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CLUB ETIQUETTE

MEETINGS

The monthly GENERAL MEETING is usually held on the second Wednesday of each month at 8pm. All members should endeavour to attend the meeting so as to keep up with club matters.

DRYCASTING

Casting is usually conducted on the first Sunday of each month. Instruction is given to all new members and a competition is conducted to improve and maintain the standard of our members casting.

FIELD DAYS

These normally follow each general meeting on the ensuing weekend. It is compulsory for anglers to attend both the sign-on and the weigh-in. Anglers who cannot attend the sign-on for work or other unavoidable reasons may make prior arrangements for a late sign-on. However, only under very exceptional circumstances will failure to attend weigh-ins not be penalised with the loss of points acquired during that field day.

It is the Field Day Officer's duty to inform the committee of any anglers who fail to attend the weigh-in. It is the committee's duty to decide what action is to be taken.

Disputes may be taken to the committee.

Entries for Game Fish Badge, Club Records and Open Fishing Competitions must be lodged with the Recorder within 30 days of capture.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Please notify the Treasurer and Reel Talk Editor of any change of address or phone number.

GENERAL ETIQUETTE

If you intend to resign from the club a letter of resignation should be forwarded to the Secretary. Please assist the Treasurer by paying your subscription with-in 28 days of the Annual General Meeting. Arrears of 3 consecutive months may cause forfeiture of membership.

CLUB ACTIVITIES

MAY GENERAL MEETING

WHERE - Morley Glass Factory, 33 Rudloc Road, Morley
WHEN - WEDNESDAY, 8TH May, 8.00pm
INSTRUCTION - A surprise !! (I don't know...Ed)

MAY FIELD DAY

WHERE - ROTTNEST ISLAND
WHEN - 11th - 12th May
DETAILS - Contact Ian Cook 401-9461 and bring monies along to general meeting.

MAY CASTING DAY

WHERE - YOKINE RESERVE
WHEN - SUNDAY, 5TH May, 9.00am
EVENTS - 112gram Level Line - D/H Accuracy
- 56gram Level Line - S/H Accuracy
This is the first cast for the new season and it sure would be nice to see a large number of club members down casting. I'm sure Malcolm and Heather would be more than pleased.

GENERAL MEETINGS
WEDNESDAY NIGHTS
(SECOND WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH)
33 Rudloc Road, Morley

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EDITORIAL

I must apologise for the lack of information in this issue, as I can only put in what I get or know. The fault is mine, as I have been tied up this month with the Drycasting Teams representing our State at the National Championships, held in Port Lincoln in South Australia.

Rather than elaborate too much on this event, I will be giving a full report as soon as all the results are available.

However I would like to congratulate H Hew on winning the Open Individual title, Filomena D'Alonzo for winning the Ladies title, our Ladies for winning Top Ladies Team, and the men for achieving runners-up. Our veterans tried hard but were unsuccessful. A good result I think you will all agree.

To be involved in these events, the planning, participation, the achievement, meeting and making many new friends, and the overall atmosphere, makes the effort more than worthwhile. It makes one appreciate what people like Peter and Sharon Osborne get out of these National events, even though it means them putting a lot of work into it.

An observation by me though, is that we are all getting older and there aren't many younger people stepping in to continue our great pastime of fishing and drycasting. The average age of our mens team was 50 years, as we had three casters who could have cast as veterans.

Our club is in a similar situation as when you look around we haven't got much "new blood" coming up. The interest is waning across the board, costs are escalating, camping is harder, fish are scarcer and the workload ends up on fewer shoulders. Frightening isn't it?

It seems we must be stuffing up somewhere....perhaps we're too selfish and aren't prepared to put ourselves out to help others. There are more people fishing State-wide, but we have less members!!

Perhaps we should sit back, have a good look at ourselves and our club, work out what we want and where we want to go, and do a bit of long term and future planning. We cannot encourage new members and younger members to join and participate unless we are prepared to put ourselves out a little to encourage them and teach them.

It's like our State Drycasting Teams....we made the effort to go, put in some time, and we achieved the results, not to mention the Eastern Staters certainly know we exist and treat us with respect.

I would say that all team members are more than happy with the results of their efforts, feel rewarded, and are looking forward to even better things in the future.

A sincere thank you to Eric Sullivan and Basil Marsh for their contribution to this issue of "Reel Talk". I appreciate this very much and look forward to contributions from other club members.



FIELD DAY RESULTS...

VENUE: MARGARET RIVER.

DATE: 13TH - 14th APRIL.

ATTENDANCE: SENIORS: 5 VISITORS: 1
 JUNIORS: 0
 M/JUNIORS: 0 TOTAL: 6

TOTAL FISH WEIGHT. 59.29kg.

<u>NAME.</u>	<u>POINTS.</u>	<u>VISITORS</u>
T. Dalonzo	339	Dirk Fitzsimmons 43
F. Dalonzo	185	
M. Head	78	
I. Cook	82	

FIELD-DAY PRIZES

BEST BAG OF SCALE FISH. T. D'alonzo 339 points

HEAVIEST SCALE FISH. I. Cook 3.275kg SALMON

SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR POINTS

HEAVIEST BAG OF SCALE FISH. 1st T. D'alonzo 30.375KG
 2nd F. D'alonzo 15.550kg

HEAVIEST SCALE FISH. 1st I. Cook 3.275kg TAILOR
 2nd T. D'alonzo 3.150KG SALMON

SENIOR TOP TEN.

T. D'ALONZO	2421
F. D'ALONZO	1058
I. COOK	783
D. BARBER	572
M. HEAD	540
P. OSBORNE	374
G. REELEY	323
G. HOLMAN	298
I. TAGGART	270
L. CLIFTON	270

JUNIOR TOP FIVE.

Micheal HEAD	390
Micheal REELEY	186
Clive MAXTED	66

M/J TOP FIVE

B. REELEY	189
S. REELEY	146
N. REELEY	30
D WHITING	20
D WHITING	20

ANNUAL DINNER DANCE
... COOLABAH TAVERN, MORLEY
SATURDAY 22nd JUNE...

May 1991

FIELD DAY REPORT**13th - 14th APRIL**MARGARET RIVERWEATHER.

In a word magnificent. Saturday was fine and clear with NNE winds swinging to SW winds in the afternoon. Sunday morning was again NE winds. On both days there was a very big swell with low tides.

After meeting at the sign on at the Margaret River mouth Mal Head headed off to Conto. Derry, Dirk and I had a look at Conto and then went up to Little Ingie to fish. The fish had gone to greener pastures and only one Salmon and a couple of Snook were landed. Tony and Pilomena came down late after a 'flying' trip back to Perth from the National Titles at Port Lincoln and then straight down to the field day. That is what I call dedication. They fished Moses with excellent results. Sunday morning after looking at Moses, Grace Town's north point and a couple of other spots we settled on Red Gate. Dirk caught his first Salmon, well done Dirk. The salmon broke off on the rocks but was cleverly gaffed in the water by the F D officer, take note Leigh! Derry and Ian only managed to land a few herring.

There was some magnificent surf due to the big swell and offshore wind. At Moses the surf was rolling in from upwards of 800 metres offshore, which was giving the surfies some really long rides. Derry and Ian stayed at Dirks parents house in Gracetown. Ian decided to liven his household up by the addition of a 6 weeks old puppy picked up from his nephew in Buracup.

The weekend was again most enjoyable, and a good relaxing time was had by those who attended.

TIGHT LINES, COOKIE MONSTER.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS

Motions Voted On (April '91)

- A. * Total bag weight = 10 points per kilo
 Total bag weight to consist of the best three fish.
 * 10 points per species.
 * 10 points per meeting attendance.
 * 10 points per field day attendance.
 * All wrass regarded as one species.

MOVED: DERRY BARBER on behalf of G. HOLMAN

SECOND: DAVE MAXTED

MOTION DEFEATED

- B. * Total bag weight = 10 points per kilo.
 (now maximum of 30 fish)
 * 10 points per species.
 (all wrass as one specie.)
 * 10 points per meeting attendance.
 * 10 points per field day attendance.

MOVED : PETER OSBORNE on behalf of S. OSBORNE.

SECOND : B. MARSH.

MOTION CARRIED.

BAG LIMITS AND PRESERVATION OF FISH SPECIES

A lot of thought over the last six months has been given to bag limits but this is not the only way towards fish preservation, this is more a social problem. We have to decide where our priorities lie. The onus to practice restraint is on the individual angler.

What are you going to do with the fish you catch? Are you aiming to take home only six herring for tonight's meal, or hoping to catch enough to stock the freezer for the next three or six months? Be realistic about the usage of fish and try to avoid fishing far beyond personal needs.

Choice of tackle is also an important factor in conservation. An angler who stands on the City Beach groyne and hauls in tiny whining on an eight-hook "killer" baitchaser rig is not helping the cause at all.

In situations where fish are prolific -- especially with heavily exploited species such as salmon and tailor -- why not use barbless hooks and hook gangs or lures without trebles?

That way it's possible to return unwanted fish to the water with a reasonable chance of their survival.

HOW TO PUT THEM BACK

Returning an undersize fish to the water requires some thought and care if it's going to survive.

First, bring the fish in quietly to conserve its strength and lessen the chance of the hooks causing damage.

Try to release the fish at boatside or, if you're dealing with a small species, drop it into a bucket of water before removing the hook.

Contrary to popular opinion, it's preferable to wet your hands and use them rather than a cloth because the texture of the material is likely to remove protective slime and scales. Species which shed scales easily - say whiting or garfish - are extremely difficult to put back.

Shore fishermen should release fish gently in the shallows rather than to throw them several metres.

A big fish should be "swum" for a short time to regain its equilibrium. Hold it at the tail butt and swim it upright until you feel it recovering some strength and balance.

This swimming is also important to wash sand from the gills.

It's worth remembering that fish fought for a considerable time on light line are unlikely to survive if returned to the water.

Similarly, damaged or bleeding fish almost certainly won't recover so there is little point in putting them back.

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MEMBERS...Don't forget to save all your empty aluminium cans and bring them along to the club meetings and give them to MALCOLM HEAD. Mal knows what to do with them and through his efforts you (the members) receive the benefits come the annual dinner and dance.

SUPPORT MAL AND SUPPORT YOUR CLUB

(Thanks Malcolm Head)

APRIL DRYCAST REPORT

For almost the whole of the 1990/91 drycasting season it seems that someone up there has been looking after us drycasters, as yet again the weather was beautiful. Casting standards were uniformly very average except for Glen Chaloupka's whose tremendously improved accuracy casting won him the double-handed accuracy section.

Winner for the day was myself with Graham Reeley only one point behind. Graham was the single-hand distance winner, casting 71 metres with a flick rod. It was good to see Mr Hardy and son attending.

NEW SEASON---

Don't forget members that May cast is the start of a new season, so get the cobwebs off your casting/fishing gear and make the effort to come sown for the morning. Malcolm and myself would sure like to see you all there and who knows---you might enjoy yourself.

APRIL RESULTS

DATE: 7/4/91	112 GRAM			ART/BAIT			D/H	S/H	DAY
NAME	1	2	TOTAL	1	2	TOTAL	ACC	ACC	TOTAL
G. Chaloupka	-	121	12	93	-	9	110	18	149
M. Head	-	118	12	-	91	9	90	7	118
R. Parker	121	130	25	114	115	23	56	23	127
G. Reeley	123	133	25	113	112	22	88	24	159
T. Stan	84	-	8	-	-	0	24	8	40
A. Hardy	64	50p	6						6
B. Hardy	64p	69p	-						-
H. Osborne	110	120	27	92	93	22	85	26	160
	+20	+20		+20	+20				
Mike Head(Jn)	121	125	24	99	99	20	96	27	167
S.H. Open									
G. Chaloupka	64	60							124
M. Head	32	51							83
G. Reeley	59	71							130
Mike Head	60	57							117
R. Parker	67	57							124

112 Gram Winner:	G. Reeley	25 Pts
Artificial Bait Winner:	R. Parker	23 Pts
56 Gram Winner:	-	
D/H Accuracy Winner:	G. Chaloupka	110 Pts
S/H Accuracy Winner:	H. Osborne	26 Pts
112 Gram Open Winner:	-	
S/H Open Distance Winner:	G. Reeley	130 Pts
Winner of the Day:	H. Osborne	160 Pts
Junior Winner:	Mike Head	167 Pts

HEATHER'S CAMPING RECIPE'S

CHICKEN CURRY

As with last month's recipe this is one I prepare beforehand and then reheat for a meal while fishing

INGREDIENTS

- 1 medium sized can curry base ("Benjamins" or "Singapore" available from any supermarket) in hot or mild according to taste.
- 1 whole chicken cut into pieces
- 1 500gm packet of frozen vegetables or fresh diced veges. e.g. carrots potatoes etc
- 1 stock cube
- 1 garlic clove
- 1 dessertspoon oil or butter
- 1 onion
- flour to thicken

METHOD

Fry chicken pieces, crushed garlic clove and onion in butter until golden brown all over.

Add can of curry, stock cube and vegetables and simmer until cooked (approx. 30-45 minutes)

N.B. You may wish to add water until liquid is covering chicken, also add 2 tablespoons flour mixed with half a cup of cold water to thicken liquid.

FIELD DAY VENUES 1991 - 1992

MAY	11th	-	12th	ROTTNEST ISLAND
JUNE	1st	-	3rd	(L.W.E.) KALBARRI
JULY	13th	-	14th	LOCAL
AUGUST	10th	-	11th	ROTTNEST ISLAND
SEPTEMBER	28th	-	30th	(L.W.E.) REEF BEACH
OCTOBER	12th	-	13th	CAPE TO CAPE
NOVEMBER	9th	-	10th	SWAN RIVER
DECEMBER	7th	-	8th	WHITE HILLS
JANUARY	11th	-	12th	MYALUP
FEBRUARY	8th	-	9th	HILL RIVER
MARCH	?th	-	?th	(L.W.E.) BLUFF CREEK
APRIL	11th	-	12th	CAPE TO CAPE

LOCAL FIELD DAYS will apply to all months except:

JULY 1991 NOVEMBER 1991 DECEMBER 1991

An assistant F.D.O. officer will be appointed at the preceding general meeting. Sign on will be by phone to the F.D.O. Ian Cook by 8.00 pm on the Friday night. Results will need to be phoned in to the F.D.O. by 8.00 pm on the Sunday night.

Annual **DINNER DANCE**

Saturday, 22nd June

THE COOLABAH TAVERN
60 RUSSELL STREET, MORLEY
(CORNER WALTER ROAD)
6.30 TO 12.00 P.M.

TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM
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Members \$10 Juniors \$5 N-Members \$20

I WILL NOT... "RING AROUND!"

Leigh Clifton

Open COMPETITION 90/91

1. MOST MERITORIOUS FISH	-		
2. HEAVIEST SHARK (4.5 kg Min)	-		
3. HEAVIEST MULLOWAY (3.0 kg Min)	- T. D'Alonzo		14.60 kg
4. HEAVIEST SALMON (3.0 kg Min)	-		
5. HEAVIEST DHUFISH	-		
6. HEAVIEST TAILOR (1.0 kh Min)	- J. Reeley	False Entrance	5.10 kg
7. HEAVIEST SAMPSON FISH	-		
8. HEAVIEST SCALE FISH S/H/ROD 4 kg or 9 lb B/S LINE (MAX)	-		
9. HEAVIEST PINK SNAPPER	- G. Holman	False Entrance	4.20 kg
10. HEAVIEST TARWHINE	-		
11. HEAVIEST MACKERAL	- E. Parker	False Entrance	18.00 kg
12. HEAVIEST TREVALLY (SOUTHERN 1 kg MIN)	-		
13. HEAVIEST TREVALLY (NORTHERN 1 kg MIN)	-		
14. HEAVIEST SNOOK/ PIKE	-		
15. HEAVIEST SCALE FISH OTHER THAN SECTIONS 2-14 (2 kg MIN)	- D. Stiglmayer. (COBIA)		14.20 kg

STEEP POINT

AUSTRALIAN ANGLERS ASSOCIATION

STATE BEACH AND ROCK CHAMPIONSHIPS

SATURDAY 25th & SUNDAY 26th MAY 1991

CAPE TO CAPE

HEADQUARTERS : OCEAN BEACH CARAVAN PARK

HOSTS : OFFSHORE ANGLING CLUB of W A - BEACH

FIELD DAY COMPETITION 1990 - 1991.

MARCH


SECTION.

1. HEAVIEST SCALE FISH (1st 6mths)	- T. D'Alonzo	Mulloway	11.50kg
2 HEAVIEST SCALE FISH (2nd 6mths)	I. Cook	3.275kg SALMON.	
3. MOST MERITORIOUS FISH	S. Reeley	Amberjack	9.65kg
4. HEAVIEST SHARK (4.5kg Min)	T. Dalonzo		4.25kg
5. HEAVIEST MULLOWAY (1kg Min)	T. D'Alonzo		11.50kg
6. HEAVIEST TAILOR (1kg Min)	T. D'Alonzo		1.60kg
7. HEAVIEST SALMON (3kg Min)	T. D'Alonzo		3.90kg
8. HEAVIEST TREVALLY (1kg Min)	T. D'Alonzo		1.60kg
9. HEAVIEST MACKERAL			
10. HEAVIEST BAG SCALE FISH	T. D'Alonzo		49.90kg
11. HEAVIEST BAG OF MULLOWAY	T. D'Alonzo		21.00kg
12. HEAVIEST BAG OF TAILOR	T. D'Alonzo		12.16kg
13. HEAVIEST SCALE FISH S/H/ROD 4kg or 9lb b/s line (max)	D. BARBER	Salmon	3.00kg
14. HEAVIEST SCALE FISH OTHER THAN SECTIONS 2 - 14 (2kg Min)	T. D'Alonzo	Sampson Fish	10.50kg

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"RECORDER'S REPORT"

Well my oh my, one sure gets the ass burnt off of one when you volunteer for this job. Here we are in the last month of the open competition year 1991 and only five fish on the books. Two of these caught in the first month of the year. Three of these caught at false entrance. There has to be some message for us fishermen folk from these recordings. "Is there a lack of sizeable fish around?" They certainly seem to be further a field than they used to be and therefore more costly for us to get the opportunity to chase them. Undoubtedly the cost factor has something to do with it, as does the lack of action from the fishermen within our club. I can not help but feel that the lack of quantity and species account for the surfcasters poor results this year.

The last entry into our club record books is dated 13 April 1986. A present active member Denis Stiglmayer has recorded in the book a King Wrasse of weight 0.325 kg, caught at Rottneest Island.

Denis has also recorded a club record for Blue Tusk Fish of 4.25 kg, caught at Steep Point on 26 March 1985.

It now gives me great pleasure in announcing to you fellow surfcasters that Denis has just returned from his yearly visit to Steep Point with yet another handsome fish, although not a club record (which incidently stands at 33 kg by Alan Carr at Steep Point in 1979.) It's most certainly a fish to be proud of. An elusive Cobia of 14.2 kg on 20 kg line with a bait of Taylor - caught at Steep Point. This fish has duly been accepted by your committee as the one to beat in the open competition of 1990/91, section 15 heaviest scale fish other than section 2 - 14,

Please accept your fellow surfcasters congratulations Denis, an enviable catch as far as I am concerned. It's a pleasure to be able to record fish like that.

"COBIA"

RACHMONTRON CANADUS

(ALSO CALLED BLACK KINGFISH _ LING _ SERGEANT FISH)

Surfcasters Club Record	Weight	33 kg	Caught	1979
State Record	Weight	61.5 kg	Caught	1985

The COBIA. An illusive powerful and tenacious fish reaching lengths of 1.8 m, weighing up to 68 kg, although at that size few and far between I would think. A popular sporting fish among game fishermen, hooked with a bottom rig. Trolling, spinning, ballooning and even fly. A fish when hooked will take a series of fast and furious runs testing the most competent angler. Although not generally caught in vast numbers, Cobia have been known to form dense shoals over reefs and to the extreme, juveniles have been caught in estuaries by bream fishermen. It has been taken from waters as close as Rottneest to the top of Australia to Port Stephens in N.S.W also Pacific, Indian and Atlantic Oceans. Generally tropical to sub tropical waters. They have apparently been observed to keep the company of Manta-Rays, Whale-Sharks and large Tiger Sharks.

It's colouration is chocolate brown to black. Above lateral broken by one or two bands of creamy brown changing to creamy yellow on the underside.

It's shape, broad headed and shark like appearance with large dark eyes. A superb eating fish.

RECORDER: - DAVE MAXTED

AUGUSTA - THE SUMMER PLACE

"Beaut one day, bonser the next!" If you are a "boatie" the only problem is the regular south east wind which at times makes the water on the river very sloppy, but there are many days of calm weather and water. On the windy days there are many jettys and river beaches and banks where you can be comfortable and also catch fish. In addition to fishing there are some very pleasant areas for walking and exploring.

Early in March Bill Utting loaded his dinghy on top of his landcruiser, filled the inside of the vehicle with gear then we hooked my Cabana caravan on behind and set off for two weeks at Augusta. Five hours drive and we were setting up camp at Turners' Caravan Park, which is situated right on the river's edge and is truly a delightful place. Many of the caravan park residents are retired people who start arriving there from October onwards and stay right through the summer before returning home just before Easter. The weekend before Easter, a swarm of people arrived to put up tents and park their caravans in their selected spots, paid the rent for a week, returned home for the working week then returned to the caravan park at Easter to their already set up camp.

The morning of day two was fine, the boat was in the water, engine mounted and all other gear in place so off we went on an exploration run. The word around the caravan park was that whiting in particular and other fish in general were hard to find and in short supply, but I was confident that with Bill's knowledge and experience of the area we would find them and this proved correct. After two weeks fishing areas such as the river mouth, 'Dead Water' and the lakes, the rock islands, the 'Sticks' and further up river towards Molloy Island, the Engel freezer was filled with some whole fish and lots of fillets. We caught whiting, herring, skippy, bream, flathead, flounder, bay snapper, plus a few rubbish fish such as trumpeter. These fish are small in size compared to the species that Surfcasters usually go after, but they are plentiful and so sweet to eat.

The gear to use is as follows:- Flick rod maximum length five feet, six or seven pound line, bean sinker running on the main line and a number eight Limerick hook on a short lead. The top baits are Leg worm or blood worm, then Swan River prawns, or shrimps which can be caught around rocks in the river or the jetty piles. All you need to catch them is a large fruit tin with a fish head in it with a piece of string attached to the tin for retrieving the tin from the water. Usually half an hour will capture sufficient shrimps for a fishing session.

At the rivers edge, fronting the caravan park, there are fish cleaning benches. Hundreds of seagulls and a large cluster of Pelicans eliminate the problem of how to dispose of the fish guts and heads and each evening a dusk a number of stingrays ranging in size from large to whopper move along only a metre from the shore and vacuum clean the bottom of any bits left behind. These stingrays are part of the tourist attraction at the caravan park. One evening while sitting in my chair on the river bank, having a few casts and catching the odd fish or two a stingray latched onto my line. The tiny rod turned almost inside out, but with only a seven pound line the rig parted after about a hundred metres of line peeled off the reel.

We took most of our food supplies such as meat packs, frozen vegetables and packaged goods with us, but the Augusta townsite has a good Four Square supermarket and there are other shops close by for all the usual requirements. These shops are on the hill overlooking the river and ocean and the view is very good for miles.

A fortnight soon passes when each day is filled with fishing, eating, fishing and sleeping. The worst part is the final day when the boat has to be pulled from the water and gear is reconditioned and all the camping gear has to be packed away for the drive back home. People in caravan parks are very friendly and when you say your goodbyes, you know that many of them will be there next year when you return, particularly to a place as nice as Augusta. I hope to go back next year.

BAS MARSH

SULLIVANS' KALBARRI HOLIDAY

At last we managed to get the Kalbarri cottage in the peak season after about four years of trying.

It's about six years since we last holidayed at the club cottage and in that time, all it has done is get better. The big river gums out front give more shade, both sides are now fenced and with a fence at the back and a couple more river gums down the bottom of the back yard and some grass we would have a top entertaining, and possible camping on a field day, area.

The new floor covering inside is a great asset to the cottage and the fact that the cottage sleeps eight, makes the tariff pretty reasonable.

We pulled up at the cottage about 3.00pm Saturday afternoon. By 5.00pm, Syd Whiting and family had called around to either, check out the cottage or look for someone to go fishing with. We weren't quite sure what, but after a couple of beers we soon had the week's fishing planned. It's great to think after driving all the way to Kalbarri, what a focal point the cottage is.

On Wednesday night at about 3.00am the fluro tube in the main bedroom came on and couldn't be switched off, so we took the tube out and the next day Syd came up with his test gear and worked out it was the wall switch. Down to the hardware store and it wasn't long before the new switch was in and working.

The fishing, well that's another matter...who wants to catch herring at Kalbarri? But all in all the Surf Casting and Angling Club can be proud to have such an asset at a wonderful place like Kalbarri.

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Thanks Bas + Ric. ... Ed.