



St George Sportfishing Club

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VALE - DON HINCHY

5 August 1932 - 26 September 2014



The following are some excerpts from Brad's eulogy at the funeral.

"Frederick Thomas Donald Hinchy, whom pretty much everyone knew as DON."

"He was offered an apprenticeship in the Lift Industry with Standard Waygood Limited as an Electrical Mechanic in April 1948. He spoke of many people and the places he worked in a city that was just starting to expand and grow."

"During this time, another part of his life was growing and developing as well, Dad was a good football player, a centre with some speed he would tell us. This plays a great and most important part in Dad's life a little later."

"Mr Frederick Thomas Donald Hinchy was married to Miss Judith Agnes Cowie on the 5th of February 1955."

"Dad left a letter that was dated from 1954 that was an offer for him to play Grade Football with Newtown Rugby League Club, but Dad told us he believe that his family and working future was the most important thing in his life, so he never took the offer up. I do not wonder if my Father would have been a champion, because I have always known he was."

"It was also here I caught Dad's fishing bug, we worked as a team, I would catch the bait and he would catch dinner."

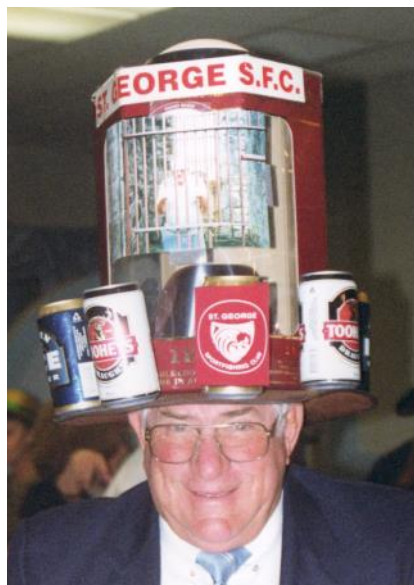
"Also around this time, a friend of his had heard about a fishing club that had recently started. These blokes talked about fishing, went fishing and had trips away doing, you guessed it, fishing."

"Dad went to a meeting and was Hooked, every pun intended." *Don joined the fishing club on 17 May 1972.* "It became part of Dad's life and without doubt, the most important thing after his own family. So it would have been easier to say Dad's second family. He served on the committee at different stages and would always help with anything he could."

"-so to all the members that have gone ahead of Dad and some who are longer in the club, but especially all those who are still in the club, we thank you, as you too helped Dad through some difficult times and keep him active."

"I truly can not mention every person that was linked to him in this wonderful group of people, but again there are some I must. There were his two brothers in arms, Wild Bill Frazer and the country cowboy Paul Lloyd."

"There is one more I must mention and that is his travelling companion and soul mate, dad would drink white wine to his red or red if Chris was buying, they would pinch anything off each other and then tell everyone it was the other, they would lie and cheat to get one up on each other, but with only love in their hearts. He is, the always mischievous Mr Christopher Holland."



"One last thing, some people know and some may not have known about Dad is that he is the recipient of the highest awarded medal for brave to a civilian he received, the Bronze Medal for Bravery. He was never one to put it out as a sign of who he was, because if you knew Dad well, you knew he did not need a medal to show who he was."

He was a true gentleman and never had a bad word to say about anyone. We fished & tented together for many years when attending the Narooma Convention and shared many hair raising times together, stories which we both have told over and over again.

Don is a person who will always live long in my memory.

Don (Rayment)

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Birthday people for November

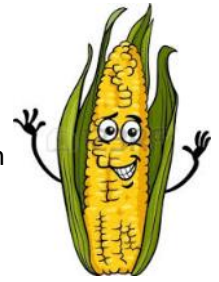
1st Phil Turner 25th Brad Hinchy
11th Peter Hewitt 27th Debbie Lattin (Worsley)
17th Nathalie dHyon

Sid Young won the **Lucky Door Prize** last month—a nice leg of lamb. Don't forget to sign the attendance book on the way in to the meeting to be in the draw.

The EAR

Don Hinchy.

Having explained last month that Don was recovering albeit slowly, I have the sad task of advising that Don passed away just a few days later. See more about Don's life on page 1.



Now, we are sure Don would not like us to be morbid but rather get on with **his Column**.

So, in explaining the **life jacket episode** at Sussex last month, an anonymous document of the event has come across the desk of The Ear.



"The culprit was wrestling with some gear under his boat seat, found it was a lifejacket and gave it one good tug, only to inflate it. Good one Bob."

Last year's Golden Brick recipient **John Mason** has yet to claim the Trophy (he has been away working). But we could be excused for thinking he was avoiding the presentation—read on. The Ear has spies/reporters everywhere—in this case from an unlikely source, a South Sydney member. The said spy reports he followed the Mason family to Fiji. John and the spy joined up for a fishing trip obviously to give the spy some pointers in how to fish.

John while preparing to get into the boat (in 3 inches of water) jumped up screaming " – get help, GET HELP". He was ignored. "**GET HELP**" – for what reason he was yelling was not apparent and falling on deaf ears. The Fijians looked on bewildered, the spy wondered what trick this might be. There was some blood in the water – but what could be in 3 inches of water – that caused so much confusion. Get me to a doctor cried John looking for assistance from the spy. " - the doctor is 1½ hours away" was the reply. The Fijians however loaded him into the boat and literally dropped him off on the wharf of the island with a first aid centre. John was attended to by a nurse and given morphine to relieve the pain. It seems the morphine made him laugh in between the pain spasms. To make matters worse Jen went crook at him for interrupting her shopping. But wait there's more;

We just went away with the Masons and John dropped his kayak whilst loading it. Dented the roof and ripped the rear view mirror off.

Coming Events the detail....

- Oct 31-Nov 2 ANSA **Burrinjuck** Convention
- Nov 4-7 **FishCare workshops** for schools at Gunnamatta Bay
- Thu 6 Nov **General Meeting** (meeting #506) at the Masonic Club, 7.30. Our own Mulloway experts Phil and Mary Worsley will be talking on **"Fishing for Mulloway"**. This will be a good talk in preparation for our mulloway night on Saturday 15 November. Don't forget to sign the attendance book to be in the draw for the Lucky Door prize.
- Sat 15 Nov club **mulloway night**, Georges River
- Nov 22/23 ANSA **2-4-6 Inter-Club** Competition **HAS BEEN CANCELLED by the HOST CLUB**
- Nov 15/22 Old 4 New **lifejacket trade-in**

From the President

It is sad to note the passing of Don Hinchy. Although he experienced some difficulty walking of late he was ever present at meetings and at various fishing activities. Don always had time to talk to you and make comments as appropriate of his experiences (particularly when fishing with others). His presence and pleasant demeanour will be sadly missed.

Moving forward, the Committee is open to suggestions for possible future club speakers or activities. Please see me at the November meeting (or email dlsimpson2@bigpond.com) as your comments in this regard would be appreciated.

The programme for 2015 is currently being prepared and hopefully can be completed before the end of this year.

At this stage the important position of Outings Officer is vacant and can not be shown on the programme. This will be difficult for members who were unable to attend the meeting prior or through late arrangements wish to participate on an activity.

Who is the contact person?

In the absence of this Officer, a participant on that activity will need to be the "Outings Officer" for that activity. This is not an ideal arrangement but is required until the vacancy is filled. Cont next column

From the President continued,

Regarding vacancies, the also important position of Treasurer remains vacant. Please give this thought as the Committee can only do what it can.

Dennis Simpson

Our Committee

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Non Committee;

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Scale verifier Phil Turner

From the last meeting

We were fortunate in having Tony Steiner (Fishing 4 Therapy) and Neil Kemp (Pegleg) from Souths as our guest speakers. These blokes have fished Centennial Park for ages and have the technique polished. They spoke of baits and rigs and emphasised the need for barbless hooks. All fish after measuring and weighing are to be released as required by the Park Trust. Using fly Tony described the locations and the flies best used. This talk was in preparation for our club outing in a couple of weeks time.

Dear members,

Our **club website is being rebuilt** and we are in need of some updated **fishing photos**.

Could you please send your favourite one or two photos to Belinda (belinda.rayment@bigpond.com) in high resolution or give her a print to copy at the next club meeting.

Thanks,
Belinda

Club Recorder's Report - October 2014

Certificates awarded at October meeting, events between 19 September and 25 October

Congratulations to the following members for their **Masters capture certificates** awarded last month:

Deborah Logan – All Tackle Species – Australian Salmon 600mm CAA pts 5

Arthur Zacharias – Length Only – Australian Salmon 595mm CAA pts 5

CHAMPION ANGLER AWARD 2014/15 - END OCTOBER							
MENS		LADIES		JUNIORS		Non-NSW	
Bruce Rayment	21	Debbie Logan	5	James Rayment	4	<i>no entries</i>	-
Phil Turner	16	Belinda Rayment	5	Hartley Dhyon	3		
Arthur Zacharias	10						
Don Rayment	6						
Dennis Simpson	4						

The club's own **length only competition** for Flathead, Snapper and Salmon (Division 1) and Bream, Whiting and Tailor (Division 2) is now underway so let me know of any captures you make.

DIVISION 1 - LENGTH ONLY COMPETITION - 2014/15				
Angler	Best Flathead - Length (mm)	Best Snapper - Length (mm)	Best Salmon - Length (mm)	Combined length (mm)
Debbie Logan	-	-	600	600
Arthur Zacharias	-	-	595	595
Andrew Dean	470	-	-	470
Trevor Dean	450	-	-	450
John Everett	430	-	-	430
Don Rayment	430	-	-	430

Angler	Best Bream - Length (mm)	Best Whiting - Length (mm)	Best Tailor - Length (mm)	Combined length (mm)
John Everett	-	330	410	740
Karen Maltby	250	410	-	660
Daniel McMahon	260	380	-	640
Brendan McMahon	-	430	-	430
Trevor Dean	-	400	-	400
Debbie Logan	-	-	400	400
Bob McMahon	-	391	-	391
Andrew Perros	-	340	-	340
Glen Daniels	330	-	-	330
Jake Daniels	325	-	-	325
David Maltby	-	320	-	320
Don Rayment	320	-	-	320

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

Belinda



NSW Research Angler Program update



NSW RFA president interviewed on ABC Radio

During September NSW RFA President Malcolm Poole was interviewed by John Morrison of ABC Radio Statewide Drive about rock fishing fatalities and the issues around the safety messages, lifejackets, etc. [You can listen to the interview at this link.](#)

Marine fish stocking

DPI is implementing a new marine fish stocking program to enhance recreational fishing opportunities. The program will commence with about four million juvenile Eastern **king prawns** being stocked in a **number of estuaries** along the coast from Eden to Old Bar during 2014-15, starting this summer.

Plans are also underway to initiate **mulloway stockings** in the future. This will require collecting wild caught broodstock and acclimating the fish to hatchery conditions before being ready to spawn.

The program follows on from previous research trials of stocking mulloway and prawns, which evaluated ecological aspects and effectiveness of marine stockings. These successful stockings provided essential information for a comprehensive environmental assessment and development of a management strategy for implementation of an ongoing marine stocking program.

The new program will build on the successful freshwater native fish and trout stocking initiatives in rivers and impoundments which have been boosting freshwater recreational fishing opportunities during the last 50 years.

Anglers and spearfishers have kept active in the Research Angler Program donating over 80 mulloway frames over the winter months, including 29 metre-plus mulloway and 16 over 130 cms.

The two oldest fish donated, a 130 cm fish from Coffs Harbour and a 146 cm fish from Newcastle were both estimated to be 18 years old. This information provides crucial data for monitoring the health of the mulloway stock in NSW.

To complement the data from frame donations, there are also more than 60 expert mulloway anglers participating in the "Keen Angler Diary" project. DPI is seeking further interest from recreational mulloway anglers in participating in this project.

Another new part of the program is a mulloway tagging project being run collaboratively with the Australian National Sportfishing Association (NSW Branch). More than 200 mulloway have to date been tagged, and when recaptured, these fish will provide important information on the movements, growth rates and post-release survival of mulloway in NSW.

Mulloway frames, heads or a single jewel can be left at one of the 27 participating drop-off points between Tweed Heads and Bermagui. This program is being implemented using funds from the Recreational Fishing Trust.

[The program's latest newsletter is at this link.](#)

Waterbird Of The Month

Eastern Curlew, *Numenius madagascariensis*

Appearance. The Eastern Curlew is the largest wading bird found in Australia, with an overall length of 60-65 cm. The bill is long (18cm) and curves downward, coloured black with a pink base. The females bill is relatively longer than the male. Much more wary than other wader species and readily takes flight.

Similar Species. Whimbrel is smaller with a shorter bill compared to the body

Habitat and range. Breeds in north-east Asia. A common summer migrant to Australia coast, less common in SA and WA, seldom found inland. Some overwinter in Australia.

Feeding. On mudflats, salt marshes, mangroves etc., feeding on crustaceans and invertebrates, probing deeply with their long bill. Often active at night , especially when feeding at low tide

Breeding. NE Asia.

Voice. Described as beautiful, haunting yet melodious. A two part "Cur-lee", rising on the second note.



Male, Taren Point



Female, Swansea

Roger Giller

Worth reading—recommended



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NSW RFA elects new chairman

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WELL known rec fishing advocate Stan Konstantaras has been elected chairman of the Recreational Fishing Alliance of NSW.

Stan takes over the RFA chairmanship from Malcolm Poole, who has stepped down after more than 10 years. Stan brings to the job an impressive list of connections through his role as Australian National Sportfishing Association (ANSA) NSW President and ANSA National Safety Officer.

He has fished extensively not only in NSW but throughout Australia and the Pacific and has

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campaigned tirelessly on issues of access, safety and equitable share of the resource in NSW and in 2012 he was named "Volunteer of the Year" by national recreational fishing peak body Recfish Australia.

Stan's other roles include:

- Member of the NSW Recreational Saltwater Trust Expenditure Committee
- Member of the Water Safety Council of Australia
- Affiliate Member NSW Water Safety Council
- Member of the Bioregional Advisory Panel (Temperate East) Commonwealth Marine Reserve Review.

Outgoing chairman Malcolm Poole has been appointed the RFA's Fishing Safety Officer and will concentrate on developing the RFA's work in this area under a NSW Recreational Fishing Trust funded project



The NSW RFA's Stan Konstantaras with a newly installed Angel Ring at Cape Byron.



Stan Konstantaras and a solid GT caught on a trip to New Caledonia.

Fishing - *Shanghai Style!*



Out for early morning walk 2 blocks from where we live and couldn't resist going back for the camera.....a stagnant pond beside a major construction site and beneath massive electricity transformers can't keep these Shanghai fisherman from casting a line.

Nicole Allan (Rayment) -

St George Sportfishing Club China Correspondent

When I was up in Shanghai last year I joined the throng of fishermen to see what they were catching. The fish were about 50 to 75 mm long of a type I could not identify however they only had one head which was a surprise, given the water they were catching them in.

No one spoke English however as international fishermen we were able to communicate with our hands. Most of the gear was a Ned Kelly rig with tiny floats, about a 24 hook and prawn bait. They kept their catch alive in a plastic bucket and when they had about 10 which might take them all day to catch they took them home to eat. The water in the drain is so putrid that you could not see the bottom in 200 to 300 mm of water.

It is great we have gained a reporter in China who will be always on the lookout for new fish stories.

Don Rayment

Sussex Snippets

The fishing at Sussex Inlet has been slow over the past month however with the water in the Basin now up to 21 degrees, some good reports are starting to come in.

There have been spasmodic reports of good bags of Flathead coming in with plenty of fish over 70 cm mark. All were caught and released. This is the time when the big girls really start to fire.

There have also been the some Jewfish caught on a regular basis up to 1200 cm as well as some good Reddies up to 56 cm. One Jewfish took a 2" Gulp Grub while the guy was fish for Bream. He spent the next 20 minutes chasing it around the Basin, only to lose it at the boat.

Bream have been very scarce in the Inlet & Basin however they are now being caught off the beach, on the north side of the bar, in big numbers as well as some good size



Five million fingerlings stocked in past year (from the October 2014 edition of the NSW Freshwater Fisher)

Minister for Primary Industries, Katrina Hodgkinson, says the government has released more than 5.6 million fingerlings, including a record 413,000 bass, into lakes, dams and rivers across the State this past year.

Ms Hodgkinson said 2.7 million native fish and 2.9 million trout and salmon have been released under the NSW Government's freshwater stocking programs in 2013 and 2014.

"These fish releases provide huge benefits for regional areas by boosting tourism and providing economic opportunities for regional economies. The NSW Government's Port Stephens Fisheries Institute has produced and stocked a record number of 413,000 bass into 22 dams across the State, including Toonumbar Dam, Glenbawn Dam, Lake Lyell and Tallowa Dam.

"Successful production of native fish was also achieved at the Narrandera Fisheries Centre, with the highlight being 526,500 Murray Cod stocked into dams from Pindari Dam in the north to Blowering Dam in the south.

"The Gaden Trout Hatchery in Jindabyne produced brown trout, rainbow trout, Atlantic salmon and brook trout and Dutton Trout Hatchery in Ebor produced brown trout and rainbow trout for fishers to enjoy throughout the New England, Central Tablelands, Southern Highlands, Monaro and Snowy Mountains regions."

Ms Hodgkinson said production of fish at the four NSW Government hatcheries and at commercial hatcheries, through the dollar-for-dollar program, is supported by funds from the NSW Recreational Fishing Trusts.

"In addition to the freshwater stocking program, this summer the DPI will also stock more than four million eastern king prawns in estuaries up and down the NSW coast for the first time," Ms Hodgkinson said.

Sussex Snippets continued

Whiting. On our last outing there were plenty of fish on the sounder mainly in the deep water. Unfortunately they would not hit any of the lures we threw at them. We came home with only one Bream.

The coming month of November is normally one of our best fishing months so let us hope I have some really good capture reports for you in our next newsletter.

Jimmy Olsen

Old 4 New Lifejacket Upgrade (thanks to Karen Maltby for locating this article.)

This summer the [Old4New Lifejacket Upgrade van](#) will be visiting boat ramps throughout NSW, with experienced staff on hand to talk to you about lifejackets.

The van will be making over 100 visits to popular boating locations across NSW, so look out as we'll be coming to a boat ramp near you.

New generation lifejackets

Lifejackets have moved with the times and are now much more advanced than they used to be.

One of the main aims of the Old4New Lifejacket Upgrade initiative is to showcase the range of new generation lifejackets, which are slim fitting and comfortable to wear for any type of on-water activity.

The Old4New initiative will help continue to drive home the message of wearing a lifejacket when you're out on the water, especially when in smaller boats and vessels.

Many boaters don't realise that over the past decade nine out of 10 people who drowned while boating weren't wearing lifejackets.

Accidents can happen so we need people to get in the right habit of putting on a lifejacket each time they go boating.

The Old4New Lifejacket Upgrade site visits program, listing locations, dates and times is displayed below and whilst every effort is made to ensure the accuracy of the schedule, it is subject to change.



<http://www.lifejacketwearit.com.au/about-lifejackets/old4new-upgrade/>

Date	Time	Location
Sat 15 th November	2:00pm—5:00pm	HURSTVILLE GROVE Morshead Drive Oatley Bay
	6:00am—9:00am	BLAKEHURST Kogarah Bay Dover Park Next to Sailing Club, off Princes Hwy and Hatfield St
Sun 16 th November	2:00pm—5:00pm	REVESBY Revesby Beach Reserve at the end of River Rd off Henry Lawson Drive
	6.00am - 9:00am	YOWIE BAY 1 Wonga Rd
Sat 22 nd November	2:00pm—5:00pm	SYLVANIA WATERS Hawkesbury Reserve
	6.00am - 9:00am	KURNELL Bonna Point Reserve Off Prince Charles Pde

Carp Day Centennial Park

The annual carp day to Centennial Park was a great success with 18 members and friends attending. With fine very warm weather and some good advice from Tony Steiner and Neil, some great catches were recorded.

Phil Worsley recorded two captures to about 3kg with another four dropped fish. Not to be outdone, Peter Logan landed a 58cm on 2kg weighing 2.75kg. This fish was not in the least bit interested in coming to the shore and at one stage seemed headed around a small island in the pond on its way to Randwick.

Late in the day and after a great tussle, Karen Maltby topped the scales with a 5.14kg in her first effort fly-fishing on 2kg.

Sid Young did not let the side down with three landings, while Lua Fakaua, a friend of Peter Ayers, landed a further 3 fish with several near misses as well.



In total, some 16 fish were landed to conclude a good outing.

John Everett

