An **ANSA NSW record** was awarded for the following capture:

Belinda Rayment – All tackle length only – Striped Marlin 2,900mm	CAA pts	4
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Congratulations to the following anglers who were awarded **Masters capture certificates** last month:

Karen Maltby – Sportfishing – Tailor 1.15kg on 1kg (115pts)	CAA pts	5
Belinda Rayment – All tackle species – Mahi Mahi #1 1,310mm	CAA pts	5
Belinda Rayment – Gamefishing – Black Marlin estimated 60kg on 24kg (100pts)	CAA pts	5
Bruce Rayment – All tackle species – Mahi Mahi #1 1,460mm	CAA pts	5
This capture was a length only Club Record	CAA pts	3

CHAMPION ANGLER AWARD 2015/16 - END MARCH

<u>MENS</u>		<u>LADIES</u>		<u>JUNIORS</u>		<u>Non-NSW</u>	
Bruce Rayment	41	Belinda Rayment	43	<i>no entries</i>	-	<i>no entries</i>	-
Phil Turner	29	Karen Maltby	31				
Bill Harvey	14	Debbie Logan	10				
Ron Camp	9	Mary Worsley	5				
Ray Agius	8	Carol Rayment	3				
John Everett	8	Lia Zacharias	3				
David Maltby	6	Maria Zacharias	3				
Dennis Simpson	6						
Andrew Agius	5						
Peter Logan	5						
Andrew Perros	5						
Phil Worsley	5						
Trevor Dean	3						
Brendan McMahon	3						
Don Rayment	3						
Arthur Zacharias	3						

Length Only Comp

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

DIVISION 1 - LENGTH ONLY COMPETITION - 2015/16				<i>Updated as at:</i> 20/3/2016
Angler	Best Flathead - Length (mm)	Best Snapper - Length (mm)	Best Salmon - Length (mm)	Combined length (mm)
Karen Maltby	862	580	507	1,949
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
Dennis Simpson	-	-	550	550
Debbie Logan	515	-	-	515
Andrew Dean	490	-	-	490
Andrew Peros	460	-	-	460
David Maltby	-	420	-	420

DIVISION 2 - LENGTH ONLY COMPETITION - 2015/16				<i>Updated as at:</i> 20/3/2016
Angler	Best Bream - Length (mm)	Best Whiting - Length (mm)	Best Tailor - Length (mm)	Combined length (mm)
Debbie Logan	410	380	480	1,270
Peter Logan	400	345	400	1,145
Karen Maltby	300	-	510	810
Andrew Perros	290	415	-	705
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
Dennis Simpson	320	-	-	320
Bob McMahon	300	-	-	300

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Belinda

2016 Narooma Sport and Gamefishing Club 46th ANSA Convention

Major Sponsor Direct Plasterboard Outlet, Batemans Bay, servicing the South Coast.

The weather was at its best for the entire three days allowing the outside boats to travel far and wide, as well as giving the rock and beach fisho's great fishing conditions.

One hundred and thirty anglers, from 14 clubs, fished the Convention, travelling from Albury, Corowa, Canberra, Newcastle, Sydney and Lakes Entrance in Victoria.

Over three hundred fish were recorded, 90% being catch and release. No unusual species were recorded but some cracking captures did occur.

NAROOMA SPORT AND GAMEFISHING CLUB 2016 GAMEFISHING

Angler	Species	Wgt	Line	Pts	Club
Bob Hirs	Blue Marlin	160 kg	24 kg	800	Narooma

NAROOMA SPORT AND GAMEFISHING CLUB 2016 *ACC Div ESTUARY

Angler	Species	Wgt	Line	Pts	Club
Brett Kirk	Salmon	1.55	2	93	OTY
Ron Hanson	Nowra	.99	2	60	Nowra

NAROOMA SPORT AND GAMEFISHING CLUB 2016 *ACC Div ROCKS

Angler	Species	Wgt	Line	Pts	Club
Shaane Jasprizza	Salmon	1.90	2	114	Canberra FC
Shaane Jasprizza	Salmon	1.42	2	85.2	Canberra FC
Shaane Jasprizza	Salmon	1.26	2	75.6	Canberra FC

NAROOMA SPORT AND GAMEFISHING CLUB 2016 FLYFISHING

Angler	Species	Wgt	Line	Pts	Club
No Entries					

NAROOMA SPORT AND GAMEFISHING CLUB 2016 *ACC Div LADIES

Angler	Species	Wgt	Line	Pts	Club
Kelly Daly	Salmon	1.87	2	112.2	OTY
Karen Malby	Salmon	1.33	2	80	St. George SFC
Jess Konstantinidis	Salmon	1.06	2	63.6	OTY
Debbie Haman	Salmon	1.01	2	61	Narooma

NAROOMA SPORT AND GAMEFISHING CLUB 2016 JUNIOR CATCH AND RELEASE

Angler	Species	Wgt	Line	Pts	Club
Cameron Spooner				1271	OTY
Stephanie Ovington				853	Narooma
Claire Ovington				565	Narooma
Connor Askew				165	Sands
Lilly Daly				91	OTY

NAROOMA SPORT AND GAMEFISHING CLUB 2016 SENIOR CATCH AND RELEASE

Angler	Species	Wgt	Line	Pts	Club
Ian Phillips				2016	Non Club
Faye Hanson				1898	Nowra
James Payne				1200	OTY
Rolf Wick				527	Narooma
Karen Malby				513	St. George SFC

NAROOMA SPORT AND GAMEFISHING CLUB 2016 ALL TACKLE NON LINE CLASS

Angler	Species	Wgt	Line	Pts	Club
Bernard Jackson	Kingfish	6.55 kg			Narooma SFC
Larry Lewis	Morwong	2.16 kg			Narooma SFC
Dennis Simpson	Salmon	1.95 kg			St George SFC
Jan Hemmingsen	Snapper	1.34 kg			Narooma SFC
No Entry	Bonito	-----			-----
Bill Harvey	Bream	1.14 kg			St George SFC
Larry Lewis	Trevally	.67 kg			Narooma SFC
Colin Clarke	Tailor	.59 kg			Canberra FC
Mathew Wren	Flathead	.96 kg			Narooma
Bob King	Tuna	3.57 kg			Sands

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Angler	Species	Wgt	Line	Pts	Club
Stephanie Ovington	Kingfish				Narooma SFC

NAROOMA SPORT AND GAMEFISHING CLUB 2016 *ACC Div BEACH

Angler	Species	Wgt	Line	Pts	Club
Shane Jasprizza	Salmon	1.59	2	95.2	Canberra
Chris Clark	Salmon	1.49	2	89.4	Canberra
Shane Jasprizza	Salmon	1.39	2	84	Canberra
Colin Clarke	Salmon	1.39	2	84	Canberra
Colin Clarke	Salmon	1.36	2	81.6	Canberra

NAROOMA SPORT AND GAMEFISHING CLUB 2016 *ACC Div TAG AND RELEASE

Angler	Species	Wgt	Line	Pts	Club
Warren Horrigan	2x Black Marlin	1x Whaler	Shark	240	Narooma SFC
John Bennett	Striped Marlin			100	BBGFC
Graeme Cowley	1 x Kingfish	1 x St Tuna		20	Narooma SFC

NAROOMA SPORT AND GAMEFISHING CLUB 2016 *ACC Div BLUEWATER SPORTFISHING

Angler	Species	Wgt	Line	Pts	Club
Bob King	Striped Tuna	2.35 kgs	2	176	Sands
Mick Ovington	Salmon	2.14 kgs	2	128.4	Narooma SFC
David Moran	Salmon	1.79 kgs	2	107.4	OTY
Victor Legallant	Salmon	1.62 kgs	2	97.2	OTY
Bob King	Striped Tuna	3.87 kgs	6	97	Sands

NAROOMA SPORT AND GAMEFISHING CLUB 2016 SUB JUNIOR

Angler	Species	Wgt	Line	Pts	Club
Claire Ovington	Salmon	1.65	2	99	Narooma
Lilly Daly	Salmon	1.05	2	63	OTY

NAROOMA SPORT AND GAMEFISHING CLUB 2016 JUNIOR

Angler	Species	Wgt	Line	Pts	Club
Stephie Ovington	Kingfish	2.34 kgs	2	175.5	Narooma
Cameron Spooner	Salmon	2.21 kgs	2	132.6	OTY

CHAMPION CLUB 2016

1st Narooma SGFC 2nd Team OTY 3rd Canberra FC

Congratulations to all clubs who fished this year's Narooma Sport and Gamefishing Convention 2016.

A very big thank you to all the fishers who made the effort, stayed the weekend and enjoyed our hospitality.

Thank you all from Narooma Sport and Gamefishing members, our sponsors and beautiful Narooma.

HOPE TO SEE YOU BEFORE OUR NEXT CONVENTION!!

YOU'RE ALWAYS WELCOME

Next year's Convention, March 11, 12 and 13, 2017.

Les Waldock President Narooma Sport and Gamefishing Club Inc.

ACC Points awarded in Divisions

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Waterbird Of The Month



Pink-eared Duck, *Malacorhynchus membranaceus*

Other Names: Wigeon, Zebra Duck

Appearance. The Pink-eared Duck is a very distinctive bird. An average sized duck, its most notable features are the large square-tipped grey bill with a leathery flap at each corner, and strongly barred flanks. The white face has a large dark patch around the eyes, with a small and not very conspicuous pink spot behind where the black patch joins the dark grey crown.

Range & habitat. Most of Australia except the arid interior. Not particularly common, especially in coastal regions, but can occur in flocks of several hundred when conditions are suitable. Vagrant in Tasmania. Exhibit strong "pairing" behaviour, even when part of a large flock.

Feeding. Feeds in rotating "locked" pairs with the bill submerged, filtering small organisms disturbed from the bottom in shallows.

Breeding. Breeds at any time of the year given suitable water conditions. Usually 5-8 creamy white eggs in a nest of down constructed on a suitable tree branch or hollow, a stump log or fence post or abandoned nest of other waterbird species. Incubation 26 days.

Voice. Male:- A musical chirrup on the water and in flight. A sharp, high pitched "ee-jik" when alarmed.



Jelat Jelat, Near Bega



This bird is the first and only record of a Pink-eared Duck in Royal National Park. I first found it on the Hacking River at Wattle Flat on July 10, 2014. Royal National Park has very little habitat suitable for ducks, making this record even more unusual.

Roger Giller