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Gary Parkinson, Kaye and George Holman, Slavka and Victor Schilo,  
Laurel and Terry Fuller, Shane Wignell, Allan Jones

Thank you all.

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## **Presentation night 2015**

The Woodvale Tavern has been booked for 6pm Saturday 20 June 2015.

Please put this date in your diary NOW, and keep this night free of other engagements or other things to do, so you can come to the Presentation night.

Please consider donating prizes for the winners of the Club's competitions.

Social Organiser, Pat McKeown

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## Club Committee for 2014/15 (updated February)

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George Holman

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### Field Day Officer

Peter Osborne

### Assistant Field Day Officer

Ken Howells

### Committee Person

Shane Wignell

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### (Bookings)

Terry Fuller

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### Notes 1 and 3

### Treasurer / Public Officer

Victor Schilo

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### Notes 1 and 3

### Committee Person

Ray Walker

### AAAWA Delegates Note 3

George Holman

Ken Howells

Proxy Victor Schilo

### Dry Casting Officer

Ron Thomas

### Assistant Dry Casting Officer

Reuben Ball

### Social Organiser / Membership Coordinator

Pat McKeown

### Committee Person

Jason Zerella

### Property Officer (Maintenance)

Greg Keet

### Note 1

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**Note 2.** All emails addressed to the Club via the Secretary should use the Club's email address [surfcast@iinet.net.au](mailto:surfcast@iinet.net.au) not the Secretary's private email address.

**Note 3.** The Public Officer, Minutes Secretary, Website Editor, AAWA Delegates and Membership Coordinator are Committee functions and jobs, not extra Committee positions.

**Note 4.** The Immediate Past President (IPP) is a consequential fact. It is not a Committee position elected by the members or filled by Committee resolution, as are all other Committee positions and functions.

## Life Members of the Club

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

Deceased life members:- Vic Davis, Doug Edward, Lloyd Dunn, Dudley Brown, Noel Knight, Les Shand, Ron Kildahl, Bob Klein.

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## Bring a friend to a Club activity

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

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

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



Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

## Minutes of General Meeting 11 March 2015

**Venue** Coolbinia West Perth Amateur Football and Sporting Club room.  
Commenced 7:30pm. Vice President Terry Fuller presiding.

**Present** George Belin, Peter Butland, Terry Fuller, Gary Gildersleeves, Ken Howells, Michael Inglis, David Maxted, Pat McKeown, Terry McLean, Mark Nurse, Eric Parker, Gary Parkinson, Michael Pisano, Slavka Schilo, Victor Schilo, Klaus Schönwolf, Dean Stewart, Chris Stickells, Andy Thorgersen, Martin Wearmouth, Peet Wessels, Sandra Wessels, Glen Wong, total 24 members.

**Apologies** Ron Thomas, Peter Osborne, George Holman, Malcolm Head, Eddie Korin, Debbie Korin, Wilf Core, Ray Walker, Shane Wignell, John Crompton.

**Visitors** Lydiya Laver.

**New member** Peter Butland will be presented with his membership pack at the next meeting.

**Minutes of previous meeting** **Moved** Peet Wessels seconded Sandra Wessels the minutes of the previous meeting as published in Reel Talk are a true record, carried.

**Previous Committee meeting** Action points from the minutes of the previous Committee meeting were reviewed.

<b><u>Correspondence in</u></b>	AAAWA AAAWA Fishers with Disabilities  Peter Osborne, Mal Head Francis Ford Michael Inglis	Minutes of February 2015 Delegates' meeting Survey of Australian recreational fishers Website to be launched giving details of fishing locations for anglers with disabilities Apologies for March General meeting Details of Steep Point fishing trip Application for membership
<b><u>Correspondence out</u></b>	Bunnings Malaga  Dept of Fisheries Mark Hansen	Confirmation of Sunday 6 December fund raising sausage sizzle Order for updated Fishing Guides Acknowledgment of letter dated 5 February

**Business arising from correspondence** None

**Secretary's report** Nothing to report

**Treasurer's report.** Victor Schilo reported.

### **New accounts for approval for payment at 11 March General meeting.**

<b>To</b>	<b>For</b>	<b>Amount</b>	
Elizabeth Pett	Cleaning Kalbarri House 17-24 Jan & 6-9 Feb.....	\$140.00	
Terry Fuller	Printing of March Reel Talk .....	\$157.60	
Terry Fuller	Stamps for April Reel Talk.....	\$84.00	T Fuller total
Terry Fuller	Plastic Container.....	\$9.00	\$250.60
Pat McKeown	Meeting & Dry casting Requirements .....	\$48.10	
George Holman	Raffle prizes & hooks for casting sinkers .....	\$260.00	
City of Stirling	Yokine Reserve Hire.....	\$352.00	
Victor Schilo	MYOB Accountright Software.....	\$359.00	
Victor Schilo	20 x Stamps.....	\$14.00	V Schilo total
Victor Schilo	1 x Reflex paper.....	\$4.99	\$377.99
<b>Total new accounts for approval at 11 March 2015 GM.....</b>		<b>\$1,428.69</b>	

### **Bank account summary**

Bank balance at 28 February 2015 \$11,461.30  
Accounts for payment ..... \$1,428.69  
Available balance after payment of  
new accounts..... \$10,031.61  
Cash/cheques held for banking ..... .00  
Outstanding cheques ..... \$360.00  
**Total available at 28 Feb. 2015..... \$9,672.61**

### **Income / money received since 11 February**

**2015 General meeting**  
Donations ..... \$750.00  
Membership fees ..... \$100.00  
Sinker Sales ..... \$101.60  
February Dry Casting..... \$130.00  
Jan & Feb Field Day ..... \$158.00  
Kalbarri House Bond..... \$100.00  
Kalbarri House Rental..... \$240.00  
**Total income received since 11 February 2015**  
**General meeting ..... \$1,579.60**

**Kalbarri House as at 28 February 2015**

Income	
Rental.....	\$3,838.00
Expenses	
Electricity.....	\$726.66
Gas .....	\$65.00
Cleaning .....	\$770.00
Gardening.....	\$300.00
Repairs.....	\$302.50
Council Rates .....	\$929.70
Water Rates .....	\$510.17
Total Expenses.....	\$3,604.03
<b>Net Income .....</b>	<b>\$233.97</b>

**Moved** Victor Schilo, seconded Ken Howells the Treasurer's report be accepted and accounts be passed for payment, carried.

**Property Officer**

A booking had been made for one week in July.

**Field Days**

Ken Howells gave some details of the fish caught at the March field day.

**Dry Casting**

Some details of scores from the March casting were given.

**AAA report**

Proxy delegate Victor Schilo reported there was some discussion on the future of AAAWA at the previous Delegates' meeting. Recfishwest had suggested AAAWA run fishing clinics similar to those run up until 2006. Ten SCAC members indicated they would be willing to assist.

**Social Organiser**

Pat McKeown said the next main event is the Presentation night in June. Terry McLean has donated a boxed pair of hand held UHF radios as a prize.

**Recorder**

Terry Fuller said he had not received any new entries for Club competitions, however Francis Ford had caught fish eligible for several sections.

**Reel Talk**

Terry Fuller said the March Reel Talk did not have all the usual articles because he was not doing as much for the club as he had done in the past and some things did not get done in time.

**Club website**

Website is up to date with content.

**General business**

Victor Schilo thanked Terry Fuller for the \$750 donation listed in the Treasurer's report.

Members at the Bluff Creek Field day appreciated the fruit cake.

**Notices of motion**

None

**Raffle**

First prize ,a box of hooks, won by Victor Schilo. Second prize, a headlight, was drawn twice with no one claiming the prize and then won by Victor on the third draw. Prizes donated by the Club.

**Meeting closed**

Formal meeting closed at 8:05pm.

**Instruction period**

Members spoke on their experiences at and after the March Bluff Creek field day. Members agreed the comradery and fishing and camping together at Bluff Creek was excellent. Mark Nurse offered to run a barbecue at the next year's field day.

<b>Action points from March 2015 General meeting.</b>			
<b>Number</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>By</b>	<b>Status</b>
<b>None</b>			

<b>Action points from January 2015 General meeting.</b>			
<b>Number</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>By</b>	<b>Status</b>
<b>AP GM1/15 #3</b>	Try out and prepare reports on the "Rocksteady Rodholders"	Peet Wessels Peter Osborne	
<b>AP GM1/15 #4</b>	Prepare an article about proposal for cricket pitches at Yokine Reserve	Terry Fuller	

<b>Action points from July 2014 General meeting.</b>			
<b>Number</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>By</b>	<b>Status</b>
<b>AP GM7/14 #1</b>	Reserve Saturday evening 20 June 2015 for Presentation night	<b>All members</b>	

## Future General meeting instruction periods.

April	Decide/confirm venues, dates and competition rules for 2015/16 season
May	Types of reels, advantages and disadvantages of each.
Possibilities for other months	Cooking fish, including smoking fish. Invitation to experienced and successful fisherman to show their rigs. Solunar charts Baits to use, what, where and why. Sharpening and care of knives.

Minutes Secretary and Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

## Action points from March Committee meeting

A summary of points from the previous Committee meeting is given at each General Meeting. For members' information, the set of action points and status from the last Committee meeting as recorded in the draft minutes is usually included in the Reel Talk.

The minutes of the Committee meeting had not been completed by the time this Reel Talk needed to be printed.

Minutes Secretary and Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

## Coming Club events - summary

April Dry casting, Sunday **29 March. Not the first Sunday in April, that's Easter Sunday.**

April General meeting. Wednesday 8 April, **7:30pm. Note earlier start time.**

April Field day, Saturday/Sunday 11/12 April.

April Committee meeting, Wednesday 15 April, 7:30pm.

## April Dry casting

**When** Sunday **29 March 2015. Not the first Sunday in April, that's Easter Sunday.**

Competition casting starts at 8:30am. This is the last casting day in the 2014/15 competition year.

**All** casters **please come early, no later than 7:30 am**

Members need to pay their fees and sign themselves on, and help to set up the casting courts, targets and warning flags, do the marking and scoring, and clear down, pack and put away all the dry casting equipment used on the day.

If you **really** can't get there early or **really must** leave early, please make sure you explain why to other people, and help more while you are there so that you do your share.

**Fees** \$10 per person, \$12 per family, to help cover booking charges for the oval and public liability insurance. Please bring the correct change.

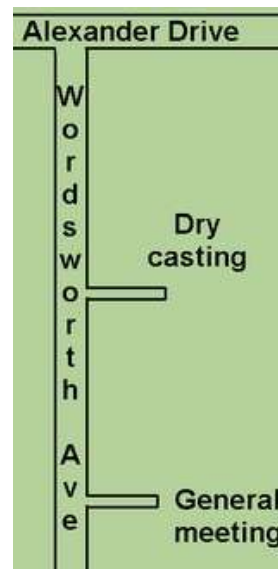
**Paying fees** **You** need to make sure your fees are paid **before 8:30am.**

There will be a locked container, some plastic money bags, pieces of paper, and pens on a table near the back of the Terry Fuller's white Pajero 4WD.

**Signing on** **You** need to sign yourself on. **Before 8:15am,** put your name on the list of casters, on the table near the back of Terry Fuller's white Pajero 4WD. The list **will close at 8:15am** so that the list of names in casting order can be prepared in time for the 8:30am start of competition.

**Name tags** All casters, please wear your name tag.

**Where** Yokine Reserve East, Wordsworth Avenue, using the area to the south of the amenities building.



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

<b>Casting order</b>	<b>Month</b>	<b>Seniors, Ladies and Juniors</b>	<b>Veterans</b>
	29 March	Distance first, then accuracy	Accuracy first, then distance
	3 May	Accuracy first, then distance	Distance first, then accuracy
	7 June	Distance first, then accuracy	Accuracy first, then distance

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

### **April General meeting**

**When** Wednesday 8 April 2015, 7:30pm. **Note earlier start time.**

**Where** Coolbinia West Perth Amateur Football and Sporting Club room.

**Sign In** Please remember to have your name ticked on the attendance sheet. See helpers at the front table.

**Raffle tickets** From helpers at the front table.

**Name tags** All members, please wear your name tag.

**Instruction period** Decide/confirm venues, dates and competition rules for 2015/16 season.

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

### **April Field Day**

This is the last field day in the 2014/15 competition year. Details below to be confirmed at April General meeting or contact Field Day Officer.

**When** Saturday/Sunday 11/12 April 2015.

**Where** Cape to Cape

**Boundaries** Busselton Jetty to mouth of Blackwood River at Augusta. New members are encouraged to fish with experienced members for guidance and help.

**Fish together** Check at the General Meeting before each field day for arrangements and discussions about when and where members can meet to fish together locally in the metropolitan area or at the main away venue.

**Sign on** Saturday 12 noon at Busselton Jetty car park. May be shifted to a car park west along the foreshore.

**Late sign on** Phone the Field Day Organiser. The club will assume you will not be fishing if you haven't signed on at the sign on place or phoned.

**Sign off** If you have signed on then you must sign off in person at the weigh-in place at the nominated time or by phone no later than ½ hour before the weigh-in time if you have no fish, have an emergency outside of the Field Day, or have personal reasons and will not attend the weigh-in.

**Lines in** Saturday 1pm.

**Lines out** Sunday 10am.

**Fees** \$10 per person, \$12 per family. If you sign on you must pay the Field day fees. Please bring the correct money because the Field Day organiser cannot give change for lots of \$50 notes.



**Times** Lines in 1pm Saturday to Lines out 10am Sunday. Fish caught within those times are eligible for the Club Field Day competition and weigh-in. Fish caught before or after those times are eligible for the Open fishing competition.

**Weigh in** Sunday 11am at Busselton Jetty car park. May be shifted to a car park west along the foreshore.



## Tides, sun and moon

Tide heights and times shown are tides in metres at Busselton, and Cape Leeuwin below. Sun and moon times are for Busselton.

<b>Saturday 11 April</b>	1.14m at 1pm			<b>Moonset</b> 12:25pm at 249 deg	
	<b>Moon above</b> About 5:20am			<b>Moonrise</b> 11:15pm at 111 deg	
<b>Sunday 12 April</b>	0.64m at midnight	1.10m at 1:40pm		<b>Moonset</b> 13:15pm at 251 deg	
	<b>Moon above</b> About 6:15am			<b>Moonrise</b> None	
	<b>Sunrises</b> About 6:35am at 82 deg			<b>Moon below</b> About 6:45pm	
				<b>Sunsets</b> About 6pm at 278 deg	

## Tides at Cape Leeuwin

<b>Saturday 11 April</b>	0.5m at 2:35am	1m at 12:40pm	<b>Sunday 12 April</b>	0.5m at 2:15am	1m at 1:50pm
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Prepared by Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

## Local Field Day for April

This is the last field day in the 2014/15 competition year. Details below to be confirmed at April General meeting or contact Field Day Officer.

**When** Saturday/Sunday 11/12 April 2015.

**Where** Standard metro area Local.

**Sign on** At General meeting or phone Field Day Officer before 8pm on Thursday.

**Late sign on** Phone the Field Day Organiser. The club will assume you will not be fishing if you haven't signed on at the General meeting or phoned.

**FDO** Local FDO to be advised at the April General meeting.

**Sign off** If you have signed on then you must sign off in person at the weigh in place at the nominated time or by phone no later than ½ hour before the weigh in time.

**Lines in** Saturday 1pm.

**Lines out** Sunday 10am.

**Fees** \$10 per person, \$12 per family. If you sign on you must pay the Field day fees. Please bring the correct money because there may not be change.

**Times** Lines in 1pm Saturday to Lines out 10am Sunday. Fish caught within those times are eligible for the Club Field Day competition and weigh-in. Fish caught before or after those times are eligible for the Open fishing competition.

**Weigh in** Sunday 11am, location to be set at April General meeting, or the Local Field Day officer may set an alternative or additional location or time by arrangement with the members who have signed on. Scales will also be available on George Holman's back patio. An adult member must witness weights. Field Day money to be left with the scales in an envelope with your name and details written in the carbon copy Field Day book. No money = no points. Results to be phoned to FDO by 8pm the next night.

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

**Fish together** Check at the General Meeting before each field day for arrangements and discussions about when and where members can meet to fish together locally in the metropolitan area or at the main away venue.

## Tides, sun and moon

Tide heights and times shown are tides in metres at Fremantle

<b>Saturday 11 April</b>	0.65m at 1:15am	1.08m at 12:35pm		<b>Moonset</b> 12:25pm at 249 deg	
	<b>Moon above</b> About 5:20am			<b>Moonrise</b> 11:15pm at 111 deg	
				<b>Moon below</b> About 5:50pm	

<b>Sunday</b>	0.63m at	1.05m at			<b><u>Moonset</u></b>	13:15pm at 251 deg
<b>12 April</b>	1:40am	3:10pm			<b><u>Moonrise</u></b>	None
	<b><u>Moon above</u></b>	About 6:15am			<b><u>Moon below</u></b>	About 6:45pm
	<b><u>Sunrises</u></b>	About 6:35am at 82 deg			<b><u>Sunsets</u></b>	About 6pm at 278 deg



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### **Fishing together on field days**

The Club encourages members to fish together on Field days, and will help arrange this. However it helps everyone if members who want a lift, want help or want to fish with someone, ask and arrange to go with other members. It's best done early, but can also be done either before or during the sign on or at the previous General meeting or any Club event.

Check at the General meeting for arrangements and discussions about when and where members can meet to fish together locally in the metropolitan area.

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

### **April Committee meeting**

**When** Wednesday 15 April 2015, 7:30pm.

**Where** Coolbinia West Perth Amateur Football and Sporting Club room.

**Visitors** Club members who wish to see what's involved in Committee work may attend Committee meetings by invitation as visitors and observers and at the discretion of the President. Please contact the President or the Secretary well before the meeting to arrange your invitation.

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

### **May Field Day Rottnest**

**When** Saturday/Sunday 16/17 May 2015. This is the first Field day of the Club's 2015/16 Competition year.

**Where** Rottnest.

Details had not been completed before this April Reel Talk needed to be printed. Details will be similar to those in the May 2014 Reel Talk.

### **Local Field Day for May**

**When** Saturday/Sunday 16/17 May 2015. This is the first Field day of the Club's 2015/16 Competition year.

**Where** Extended Local, boundaries Dawesville Cut to Seabird.

Details had not been completed before this April Reel Talk needed to be printed. Details will be similar to those in the May 2014 Reel Talk.

### **Happy birthday to**

Shane Wignell, 14 April  
Kaye Holman, 20 April

Liam Wignell, 16 April  
Jim Strong, 26 April, his 93rd birthday.

Michael Inglis, 18 April

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

## Calendar for next three months

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

**20** Presentation Night      **19** Deadline for Reel Talk articles, 5pm

**1** Dry Casting      **11** General Meeting      **14 15** Fishing Field days      **48** Committee Meeting

April 2015							May 2015							June 2015						
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
		1	2	3	4	5					1	2	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	2	3	4	5	6	<b>7</b>
6	7	<b>8</b>	9	10	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	8	9	<b>10</b>	11	12	13	14
13	14	<b>15</b>	16	17	18	19	11	12	<b>13</b>	14	15	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	15	16	<b>18</b>	18	19	<b>20</b>	21
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27	28	29	30				25	26	27	28	29	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	29	30					

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

## Deadline for Reel Talk articles and reports

The Reel Talk needs to be delivered to members during the week before the first Club event for that month. I try to get the Reel Talk printed on Friday so I can post it on the weekend or the Monday for delivery in the metro area during that week, however public holidays or Australia Post holidays can change that. Can I please have all general articles and reports

For the May Reel Talk, no later than 5 pm Thursday 23 April.

For the June Reel Talk, no later than 5 pm Sunday 24 May. Meetings are late in the month but next field day is very early.

For the July Reel Talk, no later than 5 pm Thursday 25 June

I really appreciate getting articles well **before** the deadline, please. If I have all the regular articles and enough content, I may go to print earlier than the dates shown. **Please note:** These dates and times are deadlines and closing and cut off times, not targets for you to aim to just meet. If your article will be close to the deadline, please make sure you contact me well before or risk missing out.

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

## Bookings for Kalbarri house

See the article on the inside back cover of Reel Talk for rates and more information.

These dates show the nights the house is **NOT** available for a booking, the same as shown on the Club website <http://www.surfcasters.iinet.net.au/KalbarriHouse.html>

The Club's Kalbarri house has bookings for the following dates/nights. Tenants will leave by 10am on the **day after** the last day and date shown. All other dates/nights not listed are currently available. This list has been updated in late March and does not include any bookings or changes which may have been made between then and whenever you read this. Pets may be allowed by prior arrangement but must stay outside the house.

Please contact Terry Fuller 9447 4545 for bookings or more information. Collect keys in Perth before leaving for Kalbarri. Please arrange key pickup in advance. Please return keys within 2 days.

Apr 2015	Fri 3 Apr to Fri 10 Apr, Sat 18 Apr to Fri 24 Apr	May 2015	Sat 2 May to Fri 15 May
July 2015	Sun 5 July to Sat 11 July	Nov 2015	Sun 1 Nov to Fri 6 Nov

Property Booking Officer, Terry Fuller

## **New member applications**

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

None this month

Membership Coordinator, Pat McKeown

## **New member acceptances**

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

Michael Inglis

Membership Coordinator, Pat McKeown

## **Club shirts, jackets, hats, badges and stickers**

Legionnaires cap yellow	\$15		
Bomber jacket waterproof	\$50	Lightweight jacket waterproof	\$45
Polo shirt long sleeved	\$35	Polo shirt short sleeved	\$30
Cloth Club badges	\$4.50	Vehicle stickers Club logo	\$2

Social Organiser, Pat McKeown

## **Social Organiser's report**

Hello fellow club members,

Well what a difference a month makes. The club is back on track better than ever.

The Bluff Creek reports were certainly very positive. Those that went certainly enjoyed themselves with all the dramas happening everybody pulled together and made the mishaps into very positive outcomes.

Just goes to show you can't hold a great club down.

We certainly had real Albany weather, with all four seasons in one day. This grounded most of the members to stay in camp.

This was very good for morale as everybody wandered into the Taj Mahal (Ray's camper trailer's tent) which is large enough for all to be under cover out of the weather.

Ray had purchased a self erecting ensuite. Once out of its bag it turned into a monster not wanting to go back into its bag. The instructions on how to fold it up were very vague and not very helpful.

The instructions were passed around the group which caused all sorts of comments on how it should be done.

Gary the flying postie put his hand up and said "no worries I will sort this" only to be defeated by this simple task. After much bantering it was left to be done later on.

It took three grown men to put this monster back into its bag. Good luck Ray next time you let this monster loose.

Mark Nurse has offered to bring a BBQ along next year. Thanks Mark.

Peet Wessels has offered to show his fishing spots to anybody who wants to tag along, so no excuses for not catching fish. This should make a very competitive weigh in. Thanks Peet.

Keep an eye on Sandra fishing. Sandra is very good at fishing herself. Watch and learn.

There were a lot of things that made this a special camp, let it flow onto all our fishing and club events.

Tight lines

Social Organiser/Membership Coordinator Pat McKeown

## Recorder's report, February 2015

Francis Ford had a great trip to Steep point as reported in detail later in this Reel Talk. Several of his fish are eligible for some of the Club's fishing competitions. I have recorded Mackerel, Pink Snapper and Whiting for Francis in the Species competition.

However the rest really need application forms to be completed, signed and witnessed.

Section Category

9 Best pink snapper

11 Best mackerel

16 Longtail tuna in Best scale fish other than sections 3-15

and for the Grand Masters competition, Snapper Pink or North west, Mackerel, Longtail tuna into Free Choice category.

There are no other updates.

Recorder 2014/15 Terry Fuller

## Barron Lure competition 2014/15

No change from list in the January Reel Talk.

Recorder 2014/15, Terry Fuller

## Open fishing competition 2014/15

The Open Competition is for fish caught between 1 May 2014 and 30 April 2015, other than on Club gazetted Field days, but not in any other AAA affiliated club event on the same dates.

Entries for the Open competition close **30 days after capture**. See Competition Rules Section 4.

The current entries up until the deadline for this Reel Talk, are:

Section	For	Minimum weight	Entry
1	Most meritorious capture	None	To be awarded by Committee
2	Best shark	4.5 kg	
3	Best mullet	5 kg	
4	Best salmon	3.5 kg	Peet Wessels, 5.9kg, Bremer Bay, 16 Sept 2014
5	Best flathead	0.5 kg	
6	Best tailor	1.5 kg	Peet Wessels, 6.30kg, Bremer Bay, 17 Sept 2014
7	Best samson fish	5 kg	
8	Best fish on single handed rod maximum 4kg line class	Legal size	Peter Pekaar, 0.14kg garfish, South Mole, 13 July 2014
9	Best pink snapper	2 kg	
10	Best tarwhine	0.5 kg	
11	Best mackerel	4 kg	
12	Best skipjack trevally (southern)	1 kg	Peet Wessels, 1.3kg, Bremer Bay, 16 Sept 2014
13	Best trevally (northern)	2 kg	
14	Best snook or pike	0.5 kg	
15	Best black or yellow finned bream	0.6 kg	Geoff Raftis, 0.6kg (estimated) black bream, Stokes Inlet, 21 September 2014 (Note 1)
16	Best scale fish other than sections 3-15	2 kg	
17	Best fish caught on fly rod.	Legal size	
18	Best fish caught using a soft plastic or hard body lure on a single handed rod (4kg line max.)	Legal size	

**Note 1.** Estimated weight. Any other weighed catch of 0.6kg or more will replace this one.

Recorder 2014/15, Terry Fuller

## Update to Species Badge competition

This is a continuous work in progress. The list of species registered to members has been checked for catches on the March Field day as recorded by the FDO in the Field Day spreadsheet, plus some from the Steep Point trip by Francis Ford, a species previously missed for Michael Pisano, and a fish before the March field day by Dean Stewart.

A member may ask for a capture to be added by advising the Recorder of the details of a capture already recorded in the Club's fishing Field days or Open competitions. Badges will be presented at the annual Presentation night. The full list of members' recorded catches is on the Club website at <http://www.surfcasters.iinet.net.au/SpeciesCompetitionEntries.pdf>

**Species badge rules, from section 5.1 of Competition Rules, are:**

1. Submit entries to the Recorder on the appropriate form, **unless caught on a Field Day.**
2. Fish may be caught at any time including on Club fishing Field Days.
3. A member must capture ten (10) of the listed species to qualify for a Species badge.
4. Weighing of fish, photographs and witnesses to weight are optional.
5. Fish must be a minimum of 20 cm or comply with Department of Fisheries minimum lengths if these are greater.

Name	Bream	Flathead	Flounder	Garfish	Herring	Yellow Eyed Mullet	Mackerel	Mulloway	Pink Snapper	Salmon	Samson Fish	Snook or Pike	Tailor	Tarwhine	Trevally	Whiting	Wrasse	Amberjack	Dart	Banded Sweep	Western Rock Blackfish	Yellowtail Kingfish	Number caught	
Ken Howells		1		1	1			1		1		1	1		1	1								9
Mark Nurse			1		1	1						1	1		1	1								7
Francis Ford							1	1	1					1	1	1								6
Dean Stewart		1			1	1							1		1									5
Peter Butland		1			1								1						1					4
Michael Pisano		1			1								1	1										4

Recorder 2014/15, Terry Fuller

## Dry casting report 8 March 2015

Dry Casting Organiser Ron Thomas was recovering from surgery for skin cancers and was not able to attend the last Drycasting day. Thanks to all the people who arrived and set up the casting courts and put the gear away at the end of the day.

Attendance was not great with only six Seniors, seven Veterans and one Junior. Still this helped us get through the events quickly and it was all over by about 11am.

In the Seniors, Robert Pekaar had the longest 56 gram cast with 137 metre, Peter Pekaar the longest artificial bait with 146 metres and Robert the longest 112 gram cast with 164 metres.

In the Veterans, George Holman had the longest 56 gram cast with 127 metre, Gary Gildersleeves the longest artificial bait with 109 metres and Klaus Schönwolf the longest 112 gram cast with 136 metres. Gary Gildersleeves top scored in the double handed accuracy with 151 points, and Peter Osborne top scored in the single handed accuracy with 31 points, with Dean Stewart coming in second with a bull's-eye and a 9 in his score of 29 points.

Morgan Keet cast some good distances in the Juniors, with 85 metres in both the 56 gram and the Artificial bait, and 106 metres in the 112 gram distance.

Only one caster cast in the Open Single handed, with George Holman scoring 77.15 metres.

Gary Gildersleeves top scored on the day with a total of 254 points.

Next casting will be on Sunday, 29 March, in place of 5 April which is Easter Sunday. This will be our last casting event for the 2014/15 competition year.

Cheers

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

## Dry Casting winners for 8 March 2015

Event	Seniors winner		Veterans winner	
56 gram score	25	Peter Pekaar, Alan Hale	25	George Holman
56 gram distance	137	Robert Pekaar	127	George Holman
Artificial bait score	28	Peter Pekaar	21	Gary Gildersleeves, George Holman
Artificial bait distance	146	Peter Pekaar	109	Gary Gildersleeves
112 gram score	32	Robert Pekaar	27	Gary Gildersleeves, Klaus Schönwolf
112 gram distance	164	Robert Pekaar	136	Klaus Schönwolf
Double handed accuracy	115	Peter Pekaar	151	Gary Gildersleeves
Single handed accuracy	28	Alan Hale	31	Peter Osborne
Section highest points	193	Peter Pekaar	254	Gary Gildersleeves

Event	Juniors winner	
56 gram score	17	Morgan Keet
56 gram distance	85	Morgan Keet
Artificial bait score	17	Morgan Keet
Artificial bait distance	85	Morgan Keet
112 gram score	21	Morgan Keet
112 gram distance	106	Morgan Keet
Double handed accuracy	40	Morgan Keet
Single handed accuracy	13	Morgan Keet
Section highest points	118	Morgan Keet

Event	Overall winner for 8 March		Year's best for 2014/15	
56 gram score	25	Peter Pekaar, Alan Hale, George Holman	33	Robert Pekaar
56 gram distance	137	Robert Pekaar	168	Robert Pekaar
Artificial bait score	28	Peter Pekaar	33	Peter Pekaar
Artificial bait distance	146	Peter Pekaar	165	Peter Pekaar
112 gram score	32	Robert Pekaar	37	Peter Pekaar
112 gram distance	164	Robert Pekaar	190	Peter Pekaar
Double handed accuracy	151	Gary Gildersleeves	162	Terry Fuller
Single handed accuracy	31	Peter Osborne	36	Bob Henderson
Section highest points	254	Gary Gildersleeves	287	George Holman

Dry casting spreadsheet developer and data entry, Terry Fuller

## Dry Casting top scores for 2014/15

Total scores are up to and including March casting but not March General meeting. Competition Rules section 3.8.1 specifies only the best 11 months out of 12 will count at the end of the competition year. All results will be announced at the Presentation of Trophies in June 2015, and adjusted scores will be published after that.

Name	Points	Rank	Name	Points	Rank	Name	Points	Rank
George Holman	2698	1	Gary Parkinson	1133	14	Shane Wignell	182	27
Terry Fuller	2608	2	Robert Pekaar	1027	15	Mick Burgin	179	28
Bob Henderson	2385	3	Wilf Core	996	16	Pat McKeown	150	29
Gary Gildersleeves	2260	4	Malcolm Head	593	17	Geoff Raftis	146	30
Peter Osborne	1861	5	Greg Keet	564	18	Sarah Wignell	121	31
Jeff Hewton	1813	6	Morgan Keet	554	19	Andy Thorgersen	90	32
Klaus Schönwolf	1801	7	Reuben Ball	502	20	Tony Ayrey	78	33
Allan Jones	1722	8	Ken Howells	422	21	Jason Zerella	67	34
Ron Thomas	1677	9	Andrew Pekaar	401	22	Terry Willison	59	35
Peter Pekaar	1574	10	Glen Wong	338	23	Deirdre Thomas	50	36
Alan Hale	1557	11	Trevor Stam	331	24			
Eric Parker	1336	12	Olivia Keet	275	25			
Dean Stewart	1293	13	Mark Taylor	192	26			

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## Dry Casting results 8 March 2015

Results for the day	56 gram			Artificial Bait			112 gram			Double Handed Accuracy								Single Handed Accuracy					Day Total	Attendance		Total Points	
	Cast 1 (m)	Cast 2 (m)	Points	Cast 1 (m)	Cast 2 (m)	Points	Cast 1 (m)	Cast 2 (m)	Points	Target number								Target distance						D C	G M		
										3	3	1	1	4	4	2	2	Points	L	S	L	S					Points
<b>Seniors</b>																											
Peter Pekaar	124	121	25	132	146	28	Out	152	15	10	20	19	13	19	19	7	8	115		D	N	C		183	10		193
Robert Pekaar	Out	137	14	138	134	27	164	156	32	16	9	20	11	18	17	5	11	107		D	N	C		180	10		190
Alan Hale	120	130	25	100	109	21	136	Out	14	16	20	18	14	0	0	8	7	83	6	6	8	8	28	170	10		181
Jeff Hewton	107	Out	11	98	99	20	117	130	25	10	14	17	6	1	12	16	14	90	0	2	8	3	13	159	10		169
Greg Keet	B/O	93	9	81	85	17	97	111	21	0	0	5	4	13	0	5	17	44	7	2	0	3	12	103	10		113
Gary Parkinson	81	75	16	77	61	14	83	0	8	0	0	23	3	0	0	15	0	41	0	0	1	1	2	81	10		91
<b>Veterans</b>																											
Gary Gildersleeves	106	126	23	103	109	21	132	135	27	21	19	16	23	16	20	19	17	151	2	7	5	8	22	244	10		254
George Holman	127	123	25	105	105	21	127	131	26	21	18	24	14	9	13	21	10	130	7	8	6	4	25	227	10		237
Terry Fuller	89	91	18	78	83	16	96	95	19	10	10	19	18	25	23	24	10	139	7	7	5	7	26	218	10		228
Peter Osborne	103	92	20	84	89	17	122	124	25	13	21	17	14	15	13	13	15	121	8	9	8	6	31	214	10		224
Allan Jones	96	96	19	85	90	18	107	105	21	20	3	21	21	23	10	13	14	125	0	3	4	5	12	195	10		205
Dean Stewart	56	50	11	85	B/O	9	98	74	17	16	16	14	19	9	16	12	8	110	7	10	3	9	29	176	10		186
Klaus Schönwolf	121	110	23	103	99	20	129	136	27	14	21	6	16	0	0	16	10	83	1	2	1	9	13	166	10		176
<b>Juniors</b>																											
Morgan Keet	84	85	17	81	85	17	100	106	21	0	0	16	17	0	0	7	0	40	4	8	1	0	13	108	10		118

Scores include March casting but not March General meeting. DNC=Did Not Cast. B/O=Break Off. Out=weight landed out of court.

Dry casting spreadsheet developer and data entry, Terry Fuller

## Single handed Open, 8 March 2015

Name	Cast 1	Cast 2	Best cast (metres)
George Holman	77.15		77.15

## Please wear your name tag and Club clothing at Club events

The heading says it all. New members and visitors will be grateful for the name tag and the Club clothing advertises the Club.

If you don't have a name tag, please make one or contact Secretary Eric Parker. Club clothing can be bought from the Social Organiser.

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller



## **March 2015 fishing field day**

Bluff Creek, 28 February, 1 and 2 March 2015.

**Synopsis.** The March 2015 field day was an away safari incorporating a major drive to Bluff Creek, east of Albany. Mixed weather underpinned an enjoyable weekend, of socializing, 4WD/recovery experiences and some but not high numbers of fish. Weather changed each half day from wild, wind and rain, rain to sunshine coupled with weed for the last couple of days. This resulted in tough fishing conditions except for Sunday morning which started as a glorious sunny day.

On the field day, only one salmon showed up, among many catch and release of undersize salmon) but catches included fair bags of skippy and good bags of herring. Some of our Newbies now understand the difference between a herring and a juvenile salmon - the latter being an illegal catch which needs to be returned to the water alive.

As some of the Newbies promised to put in reports on Bluff Creek I won't expand on the humour and social activities. There could be pages and pages of it - only to say you will hear a lot about a \$25 tent.

**The Trip.** The trip down to Bluff creek is about a 6 to 8 hour drive including an allowance for fuel and food stopovers.

A total of 14 anglers came to the away safari. George Holman with a social fisherperson, his stepson Paul Mollet, Pat McKeown, Dean Stewart, Martin Wearmouth with a visitor, his dad Gerald, Shane Wignell and daughter Sarah, Gary Parkinson, Peet and Sandra Wessels, Ken Howells, Ray Walker, Mark Nurse and Peter Osborne.

George Holman went down early on Wednesday, the second group of Ken and Gary, Pat and Dean, Ray and Peter, set track on Thursday and had their camp set up by that evening. This group stopped over at Kojonup, had a bite to eat etc. and went in convoy style down to the camp site. The track in was in the usual conditions, narrow, parts heavily overgrown, so some vehicle scratches, with some steep dunes to climb over and some soft sand spots. The run along the beach was on very, very soft sand then over a small dune and into the camping area. Ray was hauling in his camper trailer, but had the trailer swapped over to Dean who hauled this into the camp site.



*One side of the "main" camping area*

The initial group set up camp number 1 of tents, tent trailers etc. with the club generator already running for hooking up freezers, lights etc. and even a communal toilet.

The Wignells arrived the following day and set up camp, also tying into George's complex.

The South African teams of the Wessels and Mark Nurse also arrived on Friday and set up camp number 2 in the adjacent flat camp area.



*Another camping area*

Martin Wearmouth and his Dad arrived late Saturday morning and set up adjacent to Mark.

Photos show the areas involved and demonstrate a site that could accommodate camps of even greater size.

It is a great venue and with the fishing tales below reinforces why we keep going back there each year.



*Ray Walker's "Taj Mahal"*

**The fishing.** Fishing sessions were generally periods on Saturday and Sunday afternoon and Sunday and Monday mornings where fish captures were spread across these periods with Sunday morning giving the best results.

When the second group arrived they were greeted with George and Paul showing off with some pre-competition catches, some salmon. Georges had a beauty, weighing in at 5.2 kg whole. Hence on seeing this fish, we all anticipated we would have a good showing of salmon, but this was not to be.

George and Paul generally tried fishing in front of the camp adjacent to the creek. At one session George tried slide baiting with herring bait and managed a good strike but no hook-up. George captured a good bag of generally large herring and 1 yellow eyed mullet. Paul had another salmon and some herring.

For most sessions, Martin, and his dad Gerald, fished beside the reef a couple of km south of the camp site. Both managed a bag of some 8 herring with Martin getting 3 skippy and Gerald with 4 skippy. By a tad, looks like a Dad showing his son how to catch fish.

Shane and Sarah tried in front of the camp site and near the above mentioned reef. Shane bagged out with 12 herring with Sarah being one short on 11 herring. Shayne managed to add one small flathead to his bag.

Ken and Gary mostly fished in front of the camp. Ken ended up with 9 herring, 1 skippy and the biggest scale fish for the weekend being a small salmon of 1.23 kg. Gary managed to beach a good skippy of 0.6 kg.

Mark also fished this area with capture of plenty of herring, catching and releasing most, and a yellow eyed mullet. On hearing that there were good skippy off the reef on Sunday morning he went there on Monday morning. To his delight, amazement, and jubilation, he captured a good skippy, his first ever: talk about a face splitting smile and an African witch doctor dance. He also tried dropping small bait just on the edge of the reef with a successful hook-up on a whiting. His bucket list includes a salmon, but for him, not to be this weekend.



*Peet Wessels and herring*

Pat and Dean initially fished between the Bluff Creek mouth and the south reef, with little success, Dean getting 2 herring and a yellow eyed mullet. They spent most of the rest of the weekend helping others with vehicle problems.

Pat's knowledge of vehicles and Dean's skill with his Range Rover enabled various people to extract themselves from what looked like insurmountable problems. Personal big thanks from me for your assistance - see below. Ray also fished this area and managed 2 herring before vehicle problems limited his fishing time.



*Gary Parkinson and herring*

Peet and Sandra fished the reef well north of our campsite and managed additional species including banded sweep, western rock blackfish, and a flathead. They both bagged out on herring and skippy.

The quality skippy were caught on the south reef on Sunday morning. This session was the kindest weather for the weekend. From early morning, sunshine, calm seas, no wind or weed: this made it a delight to fish only made really great by having skippy turn up.



*Some members who thought they could see Bluff Knoll through a break in the clouds*

Returning on Monday morning, seas and wind were up, no sunshine, threat of rain and only the odd skippy turning up, i.e. fishable but only just.

I initially fished close to Pat and Dean, and then tried near the creek mouth for only a few herring. Also knowing that the south reef can produce skippy I also went there Sunday morning. Arriving just after 6am, I was a little on the late side. The main run was just about over by this time. I managed only 6 skippy, so I returned on Monday morning to get a repeat of a hot bite. But as noted above this skippy hot bite was not to be. Only a few skippy were about so I had to work hard to get 2 fish to make up my bag. I had managed to get my bag of 12 herring.

Both Peet and I had the heaviest skippy of 0.71 kg with Sandra having her biggest at a close 0.7 kg. These larger species all came from this reef.

Based on the SCAC scoring system, fish capture results and the top scores are listed below in Reel Talk.

Although bag sizes were down on previous years for Bluff Creek, most were pleased that they had a feed of fish.



*Socialising*



*More socialising*

**4WD adventures.** As noted above, the beach had very soft sand. Some non-fishers tore up and down the beach some not having tires down to 15 psi, resulting in sand being very cut up with deep tracks wandering all over. Tires down to at least 15 psi, and trying with care trying to stay in existing tracks and driving at a steady slow speed allowed one to get from point A to point B. Despite this lots of help to vehicles where wheels had been buried including not only strangers but some of our Surfcasters. A second vehicle with access to shovels, snatch straps and Max Tracks were the order of the day.

My personal error was undertaking a U turn with a very tight radius with probably too high a speed resulting in on a front wheel the tire bead leaving the wheel rim. Darn. With expertise and equipment from Pat and Dean, managed to change out and then drive on the spare wheel, I went fishing that afternoon, however Pat knew the tricks of how to get a tire bead back on the rim, so when I came back there was the tire already inflated. Hence changed back to the original wheel and tire, only to drive 200 metres along the beach to have the tire bead leave the rim again. Close inspection revealed some damage to the side wall. Another lesson learned was to have a high quality jack, and packing wood squares in the tool kit. The standard scissor jack provided with the Nissan was not up to it when working in sandy conditions, the screw thread picked up sand and the screwing action to raise the jack gave the jack just seizing up.

Another drama was with Ray's small Suzuki 4WD vehicle. He towed a heavy tent trailer set-up at the track entrance Dean hooked up to the trailer and was able to take the unit to our camp site. Considering previous driving/towing and with the driving by Ray along the beach the hard work resulted in a clutch failure of his vehicle.

To leave Bluff Creek, Dean towed the Suzuki out. Dean's older model Range Rover has great towing capabilities. George towed the tent trailer out. Ray managed to get a new HD clutch installed in Albany and drove to Perth on Thursday.

The biggest drama was with Peet's Nissan Pathfinder. I was following him out and we were getting near the Albany highway when Peet suddenly stops and smoke starts coming from his vehicle. On opening the bonnet he couldn't see the engine due to the volume of white smoke pouring out. At the same time I saw a piece of burning material drop from the underside of the chassis, he jumped back with a fire extinguisher and looked at the vehicle underside.

He saw a ball of flame, metal glowing red so with a well-directed aim of fire retardant he put the fire out. Quick thinking and having that tool handy bought a potential disaster to an end. Am sure if he did not have that extinguisher, he would have his vehicle and all his camping and fishing gear go up in flames. After being towed by Mark to, and using Albany as a base, he had to arrange to have the vehicle brought back to Perth for the insurance investigation and problem rectification. Another lesson learned - have a fire extinguisher in your vehicle in a very accessible location. This type of issue happens in seconds.

**Local fishing.** Only one Surfcaster fished locally. Due to a family obligation Glen Wong only fished the Saturday evening at Swanbourne. Glen also encountered wind, weed, and rainy conditions but kept at it until after dark where the fish finally came on the bite. He managed a bag of 4 quality tailor and a gummy shark. Having put the latter back in the past and hearing that they were good eating, he kept some whereby this shark provided a delicious fish meal for him and his family. Hence for a local short fish compared to the extended one we enjoyed at Bluff Creek, Glen's bag was the 4th heaviest of the 15 people that fished on this field day. Well done Glen.

Hope to see you at our April field day at Cape to Cape. While expectations for this venue are high review of above results gave low numbers of salmon caught at Bluff, hence it will be interesting to see that for a later period by 6 weeks if salmon will arrive at this section of coastline.

Tight lines

Field Day Officer, Peter Osborne

### **Catch results and points for March 2015 Field Day**

Angler	Weight	Species	Fish	Points
Peet Wessels	9.58kg	5	27	155.8
Sandra Wessels	8.05kg	5	25	140.5
Peter Osborne	5.86kg	2	20	88.6
Glen Wong	4.58kg	2	6	75.8
Mark Nurse	2.13kg	4	15	71.3
Ken Howells	2.74kg	3	11	67.4
Martin Wearmouth	3.28kg	2	11	62.8
Gerald Wearmouth	3.05kg	2	12	60.5
George Holman	2.73kg	2	12	57.3
Shane Wignell	2.24kg	2	13	52.4
Peter Butland	1.79kg	2	13	47.9
Sarah Wignell	1.67kg	1	11	36.7
Gary Parkinson	0.6kg	1	1	26
Dean Stewart	0.4kg	1	2	24
Ray Walker	0.38kg	1	2	23.8
Pat McKeown				10

Points include Field day but not March General meeting points.

Species weighed at the March Bluff Creek field day were herring, whiting, banded sweep, skippy, flathead, mullet, salmon and western rock blackfish

Species weighed in at the Local field day were tailor and shark.

**Catches on March 2015**  
**Field Day**

		Herring	Flathead	Mullet	Skipjack Trevally	Whiting	Banded Sweep	Western Rock Blackfish	Salmon	Shark	Tailor	Total
Pat McKeown	Number											
	Total weight											
	Weight of best											
George Holman	Number	11		1								12
	Total weight	2.6		0.13								2.73
	Weight of best											
Mark Nurse	Number	12		1	1	1						15
	Total weight	1.48		0.09	0.47	0.09						2.13
	Weight of best	0.34										
Ken Howells	Number	9			1				1			11
	Total weight	1.02			0.49				1.23			2.74
	Weight of best											
Peet Wessels	Number	12			8	1	4	2				27
	Total weight	2.06			4.07	1.09	1.36	1.0				9.58
	Weight of best				0.71		0.46	0.7				
Sandra Wessels	Number	12	1		8		3	1				25
	Total weight	2.23	0.23		4.38		0.81	0.4				8.05
	Weight of best	0.27			0.7		0.35					
Shane Wignell	Number	12	1									13
	Total weight	2.06	0.18									2.24
	Weight of best	0.22										
Sarah Wignell	Number	11										11
	Total weight	1.67										1.67
	Weight of best	0.22										
Dean Stewart	Number	2										2
	Total weight	0.4										0.4
	Weight of best											
Peter Butland	Number	12	1									13
	Total weight	1.58	0.21									1.79
	Weight of best											
Martin Wearmouth	Number	8			3							11
	Total weight	1.6			1.68							3.28
	Weight of best				0.68							
Gary Parkinson	Number				1							1
	Total weight				0.6							0.6
	Weight of best											
Ray Walker	Number	2										2
	Total weight	0.38										0.38
	Weight of best											
Peter Osborne	Number	12			8							20
	Total weight	2.26			3.6							5.86
	Weight of best				0.71							
Glen Wong	Number									1	5	6
	Total weight									1.47	3.11	4.58
	Weight of best										0.87	
Gerald Wearmouth	Number	8			4							12
	Total weight	1.23			1.82							3.05
	Weight of best											
		Herring	Flathead	Mullet	Skipjack Trevally	Whiting	Banded Sweep	Western Rock Blackfish	Salmon	Shark	Tailor	Total

## Sportsperson of the Year section winners for March 2015

Best scale fish	Ken Howells	Salmon	1.23kg
Best bag of scale fish	Peet Wessels	Mixed bag	9.58kg
Best shark	Glen Wong	Gummy shark	1.47kg
Best bag including sharks	Glen Wong	Tailor and gummy shark	4.58kg

## Field day section winners for March 2015

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## Field Day top scores for 2014/15

Total scores calculated automatically by the field day scoring spreadsheet including March Field day but not March General meeting. Competition Rules section 2.4.5 specifies only the best 11 months out of 12 will count at the end of the competition year. The winners will be announced at the Presentation of Trophies in June 2015, and adjusted scores will be published after that. Names with equal scores are sorted alphabetically.

Name	Points	Rank	Name	Points	Rank	Name	Points	Rank
Peter Osborne	1186	1	Peter Butland	193.7	13	Thomas Wearmouth	38.5	25
Peet Wessels	1064	2	Theo Van Niekerk	175.7	14	Christian Wearmouth	38.1	26
George Holman	1012.2	3	Sarah Wignell	173.5	15	George Belin	33.7	27
Sandra Wessels	899.8	4	Peter Pekaar	157.4	16	Victor Schilo	32.3	28
Martin Wearmouth	548.5	5	Michael Pisano	151.7	17	Jason Zerella	30	29
Mark Nurse	406.9	6	Geoff Raftis	124.6	18	Nicolas Terpkos	28.5	30
Glen Wong	393.6	7	Terry Fuller	110.6	19	Slavka Schilo	22.2	31
Pat McKeown	371.3	8	Gary Gildersleeves	109.9	20	David Maxted	20	32
Ken Howells	315	9	Paul Terpkos	84.6	21	Alan Osborne	10	33
Gary Parkinson	262.1	10	Dean Stewart	82.8	22	Ian Taggart	10	34
Ray Walker	251.2	11	Gerald Wearmouth	60.5	23	Robert Pekaar	10	35
Shane Wignell	229.4	12	Klaus Schönwolf	40	24			

## Field Day sections 2014/15

Up to and including March 2015 Field Day. Entries in sections 5, 9 and 10 have been corrected.

1A	Best scale fish (1st six months)	George Holman	Mulloway	15.6kg	August
1B	Best scale fish (2nd six months)	Ray Walker	Mulloway	2.19kg	December
2	Most meritorious fish	To be awarded by Committee			
3	Best Shark (4.5kg min)				
4	Best Mulloway (2.0kg min)	George Holman	Mulloway	15.6kg	August
5	Best Tailor (1.0kg min)	Peet Wessels	Tailor	1.7kg	February
6	Best Salmon (3kg min)	Peter Osborne	Salmon	4.08kg	May
7	Best Skipjack Trevally (0.5 kg min)	Theo Van Niekerk	Skipjack Trevally	1.11kg	August
8	Best Mackerel (2kg min)				
9	Best Yellowtail Kingfish, Samson or Amberjack (4kg min)	No entry Previous entry listed was less than the minimum weight			
10	Best scale fish (other than above)	Peet Wessels	Cod	1.47kg	August
11	Best bag of scale fish	Peter Osborne	Mixed bag	19.56kg	May
12	Best bag of Mulloway (2 fish min)	Peet Wessels	Mulloway	3.99kg	December
13	Best bag of Tailor (2 fish min)	George Holman	Tailor	7.96kg	September
14	Best fish on single handed rod (4kg line max)	Martin Wearmouth	Tarwhine	0.64kg	September

15	Best fish caught on fly rod				
16	Best fish caught on single handed rod (4kg line max) and a soft plastic lure				
17	Best fish caught on single handed rod (4kg line max) and a hard body lure				

Field day spreadsheet developer, Terry Fuller

### **Vice President's report for March**

President George Holman is spending some time with Kaye caravanning in Esperance, catching a few Salmon by all accounts. Ron and Nina McPhee and Ron and Deirdre Thomas also travelled to Esperance, so we can expect some reports of some fishing fun and games.

It was great to receive a report from Warren Ford, Francis Ford's father, on their recent trip to Steep Point. This is published elsewhere in Reel Talk, and gives a good idea of the fishing that can be had and the organisation that is needed for a safari to Steep Point.

The March General meeting was a great success with the instruction period given over to people who had gone to Bluff Creek to tell the rest of the members all the fishing, camping and four wheel drive adventures, some of which are covered in Peter Osborne's field day report, and some of which are in the reports which are still to be written for Reel Talk.

Peet Wessels' story on the fire in his Nissan Pathfinder is a lesson for all. That fire extinguisher which may be a nuisance and gets in the way and you have carried forever may end up saving your vehicle from a fire disaster.

The talks went on for over an hour, and everybody had a chance to tell their stories, and there was a lot of laughter and good humour.

It was clear that the Bluff Creek field day was a sort of field day that club members really appreciate for all of the reasons of fishing together, camping together, comradery, and helping each other with all of these.

Suggestions were made that we should try to make as many as possible of the other field days similar to the Bluff Creek field days where members fish close together, camp and stay together, and have a time to get to know each other and enjoy each other's company.

Peet Wessels made an offer for anybody to come with him when he goes fishing on the next Bluff Creek field day for Peet to show them where and how to catch fish in this area. That is a great offer Peet, to share your knowledge and I hope that the members take up your offer.

Mark Nurse offered to run a barbecue at the next Bluff Creek field day.

Vice President 2014/15, Terry Fuller

### **Payments into SCAC bank account.**

Payments to the Club may be made by direct deposit into the Club's bank account. Westpac Bank, BSB 036 059, Account 880334, name Surf Casting and Angling Club of WA General Account. Please make sure your deposit can be identified.

Treasurer, Victor Schilo

### **My 123rd Reel Talk**

I thought I would keep count of how many Reel Talks I have produced, just in case....

September 2001 to July 2006 = 59 editions in that stint.

January 2010 to April 2015 = 64 editions in this stint.

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

## **Donations for Presentation night**

Please consider making donations towards our Presentation night and prizes for winners of our fishing and dry casting competitions.

Please contact Social Organiser Pat McKeown or President George Holman if you can help.

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

## **Steep Point report**

Hi Terry, George, and Eric,

I'm now back from the Steep Point safari (more than just a camping trip). We all had an amazing time and enjoyed the fishing immensely.

My dad Warren Ford, wrote a reflection about the trip, which I 'fished' up with more fishing detail and discourse. It sums up the trip well there and figured it is almost worthy of a few pages in the Reel Talk.

Most of our catch was from spinning. We had some days which suited balloons and several good hauls on balloons, however, most of the time the winds weren't favourable, which meant balloon main lines were encroaching on lure fishing space.

Eric, your lures performed really well, unfortunately did not manage to land fish with the poppers, however, we did have some hook ups using them. My dad lost a nice mackerel seconds from gaffing and something else which spooled him - no chance of turning it. Both of these were within minutes of each other, using the green/orange popper, around 5.30-6am - light was still working its way to a higher intensity - the fluoro colours really worked well during the early hours of the day and they do cast a mile.

My bag consisted of:

38lb Longtail (northern bluefin) Tuna on spin

3 x Mackerel on spin, smallest 8.5kg and biggest 12.5kg.

3 x Pinkies (Snapper) - 630-650mm, 3.5-4kg, on squid with a paternoster rig, single 9/0 hook and 4oz snapper sinker. I returned quite a few juveniles.

1 x Cobia on balloon, estimate 1.2m, lost when gaffing.

Returned a lot a whiting off Shelter Bay and soapies off the cliffs at night, as well as small spangled emperor and a few wirra.

The rest of the crew enjoyed a healthy mixed bag. Mackerel were the target species, best mack of the trip at 36.5lbs on lure (Chris), second 30lbs on balloon (John).

All fish were filleted, cryovac packed and frozen. Bags were evenly distributed amongst 6 and consisted of shark, mulloway, snapper, baldchin groper, spangled emperor, mackerel and tuna.

Thanks, Francis Ford

Some of Francis' catches are eligible for the Open Competition, Grand Masters, Game Fish and Species badges if he enters them.

Recorder 2014/15, Terry Fuller

## **Gone fishin' Steep Point 21 Feb - 1 Mar 2015**

By Warren Ford

We went fishing: Francis my son, another father and son, John and Chris, plus three other mates, Rod, Gareth and Josh. These men are topgun fishers, not only do they have the skills, they were committed to hard fishing for the seven days we would be camped. They had planned this trip for a year.

Some 900km north of Perth, Steep Point is the western most point of the Australian mainland. At the entrance to Shark Bay the deep blue water is edged by rocky cliffs from 4 to more than 20 meters. To the north is Dirk Hartog island, where the Dutch explorer left an engraved plate



to record his landing in 1616. He only stayed 2 days on his way to Batavia. The fishing spot is around 200km from the coastal highway across a fairly good bush track, but with some patches of sand and steep climbs across dunes which add a touch of risk. Drop tire pressure from 38 to 20 psi to keep traction.

After a 13 hour trip from Perth (one from Karratha) the three vehicles draw up at a spot called the Fault Line. We are the only ones so we camp opposite the favoured fishing spot off the lower cliffs and in a position where south westerly winds will blow the balloon rigged fishing gear a couple of hundred meters out from the shore - much further than you and cast lure or bait.

Camp includes a pop top caravan and a camper trailer which folds out into a large two room tent. Annex blinds and a couple of gazebos are set up for shade. All this must be tied down to sand bags and locked on to parked vehicles. The gear includes ten fridge/freezers and a couple of generators; all the water and food needed, lights, gas stoves and heaps of sardine, snook and squid for bait. Also essential to the setup is the volume of essential fluids in the form of beer. A well constructed pit toilet is the sole amenity provided by the ranger service in these park lands.

The landscape is without shade, just very low scrub, windswept with a sense of isolation with the higher cliffs on the western side. Canvas chairs are unfolded and propped on the sand under the gazebos. Fishing rods and reels plus an impressive array of lures, bait, spare line, sinkers, hooks, swivels and tools are spread around in various tackle boxes. Two cylinders of helium gas for the balloon fishing stand amongst the gear. Fishing for Spanish mackerel ('maccas') with balloons is a specialty of Steep Point.



*Josh with a nice macca on spin*

The morning alarm goes off at 4:30 - this is not a laid back holiday. John lights the hissing gas stove and a cup of tea starts the day before the team wanders across to the adjacent barely lit rough limestone topped cliff where the early morning effort goes into lure fishing. Six guys a couple of meters apart from each other, casting and retrieving without let up until someone gets a 'hit'.

The cry goes out 'I'm on'. Everyone else winds in their lines to avoid tangles as the fish leaps and turns along the cliff base. Two or three of the younger ones grab the 6 meter gaff and run to support the one reeling in the fish. Someone holds on to the one working the rod and the others reach over the sheer rocks to sink the gaff hook into the large fish so they can haul it up the rocks and safely land it as a catch.

There was a great sense of team work during the week. It was automatic. Each time fish was hooked, the team went into their routine.

A couple of times fish escaped during the attempt to sink the gaff in, 2 x cobias to be exact; a couple of times sharks grabbed the hooked fish while it was being reeled in.

All that came out of the water on one occasion was the head of a mackerel. It weighed six pounds - a big fish was lost. Another time a half 'macca' was landed - the tail bitten off. .



*Chris with another fine mackerel caught on spin.*



*Francis' longtail tuna  
on spin*

One night a bait was taken by something with a lot of pull. On a trusty Penn 850 reel, Rod worked for 40 minutes taking up slack, and letting the monster of the deep take a run. When it came up to the bottom of the cliff it was a two meter plus shovelnose shark. Not much good for eating (ammonia is strong in large sharks) and impossible without a crane to lug up the rocks, the line was cut and the shark cruised away.

More exotic items included the hooking of an eel, a squid and a sea snake. And floating in total heavy relaxation were two Queensland gropers in the deep water at the base of the rocks we fished from. They took a couple of fish being brought in. It is an easy meal to simply open the cavernous mouth when a slow moving fish is brought in to the rocks while the guys are manipulating the gaff.

Night fishing had the pleasant advantage of no sun and heat. The team was well set up. Two LED floodlights were connected to a generator and gave the fishing area plenty of clear vision. The night fishing happened most nights and saw the eel, sea snake and large shark hooked.

Spangled emperor and snapper were the best night catches, several of which nudged 650mm. Two small 900mm sharks were good for filleting.

Josh turned up several days later, having towed a boat from Perth. Two days fishing from the 'tinny' brought in bald chin groper, mulloway, spangled emperor and pink snapper. Weather calm enough for boat fishing meant there was not enough wind for balloon fishing.

The catch from the tinny balanced out the lack of hook ups from the cliffs on those still days. The boat was launched on a sandy beach 15 minutes back down the track and beached several hundred meters from camp; accessible by a goat track hugging the heritage listed coast.



*John demonstrates that perseverance  
is key.*

From the first day of fishing, many other campers had been allowed in by the ranger. So we saw other groups fishing higher up the cliffs using balloons, landing mackerel and losing fish at the cliff base from the giant groper (imagine a large floating cow for size) or sharks. An amazing culture of mutual goodwill was visible in the 40 or so fishing rods and reels left standing unattended both overnight and during the day along the rocky cliff tops.

Evening meals were courtesy of the team each of whom had prepared a meal for the group good for one night. It was a handy system allowing for a substantial meal which added no extra work to camp life. Meals were a time for stories, a promise of tomorrow's catch, and how things were going in general along with the salutary ale or whiskey and coke before heading back for a night fish.

Chris and John were familiar with Steep Point, the rest of us were first timers. Chris caught five mackerel, equaling his personal best and a host of other species to fill his bag. He put in a lot of last hours to try and get to six. But John's perseverance brought up his macca towards the end - very satisfying. As John said, it is great to catch a couple of good fish early on, you can relax because you already made it. Gareth waited in good spirits until the end but did land several good maccas on lure (the ultimate catch at Steep Point).

Joshua is geared up like a pro and is a consummate fisher. He filled his quota with some nice maccas on spin and several other demersals targeted when light was low. He could explain species, rigs, methods and seasons and gave some expert lessons on how to fillet.

All fish was filleted and sealed in vacuum packs. Rod kept things going with the boat and broke into stand-up comedy a couple of nights. According to Rod, he doesn't have the patience for lure fishing, however, he still got several maccas on balloon and a healthy bag of mulloway and other demersals from the tinny.

The rest of the time he worked on lightening the pop top's cargo, by consuming the many litres of brew he had packed with him. Francis was pleased with a 38lb tuna on lure - rare spinning off the rocks, several tidy maccas and some healthy demersals.

He also contributed some burley during his outing on the tinny whilst drifting a safe distance from the swell battered and windswept cliffs of Dirk Hartog, before the next crew headed out to the same spot; it was observed that the catch was noticeably healthier following the first expedition. A lesson in cause and effect perhaps.



*Rod's mackerel on balloon*



*Warren with a Gold Spot Trevally on tuna bait*

I caught my biggest fish ever at 20lbs, a Gold Spot Trevally - delighted. I lost a nice macca, seconds from getting gaffed and experienced the power during another hook up whereby I nearly got spooled, during which I shouted over the top of the screaming drag, "I think I've caught Moby Dick!", which returned a handful of chuckles from the rest of the fishos with their lures out of the water (Steep Point lure etiquette).

That fish lived to fight another day and I ended up needing to respool my reel. All in all it was just great to be amongst the action with the rest of the gang.

Two days' travel and seven on the ground fishing made this an epic trip. It demonstrated the amount of effort that goes into such an expedition - and without calling it work. It has been a while since I went grubby for three days at a time, but on such a camp you can get away with it.

The younger men looked after John and myself at various times on the uneven rocks and made sure we didn't get too close to the edge. The mind is more agile than the body these days.

The world of the radio and TV faded from thought. I also learned a lot about the logistics of such a trip and the extent and quality of gear required to keep up the job of fishing.

The light hearted comments on the quantity of gear each person brings, brought home after Rod (and to his amusement), witnessed a fellow fisho, lost his ballooning outfit as a result of more drag than his arms could handle; fish 1: Harry (high socks) 0.

Although rods and reels aren't typically considered consumables, it's good to have spares. The main consumables are lures, line and terminal tackle.



*Gareth with a healthy mackerel on spin*

I reflected while reading about Gallipoli during the hottest arvo hours, how young men like these with us, endured the pain of 'unearned suffering' and would marvel at what we were able to do now and the freedoms we are so used to. There was also a thought about 'I will make you fishers of men' and how the energy and dedication required for that task could not expect to be less demanding.

It was a great trip, thanks to the good blokes on it. The fish we brought home was a bonus.

Warren Ford

## **Fishing locations for people with disabilities**

The Club has received an email about this, saying:

In 2014 we received Recreation Fishing Initiative Funding to map fishing locations in WA suitable for use by people with disabilities. The objective of the project was to create an online portal which identified recreational fishing locations with varying levels of accessibility. This project has now identified 140 fishing locations across WA. Site photos, GPS data, controlling authority, facility construction, risks and capacity, vehicle and wheelchair access, parking, toilets, amenities, fishing information and adjacent facilities are available for each location. We have worked closely with Recfishwest to ensure the information is valid however we are calling on Fishing Clubs for your local knowledge.

The Website map will be officially launched on March 25. We are releasing a snapshot of the map to you now so we can receive feedback on the information presented. The link given did not work when this Reel Talk was being finalised. Check the Fishers with Disabilities website for an updated link <http://www.fisherswithdisabilities.org.au/>

The map identifies fishing locations across Western Australia categorised according to accessibility. The map presents appropriate locations for people to go fishing regardless of whether they are elderly, have poor balance or mobility, are families with young children, use a wheelchair, or are carers looking after persons with a disability.

The green pins represent sites which are most likely to be accessible to persons who use a wheelchair. These sites generally have designated disabled parking, disabled toilets close by, and reasonable access and associated facilities for people using wheelchairs.

The blue pins represent sites which may have some constraints in terms of access or convenience. The black pins represent sites which still require further assessment. The stars signify the location of fishing tackle shops that we believe will help with local knowledge.

Could you please provide any feedback

Kind regards Mike Donnelly, Vice Chairman, Fishers with Disabilities. Email [mike@mdassociates.net.au](mailto:mike@mdassociates.net.au) Telephone (08) 9448 6901 Mobile 0400 078 609

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

## **Survey of Australian recreational fishers**

The Australian Recreational Fishing Foundation is conducting a survey to find out what is important to you when you go fishing. Do you go fishing to be alone? Spend time with family? To get a feed? Which fish do you most enjoy catching and why? The survey is also designed to find out specific issues that may be impacting on your fishing experience.

Answers from this survey will be used by recreational fishing organisations around Australia to better represent your needs and desires when dealing with local councils, Federal, State and Territory governments.

The enjoyment we get from fishing is facing pressure from many different sides including habitat loss, water quality issues, impacts from fishing and social pressure. We need to know more specifically what those issues are, where are they happening and what we as recreational fishers want to see done to protect recreational fishing for current and future generations in Australia.

Recreational fishing contributes billions of dollars to Australia's economy and governments need to invest in recreational fishing to ensure future generations derive the same and better

benefits from fishing than we do. Please take 5 minutes to complete the survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/keyrecspecies>

Stan Konstantaras, President, Recreational Fishing Alliance of NSW

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

### **Win 1 year's free membership of the Club**

The Committee has decided to once again offer free Club membership for one year to the winner of a raffle. This offer is aimed at attracting new members to join the Club.

In the draw to be held at the Presentation night in late June 2015, all members who have been accepted into the club between July 2014 and June 2015 will be in a draw to receive one year's free membership, valued at up to \$120. The free membership will be the same type as they held in 2014/15, that is, single, or family membership, etc.

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

### **Suggestions for field days for 2015/16**

Please see the list on page 48 of the February Reel Talk prepared by FDO Peter Osborne based on 13 sets of suggestions received from members.

### **Portable butane cookers prohibited from sale and use**

<http://www.commerce.wa.gov.au/energysafety/unsafe-and-dangerous-gas-appliances>

Recent tests and audits revealed the following models to be unsafe and are prohibited from sale and use:

- Auscrown (model number AD90)
- Campmaster (model number CM2250)
- Gasmate (model number PC2080)
- Home Essentials (model number BDZ-168)
- Illusion (model number U-Bute)
- Oztrail (model number OZ2160)



**Safety risk.** A fault with the cooker's shut-off valves, poses a risk that the devices may overheat and could explode.

**Prohibited from sale.** The tests and audits also revealed various levels of non-compliance to Australian and International standards. This means all appliance certificates have been suspended by the independent safety certifiers for the following known models.

<b>Model Name</b>	<b>Model Number</b>	<b>Model Name</b>	<b>Model Number</b>
Adventuridge	509245	Jackeroo	BC1080
Bai Hui Portable Camping Stove	N/A	Jackeroo	PL-121
Campmaster	CM2200S	Jumbuck	BC1080
Campmaster	CM2270	Kookaburra	ST0990
Companion	COMP523	My Collection	N/A
Excalibur	BC1080	Primus	2240
Five Star	MS-2000	Primus	2271
Gasmate	Plus MS-2000	Primus	TLB-102L
Gasmate	BC1080	Primus (Double Burner)	2282
Gasmate	PC1070	Red Desert	509230
Gasmaster	BC1080	Red Stone	N/A
Home Essentials	BDZ-163S	Spinifex	7027612
House Brand	509245	Spinifex	90024574

**From NSW Dept of Fair Trading.** <http://www.fairtrading.nsw.gov.au/>

**What is a lunchbox cooker?** A portable butane cooker (aka lunchbox cooker or portable gas barbeque) is a single burner metal cooker designed to be used with small butane canisters. The cookers are commonly used for camping and caravanning. They are usually a single burner cooker and sold with a plastic case for portability.

**Why are they not allowed for sale?** In 2014, tests on these cookers were conducted by two of Australia's gas certifying bodies (AGA and SAI Global), resulting in an 84% failure rate against the Australian Standard relating to the overpressure device more commonly referred to as the shut off valve. Fair Trading and other state regulators then asked that the certifying bodies re-test six models straight from the marketplace. These tests confirmed non-compliance with the Australian Standard and the certifying bodies immediately moved to suspend the approval certificates.

**What are the safety concerns?** Overheating of the butane canister and failure of the shut-off valve are the main concerns. As the suspended portable butane cookers pose significant safety risks, consumers are urged not to use them. There have been reported incidents across Australia and NSW. Some have resulted in injury ranging from scalding to serious burns. One incident involved a mother and her teenage son who were standing near a cooker when it exploded. Both received burns with the male sustaining significant burning to his legs which required several operations and to date he continues to undergo medical treatment.

Cookers must comply with an Australian Standard before being certified and approved for sale. Testing found the overpressure devices (or 'shut off' valves) do not operate at their intended level and therefore are non-compliant. On most models, it was also found that the part of the shut off valve protrudes from the appliance allowing debris etc. to block this integral component from properly operating, in breach of the Standard.

**Mine is not on the list, does it mean it's safe?** The list of products suspended from sale is simply to identify the cookers that are currently in the market and that are being removed from sale. **It is not intended to be a complete list of all cookers that are unsafe**, as other models and brands may have been available in the past. If you purchased a lunchbox style cooker (whether on the list or not, whether bought recently or at any time in the past), Fair Trading recommends, for your safety, that you stop using it and safely dispose of both the cooker and the canister through an appropriate community waste or recycling centre. The NSW Environment Protection Authority has information about recycling locations.

**What about double canister burners?** The 'stop sale' relates to single burner portable butane cookers. Fair Trading is continuing to look at double burner cookers and still has concerns regarding their use.

Consumers should carefully follow the user instructions when using double burner cookers. Always allow for adequate air flow. Never use the canisters in a way that overheats them, as this contributes to canister explosions. As such, you should never:

- use oversized pans when cooking
- use them on very hot days

The cookers should be disposed of in a safe manner, with the butane cylinders disposed of through an appropriate community waste or recycling centre.

Consumers who have purchased a non-compliant gas cooker and have proof of the purchase should return the product to their retailer and seek a refund of the full purchase price as soon as possible.

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

## **Contents of April Reel Talk**

Some usual contents are not in this April Reel Talk, and Reel Talk is out much later than I had planned.

This last week I have had a severe gastro upset. With the dizziness came the alternating sweating and shaking/shivering, and URGENT toilet use over and over. Couldn't eat anything for over 2 days. And it took over 4 days to sort out the other end.

That all took a lot out of me and nothing got done for several days until things got back to something like normal.

Not fun at all.

Reel Talk Editor and more, Terry Fuller

## **Members' page**

You may well ask yourself what is this all about.

This page is your page it can be used for any reason. It has lots of blank space on it for you all to fill. If you wish your details will not be included

Welcome for new members, information page. Example

What to pack when going on a fishing/camping trip

What bait do I need and how much, the best way to keep it, freeze it or salt it.

What rigs do I need and how to make them?

Which fishing rod will do the job beach or rock?

Which is best swag or sleeping bag, do I need a camp stretcher if so what type?

What is the simplest way to heat or cook food, which is the easiest way to do this

What does my four wheel drive need to carry?

Will I get bogged how do I get out of this mess?

Where to fish and who is going?

This is just a starter do you have a question or answer if so this is the page for it.

The members welcome new members to enjoy all the club has to offer.

All queries by new members may be answered by me or any other member.

This month we welcome: Terry McLean

Membership Coordinator, Pat McKeown

## Kalbarri House for rent

The Club owns a house in Kalbarri which is ideal for a fishing holiday in the area. Access to the famous fishing spots at Wagoe, Lucky Bay, Port Gregory, etc is just a short drive away via the main bitumen road.

The Mallard Street house has easy access to the river, beaches and town. It has two reverse cycle air conditioners to keep you cool in the summer months and warm in winter. It has two bedrooms and will sleep up to eight (max) in 1 queen sized bed and 3 commercial grade 2 level bunks. The bathroom and shower were rebuilt in 2012.

Users need to bring their own linen, blankets and towels, tea towels, etc. It has a high definition LCD television, DVD/VCR, stove, oven, microwave, crockery and cutlery and all cooking utensils, washing machine, food fridge/freezer and an extra chest freezer for bait and fish.

Outside has a built in gas barbecue, a fish cleaning facility and a full width verandah. There is plenty of fenced parking space for cars, trailers and boats behind a gate. Pets may be allowed by prior arrangement but must stay outside the house. Rates are:

Off season	Short term (min 2 nights)	\$100 per night	\$100 bond
On season	Short term (min 2 nights)	\$120 per night	\$100 bond
	Weekly rates	6 times daily rate as above	

### Surf Casting and Angling Club members

Off season	\$200 per week	On season	\$300 per week	} \$100 deposit/bond
Short term	\$60 one night	\$50 per night (two or more nights)		} plus \$70 cleaning

**Winter/early spring discount special.** A **discount of 20%** on the rates applies for all public bookings for stays during the months of July, August and September.

Members of clubs affiliated with the Australian Anglers Association WA Division, **and friends of members** of the Surf Casting and Angling Club receive a **20% discount** on the normal public rates.

See inside the latest Reel Talk for dates already booked. Contact **Terry Fuller 9447 4545** for more details and for bookings, location of keys etc, or email the Club [surfcast@iinet.net.au](mailto:surfcast@iinet.net.au) Check in time is 2pm. Check out time is 10am. There are 20 photos on the Club website [www.surfcasters.iinet.net.au/KalbarriHouse.html](http://www.surfcasters.iinet.net.au/KalbarriHouse.html)

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

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