



# Surf Casting & Angling Club of W.A. (Inc.)

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## Minutes of General Meeting, 14 June 2006.

- Venue:-** Coolbinia West Perth Amateur Football and Sporting Club room. Time 8:10 pm. President Bob Henderson presiding
- Present:-** 30 members.
- Apologies:-** Terry Willison, Roy Killick, Trevor Stam, Bev Grigo, Melvin Wee, Andy Thorgersen,
- Visitors:-** None.
- New Members:-** Craig Wantenaar, Peter and Marcia Pekaar were welcomed into the club.
- Previous Minutes:-** As published in the Reel Talk. **Moved** Jim Strong, seconded Morris Kolman, these are a true record. Carried.
- Previous Committee:-** Bob Henderson gave a summary from the previous Committee meeting. Concerns about next year's Committee – members are urged to nominate and help with be given. Need members to take responsibility.
- Correspondence In:**
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| AAA                                    | Minutes of May Delegates' meeting.  |
| Westpac Bank                           | Bank statement for May. Balance 1 June \$14,499                                     |
| Ray White Kalbarri                     | Account for advertising, service air conditioner, check hot water system, cleaning. |
| Ray White Kalbarri                     | Proposal to discount rates for July because no bookings                             |
| Jane Dowle (email)                     | Enquiry about the club for her son  |
| Pakistan Game Fish Association (email) | How can they become an International Affiliates of Surf Casting and Angling Club.   |
| Melvin Wee (email)                     | Donation of two \$100 meal vouchers.  |
| Roy Killick (email)                    | Will not renew membership in 2006/7   |
| Mal Washer MP                          | 2006 round of volunteer Small Equipment Grants open                                 |
| Dept of Local Government               | Acknowledgement of Club's letter on the Caravan and Camping Act                     |
| Wesfarmers                             | Receipt for Kalbarri and Public Liability Insurance                                 |
- Correspondence Out:-**
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| Peter, Marcia, Philip, Andrew and Stephen Pekaar, Craig, Diane and Amber Wantenaar, Frank and Leanne Sawyer | Acceptance of membership application and invitation to June General Meeting. |
| Jane Dowle (email)  | Information about the club for her son                                       |
- Treasurer's Report:-** Paul Thompson reported. Ian Cook, ferry fees, \$630.70, Bob Henderson, Food \$34 and Presentation night prizes \$300, Ray White Kalbarri \$129.80 – some questions about this amount Vix has been contacted saying the amount is larger and mentioned outstanding invoices? To be clarified. Ray White invoices are often confusing. Rottnest bookings for August \$570.35 for transport, \$515 for accommodation. \$14,429 in account plus money to be banked. **Moved** Ian Cook seconded Mark Hansen.
- Property Officer** Vix Alexander reported on items for the Kalbarri house. Insurance value needs to be increased. Proposal from Ray White for rates to be reduced for July. Items to be discussed at Committee. Mention of bond and arrangements for cleaning.
- Secretary's Report.** Terry Fuller advised that no one had contacted him about taking over the Secretary's work. Other topics will be covered under other headings.
- Field Day Officer:-** Malcolm Harris gave details for recent field days - see reports. Suggestion to change the start times for the July Capes field day from the standard 12.00 noon lines down to 6.00am lines down on the Saturday morning. Of the members who were present and were intending to fish this field day all were in agreement for that to take place. It would mean that the sign on would be at the next general meeting or by 6.00pm by phone on the Friday before.
- Dry Casting Officer:-** Bob Henderson reported on the June dry casting.
- AAA Report:-** Fishing clinics will be held at Hillarys Yacht Club on the first 3 Mondays of July. Help would be appreciated on the nights. Hope for some publicity in the papers.
- George Holman reported as previously that the AAA faces a problem due to the lack of workers, particularly a Secretary and Treasurer. Only a few extra people attended the special Presidents and Secretaries meeting to discuss the future for AAA.
- George reminded members that visitors are welcome to come along to the AAA Delegates meetings to see what is being done.
- A meeting has been held on 8 May to discuss going to the Philip Island Convention in March 2007, including spending Dept of Sport and Recreation funding. Another meeting will be held in August or September.
- Recorder:-** Ian Cook presented a species badge to Malcolm Harris. Roy Killick's badge to be delivered by Morris Kolman. Ian reported on the Port Gregory field day.
- Social Organiser:-** Bob Henderson advised that the Presentation night will be held on 24 June as advertised in Reel Talk. Peter Stoeckel will be handling the sale of tickets to the presentation night. Andrew Aubrey has Club clothing.
- Rottnest. Names and deposits are needed at June General Meeting. People who have not paid deposits will not be going to Rottnest.

Ian showed photos of Melvin Wee's flathead with strange growths, and George Holman's and David Maxted's fish entries from Steep Point.

Masters and Grand Masters fish will be listed in Reel Talk.

Smoking fish demonstration and details of how to do it will be repeated.

**Reel Talk Editor:-**

Terry Fuller advised that no one had contacted him about taking over the Reel Talk editor job. Stories are wanted please.

**Notices of Motion:-**

None

**General Business:-**

Morris Kolman showed details of Yalata, South Australia. He is going December of January if people want to tag along – or can set the dates to suit.

**Rottnest No fishing:-**

Malcolm Harris reminded members of the Rottnest zones closure proposals and urged members to put in their comments, close 15 July.

Paul Thompson said that Mike Roennfeldt's Saturday fishing column had a good article.

Malcolm Head has organised a letter to the Premier and wanted members to know that if he can do this then other members can too. His letter will be published in the Real Talk.

Terry Fuller reported on meeting between Recfishwest and the Rottnest Island Authority at which Recfishwest's views and objections to the process and the details were discussed. Recfishwest put forward alternative proposals for the no take areas. That meeting was facilitated by Simon Woodley who will be the chairman of an independent review panel which will review the process by which these proposals have been developed and offered for public comment. Quite a bit of time was spent pointing out the problems with the development process and the extreme bias and misleading information and misrepresentations in the information provided for the public consultation.

Terry advised there would be two more different examples of letters/emails to the Premier and Tourism Minister published in the Reel Talk. With Malcolm Head's letter and the Australian Anglers Association letter published in the May Reel Talk, that now gives 4 different examples with plenty of ideas which can be used by members to prepare their own letters.

**Instruction Period:-**

George Holman gave a talk on two rigs which can be used to catch many of the common species.

New members are welcome to tell us what they want from these Instruction periods.

**Meeting closed:-**

10:00pm.

Minutes prepared by Secretary T Fuller

## Coming Club Events.

### 2006 Dinner/Presentation of Trophies.

Following the successful Presentation Night in 2004 and 2005, the preferred location for our Dinner/Presentation of Trophies is the Marmion Angling and Aquatic Club on a Saturday night.

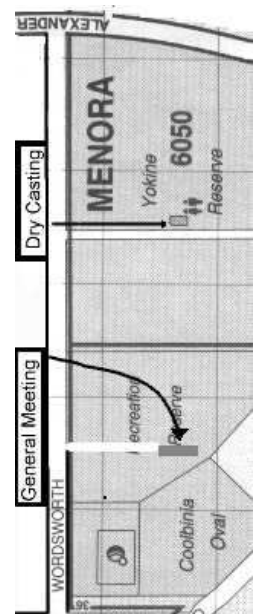
The committee has booked the centre for Saturday 24 June 2006. Based on quotes for the meal, expected costs of prizes, etc, and expecting about 50 people to attend, the club will be subsidising this night by at least \$1,000 – that's around \$20 per person.

A carvery buffet will be organised like last year. Be assured you that you will receive a generous meal.

**GUARANTEED GOOD FOOD  
GREAT COMPANY  
ENJOYABLE EVENING**

**ORGANISE YOUR PARTY NOW. GET YOUR GROUP TOGETHER and OBTAIN YOUR TICKETS A.S.A.P.**

Cost \$40 per person. Contact Peter Stoeckel - details in front of Reel Talk



### July Dry Casting.

**When:-** Sunday 2 July 2006.

**Where:-** Yokine Reserve, Wordsworth Avenue

**Events:-** Double handed accuracy, Single handed accuracy, 56 gram distance, Artificial bait distance, 112 gram distance.

All casters please assist with the setting up at the beginning of the day before setting up your own gear.

Please assist with the retrieval and packing up of the casting equipment at the end of the day's events.

## **July Annual General Meeting and Election of Committee.**

**When:-** Wednesday 12 July 2006, 8:00 pm.  
**Where:-** Same place and time as General Meeting.

## **July General Meeting.**

**When:-** Wednesday 12 July 2006, 8:00 pm.  
**Where:-** Coolbinia West Perth Amateur Football and Sporting Club room, off Wordsworth Avenue, Yokine, about 200 metres south east of the Yokine Bowling Club.  
**Sign In:-** Please remember to tick your name on the attendance sheet which is on the table near the door. And while you are there, what about buying some of the raffle tickets?  
**Instruction Period:-** Snacks and drinks after the Annual General Meeting. **Please bring a plate of food.**

## **July 2006 Field Day – Margaret River to Augusta.**

**When:-** Saturday/Sunday 15/16 July 2006.  
**Sign On:-** At next General Meeting or by 6.00pm by phone on the Friday before.  
**Lines Down:-** After sign on  
**Weigh in:-** Sunday 12.00 noon at Busselton Jetty car park west of the "Equinox" cafe and kiosk  
**Boundaries:-** Margaret River to Augusta including the west side of the Hardy Inlet up to the jetty near the north boat ramp.

At the June General Meeting I put forward a request from one of our members to change the times for the Capes field day from the standard 12.00 noon lines down to 6.00am lines down on the Saturday morning. Of the members who were present and were intending to fish this field day all were in agreement for that to take place. It would mean that the sign on would be at the next general meeting or by 6.00pm by phone on the Friday before.

The reason for the sign on at the meeting or over the phone is that it would be of little advantage to sign on at a location down at the Capes and then have to travel to your fishing spot thus wasting that important dawn fishing time slot. There is one more General Meeting before the field day so come along if you intend to fish this weekend and have your say.

Malcolm Harris Field Day Officer

## **Local Field Day for July 2006.**

**When:-** Saturday/Sunday 15/16 July 2006.  
**Sign On:** At the General Meeting or to the FDO by 18:00 on the day before the Field Day.  
**Lines Down:-** Saturday 6am – see notes above  
**Weigh in:-** Sunday at 12 noon at G Holman's house. Scales will be available on his back patio. An adult member must witness weights. Field Day money to be left with the scales in an envelope with your name and details written in the carbon copy Field Day book. No Money = no points. Results to be phoned to Field Day Officer by 8:00 pm that night.  
**Boundaries:-** Penguin Island to north wall of the Two Rocks Marina, including the Swan and Canning Rivers.

<b><u>Tides for</u></b>	Saturday 15 Jul	1.03m at 11:45 am	0.67m at 8:40 pm
<b><u>Fremantle</u></b>	Sunday 16 Jul	0.82m at 3:32 am	0.92m at 11:41 am

Reel Talk Editor Terry Fuller

## **August 2006 Field Day – Rottnest.**

**When:-** Saturday/Sunday 12/13 August 2006.  
**Boat Times:-** Friday, see Ian Cook's article below.  
**Return Boat:-** To be advised  
**Sign On:-** At Rottnest (Caroline Thompson Camping Ground).  
**Lines Down:-** Saturday 6:30 am  
**Weigh in:-** Sunday 12:00 noon at Rottnest (or when the bus returns) at the Caroline Thompson Camping Ground.  
**Boundaries:-** All of Rottnest Island !!

<b>Tides for</b>	Saturday 12 Aug	0.67m at 3:45am	0.94m at 11:55am	<b>Sun</b> Sunrise:-	About 6:55
			0.62m at 6:42pm		
<b>Fremantle</b>	Sunday 13 Aug	0.69m at 4:54am	0.81m at 11:22am	Sunset:-	About 5:50 pm
<b>Moon</b>	Saturday 12 Aug	Moon set 8:45am	Moon rise 9:10pm		
<b>Fremantle</b>	Sunday 13 Aug	Moon set 9:15am		<b>Full Moon</b>	9 Aug

August may be Polar Bear time, but the fishing can be exceptionally good. Ask some of the old hands about their catches. I personally have participated in nearly all Rottneest FD's for 20 plus years as they are very good values with great social atmosphere and potential for some exciting fishing. This year has brought the return of Salmon to Perth water in April / May and it is hoped a few stragglers will still be evident in August

We had a number of new members at the May Field Day. See Field day report in July Reel talk. Please contact me as I am more than happy to provide information and advice. We will have an instruction period at the July general meeting if requested and details of the field day will be available.

So start stocking up on Scotch and Port for the Saturday night. I would recommend that all members who do not have a wet suit and reef boots purchase or borrow one as the water temperature is on the way down. You can fish from areas where you do not need to stand in the "briny" (provided they have not been turned into no take zones by the Rottneest Island Authority.)

If any new members are thinking of participating in the Rottneest Field days please give it a go as it is a great trip. Please contact me as I am more than happy to provide information and advice. We will have an information period at the July General Meeting and details prior to the field day.

**A non refundable deposit of \$50 is required by the June general meeting. Full payment of \$150 must be received at or before the July General Meeting.** We need a minimum of 15 starters to keep the cost down. I spend a lot of time organising these field days. If at the July General Meeting insufficient people have paid their money the August trip may be cancelled by the committee.

We will leave for Rottneest from North Port ferry terminal on Friday 11 August at 18:30. Be there at least 30 minutes earlier. Tickets must be purchased 15 minutes prior to the ferry departure time. The bus times on the Island are as follows; Saturday Pick up at 06:30 to West End Return from West end at 18:15 hrs Sunday Pick up at 06:30. Return from West end at 12:00 hrs. **ALL** times to be confirmed

**Some useful information for Rotto.** You must come to Rottneest prepared with fishing gear and clothing to cater for either fine warm or cold calm and cold or wet and windy weather conditions. Need wet suit and spray jacket to stay warm at this time of year especially being out all day. **NO** waders on reefs. Check the very high tides.

Label all your gear. Have your gear in proper strong weatherproof containers or it may get damaged. Use rod tubes if you have them, or risk damage to your rods. Take food and water with you to West End. No food available from shops on return at night.

**Some Gear hints.** Wet suit Long John type of 5mm thickness Thermal long johns under wet suit will keep you warmer. Pair of spiked reef boots. Spray Jacket / water proof jacket. Headlamp for night fishing and returning to the assembly point. Rucksack for transporting your gear.

A medium to heavy duty surf rod of approx 14 ft with spinning reel or Alvey with 12 – 15 kg line. Yellow Tailed Kingfish will not be stopped on light tackle and soft rods. A second rod of say 10 feet with a light spinning reel with 6 kg line

Reef bag which must drain quickly as 15 litres of water in a reef bag will drag you down.

**Rigs and lures:-** Bait casting rigs with and without lead weight. Bottom rigs. Double or single White bait rigs for trevally etc. Single hook rigs for prawns for whiting. A small assortment of chrome slices in the 80 - 112 gm range. Both weighted and unweighted poppers or other lures of your choice.

I take a modified golf trolley to move my gear around to the various fishing locations. A bicycle can be of benefit if you wish to travel to other locations.

Ian Cook.

## **Local Field Day for August 2006.**

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<b><u>Boundaries:-</u></b>	Penguin Island to north wall of the Two Rocks Marina, including the Swan and Canning Rivers.

Reel Talk Editor Terry Fuller

## Calendar for Next Three Months.

Here's a calendar showing the dates we will use for Dry Casting, General and Committee Meetings, and Field Days in the next three months.

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<b>29</b>	AAA Event																				
<b>8</b>	Dry Casting						11	General Meeting				<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	Field Day			18	Committee Meeting			
July 2006							August 2006							September 2006							
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	
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## Wanted - Aluminium Cans.

Wanted - Aluminium cans. Please bring them along to the General Meeting or to Mal Head's home, but not to Dry Casting. Mal saves them up and takes them to the recyclers when he has enough, and the price is right, and donates all the proceeds to the Club.

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

## Kalbarri House For Rent.

The Club has a house in Kalbarri. The house is situated close to the river, beaches and town. It has two bedrooms and will sleep up to eight (max) in 1 double bed and 3 bunks, has reverse cycle air conditioning and ceiling fans to keep you cool in the summer months. Users need to bring their own linen, blankets and towels, tea towels, etc.

It has a radio and television, stove with oven, microwave oven, crockery and cutlery and all cooking utensils, fridge and freezer. It does not have a washing machine, but there is a laundromat in town. Outside has a fish cleaning facility and a full width verandah. Rates are:-

Public:- Off season \$250 per week, On season \$390 per week } all plus \$50

Club Members:- Off season \$160 per week, On Season \$210 per week } deposit / bond.

Club Members:- Short term \$45 for one night, \$40 per night for two or more nights} plus \$55.00 cleaning

Bookings taken for the school holidays go from Saturday to Saturday (leaving by 10am). Outside of school holidays it does not matter. The club has decided that cleaning will need to be paid for and is \$55.00 extra on the rates above for future new bookings. The club is now being charged GST on the cleaning.

Contact Property Officer Vix Alexander for more details and for bookings.

Check in time is 1pm. Check out time is 10am. Keys can be picked up from Ray White, Shop 1, Kalbarri Arcade. If people arrive after hours, they leave a note on the door of their office with a map of how to get to the house and telling them where the key will be.

If any work needs to be done in, on or around the house, please contact the Property Officer for approval. Members who are staying in the house are not allowed to authorise any repairs or services on the house without authority from the Property Officer, Treasurer or President.

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller.

## New Member Acceptances.

The following applications for membership have been accepted, and will be invited to the next General Meeting to be welcomed into the Club.

Daniel (Sol) and Aidan Strijdom

Secretary, Terry Fuller.

## **New Member Applications.**

Applications for membership have been received and will come before the next Committee meeting. If any member has any reason why any of the applications should not be accepted, please contact a Committee Member and state the reason.

None

Secretary, Terry Fuller.

## **Sponsorship Renewal by Yallingup Beach Holiday Park**

The Yallingup Beach Holiday Park has provided the club with another accommodation voucher to the value of \$250 for two adults for two nights in one of their Malibu ensuite cabins for the new competition year.

The previous year's voucher was raffled at the February General Meeting and was won by Tony D'Alonzo.

The park has a waterfront location with spectacular views over Yallingup Bay. Opposite is a safe swimming lagoon and an excellent fishing beach plus the world famous Yallingup surf break.

On site accommodation includes ensuite cabins and standard cabins (for the budget conscious) plus plenty of well grassed van and tent sites.

This is an ideal base from which to visit the numerous nearby wineries, go whale watching, take scenic drives and walk trails and visit the spectacular Yallingup Ngilgi Cave, or of course, go fishing!!.

Check the website at <http://www.yallingupbeach.com.au/>

This voucher was raffled at the February 2006 General Meeting and was won by Morris Kolman. Read Elana's report in the June Reel Talk

Secretary, Terry Fuller

## **2006/2007 Field Day Dates, Venues and Boundaries.**

The following is the list of Field Day dates, venues and boundaries.

<b>Dates</b>	<b>Venue</b>	<b>Boundaries and more details</b>
20/21 May 2006	Rottnest	Extended weekend Friday night to Sunday afternoon.
3/4/5 June 2006 LWE	Port Gregory to Kalbarri	
15/16 July 2006	Capes (South)	Margaret River to Augusta including the west side of the Hardy Inlet up to the jetty near the north boat ramp.
12/13 August 2006	Rottnest	All of Rottnest.
16/17 Sept 2006	Cervantes/Jurien	Southern boundary of Cervantes townsite to Sandy Cape north of Jurien.
30 Sep/1/2 Oct LWE	S - Bend	4 km south of Flat Rocks to Southgates.
11/12 Nov 2006	Cervantes to Hill River	Southern boundary of Cervantes townsite to 1 km north of the Hill River.
16/17 December 2006	Standard Local	Penguin Island to north wall of the Two Rocks Marina, including the Swan and Canning Rivers.
13/14 January 2007	Swan/Canning Rivers	Upstream of Fremantle Railway Bridge.
17/18 February 2007	Cervantes to Hill River	Southern boundary of Cervantes townsite to 1 km north of the Hill River.
3/4/5 March 2007 Long weekend	Bluff Creek	Reef Beach to Betty's Beach. AAA Rock and Beach Championships are on Saturday and Sunday of this long weekend.
14/15 April 2007	Capes (North)	Busselton jetty to Margaret River.

### **AAA Championships During Our 2006/7 Competition Year**

Dry Casting Championships, Yokine Reserve, Sunday 29 October 2006
Estuary Championships, Swan River, Saturday and Sunday 25/26 November 2006
Rock and Beach Championships, HQ Cheynes Beach, Reef Beach to Betty's Beach, Sat/Sun 3/4 March 2007 – Note weigh in Sunday.
Boat Angling Championships, date to be advised in March 2007 at Whitfords

**2006/2007 Dry Casting Dates.** All are at Yokine Reserve, Wordsworth Avenue, Yokine, starting 8:30am.

Sunday 7 May 2006	Sunday 5 November 2006
Sunday 11 June 2006, (changed for Field Day)	Sunday 3 December 2006
Sunday 2 July 2006	Sunday 7 January 2007
Sunday 6 August 2006	Sunday 4 February 2007
Sunday 10 September 2006, (changed for Fathers' Day)	Sunday 11 March 2007, (changed for Field Day)
Sunday 8 October 2006, (changed for Field Day)	Sunday 1 April 2007
Sunday 29 October 2006, AAA State Dry Casting Championships	

**2006/2007 General Meeting Dates.** All at Coolbinia West Perth Amateur Football and Sporting Club room, Wordsworth Avenue, Yokine, start 8:00pm.

Wednesday 10 May 2006	Wednesday 8 November 2006
Wednesday 14 June 2006	Wednesday 13 December 2006
Wednesday 12 July 2006 and <b>Annual General Meeting</b>	Wednesday 10 January 2007
Wednesday 9 August 2006	Wednesday 14 February 2007
Wednesday 13 September 2006	Wednesday 14 March 2007
Wednesday 11 October 2006	Wednesday 11 April 2007

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## **May 2006 Field Day Rottnest**

Thirteen members lined up for the ferry across to Rottnest on the Friday evening before the field day on 20/21 May. Going over the evening before gave us the opportunity to fish two morning sessions instead of just the standard one session.

The conditions looked good for the weekend with the forecast that rain would not arrive until the Sunday night. The wind was from the north-east so the trip over was quick and smooth. We didn't have the ferry to ourselves, were joined with a group of about sixty scouts and guides heading to the inland for one of their camping weekends. To say that the kids were pumped up with the prospects of a weekend away from home would be an understatement; these kids were jumping out of their skins. Their minders would have had their hands full I'm sure.

Eleven of us boarded the bus Saturday morning to head out to the West End and were greeted with low swell but medium to strong winds coming from the east. All the spots from Wilson's to Fishhook Bay were fishable and that is where everybody elected to fish. Usually Wilson's will produce a few tailor first up but this time only one fish was caught for the entire weekend. There were however a few salmon around and three were caught that morning, two from Wilson's and the other by Mark up towards Radar. Another three salmon were caught on the Sunday morning. The one species that was in abundance was herring; it was difficult at times to get your bait past them for the chance of another species. Although the tides were reasonably high, the lack of swell gave access to the reefs all day long which gave us many good fishing options.

Radar reef at the end of the day is usually the spot to be if you want to tangle with a Yellow-Tailed Kingfish, but again they choose to be somewhere else. Two good size fish did put in an appearance however; the first a hefty salmon which took Tony under the reef with the predictable result and the second was a small shark that I managed to hook. It's a bit of a challenge trying to land a reasonable size fish when you are in knee deep water, they just want to keep swimming around your legs and with this one that had a mouth full of sharp teeth it made it all the more exciting. I must thank one of our new members Tino for giving me assistance in eventually securing the fish. The Yellow-Tail Kingfish were there, just a little further up the reef, Melvin accounted for two and Bretton was able to land one.

We didn't have it all our own way; the weekend did extract a toll in terms of injury and damaged gear. Peet managed to roll his ankle on Saturday morning which put him out of action for the afternoon and the following morning. I managed to look up at the wrong time and put my foot in a hole which resulted in me falling flat, damaging a knee, a shin, my rod and my dignity all at the same time.

Another great fishing trip, although you might think you know what to expect from a particular venue, it always seems to a little bit different each time, which is just one of the many reasons that keep us going back each year.

On that note, if you want to keep this opportunity to fish Rottnest, particularly the West End, I would encourage you all to acquaint yourselves with what the Rottnest Island Authority is proposing to do to our fishing access and write to your State members of Parliament expressing your opposition to their proposals, and put in a submission (see elsewhere in this Reel Talk).

Hope to see you on the beach next time.

Malcolm Harris Field Day Officer.



## Catch results for the May 2006 Field Day.

Angler	Weight	Species	Fish	Points
Malcolm Harris	19.75 kg	7	27	317.5
Tony D'Alonzo	12.45 kg	6	30	224.5
Bretton Stitfold	8.21 kg	4	16	162.1
Mark Hansen	6.7 kg	3	23	147
Melvin Wee	5.35 kg	4	10	143.5
Morris Kolman	4.65 kg	1	30	106.5
Tino Baiardo	2 kg	3	4	100
Peet Wessels	1.3 kg	2	7	83
Sandra Wessels	0	0	0	50
Vix Alexander	0	0	0	50
Filomena D'Alonzo	0	0	0	40
Ian Taggart	0	0	0	40
Wendy Hansen	0	0	0	40

## Sportsperson of the Year Sections for May 2006.

Best Scale Fish	Mark Hansen	Salmon	3.85 kg
Best Bag of Scale fish	Tony D'Alonzo	Mixed Bag	12.45 kg
Best Shark	Malcolm Harris	Shark	8.15 kg
Best Bag including sharks	Malcolm Harris	Mixed Bag	19.75 kg

## Field Day prizes for May 2006.

Best Scale Fish	Mark Hansen	Salmon	3.85 kg
Best Bag of Scale fish	Tony D'Alonzo	Mixed Bag	12.45 kg
Best Shark	Malcolm Harris	Shark	8.15 kg

## June 2006 Field Day Port Gregory to Kalbarri

Long Weekend 3 to 5 June 2006. The weather was fine. The swell was low. Winds were easterlies in the morning with a light sea breeze that tended to peter out and swing east at sundown. The tides were high at midday. Ideal conditions for fishing

John Crompton, Melvin Wee and I decided to head to Port Gregory on the Thursday and get an early start to the LWE. We arrived at Port Gregory too late to fish on the Thursday afternoon. We choose to stay at "Linton on Sea". This is a farm stay 7 km out of Port Gregory. They have two older homesteads which are fully set up like the Club's house in Kalbarri. There is loads of room and it is quiet with no security worries. It is a better choice than the Caravan Park. There is no one to disturb when you have that early or late fishing trip. There as some historical building on the property and they are restoring some of the older ones.

On the Friday we headed up to Wagoie. We went in on the north end of McClintocks property and come in through the bottom of the National Park. There is one very steep sand dune to negotiate. Be warned the track has some very rocky sections and you will get scratches on the duco.

If you are staying at Kalbarri and you wish to fish the northern end of Wagoie this will save you at least 40 kilometres on a return trip. If you are coming from Port Gregory it saves time and driving up the beach which can be soft going.

We fished a couple of spots at Wagoie without success. Morris, Josh, Peet and Sandra arrived on Friday night and stayed in the other house.

We ate well with John bringing a nice curry made with fresh ingredients including curry leaves from his own tree. John also had some home grown Guavas. Melvin had a baking dish full of lasagna.

Saturday morning we fished the river mouth again without success. In the afternoon we tried the reef just south of the town jetty. The only highlight was me getting rolled across the reef by a wave and having my waders shredded. About 5 minutes later Josh also came back saturated as well which damped his enthusiasm. Again no fish were caught.

Sunday morning Morris and Josh teamed up with Peet and Sandra. I had advised Morris that his very new Prado would not look quite so new if he took it is on the track north of McClintocks. We fished just north of the "Lagoon". We saw one Spanish Mackerel of about 15 kg caught on a balloon rig. I managed to keep a balloon out for a few hours. The bait was a good as new when I brought it in.

Morris and company fished just to the south of us without results. They then took a scenic drive to Kalbarri in the afternoon.

It was desperation time Sunday afternoon. Melvin and I headed 7 km north of the town to an area with some nice gutters. This location produced some good bites and resulted in 3 mulloway and a good tailor. Having talked to some locals we got the impression that the fishing over the last 6 months has been below average.

Why go north when you can catch good fish locally? See Malcolm's local report.

Tight Lines

Ian Cook

### June Local Field Day Report.

This field day was over the long weekend and was set for Port Gregory to Kalbarri which usually is eagerly anticipated in our household but unfortunately for Vix and me the pressures of my work meant that it was just not going to be possible.

The alternative was to not fish at all (unthinkable) so it was a local beach somewhere for us. Swanborne had been firing lately with a steady stream of good stories from Paul Thompson who had some considerable fortune in recent times, so we decided that was to be our first choice. We left home about 3.30pm on the Saturday and were on the beach by just after 4.00pm. However we were halted by a sign on the beach preventing us heading down to the reef area because of live firing from the Swanborne barracks.

With some time to kill before we were likely to be let through we set about fishing near the sign. A few herring each was encouragement for us both and all the while a few more fishers had arrived and then a few more and a few more still. It must have looked like a scene from the great race because when the all clear was given it was every man and women for themselves as we headed south as fast as our legs and gear would allow.

We were no match for three young lads however who were armed with back packs and light gear who literally ran down the beach to secure the best vantage spots on the reef. Very soon after we all in position and lines in the water a few rods were bent over with leaping salmon doing their best to shake the hooks.

I'm not sure how many salmon were caught but it would have been at least half a dozen with a smattering of tailor in the catch as well. It was terrific stuff, half an hour away from home, in the middle of a city at the start of June and we were into a run of salmon, does it get any better?

George and Tony also fished with us on the Saturday and Sunday evening and between us we ended up with a few tailor, two salmon and as many herring as we wanted.

Most of the activity was from about an hour before and after sundown, but we stayed on until about 10.00pm just to on be beach.

So next time you can't attend a field day for what ever reason, give our local beaches ago, you may be pleasantly rewarded with a good catch of fish.

Hope to see you on the beach next time.

Malcolm Harris Field Day Officer.

### Catch results for the June 2006 Field Day.

Angler	Weight	Species	Fish	Points
Ian Cook	7.9 kg	2	3	139
Malcolm Harris	6.25 kg	4	21	112.5
Vix Alexander	6.325 kg	3	12	103.25
Peter Osborne	2.15 kg	4	6	101.5
Melvin Wee	3.95 kg	2	2	99.5
Tony D'Alonzo	4.55 kg	2	30	75.5
Josh Lucocq	0.45 kg	1	1	54.5
Peet Wessels	0.45 kg	1	1	54.5
Sandra Wessels	0.35 kg	1	1	53.5
George Holman	2.65 kg	1	18	46.5
Brooke Reilly	0	0	0	40
Heather Osborne	0	0	0	40
Jamie Reilly	0	0	0	40
John Crompton	0	0	0	40
Morris Kolman	0	0	0	40
Sam Reilly	0	0	0	40
Sharon Osborne	0	0	0	40

### Sportsperson of the Year Sections for June 2006.

Best Scale Fish	Vix Alexander	Salmon	4.15 kg
Best Bag of Scale fish	Ian Cook	Mixed Bag	7.9 kg

### Field Day prizes for June 2006.

Best Scale Fish	Vix Alexander	Salmon	4.15 kg
Best Bag of Scale fish	Ian Cook	Mixed Bag	7.9 kg

### Field Day Top Ten for 2006/2007 up to June 2006.

	Angler	Total Points		Angler	Total Points
1	Malcolm Harris	430.0	6	Mark Hansen	147.0
2	Tony D'Alonzo	300.0	7	Morris Kolman	146.5
3	Melvin Wee	243.0	8	Ian Cook	139.0
4	Bretton Stiffold	162.1	9	Peet Wessels	137.5
5	Vix Alexander	153.3	10	Sandra Wessels	103.5

### Field Day Sections up to June 2006.

1A	Best Scale Fish (1st Six Months)	Vix Alexander	Salmon	4.15 kg
1B	Best Scale Fish (2nd Six Months)			
2	Most Meritous Fish	Decided by Committee		
3	Best Shark (4.5kg min)	Malcolm Harris	Shark	8.15 kg
4	Best Mulloway (2.0kg min)	Melvin Wee	Mulloway	3.4 kg
5	Best Tailor (1.0kg min)	Ian Cook	Tailor	2.9 kg
6	Best Salmon (3kg min)	Vix Alexander	Salmon	4.15 kg
7	Best Skipjack Trevally (0.5 kg min)	Bretton Stiffold	Trevally, Skipjack	0.65 kg
8	Best Mackerel (2kg Min)		No entry	
9	Best Scale Fish (Other than above)	Melvin Wee	Yellowtail Kingfish	2.0 kg
10	Best Bag Of Scale Fish	Tony D'Alonzo	Mixed Bag	12.45 kg
11	Best Bag Of Mulloway (2 Fish Min)	Ian Cook	Mulloway	5.0 kg
12	Best Bag Of Tailor (2 Fish Min)	Peter Osborne	Tailor	1.15 kg
13	Best Fish On S/H Rod 4kg b/s line (max)	No entry	No entry	
14	Best Fish Caught on Fly Rod	No entry	No entry	

### Open Competition Yellow Finned Bream.

Some changes were made at the April 2005 General Meeting with Yellow finned bream added to some competitions. Not all of these changes appeared in the printed versions of the Competition Rules distributed recently, or in listing in Reel Talks for 2005/6.

The omissions were my fault but no one else noticed for a whole year.

The minutes of the April 2005 meeting said:- "Ian Cook had given notices of Motion at the November General Meeting. The details were changed as below.

Moved Ian Cook seconded Peter Osborne. That a new species Black Bream be included in the listing in Section 5.1 (Species Competition). **Carried.** This will be species number 13. (This change done April 2005)

Moved Ian Cook seconded Peter Osborne that a new species Black or Yellow Finned Bream be included in the Open Competition with a minimum weight of 0.6 kilogram in section 4.12 - **carried.** Explanation:- this new section will be Section 15, "Best Black or Yellow Fin Bream" (This change was not done properly – it was shown as Black Bream only. Yellow finned bream has now been added.)

After considerable discussion, Terry Willison moved, Rick Parker seconded that the Junior, Masters and Grand Masters entries for Tarwhine be amended to Tarwhine/Black or Yellow finned Bream – **carried.**" (These changes were done April 2005.)

Competition Rules page 17 Section 15 should read Section 15, Best Black or Yellow finned Bream, 0.6 kg

**Please amend your copy of the Competition Rules.**

Secretary, Terry Fuller.

## Recorders Report.

### Open Competition 2006/7.

These are the details of the Open Competition Sections up to mid June 2006. Entries close 30 days after capture.

Section	For	Minimum weight	Entry
Section 1	Most Meritorious Capture	None	To be awarded by Committee
Section 2	Best Shark	4.5 kg	No entry
Section 3	Best Mulloway	5.0 kg	No entry
Section 4	Best Salmon	3.5 kg	3.70 kg, Paul Thompson, Swanborne.
Section 5	Best Dhufish	Legal size	No entry
Section 6	Best Tailor	1.5 kg	George Holman 4.0 kg False Entrance
Section 7	Best Samson Fish	1.5 kg	No entry
Section 8	Best Fish on single handed rod maximum 4kg line class	Legal size	3.41 kg, Paul Thompson, Swanborne
Section 9	Best Pink Snapper	2.0 kg	George Holman 3.3 kg False Entrance
Section 10	Best Tarwhine	0.5 kg	No entry
Section 11	Best Mackerel	4.0 kg	George Holman 11.5 kg False Entrance
Section 12	Best Skipjack Trevally (southern)	1.0 kg	No entry
Section 13	Best Trevally (northern)	4.0 kg	No entry
Section 14	Best Snook/Pike	0.5 kg	No entry
Section 15	Best Black or Yellow finned Bream	0.6 kg	Dave Maxted Yellow fin Bream 0.6 kg False Entrance
Section 16	Best Scale fish other than sections 3 - 15	2.0 kg	George Holman Bonefish 2.8 kg False Entrance
Section 17	Best Fish caught on Fly Rod.	Legal size	No entry

Recorder, Ian Cook

### Barron Lure Competition.

Heaviest Tailor on Lure.                      1.6 kg    Dave Maxted  
Heaviest Salmon on Lure.  
Heaviest Scale Fish on Lure.

Recorder, Ian Cook

### Masters and Grand Masters Fish Captures.

**Masters and Grand Masters Badges** I have extracted the fish listed below from the 2004/5, 2005/6 and 2006/7 field day records. These fish **can be** entered into the Masters section.

Masters	Species	Weight kg	Angler
May 04	Salmon	3.55	Bretton Stitfold
May 04	Tarwhine	0.75	Tony D'Alonzo
May 04	Tarwhine	0.65	John Jardine
June 04	Salmon	3.65	George Holman
August 04	Flathead	1.30	Grant Taggart
August 04	Yellow Tailed Kingfish	4.50	Grant Taggart
August 04	Yellow Tailed Kingfish	3.11	Tony D'Alonzo
August 04	King George Whiting	0.60	Brad Zaknich
August 04	Tarwhine	0.60	Ian cook
August 04	Tarwhine	0.70	Tony Ong
October 04	Tailor	1.70	Malcolm Harris
November 04	Tailor	1.30	Tony D'Alonzo
November 04	Tailor	1.10	Malcolm Harris
November 04	Skipjack Trevally	1.05	Vix Alexander
November 04	Tarwhine	0.70	Tony D'Alonzo
February 05	Tailor	1.20	Tony D'Alonzo
February 05	Tailor	1.65	Malcolm Harris
March 05	Tailor	1.12	David Maxted
March 05	Salmon	3.54	Malcolm Harris
April 05	Tarwhine	0.60	Malcolm Harris

April 05	Tailor	1.29	Brain Stokes
May 05	Salmon	3.67	Filomena D'Alonzo
May 05	Salmon	3.85	John Jardine
June 05	Tarwhine	0.70	Tony D'Alonzo
September 05	Flathead	0.90	Tony Ong
September 05	Tailor	2.00	Tony Ong
October 05	Tailor	1.4	Mark Farnay
October 05	Tailor	1.10	Tony D'Alonzo
November 05	Tarwhine	0.80	Tony D'Alonzo
December 05	Tarwhine	0.65	Peter Osborne
February 06	Shark	8.35	George Holman
March 06	Tailor	4.57	Filomena D'Alonzo (GM)
March 06	Tailor	2.25	Tony D'Alonzo
March 06	Tarwhine	0.67	Ian Cook
March 06	Shark	7.20	Josh Lucocq
March 06	Flathead	0.67	Spencer King
March 06	Salmon	4.45	Scott Maloney
March 06	Salmon	4.30	Mark Hansen
March 06	Salmon	4.27	George Holman
April 06	Flathead	1.20	Melvin Wee
April 06	Flathead	1.24	Tony D'Alonzo (GM)
May 06	Shark	8.15	Malcolm Harris
May 06	Skipjack Trevally	0.65	Bretton Stitfold
June 06	Tailor	1.15	Peter Osborne
June 06	Salmon	4.15	Vix Alexander

The fish below **can be** entered into the Masters section or the Grand Masters section. Please inform me into which section you wish to have them recorded.

<b>Grand Masters</b>	Species	Weight kg	Angler
May 04	Shark	16.85	Tony D'Alonzo
August 04	Yellow Tailed Kingfish	4.50	Grant Taggart
October 04	Mulloway	10.5	Tony D'Alonzo
February 05	Shark	24.43	Tony D'Alonzo
March 05	Salmon	4.96	Vix Alexander
March 05	Salmon	4.985	Spencer King
June 05	King George Whiting	1.06	Ian Taggart
February 06	Shark	8.350	George Holman
March 06	Tailor	4.575	Filomena D'Alonzo
March 06	Salmon	4.95	Peter Osborne
April 06	Flathead	1.20	Melvin Wee
April 06	Flathead	1.24	Tony D'Alonzo
June 06	Tailor	2.90	Ian Cook

Please advise me of any errors or omissions.

Ian Cook

## **Club Records.**

Melvin Wee caught a Southern Blue Spotted Flathead at the Emu Springs Field day on 15 April. Details:- Southern Blue Spotted Flathead, *Platycephalus speculator*, 1.20 kg, Bait Mulie, Length 580 mm, Girth 250 mm

George Holman caught a Bonefish at the False Entrance on 4 April. Details:-

Bonefish, *Albula neogiunaica Valenciennes* 2.8 kg Bait Mulie Length 740 mm Girth 310 mm

Well done to both George and Melvin. Melvin needs an extra clap as he is a very new member. Melvin's Flathead had a large number of growths on it which we still have to identify.

Ian Cook

## **Notice of Motion**

I give notice that I will move that Competition Rules, Section 5.4, Grand Master Angler Competition have the following sentence added. "Fish may be caught at any time including Club Field Days."

**Discussion Topic.** Grand Masters. Fish caught outside of a field day that meet the minimum weight for Grand Masters. Currently there is no clear rule on fish that meet the minimum weight for Grand Masters on whether they can be entered into both the Masters and Grand Masters or only Grand Masters. What do members think the rule should be?

Ian Cook

## June Dry Casting Report.

Dry Casting Organiser, Bob Henderson.

### Single Handed Open.

	Cast 1	Cast 2	Cast 3	Cast 4
Peter Stoeckel	58.6 m	67.5 m	76.3 m	
George Holman	82.3 m	80.9 m	84.7 m	83.8 m
Mark Hansen	55.1 m	63.1 m	62.3 m	
Ian Cook	57.1 m	58.2 m	65.2 m	
Malcolm Harris	61.5 m	65.8 m	79.6 m	
Scott Maloney	---	45.4 m	78.6 m	80.7 m

### Dry Casting Winners for June 2006.

Event	Seniors Winner		Veterans Winner	
56 gram Score	22	Rhys Jones	22	Bob Henderson
56 gram Distance	115m	Rhys Jones	128m	George Holman
Artificial Bait Score	22	Rhys Jones	22	Bob Henderson, Gary Gildersleeves
Artificial Bait Distance	118m	Malcolm Harris	117m	George Holman
112 gram Score	28	Malcolm Harris	26	Bob Henderson
112 gram Distance	147m	Malcolm Harris	130m	Bob Henderson
Double Handed Acc.	123	Rhys Jones	162	Gary Gildersleeves
Single Handed Acc.	31	Malcolm Harris	26	Terry Fuller
Section Highest Points	225	Rhys Jones	251	Bob Henderson

Event	Ladies Winner	
56 gram Score	17	Vix Alexander
56 gram Distance	87	Vix Alexander
Artificial Bait Score	15	Vix Alexander
Artificial Bait Distance	74	Vix Alexander
112 gram Score	16	Vix Alexander
112 gram Distance	88	Vix Alexander
Double Handed Acc.	51	Vix Alexander
Single Handed Acc.	14	Vix Alexander
Section Highest Points	123	Vix Alexander

Event	Overall Winner		Year's best up to June	
56 gram Score	22	Rhys Jones, Bob Henderson	25	George Holman
56 gram Distance	128m	George Holman	133m	Malcolm Harris
Artificial Bait Score	22	Rhys Jones, Bob Henderson, Gary Gildersleeves	22	Malcolm Harris, Rhys Jones, Bob Henderson, Gary Gildersleeves
Artificial Bait Distance	118m	Malcolm Harris	120m	George Holman
112 gram Score	28	Malcolm Harris	29	Nick Allsworth
112 gram Distance	147m	Malcolm Harris	158m	George Holman
Double Handed Acc.	162	Gary Gildersleeves	162	George Holman, Gary Gildersleeves
Single Handed Acc.	31	Malcolm Harris	32	Nick Allsworth
Day's High Points	251	Bob Henderson	269	Bob Henderson

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller.



## **Steep Point Trip.**

After the May General Meeting, David Maxted, Dennis Green and I decided to take a fishing trip to the Steep Point area for five days. It's marvelous how quickly you can prepare for a trip when you decide to, bait, food, drinks, gas for ballooning, camping gear etc.

We left at around 8pm and traveled all night arriving at the camping area approximately 10am. We made camp and by 2pm Dennis had a bait out under a balloon and I was lure fishing off the cliffs, and Dave was resting. Score one shark about 40 to 50 kilos to Dennis and not a follower for me. Tea, a toddy and sleep.

Next morning we all had balloons out and my first fish was a sailfish which was up and dancing and tail walking for a whole minute and then a pack of sharks demolished it – an oil slick and a lot of birds! We all have a couple of mackerel on which the sharks had for dinner, leaving us one mangled head only after a shark spat it out.

Next day the wind changed so we had to move which was a good thing because the sharks left us alone. This resulted in Dennis landing a mackerel of 18.5 kg and I managed an 11.5 kg and an 8 kg mackerel as well. Dave lost one.

Fished the cliffs that afternoon and evening for tailor up to 2.5 kg (released) and one good pink snapper.

The weather changed for the next two days to rain and drizzle and overcast and as a result the fish went right off the bite. We all did a lot of surface lure and popper fishing with Dennis and me having one very good tailor on each but we lost them both. Dave landed and released 4 good tailor. We asked him for tips on how to catch tailor.

The final night David and I decided to bottom bounce and ended up a real good night's fishing, even though there was a wind and an odd shower of rain. We both lost a number of good fish, but David landed a nice pink snapper, a mulloway and a few bream and an unusual fish which he photographed. I managed some pink snapper, a tailor of 4 kg and a bonefish of 2.9 kg.- and they certainly fight!

The morning we were to leave, we ballooned for a while for one hit but it ended up on the reef so we did not find out what it was. I decided to lure fish and I have never seen fish hit so quickly and hard. I do not know what they were, but we suspect yellowtail kingfish in the 10 to 20 kg range as they certainly looked big and long and were powerful and dirty fighters.

I had five casts for five Mack Bait lures and five fish lost – three findings the same reef low down to the left after some lengthy fights, and two the sharks got.

It was in time for our chef (Dave Maxted) to do the right thing and feed the intrepid anglers, who then labored packing up and we hit the road about 4pm, traveled all night arriving back in Perth about 6:30am.

A good trip, good company and a good feed of fish.

George Holman

## **Rottnest Island No Fishing Zones.**

If ever there was anything that would ever fit the saying “**if it is worth having, it is worth working and fighting for it**”, then I suggest fishing at Rottnest, particularly the West End, clearly falls into that category for this Club and its fishing members.

Well the time is now, comments close on 15 July, so what will **YOU** do to protect your fishing at West End??

This edition of Reel Talk has a lot about the Rottnest Island no fishing zones. I make no apologies for that.

I have given you the information. It is up to you to do something yourself and use it. Over to you.

Contact me for an electronic copy to save you lots of typing.

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller.

## **Copies of the Rottnest Strategy and feedback form.**

The Marine Management Strategy and feedback form are on the Rottnest Island website <http://www.rottnestisland.com> Printed copies may also be obtained by contacting the Authority on 9432 9300.

**Beware of the traps and don't be misled.** There are two different documents of about 20 pages. One is the actual strategy, the other is a “have your say” explanatory document which look identical until you compare them and then realise that their contents are completely different. Then there is the feedback form - a folded double sided A3 sheet. The website has the strategy, but you have to read **all** of the extra web pages as well to get the full contents of the “have your say” document.

If you ask the Authority for a copy, you will probably get only the “have your say” explanatory document and the feedback form but not the actual strategy, which means you will not be fully informed about the details. Believe me, all the details are extremely important for making informed comments.

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller.



## **Making Comments about Rottnest Proposals.**

**First.** Send an email or letter to the Premier, Tourism Minister, Fisheries Minister and your own Member of Parliament letting them know what you think about bias and misleading information in the development of the strategy and in all the public consultation, and demanding proper consultation with recreational anglers before deciding the final strategy.

Make sure you say very clearly in any letter or email that you are sending it for the information or attention of and a response from the specific Minister or Member it is addressed to, and you don't want it to be referred to the Tourism Minister if/because you have already sent one to her.

Email and postal addresses are listed below for you to send your own emails or letters.

**Second.** Put in detailed comments on the draft strategy. The "official" written and electronic feedback forms are misleading and biased and designed to achieve a predetermined outcome from the public consultation process by asking loaded questions.

The online entry version severely limits your options for answers. The paper version gives you more freedom to answer and comment. Obtain a copy, or download the feedback form, print out a copy and answer the questions as you wish. See the sample answers later in this Reel Talk.

Send copies of your objections, comments and submissions to the Premier, Tourism Minister, Fisheries Minister, and your local members of Parliament and to the Rottnest Island Authority too.

### **Addresses for Government Ministers and comments.**

Premier:- Hon Alan Carpenter MLA, 197 St George's Terrace, Perth 6000  
email: [wa-government@dpc.wa.gov.au](mailto:wa-government@dpc.wa.gov.au)

Minister for Tourism, responsible for Rottnest:- Hon Sheila McHale MLA, 12th Floor, Dumas House, 2 Havelock Street, West Perth, 6005 email: [sheila-mchale@dpc.wa.gov.au](mailto:sheila-mchale@dpc.wa.gov.au)

Minister for Fisheries, responsible for management of fisheries:- Hon. Jon Ford MLC 9th Floor, Dumas House 2 Havelock Street, West Perth 6005 email: [jon-ford@dpc.wa.gov.au](mailto:jon-ford@dpc.wa.gov.au)

Rottnest Island Authority, E-Shed, Victoria Quay, Fremantle WA 6160 or PO Box 693 Fremantle WA 6959  
Email: [enquiries@rotnnestisland.com](mailto:enquiries@rotnnestisland.com) Telephone 9432 9300 Fax 9432 9301

Send the printed feedback/comment form to:- Rottnest Island Marine Management Strategy, Synovate, PO Box 984 West Perth 6872

Article by Recfishwest Board Member for AAA, Terry Fuller.

## **Summary of Some of the Problems with Rottnest Proposals.**

It would be easier to say what is right about these proposals and the way they were produced because that would barely fill one page. I could write a book about what is wrong with them.

Here is a heading summary of some of the problems with the Rottnest proposals. Check the Recfishwest website [www.recfishwest.org.au](http://www.recfishwest.org.au) in a week or two for a link to page which expands these out in much more detail, or give Terry Fuller a phone call and discuss them.

**Emotive Presentation.** The strategy has been presented in a emotive way which implies it is the only way our kids can have their own fish stories. There are other ways of achieving significant benefits for the fish and the environment. People may be discouraged from disagreeing with the methods or some details because that disagreement may be portrayed somehow as an irresponsible attitude to the preservation of the environmental and social values of Rottnest. They appear to want you to feel guilty, so be aware and don't react that way.

**Development of the Strategy.** The Marine Management Strategy Working Group had a clear bias towards creating a substantial number and area of "no-take" zones, areas closed to all fishing. This is using only one tool, where a whole set of tools should be used.

**Consultation during development of strategy.** Recfishwest, the peak recreational fishing body, was never formally consulted about the details of the proposals or plans as they were being developed, and had no opportunity to provide comments back or suggest alternatives which is an essential part of any consultation to achieve consensus. Despite this, the strategy talks of "extensive consultation," which is deliberately misleading. A proper outcome and true consensus was not and could never have been achieved.

**Reliance on sanctuary (no take) Zones.** Sanctuary zones do not allow anything to be taken out or caught, regardless of the impact or otherwise of that catch. "Catch and release" fishing or catching free roaming, non resident pelagic species is not allowed. There is a place for sanctuary zones as part of a total package of different measures to achieve environmental and fisheries management objectives. Sanctuary zones by themselves do not provide a suitable fish management strategy for Rottnest.

**Fish Species at Rottnest.** The strategy does not distinguish between free swimming migratory fish and resident bottom dwelling fish, which have very different protection requirements.

**Measurement of Success or Failure of strategy.** The strategy does not have any measurable objectives or outcomes which can be measured in the future to see if the strategy has achieved any objectives. It should have clearly defined success and failure criteria, expressed in terms of "if this outcome is achieved, then the strategy is a success" and "if this outcome is NOT achieved, then the strategy is a failure."

**Poor science and anecdotal information.** The science used has been selected to support sanctuary zones, or has alternative meanings. Some selective anecdotal information has been used in place of real science.

**Users affected by the Strategy.** Restrictions imposed by the Strategy fall on recreational fishing and on little else which can and does affect the environment. Some obvious risks are not managed.

**Reallocation of areas to other users.** Sanctuary zones is a re-allocation of some areas to underwater diving and sightseeing rather than fishing. Recreational anglers would not have any objection to the reservation of some areas for other users, but any reallocation should be negotiated openly and honestly, and not be misrepresented.

**Distinguish between shore and boat fishing.** Shore based fishing and boat based fishing are very different and target different species, but the "science" used and the strategy does not recognise this.

**Misleading claims of impact on and benefits for anglers.** There is nothing in the strategy which can deliver better fishing at Rottnest. The strategy suggests that sanctuary areas may provide excess fish available to be caught in other areas, but this cannot happen for the (pelagic) species commonly caught from shore.

**Fisheries management in the greater metro area.** Management of fishing needs to change in the entire metro area. These changes should include special attention to Rottnest which should be properly integrated into much wider and effective management of the real threats and delivers real benefits for the fish and the environment

**Misleading and confusing information.** The information about the strategy provided to the public so that they can comment on the proposals is confusing, biased, emotive and misleading.

**Biased feedback forms and questions.** Almost all the questions and information on the official feedback form are emotive, would be very difficult to answer with "no", and are deliberately designed to achieve "yes" responses leading to a predetermined outcome of majority support for the entire package of proposals.

Article by Recfishwest Board Member for AAA, Terry Fuller.

## **Sample Letters / Emails about Rottnest.**

Here are three more different examples of letters/emails to the Ministers. The Australian Anglers Association letter was published in the May Reel Talk. That now gives members 4 different examples with plenty of ideas which can be used to prepare their own letters.

### **Mal Head's Rottnest Letter.**

Dear Mr. Ford. Re: Management Of Fishing In Western Australia

As a land based recreational fisherman for many years I would agree that there is a need for a plan to be implemented to address the sustainability of our fishing stocks in Western Australia.

The government should conduct public meetings at various locations throughout the state, to hear the public voice of all interested parties in the fishing debate. Whilst appreciating that the government has made available questionnaires to various parties, and has recently released the Rottnest Marine Strategy in April 2006, it would appear at this early stage that the recreational fishing public sentiments are not being heard or recognized.

I would refer to the recent released Rottnest Marine Management Strategy in April 2006 in which Mr. Norman Halse was one of three people representing recreational fishing on this committee. From the information available to me, Mr. Halse was scathing in many aspects of the conduct of meetings held by the Working Group, the manner in which the outcomes and recommendations were achieved in the report and a general bias against recreational fishing on the island. He is also critical of the Strategy report and has stated, "it should be abandoned" and replaced by a strategy, which would properly protect and manage all aspects of fishing in the entire greater metropolitan area, which would include Rottnest.

Previous Fisheries Minister Mr. Kim Chance advised parliament that there is no evidence that recreational fisherman has compromised biodiversity. Yet it appears the Rottnest proposal is based on that of "closed no take areas" is the recommended solution.

It appears that the recreational fishing representatives would have agreed to give some concessions on some areas having limitations, but the manner to which these areas have been selected appears to have been made without proper consultation, "eg: Fisheries Department" or foundation.

Your Government gave a clear policy statement that "the Gallop Government will reaffirm its commitment not to support bans on fishing at Rottnest Island".

As many recreational land based fishing people are supporters of your Government, they would be currently disillusioned at the current position of their plight and likely outcome - especially at Rottnest.

I would respectfully recommend that the Government revisit this agenda with a strategy for a broader outlook and consultation on fishing and to include a little more consideration towards the land based recreational fishing public.

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**Another set of comments that came to me in an email.**

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the creation of the extensive fishing closures proposed for the Rottnest Island Reserve, and to ask that this letter be counted as a submission to the Rottnest Island draft Marine Management Strategy.

Expanding marine sanctuaries at Rottnest is an illogical step in protecting the biodiversity of this island when the major in situ threats to the island's marine habitats are clearly indiscriminate anchoring, moorings, pollution from boats and the settlement itself - as well as increasing human use for a wide range of recreational activities.

Offsite threats that directly flow into Rottnest waters include pollution and sewerage outfall from the Perth Metropolitan area and the Swan-Canning Rivers.

Like other parts of the WA west coast, Rottnest's marine life is for the most part not directly exploited by recreational or commercial fishers - but may have possibly suffered from other harmful activities associated with development. However there is no scientific evidence to support any assertion that fishing - and recreational angling in particular - has had an impact on the biodiversity in this or any other area.

Fishing groups take a small number of specific species of finfish, crustaceans and molluscs - in the case of Rottnest anglers take only about 10 species of the 600 or more common to this large marine bioregion which extends from Kalbarri to Augusta.

All these species recruit into the small area of the reserve from breeding populations that are spread across thousands of kilometres of ocean. Many species caught are highly migratory or utilise ocean currents to distribute their eggs, larvae and juveniles. Research into the recruitment of tropical finfish by Barry Hutchins of the WA Museum clearly demonstrates the variable nature of recruitment and survival in this area.

Rottnest is also very small component in this much larger ecosystem - and comprises less than 0.08% of the 45,000 or so square kilometres that comprise the west coast continental shelf. Small "sanctuaries" at Rottnest have little meaning in an ecological or ecosystem sense, and socially they are highly divisive.

If the marine waters of the west coast need greater protection then this should be dealt with on an ecosystem scale, by the application of a range of strategies that actually address clearly identified issues, including a revision of fisheries management if necessary. It should not be done at a micro scale in a process which effectively discriminates against the 30 per cent of WA's adult population who enjoy fishing.

If we are to enjoy WA's marine environment into the future it is important that your Government shows that it understands the real issues and demonstrates that it is proceeding on a rational and properly assessed course, not just responding to the dogma and theory of an increasingly militant green movement and green bureaucracy.

Any comparisons with coral reef systems at Ningaloo Reef and the Great Barrier Reef are completely specious - and do not bear any level of scrutiny.

I urge you to give future generations a chance to enjoy the spectacular and diverse marine life of WA's favourite holiday destination in their own way - and ensure future widespread community support for good management at Rottnest

Please - for the sake of all Western Australians - keep Rottnest as the wonderful holiday destination it has always been - and put a stop to the unthinking ideologically driven policy that is disenfranchising the 30 per cent or more of WA's adult population who enjoy responsible conservation-minded fishing and all its social and health benefits, as well as disinherit our children and their children from this valuable aspect of WA's culture and lifestyle.

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**Another sample message to members of the Government and MPs.**

I am writing to express my objection to the way the proposals for "no fishing zones" at Rottnest have been developed, and to the poor information provided to the public and to the very biased and misleading feedback forms.

I object to closing areas where there is no evidence that the type of fishing which is currently carried out has had any significant effect on biodiversity of the area or on fish stocks in the places proposed to be closed.

I do not have objections to closing areas which are fish breeding grounds or fish nursery areas, or where fishing is shown to be a risk to biodiversity AND there is no other action possible except complete closure of some areas, but only for the minimum times this is necessary, not permanently.

I do support tighter fishing rules for any species and for any places where fishing pressures are affecting fish stocks or biodiversity.

I object to the poor and incomplete science which has been used and the misrepresentation of the findings of the shore based fishing surveys.

I object to the claims of future improvement in fishing at Rottneest because the proposed closures can not possibly affect the stocks of species such as herring, tailor, salmon, silver trevally, spanish mackerel, etc which are not resident and whose juveniles use nursery areas elsewhere. There are no objectives or success and failure criteria against which the actual benefits can be measured at any time in the future.

Rottneest is a special place and does need proper management, but management at Rottneest must be properly integrated into much wider and effective management of the metropolitan area.

Urgent action should be taken to properly address the real threats in the entire greater metro area and must specifically and urgently address excessive fishing pressures and the depletion of some fish species.

These metro measures should include special attention to Rottneest. Through that, benefits for Rottneest will be achieved which will be many times greater than can ever be achieved by the type of isolated actions in the Rottneest proposals.

It is clear that the main outcomes of the proposals are reallocations of areas to some other users, and the main losers are recreational anglers. I demand that any reallocation be negotiated openly and honestly, and not be misrepresented as "essential for preserving biodiversity" or attempting to justify them by weak claims of protecting fish, and by undeliverable promises of improved recreational fishing at some time in the future.

I do not have any objections to allocating some areas to other users such as divers, where they may see areas which are not fished.

The questions on the feedback form and the operation of the online version appear to be deliberately designed to achieve responses which can only be interpreted as majority support for the proposals, instead of allowing proper informed opinions.

I urge you to give everyone a chance to enjoy the marine life of WA's favourite holiday destination, by supporting proper marine and fisheries management of the entire metro area including the right management for Rottneest.

Article by Recfishwest Board Member for AAA, Terry Fuller.

## **Sample Answers to Rottneest "Have Your Say" Questions.**

The following answers are based on the requirements for shore based fishing and do not consider boat fishing, which is very different and can target or affect different species and need different management. Words in double brackets and italics (( *like this* )) are explanations for you, and are not part of the suggested answer.

There are many possible answers. These ones are just some prepared to meet the deadline for this edition of Reel Talk to give members some ideas. They are not necessarily the answers I will use or I recommend, because with time to consider them, I will edit or add more to these. Read through all the information on Rottneest and you will find plenty of other ideas.

**Remember:-** The way the questions are asked and information that is given make it very clear that the main aim of the questions is to get the maximum number of "yes or agree" answers which can be added up and counted as majority support for the majority of questions about the proposals. If you say you agree, there is a good chance any qualifying comments you make will not be considered or counted. Notice that many questions do not ask for comments when you agree, so ignore that bias and give your comments anyway.

**Contact Details Q1) *What activities do you undertake, and what interests do you have on Rottneest Island?***  
**Answer:-** Regular fishing trips for line fishing from the shore at West End since ..... ((*add your comments*))

**Contact Details Q2) *Do you want your submission to be treated as confidential?*** **Answer:-** No. ((*so that yours can be identified in any summary of the submissions.*))

**Contact Details Q3) *Have you read the Draft Rottneest Island Marine Management strategy?*** **Answer:-** ((*hope it is a Yes, but see the "Beware the traps" message above*))

**Marine Management Strategic Objectives Q) *Do you agree with the proposed strategic objectives for the management of the Rottneest Island Marine Reserve?*** **Answer:-** This question should not demand either a yes or a no answer. I only partly agree. The objectives 1, 2 and 4 are just different ways of saying that "no take" sanctuary zones must be used. These demonstrate bias and failure to identify a set of key outcomes and measures, assess the risks, identify a range of alternative solutions, and pick solutions which deliver real and measurable outcomes.

**Social Values Q1) *The marine environment lends itself to a range of users including swimmers, divers, snorkellers, boaters, fishers and surfers. It also has a significant amenity and visual value to land-based***

visitors. **Answer:-** This statement/question has multiple parts which should have been asked separately so that separate answers can be given. Any agreement with this statement says only that there must be appropriate management, but it does not agree with any of the actual management proposals in the marine strategy.

**Social Values Q2)** *The marine reserve is maintained for recreational and tourism purposes.* **Answer:-** Agree. However, there are some tourism activities which can have significant direct or indirect impact on the environment, for example anchoring for divers, but there is no evidence in the strategy of any attempt to manage or restrict anything but fishing.

**Social Values Q3)** *Experience of the marine environment should be available for current and future generations.* **Answer:-** Neither agree nor disagree. There is no definition or explanation of the term "experience", which obviously has a whole range of meanings for different people. So there is no way of knowing or measuring if the proposals in the strategy actually deliver this nebulous concept. This is a biased question which implies that the restrictions in the proposed strategy are essential to give "an experience", and is aimed at getting the maximum number of "agree" answers. I do not agree that the proposals in the strategy are necessary for or will have any significant overall effect on the Rottne experience.

**Ecological Values Q1)** *Geological features such as reefs, seabed, shoreline, beaches and coastal dunes should not be significantly altered as a result of human activities.* **Answer:-** Neither agree nor disagree. There is no definition or explanation of the term "significant", so there is no way to know what amount of impact is considered acceptable or not in designing the strategy. I am concerned that any support for this question would be used to "justify" restrictions which are not essential to adequately maintain these features. I am concerned that unnecessary restrictions might be imposed for ideological or convenience reasons rather than to manage the real risks which might be involved in allowing recreational line fishing from the shore for pelagic species which does not pose any significant threat to these features under existing regulations.

**Ecological Values Q2)** *The high quality of water and sediments at Rottne Island are to be maintained throughout the Marine Reserve.* **Answer:-** Neither agree nor disagree. This question should have been combined with Q3. Although this is a valid objective which I support in principle, this should not be used to "justify" restrictions which are not essential to maintain water quality. There is no evidence that responsible recreational line fishing from the shore for pelagic species poses any significant threat to water and sediment quality. Any issues with rubbish are social issues which should be handled by education, existing littering laws and penalties, and by a recreational fishing code of ethics.

**Ecological Values Q3)** *Seawater quality is to meet human health standards at all times.* **Answer:-** Neither agree nor disagree. This is just another way of asking the previous question 2. This is an example where a topic is given two separate questions, yet really important questions which deserve separate answers are combined into one question or not asked at all. This appears to be bias aimed at getting the maximum number of "agreed" questions which can be aggregated as majority support for the majority of questions about the proposals. See my answer to Q2. There is no evidence that responsible recreational fishing poses any threat at all to seawater meeting human health standards. Appropriate rules should apply for human wastes from boats, but this is not justification for any restrictions on recreational fishing.

**Ecological Values Q4)** *There should be minimal damage to, or loss of coral reefs, as a result of human activities.* **Answer:-** Neither agree nor disagree. This is just another way of asking the previous question Q1. This is another example where a topic is given 2 separate questions to manipulate the outcome. This appears to be bias aimed at getting the maximum number of "agreed" questions which can be aggregated as majority support for the majority of questions about the proposals.

There is no definition or explanation of the term "minimal", so there is no way to know what amount of impact is considered acceptable or not in designing the strategy. I am concerned that any support for this question could be used to "justify" restrictions which are not essential to maintain coral reefs. I am concerned that unnecessary restrictions might be imposed for ideological or convenience reasons rather than to manage the real risks. There is no evidence that responsible recreational line fishing from the shore for pelagic species poses any threat to these coral reefs.

**Ecological Values Q5)** *The diversity and abundance of marine animals are to be maintained at current levels or restored to 1950 conditions.* **Answer:-** Strongly disagree. This question has multiple parts which should have been asked separately so that separate answers can be given. "Maintained at current levels" and "restored to 1950 conditions" are two very different objectives which would require very different management. This is a biased question which is aimed at getting a majority of "agree" answers from people who do not realise the implications.

I am extremely concerned that any support for maintaining current levels, which is a valid and commendable objective, would be used to "justify" quite severe and unnecessary restrictions in a vain attempt to restore 1950 conditions. 1950 conditions cannot possibly be achieved solely by any conceivable actions at Rottne, and would require drastic changes and restrictions to all human activities in the entire metropolitan marine area and large parts of the West Coast.

Changes in fish abundance for many of the pelagic species caught by recreational line fishing from the shore are due to changes in the entire West Coast and are not due to fishing pressure at Rottneest. Closures of areas at Rottneest cannot possibly have any effect on the abundance of most of these pelagic species which breed and grow elsewhere, some species as far away as South Australia.

**Ecological Values Q6)** *Target fish species in the Marine Reserve are to only be harvested at levels that maintain marine biodiversity.* **Answer:-** Strongly Disagree, particularly with the implication that recreational catch of common pelagic fish species from the shore has any impact on biodiversity at Rottneest, and particularly not for the species mentioned in the Strategy as at risk. There is no measure of the current status of marine biodiversity at Rottneest, and there is no knowledge about any impact of captures of the pelagic fish species on biodiversity. See also the answer to Q5.

**Management Strategy.** *The Draft Marine Management Strategy recommends that the use of sanctuary zones is the most efficient and effective way to manage marine biodiversity. Do you agree with this recommendation?* **Answer:-** Strongly disagree. This is a biased question, aimed at getting maximum support for the proposals. Sanctuary zones are appropriate where there are destructive fishing practices, overfishing, recognised breeding, aggregation or nursery areas, or special places where some human activities are simply not compatible with the physical characteristics of the area or the living creatures present.

There is no evidence presented that any of these apply to the areas proposed for sanctuary zones at Rottneest. This reliance on sanctuary zones as the only tool, instead of being just one tool and a whole suite, shows an ideology that sanctuary zones work in some places and therefore they must work and they must be essential and there are no alternatives in other places. The documentation of the strategy is blatantly misleading where it talks of using a suite of tools when in fact the only tool used is sanctuary zones and the only group of users affected are recreational fishermen.

**Sanctuary Zones Q1)** *Do you agree that sanctuary zones should be increased in size to protect marine biodiversity for future generations of Western Australians and visitors to Rottneest Island?* **Answer:-** Neither agree nor disagree. I do not disagree with sanctuary zones in the right places and for the right reasons, however I am not convinced of the "justifications" used for the proposed zones. I disagree with the need to increase the size of sanctuary zones to protect the ecological values which have been listed in the strategy.

**Sanctuary Zones Q2)** *Do you agree that sanctuary zones should be increased in number to protect marine biodiversity for future generations of Western Australians and visitors to Rottneest Island?* **Answer:-** See answer to Q1.

**Sanctuary Zones Q3)** *Do you agree/disagree with the amended Sanctuary Zone 1 – Kingston Reef.* **Answer:-** Agree. ((it is offshore so has no effect on shore fishing))

**Sanctuary Zones Q4)** *Do you agree/disagree with the amended Sanctuary Zone 2 – Parker Point.* **Answer:-** Neither agree nor disagree. The wording in the strategy about this zone is misleading. It says "this 1994 working group considered the special protection through zoning was both 'necessary and urgent'" However that paper also actually says (Part IV page 18) that these areas "should be managed for the purposes of scientific research and education". Note the word "managed" and that it does NOT say that the area needs to be closed completely or for biodiversity conservation. I have no objection to proper management where the real risks are assessed and managed. However there is no evidence offered that responsible recreational line fishing from the shore for pelagic species in this area poses any threat to the ecological values (corals) or biodiversity values identified in the area, and therefore there is no justification for banning it.

Tropical fish are aliens to this area and stocks are replenished from the tropics as a result of favourable ocean currents. They have no biodiversity conservation value, even though they might be nice to see for divers. These species are not targeted by fishermen and only small numbers of these are ever caught. Their presence does not justify fishing exclusion zones.

**Sanctuary Zones Q5)** *Do you agree/disagree with the new Sanctuary Zone 3 – Green Island.* **Answer:-** Neither agree nor disagree. The proposed area where fishing is allowed from the jetty is badly defined and illogical. The result would be that a person standing on the jetty could fish into some areas, but a person standing on the shore could not fish in exactly the same area of water. Shore based line fishermen do not catch or damage seagrass meadows, juvenile Western Rock Lobster (which are protected by Fisheries legislation anyway,) or macroalgae and rodoliths which are the species claimed to need protection in the area. Shore based rod and line fishing should be allowed in this zone because there is no valid reason to ban it to protect the named species.

**Sanctuary Zones Q6)** *Do you agree/disagree with the new Sanctuary Zone 4 – West End.* **Answer:-** Strongly disagree. Tropical fish are aliens to this area and stocks are replenished from the tropics as a result of favourable ocean currents. They have no biodiversity conservation value, even though they might be nice to see for divers. These species are not targeted by fishermen and only small numbers of these are ever caught. Their presence does not justify fishing exclusion zones.

Shore based fishermen try to catch pelagic species which travel from and breed elsewhere. Shore based fishermen have negligible impact on bottom dwelling fish compared to the potential impact of fishing from boats. Shore based line fishermen also do not catch or damage molluscs, invertebrates, coral or algae which are the species claimed to need protection in the area.

There are only a few shore access points, and the recreational fishing survey showed only a small percentage of fishermen fish from the shore in this area and only in favourable conditions, so any impact they might have is very small.

Shore based rod and line fishing should be allowed because there is no valid reason to ban it. There is nothing to be gained from taking away the opportunity for a unique fishing experience in this area.

**Sanctuary Zones Q7) Do you agree/disagree with the new Sanctuary Zone 5 – Armstrong / North Point**  
**Answer:-** Neither agree nor disagree. The wording in the strategy about this zone is misleading. It says “this 1994 working group considered the special protection through zoning of the areas identified by the EPA System 6 Report was both ‘necessary and urgent’. None of the additional areas which included Armstrong Point to Parakeet Bay....” However that paper actually quotes (Part IV page 18) EPA recommendation C45.2 which mentions Eagle Bay to Fish Hook Bay and from Salmon Point to Parker Point, but does not mention Armstrong Point.

**Sanctuary Zones Q8) Do you agree/disagree with the new Recreation Zone.** **Answer:-** I agree with the concept of a recreation zone. I disagree with the proposal because it still allows some commercial fishing and this conflicts with the concept of a recreation zone. If commercial fishing is allowed then by definition it is a General Use zone.

**Sanctuary Zones Q9) Do you have any further comments about the proposed zones?** **Answer:-** Neither recreational fishers nor the Department of Fisheries were properly involved in the process of deciding these zones or considering alternatives. I object to the quality and misrepresentation of findings of the shorebased fishing survey, there is no risk assessment, there are no details of identified threats, no defined and measurable desired outcomes, no alternatives are offered, and the overwhelming impression is “trust us, we know what we are doing” and that is not acceptable as science.

**Q10) Are there any further comments you would like to make regarding the draft strategy?** **Answer:-** ((Should be plenty. Use anything from the sample comments provided in the earlier articles.))

Article by Recfishwest Board Member for AAA, Terry Fuller.

## **AAA Fishing Clinics, July 2006.**

If you want to learn....

- How to fish better.
- How to catch your preferred species.
- What gear to use and where to use it.....

Make sure you're at the Australian Anglers Association 2006 Fishing Clinics on Mondays, July 3, 10 and 17, 2006 commencing 7:30pm at Hillarys Yacht Club, Hillarys Marina, (north side)

- Bait presentation and rigging for all species.
- Rods, Reels, Line and Braid, and matching these for best angling and casting results.
- Soft plastics and hard bodied lures and equipment for small fish species.
- Catch and Release and Tagging for research.
- Inshore small boat fishing for King George Whiting, Trevally, Tailor, Mackerel, Tuna, etc. Offshore deep sea fishing for Jewfish, Snapper, Baldchin Groper, Breaksea Cod, etc..
- How, when and where to fish the Swan River for Black Bream and other species, boat and shore.
- Fishing for tailor and herring from the shore.
- Reading the beach and water, when, where and what to look for to help catch those fish.
- Fish Filleting demonstration.

Check the July 2006 Reel Talk for the final program and the presenters, or see the latest information which will be posted on the AAWA website at <http://www.aaawa.iinet.net.au/ClinicsMain.html>

<b>Admission:-</b>	Adults	All three nights	\$25.00	Per night	\$12.00
	Juniors (under 16)	All three nights	\$12.00	Per night	\$7.00

Door prize and great raffle prizes each night.

AAA Secretary Terry Fuller

## Fishing Gear For Sale

Terry Willison is changing his fishing to lighter tackle and has some fishing gear for sale.

He hasn't listed it all yet, but if you are looking for some fishing gear, contact Terry at Northside Mowers in Kirke St. Balcatta.

## Secretary / Reel Talk Editor / Website Editor

As advised in recent Reel Talks, at the next elections at the July Annual General Meeting, I will not be volunteering for and will not accept any nomination to be a Committee Member or do the above jobs.

Page 22 of the May Reel Talk listed some of what needs to be done before the July Annual General Meeting to allow the changeover to, and takeover by, any new people who take on these jobs.

### Now that I have looked at everything I have to do during July, I repeat and I emphasise:-

The club and members have known since late February that I will not be doing any work for the club in 2006/7.

Everything I do will be finalised and packed up or turned off after I have prepared the Secretary's stuff for the July General Meeting and Annual General Meeting. I will not be working on any club activity after 12 July onwards.

Handovers:- The time I will be able to give to handovers will be **very limited** after the July Annual General Meeting, and so a proper detailed handover may not be possible. If any new people come forward early, I will be able to tell them things they need to know before the July General Meeting.

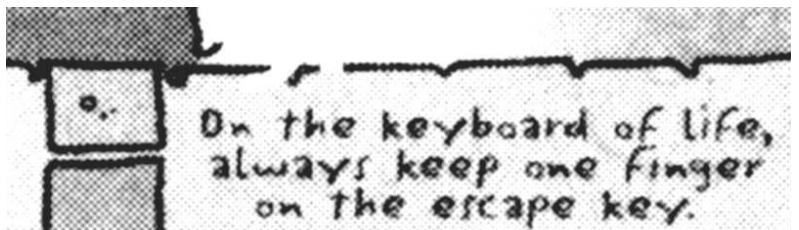
Time is running out.

This little snippet from "Ginger Meggs" in a weekend paper caught my eye.

This is my last edition of the Reel Talk.

I have just pressed the "escape" key on the Reel Talk Editor's work.

It's now time for me to "escape" and hand it all over to someone else.



## Rottnest.

This edition of Reel Talk has a lot about the Rottnest Island no fishing zones. I make no apologies for that, because if ever there was anything that would ever fit the saying "**if it is worth having, it is worth working and fighting for it**", then I suggest fishing at Rottnest, particularly the West End, clearly falls into that category for this Club and its fishing members.

I have given you the information. It is up to you to do something yourself and use it.

2005/6 Secretary / Reel Talk Editor / Website Editor, Terry Fuller.

## Membership Fees Are Due 1 July 2006.

There are no changes to the membership fees for 2006/7. The amounts due on 1 July are:-

Single Membership	\$75.00 per year.	Associate Membership	\$25.00 per year.
Family Membership	\$85.00 per year.	Concession	\$45.00 per year.
Junior Membership	\$50.00 per year.	Life membership	No fees required.

Eligibility for the concession membership is covered by the Constitution Section 16(e) "The committee shall set a reduced annual membership fee for members of age 60 years or more. This reduced membership fee will apply to pensioners who make application to the committee. Members in paid employment are not eligible for reduced fees."

You **must pay your fees by 31 July 2006**, or by the 12 July General meeting if you want to vote at the 12 July Annual General meeting. The above amounts will take your membership up to 30 June 2007. Please contact the Treasurer if you wish to pay by installments.

Please update the details of your membership on the form in this Reel Talk, attach your payment and post or hand it to the Treasurer. If you do not intend to renew your membership, can you please advise the Secretary or Treasurer as soon as possible using the form near the back of this Reel Talk.

Secretary, Terry Fuller.



**Pull out and use this page – use the back if you don't intend to renew.**

**Please send your club membership fees.**

Membership fees become due on 1 July. **You must pay your fees by 31 July 2006** or well before the Annual General Meeting on 12 July 2006 if you want to vote at that meeting,

to:-

**Treasurer,  
Surf Casting and Angling Club of WA (Inc),  
PO Box 2032, Marmion WA 6020**

I enclose \$\_\_\_\_\_ for a **Single / Family / Concession / Junior / Associate membership**  
**(please circle one of these)**

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**Details of people to be included in this membership.**

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Address:-				
			Post Code:-	
Home Phone:-	Work Phone:-	Mobile Phone:-		
Email Address:-				

Family members to be included in my **Family Membership**. These details are not required for other memberships.

	Last Name	First Name(s)	Preferred Name	Date of Birth.
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Dependent child 1:-				
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Dependent child 3:-				
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Secretary,  
Surf Casting and Angling Club of WA (Inc),  
PO Box 2032,  
Marmion WA 6020

I do not intend to renew my membership of the Surf Casting and Angling Club in 2006/2007.

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# **2006 Club Dinner and Presentation of Trophies.**

Following the successful Presentation Night in 2004 and 2005, the preferred location for our Dinner/Presentation of Trophies is the Marmion Angling and Aquatic Club on a Saturday night.

The committee has booked the Marmion Angling and Aquatic Club for Saturday 24 June 2006.

A carvery buffet will be organised like last year. Be assured you that you will receive a generous meal.

## **GUARANTEED**

**GOOD FOOD  
GREAT COMPANY  
ENJOYABLE EVENING**

**ORGANISE YOUR PARTY NOW.**

**GET YOUR GROUP TOGETHER**

**and**

**OBTAIN YOUR TICKETS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE**

Cost of tickets     \$40 per person.

The real cost of the dinner and presentation night is more and is subsidised by the club.

Contact Peter Stoeckel - details in front of Reel Talk.