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Thank you all.

2011 SCAC Dinner and Presentation of Trophies

The Glengarry Tavern has been booked for the 2011 Dinner and Presentation of Trophies night. Watch here for more details.

Date is Saturday 25 June 2011. Please put this in your diary.

Dry Casting food and drinks

The dry casting sausage sizzle will be available AFTER the main dry casting events have been run, so please try to keep the dry casting moving along. Cool drinks will be available during the day.

Drinks are \$1.50 each. Sausage and onion in a bread roll \$2.50 each.



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Note 2. The Minutes Secretary, Website Editor, Membership Coordinator and AAWA Delegates are Committee functions and jobs, not additional Committee positions.

Note 3. The Immediate Past President is a consequential fact. It is not a Committee position elected by the members or filled by resolution of the Committee, as are all other Committee positions and functions.

Life Members of the Club

Jim Strong, Bob Klein, George Holman, Ric Parker, Ian Cook, Bob Henderson, Terry Fuller.

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Minutes of General Meeting 9 February 2011

Venue:- Coolbinia West Perth Amateur Football and Sporting Club room.
Commenced 8:04 pm. President George Holman presiding.

Present:- 21 members, 2 prospective members.

Apologies:- Nick Edwards, Dean Stewart, Trevor Stam, David Maxted, Des De Villiers, Wendy Hansen.

Visitors:- Ron Lindsay, Mike Ball, Keith Teale, Allan Wood, Alan Hale.

New member:- None.

Minutes of previous meeting:- **Moved** Peter Pekaar seconded Andy Thorgersen the minutes of the previous meeting as published in Reel Talk are a true record, carried.

Previous Committee meeting:- George Holman read out some action points from the minutes of the Committee meeting as published in Reel Talk.

Secretary's report:- John Crompton gave some details of a possible fund raiser, a sausage sizzle at a Bunnings store. 18 members indicated they would help. An approach to be made now for a choice of date and venue.

<u>Correspondence In:-</u>	Ray White Kalbarri Westpac BT Quarterly Statement Wayne Collis & Kathy Sedal AAAWA	Accounts ending 28 January 2011 Bank statement to 31 January 2011 1 Oct - 31 Dec 2010 Membership fees and donation Minutes of January meeting.
<u>Correspondence out:-</u>	Lynn & Konner Smith, Allan Wood, Kim Whinray City of Stirling Pat McKeown Fremantle Amateur Angling Club members Carmel Langdon, Anne Horvath, Peter Gadstone, Malcolm Head. Geoff Raftis, Sabby Pizzolante, Charles Faure, Wayne Collis & Kathy Sedal	Club information Dry Casting dates for the winter period Get well card Condolence for the passing of long standing member George Brown Kalbarri 2011 bookings, covering letters and new invoices

Emails:- Lynn & Konner Smith, Kim Whinray Information on Club activities
Natalie Garnsworthy - CALD Dry Casting dates

Moved Marcia Pekaar seconded Jim Strong that correspondence be received, carried.

Treasurer's report:- Terry Fuller reported.

Accounts for payment.

To	For	Amount	
Terry Fuller	Toner cartridge TN2025.....	\$84.95	
	Stamps for Reel Talk	\$60.00	T Fuller total
	Printing of February Reel Talk.....	\$109.80	\$254.75
John Crompton	Postage stamps.....	\$24.00	
	Officeworks photo copying.....	\$10.00	
	Cartridge World x 2 colours.....	\$35.00	
	Ice House water 2 x \$3.99	\$7.98	Secretary total
	Get well card - (Pat).....	\$3.95	\$80.93
George Holman	Tackle boxes for raffle prizes	\$20.00	
Total accounts for payment		\$355.68	

Bank account summary

Bank Balance as at 9 February	\$7,442.99
Accounts for payment	\$355.68
Available balance after payment of accounts	\$7,087.31
Cash and cheques held for banking	\$464.00
Outstanding cheques	\$300.00
Available total	\$7,251.31

Income / money received since January General meeting

Ray White Kalbarri closing balance rent less expenses and charges, refund of charge for broken window \$262, return of amount withheld \$500	\$1427.55	direct deposited
Nomination / membership fees / donation.....	\$130.00	
Drinks at January General Meeting	\$20.00	
Dry Casting fees February 20 casters	\$174.00	
Dry Casting weights	\$10.00	
Donation for Presentation night	\$30.00	
Deposit Kalbarri	\$100.00	
Total income since January General meeting	\$1,891.55	

Income / money received at February General meeting

Deposit for Kalbarri 15/10/2011	\$100.00
Field day fees January 2011	\$148.00
Nomination fees	\$20.00
Raffle at February General meeting	\$57.00
Total income at February General meeting	\$325.00

Moved John Curtis, seconded Marcia Pekaar the Treasurer's report be accepted and accounts be passed for payment. Carried.

Field Days:- Peet Wessels reported on the January Field Day and the coming February and March Field Days.

Dry Casting Officer:- Allan Jones reported on February Dry casting. The Single handed Open will be held at the February Dry Casting.

Recorder:- John Curtis reported. Justin Rose caught a large Spanish Mackerel at Steep Point which has been entered for the Open Competition, Species and Grand Masters. Peter Osborne has qualified for his Species badge with a garfish making up his 10th species.

Property Officer:- Ray Walker reported on bookings for Kalbarri.

AAA report:- The State Rock and Beach championships will be held on the March 2011 long weekend with headquarters at Cheynes Beach. A dry casting meeting was held on 7 February to discuss the National Championships and 2011 State dry casting.

Social Organiser:- Pat McKeown was an apology. George Holman reminded members that Pat needs feedback from members about what they want.

General business:- Marcia Pekaar showed a leather knife scabbard which had been donated by member Ian Pereira. This plus knife will be raffled and drawn on the Presentation night. Trevor Stam has donated a graphite 4144 multi taper rod blank for the Presentation night. This would make a great rod for a junior or lady.

Swanfish will be held on 26/27 February. Peter Osborne moved, Mark Hansen seconded, that the club's small digital scales be loaned for use by the Melville Club at the weigh in, carried.

Field days 2011/12:- Peter Osborne handed out a list of suggested boundaries for the venues which were published in the February Reel Talk. These will be published in Reel Talk. Two months have alternatives which need to have only 1 chosen. On a show of hands, for June there were 9 for S-Bend, 6 for Denmark/Walpole, and for April, 5 each for the options Capes or Bremer.

Members asked for more information about the locations in the suggested list of venues and the distances from Perth to be included.

AP GM2/11 #1

Raffle:- Tackle box won by Justin Rose.

Meeting closed:- Formal meeting closed at 9:20 pm.

Instruction period:- Terry Fuller showed some maps and photos of the Bluff Creek area to add to the information already published in the February Reel Talk, and led discussions on fishing and camping etc in the area.

Action points from February 2011 General meeting.			
Number	Action	By	Status
AP GM211 #1	More information about the locations in the suggested list of Field Day venues and the distances from Perth.	Terry Fuller	

Action points from January 2011 General meeting.			
Number	Action	By	Status
AP GM1/11 #1	Publish 2009/10 financial details in Reel Talk	Terry Fuller	Done
AP GM1/11 #2	Prepare article - shift August Dry Casting to 31 July	Peter Pekaar	Not to proceed
AP GM1/11 #3	Article in Reel Talk Draft Management Plan for the Leeuwin Naturaliste Capes Area Parks and Reserves	Terry Fuller	Done

Action points from December 2010 General meeting.			
Number	Action	By	Status
AP GM12/10 #2	Suggest social activities to Social Organiser	All members	Ongoing

Action points from April 2010 General meeting.			
Number	Action	By	Status
AP GM4/10 #1	Help locate the old "Sportsperson of the Year" trophy.	All members	Ongoing

Minutes Secretary, Terry Fuller

Action points from February Committee meeting

A summary of points from the previous Committee meeting is given at each General Meeting, often the listed action points from the meeting. For members' information, here is the set of action points and status from the February Committee meeting as recorded in the minutes.

Action points from 16 February 2011 Committee meeting.			
AP No.	Action	By	Status
CM2/11 #1	Contact Glengarry Tavern in next month to get confirmation of pricing, etc for the Presentation Night in June	George Holman	
CM2/11 #2	Remove Ranger Camping from the list of sponsors in Reel Talk	Terry Fuller	Done
CM2/11 #3	Write a proposal for how rental charges for Kalbarri are calculated when the period includes both school holidays and non holidays	Ray Walker	
CM2/11 #4	Request a quote for Species badges from the supplier of Club jackets	John Crompton	Done
CM2/11 #5	Request permission to sell food for the usual sausage sizzle at AAA State Drycasting	John Crompton	
CM2/11 #6	Update proposed Field Day venues and boundaries, send to Committee members, and publish in Reel Talk	Terry Fuller	Done
CM2/11 #7	Check if the Club's public liability policy will cover a sausage sizzle at Bunnings.	John Crompton	

Future Instruction periods.

March	Taking photos of fish, etc
April	Poisonous fish and animals.

Minutes Secretary and Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

Coming Club events

March Dry Casting

- When:-** Sunday 13 March 2011. Competition casting starts 8:30am. **Note** Not the first Sunday.
- Where:-** Yokine Reserve, Wordsworth Avenue
- Events:-** Double handed accuracy, Single handed accuracy, 56 gram distance, Artificial bait distance, 112 gram distance.
- Fees:-** \$10 per person, \$12 per family to help cover booking charges for the oval and public liability insurance. Fees must be paid to Marcia Pekaar early **by 8:00am** to allow Marcia to have some time for practice casts before the 8:30am start. Please let someone know if you are going to be late arriving.

All casters please assist with the setting up of the casting courts, targets, etc at the beginning of the day after setting up your own casting gear. Please assist with the retrieval and packing up of the casting equipment at the end of the day's events.

Seniors, Ladies and Juniors will be on accuracy first, Veterans will cast distance first.

- Markers** Please do NOT throw the casting rigs off the court or to the side after marking. This often causes the rigs to roll and tangle and stops any swivel from working, especially with artificial bait rigs. All that is required is to make sure the rig is not stuck in the ground or tangled and just place it flat on the ground for the caster to wind in. A plea from an Alvey user who needs that swivel to work.

March General meeting

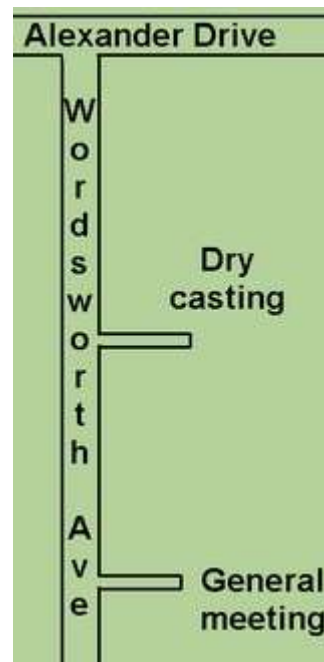
- When:-** Wednesday 9 March, 8:00pm.
- Where:-** Coolbinia West Perth Amateur Football and Sporting Club room.
- Sign In:-** Please remember to have your name ticked on the attendance sheet. See Jim Strong or Dean Stewart.
- Instruction period:-** Taking photos of fish, etc.

March Committee meeting

- When:-** Wednesday 16 March 2011, 7:30pm.
- Where:-** Coolbinia West Perth Amateur Football and Sporting Club room.
- Visitors.** Club members who wish to see what's involved in Committee work may attend Committee meetings by invitation as visitors and observers and at the discretion of the President. Please contact the President or the Secretary well prior to the meeting to arrange your invitation.

March Field Day - Club details

- When:-** Three days Saturday/Sunday/Monday 5/6/7 March. Run in conjunction with the two day AAWA State Rock and Beach Fishing Championships run on Saturday and Sunday only. **Note.** This is **before** the March General Meeting.
- Where:-** Club headquarters - Bluff Creek.
- Sign On:-** Phone FDO before Thursday night, or in person Saturday 12 noon at George Holman's camp at Bluff Creek camping area behind dunes south west of the creek.
- Lines Down:-** Saturday 1 pm



Fees:- \$10 per person, \$12 per family.

Times:- 1 pm Saturday to 10 am Monday. Fish caught within those times are eligible for the Club Field Day competition and weigh-in. Fish caught before or after those times are eligible for the Open Competition.






Barbecue:- 12 noon Sunday to 2:00 pm Sunday at George Holman's camp at Bluff Creek camping area. If you don't come to the barbecue, you must stop fishing for those times. It's a great time for socialising with your fellow club members and yet another highlight of the Bluff Creek field days when we go back to how field days used to be "in the good old days".

Collection of fish for AAWA weigh in:- 12 noon Sunday at George Holman's camp at Bluff Creek camping area behind dunes somewhere west of the creek.

Weigh in:- Monday 10 am at George Holman's camp at Bluff Creek camping area for Club Field day.

Boundaries:- Set by AAWA Rock and Beach championships - Bremer River mouth to Albany Harbour jetty.

Rules:- All normal Club Competition Rules apply to fish weighed in for the Club competition. AAWA rules need to be observed for AAWA weigh in. There are some significant differences.

<u>Tides for Albany</u>						<u>Moonrise</u>			
Fri	0.37m at	0.74m at	0.48m at	0.95m at		<u>Moonset</u>	About 5:15 am at 98 deg		
4 Mar	5:24 am	11:27 am	4:32 pm	10:46 pm			About 6:05 pm at 265 deg		
Sat	0.39m at	0.79m at	0.46m at	0.90m at		<u>Moonrise</u>	About 6:10 am	New	
5 Mar	5:34 am	11:29 am	4:59 pm	11:06 pm		<u>Moonset</u>	About 6:30 pm	Moon	
Sun	0.41m at	0.85m at	0.46m at	0.85m at		<u>Moonrise</u>	About 7:05 am at 86 deg		
6 Mar	5:38 am	11:40 am	5:29 pm	11:24 pm		<u>Moonset</u>	About 6:55 pm at 277 deg		
Mon	0.43m at	0.90m at	0.47m at	0.78m at		<u>Moonrise</u>	About 8 am at 80 deg		
7 Mar	5:32 am	11:55 am	6:02 pm	11:35 pm		<u>Moonset</u>	About 7:25 pm at 283 deg		
Tues	0.44m at	0.94m at	0.50m at	0.72m at		<u>Moonrise</u>	About 8:55 am at 74 deg		
8 Mar	5:32 am	12:12 pm	6:38 pm	11:38 pm		<u>Moonset</u>	About 7:55 pm at 288 deg		

Sunrises About 6:00 am at 98 deg

Sunsets About 6:40 pm at 262 deg

AAWA State Rock and Beach Championships - March

See the details in the February Reel Talk. The compulsory briefing has been cancelled and we can do a pre registration before 25 February. Any late changes to teams and individuals can be made to Jason Pember before 3rd March.

The fish to be weighed in for the AAA State Rock and Beach competition will be collected at 12 noon on Sunday at George Holman's camp. George has volunteered to drive the bags through to Cheynes Beach Caravan Park for the AAWA weigh in. All bags must be clearly marked with your AAA number. AAA Rock and Beach registration forms are on the AAA website. Please fill in these forms and bring it with you to Bluff. Please contact Peet Wessels or any committee member if you need more information.

Local Field Day for March

When:- Saturday/Sunday/Monday 5/6/7 March 2011. **Note.** This is **before** the March General Meeting.

Sign On: Phone FDO before Thursday evening.

Lines Down:- Saturday 1 pm




Times:- 1 pm Saturday to 10 am Monday. Fish caught within those times are eligible for the Field Day competition and weigh-in. Fish caught before or after those times are eligible for the Open Competition.

Weigh in:- Monday 10 am 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 FDO by 8 pm that night.

Boundaries:- Penguin Island sand spit to north wall of the Two Rocks Marina, including the Swan and Canning Rivers, the North and South Mole.

Fish together John Curtis will be the contact for arrangements and discussions about when and where members can meet to fish locally in the metropolitan area.

<u>Tides for Fremantle</u>	Sat 5 Mar	0.50m at 3:23 am	1.00m at 12:00 pm	<u>Moonrise</u> <u>Moonset</u>	About 6:20 am About 6:40 pm	New Moon	
	Sun 6 Mar	0.48m at 3:40 am	0.98m at 2:29 pm	<u>Moonrise</u> <u>Moonset</u>	About 7:15 am at 86 deg About 7:10 pm at 277 deg		
	Mon 7 Mar	0.47m at 2:44 am	0.97m at 1:15 pm	<u>Moonrise</u> <u>Moonset</u>	About 8:05 am at 81 deg About 7:40 pm at 282 deg		
	<u>Sunrises</u>	About 6:10 am at 98 deg		<u>Sunsets</u>	About 6:50 pm at 262 deg		

How to get to Bluff Creek

See the details in the February Reel Talk.

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

April Field Day

When:- Easter / ANZAC Day holidays extend from Friday 22 to Tuesday 26 April 2011. Friday and Tuesday are not included in the Club Field Day competition times.

Where:- Reef Beach / Bremer Bay

Sign on:- Saturday 23 April 11 am. Place TBA (suggest Bremer Caravan Park)




Lines Down:- Saturday 23 April 12 noon.

Fees:- \$10 per person, \$12 per family.

Times:- 12 noon Saturday to 10 am Monday. Fish caught within those times are eligible for the Field Day competition and weigh-in. Fish caught before or after those times are eligible for the Open Competition.

Weigh in:- Monday 25 April, 10 am. Place TBA (suggest Bremer Caravan Park)

Boundaries:- Point Charles (east of Bremer Bay) to Reef Beach.

<u>Tides for Albany</u>	Sat 23 Apr	0.39m at 2:18 am	1.08m at 12:05 pm	<u>Moonset</u> <u>Moonrise</u>	About 11:45am at 243 deg About 10:05pm at 115 deg		
	Sun 24 Apr	0.41m at 2:59 am	1.02m at 12:22 pm	<u>Moonset</u> <u>Moonrise</u>	About 12:25pm at 247 deg About 11:05pm at 111 deg		
<u>Moon, etc for Bremer</u>	Mon 25 Apr	0.46m at 3:26 am	0.96m at 12:36 pm	<u>Moonset</u> <u>Moonrise</u>	About 1:05pm at 251 deg About 0:00 Tuesday		
	<u>Sunrises</u>	About 6:30 am at 75 deg		<u>Sunsets</u>	About 5:30 pm at 285 deg		

Local Field Day for April

When:- Saturday/Sunday/Monday 23-25 April 2011.

Sign On: At the General Meeting or to FDO before Thursday evening.

Lines Down:- Saturday 23 April 12 noon.




Times:- 12 noon Saturday to 10 am Monday. Fish caught within those times are eligible for the Field Day competition and weigh-in. Fish caught before or after those times are eligible for the Open Competition.

Weigh in:- Monday 10 am 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 FDO by 8 pm that night.

Boundaries:- Penguin Island sand spit to north wall of the Two Rocks Marina, including the Swan and Canning Rivers, the North and South Mole.

Fish together Check at the General Meeting prior to each field day for arrangements and discussions about when and where members can meet to fish locally in the metropolitan area.

Tides for Fremantle	Sat	0.55m at	1.11m at	Moonset	About 11:55am at 244 deg	
	23 Apr	12:10 am	11:20 am	Moonrise	About 10:25pm at 114 deg	
	Sun	0.58m at	1.07m at	Moonset	About 12:35pm at 248 deg	
	24 Apr	12:55 am	11:51 am	Moonrise	About 11:25pm at 111 deg	
	Mon	0.63m at	1.02m at	Moonset	About 1:15pm at 252 deg	
	25 Apr	1:33 am	12:24 pm	Moonrise	About 0:20am Tuesday	
	Sunrises	About 6:45 am at 76 deg		Sunsets	About 5:45 pm at 284 deg	

Calendar for next three months

Here's a calendar showing the dates for Dry Casting, Annual General Meeting, General and Committee meetings, Field Days and other Club events in the next three months.

26 AAA Event			9 General Meeting	14 15 Field Day	16 Committee Meeting
13 Dry Casting					

March 2011							April 2011							May 2011						
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
	1	2	3	4	5	6					1	2	3	30	31					1
7	8	9	10	11	12	13	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
28	29	30	31				25	26	27	28	29	30		23	24	25	26	27	28	29

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Drycasting dates for 2010/11

These are mostly the first Sunday of the month, except when the Field Day is on then due to a long weekend, or when the Yokine Reserve cannot be booked.

13 March 2011 (Field Day is on the long weekend.) 3 April 2011

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Field Day dates, venues and boundaries for 2010/11

This list was approved by the members at the April 2010 General Meeting.

Month	Venue	Dates	Boundaries
Mar 2011	Bluff Creek	March 5/6/7 LWE	Same as AAAWA State Rock and Beach Championships, Bremer River mouth to Albany Harbour jetty.
Apr 2011	Reef Beach	Apr 23 to 25 Easter / ANZAC day LWE	Point Charles (east of Bremer Bay) to Reef Beach.

Minutes Secretary Terry Fuller

General Meeting dates for 2010/11

These are all on the standard second Wednesday of the month.

9 March 2011 13 April 2011

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Calendar for 2011/12

See the updated DRAFT version in the December 2010 Reel Talk. The changes were due to October 2011 long weekend changes. This will be updated when a decision is made if the April 2012 Field day is held on the normal weekend or Easter.

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

AAAWA State Championships during 2010/11

Covers AAWA's 2010/11 competition year, 1 August to 31 July, and SCAC's competition year 1 May to 30 April.

State Rock and Beach Fishing Championships Sat/Sun 5, 6 March 2011, Cheynes Beach Caravan Park. Boundaries Bremer River mouth to Albany Harbour jetty.

State Boating Championships, Saturday 26 March 2011, Marmion Angling Club.

AAAWA Delegate, Terry Fuller

Bookings for Kalbarri house in 2011

With the upgrade of the Kalbarri house, addition of a second air conditioner, new bunk beds, table and chairs, the Committee has reviewed the rates for the Kalbarri house. See the article on the inside back cover.

Bookings, keys etc will be done through Kalbarri Visitor Centre, not via Ray White Kalbarri. All club bookings and queries should go to the Property Officer, Ray Walker.

The Club's Kalbarri house has bookings in 2011 for the following dates, inclusive. All other dates not listed are currently available. This list is at 23 February and does not include any bookings which may have been made between then and whenever you read this. Contact Property Officer Ray Walker for bookings.

2011		2011	
		March	
April	2 Apr to 29 Apr	May	9 May to 20 May
June	28 Jun to 30 Jun	July	1 Jul to 3 Jul
August		September	
October	1 Oct to 7 Oct, 15 Oct to 31 Oct	November	1 Nov to 4 Nov
December	31 Dec	Jan 2012	1 Jan to 6 Jan 2012

Property Officer, Ray Walker

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.

Wayne Collis and Kathy Sedal.

Secretary and Membership Coordinator, John Crompton

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.

Allan Wood

Keith Teale

Ron and Lauree Lindsay

Shane Becu

Secretary and Membership Coordinator, John Crompton

Dry Casting report 6 February 2011

With a strong gusty easterly wind blowing, the distance casts were well down. As the temperature gradually climbed to around 35 degrees, the 20 casters managed to cope, though looking at the score sheet it tells a different story. There were 68 zeros recorded, so we will blame it on the wind not our casting, and hopefully will have better luck next month.

We had two visitors Alan Hale (Senior) and Shane Becu (Mini Junior). Welcome to both. Nick Allsworth paid us a visit and had a cast. Great to see you again Nick.

Thanks to all who helped set up the courts. To Bob and George thanks for putting out the flags and banners and bringing them in after casting, also to the scorers and markers thank you.

Owen Williams has a Mini Junior State casting record for double handed accuracy with a score of 73 points out of 100 at the December Club casting. His scores were 20, 20, 18 and 15. Well done Owen.

To Peter Pekaar I apologise for not picking up on your bullseye in Single handed accuracy at the General Meeting. "Sorry Peter"

I would like to say how great it was to see Trevor Stam turn up to drycasting with one arm (his casting arm) in a sling and his Single handed accuracy rod in his other hand. Good on you, Trevor.

Best distance casts	Seniors	Rhys Jones	139 metres	112 grams
	Veterans	Bob Henderson	123 metres	112 grams
	Ladies	Marcia Pekaar	85 metres	112 grams
	Juniors	Stephen Pekaar	91 metres	112 grams
	Mini Juniors	Shane Becu	22 metres	112 grams
Section winners	Seniors:	Peter Pekaar	199 points	
	Veterans:	Allan Jones	241 points	
	Ladies:	Marcia Pekaar	181 points	
	Juniors:	Stephen Pekaar	93 points	
	Mini Juniors:	Shane Becu	42 points	

Well done to Allan Jones being the top points scorer for the month.

There were 3 bullseyes in accuracy. Peter Pekaar and Allan Jones, 1 each in single handed accuracy, and George Holman 1 in double handed accuracy.

At the end of regular casting a Single Handed Open Event was held, with the results as follows:

Peter Pekaar	75.92 metres	Jeff Hewton	55.32 metres
Stephen Pekaar	70.04 metres	Marcia Pekaar	48.79 metres
George Holman	67.46 metres	John Crompton	27.55 metres
Allan Jones	61.82 metres	Shane Becu	13.60 metres
Peter Osborne	60.83 metres		

The Committee has approved Stephen Pekaar casting as a Junior for the first 3 months of the Club's 2011/12 Competition year to help with his preparation for the AAA National Championships in August where he will be casting as a Junior. National AAA age limits are different to the Club's and AAWA's age limits, so while Stephen would be a senior next competition year under club rules, he would still be a Junior under National AAA rules.

See you at the March casting, Sunday 13th.

DCO Allan Jones

Dry Casting Seniors, Ladies and Juniors

This month, we wish to welcome two visitors to dry casting, Alan Hale and Shane Becu. As you may recall, Alan came to the January dry casting event as a spectator and ended up buying a rod from Peter Osborne and some sinkers to start dry casting.

This month, Alan came down with braid line on one of his Alvey reels and showed us his prowess as a distance caster, leading the pack for quite some time. His ability is already sending shock waves through the Senior ranks. Keep it up, Alan.

Shane Becu is our newest mini-junior. He managed to get all his distance casts in court and cast well in both accuracy events. Congratulations, Shane, we hope to see you regularly from now on. It was a pity Owen Williams and Sarah Wignell weren't present to swell the Mini-Junior numbers.

Even after a lengthy break, Nick Allsworth showed that he hasn't lost any ability and was second top scorer for the day in the Seniors with 188 points. Nick won the Single Handed Accuracy event in the Seniors and went on to win overall, with 32 points.

Single Handed Open

Following our regular casting events, the single handed open event was run. Despite the fierce wind, we managed a total of nine competitors for this event, with all divisions being represented.

Peter Pekaar had the overall longest cast with 75.92 metres. It was Shane Becu's first Open event and he did well with 13.6 metres. Stephen Pekaar was also a newby and almost beat the old man with 70.04 metres. Well done, Stephen, your unorthodox style paid off.

The feeling throughout the open event was jovial and relaxed, promoting camaraderie amongst the group. At the end of the day, the final results were secondary to our overall enjoyment of the event.

Peter and Marcia Pekaar

Handling rigs after marking dry casting scores

Markers. Please do NOT throw the casting rigs off the court or to the side after marking. This often causes the rigs to roll and tangle and stops any swivel from working, especially with artificial bait rigs.

All that is required is to make sure the rig is not stuck in the ground or tangled and just place it flat on the ground for the caster to wind the rig back in.

A plea from Terry Fuller, who casts with an Alvey and NEEDS that swivel to work

Dry Casting top scores for 2010/11

Total scores up to and including February casting. Only the best 11 months out of 12 will count at the end of the competition year. These will be announced at and published after the Presentation of Trophies.

Name	Points	Rank	Name	Points	Rank	Name	Points	Rank
George Holman	2406	1	Trevor Stam	1119	14	Wendy Hansen	269	27
Allan Jones	2296	2	Dean Stewart	1030	15	Stephen Pekaar	239	28
Peter Pekaar	2240	3	Jim Strong	953	16	Ian McGillivray	200	29
Peter Osborne	2217	4	Geoff Raftis	947	17	Nick Allsworth	188	30
Bob Henderson	2107	5	Pat McKeown	820	18	Shane Wignell	173	31
Malcolm Head	1992	6	Ray Walker	820	19	Sarah Wignell	166	32
Marcia Pekaar	1808	7	Owen Williams	566	20	Wayne Shaw	157	33
Terry Fuller	1784	8	Mark Hansen	562	21	Simon Ryan	105	34
John Crompton	1611	9	Terry Willison	532	22	Alan Hale	92	35
Jeff Hewton	1463	10	Andrew Pekaar	352	23	Nick Edwards	54	36
Gary Gildersleeves	1422	11	Danny Fimeri	348	24	Shane Becu	42	37
Rhys Jones	1270	12	Ian Cook	312	25	Sheryl Wilson	41	38
Eric Parker	1215	13	Ken Bibby	279	26	Bev Grigo	10	39

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Dry Casting winners for 6 February 2011

Event	Seniors winner		Veterans winner	
56 gram Score	22	Rhys Jones	22	Bob Henderson
56 gram Distance	113	Rhys Jones	110	George Holman
Artificial Bait Score	22	Peter Pekaar	20	Bob Henderson
Artificial Bait Distance	115	Peter Pekaar	104	Bob Henderson
112 gram Score	26	Peter Pekaar, Rhys Jones	24	Bob Henderson
112 gram Distance	139	Rhys Jones	123	Bob Henderson
Double Handed Acc.	106	Peter Pekaar	155	George Holman
Single Handed Acc.	32	Nick Allsworth	26	Gary Gildersleeves, Malcolm Head
Section Highest Points	199	Peter Pekaar	241	Allan Jones

Event	Ladies winner		Juniors winner	
56 gram Score	14	Marcia Pekaar	10	Stephen Pekaar
56 gram Distance	74	Marcia Pekaar	51	Stephen Pekaar
Artificial Bait Score	14	Marcia Pekaar	12	Stephen Pekaar
Artificial Bait Distance	74	Marcia Pekaar	61	Stephen Pekaar
112 gram Score	17	Marcia Pekaar	15	Stephen Pekaar
112 gram Distance	85	Marcia Pekaar	91	Stephen Pekaar
Double Handed Acc.	118	Marcia Pekaar	43	Stephen Pekaar
Single Handed Acc.	8	Marcia Pekaar	3	Stephen Pekaar
Section Highest Points	181	Marcia Pekaar	93	Stephen Pekaar

Event	Mini Juniors winner	
56 gram Score	3	Shane Becu
56 gram Distance	17	Shane Becu
Artificial Bait Score	2	Shane Becu
Artificial Bait Distance	12	Shane Becu
112 gram Score	4	Shane Becu
112 gram Distance	22	Shane Becu
Double Handed Acc.	11	Shane Becu
Single Handed Acc.	12	Shane Becu
Section Highest Points	42	Shane Becu

Event	Overall winner for February		Year's best up to February	
56 gram Score	22	Rhys Jones, Bob Henderson	30	Peter Pekaar
56 gram Distance	113	Rhys Jones	155	Peter Pekaar
Artificial Bait Score	22	Peter Pekaar	32	Peter Pekaar
Artificial Bait Distance	115	Peter Pekaar	162	Peter Pekaar
112 gram Score	26	Peter Pekaar, Rhys Jones	37	Peter Pekaar
112 gram Distance	139	Rhys Jones	185	Peter Pekaar
Double Handed Acc.	155	George Holman	165	Bob Henderson
Single Handed Acc.	32	Nick Allsworth	35	Dean Stewart
Section Highest Points	241	Allan Jones	281	George Holman

Bring a friend to a Club activity

Please bring a friend, a relative, a workmate, neighbour or an acquaintance to a General meeting, to Dry Casting or to a Club fishing Field day.

Let them know what the Club does, and let them find out for themselves some of the benefits of being a club member, particularly getting all those fishing and casting tips from experienced club members.

Show them your copy of Reel Talk and let them know there is a lot more about the club on the Club website <http://www.surfcasters.iinet.net.au/>

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Field Day report, White Hills to Myalup February 2011

For Sandra and I the weekend started on the Friday afternoon. After a quick stop at the Miami bake house we headed off to the nearby turn off to White Hills. Arriving at the entrance sign to the beach we stopped and I could try my new wheel deflator for the first time. In no time I had all four wheels down to 15 psi.



White Hills Beach just a short drive south of Mandurah, Western Australia.

We drove south and had our eyes peeled on the beach looking for possible good gutters and holes.

This year lots of reef was exposed and there were plenty of good looking spots. After driving up and down twice we decided on a good looking hole about 50 meters from shore.

We set up our camp and by 3 pm we had our first fish in the bag. A light SE was blowing and it was a very pleasant day.

I noticed some bait fish jumping for survival and I said to Sandra I thought the Tailor were in early.

She switched over to a Tailor rig and within minutes she landed a beautiful fish. The Tailor kept on biting until after sunset and we used so many Mulies I had to go back into town the next day to get some more. Our fishing came to an abrupt halt when I was spooled by something really big. This must have been a big ray as it took 350 metres of my new line in no time. Luckily the line snapped at the swivel and I could retrieve almost all of it.

Saturday morning as I drove to town I stopped at a few guys fishing. They all had good catches of chopper Tailor. Just after midday and most of the Surfcasters had started to make some noise on the Big 10. Soon they settled in and we were all fishing in a 400m stretch alongside each other. By this time the wind had swung and a stiff easterly was blowing.



Ray Walker launching his balloon. White Hills, Western Australia.

Very soon some big balloons appeared in the hope of catching one of the Spanish Mackerel that had been reported to be in the area.

I can only mention that some "strange" ballooning techniques were used eg. Swimming out balloons and swimming out to check if the bait was ok. It caused some laughs and smiles!

The wind was pleasant and kept the day a bit cooler, but it also cooled the Tailor down. In contrast with the previous day we could not land a single one.

The Herring however were in plague proportions and if you were quick enough you could catch one before your hooks were stripped naked.

Early Sunday morning we all tried for those elusive Tailor. However the mulies were taken to the cleaners in seconds, a clear indication that there were no Tailor around.

Soon we started to pack up and head off to the weigh in at the Miami bake house. Those lovely pies are always a highlight of this field day and you can just not limit yourself to a single pie for the weekend.

Most people weighed in Herring with the odd Flounder, Gardie and Sweep to add to the variety. The best scale fish for the weekend went to Mark Hansen with a Sweep of 0.35 kg. The biggest bag of scale fish went to Peter Osborne with a bag of 3.75 kg.

Our next Field day is at Bluff Creek on 5/6/7 March. To me this is a very special location and I always look forward to this magnificent venue. This week end is also shared with the AAA State Rock and Beach Championship. The compulsory briefing has been cancelled and we can do a pre registration before 25 February. Any late changes to teams and individuals can be made to Jason Pember before 3rd March.

The fish to be weighed in for the AAA State Rock and Beach competition will be collected at 12 noon on Sunday at George Holman's camp. George has volunteered to drive the bags through to Cheynes Beach Caravan Park for the AAAWA weigh in. All bags must be clearly marked with your AAA number. AAA Rock and Beach registration forms are on the AAA website. Please fill in these forms and bring it with you to Bluff. Please contact me or any committee member if you need more information.

Hope the next time I see you is with a bent rod in the hand. Tight Lines

Peet Wessels, Field Day Officer

Catch results and points for the February Field Day

Angler	Weight	Species	Fish	Points
Justin Rose	3 kg	2	26	100
Peter Osborne	3.75 kg	1	30	97.5
Mark Hansen	1.41 kg	3	10	94.1
Peet Wessels	2.1 kg	1	16	81
Shane Wignell	0.98 kg	2	8	79.8
Peter Pekaar	0.68 kg	2	4	76.8
Sandra Wessels	1.35 kg	1	10	73.5
Ray Walker	0.56 kg	1	4	65.6
Marcia Pekaar	0.48 kg	1	4	64.8
Eric Parker	0.39 kg	1	2	63.9
Allan Jones	0.29 kg	1	2	62.9
John Crompton	0.22 kg	1	1	62.2
Danny Fimeri	0.19 kg	1	1	61.9
Liam Wignell	0.55 kg	1	4	55.5
Sarah Wignell	0.31 kg	1	2	53.1
Wendy Hansen	0	0	0	40
George Holman	0	0	0	20
Gary Gildersleeves	0	0	0	10

Points include Field Day and General Meeting points.

Sportsperson of the Year and Field day section winners for February 2011

Best scale fish	Mark Hansen	Banded Sweep	0.35 kg
Best bag of scale fish	Peter Osborne	Mixed Bag	3.75 kg

Species weighed in at the February Field Day were:- Herring, Flounder, Banded Sweep, Garfish.

Field Day top scores for 2010/11

Total scores up to and including February Field Day and General meeting.

Name	Points	Rank	Name	Points	Rank	Name	Points	Rank
Peter Osborne	1380.8	1	Sabby Pizzolante	188.9	18	Trevor Stam	62.6	35
Peet Wessels	1263.2	2	Sarah Wignell	182.6	19	Bob Henderson	50	36
Sandra Wessels	1001.2	3	Eric Parker	163.9	20	Dean Stewart	50	37
Peter Pekaar	604.3	4	Greg Keet	160.5	21	Greg Walker	50	38
Mark Hansen	557.6	5	Pat McKeown	150.1	22	Holly Walker	50	39
George Holman	555.6	6	John Curtis	131	23	Michelle Walker	50	40
Marcia Pekaar	475.9	7	Michael Gaudin	130.9	24	Steve Gee	50	41
Allan Jones	474.7	8	Melvin Wee	130.4	25	Wayne Collis	50	42
Ian Cook	423	9	Lea Taylor	124.8	26	Kathy Sedal	50	43
Theo Van Niekerk	365.7	10	Nick Edwards	120	27	Heather Osborne	40	44
John Crompton	349.7	11	Charles Faure	115	28	Jeff Hewton	40	45
Danny Fimeri	295.9	12	Wayne Shaw	110	29	Louise Van Niekerk	40	46
Wendy Hansen	284.6	13	Liam Wignell	108.8	30	Ray Digivsto	40	47
Shane Wignell	260.8	14	Frank Gaudin	107.3	31	Sharon Osborne	40	48
Ian Taggart	246.3	15	Tino Baiardo	102.7	32	Sumarie Gaudin	40	49
Ray Walker	240.5	16	Gary Gildersleeves	73.7	33	Rhys Jones	10	50
Justin Rose	225.9	17	Des De Villiers	65.5	34			

Field Day sections 2010/11

1A	Best Scale Fish (1st Six Months)	Allan Jones	Pink Snapper	6.75 kg
1B	Best Scale Fish (2nd Six Months)	Peter Pekaar	Tailor	0.98 kg
2	Most Meritorious Fish	To be awarded by Committee		
3	Best Shark (4.5kg min)	Peet Wessels	Shark	6.50 kg
4	Best Mulloway (2.0kg min)			
5	Best Tailor (1.0kg min)	George Holman	Tailor	1.1 kg
6	Best Salmon (3kg min)	Ian Taggart	Salmon	3.23 kg
7	Best Skipjack Trevally (0.5 kg min)	Sandra Wessels	Skipjack Trevally	1.18 kg
8	Best Mackerel (2kg Min)			
9	Best Scale Fish (Other than above)	Ian Cook	Yellowtail Kingfish	3.08 kg
10	Best Bag Of Scale Fish	Peet Wessels	Mixed bag	15.55 kg
11	Best Bag Of Mulloway (2 Fish Min)			
12	Best Bag Of Tailor (2 Fish Min)	Tino Baiardo	Tailor	4.27 kg
13	Best Fish On S/H Rod 4kg b/s line (max)			
14	Best Fish Caught on Fly Rod	Frank Gaudin	Herring	0.13 kg

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Barron Lure competition 2010/11

The Barron Lure competition is sponsored by Eric Parker, who donates the trophies. Try Eric's poppers, you will not be disappointed.

Heaviest Tailor on Lure.

Mal Head

Tailor, 2.25 kg at Kalbarri

Heaviest Salmon on Lure.

No entry yet

Heaviest Scale Fish on Lure.

No entry yet

Open fishing competition 2010/11

The Open Competition is for fish caught other than during Club Gazetted Field Day fishing times, but not in any other AAA affiliated club event on the same dates. Entries for the Open competition close 30 days after capture. There are still some sections without entries, which could be filled by catches before or after the Field Day fishing times at Bluff Creek.

Section	For	Minimum weight	Entry
1	Most Meritorious Capture	None	To be awarded by Committee
2	Best Shark	4.5 kg	
3	Best Mulloway	5.0 kg	
4	Best Salmon	3.5 kg	
5	Best Dhufish	Legal size	
6	Best Tailor	1.5 kg	Mal Head, 2.5 kg, caught at Kalbarri
7	Best Samson Fish	1.5 kg	
8	Best Fish on single handed rod maximum 4kg line class	Legal size	
9	Best Pink Snapper	2.0 kg	
10	Best Tarwhine	0.5 kg	
11	Best Mackerel	4.0 kg	Justin Rose, 25 kg at Steep Point
12	Best Skipjack Trevally (southern)	1.0 kg	
13	Best Trevally (northern)	4.0 kg	
14	Best Snook/Pike	0.5 kg	
15	Best Black or Yellow finned Bream	0.6 kg	
16	Best Scale fish other than sections 3 - 15	2.0 kg	George Holman, 2.15kg Spangled Emperor at Quobba, 22 May 2010
17	Best Fish caught on Fly Rod.	Legal size	

Update to Species Badge competition

The list of species registered to members has been updated for catches at the January and February Field Days, plus other entries. See the full list of members' catches in the previous Reel Talks. Some gaps could be filled by catches at Bluff Creek.

Name	Black Bream	Flathead	Flounder	Garfish	Herring	Yellow Eyed Mullet	Mackerel	Mulloway	Pink Snapper	Salmon	Samson Fish	Snook or Pike	Tailor	Tarwhine	Trevally	Whiting	Wrasse	Number of species caught
Peter Osborne		1		1	1				1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10
Peter Pekaar	1	1	1		1				1		1	1	1	1	1			10
Justin Rose				1	1		1						1					4
Danny Fimeri			1		1										1			3
Shane Wignell		1	1		1								1					4

Recorder, John Curtis

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.

Malcolm Head

President's report

Once again an excellent attendance at our February General Meeting with harmony prevailing. We welcomed Ronald Lindsay, Allen Ward and Keith Teale as visitors and also noted Wayne Collis and Kathy Sedal who have nominated as members and will be formally welcomed next month. Young Shane Becu will also join Wayne and Kathy for the presentation.

Good to see Bev Grigo at the general and committee meetings and she is already having a positive input into our club. Good to see her smiling face once again.

Justin Rose certainly had bragging rights for the night with plenty of evidence (photos) of his captures at Steep Point and he had a double page feature in the Sunday Times as well. Looks like a true fisherman in the club and he will probably set the pace from now on.

Pat McKeown is up and running and is fit and healthy once again, planning all of his fishing trips and I am blessed with his presence, along with Terry Fuller, for Bluff Creek and a later trip up north. Can't stop him.

David Maxted has to miss his first Bluff Creek field day for years as he had an operation on 14 February and will be some time before he will be active again. Best wishes Dave for a speedy recovery, and there is a seat reserved for a trip up north in May - ask Pat McKeown.

Terry Fuller gave a great talk and screening on Bluff Creek and as a result it appears there will be a good number of members venturing south. Remember also it is the State Beach and Rock Championships and it is now not compulsory for everyone to attend the briefing and sign on. Let Peet Wessels know as soon as possible if you want to compete and be a team member. The bags of fish (with your tag on it) will be taken to their official weigh in by one or two club members so you may all continue to fish on the club venue.

I will take the club 240 volt generator down in my trailer for club use, so bring extension cords etc with you and put in some standard petrol as well to share the load. Some members are going as early as Thursday and coming back on the Tuesday, and the rest anywhere in between. See you all down there.

Last casting day was a hard one with an absolute howler coming straight at us and making casting difficult. However there was still some good casting and a bullseye or two. Noteworthy casting came from young Stephen Pekaar in the Single Handed Open coming second to his dad Peter in a field of about 10 casters. Also noteworthy was Alan Hale's debut showing us he has a good deal of ability in his distance casting, finishing right up top on all events. Well done to you both.

One thing we need to spend a bit of time on at club meetings is to help new members plan an away trip, whether it be to Cervantes or further, what to take, bait, camping gear, fishing gear, personal gear, vehicle, equipment, communication, rules and regulations and how to work together with travel and camping.

It is hard for a novice to rock up to an away venue and know what is necessary and just as hard on the people who take them as well as there are no shops etc at a lot of our venues. It is a lot easier for the experienced members and for experienced new members. Learning and enjoyment are what it is all about.

Next meeting we will finalise next year's venues and boundaries, so be positive and select the venues and boundaries to suit everyone.

I just learned from Eric Parker that he has been admitted to Hollywood Hospital for a few days to sort out a problem with his leg. Hope it is a short stay Eric, and the results are positive.

Andy Thorgersen has told me that Kitty has had to return to hospital. All the best, Andy and Kitty, from all members. We are thinking of you.

Tight lines and good casting.

President 2010/11, George Holman

Recfishwest report

Commonwealth Marine Park Planning

There is a growing amount of community concern over the outcomes of the Commonwealth Marine Planning process. Fundamentalist green groups and organisations funded by international interest continue to spread misinformation about the need for increased protection and threats to marine life from fishing. There is a need to provide balance to this issue and inform the community about the current levels of management protecting sustainability of fisheries resources. The community must also be made aware of the threats these scare-mongering groups pose to the recreational fishing sector if their lobbying is successful.

The green campaign is cleverly utilizing personalities to win over public support for increased marine protection and misleading quoting of percentage of areas currently protected. To this point there has been little balance in the media about what Australia's current commitment to marine protection actually is. Recfishwest has devised a media strategy in an attempt to add balance to this issue. A targeted campaign using well known personalities expressing concern about threat to the Australian way of life will be used to generate media attention and a stakeholder call to action.

An announcement on the outcome of the South West marine area in Commonwealth Waters (outside State waters which generally end 3 nautical miles from shore) from Kangaroo Island to Kalbarri is expected in February or March. There has been little consultation in the last year. See the "Areas for further assessment" in my report to the May 2009 Delegates meeting.

Recfishwest warns greens groups are set to hijack Federal marine parks plan. (Recfishwest Media Release, 18 February)

Western Australia's recreational fishing peak body is calling on the Federal Government to consider carefully its zoning plans in establishing large Marine Parks covering up to 50 per cent of West Australian waters, saying our coastline is already adequately protected and the decision threatens an iconic way of life for some 600,000 West Australians.

Recfishwest Acting Executive Director Kane Moyle says well funded and highly organised environmental groups such as the Pew Environment Group and the World Wildlife Fund are applying significant pressure to Federal Environment Minister Tony Burke to establish more "no-go" sanctuary zones.

"These groups openly advocate for up to half of all Australian waters to be declared sanctuary zones, but this is going way too far and there is no hard evidence to suggest it will have any impact on fish stocks." Mr Moyle said.

"In particular, Recfishwest is concerned about an imminent decision on Commonwealth bioregional marine planning in waters between South Australia's Kangaroo Island and along the west coast as far north as Western Australia's Abrolhos Islands. The area is of vital importance to not just the recreational fishing industry, but also WA's commercial fishers and tourism." Mr Moyle said.

"Recreational fishers are also some of the strongest conservationists at heart. It is in everyone's interests to fish responsibly for the future, and it's time for some balance to be brought back into the debate."

"These organisations take an "anti-fishing" approach and purport to be the voice of marine conservation. This is neither realistic nor necessary."

"WA's recreational fishers need to know that a pastime they consider to be a way of life is under serious threat."

"What these environmental groups fail to recognise is that WA waters are already heavily controlled in terms of where, when and what type of fishing can occur. The State Government has already flexed its legislative muscle on marine conservation, with 37 per cent of our waters currently designated or proposed to be designated as Marine Parks.

“To add weight to their claims, these environmental groups are presenting data from severely over-exploited tropical systems in developing countries that bear little resemblance to Australia’s marine environment.”

Mr Moyle and several high profile recreational fishers are calling on the Federal Minister to ensure that recreational fishing interests, which are so much a way of life for many West Australians, are well considered before any decisions are made.

State Marine Parks

The submission period for the Draft Camden Sound Marine Park recently closed and the government is currently undertaking planning activities in other parts of the Kimberley. Recfishwest has worked towards gaining a higher level of engagement during the development phases of any new Kimberley Marine Parks. Recfishwest has been involved in the discussions at the Minister’s office in regard to marine planning in the Kimberley and developing a consistent Fisheries portfolio position.

Recreational fishing property and access rights

The recreational sector currently accesses the common property fish resources of Western Australia (and Australia) on the legal basis that, simply, it is not prohibited from doing so by any law. This right can be, and is, increasingly abrogated by the application of a range of ongoing restrictions and limitations that apply to the sector.

Without a clearly defined formal access right the recreational sector is therefore frequently left to address important issues at a political level in order to ensure it is not continually disenfranchised. The sector has to negotiate and consult with a myriad of agencies and committees that can all too easily diminish the historical common law right to fish.

Despite being referred to in various government and fisheries policies and plans, the social and economic value of recreational fishing is almost never considered when decisions that impact the sector are made. This is largely because there appears to be no clear agreement as to how this value can be acceptably determined, or how this should flow into decisions in relation to resource access and allocation.

This continues to work against the largest fishing stakeholder group, which in dollar and social terms is likely the largest and most valuable fishing sector in Western Australia.

Artificial Reefs

Following the findings of the Korea and China Artificial Reefs study tour, the resources sector has expressed interest in funding the deployment of artificial reefs as a community offset for potential direct and indirect impacts associated with industrial and other coastal development on fishing activity and fish resources.

Since returning from the study tour RFW has briefed a number of resources companies about the findings of the study tour. Media interest has been very high for the concept of Artificial Reefs and a number of interviews have been done. The Department of Fisheries has begun work on a policy for future deployments of Artificial Reefs.

Young Future Leaders

Recfishwest will hold the “Young Future Leaders in Recreational Fishing” project in early March 2011 at the Abrolhos Islands. It is designed to give younger Western Australians a voice and opportunity to be involved in maintaining the quality of our State’s recreational fishing future.

Small grants scheme

Following the disbandment of the regional RFAC's, Recfishwest is concerned with the capacity for organisations to access small amounts of money to fund local projects. Recfishwest proposes to have \$50,000 p.a. made available for a small grants scheme.

At the request of the Department of Fisheries, Recfishwest has put together a proposal for how the small grants scheme may be set up.

This report has been prepared by Terry Fuller, your Recfishwest Board Member for the Australian Anglers Association working voluntarily on your behalf. Contact Terry with any questions or comments.

Social Organiser Report, February

Hello fellow members.

I am still looking for support for social events you would like to have within the club. This can involve family, and friends. Last month I was not available to give a report at the February meeting. I will catch up next meeting.

The following prices are for drinks from the club esky, ALL DRINKS ARE \$1.50 EACH. At the Drycasting sausage sizzle, a sausage and onion in a roll are \$2.50 each. Please remember all profits go back into your club for little extras like tea/coffee and biscuits at meetings, followed by Christmas etc.

Remember to purchase your raffle tickets from Jimmy on meeting nights \$1.00 each.

Well that's about it for this month. Happy fishing.

Social Organiser Pat McKeown

Raffle of scabbard and knife

Ian Pereira has kindly donated a leather scabbard and knife to be raffled, the proceeds of which are to go to the Surf Casting and Angling Club. The scabbard is beautifully hand made by Ian in fine leather. Tickets are \$2 each and will be available from Marcia Pekaar at General Meetings and Dry Casting up until Sunday, 5 June 2011.

The raffle is to be drawn at the Surfcasters' Trophy Night on 25 June 2011. Please see Marcia to get your tickets.

Buy, sell or swap

Members who want to buy, sell or swap something fishing related can advertise in the Reel Talk free of charge. Contact me with the details.

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

Heavy duty sewing

Contact Terry Fuller if you need some heavy duty strong sewing. The sewing machine can handle reinforcing or repairing tarpaulins, rope edging, plastic, canvas, leather, shade cloth, webbing, straps, buckles, etc, for tent flies, windbreaks, bags, fish bags, covers, etc.

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

Win free Club membership for a year

The Committee has decided to extend the offer of one year's free Club membership to the 2010/11 year as an added incentive for new members to join the Club. In the second draw to be held at our Presentation night on 25 June 2011, all members who have been accepted into the club between July 2010 and June 2011 will be in a draw to receive 1 year's free membership. The free membership will be for them and be the same type as they held in 2010/11, that is, single or family, etc.

Please let your fishing friends, relatives, workmates, neighbours or acquaintances know about this **"win free club membership for a year"** offer, what the Club does, and the benefits of being a club member, particularly getting all those fishing and casting tips from experienced club members. Show them your copy of Reel Talk and let them know there is a lot more about the club on the Club website <http://www.surfcasters.iinet.net.au/>

Membership Coordinator, John Crompton

Proposed Field day venues and boundaries 2011/12

Committee discussed the suggestions received for Field days and recommended the following venues and boundaries for discussion and decision by the members. (*x for*) indicates the show of hands at the February General Meeting.

Venues and boundaries for the coming year are to be decided by the members at or before the April General Meeting. Areas exclude any no fishing zones which may be within the boundaries. Once these venues and boundaries are decided by the members, they will not be changed.

The FDO will still have the option, on the day, with the agreement of the people who have signed on, to make changes to cater for unfishable conditions on the day (eg high winds, huge swell or extensive seaweed.)

Month	Venue	Dates	Distance / boundaries / details /
May 2011	Rottnest	14/15 May	<i>Short.</i> All areas around the perimeter of the island
Jun 2011	Denmark (<i>6 for</i>) <u>or</u>	4/5/6 June LWE	<i>Long.</i> To be advised
	S Bend (<i>9 for</i>) (only 1 to be chosen)	4/5/6 June LWE	<i>Long.</i> Mouth of Greenough River to 7 mile
Jul 2011	Open	16/17 July	<i>Short to long.</i> Noon to noon. All WA tidal waters, excluding private jetties, or places needing access through private property unless these are also accessible to all SCAC members on the field day.
	Safari, Steep Point	From 16-31 July	<i>Long.</i> Safari "Field Day" date to be set
Aug 2011	Rottnest	13/14 Aug	<i>Short.</i> All areas around the perimeter of the island
	Capes the alternative if there are not enough starters for Rottnest	13/14 Aug	<i>Medium.</i> Beach due west of Dunsborough to river mouth at Augusta
Sep 2011	Cervantes	17/18 Sept	<i>Medium.</i> Jurien Marina north wall to south side of Cervantes
Oct 2011	Port Gregory	LWE Fri/Sat/Sun 28/29/30 Oct	<i>Long.</i> Wagoie to mouth of Bowes River at Horrocks
Nov 2011	Cervantes	12/13 Nov	<i>Medium.</i> Jurien Marina north wall to jetty at Cervantes
Dec 2011	White Hills	17/18 Dec	<i>Medium.</i> South wall of the Mandurah Cut to 1 km south of Preston Beach access
Jan 2012	Mindarie to Yanchep	14/15 Jan	<i>Short.</i> North wall of Two Rocks Marina to Mindarie Marina rock wall
Feb 2012	Cervantes	Feb 11/12	<i>Medium.</i> Jurien Marina north wall to jetty at Cervantes
Mar 2012	Bluff Creek	3/4/5 Mar LWE	<i>Long.</i> 2 wheel drive access areas at Cheynes Beach to as far as you can walk past the rocks at the eastern end of Bluff Creek.
Apr 2012	Capes (<i>5 for</i>) <u>or</u>	14/15 Apr <u>or</u>	<i>Medium.</i> Beach due west of Dunsborough to river mouth at Augusta
	Bremer (<i>5 for</i>) (only 1 to be chosen)	Easter 6/7/8/9 Apr	<i>Long.</i> Point Charles (east of Bremer Bay) to Reef Beach

Some considerations in setting field days

- 1) Set field day times are: sign on 12 noon on Sat, and weigh-in 11:00 am Sunday
Due to longer daylight hours and heat of the day, recommended to change for Summer Field Days to shorter ie, sign on 2:00 pm Sat and 10:00 am Weigh-in Sun
- 2) Three long weekends are set, with the Committee looking for input from club members as to a long or short weekend for April 2012 for a total of four long weekends.
- 3) The Committee reviewed the individual recommendation sheets and chose the most heavily weighted. 10 sheets were submitted to FDO.
- 4) Some boundaries have been opened up to accommodate persons with 2 wheel drive vehicles and give them better beach coverage. This involves greater distances between boundaries, noting that persons must attend the nominated sign-on and weigh-in wherever these are accessible to 2 wheel drive.
- 5) Due to locations, numbers of long and short trips, and locations nominated by individual that are close to others, two months (Jun 2011 and Apr 2012) are shown where a final decision is to be made.
- 6) For notes on Local Field Day, see separate articles.

Assistant FDO, Peter Osborne

Meaning of "local" fishing field day

The Club nominates a field day venue for each month, with a location and set boundaries. This nominated field day is generally known as the "away" field day.

A "Local" Perth metropolitan area field day is also held each month for members who are unable to attend the trip away.

Local boundaries are from Penguin Island sand spit to Two Rocks, including the Swan River, so include both the North and South Moles at Fremantle and many of the top surf, beach, reef, jetty, rock and rock wall fishing spots in the metropolitan area.

Some members make up a group of members and friends and go fishing locally for a few hours when they can get away between the fishing start time on Saturday and the weigh in time on the Sunday or the Monday for a long weekend fishing field day.

This is a great way to be involved even when you can't spare all the time for a trip away. There have been some great fish caught by people who have had only a few hours to spare from the other things they have to fit into their lives.

Some months the nominated field day is in a restricted area within the Metropolitan area. The aim of this is to have a short trip at busy times of the year, and to encourage Club members to fish together.

This is not a "Local" field day, but rather it is a "close to Perth" field day. It should not be called a "local", but should be described by its location, ie Mindarie to Yanchep, just as all other field days are described by their locations.

When such a "close to Perth" field day is nominated, there is no separate "Local" field day held that month. Anyone who wants to fish locally is expected to fish within the nominated boundaries.

Sometimes an "Open" field day is scheduled covering all WA tidal waters, and there is no separate "Local" field day held that month because the metro area is already included.

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Happy birthday to

John Curtis, 1 March
Peter Pekaar, 21 March
Julie Vanzyl, 24 March

Greg Walker, 8 March
Maureen Wignell, 22 March
Rita Pizzolante, 25 March

Terry Willison, 20 March
Charles Faure, 23 March

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Location and distances to field day venues

The proposed Field day venues are categorized as *short*, *medium* or *long* distance.

Short is up to about 100 kilometres, *medium* is up to about 300 kilometres and *long* is over 300 kilometres. Except where shown, all named places have access to fishing spots using two wheel drive vehicles.

Most places mentioned are shown on maps of WA or district maps of local areas. Google maps <http://maps.google.com.au/> are a great online reference, but not all of these points are known to Google maps by these names.

Here are the directions and the rounded, **approximate** distances from Perth and/or other landmarks. Check maps for the exact distances and direction via tracks, alternative roads, your starting point, etc

Venue or boundary	Distance and direction
7 mile	12 km north of Dongara
Albany	400 km south of Perth
Augusta	90 km south of Busselton
Bluff Creek	4 wheel drive access. 70 km east of Albany
Bowes River	25 km south of Port Gregory
Bremer Bay	130 km north east of Albany
Busselton	250 km south of Perth
Cape Leeuwin (Capes)	90 km south of Busselton
Cape Naturaliste (Capes)	30 km west of Busselton
Cervantes	200 km north of Perth via Indian Ocean Drive, 230 km via Brand Hwy
Cheyne Beach	70 km east of Albany
Denmark	400 km south of Perth. 50 km west of Albany
Dongara	330 km north of Perth
Dunsborough	20 km west of Busselton
Geraldton	400 km north of Perth
Greenough River	20 km south of Geraldton
Horrocks	25 km south of Port Gregory
Jurien	220 km north of Perth via Indian Ocean Drive, 250 km via Brand Hwy
Mandurah	100 km south of Perth
Mandurah Cut	10 km south of Mandurah
Mindarie	Perth northern suburb via Marmion Avenue
Penguin Island sand spit	50 km south of Perth between Rockingham and Safety Bay
Point Charles	4 wheel drive access. 30 km east of Bremer Bay
Port Gregory	100 km north of Geraldton via Northampton
Preston Beach	60 km south of Mandurah
Reef Beach	4 wheel drive access. 30 km west of Bremer Bay
Rottne Island	On the horizon west of Fremantle
S Bend	30 km south of Geraldton
Steep Point	Most western point of Shark Bay, 300 km north of Geraldton. 4WD access
Two Rocks	10 km north of Yanchep
Wagoe	4 wheel drive access. 40 km north of Port Gregory
White Hills	4 wheel drive access. 25 km south of Mandurah
Yanchep	50 km north of Perth

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Guidelines for Local field days

The following provides guidelines/clear direction to field day participants as an extension of club rules and to make it easier for the FDO to administer.

The following only applies to the Local venue run in parallel with the away venue.

Here are some suggested guidelines and rule extensions to manage sign on and weigh in.

- 1) Boundaries
 - a) South Boundary - the sand bar at Penguin Island
 - b) North Wall of Two Rocks Marina.
 - c) Including the Swan River/Canning Rivers.

- 2) Sign-on: Mechanism:

Directly to the FDO at the preceding General Meeting, or

Telephone/SMS to FDO or to the Honorary FDO no later than 8:00 pm on the Friday night beforehand.

At a designated place by the nominated Local Field Day Officer (honorary position for that field day as nominated at the preceding General Meeting).

(It is noted that Marcia Pekaar has been effectively undertaking this role)

- 3) Weigh-in: Location

At George Holman's residence. Weigh in details to be passed to the FDO to collate in the overall report on the Field Day. George to pass on this info.

and/or At a place designated by the nominated Local Honorary Field Day Officer. This to be done at the General Meeting also to be confirmed when individuals do the sign on by either telephone or SMS or at the gathering of the start of the local field day

- 4) Local Field Days fees payment alternatives

To the FDO at the preceding General Meeting or no later than paid at the subsequent month to the field day.

To the nominated Local Honorary Field Day Officer at the sign on or weigh-in, or

To George Holman if weigh-in at the George Holman residence.

Note - If the fees are not paid by the following General Meeting (2nd Wed evening on the month following the Field Day), any points obtained by that person will be disallowed.

Notes:

The above is a balance to make it easier and encourage persons to participate and sufficient controls to manage and capture all info in a timely manner for those that do participate.

In formalizing an Honorary position for the local Field Day will allow this person to retain the second set of scales for use at their weigh-in. The Honorary FDO to be volunteered/selected at the General Meeting preceding the Field day.

Assistant FDO, Peter Osborne

Deadline for Reel Talk articles and reports

The Reel Talk is published and posted so that it gets to the members some days before the first event held in the following calendar month.

Some months this gets very tight due to the timing of club events in the current month and early in the next month.

The editor would really appreciate getting items a long time before the deadline, particularly if they have to be typed in, scanned, reformatted, etc. Items received electronically can usually be put into the magazine in a short time, but are subject to space.

Can I please have general articles and reports for the next Reel Talk no later than 5 pm Friday 25 March. **Please note:-** This date and time are deadlines and closing and cut off times, not targets to aim to just meet. Please contact me if any item will be late.

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

Rigs etc, for Bluff Creek

At the instruction period about Bluff Creek at the February General Meeting, some members asked about rigs to use at Bluff Creek. See articles in recent Reel Talks as listed:-

“Ganging hooks” page 15, January 2010 Reel Talk.

“How to tie a Uniknot” page 14, January 2010 Reel Talk.

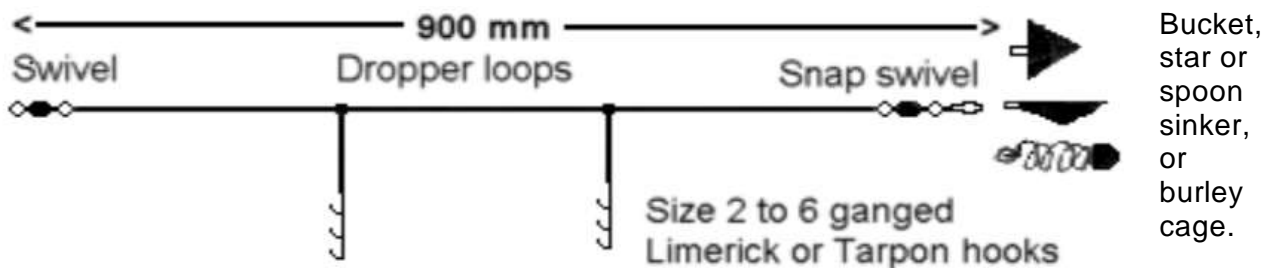
“How to tie a dropper loop knot”, page 15, March 2010 Reel Talk

“Sinkers for beach fishing” page 34, August 2010 Reel Talk.

Double whitebait or bluebait rig. From page 16, March 2010 Reel Talk.

Ideal for fishing for herring or skippy at Bluff Creek. Uses the dropper loop knot described in the other article. Can be cast a country mile with a reasonable sized sinker even in windy conditions.

I suggest use about 8 to 10kg trace line for this rig if you intend to use it with larger sinkers. All the stress of casting the weight is on those 2 dropper loop knots, and don't forget Salmon love whitebait, so a rig made with light line may let you down if you hook a good fish.

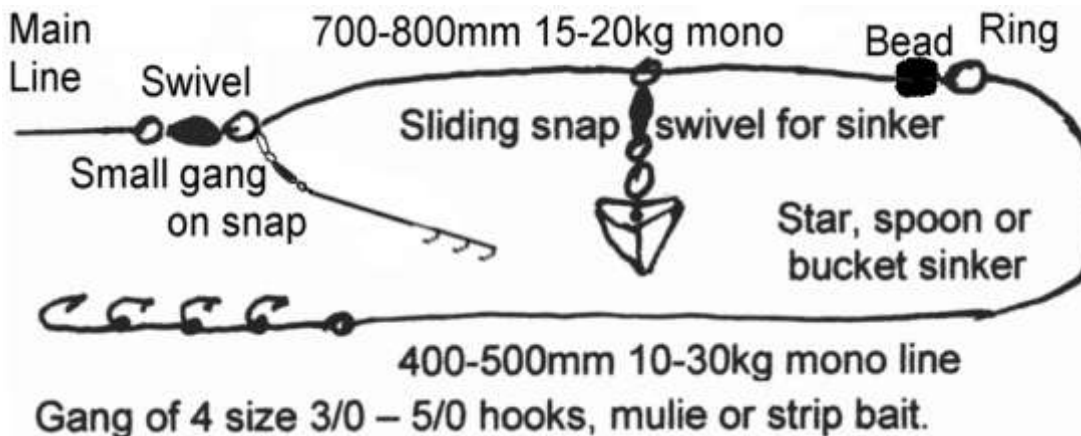


Combination mulie and whitebait rig. From page 16, March 2010 Reel Talk.

This is a basic running sinker rig for a mulie and a whitebait or bluebait. Use it from the beach, or from the rocks or reef in reasonably clear water. Add a cork near the hooks to keep the bait off the bottom if crabs are a problem.

The gang of Limerick or Tarpon size 6 to 2 hooks on a short trace and snap connector, with a whitebait or bluebait is for small fish like herring, skippy, tarwhine, etc. but many good sized fish have been caught on these smaller baits, so make sure the trace is reasonably strong and take it easy if you hook a bigger fish like a Salmon, which love whitebait.

The trace lengths should be chosen with the sinker section much longer than the bottom hook section, as shown, so that the two gangs of hooks cannot tangle with each other.



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Weather at Bluff Creek

What sort of weather can be expected at Bluff Creek on the March long weekend? Well it is summer and on the South Coast, so in a few words – it will be windy or hot or cool or wet or sunny or cloudy or thunderstorms or any combination, but you can bet on windy to very windy.

The beach near the camp runs south west to north east curving more towards the east as you get closer to the rocks. The typical summer weather pattern of a high pressure system in or moving into the Bight and a trough down the West Coast with hot weather in Perth means north east to south east winds at Bluff. These winds are straight along the beach or at 45 or more degrees off the water from the left.

The mornings are sometimes cloudy, often with some drizzle if the winds are from the east or south east off the ocean. The daily mid to late morning ocean “sea breeze” on the South Coast is usually south easterly, where the morning easterly or north easterly winds just turn a bit towards the south east and crank the wind speed up several notches towards 20 to 25 knots or 30 to 40 kilometres per hour.

The wind driven waves continually breaking over the sandbar from the left front make for strong sideways drifts to the right in the channel along the beach. Be prepared with heavy sinkers and it may be necessary to go down to single or smaller baits to cast far enough and then hold the bottom.

The actual air temperature may be over 20 degrees but the wind chill factor makes it feel a lot colder. So come prepared with plenty of warm clothes, warm headgear and a water proof jacket and waders.

If the forecast says Perth will get a “cool change” then the winds will go to the west or south west or calm right down, and this is often accompanied by showers, light rain or drizzle. If the winds come from the north, then very hot weather is possible (over 40 degrees). Usually the cooler sea breeze will force itself in during the afternoon so it is cooler on the beach, but is often still hot in the sandhills and on the track out.

Hot weather inland with the West Coast trough moving inland often has thunderstorms on the eastern side, and heavy rain showers and lightning and quite strong winds are possible. Keep off the beaches and don't use your graphite rods if there is lightning about.

Make sure your camp is well covered and tied down and that rain water can drain off and away because that incessant wind will find any weak spots, and a thunderstorm will really test it all. Despite all this, Bluff is really a great place to be instead of in Perth when Perth has those several 38 plus degrees days in a row.

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

Getting the best out of your emails

Give yourself a name in your email system. Emails from eg “fred” sometimes leave people wondering “who?” Set up your system so emails are identified as coming from your full name eg from Fred Nurk.

Give your emails a meaningful and unique subject line. A subject line like “money” means nothing or little. Make it “Money for Bluff Creek trip” so that the receiver can see what the email is about and can find it later. When replying, edit the original subject line if needed.

Set up your email contacts so that you need only type in their name and then the email system adds the actual more complicated email address. Eg associate the name Fred Nurk with his simple or complicated email address like frednurkabc1267@somefunnyname.com

Add your full name, address, phone number and email address as a footer to your emails.

Use Blind Carbon Copy (BCC) when multi addressing some emails to hide people's email address from other people. This can prevent a lot of spam and is important to keep other people's email addresses private. It takes only one careless email for confidential stuff to get splashed around.

Don't click on “Reply to all” unless you really mean to do that. The unwanted extra addresses can be deleted so that YOUR reply goes only to the people YOU want it to go to.

Contact me for help in setting up any of this.

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Kalbarri House for rent - updated

The Club has a house in Kalbarri. The house is situated close to the river, beaches and town. It has two reverse cycle air conditioners to keep you cool in the summer months and warm in winter. It has two bedrooms and will sleep up to eight (max) in 1 queen sized bed and 3 bunks.

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, large fridge and a separate chest 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. There is plenty of fenced parking space for cars, trailers and boats behind a gate. Rates are:

Public

Off season	Short term (min 2 nights)	\$100 per night for 2 people	\$20 per night per extra adult \$10 per night per extra child	\$100 bond
On season	Short term (min 2 nights)	\$120 per night for 2 people	\$20 per night per extra adult \$10 per night per extra child	\$100 bond
	Weekly rates	6 times daily rate as above		

Club members

Off season	\$200 per week	On season	\$300 per week	} \$100 deposit/bond
Short term	\$60 one night	\$50 per night (two or more nights)		} plus \$60 cleaning

Contact Property Officer Ray Walker on 9313 4196, mobile 0422 455 119 for more details and for bookings, location of keys etc. Check in time is 2pm. Check out time is 10am.

If any work needs to be done in, on or around the house, please contact the Property Officer for approval.

Regulations do not allow caravans to be occupied (lived in) on the Kalbarri site.

Ray Walker, Property Officer



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