



St George Sportfishing Club

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This **Newsletter might be a bit short** as Clark is off to South West Rocks... however let's see how we go.

Seems **3 Zacs** will hit the water at the Sydney Tournament— but they didn't.

Our safety officer has managed to tread on a nail at home—and after some protesting from his wife he reluctantly went to the doctors. "When did you have your last tetanus injection? 'bout 40 years ago I'd say, was his reply. Here bend over she said — 40 years ago needs special injections."

Wayne Colling's son **Josh reached the ripe old age of 21** on 22 March and dad offered a 21st party or a fishing trip—to Northern Territory. Of course the party was his first thought—but then the fishing trip sounds better.... I can have a party anytime. So dad and Josh headed off to Darwin but the weather was lousy—it is the wet season and the cyclone season, hence they were restricted somewhat. However all was not lost they did catch Queenfish and threadfin salmon. Now dad, perhaps on your 50th Josh might just reciprocate and take you somewhere exotic to fish? **Congratulations Josh**

Do you agree with more fishing closures in St George Sutherland area?

The present Government enquiry into the Hawkesbury Shelf Marine Bioregion has listed **44 additional sites as possible lockouts—there are 9 local ones**

We have until Sunday 8 May to advise we are against further closures. See page xxx—how to respond.

Coming Events full details page 2

- 5 May **Please note—there will be NO meeting this month. (May)**
- 20-22 May **ANSA Lake Lyell Convention**
- 2 June **General Meeting** at the Masonic Club, 7.30. Meeting #521. with Guest speaker
- 12 June **Club outing**—Georges River
- 7 July **General Meeting** at the Masonic Club, 7.30. Meeting #522. with Guest speaker
- 24 July **Club outing**—Botany Bay
- 4 Aug **Club Presentation Night**
- 20 Aug **Club outing**—Whiting Night

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- Oatley Bay boat ramp closed until end June
- Lucky door prize—won by our guest Stan K
- Latest on the carp virus
- John Mason's Evinrude Etec issues
- Another Navy ship for a reef off Sydney

Birthday people for May

5th Stuart Robertson 18th Noelene Fraser
 14th Lua (Faonelua Fakaua) 19th Glen Xuereb

Ohhh dear! Humblest apologies (bow and scrape) oh me (more bowing and scraping) Ron Camp's birthday was on the 7 April and he had a 'O' birthday and it was missed. Further Les Waldock's is on 13 May not April.

Coming Events — the detail

- 5 May There will be NO Meeting in May. 
- 20-22 May **ANSA Lake Lyell Convention.** A freshwater Convention hosted by Sea Bees. Lake Lyell is near Lithgow and the weather can be expected to be a bit chilly. However quite a few participants camp. Expect keen competition (and the temperature) and a few fish. Entry Forms next month.
- 2 June **General Meeting** at the Masonic Club, 7.30. Meeting #521. with Guest speaker
- 12 June **Club outing**—Georges River. Details are a bit sketchy at the moment but this just could be the **club's first luderick outing**. Watch this space. If this is to be a luderick outing, the speaker(s) for the June meeting could be covering bait (and where to get it) and rigs. Note that the Oatley Bay ramp will still be closed.
- 7 July **General Meeting** at the Masonic Club, 7.30. Meeting #522. with Guest speaker
- 24 July **Club outing**—Botany Bay. Even more sketchy than the Georges River outing but expect this to be something like the best salmon or best tailor day—on lures.
- 4 Aug **Club Presentation Night** more later
- 20 Aug **Club outing**—Whiting Night—more later

from our President



At the April meeting we were fortunate to have Phil Bolton drive up from Nowra to address the meeting. Phil is Recreational Fisheries Manager at NSW DPI.

His talk was around the use of circle hooks, and their advantages. Phil is a real devotee of circle hooks. He is a catch and release fan where circle hooks come into their own.

Congratulations to those members who did so very well in the Sydney Tournament. With Belinda Rayment winning the Ladies Section and third place as well, then Karen Maltby taking out the remaining places to give St George a clean sweep of the Ladies Section. Belinda took out third place in the Tagging Section with 3 x Mahi Mahi. And our resident flathead expert—old reliable Ron Camp just missed out on first place but took second, third and fifth in the Estuary Section. And to those who worked in the hot kitchen. Thanks to Chris and Tom for another great roast-on-the-spit that made the Saturdays meal something to talk about.

There will be no fishing club meeting this coming month. However there are quite a number of fishing events coming up—see the Coming Events in the column opposite.

I do encourage all members to submit a few words (or as many as you wish) to the Hawkesbury Shelf Marine Bioregion enquiry. Unless we are diligent more of our fishing spots near home will be taken away.

Good fishing

Dennis

Our Committee

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Hawkesbury Shelf marine bioregion

NSW Marine Estate Management Authority (MEMA) holds second round of stakeholder and community engagement.

St George SFC was represented by Dennis Simpson and the Newsletter Editor at the meeting on 6 April.

The purpose of the meeting was to

- provide 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.

Some background first...

The MEMA was set up following the last NSW elections.

The Hawkesbury Shelf is the last remaining area of NSW to be considered for protection. *Now don't be misled in thinking this is just about the Hawkesbury River area. The Hawkesbury Shelf extends from Newcastle to Wollongong and 3 Nm to sea.*

MEMA seems to be staffed by marine professionals. The methods used to come up with the results are perhaps questionable. It is thought we should not question the research and science used but we can question the methods and arrangements used. For example the **consultation process**. The MEMA held targeted 'engagements' in 2015 comprising,

- 4 peak stakeholder workshops,
- 3 aboriginal engagement workshops,
- 1500 entries on the web portal,
- 8 meetings with local councils,
- 2300 written submissions received

By way of appreciating these small numbers—the number of fishing licences issued in NSW is approx 500,000 of which some 350,000 would be in the Newcastle/Wollongong area.

The information gleaned from these 'engagements' has become the *Suggested Management Initiatives* (subject to submissions closing on Sunday 8 May) which is due to go to Government later this year—2016.

The government in setting up MEMA requested MEMA to investigate 15 **existing sites** in the region. This was done and the 'respondents' extended this to 22 sites. In the on-line questionnaire the respondents were asked to identify **additional sites** worth including. Now the preparation of questionnaires requires cleverness and sometimes guile to get the answers required and they did, 44 of them. Yes **44 new sites** have been requested. I would suspect the green-leaning-folk jumped at the chance to get more protection.

If this is the first time you have heard of this enquiry you are certainly not alone. I found it via ANSA emails. I guess it was advertised via a Government Media Release or the Government Gazette. Why could not the fishing public be advised of this via their Fishing Licence? Relying on the fishing magazines, tackle shops and the like certainly hasn't worked.

The on-line questionnaire was difficult to navigate and somewhat a deterrent to recreational fishers persisting.

The above engagements alone resulted in the MEMA conclusions. It is estimated only the 2300 written submissions (say half were recreational fishers) plus the 1500 entries on the web portal (say half again) and perhaps (say 50) at each of the stakeholder workshops gives a total of 2300 recreational fishers. Based on 350,000 fishing licence holders in this bioregion, gives 0.66% - hardly a reliable sample.

The meeting on 6 April was called by MEMA as a result of requests from the recreational fishing fraternity to engage with the MEMA. Even in this meeting the attendees were given **8 Suggested Management Initiatives** including additional/alternative initiatives. All managed.

The RFA (Recreational Fishing Alliance of NSW) of which ANSA is the foundation member and Stan Konstantaras is the president, has written to the Minister of DPI (which includes Fisheries) and the Minister for the Environment raising these issues and has 6 suggestions "to ensure we are all confident that the process is fair and transparent".

Now, where do we come in?

It is suggested we question,

- The lack of community engagement,
- The Risk and Threats Assessment,
- The government failures in the bioregion
- Socio impacts of further closures

And **comment on each of the 9 St George/Sutherland additional sites**. The nine additional sites are...

Botany Bay Cronulla Port Port Hacking
Georges River Bare Island Osborne Shoals
Royal National Park Kurnell Little Bay

See pages 4 to 7 for the detail of suggestions submitted to have these areas included. You should address these in your submission. You might use the word 'I', as in "I have not seen any of...". Make it personal but please don't rubbish them.

Submissions close on Sunday, 8 May. Submissions can be made online at www.marine.nsw.gov.au, via email at contact.us@marine.nsw.gov.au or by post: Submission – Hawkesbury Shelf Marine Bioregion Initiative NSW DPI, Locked Bag 1, Nelson Bay, NSW 2315

ANSA/RFA is preparing a list of suggested responses. You will receive an email next week with these. Please submit your response.

ADDITIONAL SITES	BENEFITS	THREATS	OPPORTUNITIES SUMMARY
<p>Botany Bay</p>	<p>Boating, Education, Health & Wellbeing, Intrinsic values, Recreational fishing, Research, SCUBA diving/Snorkelling, Surfing/Swimming, Traditional use & Knowledge, Tourism, Shipping and Ports</p> <p>Other:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only ocean embayment in the bioregion • Endangered Posidonia australis population • Eve St. Marsh - Listed in the Directory of Important Wetlands and includes diverse saltmarsh habitat 	<p>Agriculture, Aquaculture, Charter Activities, Charter fishing, Climate change, Coastal floodplain development and use, Commercial fishing, Cultural fishing, Dredging, Extreme weather events, Foreshore development, Industrial activities, Pollution, Recreation and tourism, Recreational fishing, Mining and extractive activities, Shipping, Stormwater discharge</p> <p>Other:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invasive species • Reclamation • Boat moorings • Foreign operated ships – skill level and knowledge below standard 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protection • Other <p>Themes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biodiversity conservation ○ Protected area ○ Habitat management and rehabilitation <p>Methods</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research • Engagement ○ Communications • Partnerships / Whole of Government • Regulation and compliance
<p>Botany Bay – Bare Island</p>	<p>Education, Health & wellbeing, Intrinsic values, Research, SCUBA diving / Snorkelling, Surfing/Swimming, Tourism</p> <p>Other:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High biodiversity for small fish and invertebrates • Popular dive site • Accessible 	<p>Charter fishing, Climate change, Commercial fishing, Cultural fishing, Dredging, Industrial activities, Mining and extractive industries, Pollution, Recreational fishing, Shipping, Stormwater discharge, Foreshore development</p> <p>Other:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overfishing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sanctuary zone • Protection • Other <p>Themes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biodiversity conservation ○ Protected areas ○ Habitat management and rehabilitation • Fisheries and aquaculture

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Growing number of sea urchins gradually destroying the kelp gardens • Overfishing – low numbers of male crimson banded wrasse 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water quality and litter <p>Methods</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning • Regulation and compliance
CRONULLA	<p>Intrinsic values, SCUBA diving / Snorkelling, Surfing / Swimming</p> <p>Other:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blue groper, weedy seadragons • Submerged shoal complex in Bate Bay • Oak Park is a well known place to SCUBA dive due to easy access and diversity of fish and underwater sandstone walls 	<p>Commercial fishing, Industrial activities, Pollution, Recreational fishing, Stormwater discharge</p> <p>Other:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spearfishing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sanctuary zone • Protection <p>Themes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biodiversity conservation ○ Protected areas
Georges River	<p>Other:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Massing small fish fry • Canoeing 	<p>nil in here</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protection <p>Themes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biodiversity conservation
Kurnell	<p>Aquaculture, Health and wellbeing, Education, Intrinsic values, Research, SCUBA diving/Snorkelling, Surfing/Swimming, Tourism</p> <p>Other:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weedy seadragons, soft corals, diverse intertidal communities • Register of the National Estate 	<p>Coastal floodplain development and use, Foreshore development, Industrial activities, Pollution, Climate change, Commercial fishing, Dredging, Recreational fishing, Stormwater discharge, Charter fishing, Cultural fishing</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sanctuary zone • Protection • Other <p>Themes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biodiversity conservation ○ Protected areas ○ Habitat management and rehabilitation ○ Management of threatened species • Water quality and litter <p>Methods</p>

<p>Little Bay</p>	<p>Intrinsic values, SCUBA diving / Snorkelling, Tourism, Surfing/Swimming, Education, Research</p>	<p>Cultural fishing, recreational fishing, Pollution, Stormwater discharge</p> <p>Other:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spearfishing • Fishing and Collecting • Dogs on rock platform • Increased density of users 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning • Sanctuary • Protection <p>Themes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biodiversity conservation ○ Protected areas ○ Habitat management and rehabilitation • Fisheries and aquaculture <p>Methods</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engagement ○ Education • Regulation and compliance
<p>Osborne Shoals (Submerged shoal complex in Bate Bay and near Boat Harbour Aquatic Reserve)</p>	<p>Other:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • migratory bird roosting area • Snorkelling • Diving location • Underwater Research Group discovered live specimen of the mollusc <i>Bursa mammata</i>, which was previously thought extinct 	<p>nil in here</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sanctuary zone <p>Themes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biodiversity conservation ○ Protected areas
<p>Port Hacking</p>	<p>Education, Health and wellbeing, intrinsic values, research, SCUBA diving / Snorkelling, Surfing/Swimming, tourism, traditional use and knowledge, boating, recreational fishing, urban,</p>	<p>Coastal floodplain development and use, Foreshore development, Industrial activities, Recreational fishing, stormwater discharge, pollution, Mining and extractive industries, industrial activities, Agriculture, clima</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sanctuary zone • Protection • Other <p>Themes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biodiversity conservation ○ Protected areas ○ Habitat management and

<p>industrial, agricultural development</p> <p>Other:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diverse intertidal communities • Nursery area • Cabbage Tree Point (Port Hacking) IPA • Hungary Point Heritage site, middens (owned by trust) 	<p>te change, dredging, extreme weather events, shipping</p> <p>Other:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dredging, sand mining, reclamation, boat moorings, boat propellers and changes to the physical environment (e.g., wave heights). • Poor water • The invasive • Caulerpa taxifolia • poor regulation of industry by Council, urban development, poor catchment management • Motorised boating...keep the barrier of low bridge at entrance, but entrance needs widening not deepening to stop sand build up caused by obstructing bridge works which carry utilities to Gundamain • Fishing litter and debris 	<p>rehabilitation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fisheries and aquaculture • Water quality and litter <p>Methods</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning • Engagement ○ Education
<p>Royal National Park</p> <p>Education, Intrinsic values, SCUBA diving / Snorkelling, Health and wellbeing</p> <p>Other:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SCUBA training, easily accessible lagoon 	<p>Cultural fishing, recreational fishing</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sanctuary • Other <p>Themes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biodiversity conservation ○ Protected areas <p>Methods</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engagement ○ Education

Letters to the Editor

Hi Bill, great to read the new letter as usual, just wish I was fishing instead of family priorities.

Just a note on Etec issues, I have a 150 HP 5 yrs old fitted, it went extremely well for the first 3 years, then I started getting all these strange error messages and/ or intermittent electronic readout issues.

Searched the internet and the general view was 'dry joints' in the ultrafine pin electrical connectors, Did the Sherlock Holmes and located every connector on the motor but more importantly in the boat wiring loom, (approx 11-12 joints). Disconnected every joint and lubricated with 'Vaseline',

This immediately eliminated the error messages and touch wood all is running Ok until next time I guess. Perhaps worth sharing with those running fully electronic motors

John (Mason)

The NEWS

Plan to sink ex-Navy off Coogee Beach to create artificial dive reef gains momentum

A GROUP of scientists and business owners has been formed by Coogee MP Bruce Notley-Smith to help bring to life a plan for an artificial dive reef off Coogee Beach.

The Gordon's Bay Scuba Diving club has a [proposal to scuttle an ex-Navy ship](#) four kilometres off Coogee's coastline to create a dive reef and boost tourism.

The club's preferred ship is the Royal Australian Navy's HMAS Sydney, which was decommissioned in November 2015.



HMAS Sydney passes a Manly ferry as she enters Sydney Harbour for the last time in February 2015

CSIRO's herpes virus 'ready for release' to eradicate carp

After eight years of laboratory testing, the CSIRO is convinced the carp-specific virus, if released into the wild, will kill only the -invasive and damaging European carp and no other Australian fish species, native or introduced.

The killer koi herpes virus, spread by infected carp touching each other and in surrounding water, cannot infect any other form of life, including -humans, birds, animals or crustaceans such as yabbies than might feed on the dead or diseased carp bodies.

It is estimated there are now millions, even billions, of carp clogging Australia's major river systems since their introduction from Asia decades ago, causing waterways to become muddy and eroded, and half the native fish species in the Murray-Darling Basin, such as Murray cod, yellowbelly and bony bream, to be classed vulnerable or threatened with extinction.

European carp, often called the "rabbits of the rivers" for the speed at which they multiply and environmental degradation they cause, now make up an astounding 80 per cent of all fish biomass living in the vast and critical -Murray-Darling Basin river, creek and wetland system.

Stringent CSIRO testing at the high-security Australian Animal Health Laboratories near Geelong suggests that introduction of the new herpes virus imported from Indonesia into "hot spot" carp breeding grounds in wetlands and billabongs along the badly affected Murray-Darling river system, would kill most carp within a few months.

Ken McColl, CSIRO head -researcher at AAHL's carp -control team, said it was exciting to have the opportunity to do something useful for the nation and "really good for our river -systems."

"Most herpes viruses are very species-specific; this one has caused massive mortalities in carp overseas and is absolutely safe around humans and all other -species," Dr McColl said.

"We expect 70 to 80 per cent mortality in the first instance, which is huge when we are talking that number of fish, and then we will have a one- to four-year -window to do other things like netting and genetic work to really keep the carp population under control."

An unlikely alliance of farmer, -conservation, scientific and -fishing organisations has now united with the CSIRO to push for the urgent release of the carp -herpes virus next year.

The Australian Conservation Foundation, National Farmers Federation, National Irrigators Council, Invasive Animals Council and Australian Recreational Fishing Foundation want federal Agriculture Minister Barnaby Joyce and Environment Minister Greg Hunt to "show leadership" and find \$50 million-\$100m to win community and regulatory backing for the next step of the biological control carp strategy.

Sydney Tournament Preparation



Cooks tent is up



More pegs Phil—the forecast is to be windy this week



Now for the power



The presentation area is made ready



and the power pole



John Burgess giving the loo a clean up



The kitchen and bar is stocked



And the power pole again



The meeting room gets a clean and a little painting



Belinda receives the award for the winning the Ladies Section of the Sydney Tournament with her 61kg Black Marlin

From our last meeting

We had Phil Bolton as our first guest speaker. Phil is Recreational Fisheries Manager at NSW DPI. His talk was around the use of circle hooks, and their advantages.

He spoke of releasing fish and the need to preserve the natural coating over the fishes scales that if damaged or removed the fish was likely to suffer infection. He stressed the need to use environmental landing nets—those without knots.

He spoke about resuscitating fish before final release. The TV habit of holding the tail of a fish (under water) and moving the fish back and forth—the backward movement giving rise to drowning the fish. Forward movement was required to push water over the gills.

And finally he spoke of barotrauma. When many fish species are caught from water deeper than 10 metres, they can suffer



The power pole (again)



a range of injuries due to the changes in pressure, known as 'barotrauma'. Barotrauma results from the expansion of gases in the swim bladder and other organs when fish do not have time to adjust to the rapid changes in water pressure as they are pulled towards the surface. The affects and severity

increase with depth of capture and susceptibility varies between species. Physical effects include inflated abdomen, bulging eyes, stomach pushed outside the mouth and distended intestines. When asked about piercing the "bladder" protruding from the



fishes mouth, he quickly advised this is the stomach and any piercing would increase the likelihood of peritonitis and possible death. The recommended method of release is the use of a large barbless hook (or similar) firmly attached to a large sinker and on to a handline. Hook the fish in the mouth and release overboard. On descent the swim bladder will slowly deflate, the stomach retracts and the fish will kick free of the hook. Phil showed some footage of the process. Phil left us with some circle hooks for our use.

Phil was thanked by the president for his most informative talk and thanked for driving up from Nowra.



It should be over there

CLUB RECORDER'S REPORT - APRIL 2016



Certificates awarded at April meeting, events between 21 March and 17 April

There are only a couple months left to run in the club's own **length only competition** so please let me know of any captures of Flathead, Snapper and Salmon (Division 1) and Bream, Whiting and Tailor (Division 2).

DIVISION 1 - LENGTH ONLY COMPETITION - 2015/16				Updated as at: 17/4/2016
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
Ron Camp	836	-	-	836
Faonelua Fakaua	820	-	-	820
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				Updated as at: 17/4/2016
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
Bill Harvey	400	437	-	837
Karen Maltby	300	-	510	810
John Everett	370	-	370	740
Andrew Perros	290	415	-	705
Ray Agius	455	-	-	455
Andrew Agius	410	-	-	410
David Maltby	395	-	-	395
James Rayment	340	-	-	340
Trevor Dean	330	-	-	330
Bruce Rayment	330	-	-	330
Dennis Simpson	320	-	-	320
Bob McMahon	300	-	-	300

ANSA's Sydney Tournament was held over the weekend of 1st to 3rd April, with St George finishing 2nd overall on 26 points. CAA points have been awarded for all those who fished and helped.

Ray Agius, Ron Camp, Bill Fraser, Noelene Fraser, Bev Giller, Roger Giller, Bill Harvey, Chris Holland, Craig Holland, Karen Holland, Col King, Debbie Logan, Peter Logan, Rebecca Logan, David Maltby, Karen Maltby, Bob McMahon, Helen Mortel, Peter Mortel, Andrew Perros, Belinda Rayment, Bruce Rayment, Dennis Simpson, Phil Turner, Mary Worsley, Phil Worsley, Sid Young, Arthur Zacharias, Lia Zacharias, Maria Zacharias

Further CAA points have been awarded for places in the following divisions:

Estuary	2 nd place	Ron Camp – 4.09kg Dusky Flathead on 1kg (409 pts)	CAA pts	4
Estuary	3 rd place	Ron Camp – 2.00kg Dusky Flathead on 1kg (200 pts)	CAA pts	3
Estuary	5 th place	Ron Camp – 1.37kg Dusky Flathead on 1kg (137 pts)	CAA pts	1
Ladies	1 st place	Belinda Rayment – 61kg Black Marlin on 15kg (488 pts)	CAA pts	5
Ladies	2 nd place	Karen Maltby – 2.31 Striped Tuna on 2kg (173.25 pts)	CAA pts	4
Ladies	3 rd place	Belinda Rayment – 2.01 Striped Tuna on 2kg (150.75 pts)	CAA pts	3

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Ladies 4 th place	Karen Maltby – 1.09kg Flathead on 1kg (109 pts)	CAA pts	2
Ladies 5 th place	Karen Maltby – 1.06kg Flathead on 1kg (106 pts)	CAA pts	1
Tag and Release	equal 2 nd place	Belinda Rayment – 30 pts	CAA pts 3 ½

Belinda Rayment was awarded an **ANSA National Record** certificate for this capture:

Belinda Rayment – Length Only – Striped Marlin 2,900mm	CAA pts	7
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Congratulations to the following anglers for these **Masters capture certificates** awarded at the April meeting:

Faonelua Fakaua – Length Only – Dusky Flathead 820mm	CAA pts	5
Karen Maltby – Gamefishing – Australian Salmon 1.34kg on 1kg (160.8pts)	CAA pts	5
Belinda Rayment – 250 Gamefishing – Black Marlin 61kg on 15kg (488pts)	CAA pts	6
This capture was a Club Record on 37kg	CAA pts	3
Bruce Rayment – All tackle species – Black Marlin #2 1,460mm	CAA pts	5
Dennis Simpson – Length Only – Australian Salmon 550mm	CAA pts	5
Phil Turner – All Tackle Species #29 – Shark, Dusky Whaler 1,220mm	CAA pts	5
Phil Turner – All Tackle Species #30 – Shark, Dusky Whaler 1,280mm	CAA pts	5
This capture was a length only Club Record	CAA pts	3
Phil Turner – All Tackle Species #31 – Shark, Dusky Whaler 920mm	CAA pts	5
Phil Turner – All Tackle Species #32 – Shark, Dusky Whaler 980mm	CAA pts	5
Phil Turner – All Tackle Species #33 – Shark, Dusky Whaler 990mm	CAA pts	5
Phil Turner – All Tackle Species #34 – Shark, Dusky Whaler 980mm	CAA pts	5
Phil Turner – All Tackle Species #35 – Shark, Dusky Whaler 990mm	CAA pts	5
Phil Turner – All Tackle Species #36 – Shark, Dusky Whaler 990mm	CAA pts	5
Phil Turner – All Tackle Species #37 – Shark, Dusky Whaler 1,060mm	CAA pts	5
Phil Turner – All Tackle Species #38 – Shark, Dusky Whaler 1,000mm	CAA pts	5

Master Angler Award

Mary Worsley has been awarded her **Master 10 Angler Award** in the Length Only Division. Mary's 1st capture in the division was in March 2009 – a 1,400mm Hammerhead Shark caught in Botany Bay. She made her 10th capture in December 2015 – a Dusky Flathead of 860mm. Congratulations Mary on a fabulous achievement

CHAMPION ANGLER AWARD 2015/16 - END APRIL							
MENS		LADIES		JUNIORS		Non-NSW	
Phil Turner	85	Belinda Rayment	73.5	<i>no entries</i>	-	<i>no entries</i>	-
Bruce Rayment	49	Karen Maltby	46				
Ron Camp	20	Debbie Logan	13				
Bill Harvey	17	Mary Worsley	8				
Dennis Simpson	14	Lia Zacharias	6				
Ray Agius	11	Maria Zacharias	6				
David Maltby	9	Bev Giller	3				
John Everett	8	Karen Holland	3				
Peter Logan	8	Rebecca Logan	3				
Andrew Perros	8	Helen Mortel	3				
Phil Worsley	8	Carol Rayment	3				
Arthur Zacharias	6						
Andrew Agius	5						
Lua Fakaua	5						
Trevor Dean	3						
Bill Fraser	3						
Roger Giller	3						
Chris Holland	3						
Craig Holland	3						
Colin King	3						
Bob McMahon	3						
Brendan McMahon	3						
Peter Mortel	3						
Don Rayment	3						
Sid Young	3						

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ANGLERS NAME	CLUB	SPECIES	MASS LINE	POINTS
DIVISION 1: Landbased - Game Species				
1 Chris Searfield	Australian Land Based Angle	TUNA - SOUTHERN BL	60.000	15 600.000
DIVISION 2: Landbased - Non-Game Species				
1 Paul Cooper	Sth Sydney Amateur Fishing	ROCK BLACKFISH	0.960	2 72.000
2 Paul Cooper	Sth Sydney Amateur Fishing	LUDEWICK	0.970	2 58.200
DIVISION 3: Sportfishing - Saltwater Lakes and Estuaries				
1 Glen Moran	Carbena Fisherman's Club	FLATHEAD - DUSKY	3.600	2 180.000
2 Phil Worsley	St George Sportfishing Club	MULLOWAY	5.420	4 135.500
DIVISION 4: Sportfishing - From a Boat (Outside)				
1 Paul Cooper	Sth Sydney Amateur Fishing	ALBACORE	7.690	3 384.500
2 Chris Stolk	Wollongong Sportfishing Clu	DOLPHIN FISH	15.500	8 290.625
3 Chris Stolk	Wollongong Sportfishing Clu	DOLPHIN FISH	10.900	8 204.375
DIVISION 5: Sportfishing - Freshwater				
1 Todd Moeser	Sea Bees Boating Club	PERCH - GOLDEN	3.220	2 161.000
2 Paul Cooper	Sth Sydney Amateur Fishing	TROUT - BROWN	2.130	2 106.500
3 Stuart Bell	Sth Sydney Amateur Fishing	TROUT - BROWN	1.780	2 89.000
DIVISION 6: Lure Fishing - Saltwater				
1 Terry Taton	Wollongong Sportfishing Clu	TUNA - STRIPED	4.200	2 315.000
2 John Bosch	Carbena Fisherman's Club	FLATHEAD - DUSKY	2.730	2 136.500
3 Aaron Anderson	Wollongong Sportfishing Clu	SALMON - AUSTRALIA	1.950	2 117.000
DIVISION 7: Lure Fishing - Freshwater				
1 Grant Evans	Australian Land Based Angle	PERCH - GOLDEN	4.650	2 232.500
2 Todd Moeser	Sea Bees Boating Club	PERCH - GOLDEN	3.050	2 152.500
3 Terry Taton	Wollongong Sportfishing Clu	BASS - AUSTRALIAN	1.450	2 108.750
DIVISION 8: Flyfishing				
1 VACANT	NO CLUB		0.000	0 0.000
DIVISION 9: Gamefishing				
1 Terry Taton	Wollongong Sportfishing Clu	MARLIN - BLACK	59.000	10 708.000
2 Terry Taton	Wollongong Sportfishing Clu	MARLIN - BLACK	99.000	24 495.000
3 Ricardo Orellana	Sth Sydney Amateur Fishing	MARLIN - STRIPED	84.500	24 422.500
DIVISION 10: Capture by a Lady				
1 Mary Taton	Wollongong Sportfishing Clu	MARLIN - BLACK	72.000	24 360.000
2 Karen Malby	St George Sportfishing Club	SALMON - AUSTRALIA	1.340	2 80.400
3 Belinda Rayment	St George Sportfishing Club	TREVALLY - SILVER	0.990	2 74.250
DIVISION 11: Capture by a Junior Boy				
1 Ryan Nemeo	Sth Sydney Amateur Fishing	MARLIN - STRIPED	60.500	15 484.000
2 Marcos Sterianos	Sth Sydney Amateur Fishing	MARLIN - STRIPED	71.000	24 335.000
3 Ryan Nemeo	Sth Sydney Amateur Fishing	TUNA - YELLOWFIN	29.000	15 290.000
DIVISION 12: Capture by a Junior Girl				
1 Chelsea Rubstein	Sth Sydney Amateur Fishing	MARLIN - STRIPED	76.000	24 380.000
DIVISION 13: Capture by a Sub-Junior				
1 Ryder Evans	Australian Land Based Angle	PERCH - GOLDEN	3.420	2 171.000
DIVISION 14: Tag and Release				
1 John Rankin	Eden Sport & Game Fishing Club			1640
2 Belinda Rayment	St George Sportfishing Club			340
3 Bruce Rayment	St George Sportfishing Club			200

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ANGLERS NAME	CLUB	SPECIES	MASS LINE	POINTS
DIVISION 15: Length Only - Carp				
1 Chelsea Rubstein	Sth Sydney Amateur Fishing Asso	CARP - EUROPEAN		830.000
2 VACANT	NO CLUB	CARP		0.000
DIVISION 16: Length Only - Trout (All Species)				
1 Stan Konstantaris	Sth Sydney Amateur Fishing Asso	TROUT		645.000
DIVISION 17: Length Only - Australian Bass				
1 Terry Taton	Wollongong Sportfishing Club	BASS - AUSTRALIAN		539.000
2 Gavin Beveridge	Sportfishing NSW	BASS		530.000
3 Jim Kosylin	Sth Sydney Amateur Fishing Asso	BASS - AUSTRALIAN		490.000
DIVISION 18: Length Only - Bream (All Species)				
1 David Donovan	Sportfishing NSW	BREAM - YELLOWFIN		467.000
2 Raymond Agius	St George Sportfishing Club	BREAM - YELLOWFIN		455.000
3 James Donovan	Sportfishing NSW	BREAM - YELLOWFIN		440.000
DIVISION 19: Length Only - Flathead (All Species)				
1 Karen Malby	St George Sportfishing Club	FLATHEAD - DUSKY		862.000
2 Stephen Carrilleri	Botany Bay Sport Fishing Club	FLATHEAD - DUSKY		830.000
3 Faencha Fakau	St George Sportfishing Club	FLATHEAD - DUSKY		820.000
DIVISION 20: Length Only - Australian Salmon				
1 Michael Foukare	Australian Land Based Anglers	SALMON - AUSTRALIA		660.000
2 David Mascot	Australian Land Based Anglers	SALMON - AUSTRALIA		650.000
2 Phil Turner	St George Sportfishing Club	SALMON - AUSTRALIA		650.000
DIVISION 21: Length Only - Yellowtail Kingfish				
1 Kurt Staples	Australian Land Based Anglers	KINGFISH - YELLOWTAIL		1150.000
2 Michael Tweedie	Australian Land Based Anglers	KINGFISH - YELLOWTAIL		1020.000
3 VACANT	NO CLUB	KINGFISH		0.000

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ANGLERS NAME	CLUB	SPECIES	MASS LINE	POINTS
DIVISION 22: Most Versatile Angler				
ANGLERS NAME	CLUB			POINTS
Terry Taton	Wollongong Sportfishing Club			19
Marcos Sterianos	Sth Sydney Amateur Fishing Assoc			12
Ryan Nemeo	Sth Sydney Amateur Fishing Assoc			11
Chris Stolk	Wollongong Sportfishing Club			10
Paul Cooper	Sth Sydney Amateur Fishing Assoc			10
DIVISION 23: Champion Club				
CLUB				POINTS
Sth Sydney Amateur Fishing Assoc				28
Wollongong Sportfishing Club				19
Australian Land Based Anglers				18.5
St George Sportfishing Club				15.5
Sportfishing NSW				6
Sea Bees Boating Club				5
Carbena Fisherman's Club				5
Eden Sport & Game Fishing Club				3
Botany Bay Sport Fishing Club				2

Seabird Of The Month



Silver Gull, *Chroicocephalus novaehollandiae*

Other Names: Seagull

Appearance. Without doubt the most common seabird in Australia, the Silver Gull is nonetheless an interesting species. The adult plumage is primarily white apart from the upper wings which are a silvery grey. The wingtips are black with small white spots. The bill, legs and feet are bright orange-red and there is a red eye-ring. Juvenile birds have mottled brown upper wings and black to brown non-plumage parts. Colouration changes gradually to adult over the first year.

Range & habitat. Most of Australia except the arid interior, but particularly common in coastal regions. Form large flocks, especially where food is plentiful, e.g. parks, streets, rubbish tips etc. Will follow fishing vessels in near-coastal waters but rarely venture far offshore. Also beaches, rock shelves, offshore islands. I have seen them at Woomera in South Australia.

Feeding. On the water Silver Gulls feed on almost anything that floats but are normally reluctant to submerge their head very far. On land they are well known scavengers

Breeding. Breed at any time of the year depending on the availability of suitable locations. Offshore islands such as those near Port Kembla have thousands of nesting pairs in the peak breeding season of August to December. They are known to breed on Lion Island in Lake Jindabyne. 1-3 mottled pale brown eggs are laid in a nest made from grass, plant stems, dried seaweed etc., which may be located on the ground or rocks as well as on man-made structures such as piers and wharves. Both parents share nest preparation, incubation (23-26 days) and care of the young.

Voice. Harsh squawks and yells.



Mature Adult - Toronto, NSW

Roger Giller



Sub-adult, Swansea

