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June 2006 Reel Talk Contents.

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Minutes of General Meeting, 10 May 2006.

- Venue:-** Coolbinia West Perth Amateur Football and Sporting Club room. Time 8:00 pm. President Bob Henderson presiding
- Present:-** 25 members.
- Apologies:-** Terry Willison, Roy Killick, Iain Kaslar,
- Visitors:-** None.
- New Members:-** Tino Baiardo was welcomed into the club.
- Previous Minutes:-** As published in the Reel Talk. **Moved** Jim Strong, seconded Morris Kolman, these are a true record. Carried.
- Previous Committee:-** Bob Henderson gave a summary from the previous Committee meeting.
- Correspondence In:**
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| Ray White Kalbarri | Statement for April and Cheque for \$225.98 |
| Westpac Bank | Bank statement for April. |
| Marcia Pekaar | Request for booking at Kalbarri. |
| AAA | Minutes of April Delegates' meeting. |
| Synergy | Kalbarri Power bill \$181.55 |
| City of Stirling | 2006 Community Service Awards |
| Seniors Recreation Council | "Add life to your years" Directory |
| Daniel (Sol) Strijdom | Application for family membership. |
| WA Water | Kalbarri Water account \$13.20 |
| BT Financial Group | Quarterly Statement |
| BT Financial Group | Information brochure about investments |
| Rod Sully | Cheque \$397.80 for Kalbarri booking. |
| Have a Go day | Will be run Wednesday 25 October |
| Spencer King | Will not renew membership 2006/7 due to other activities. |
- Correspondence Out:-**
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| Tino Baiardo, | Acceptance of membership application and invitation to May General Meeting. |
| Daniel (Sol) and Aidan Strijdom, Peter, Marcia, Phillip, Andrew and Stephen Pekaar, | Progress of membership applications. |
- Treasurer's Report:-** Paul Thompson reported. Accounts Synergy Power \$181.55, Water Corporation \$13.20, Marmion Angling and Aquatic Club Deposit \$500, Tony D'Alonzo, engraving \$32, \$12,967 in account plus money to be banked. **Moved** Jim Strong seconded Peter Stoeckel.
- Property Officer** Vix Alexander reported. Marcia and Peter Pekaar said that the house was terrific for a holiday in Kalbarri and will write an article for Reel Talk.
- Secretary's Report.** The Competition Rules have been updated and copies were distributed at the meeting. Old versions should be thrown away. Other topics will be covered under other headings.
- Field Day Officer:-** Malcolm Harris gave details for recent field days. Malcolm's suggestion for a change from Emu Springs to Port Gregory to Kalbarri for the June long weekend to cater for the possibility of a washout by bad weather was discussed. Two people voted for Emu Springs, three people voted for Port Gregory to Kalbarri, so the venue was changed. Malcolm Harris to provide details for the Field Day for printing in Reel Talk.
- Dry Casting Officer:-** Bob Henderson reported on the May dry casting run on Sunday 2 April. A single handed Open will be held in May.
- AAA Report:-** George Holman reported as previously that the AAA faces a problem due to the lack of workers. Presidents and Secretaries have been invited to the May Delegates' meeting to discuss the future of AAA WA. George reminded members that visitors are welcome to come along to the AAA delegates meetings to see what is being done. A meeting has been held on 8 May to discuss going to the Philip Island Convention in March 2007, including spending Dept of Sport and Recreation funding. Fishing clinics will be held at Hillarys Yacht Club on the first 3 Mondays of July.
- Recorder:-** Ian Cook advised that Paul Thompson has entered a 3.5 kg mulloway caught locally into the Open competition. Some entries for the Open Fishing competition had been adjusted because John Jardine had not qualified by attending 3 club events during the year as required by Competition Rules section 4.17. Any member who had caught a fish in those sections should submit an entry even though the normal 30 day limit had passed. Ian advised arrangements for the May Rottneest Field Day.
- Social Organiser:-** Bob Henderson advised that the Presentation night will be held on 24 June. Donations for prizes will be welcome. Holders of perpetual trophies are asked to return them, please. Bob will be moving to Pingelly soon. Peter Stoeckel will be handling the sale of tickets to the presentation night.

- Reel Talk Editor:-** Terry Fuller advised - what you see is what you get – for as long as you get it. Stories are wanted please.
- Notices of Motion:-** None
- General Business:-** Morris Kolman reported on his trip to Yallingup as a result of winning the Yallingup Beach Holiday Park voucher at the February General Meeting. He had some good salmon catches and the accommodation was excellent.
Good catches of salmon have been made in the metro area since Easter.
Bob Henderson reminded members of the need for new Committee members and office bearers for 2006/7. This is a serious situation and it is possible the club may not function. The Constitution allows for the club to be wound up.
- Rottnest No fishing:-** Terry Fuller asked how many club members had done anything about the Rottnest no fishing zones and proposals to close off the West End of Rottnest where the club has its Field Days. Bob Henderson said he had started to fill in the online feedback form on the Rottnest Island website, but gave up in disgust when he realised how biased the questions were. Vix, Malcolm Harris and Ian Cook have obtained some information.
Terry Fuller expressed his disappointment that other club members could not be bothered to take any action on something which is so important to many of the members of the club who fish at Rottnest.
He explained that he believed the priority should be to get the government to understand just how bad the consultation, lack of real science, lack of real benefits, very poor documentation, and the very biased consultation being pushed by the Rottnest Island Board. These points have been made very strongly in recent newspaper articles and radio interviews by Recfishwest and fishing writers.
Later on, detailed comments will be prepared on these for submissions which close in mid July.
The AAA letter to the Premier and Minister printed in May Reel Talk covers all this in detail, and members can extract and copy and use whatever they like out of that to get this first message through to the Government. This message is the key to forcing the Rottnest Island Authority to properly consult with recreational anglers over Rottnest.
- Instruction Period:-** Ian Cook gave details of fishing at Rottnest and the fishing and personal gear needed for the field day.
New members are welcome to tell us what they want from these Instruction periods.
- Meeting closed:-** 9.20 pm.

Minutes prepared by Secretary T Fuller

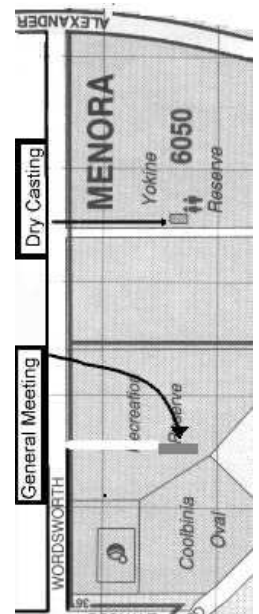
Coming Club Events.

June General Meeting.

- When:-** Wednesday 14 June 2006, 8:00 pm.
- Where:-** Coolbinia West Perth Amateur Football and Sporting Club room, off Wordsworth Avenue, Yokine, about 200 metres south east of the Yokine Bowling Club.
- Sign In:-** Please remember to tick your name on the attendance sheet which is on the table near the door. And while you are there, what about buying some of the raffle tickets?
- Instruction Period:-** To be advised.

June 2006 Field Day – Port Gregory - Kalbarri.

- When:-** Saturday/Sunday/Monday 3/4/5 June 2006. **Note** Venue Change
- Sign On:-** Port Gregory jetty car park 12.00 noon Saturday 3 June 2006.
- Lines Down:-** After sign on.
- Weigh in:-** Port Gregory jetty car park 10am Monday 5 June 2006
- Boundaries:-** As far as you can walk past Hutt River to the south and Murchison River to the north.



Local Field Day for June 2006.

- When:-** Saturday/Sunday/Monday 3/4/5 June 2006.
- Sign On:** At the General Meeting or to the FDO by 18:00 on the day before the Field Day.
- Lines Down:-** Saturday 12 noon
- Weigh in:-** Monday at 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 Field Day Officer by 8:00 pm that night.

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

Tides for Fremantle

Saturday 3 Jun	1.05m at 12:19 pm	0.74m at 10:56 pm
Sunday 4 Jun	0.99m at 12:40 pm	0.77m at 10:36 pm
Monday 5 Jun	0.97m at 7:55 am	0.78m at 9:54 pm

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June Dry Casting.

When:- Sunday 11 June 2006.

Where:- Yokine Reserve, Wordsworth Avenue

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

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.

2006 SCAC Dinner/Presentation of Trophies.

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

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

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

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Cost \$40 per person.

Contact Peter Stoeckel - details in front of Reel Talk.

Annual General Meeting 2006.

The club's Annual General Meeting and election of the new committee for 2006/7 will be held on Wednesday 12 July 2006.

Secretary Terry Fuller.

Calendar for Next Three Months.

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

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29	AAA Event						24	Club Annual Presentation of Trophies and Dinner.												
8	Dry Casting						11	General Meeting			14	15	Field Day		18	Committee Meeting				
June 2006							July 2006							August 2006						
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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Life Members of the Club.

Doug Edward, Ric Parker, Jim Strong, Bob Klein, George Holman, Ian Cook.

Club Polo Shirts, Jackets and Caps.

We now have some stocks of short and long sleeved Club Polo shirts, long sleeved Club Jackets and baseball style caps with a club logo for sale to members. These are in the club colours of Gold (Yellow) and Black, and help to identify you as a "Surfcaster" member.

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

Club Competition Rules and Constitution.

Printed copies of the Club's current Fishing and Dry Casting Competition Rules and Club Constitution are available – all you have to do is **ASK** for a copy

The latest **printed** version of the Competition Rules is dated 19 April 2006 and contains all the changes made for the 2006/7 competition year. The latest **printed** version of the Constitution is dated February 2003.

If you have any earlier versions, throw it away and get a current version.

Contact the Secretary for a copy or see the club's web site for the online, completely up to date versions – see <http://www.surfcasters.iinet.net.au/ClubRulesMain.html>

Secretary, Terry Fuller.

Reel Talk Publishing Deadline.

The **absolute deadline** for items for the coming Reel Talks are:-

July 2006 Reel Talk 8 pm Friday 16 June (earlier than previously advised).

August and September 2006 Reel Talks Ask the new Reel Talk Editor.

2005/6 Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller.

Wanted - Aluminium Cans.

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

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

Kalbarri House For Rent.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller.

New Member Acceptances.

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

Craig, Diane and Amber Wantenaar

Frank and Leanne Sawyer

Peter, Marcia, Phillip, Andrew and Stephen Pekaar,

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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.

Daniel (Sol) and Aidan Strijdom

Secretary, Terry Fuller.

Sponsorship by Yallingup Beach Holiday Park

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

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

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

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

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

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

This voucher was raffled at the February 2006 General Meeting and was won by Morris Kolman.

Secretary, Terry Fuller

Age of Your Tyres.

Most of the details about a tyre are in raised letters on the sidewall. There is also a tyre manufacture date stamped or cut into the surface. Take a look at yours. There will be a three- or four-digit code. This code denotes when the tyre was manufactured.

Reading the code is pretty simple. The three-digit code was for tyres manufactured before 2000. So for example 1 7 8 means it was manufactured in the 17th week of 8th year of the decade. There was no way of determining which decade, so in fact, 1 7 8 could mean the 17th week of 1988 or 1998

After 2000, the code was switched to a 4-digit code. The same rules apply, so for example 3 0 0 3 means the tyre was manufactured in the 30th week of 2003.

The rubber in tyres degrades over time, irrespective of whether the tyre is being used or not, but particularly if they spend a lot of time in the sun. As a rule-of-thumb, you should never use tyres more than 6 years old.

The tyre might look brand new or have plenty of tread, but it could delaminate or have some other failure when it is used on a long trip, is heavily loaded or in hot weather. And even if that doesn't happen, the tread could wear much more quickly or have much less grip than it should, which can be very dangerous in the wet.

When you get replacement tyres, see if the tyre place will allow you to check the date of the tyres first, or ask about their age. It's not uncommon for tyres on sale to be some years old, particularly if you are looking for tyres for the trailer or caravan.

A tip:- if the tyre has a 3-digit code, don't buy it, and don't use it, because it is already over 6 years old.

There is lots of good info about tyres on http://www.carbibles.com/tyre_bible.html

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

Kalbarri Report

During the second week of the recent April school holidays, my husband Peter and I drove with two of our children (Andrew & Stevie) up to Kalbarri. Apart from the odd bout of car sickness, the drive went smoothly. Following collection of the key from the Ray White office, we arrived at the Surf Casters' house in downtown Kalbarri. We were most impressed with the size of the house and property on which it is situated. Also impressive was the extensive supply of kitchen utensils including a non-stick frying pan, which was perfect for our omelettes in the morning.

Each morning at dawn, Peter took those of us keen enough fishing. On the first morning we all went. But as the week progressed, Andrew and Pete were the only ones among us keen enough. Stevie is NOT a morning person and I enjoyed the opportunity to have a lie in.

Sadly, most days they returned empty handed, ready for a cooked breakfast and eager to hear how Stevie and I had enjoyed watching the regular pelican feeding. As luck would have it, on the Friday before departure, the fish were jumping and Andrew landed four Tailor and two Herring. I was lucky enough to be allowed first dibs and boy were they delicious. The cleaning bench and sink located under the patio at the back of the house came in very handy.

We enjoyed our stay so much that we've booked already for the same time next year. I look forward to another camel ride along with more extensive sight-seeing and sampling of the cuisine at the local restaurants.

Marcia Pekaar

2006/2007 Field Day Dates, Venues and Boundaries.

The following is the list of Field Day dates, venues and boundaries for 2006/7.

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

AAA Championships During Our 2006/7 Competition Year

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

2006/2007 Dry Casting Dates.

All are at Yokine Reserve, Wordsworth Avenue, Yokine, starting at 8:30am.

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

2006/2007 General Meeting Dates.

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

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

Reel Talk Editor Terry Fuller

Open Competition Sections.

These are the details of entries for the 2006/7 Open Fishing Competition Sections as listed in the Competition Rules. Entries close 30 days after capture.

Section	For	Minimum weight	Entry
Section 1	Most Meritorious Capture	None	No entry
Section 2	Best Shark	4.5 kg	No entry
Section 3	Best Mulloway	5.0 kg	No entry
Section 4	Best Salmon	3.5 kg	No entry
Section 5	Best Dhufish	Legal size	No entry
Section 6	Best Tailor	1.5 kg	No entry
Section 7	Best Samson Fish	1.5 kg	No entry
Section 8	Best Fish on single handed rod maximum 4kg line class	Legal size	No entry
Section 9	Best Pink Snapper	2.0 kg	No entry
Section 10	Best Tarwhine	0.5 kg	No entry
Section 11	Best Mackerel	4.0 kg	No entry
Section 12	Best Skipjack Trevally (southern)	1.0 kg	No entry
Section 13	Best Trevally (northern)	4.0 kg	No entry
Section 14	Best Snook/Pike	0.5 kg	No entry
Section 15	Best Black Bream	0.6 kg	No entry
Section 16	Best Scale fish other than sections 3 - 15	2.0 kg	No entry
Section 17	Best Fish caught on Fly Rod.	Legal size	No entry

Barron Lure Competition.

Heaviest Tailor on Lure. No entry yet
Heaviest Salmon on Lure. No entry yet.
Heaviest Scale Fish on Lure. No entry yet.

Apologies to a Fellow Member.

At the April General Meeting I was asked by, I remember not whom, if I had been fishing lately - to which I replied "Nope." "What is the point of being in a fishing club if you do not fish" was the retort.

Well I did finally get away the weekend after Easter. I was visiting my son in Busselton and sneaked away early Sunday morning to try for a salmon near Eagle Bay.

I was first on the beach that morning and struck up a conversation with a commercial fisherman who arrived soon afterwards. He told me I should have been there last night when 150 (!!) salmon were caught by recreational anglers. He graciously offered me some fish if I was still there when he shot his nets.

The only activity that morning happened just after sun up. Three hook ups about 50 yards down the beach. One landed, two break offs. And around me, nothing. For the next hour not a skerrick of activity along the beach.

I wandered over to my left to exchange pleasantries with two young chaps down from Bunbury. Another angler joined us and greeted me with "back again for another go?". Noting my quizzical expression, he added "wasn't I speaking to you here last night?". "Not me" I said "but I wish I had been here." He obviously thought he knew me and I know I should have known him.

I wandered back to my gear on the beach, all the while trying to place him. Then it came to me. It was Morris Kolman from the Surfcasters enjoying his stay, and by all accounts his salmon fishing judging by his success the night before, courtesy of the Yallingup Beach Holiday Park raffle he won at the February General Meeting.

Sorry Morris - you must look different in your fishing clobber. Hope the couple of "drowned" Herring I left you worked as well as my last "livey" that morning.

Noel Cobby.

The Story - Morris/Elana Kolman

Morris was lucky enough to win the raffle for a weekend in picturesque Yallingup Beach Holiday Park and we took the opportunity to go the weekend after Easter.

We left on a cool Saturday morning at 8.30a.m and took a leisurely drive in Morris's new pride and joy his Toyota Prado, with more fishing gear than sexy P.J.'s....

We stopped a few times to stretch our legs, as check in time was 2pm. At approximately 1.30pm, we arrived and after seeing where the Holiday Park was, Morris went to see how the fishing was.

At that precise moment, a fishing vessel bringing its catch of Salmon through netting, was coming in, and as it was rather windy, I opted to remain in the car reading a magazine.

Barely getting into the story of the magazine, I heard my name frantically being called, and on looking up, saw Morris running towards the car with such speed (he will enter the Olympics in the year 2010 for sure...) covered in blood from head to toe.

I nearly fainted from shock thinking that he had fallen down some rocks, but he in fact borrowed a spectator's fishing rod and caught THREE salmon simultaneously and the blood was in fact from the fish that he had cut open.

All he wanted from me was to get him a clean shirt and help take off his shoes and socks, and that achieved, he once again ran down the hill to continue fishing, but that was all he caught that afternoon.

At 2pm. we headed to the holiday park where we checked in. The on site caravan was very nice directly facing the ocean and b.b.q. facilities.

We met an ex employee there and a short time later Morris once again took the car and went to fish. Eventually as it got dark he returned with two more salmon to his credit.

We cooked our rump steak and onion we brought with us and after an early dinner, and walk we hit the deck.

It was so peaceful at the park, that we woke up to birds singing at 6.30a.m. Back home we get up at 5am. seven days a week. The fresh air and exercise took its toll.

After a leisurely breakfast, Morris and his rod was once again off to "THE SPOT", but as the wind was too cold for me to sunbathe, I laid in bed with the top 40 hits on the radio and a good book to read after fixing myself breakfast and taking it to the room.

Morris was gone until lunch time and again returned with one more salmon making the total caught six.

We enjoyed our K.F.C. lunch that we brought with us and left on our trip home at about 3pm and drove into the rain as we approached Perth.

The police were so impressed with Morris's Toyota Prado that they took a photo of him driving the car!!!!!!!!!!!!. Morris, not liking his photo taken, did not smile at the camera...

Thank you Surf Casting Club for having a raffle to win a lovely weekend away.

Elena Kolman.

Recfishwest Report for April 2006.

These are some of the main points from the April 2006 Recfishwest Board Meeting.

Swan River Fish Kills. Recfishwest has spent considerable time on the recent fish kills in the Swan River, including better informing the public about the issues and what can be done but what is not being done. The government continues to say that everything is in hand and that significant improvements will take a long time to happen. The conservation movement seems to have disappeared from debate on this topic or have given up trying to get the government to do what needs to be done. Recfishwest is considering what should be done to get the public more involved along the lines of the Dhufish Workshop.

Western Rock Lobster. Recfishwest has prepared a very detailed follow-up supplementary submission to Integrated Fisheries Allocation Advisory Committee Integrated Fisheries Management on Western Rock Lobster. See <http://www.recfishwest.org.au/SubIFMsupplSubWRL.htm>

Salmon Fishing. I have had personal contact from the Department of Fisheries Albany office about the misleading signs in the designated fishing zones. First indication was that the signs would be removed as soon as possible, however since the Delegates meeting I have been told that they will be removed from the South Coast during May and from the southwest coast during June.

This is completely unacceptable because the signs will still be misleading recreational Salmon fishermen about their rights. However this delay shows the attitude of some people in the Department and I understand the Minister is very interested in interactions between recreational and commercial salmon fishermen and the response by the Department. Mike Roennfeldt wrote this misleading signs topic up with an excellent article in the Saturday West Australian, and Phil Stanley wrote a short item in the Sunday Times at Easter.

Comments have been sent in on the plans for the Rockingham/Mangles Bay/Cape Peron Marina. See <http://www.recfishwest.org.au/SubCapePerron.htm>

Policies. Recfishwest policies "Taking Fish by Free Diving" and "Artificial Reefs and Habitat Enhancements" have been adopted See <http://www.recfishwest.org.au/PoliciesPage.htm> for Recfishwest policies.

A formal review is being conducted of the recreational fishing consultative structure, which includes the roles and interactions of Recreational Fisheries Advisory Committees (RFAC and Regional RFACs) and Recfishwest. External consultants will be used to avoid any claims of internal biases.

Recfishwest has drafted changes to the Constitution to allow the changes in the number of Board positions and new organisations to be represented on the Board

Commercial Wetline Review. The latest revised Commercial Wetline Management papers were released on 3/2/2006 and the Minister called for final comments from the public. Recfishwest has prepared its comments on these. See <http://www.recfishwest.org.au/SubWetlineReviewMarch06.htm>

Terry Fuller, Recfishwest Board Member for Australian Anglers Association.

Recfishwest Report for May 2006.

These are some of the main points from the May 2006 Recfishwest Board Meeting, and some other recent activities.

Rottnest No Fishing Areas. The proposals for Rottnest had been released on 17 April. Recfishwest normally has advance knowledge of nearly all such proposals through the consultation which takes place with the peak body for recreational fishing.

However in this case the Rottnest Island Board refused to carry out proper consultation and no one from the recreational fishing community had any firm details of what was being proposed in the strategy or the details of the areas which would be closed to recreational fishing. Of course we had general ideas of what was being proposed, but no maps and no documentation, and as always, the devil is in the details.

Copies of the Rottnest Island Marine Management Strategy Plan were downloaded from the Rottnest Island website after their release on 17 April. Even a quick look raises many questions, and a great deal more has been realised about how these Rottnest proposals were developed and all the problems with the process and the outcomes. The documentation has either been bungled by the Rottnest Island Authority or deliberately arranged to confuse and mislead. Comments close 15 July, so there is plenty of time.

The problems with these Rottnest proposals were outlined in the May Reel Talk. The action I would recommend at this stage should be to get the government to understand just how bad the consultation, lack of real science, lack of real benefits, very poor documentation, and the very biased consultation being pushed by the Rottnest Island Board. These points have been made very strongly in recent newspaper articles and radio interviews by Recfishwest and fishing writers.

At a later time there will be more information and rebuttal of the specific proposals, the so-called science used, the misleading information provided, the misleading public consultation process, and so many other things that deserve to be opposed.

The AAA letter to the Premier and Minister printed in the May Reel Talk covers all this in detail, and people can extract and copy and use whatever they like out of that to get this first message through to the Government. This message is the key to forcing the Rottnest Island Authority to properly consult with recreational anglers over Rottnest.

Recfishwest Constitution. Proposed changes have been approved by the Board and will be put to a special General Meeting on 5 July to be voted on by RFW members.

Review of Consultative Structures. A board meeting was held with Ross Winstanley, the consultant who is carrying out the review of consultative arrangements carried out by RFW and the Recreational Fishing Advisory Committees (RFAC). Ross is a very respected consultant with wide experience in many fisheries matters with a very good track record of investigations and successful and widely accepted recommendations.

Review of the Fish Resources Management Act. The Department of Fisheries has prepared a discussion paper to support the work of a Ministerial review committee, chaired by Hon Matt Benson MLC, which is inquiring into and reporting on the effectiveness of the Fish Resources Management Act.

The committee is reviewing how well the legislation meets its goals of conserving, developing and sharing the WA's fish resources; in protecting fish habitats and aquatic biodiversity; and reporting on any other related matters.

The document contains important proposals that reflect new management directions for the State's fisheries such as integrated fisheries management and customary fishing, including a series of proposed amendments to address issues which have developed over time, including the need to strengthen powers and penalties to address increasing organised crime within the fishing sector.

Wetline Fishing Management Proposals. RFW has written to the Minister asking when a decision will be made on the recommendations. It seems recreational anglers have the most to gain from these. These changes will impact heavily on some other groups. Many commercial fishermen's activities will be restricted, and the Department of Fisheries will have a lot of work to implement and manage the changes.

Marine Parks and Reserve Authority. Frank Prokop has been nominated by RFW to fill one of the vacancies on the Authority. Waiting for notification.

Capes Marine Park. It is understood the proposals for the Capes Marine Park and no fishing zones there are with the Ministers at present prior to the release for a public consultation period.

Ningaloo Studies. RFW will write and ask to be included, as the Peak Recreational Fishing body, in the design of the social and economic study of the impact of the Ningaloo Marine Park and no fishing zones.

Integrated Fisheries Management. RFW will verbally present its argument in support of the previous written submission on Western Rock Lobster allocations.

West Coast Recreational Creel Survey. The survey will end on 30 June. Early indications are that analysis could take 12 months. RFW will discuss earlier access. Let's hope it is not like the "12 month Survey of recreational fishing effort in the Pilbara" Fisheries Research Report Number 153 released in April which reports on data gathered during 1999 and 2000. More than 6 years to present results would be an absolute joke if it wasn't so serious.

Shark Fisheries. Following years of submissions from RFW on unsustainable commercial shark fishing, the Fisheries Minister announced 4 May some more changes to commercial shark fishing, including a two-month fishing closure and associated one-sixth effort reduction; the introduction of a vessel monitoring system; a prohibition on the take of sharks and rays by commercial fishers outside WA's four main shark fisheries; a ban on the use of wire traces in all commercial State-managed fisheries (except the northern shark fisheries); a 1.5m, State-wide maximum size limit for dusky sharks; the introduction of significant penalties for illegal possession of sharks and rays; and a shift in existing controls to fishing from monthly time gear units to days fished. This follows a management package for the northern shark fisheries announced last year. There is now no commercial shark fishing permitted from Shark Bay to Cape Leveque. The Minister said he remained convinced that illegal foreign fishing was the greatest risk to the sustainability of our two northern shark fisheries.

No mention was made if the 1.5metre maximum size limit for dusky whalers applies to recreational anglers, but the term "State wide" implies it will.

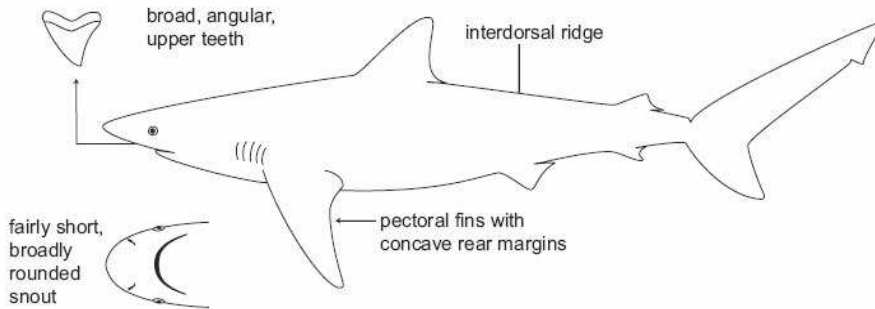
Terry Fuller, Recfishwest Board Member for Australian Anglers Association.

Identification of Dusky and Bronze Whalers

The Department of Fisheries booklet "Field identification guide to Western Australian Sharks and Shark-like Rays" shows that the dusky whaler is very similar to the bronze whaler, and whereas the bronze whaler occurs only as far north as about Geraldton, the dusky whaler covers the entire Western Australian coastline.

The booklet is available from Fisheries printed on waterproof paper, or as a PDF file from the Fisheries web site at <http://www.fish.wa.gov.au/res/broc/sharkguide/index.html>

Dusky shark



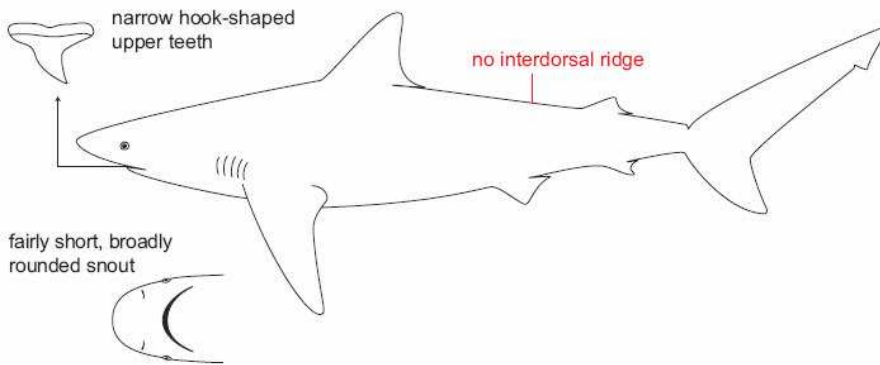
Dusky shark (*Carcharhinus obscurus*)

Continental shelf; from surf zone to oceanic waters, up to 400m depth.

Bronze-grey to dark grey on dorsal surfaces, pale ventrally.

Dusky tips on most fins, particularly on lower lobe of tail and ventral surfaces of pectoral fins (darker in juveniles).

Bronze whaler



Bronze whaler (*Carcharhinus brachyurus*)

Similar to dusky whaler but **lacks the interdorsal ridge**.

Inshore to offshore distribution; surf zone to at least 100m depth.

Bronze to grey dorsal colour, ventral surfaces creamy white.

Pale stripe forward along flank.

Dusky tips on most fins.

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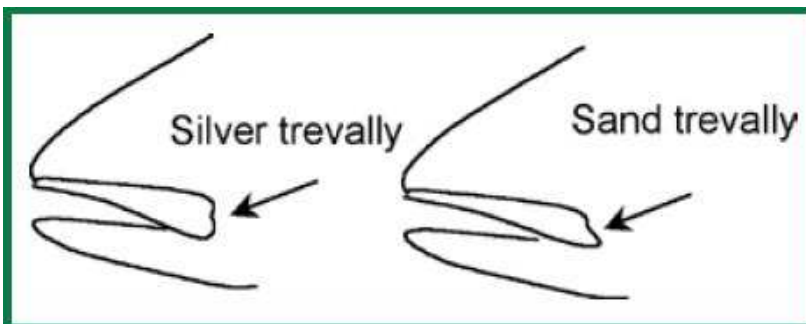
Sand Trevally or Silver Trevally?

The Research Angler Program newsletter for April 2006 goes to some lengths to explain the differences between a small species Sand Trevally and the Silver Trevally which are the prized fish known as "skippy" to recreational anglers.

In estuarine and ocean waters of the West Coast and South Coast regions, two main species of trevally were being reported - Sand Trevally (*Pseudocaranx wrighti*) and Silver Trevally (*P. dentex*). It seems that some anglers may be confused about the identification of these species and may mistakenly report catches of 'Silver Trevally' as 'Sand Trevally'.

In 2004/2005, more than half of fish reported as 'Sand Trevally' were above 220 mm total length which is supposed to be the maximum size for this species, and may actually have been juvenile Silver Trevally. If the fish is greater than 220 mm, there's a good chance it is a Silver Trevally.

The difference between the two species is not immediately obvious until you know what to look for. There are these differences.

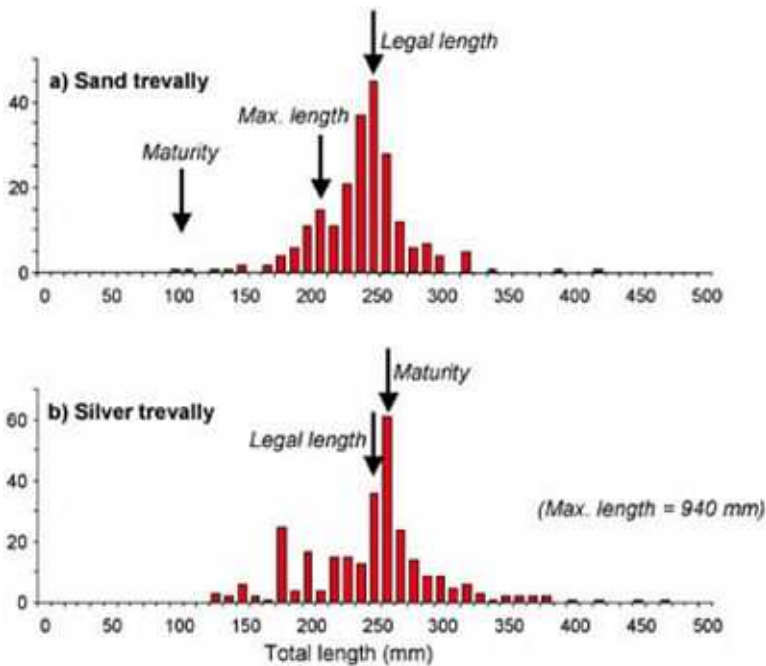


a) different shape of rear end of upper jaw. End slopes rearwards in Sand Trevally, and tends to be more vertical in Silver Trevally;

b) a small, well-defined black spot on operculum of Sand Trevally versus a more diffuse, larger, irregular-shaped black spot on operculum of Silver Trevally;

c) Sand Trevally have fewer scales along lateral line (67-79) than Silver Trevally (96-115). Also, scales along lateral line are larger in Sand Trevally;

d) dorsal, caudal and ventral fins tend to be lighter colour (yellowish) on Sand Trevally than on Silver Trevally (grey/black). These differences would show in a colour photo, but not in photocopied black and white.



Trevally size distribution reported by log book anglers.

I noted that one diagram of the size distribution of catches shows a minimum legal size for sand trevally of 250mm which is above the maximum size of 220mm for that species, which had me very intrigued.

I have checked the FRMA Regulations and find that specifies a size limit for Trevally, Silver (skipjack) of 250mm and various bag limits for grouped "trevally", but nowhere does it mention a specific size limit for "sand trevally" (or any other trevally species for that matter..... but that's another issue.)

I can see there could easily be confusion between these two species, and there could be some justification for having a common minimum size limit, but this is not in the regulations at present.

A species like sand trevally which matures and can breed at around 100mm and has a maximum size of 220mm is really a baitfish, and there would be nothing wrong with keeping a few of the bigger ones for bait.

Just be very sure of your identification because sand trevally would very likely be below the legal minimum length of 250mm for silver trevally (skippy).

Brochures for the Research Angler Program were handed out at a recent General Meeting. For more information contact Dr Kim Smith, Dept. of Fisheries, W.A. Fisheries and Marine Research Labs, 39 Northside Drive, Hillarys WA 6025 9203 0215

Reel Talk Editor Terry Fuller

Review of the Fish Resources Management Act

The Minister for Fisheries released a Media Statement on 10 May as follows:-

Minister urges community to have its say on fish laws.

Fisheries Minister Jon Ford today urged the community to have its say on a major review of legislation which governs the State's fisheries and aquaculture sectors.

The Department of Fisheries has prepared a discussion paper to support the work of a Ministerial review committee, chaired by Hon Matt Benson MLC, which is inquiring into and reporting on the effectiveness of the Fish Resources Management Act 1994 (FRMA).

The committee is reviewing how well the legislation meets its goals of conserving, developing and sharing the State's fish resources; in protecting fish habitats and aquatic biodiversity; and reporting on any other related matters.

The document contains important proposals that reflect new management directions for the State's fisheries such as integrated fisheries management and customary fishing.

It contains a series of proposed amendments to address issues which have developed over time, including the need to strengthen powers and penalties to address increasing organised crime within the fishing sector.

"Fish crime costs the State and is a significant threat to the sustainability of fish stocks - we need to have robust, up-to-date legislation to deal with this problem," Mr. Ford said.

The Minister said the review was relevant to most Western Australians because of the social and economic significance of commercial, recreational fishing and aquaculture.

"This government is committed to sustainable and viable fisheries and aquaculture," he said.

"I am very keen to encourage people to read the document and have their say before the comment period closes on July 7."

Copies of Fisheries Management Paper No 208 'Proposed amendments to the Fish Resources Management Act 1994 Discussion paper' are available for download from the Department of Fisheries website at <http://www.fish.wa.gov.au/docs/mp/mp208/index.php?0706>

Reel Talk Editor Terry Fuller

Changes to Weather Forecasting Charts.

The Weather Bureau has added a lot more details to its 4 day synoptic forecast charts.

These used to show the synoptic forecast for 8pm on each day. Sometimes there was quite a change in the 24 hours.

The 4 day forecast charts now show the expected synoptic situation at 12 hour intervals 8am and 8 pm WST which give a much better idea of when weather changes might happen and the winds which are likely.

Here is an example. This image fills an A4 sheet if printed from the website, so the detail is much clearer.

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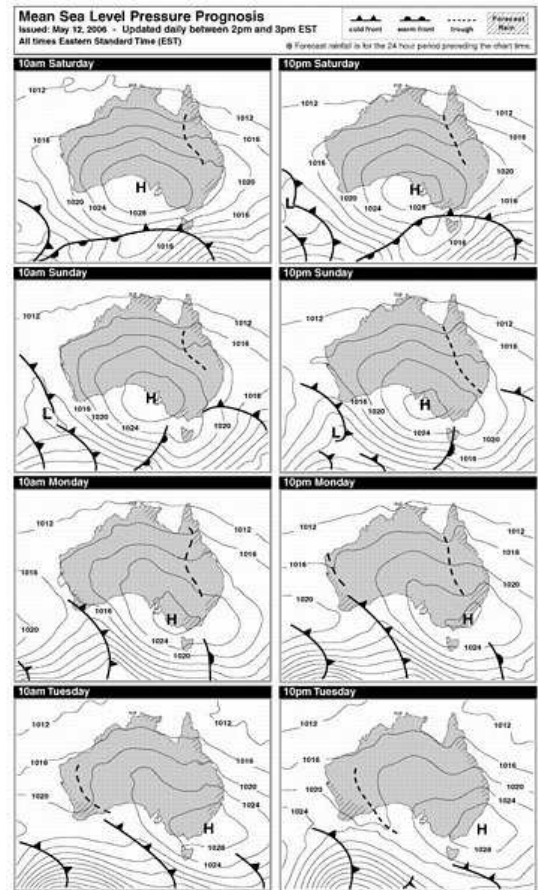
has the Local Waters forecast Yanchep to Mandurah and offshore to Rottnest Island which summarises the expected local winds. See if you agree.....

Synoptic Situation:- A high pressure system is expected to be centred over the eastern Bight for most of the weekend. A front may affect the city on Monday.

Forecasts: Saturday until midnight: NE winds 13/18 knots becoming E'ly 8/13 knots during the afternoon and NE 10/15 knots in the evening. Seas to 1.0m. Swell to 1.0m. Swell at Cottesloe: to 0.6m.

Sunday: N/NE winds 18/23 knots tending W/NW 15/20 knots in the afternoon. Seas to 1.6m. Swell 1.0m.

Monday: N'ly winds 15/20 knots tending W/SW 10/15 knots in the afternoon.



Reel Talk Editor Terry Fuller

AAA Fishing Clinics, July 2006.

If you want to learn....

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

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

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

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

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

Door prize and great raffle prizes each night.

AAA Secretary Terry Fuller

May 2006 Field Day Rottneest

Due to the Field Day being run late in the month, results and write up were not available by the deadline for printing this Reel Talk. Check the July issue.

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller.

The Pass Mark is Set at 100%

One of the reasons for my stepping down from the positions on the Surfcasters Committee and the Australian Anglers Association is to allow more time for the very important work with Recfishwest.

But that is not easy going at times, as these posts from the Western Angler "Fisheries Management and Environmental Issues" Forum might show you. I have edited these a little, but the message is clear:- It's damn hard work satisfying some people.

Sometimes, no matter what you say, how you say it or how carefully the words are chosen, some people misunderstand.

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Frank Prokop, Executive Director of Recfishwest wrote:- "The recent debates and ongoing minor skirmishes have prompted me to write this in recognition of the ongoing difficulties which the recreational fishing sector continually faces when trying to establish legitimacy with politicians and the wider community.

The biggest problem of all is that Recfishwest, industry leaders and me personally are continually subject to a pass mark of 100%. When we are doing EXACTLY what you want, when you want it and in a format which you support and endorse - we are doing a good job. Frequently this does not attract attention or support (but it can often get some thanks and recognition and it is noted and appreciated) because it is after all, only logical that we support the only opinion that really matters - that of the individual in question.

However, when Recfishwest deviates one iota from the course of action that you feel is destined or totally correct - then many feel that we are worthless/useless/non-representative and you threaten to withhold your membership that you probably never got around to paying anyway.

One problem is that the next guy is doing the same thing from a completely different perspective - demanding that we support their position that may be 90 or 180 degrees away from yours. It is a balancing act and it is all too frequently done on a sabre's edge and it is very difficult to dodge bullets at the same time.

We niggle each other and disagree frequently in a fairly sporting way. Recfishwest and people like Ian Stagles and Terry Fuller put their heads higher above the parapets and consequently attract more flack, but that are also around when the chips are down and the hard, depressing slog of negotiating with philosophical opponents is being done. The members to this site (and also others) are the thinkers of recreational fishing and have a lot to contribute. Venting your spleen at individuals and the Minister does no good and in many cases does considerable harm.

The truth is that sites like this ARE monitored by the powers that be and honestly we are a joke. Recreational anglers lost the Blackwood River commercial fishing versus allocate it to recreational fishing debate due to a single poorly considered post on (a different) web site. Some of the posts on a number of recent threads have done incalculable harm to the legitimacy of recreational fishers to be an active part of a considered and strategic approach to marine conservation planning in this state.

While the sentiments are reasonable and the proponents mean well, they have ignored every personal and private entreaty to remember the war and not the battle and have continued to run an agenda (their agenda) and have seriously undermined the credibility of recreational fishing as a legitimate stakeholder in the process. I know that this was unintentional but I'm sorry - it is happening and I deal with the train wreck of divided opinion on the process failures almost every second of every day.

This is not about toeing a line or repressing debate. It is about a little bit of trust and staying focused on the outcomes. We have more doubting Thomas's than just about any industry around. And we carry on like little children (yes this also applies to me on more than one occasion) when we don't get the bag of lollies at the checkout.

Almost every one of you (and me too) have expressed an opinion and reacted or over-reacted to another, also legitimate, response.

Things take enormous amounts of time to get through the political processes. Recreational fishers are also responsible for the slow pace because of the difficulty in consulting with grass roots or regionally based fishers whose opinions are important but take time to obtain.

Frequently Recfishwest is working behind the scenes with the decision makers to achieve an outcome that frequently involves compromise and give and take. When we dig in our heels we lose - simple! That doesn't mean that when we compromise we get anything - look at Ningaloo and there are many behind the scenes discussions that have never and will never become public knowledge even when my parentage or

the status of my backside are called into question. Simply put, if we EVER betray these confidences they will never come again. So we might get a moment of glory and some recognition as a peak body with real teeth - but we will be biting our own tails in the future because the avenues to the decision makers will be closed.

You can't have a peak body that only does what everyone wants. Disagree? - then think about it. A representative body has to go to the lowest common denominator and in recreational fishing that is VERY low. If 99% do the right thing, we still have 6,430 total ratbags masquerading as legit recreational fishers. A peak body leads from the front and that means that your back is exposed (I already have the complete set of steak knives thanks!).

Sometimes you get it wrong, at the practical or political level. While I strongly and honestly believe that a general recreational fishing license is essential for future legitimacy and funding sources, the greater public and the politicians do not agree. Smart anglers back down pretty quickly at a BBQ when the resident social engineer takes them on to proclaim that it is 'an offense against humanity' or some equally banal comment. The opponents may not be right, but they are numerous and the road is a long and dangerous one on this issue.

So it is a matter of timing and opportunity and sometimes incredible flexibility to achieve an outcome (remember that it was us who preserved the recreational boating facilities money!!). This will not be to everyone's liking but winning the war for legitimacy is a very long term battle and one that can NEVER, EVER be won with a 100% pass mark. And if I am spending all my time on a single issue in a small area like shark fishing - I might make a few individuals happy, but the fish habitat protection proposals for the Kimberley that have principle and applied importance go through to the keeper without recreational involvement. Our definitive letters on the topic only get 95% and that is considered a failure to way too many.

Take netting for example which has been debated several times on this web site. The 1990 review recommended it being phased out -yet there has been almost no definitive action in this regard. Those who net fight with their last breath to protect it, citing historical use and specious statements about the need to catch mullet. Bottom line - since 1990 there has been no real reason whatsoever to allow recreational gill netting in Western Australia - yet it continues to this day - in my opinion to the shame of a State that likes to think it is progressive and manages its fisheries well. Many sit on the fence and say - awwwww let 'em be - they ain't doin' too much harm.....

Then we bitch and moan when the commercial estuary or South West salmon fishers rely on historical rights as the only real reason for them to continue fishing!!

Incredibly, for all the opinions on Recfishwest, very few contribute. We find it difficult to get Board members. I might get a few new paid up members after a post like this but it is not much. I will probably get a few Private Messages of support or antagonism from those who felt that they were being singled out - this isn't about singling out people I can assure you - this is about getting the capacity to have some trust and accept that if you need to win, you will be disappointed in fisheries management.

I will have a rest for a while from web posting. It is too emotionally and spiritually draining. I am certain that Terry Fuller and others will continue to post, even though I wonder why sometimes.

Recfishwest puts all its submissions up on the web and they are the product of much more than mine or any one members of the Board. They are pretty good, although none of them can ever make the 100% pass mark that so many set as the minimum.

Frank Prokop, Executive Director Recfishwest,
from a post on the Western Angler Fishing Forum

One Follow Up

I had already prepared this (and more) for a post on another fishing forum, but these parts fitted with the points raised in Frank Prokop's post:-

Other people and organisations, including politicians, do watch what is said on forums and judge the degree of feeling and opposition and the validity, relevance and strength of the points raised.

It is very easy for these people to misread what is posted and get a completely wrong impression of what the general opinions are or what some particular person means and stands for.

The outcome of all of this is that they can say "this is not an issue which we need to worry about" either politically or in terms of doing the right thing. "Just let it take its course because the vocal people seem to be in favour" - regardless of the merits. "Vocal" doesn't mean "majority" but will be used as though it did. More cop outs.

The "other side" of these issues must be rolling on the floor laughing their socks off at the disorganised rabble of recreational anglers who argue amongst themselves about misunderstandings, trivial points, off topics and sometimes completely lose sight of the big picture.

They must be thinking "we do not have to worry about arguing our case, the **recreational fishermen will self-destruct on this and we can get whatever we want**" And the way some of these discussions go, they are probably right.

The "other sides" almost certainly troll through the fishing forums, counting the apparent "fors" and "against" to get all the comments by anglers which can be used or misrepresented to support their (other) side of the case.

Do you see them arguing amongst themselves in public about the small details? Not often, and usually its only like "not enough, lock up lots more" anyway.

Everyone has a right to say what they think in the name of free speech and the right to express an opinion. But everyone needs to make sure that their comments don't stop other people from expressing an opinion or give ammo to the other side.

Who has been discouraged from posting through not wanting to expose themselves to criticisms and insults or worse.?

Everyone needs to be very aware and think very carefully about what result their posts will have. Will it be used to come up with the right answer, or will it be used in the wrong way and end up "justifying" the wrong answer?.

It is easy to handle misunderstandings and misrepresentations and factual errors - but only if personal comments and pushing of barrows and off topics are managed properly.

It can be hard work to moderate posts, and it's often unpopular, but it is not rocket science. Work out which threads really need to be managed, what is important about that, what is relevant and make people stick to the issues.

Any side issues can be posted somewhere else (same or different forum) if people really want to pursue them.

Any surrender allowing complete freedom for people to post whatever they like on very important issues like Rottnest without managing the posters and/or their comments is likely to be counter productive and likely to achieve exactly the opposite of what should be aimed for. That's **management and strategy, not censorship**.

Sad, and such a waste that so much time and effort is gobbled up so it is not available to use on the real issues. Easily fixed by a bit of trust (OK sometimes a lot of trust) or private questions.

Ask first, think hard and don't jump into posting, PLEASE. And get it edited if you have second thoughts.

Terry Fuller, wearing another hat:- Moderator,
Western Angler Fisheries Management and Environmental Issues Forum

So Why do I Post on Fishing Forums?

Good question. Sometimes I wonder too. But my reasons for posting stuff on fishing forums is the same as for putting articles in these Reel Talks.

It is very simple:- "knowledge and information is power", so I try to spread knowledge and information about fishing related things, which covers a lot of issues.

I will acknowledge the positives of the "other side's" case but I don't spend my time promoting their case for them - there's more than enough to do without that extra stuff. That's the reality.

Terry Fuller.

Dry Casting Sausage Sizzle.

We usually hold a sausage sizzle on Sunday after the dry casting. Gives everyone a chance to talk over the morning's casting, gear to use, what's coming up, fishing, the state of the world or whatever, over some lunch.

But the sausage sizzle is not free, much as we would like it to be. It has to be paid for somehow, and the prices are quite reasonable compared to what you would pay elsewhere. **Don't forget to put the money in, please.** Everything is one dollar each. You can get:-

1 drink plus 1 sausage in bread for \$2.00. Extra drink for \$1.00. Extra sausage in bread for \$1.00.

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

May Dry Casting Report.

With another good turn up by our members and gentle breezes greeting us so the day looked set for some great casting. The eager early birds had it all prepared in no time.

The Vets performed well and there wasn't much between the "top dogs" at the end of the day. The double handed accuracy event saw a hard fought tussle with high scores and if we can keep it up then we should do well at the "Nationals".

Now I know I sprout of about how good some of the blokes are but it still delights me when I watch those blokes also give advice and encouragement to our new members. It won't take long before they then can be competitive. The Ladies, Seniors and Vets can stand tall. That "ol warhorse RIC" was smiling with his bullseye in the double handed accuracy.

The "ol draught Horse" in the Vets got one too. George belted down the longest 112gram cast of 158m, Mal Harris (must nickname him Hassles...cos ya neva get any) reached 133m in the 56gram.

George won the double handed accuracy event but Nick pipped us all in the single handed accuracy. The Ladies had a mixed day but spent loads of time assisting Wendy. Visitors "the Hughes" are delightful company and I hope they consider joining our Club.

At the end of the day many stayed back and gave help to clear the oval. Thanks fellas.

In July we have our Annual General Meeting and select our new committee members for the 2006/2007 year. Anyone interested in taking on the drycasting?

There will be a Single Handed Open In June. Have a go

Dry Casting Organiser, Bob Henderson.

Dry Casting Winners for May 2006.

Event	Seniors Winner		Veterans Winner	
56 gram Score	24	Rhys Jones	25	George Holman
56 gram Distance	133m	Malcolm Harris	128m	George Holman
Artificial Bait Score	22	Malcolm Harris	21	Bob Henderson, Gary Gildersleeves, Allan Jones
Artificial Bait Distance	114m	Malcolm Harris	120m	George Holman
112 gram Score	29	Nick Allsworth	27	Gary Gildersleeves, Allan Jones
112 gram Distance	148m	Malcolm Harris	158m	George Holman
Double Handed Acc.	106	Nick Allsworth	162	George Holman
Single Handed Acc.	32	Nick Allsworth	29	George Holman
Section Highest Points	200	Nick Allsworth	269	Bob Henderson

Event	Ladies Winner	
56 gram Score	15	Vix Alexander
56 gram Distance	81	Vix Alexander
Artificial Bait Score	14	Janet Hughes
Artificial Bait Distance	72	Janet Hughes
112 gram Score	15	Vix Alexander
112 gram Distance	90	Janet Hughes
Double Handed Acc.	121	Janet Hughes
Single Handed Acc.		
Section Highest Points	162	Vix Alexander

Event	Overall Winner		Year's best up to May	
56 gram Score	25	George Holman		< -- The same as
56 gram Distance	133m	Malcolm Harris		
Artificial Bait Score	22	Malcolm Harris		
Artificial Bait Distance	120m	George Holman		
112 gram Score	29	Nick Allsworth		
112 gram Distance	158m	George Holman		
Double Handed Acc.	162	George Holman		
Single Handed Acc.	32	Nick Allsworth		
Day's High Points	269	Bob Henderson		

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller.

Secretary / Reel Talk Editor / Website Editor

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

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

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

The club and members have known since late February that I will not be doing any work for the club in 2006/7. No one has come forward to take on any of these jobs.

Everything I do will be finalised and packed up or turned off before the July Annual General Meeting. I will not be working on any club activity, including the actual Annual General Meeting and July General Meeting, from 11 July onwards.

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

Running on "empty", the headlights are flickering, a dark and bumpy road ahead, warning lights and signs popping up all over the place, still a way to go, and so much to do.....

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

Encouragement for members to be on Committee.

A suggestion has been made to encourage people to be on the Committee.

The suggestion is that members who are on the Committee have their membership fees refunded. Just be aware that there are different fees for single, family and concession memberships, and some committee members are life members, so that detail would need to be sorted out so that the benefit is equal.

Many Committee members pay for some things out of their own funds and do not claim for expenses in doing things for the club. With fuel costs the way they are at present (and forever) just driving around can be a considerable cost.

Now that's very laudable, (and ask me how many \$\$\$ can be involved) but it **HIDES THE TRUE COST OF RUNNING THE CLUB**. It would be simple for expenses to be recorded and claimed from the club and/or offered back as a donation.

In previous years the club has had to do various sorts of fund raising, which can be a complete pain. In recent years the club's financial position has been very good. There are three main reasons for this:-

1. The great work done by Vix to keep up the occupancy at Kalbarri and dollars generated by that.
2. Using the AAA photocopier to copy Reel Talk, saving around \$1500 per year. That will stop after June.
3. Repayment of \$1850 stolen from the Club by a former treasurer. That is completed.

This means that the Club's financial position might be over \$3,000 worse next financial year.

This suggestion will be discussed at the June General Meeting.

Secretary, Terry Fuller

Membership Fees Are Due 1 July 2006.

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

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

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

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

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

Secretary, Terry Fuller

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Please send your club membership fees.

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

to:-

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

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

of the Surf Casting and Angling Club for 2006/2007.

Fees:-

Single Membership \$75.00 per year.
Family Membership \$85.00 per year.
Concession \$45.00 per year.
Junior Membership \$50.00 per year.
Associate Membership \$25.00 per year.

Details of people to be included in this membership.

	Last Name	First Name(s)	Preferred Name	Date of Birth
Name				
Address:-				
			Post Code:-	
Home Phone:-	Work Phone:-	Mobile Phone:-		
Email Address:-				

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

	Last Name	First Name(s)	Preferred Name	Date of Birth.
Partner's Name:-				
Dependent child 1:-				
Dependent child 2:-				
Dependent child 3:-				
Dependent child 4:-				

More details if required. _____

Signed _____ Date ____ July 2006

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2006 Club Dinner and Presentation of Trophies.

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

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

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

GUARANTEED

**GOOD FOOD
GREAT COMPANY
ENJOYABLE EVENING**

ORGANISE YOUR PARTY NOW.

GET YOUR GROUP TOGETHER

and

OBTAIN YOUR TICKETS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

Cost of tickets \$40 per person.

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

Contact Peter Stoeckel - details in front of Reel Talk.

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