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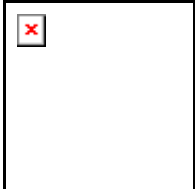
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Minutes of General Meeting, 11 July 2007

Venue:	Coolbinia West Perth Amateur Football and Sporting Club Rooms
Time:	2000 Hrs
President Presiding:	Malcolm Harris
Present:	27 Members
Apologies:	T Stam, D Maxted, M Kolman & W Hansen
Visitors:	K Jackson & J Arnold
New Members:	None
Previous Minutes:	As published in the June 2007 Reel Talk Moved: Jim Strong Seconded: John Crompton
Previous Committee:	Drycasting going well, full teams will be made up for the State Drycasting. Reel Talk Editor reports all is going well and she is enjoying being the Editor.
Instruction Period:	July – Cape to Cape by Mal Harris, George to gave a summary on the Port Gregory AAA Competition

August – No Instruction AGM Meeting
September – Beach Recovery by Ian Cook

Correspondence In: None

Correspondence Out: Shire of Dandaragan

Letter sent out to Ian Rennie, requesting permission to access the Beach Area of Cervantes for the Dates of 15/16 September 2007, 17/18 November 2007 and 16/17 February 2008

Treasurer's Report: Sandra Wessels reports the Bank Balance of \$10,612.11 as at 30/06/07

Monies Received:	P Stoeckel	2007-2008 Membership	\$95.00
	M Hansen	2007-2008 Membership	\$95.00
	G Raftis	2007-2008 Membership	\$85.00
	E Sullivan	2007-2008 Membership	\$55.00
	G Walker	2007-2008 Membership	\$95.00
	K Parsons	2007-2008 Membership	\$55.00
	M Head	2007-2008 Membership	\$55.00
	Dinner Presentation Night Tickets		\$765.00
	Dinner Presentation Night Slider		\$83.00
	Dinner Presentation Night Raffle		\$180.10
	P Wessels – Rottnest Island		\$100.00
	Ian Cook - Rottnest Island		\$150.00
	M Harris - Rottnest Island		\$50.00
	Ian Taggart - Rottnest Island		\$200.00
	General Meeting Raffle		\$47.00
	P Wessels – Kalbarri Rent		\$215.00
	G Walker – 3 x Dinner		\$135.00
	M Hansen – Rottnest		\$50.00
	P Pekaar – Drycasting		\$148.00

Accounts to be Paid:	J Crompton – Digital Recorder	\$99.00
	M Head – Kalbarri House Repairs	\$30.00
	M Pekaar – Reel Talk Magazine	\$578.80
	Edwina Forward Engraving – Trophies	\$167.80
	Synergy – Electricity	\$126.50
	iinet – Annual Charge	\$40.00
	P Pekaar – Kalbarri Bond	\$50.00
	K Parsons Kalbarri Bond	\$50.00
	Rottnest Island Authority – Bus	\$470.00
	Rottnest Island Authority – Accommodation	\$165.00
	Marmion Angling & Aquatic Club – Dinner	\$2350.00

Accounts to be passed for payment

Moved: Jim Strong

Seconded: John Crompton

Property Officer: School Holidays Booking from August to September
Damaged door at Kalbarri House looks like a hammer been put through the door repaired by Malcolm Head
Awning outside also to be repaired
Visitors given information on the Kalbarri House

Secretary's Report: None

Field Day Officer: This week, Field Day 14 – 15 July 2007 Cape to Cape

Boundaries

To be decided on the Day, contact Field Day Officer – Malcolm Harris

Local

Sign on – Check with Field Day Officer

Rottneest Field Day 10 – 12 August 2007

Instruction on AAA event Horrocks to Kalbarri good fishing spots to be run by George Holman

We need to get a good team together for the AAA Event

Drycasting Officer: Drycasting on 8 July started late due to previous night's Trophy Presentation and commenced at approx. 1045 hrs.

Andrew Pekaar beat his Personal Best at 210 Points

He is now in Position 6 of the Top Ten Casters

56 gm, was won by Malcolm Harris

Artificial/Bait was won by Malcolm Harris

112 gm was won by George Holman and Malcolm Harris

Double Handed Bull's Eye hits by George Holman and Andrew Pekaar

Single Handed Bull's Eye hits by Malcolm Head, Malcolm Harris and John Crompton

Instructions given to Visitors on the methods of dry casting, accuracy and distance casting

AAA Report: State championships meeting to be held at George's house, on the Monday after our next Drycasting Day

Presentations for the 2005/6 and 2006/7 Australian Anglers Association Angler and Club of the Year will be held starting at 7:00pm on Tuesday 17 July 2007, at the Sportsman's Association Clubhouse, Stancliffe Street, Mt Lawley. Jim Strong to go to Bunbury's Fishing Club for their Trophy presentation

September – October State Beach Championships to be held at Port Gregory State Drycasting Championships to be held at Yokine Oval Sunday 28 October 2007

Terry Fuller, gave a summary on Recfishwest and details on Rottnest Island Tourism Minister Sheila McHale.

New Marine Sanctuaries enacted on Rottnest Island three new marine sanctuary zones had been created and two existing zones expanded Ms McHale said new zones had been created at Green Island, West End and Armstrong Bay and existing Zones at Parker Point and Kingston Reef had been extended.

People caught breaching the new Rules face fines up to \$10,000.

The AAA State Beach Championships for 2006-2007 year from Port Gregory with the boundaries between Bowes River, south of Horrocks to Kalbarri.

The boundaries are wide, but it allows competitors to find their preferred spot whether it is from a beach, rocks or reef. Terry Fuller requests Members to join in, to support Recfishwest membership forms available from Terry.

Recorder: North to Steep Point, large tailor caught 6.5 kg, Rottnest in August, Mal Harris to check on Ferry details Information given to visitors on fishing outside of Field Days.

Social Organizer: AGM to be held in the Month of August, all members to bring a plate of food / snacks etc. for the Meeting.

Car Rally to be held on the 19 August 2007, at \$5.00 per head to cover the costs of the barbeque.

Reel Talk Editor: Marcia reported all is well with the Reel Talk Magazine and she thanks all members for sending their articles in early. Marcia also thanked Terry Fuller for the Club Logos and also for the Drycasting Report

Notices of Motion: None

General Business: **Condolences given to Ric Parker** on the sad loss of his Mother by Malcolm Harris on behalf of the Surfcasters Club.

Malcolm Head reports on S-Bend Caravan Park will be changing to Strata Titles on their land so the Club better check in advance prior to visiting the Caravan Park for Bookings. George Holman thanked Robert Henderson, Peter Stoeckel and John Crompton for the set up of the Trophies at the Presentation Night

AGM Meeting in August will be to elect the new Committee Members. All places will be vacant. At present there is a good bunch representing all of you, so next month is the time to put your hands forward.

10 Years protection for Cobbler in the Swan and Canning Rivers .

A Prohibition on Fishing for Black Bream in Heirisson Island Lakes

Fishing in the Lakes on Heirisson Island, down stream of the Causeway will be **prohibited from Friday, 6 July 2007**

Out of Season Marron Fishing, 3 Fishermen Fined \$3,000 each

Treasurer's Request – Members paying their dues can send in a Cheque or pay by the next General Meeting!

Mal Harris - Reminds **ALL Members** must be **Financial to Vote in the AGM in August!**

Mal Harris informs members that John Crompton is now acting Secretary.

Raffle won by the Visitor - Kevin Jackson

Instruction Period:

Mal Harris, gave a summary on Fishing spots around Busselton, Margaret River and also to Augusta.

George Holman gave a run down on the AAA Event to be held on the surrounding Beaches from Horrocks, Port Gregory, Wago to Kalbarri to be held in October 2007.

Meeting Closed

2130 Hrs

AGM August Meeting

Members are reminded that the **8 August Meeting** will be our Annual General Meeting. Everyone is encouraged to consider nominating for one of the many Committee positions. Office Bearers are an essential part of the successful running of *Your Club*. Please bring a plate of food to contribute to the social event following the meeting.

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.

29	AAA Event																				
8	Dry Casting						11	General Meeting			14	15	Field Day		18	Committee Meeting					
August 2007							September 2007							October 2007							
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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27	28	29	30	31			24	25	26	27	28	29	30	29	30	31					

6 August – 8pm Meeting at George Holman's to discuss upcoming Championships

+ 19 August Car Rally

[^] Dry Casting will be held on 9 September due to **Fathers' Day** being celebrated on 2 September

2007 Field Day Dates, Venues and Boundaries

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

Dates	Venue	Boundaries and more details
10-12 August 2007	Rottnest	See FDO
15-16 Sept 2007	Cervantes to Sandy Cape	See FDO
29-30 Sept & 1 Oct 07	Horrocks to Kalbarri	See FDO

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

Sunday, 5 August 2007	Sunday, 9 September 2007
Sunday, 7 October 2007	Sunday, 4 November 2007

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

Wednesday, 8 August 2007 (AGM)	Wednesday, 12 September 2007
Wednesday, 10 October 2007	Wednesday, 14 November 2007

SAFARIS

Members are invited to submit their suggestions for safaris over and above the current field days. Please put your ideas in writing and submit them to Ian Cook via email or bring them along to a General Meeting and hand to Ian or any other Committee Member, in his absence.

COMING CLUB EVENTS

Field Day, Rottnest

When: 10-12 August 2007
Sign On: Phone the FDO
Lines Down: Check with FDO
Boundaries: Check with FDO
Weigh In: Sunday, 12 August. Check with FDO

Field Day, Local

When: 10-12 August 2007
Sign On: Phone the FDO
Lines Down: Check with FDO
Boundaries: Penguin Island to north wall of the Two Rocks Marina, including the Swan River and both the North and South Moles.
Weigh In: Sunday, 15 August 2007 at George 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 8.00pm that night.

Field Day, Cervantes to Sandy Cape

Reel Talk August 2007

When: 15-16 September 2007
Sign On: Phone the FDO
Lines Down: Check with FDO
Boundaries: Cervantes to Sandy Cape
Weigh In: Sunday, 16 September. Check with FDO

Field Day, Local

When: 15-16 September 2007
Sign On: Phone the FDO
Lines Down: Check with FDO
Boundaries: Penguin Island to north wall of the Two Rocks Marina, including the Swan River and both the North and South Moles.
Weigh In: Sunday, 16 September 2007 at George 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 8.00pm that night.

August Dry Casting

When: Sunday, 5 August 2007
Where: Yokine Reserve, Wordsworth Avenue
Events: Double handed accuracy, single handed accuracy, 56g distance, artificial bait distance, 112g 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.

PLEASE NOTE: There will be a single-handed open event held on this day following normal club casting.

September Dry Casting

When: Sunday, 9 September 2007
Where: Yokine Reserve, Wordsworth Avenue
Events: Double handed accuracy, single handed accuracy, 56g distance, artificial bait distance, 112g 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.

**Sausage Sizzle: Sausage & Bread \$1.00; Can of Cool Drink \$1.00
Casting Sinkers also available on the day.**

August General Meeting – ALSO AGM

When: Wednesday, 8 August 2007
Where: Coolbinia West Perth Amateur Football and Sporting Club Room, off Wordsworth Avenue, Yokine, about 200 metres south-east of the Yokine Bowling Club.
Please remember to tick your name off the attendance sheet which is on the table near the door. And while you are there, what about buying some of the raffle tickets?

2007/2008 Field Day Dates, Venues and Boundaries

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

Dates	Venue	Boundaries and details
11-12 August	Rottnest	All of Island except sanctuary zones
15-16 September	Cervantes	Cervantes to Sandy Cape
29-1 September/October	Horrocks Beach to Kalbarri	To be advised by AAA

RECORDER'S REPORT JULY 2007

My apologies to Peet and Sandra Wessels for not entering these in the May Reel Talk.

The following fish were caught at Bluff Creek on 21 April 2007:

Peet Wessels

Gummy Shark	Length 1676 mm	Girth 230 mm	Released
Tarwhine	Length 390 mm	Girth 144 mm	No Weight
Australian Salmon	Length 730 mm	Girth 150 mm	Released 6.3 kg

This fish is eligible for Grand Masters

Sandra Wessels

Australian Salmon	Length 650 mm	Girth 140 mm	3.6 kg
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Open Competition 2006 - 2007 Revised

Peet Wessels won Section 3 with a Gummy Shark caught at Bluff Creek (9 kg estimated weight)

Peet Wessels won Section 4 with an Australian Salmon of 6.3 kg

These awards will be presented at the August AGM meeting

2006 / 2007 Open Competition Results till March 2007

No entries as of July 2007. The group that went to Shark Bay in June unfortunately did not catch any fish from the shore that qualified.

Rottnest Field Day

Check with Mal Harris for ferry departure times. We have two spare spots if there is anyone interested in going to this venue.

*Tight Lines
Cookie*

CAR RALLY – SUNDAY, 19 AUGUST 2007

Start Time: 9.00am
Location: Yokine Reserve, Wordsworth Avenue
What to Bring: Your car and a road map.
Route instructions will be handed out on the day.

A \$5.00 charge per person will be required to cover the cost of the barbecue.

Field Day Sections Up To and Including July

Section		Angler	Species	Weight
1A	Best Scale Fish (1st Six Months)	Mark Hansen	Salmon	4.025
1B	Best Scale Fish (2nd Six Months)	0	0	0.000
2	Most Meritorious Fish	0	0	0.000
3	Best Shark (4.5kg min)	Mark Hansen	Shark	4.400
4	Best Mulloway (2.0kg min)	0	0	0.000
5	Best Tailor (1.0kg min)	Vix Alexander	Tailor	0.580
6	Best Salmon (3kg min)	Mark Hansen	Salmon	4.025
7	Best Skipjack Trevally (0.5 kg min)	Malcolm Harris	Trevally, Skipjack	0.600
8	Best Mackerel (2kg Min)	0	0	0.000
9	Best Scale Fish (Other than above)	Ian Cook	Cod	1.200
10	Best Bag Of Scale Fish	Tino Baiardo	Mixed Bag	13.540
11	Best Bag Of Mulloway (2 Fish Min)	0	0	0.000
12	Best Bag Of Tailor (2 Fish Min)	Ian Taggart	Tailor	1.100
13	Best Fish On S/H Rod 4kg b/s line (max)	0	0	0.000
14	Best Fish Caught on Fly Rod	0	0	0.000

Sportsperson Of The Year Sections for July

Section	Angler	Species	Weight
Best Scale Fish	Sandra Wessels	Wrasse	0.690
Best Bag of Scale fish	George Holman	Mixed Bag	2.300
Best Shark			
Best Bag Including Sharks			

Field Day Prizes for July

Section	Angler	Species	Weight
Best Scale Fish	Sandra Wessels	Wrasse	0.690
Best Bag of Scale fish	George Holman	Mixed Bag	2.300
Best Shark			
Best Bag Including Sharks			

Top Ten up to July

Rank	Angler	Total Points
1	Malcolm Harris	395.9
2	Mark Hansen	354.7
3	Vix Alexander	292.4
4	Ian Cook	287.6
5	George Holman	222.9
6	Tino Baiardo	205.4
7	Peter Pekaar	173.1
8	Andrew Pekaar	137.9
9	Morris Kolman	137.7
10	Ian Taggart	108.0

Dry Casting Winners for 8 July 2007

Event	Seniors Winner		Veterans Winner	
56 gram Score	30	Malcolm Harris	29	Gary Gildersleeves
56 gram Distance	154	Malcolm Harris	147	Gary Gildersleeves
Artificial Bait Score	29	Malcolm Harris	26	Gary Gildersleeves, George Holman
Artificial Bait Distance	146	Malcolm Harris	133	Gary Gildersleeves
112 gram Score	34	Malcolm Harris	34	George Holman
112 gram Distance	174	Malcolm Harris	174	George Holman
Double Handed Acc.	120	Malcolm Harris	160	Gary Gildersleeves
Single Handed Acc.	24	Mark Hansen	30	Malcolm Head
Section Highest Points	242	Malcolm Harris	281	Gary Gildersleeves

Event	Ladies Winner		Juniors Winner	
56 gram Score	17	Vix Alexander	23	Andrew Pekaar
56 gram Distance	95	Vix Alexander	117	Andrew Pekaar
Artificial Bait Score	17	Vix Alexander	21	Andrew Pekaar
Artificial Bait Distance	90	Vix Alexander	112	Andrew Pekaar
112 gram Score	21	Vix Alexander	29	Andrew Pekaar
112 gram Distance	104	Vix Alexander	147	Andrew Pekaar
Double Handed Acc.	95	Vix Alexander	106	Andrew Pekaar
Single Handed Acc.	24	Vix Alexander	21	Andrew Pekaar
Section Highest Points	184	Vix Alexander	210	Andrew Pekaar

Event	Overall Winner		Year's best up to July 2007	
56 gram Score	30	Malcolm Harris	30	Malcolm Harris
56 gram Distance	154	Malcolm Harris	154	Malcolm Harris
Artificial Bait Score	29	Malcolm Harris	29	Malcolm Harris
Artificial Bait Distance	146	Malcolm Harris	146	Malcolm Harris
112 gram Score	34	Malcolm Harris, George Holman	34	Malcolm Harris, George Holman
112 gram Distance	174	Malcolm Harris, George Holman	174	Malcolm Harris, George Holman
Double Handed Acc.	160	Gary Gildersleeves	160	Gary Gildersleeves
Single Handed Acc.	30	Malcolm Head	30	Terry Fuller, Malcolm Head
Day's High Points	281	Gary Gildersleeves	281	Gary Gildersleeves

Dry Casting Top Ten for 2007/8

Total scores up to and including July casting – not including July General Meeting attendance. Only the best 11 months out of 12 count at the end of the year.

1	George Holman	727	6	Andrew Pekaar	527
2	Malcolm Head	667	7	Peter Pekaar	525
3	Allan Jones	626	8	Gary Gildersleeves	513
4	Malcolm Harris	586	9	Trevor Stam	502
5	Ian Cook	555	10	Vix Alexander	474

Note: There will be a Single Handed Open event held after casting on Sunday, 5 August 2007

July Dry Casting Report – Veterans, Ladies, Juniors

Quite a good attendance at the July cast, even though the date was changed. The weather was overcast and a shower or two was experienced with the wind moderate, coming from left to right and changed to a tail wind just in time for the senior casters (lucky weren't they?).

The ladies events saw Marcia and Wendy still showing improvement and Vix will soon have to watch out.

Marcia Pekaar, in particular, got her distance events on line with all casts in court and not all that far behind Vix Alexander. Wendy Hansen had all casts in and right behind the others. This makes for good competition. Vix was top in both accuracy events.

Andrew Pekaar led the juniors and is achieving good, healthy distances (all in) with a top cast of 147 metres in the 112g distance, which is excellent. Stephen Pekaar is really starting to click with all casts in court with a top of 84 metres 56g and 95 metres in the 112g distance.

Holly Walker – well what can we say? She just keeps improving and had all her distance casts in court and a best of 52 metres with a small rod. She also scored four out of eight in her double handed accuracy – great going Holly!!

In the veterans events, it was a contest of two groups with only 20-odd points separating Gary Gildersleeves, Allan Jones, George Holman and Malcolm Head and the same number separating Trevor Stam, Dean Stewart, John Crompton and Ian Cook. Makes for interesting competition.

Gary won the day with a total of 281 points, which is top casting and led with 160 points in the DH accuracy and also top scored in the 56 g distance with a distance of 147 metres. He tied with George Holman in the artificial bait, but had the longest cast of 133 metres. George Holman was top in the 112g distance with a cast of 174 metres. The double handed accuracy saw a keen contest with Gary Gildersleeves 160 points, Malcolm Head 156 points and Allan Jones and George Holman each scoring 144 points. Malcolm Head led the field in the single handed accuracy with 30 out of the possible 40 with Gary and Allan on 26 points. John Crompton showed good results in his distance events and keeps on improving – lighter line seems to work, eh John?!

Hats off to Peter Pekaar for another good day's casting and also to Peter Stoeckel and his helpers for a great conclusion to the day – the sausage sizzle. Not many people leave early these days – they must be enjoying themselves.

George Holman

July Dry Casting Report – Seniors

Despite the late start, approximately 10am, and even the threat of rain, enthusiasm was not *dampened*. We had 20 casters ready to compete, a good turnout given we had our Presentation Night the night before. Seniors started off with double handed accuracy, with Mal Harris taking the lead with 120 points, but even with a bull's eye in single handed accuracy he couldn't hold back Mark Hansen's who with 24 points won that event.

Finally, after months of easterly winds blowing in our faces and holding back distances, the westerly winds provided some assistance in the distance events. Normally, Rhys Jones's 146 metres in a 56g event would be hard to beat. But unfortunately for him, he was pipped by Mal Harris's 154 metres. Mal Harris also stole the show in artificial bait with 146 metres and 174 metres in 112g. Mal was pushed all the way by Rhys Jones, Mark Hansen & Peter Pekaar.

Mal Harris was a clear winner in the Seniors with 242 points (well done Mal). Other winners were Gary Gildersleeves with a magnificent 281 points; Vix 184 points and a personal best for Andrew Pekaar with 210 points.

Our thanks go to George Holman for helping out with the dry casting report for the Vets, Ladies & Juniors. George is also to be commended for his untiring commitment to the casters by way of tips & coaching he offers.

A check of Club Dry Casting Records shows that Andrew Pekaar has beaten the existing Junior 112g Distance Record with a cast of 147.4 metres. Well Done Andrew!!!

Peter Pekaar
Acting Dry Casting Officer

July Field Day – Cape to Cape

FIELD DAY YALLINGUP

Marcia Pekaar

Whilst not my first field day, it was the first field day where I actually had something to weigh in.

The weekend for the Pekaar family started on the Friday. I took the day off work so we could make our way to the Yallingup Beach Resort prior to the Saturday and have a look around. Having not fished there before and having little local knowledge, Pete needed some time to work out where we'd fish.

The Beach Resort is located right on the coast and from number 9 cabin we could see the rolling surf. The resort is well appointed with cosy cabins featuring a double bed and one set of bunks for the kids. The kitchen had plenty of cooking facilities and the bathroom was adequate. There were, of course, ablution blocks so no-one had to wait any length of time to get cleaned up in the evening. Barbecue facilities were plentiful, so next time we'll definitely be taking steaks for the barbie.

Following lunch on the Friday we set out to look for somewhere to fish over the weekend. Most places were very rocky but finally we found a beach just south of Point Piquet which we deemed a suitable starting point. Saturday arrived and after a quick breakfast and tidy up we set out on a final reconnaissance mission before settling in on our chosen beach. Andrew announced "what's that smell?" to which Pete replied "probably just the fish smell from the beach". Someone said something about it smelling like oil and as I do not have a sense of smell I couldn't contribute to the conversation. Nothing more was said until half an hour later when the car wouldn't turn off and kept pre-igniting. Arrgghhh the temperature gauge was red hot and there was no water in the radiator. Pete soon discovered that the radiator hose had split. Luckily he is a very handy man and had it repaired in no time. We had to wait for the radiator to cool down before adding water. That posed our next dilemma – we had no water. There was a creek in the distance so I set out to fill our empty milk containers. Oh great, a DRY creek. I followed the creek which led me to a house. After knocking on the door and getting no reply, I discovered a tap. I felt sure the owners could spare a couple of litres of water for a damsel in distress, so helped myself. I returned to the car with the water and repeated the exercise with further milk cartons. At one point the car was full of steam and a passer-by stopped to offer assistance in the form of a fire extinguisher, making sure to keep a safe distance (100m) away. I assured him it wasn't fire, but steam, and he disappeared before we had a chance to change our mind!!

So with our stress back to a manageable level, we continued on to find a fishing spot. We phoned through to Mal Harris asking for a special dispensation given our predicament. The thought of driving unnecessarily south for sign on was not appealing. Mal was gracious enough to allow us to stay put and moved the weigh in to Busselton the following day.

Once at our chosen beach, Pete had us all set up and we had our lines out and tight. Andrew was the first one “on” with a flathead. He was SO excited until it “escaped” after he had gutted it and was rinsing it in the ocean. His sombre mood improved, though, when 20 minutes later it returned, washed up, lifeless, by the swell.

I caught my first field day fish at 3.55pm on 14 July 2007. By 4.10pm I had another and by 4.35 I had a total of three fish. I was ecstatic. Pete was thrilled too, seeing his family happy and sharing a mutual interest in his favourite pastime (second only to dinner time).

Stevie, when he could be bothered, landed a small bag for himself and when Pete wasn’t untangling our lines and making sure we were all happy, managed to net himself 14 fish. Collectively the Pekaar family did well and most importantly had a good time.

The weather was perfect – fine & cool in the morning, warming a little in the day without being hot. The rain held off until we were packing up at midday to get to the weigh in at 1pm. Our drive to the Busselton jetty was relatively uneventful, with the radiator giving no trouble. Andrew was certain he’d bagged the biggest herring. I came close but he beat ME. But Mal beat HIM. He did get the biggest bag full, though, much to his excitement, only to be pipped by George Holman we discovered at the Committee meeting on Wednesday. Oh well, Andrew, you can’t win Junior Angler of the Year AND scoop the pool on the field day.

Marcia Pekaar

AAA WA Elections

Members are reminded that the AAA will be holding its AGM in club rooms on Stancliffe St, Mt Lawley on 21 August 2007 at 7.30pm. Election of Office Bearers will be called for and we ask that you give consideration to helping out.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THESE MEMBERS

WHO HAVE THEIR BIRTHDAY IN AUGUST

Sam Wee	2 August
Bob Henderson	8 August
Allan Jones	8 August
Peet Wessels	20 August
Josh Lucocq	23 August
Ian Taggart	24 August
Sam Reilly	31 August

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 at info@circa.net.au 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 authorize any repairs or services on the house without authority from the Property Officer, Treasurer or President.

Vix Alexander, Property Officer

WINTER IN KALBARRI

As we had made the trip to Kalbarri, it would not have been complete without trying our luck at fishing. We experienced winter fishing with cold, gale-force winds, getting wet from 3 metre swells and to top it all off getting hit on the lip by a sinker by some donkey who was snagged next to me and had jumped onto my rock while I was baiting up. You don't only get hit by a sinker at dry casting!! I have now been smacked in the face by a sinker while fishing. Anyway, after many hours of trying, the grand total of my catch at Kalbarri was a 2.5 kg mulloway. Although, if you read the fishing section in *The West*, the mulloway, tailor, whiting and bream were all supposed to be running. Unfortunately they were not running toward my line.

Kalbarri is progressing at a rapid pace. They now have an 18-hole golf course, a seahorse aquarium (which is well worth visiting). Unfortunately, the mini golf and trampolines have been demolished and Palm Resort units extended. They say it's progress, but good times were had with family and friends as always.

We will be back to beautiful Kalbarri in October. Hopefully we will find calmer waters.

Mal & Jenny Head

KALBARRI
The Passing of Margaret Hardie

As we came over the last hill on our journey to beautiful Kalbarri, it was touched with sadness as our dear friend, Margaret, would not be there with her happy smile and a cup of tea to greet us.

The Hardies were members of the Surf Casters in the 1990s. After looking for many months, they decided to settle at Kalbarri. Back then, the monthly meetings were held at Lee and Nella Clifton's business (Morley Glass). Margaret always had a lovely plate of sandwiches to go with our coffee at the end of the meetings.

Margaret is survived by husband, Bob, son, Andrew, daughters, Angie and Shane, and grandchildren Cory and Kate.

Although Margaret has gone, she will never be forgotten.

Mal & Jenny Head



Margaret Hardie

My First Visit to Kalbarri

By Ken Parsons

I've been a fisherman all my life in the UK enjoying sea fishing, coarse fishing and fly fishing for trout. Two years ago my wife, Val, and I came to live in Perth to be near our two little granddaughters. I've tried fishing around Perth's beaches without much joy, and been several times to the Southwest to do a bit of fly fishing, again with only marginal reward.

Earlier this year I tracked down the surfcasting club so joined with a view to improving my chances with the fishing and perhaps having a go at surfcasting. Unfortunately I haven't, to date, been able to join any of the club activities but hope to put that right soon.

A friend of mine organises a trip every year in May to Quobba for a week's fishing with some mates and this year I was able to go with them. My faith in my fishing ability was restored as I caught plenty of tailor, dart, trevally and north west snapper with the proof now in my freezer!

Having never been to Kalbarri, Val and I decided a week away would do us both good, so we took advantage of the Surfcaster's house to let for our week's stay in the middle of June. We were very lucky with the weather and thoroughly enjoyed seeing everything there is to see around Kalbarri. I did manage to find time for fishing but wasn't lucky anywhere I tried for the first few days.

After losing quite a few lead weights on the rocks at the Blue Holes I went into the local tackle shop to replenish my stock and ask for some advice on the best places to fish. I was advised to give the local beach a try just before high tide, so that evening I got to the beach at about 17.30.

Fishing near where the sand spit used to be, I used king prawns and mulies for bait. At first a few small tailor and black bream came my way and finally a big mulloway. A few people commented on it being a pretty good catch and I was well pleased. As it was too dark to see what I was doing I decided to quit while I was ahead so returned to the house to clean, fillet and freeze my prize.

The next day, our last full day in Kalbarri, we were strolling along the beach around 5 o'clock and stopped to talk to a couple who were fishing in the same spot that I'd been the previous evening. They told me that they'd been fishing further along the beach the night before and heard that a young chap had caught a huge mulloway at this spot. I told them it was me and was really flattered to have been mistaken for a "young chap" but then - it was dark!!



Ken Parsons at the Kalbarri House with his Mackerel, 12 June 2007



Ken at Quobba in May with his Tailor

Recfishwest Report

As a member of Recfishwest, I receive a number of emails and as our club fishes Rottnest regularly, I thought this article is well worth publication.

*Marcia Pekaar
Reel Talk Editor*

01/07/07

New Marine Sanctuaries Enacted on Rottnest Island

New protections come into force today to better protect Rottnest Island's spectacular marine environment. Tourism Minister Sheila McHale said that under new legislation enacted from today, three new marine sanctuary zones had been created and two existing zones expanded.

Ms McHale said new zones had been created at Green Island, West End and Armstrong Bay and existing zones at Parker Point and Kingston Reef had been extended.

"It is now illegal for people to fish or take marine flora or fauna in all of the zones with the exception of West End where people can still troll for fish," she said.

"Fisheries officers and Rottnest rangers regularly patrol the area and people caught breaching the new rules face fines of up to \$10,000.

"It is vitally important we enhance the protection of Rottnest's unique marine biodiversity.

"Rottnest is an extremely popular recreation and holiday destination and deserves to be properly protected."

The Minister said the sanctuary zones now covered about 16 per cent of the reserve's waters.

"The conservation of marine habitats has very high public support with more than 86 per cent of public feedback to the proposed zone changes being positive," she said. "The Government is conscious of the importance of recreational fishing and has worked to minimise the effects on the pastime from the shore and from boats.

"Approximately 83 per cent of the shoreline will remain accessible for fishing."

Perth-based consulting marine ecologist Dr Trevor Ward said the sanctuary zone changes were an important step in helping to protect the island's unique marine life from the impacts of increasing visitor numbers. "Rottnest's marine environment hosts an unusual blend of tropical and temperate marine life, including many species only found in this part of the State," Dr Ward said.

"The tropical corals and fish life that inhabit the reserve will now receive more meaningful levels of protection in which they can take sanctuary."

Ms McHale said particular parts of each sanctuary zone had been excised to maintain access to recognised shore-based fishing sites. Boat-based trolling would still be allowed in the entire West End area. "New signage has been erected to remind people about the zones and a guide has been produced for anglers with GPS co-ordinates to help people fishing from boats," she said. "The Carpenter Government is making decisions for the future to protect Western Australia's unique environment."