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Thank you all.

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Dry Casting food and drinks

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

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

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Presentation night 2013

The Woodvale Tavern has been booked for Saturday 22 June 2013.

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.

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Night cast and barbecue Saturday 23 February 2013

At Kaye and George Holman's. BYO everything. Please don't get there before 6pm.

See more details on page 10 of Reel Talk



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Note 3. The Public Officer, Minutes Secretary, Website Editor, AAWA Delegates, Membership Coordinator, and Assistant 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, Bob Klein, 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

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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 12 December 2012

Venue Coolbinia West Perth Amateur Football and Sporting Club room.
Commenced 8:00 pm. President George Holman presiding.

Present 28 members, 6 visitors.

Apologies Dave Maxted, Trevor Stam, Bev Grigo, Greg Keet, Terry Willison.

Visitors George Belin, Helen Belin, Andrew Pekaar, Gordon Richards, Andrew Matthews, Lydiya Laver.

Suspension of standing orders Moved John Curtis, seconded Ric Parker, carried.

Recfishwest Chairman Andrew Matthews presented retired RFW Board member Terry Fuller with a Fish Identification book "Swainston's Fishes Of Australia" by Roger Swainston in recognition of 9 years service to Recfishwest. George Holman and John Curtis spoke on Terry's service and achievements for club and other anglers.

Resumption of standing orders Moved John Curtis, seconded Allan Jones, carried.

New members None.

Minutes of previous meeting Moved Jim Strong Seconded John Curtis 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 Committee meeting, as published in Reel Talk, were reviewed.

Secretary's report Secretary Eric Parker reported.

<u>Correspondence in</u>	Gordon Richards Westpac AAAWA Western Angler AAAWA Bev Grigo, Greg Keet	Past member, coming to December meeting Bank statement November 2012 Link to Recfishwest's paper "Response to Review of WA Recreational Fishing Rules" Newsletter December 2012 Minutes of November Delegates' Meeting Apology for December meeting Information about club membership
<u>Correspondence out</u>	Sue Heggs	

Moved Peter Osborne, seconded Ray Walker that correspondence be accepted, carried.

Treasurer's report, by Treasurer Terry Fuller

Accounts for payment at December General meeting.

To	For	Amount	
Water Corporation	Water at Kalbarri, 20 August to 26 November	\$29.40	
Kalbarri Gas	Sheets Hardie fence x 3 \$140, Gas cylinder annual rental x 2 \$65	\$205.00	
Coolbinia Club	Clubrooms rental 6 months January to June 2013 ...	\$375.00	
Frank Rystenber	Balance upgrade of Kalbarri bathroom, door locks	\$4,401.00	
Telstra	Club telephone 14 November to 13 December	\$27.45	
Ray Walker	Fuel for trip to Kalbarri 17 - 24 November	\$243.70	
Ray Walker	Western Laminators, Fish Identification poster mounting	\$40.00	
Ray Walker	Kalbarri Hardware, screws and pipe adapter	\$7.00	
Ray Walker	Kalbarri Warehouse, toggle screws and flyscreen	\$44.70	
Ray Walker	Kalbarri Warehouse, garden hose	\$29.90	
Ray Walker	Kalbarri IGA, AA batteries, AAA batteries	\$15.60	
Ray Walker	Community Resource Centre, A4 laminating	\$4.00	
Ray Walker	Sausages, 2kg and 680 gram, Dec dry casting	\$14.97	
Ray Walker	Rolls x 36	\$20.97	
Ray Walker	Bag of Ice	\$4.00	
Ray Walker	Onions	\$1.68	
Terry Fuller	Sympathy card	\$5.00	
Terry Fuller	Club notice for Marcia Pekaar in West Australian	\$97.80	
Terry Fuller	Printing of December Reel Talk	\$153.22	
Terry Fuller	Stamps for January Reel Talk	\$60.00	
Terry Fuller	Staples 23/8 x 1000 for Reel Talk	\$7.70	
Terry Fuller	Sticky tape 18mm x 66m	\$3.42	
Terry Fuller	Balance of expenditure on items from 2012 Volunteer	\$226.42	
See notes	grant, \$1,976.42 spent, \$1,750 already advanced....	\$226.42	
			R Walker total \$426.52
			T Fuller total \$553.56

iinet	Website and email credit for 6 months.....	\$60.00	
Pat McKeown	Coca Cola cans x 24 carton	\$17.00	
Pat McKeown	Kirks Cola beer 2 x 10 can carton @ \$4.00ea	\$8.00	
Pat McKeown	Kirks Club Lemon 2x 10 can carton @ \$4.00 ea	\$8.00	
Pat McKeown	Kirks Pasito 2 x 10 can carton @ \$4.00 ea	\$8.00	
Pat McKeown	Pepsi Max 2 x 24 can carton @ \$15.00 ea.....	\$30.00	P McKeown total
Pat McKeown	Harvey Fresh milk 1lt Dec General meeting.....	\$2.05	\$73.05
Ivey Home Maintenance Mowing Kalbarri property, 27 November		\$50.00
John Crompton	Extra key for Club's Malaga PO box	\$8.00	
?????	15kg lead for dry casting weights RFW grant.....	\$25.00	
Total new accounts for approval at December GM		\$6,233.98	

Bank account summary

Bank balance at 12 December	\$15,375.09
Accounts for payment	\$6,208.78
Available balance after payment of new accounts.....	\$9,141.11
Cash and cheques held for banking	\$71.00
Outstanding cheques.....	\$224.60
Total available at 12 December	\$8,987.51
Made up of	
Funds belonging to Club	\$6,584.85
Balance of RFW small Community grant.....	\$2,354.08
Balance of 2012 Volunteer grant.....	\$23.58

Income / money received since November

General meeting

Sausage sizzle AAAWA Drycasting 28 Oct	\$55.00
Field day fees Oct 2012, Cervantes, 15 fishers ...	\$118.00
Field day fees Nov 2012, Cervantes, 16 fishers ..	\$108.00
Club shirt	\$35.00
Club colour legionnaires hats x 3.....	\$45.00
Volunteer grant 2012.....	\$2,000.00
Sausage sizzle and drinks Dec Dry casting	\$71.00
Balance Kalbarri booking direct deposit.....	\$300.00
Total income received since November	
General meeting	\$2,832.00
Running total of amount spent from RFW small Community grant	\$145.92
Running total of amount spent from 2012 Volunteer grant	\$1,976.42

Notes. Volunteer Grant for equipment

The Club has received the Community Volunteer Grant of \$2,000 from the Federal Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA) in response to the application put in during July. Request details were published in page 24 of the August 2012 Reel Talk.

The following items have been bought and paid for up to 12 December 2012. The choices of major items were approved by Committee. These items are available for use by committee members and ordinary members for club purposes.

Item	Grant	Price including shipping	Total spent	Balance
Camera Nikon Coolpix P510	\$500.00	\$357.45		
Memory SanDisk 32GB Ultra Class 10 SDHC		\$27.95		
Battery EN-EL5 and 12V DC/240V AC charger		\$17.39		
Camera bag Lowepro Adventura TLZ 15		\$44.95		
Mini HDMI to HDMI cable 1.5m 1.4V		\$4.98	\$452.72	\$47.28
Projector Benq MW516	\$700.00	\$599.00		
240 volt power extension cord		\$8.50		
Switched surge protected power board		\$39.90		
Protective carry bag Tosca OnBoard TBL1		\$34.99	\$682.39	\$17.61
Portable hard drive, Seagate Expansion 1TB USB3	\$100.00	\$99.00		
Protective case "Case logic"		\$10.00	\$109.00	-\$9.00
Multi function printer/scanner/copier A3 Brother MFC-J6510DW	\$350.00	\$201.00		
AusInk Premium Gloss Photo Paper A3 x 25 shts		\$31.12		
AusInk Classic Gloss Photo Paper A4 x 20 sheets		\$20.74		
High capacity ink cartridges LC77XL Black/C/M/Y		\$137.80	\$390.66	-\$40.66

Loud hailer/megaphone GTC108	\$150.00	\$99.00		
8 x C alkaline batteries		\$19.50		
Protective carry bag		Donated TF	\$118.50	\$31.50
Laminator A3/A4/A5 GBC Heatseal H75	\$200.00	\$150.00		
A3 laminating pouches 125 microns, pack 25		\$42.00		
A4 laminating pouches 100 microns, pack 100		\$31.15	\$223.15	-\$23.15
Total grant	\$2,000.00			
Total spent up to 12 December 2012	\$1,976.42			
Balance of funds available	\$23.58			

Moved Bob Henderson, seconded Peet Wessels the Treasurer's report be accepted and accounts be passed for payment, carried.

Field Days Peter Osborne reported Surfcasters members didn't do very well in the AAWA State Estuary championships on 24/25 November.

The November field day at Cervantes was successful with good catches of tailor.

Suggestions are wanted for Field Day venues for 2013/14. Peter passed out a summary of catches and conditions at some of the venues used in past years.

Accommodation at S-Bend for the AAWA State Rock and Beach on the June 2013 long weekend is almost booked out.

Dry Casting Officer Ron Thomas reported on the December casting.

Property Officer Ray Walker said there were still vacancies in December and through the summer school holidays. Ray and Allan Jones went to Kalbarri to inspect the bathroom work, deliver the replacement chest freezer, and do some running repairs.

Once the vanity had been removed it was obvious that it was moisture damaged in a couple of areas so Ray made an executive decision to replace it. Because the original wall panels only reached 2/3 of the way up the wall and the new sheets reach all the way to the ceiling the room looks a lot higher.

Additional work carried out: Repaired all the flyscreens that had holes and put a protective panel on the sliding flyscreen door around the handle.

Installed the weather station. Installed a TV cabinet and the new freezer. Replaced the side fence and attached a combination cable lock to the gates to make the property secure.

Arranged for a lawn mowing contractor to mow regularly. Got a quote for the cleaning of the two lounge chairs. Replaced screws for the curtain rods in the bedrooms with toggle screws as the normal screws were pulling out of the masonite walls.

Members expressed their thanks to Ray and Allan for their work.

AAA report The State Boating Championships will be held on 16 March. A meeting will be held on 4 February about the AAA National Championships at Caloundra, Queensland in August 2013.

Social Organiser A night cast and barbecue will be held in February at George Holman's place. Tickets for the Presentation night will be available at the January general meeting.

Recorder AAWA recorder John Curtis presented Peter Pekaar with two State dry casting record certificates.

The instruction period to be held at John Curtis' residence on 23 November was cancelled. John will contact people about an alternative date.

Reel Talk and Club website Up to date. Nothing special to report. George Holman said he had received several very complimentary comments about the December edition.

Recfishwest report Recfishwest has released their report "Consultative Outcomes and Recommendations on Fisheries Management Paper 252," giving details of the public comments received on the Department of Fisheries proposals for changes to recreational fishing rules, and Recfishwest's recommendations about the rules to the Minister for

Fisheries. It is understood there will soon be an announcement from the Minister. The report is on the RFW website.

Terry Fuller urged members to get and read the report to see which of the proposals by the Dept of Fisheries had been rejected and which had been modified. The aims had included to standardise and simplify the rules, however that was always impossible and the result is still complicated.

Terry Fuller talked specifically about the combined bag limit for Nearshore species, which make up the main catches of shore based fishermen like Club members. The Department of Fisheries had proposed halving this bag limit from 16 to 8 without **any** data or sustainability justification. Terry had argued most strongly against this change, and Recfishwest's recommendation of leaving the bag limit at 16 is a direct result of Terry's lobbying.

General business Waves at Floreat Beach are breaking a long way out and a very good cast is needed.

John Curtis reminded members of his request for details of fishing platforms, jetties or groynes which have been removed or had access restricted for recreational fishing. Article in November Reel Talk. The information will be going to Recfishwest in February for use in discussions with political parties about their promises for the State Election in March

Debbie Korin asked if any member could look after a 10 year old cat for some months while they travelled. Article to be published in Reel Talk.

AP GM12/12 #1

Terry Fuller said that after recommending Nearmap for great aerial photographs, the website now requires users to buy an annual (and very expensive) multi user licence and there is no provision for or category of single private users. Google maps are some years out of date, and more recent photos have been replaced by older ones. Both of these limitations may change if enough people write to the companies.

President George Holman wished members and families a safe and happy Christmas and New Year.

Notices of Motion None.

Raffle First prize, "Hooked for Life" book by Ross Cusack, won by Gary Gildersleeves. Second prize, a knife, won by Allan Jones, re-raffled and won by Peter Osborne. Prizes provided by Recfishwest and the Club.

Meeting closed Formal meeting closed at 9:02 pm.

Instruction period Members had a social get together with food and drinks.

Action points from December 2012 General meeting.			
Number	Action	By	Status
AP GM12/12 #1	Article in Reel Talk someone to look after Debbie Korin's cat	Terry Fuller	Done

Action points from September 2011 General meeting.			
Number	Action	By	Status
AP GM9/11 #2	Prepare an article on AAA club member insurance for Reel Talk	John Curtis	Ongoing

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

Future Instruction periods.

- January Matching rods with reels, use and setting of drags.
- February Cooking fish, John Curtis.
Bluff Creek Field Day.
- March Discussion of recommendations for Field day venues 2013/14
- Month to be decided Fish handling and processing.
Dry casting videos.

Action points from December Committee meeting

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

Action points from 19 December 2012 Committee meeting.			
AP No.	Action	By	Status
CM 12/12 #1	Contact applicants Richards and Heggs and advise the club needs to meet them before their application can be finalised	Eric Parker	
CM 12/12 #2	Gather information and reply to the rock fishing safety request. Article to go into Reel Talk	Terry Fuller	In progress Article in Jan Reel Talk
CM 12/12 #3	Prepare article for Reel Talk on alternative arrangements for Rottnest Field days	Terry Fuller	Done in Jan Reel Talk
CM 12/12 #4	Investigate advertising the Kalbarri property on local fishing forum "Fishwrecked"	Terry Fuller	
CM 12/12 #5	Details for advertising the Kalbarri property in "Quokka" to be given to Ray Walker	John Crompton	
CM 12/12 #6	Article on new Statewide fishing rules for Reel Talk	Terry Fuller	Done in Jan Reel Talk

Minutes Secretary and Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

Wanted - aluminium cans

Wanted - Aluminium cans. Mal Head saves them up and takes them to the recyclers when he has enough, and the price is right, and donates all the proceeds to the Club.

Please bring them along to a General Meeting or to Mal's home, but not to Dry Casting.

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

Coming Club events

January Dry Casting

All casters **please come early (no later than 8 am)** and assist with the setting up of the casting courts, targets, etc at the beginning of the day after setting up your own casting gear. Please assist with the retrieval and packing up of the casting equipment at the end of the day's events.

Name tags All casters, please wear your name tag.

When Sunday 6 January 2013. Competition casting starts 8:30am.

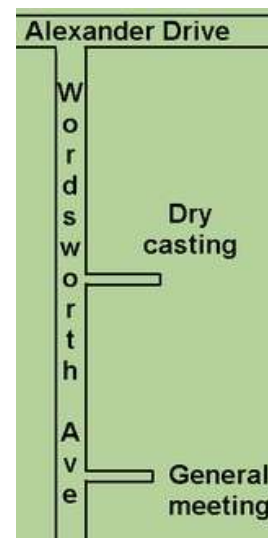
Where Yokine Reserve East, Wordsworth Avenue.

Events Double handed accuracy, Single handed accuracy, 56 gram distance, Artificial bait distance, 112 gram distance.
PLUS Open single handed, to be run after the main events.

Casting order

Month	Seniors, Ladies and Juniors	Veterans
6 January	Accuracy first, then distance	Distance first, then accuracy
3 February	Distance first, then accuracy	Accuracy first, then distance
10 March	Accuracy first, then distance	Distance first, then accuracy
7 April	Distance first, then accuracy	Accuracy first, then distance

Fees \$10 per person, \$12 per family to help cover booking charges for the oval and public liability insurance. Fees must be paid to by 8:00am to allow the collector some time before the 8:30am start. Please let someone know if you are going to be late.



January General meeting

When Wednesday 9 January 2013, 8:00pm.

Where Coolbinia West Perth Amateur Football and Sporting Club room.

Sign In Please remember to have your name ticked on the attendance sheet and buy some raffle tickets. See Jim Strong and the helpers at the front table.

Name tags All members, please wear your name tag.

Instruction period Matching rods with reels, use and setting of drags.

Field Day sign on, fishing and weigh in times

Summer is coming with those long hot days. The proposed sign on, fishing and weigh in times for the next 2 months' Field Days are published in each Reel Talk. If you don't like any the proposed sign on, fishing or weigh in times because of the heat or whatever, there is plenty of time to comment or ask for changes. Contact the Field Day Officer.

If you are not able to be at the venue by the nominated sign on time, or need to leave early, for example for health reasons or other commitments, arrangements can be made for a late sign on, and possibly for an alternative weigh-in at the discretion of the Field Day Officer.

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

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 help or want to fish with someone, ask and arrange to go with other members. This can 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

January Field Day White Hills to Preston

When Saturday/Sunday 12/13 January 2013.

Where:- White Hills to Preston

Boundaries: South wall of the Mandurah Cut to 2 km south of Preston Beach access. New members are encouraged to fish with older members for guidance and help.

Sign On:- Saturday 1 pm at car park at rear of Miami Bake House, 609 Old Coast Road, Falcon.

Lines Down: Saturday 2:30 pm.

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

Times:- 2:30 pm Saturday to 11 am 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 Competition.

Weigh in:- Sunday 11 am at car park at rear of Miami Bake House, 609 Old Coast Road, Falcon.

Tides for Bouvard

Sat	0.28m at	0.91m at
12 Jan	6:05am	10:15pm

Moon up About 12:40 pm

Sun	0.32m at	0.84m at
13 Jan	6:30am	10:30pm

Moon up About 1:35 pm

Sunrises About 5:25 am at 116 deg

Moonrise About 5:45am at 110 deg

Moonset About 7:40 pm at 252 deg

Moon down About 1:15 am

Moonrise About 6:50 am at 106 deg

Moonset About 8:20 pm at 257 deg

Moon down About 2:10 am

Sunsets About 7:25 pm at 244 deg



Local Field Day for January

When Saturday/Sunday 12/13 January 2013.


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

Times:- 2:30 pm Saturday to 11 am 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 Competition.

Weigh in:- Sunday 11 am at G Holman's house. Scales will be available on his back patio. An adult member must witness weights. Field Day money to be left with the scales in an envelope with your name and details written in the carbon copy Field Day book. No money = no points. Results to be phoned to FDO by 8 pm the following night.

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

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

<u>Tides for Fremantle</u>	Sat	0.32m at 1.07m at	<u>Moonrise</u>	About 5:45am at 110 deg	
	12 Jan	6:30am 9:50pm	<u>Moonset</u>	About 7:40 pm at 252 deg	
		<u>Moon up</u> About 12:40 pm	<u>Moon down</u>	About 1:15 am	
	Sun	0.37m at 0.99m at	<u>Moonrise</u>	About 6:50 am at 106 deg	
	13 Jan	6:50am 10:20pm	<u>Moonset</u>	About 8:20 pm at 257 deg	
		<u>Moon up</u> About 1:35 pm	<u>Moon down</u>	About 2:10 am	
		<u>Sunrises</u> About 5:25 am at 116 deg	<u>Sunsets</u>	About 7:25 pm at 244 deg	

January Committee meeting

When Wednesday 16 January, 7:30pm.

Where Coolbinia West Perth Amateur Football and Sporting Club room.

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

February Field Day Cervantes

When Saturday/Sunday 16/17 February 2013

Where:- Cervantes.

Boundaries: Jurien Marina North wall to south side of Cervantes.



Sign On:- Saturday 1 pm at Hill River car park.

Lines Down: Saturday 2 pm.

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

Times:- 2 pm Saturday to 11 am 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 Competition.

Weigh in:- Sunday 11 am at Hill River car park.

<u>Tides for Jurien</u>	Sat	0.54m at 0.90m at	<u>Moonrise</u>	About 11:35am at 72 deg	
	16 Feb	5:05am 1:40pm	<u>Moonset</u>	About 10:40pm at 290 deg	
		<u>Moon up</u> About 5:40 pm	<u>Moon down</u>	About 6:05 am	
	Sun	0.53m at 0.92m at	<u>Moonrise</u>	About 12:30pm at 69 deg	
	17 Feb	5:00am 2:10pm	<u>Moonset</u>	About 11:20pm at 292 deg	
		<u>Moon up</u> About 5:55 pm	<u>Moon down</u>	About 6:20 am	
		<u>Sunrises</u> About 6:00am at 105 deg	<u>Sunsets</u>	About 7:05pm at 255 deg	

Local Field Day for February

When Saturday/Sunday 16/17 February 2013.



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

Times:- 2 pm Saturday to 11 am 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 Competition.

Weigh in:- Sunday 11 am at G Holman's house. Scales will be available on his back patio. An adult member must witness weights. Field Day money to be left with the scales in an envelope with your name and details written in the carbon copy Field Day book. No money = no points. Results to be phoned to FDO by 8 pm the following night.

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

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

<u>Tides for Fremantle</u>	Sat	0.55m at	0.90m at	<u>Moonrise</u>	About 11:35 am at 72 deg	
	16 Feb	5:15am	2:10pm	<u>Moonset</u>	About 10:35 pm at 290 deg	
	<u>Moon up</u>	About 5:40 pm		<u>Moon down</u>	About 6:05 am	
	Sun	0.53m at	0.92m at	<u>Moonrise</u>	About 12:30 pm at 69 deg	
	17 Feb	4:35am	2:50pm	<u>Moonset</u>	About 11:14 pm at 293 deg	
	<u>Moon up</u>	About 5:55 pm		<u>Moon down</u>	About 6:20 am	
	<u>Sunrises</u>	About 5:55 am at 105 deg		<u>Sunsets</u>	About 7:06 pm at 256 deg	

Night cast, Saturday 23 February, 6 pm

This year's 2013 social calendar begins with a night cast at George and Kaye Holman's place. There is a park at the rear of the house with parking available. It is well lit and safe.

The evening starts **6pm**. Please do not get there any earlier as George and Kaye need to get organised and early arrivals only slow them down. Everything is BYO. Don't forget the chairs. A BBQ is available. Bring the family along. This is a fun event and all can take part.

The object is to cast an 56gram weight with a glow stick attached at the target using one hand only, eg single handed casting. The judge for the night will be John Curtis, otherwise known as Mr. Rocky Road. George and Kaye's address is in page 1 of the Reel Talk.

Remember. Parking at rear. BYO everything. Don't get there before 6pm

See you there.

Social Organiser Pat McKeown

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.

23 Deadline for Reel Talk articles, 5pm	16 AAA Event	23 Night cast																		
6 Dry Casting	13 General Meeting	16 17 Field Day	20 Committee Meeting																	
January 2013							February 2013							March 2013						
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
	1	2	3	4	5	6					1	2	3					1	2	3
7	8	9	10	11	12	13	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
28	29	30	31				25	26	27	28				25	26	27	28	29	30	31

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.

Nigel Richards and Sue Heggs, Tayla, Coen and Kal Richards.

Wilf Core.

Secretary and Membership Coordinator, Eric Parker

New member acceptances

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

None this month

Secretary and Membership Coordinator, Eric Parker

Presentation night 2013

The Woodvale Tavern has been booked for Saturday 22 June 2013. 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.

Social Organiser, Pat McKeown

Field Day report Swan and Canning Rivers December 2012

Synopsis. The December 2012 field day was the Swan and Canning Rivers with all fishing the Swan river area. Weather was exceptionally comfortable with the fish not being too aggressive or on the bite –only a few beam and flathead were caught. Some did not get a fish to weigh in.

The results. The sign on was at the December General meeting or by telephone. A total of 6 anglers signed on. Peet and Sandra Wessels, Mark and Wendy Hansen, Peter Pekaar, and Peter Osborne. Peter Pekaar had his son Andrew and brother Robert join him, the latter for Saturday only. Victor and Slavka did not sign on, and did fish for a short period in one of their favourite river spots, but as they did not get a touch they quickly packed up to get involved with other obligations.

Peter Pekaar, Andrew and Robert did fairly well on Flathead. On Saturday afternoon, they all fished together at Freshwater Bay/Crawley area. They walked the walls to find fish and used lures only. Persistence in walking the wall to find fish paid off. Peter and Andrew used Marabou jigs, while brother Robert got many strikes on a hard body minnow style lure.

Unfortunately they did not have a long handle landing net and dropped quite a few fish when trying to lift them up the wall. Flathead can saw through fine monofilament or throw the lure when they shake their head when manoeuvred to the surface or start to lift out of the water.

Peter had a sad story as he dropped one that looked as though would have gone some 80 cm. The jig tail lures worked well but also attracted blowies that tended to bite the jig tails off.

The lures all worked but the hard body lures seemed to attract, on average, a larger specimen. Peter managed to get 3 flathead up on the wall but only a total for the three of 0.48 kg.



Saturday afternoon: Peter 1 fish, Andrew 3 fish and Robert 2 fish from Freshwater Bay/Crawley. The one on the right is that beauty.

The rest of his family are not SCAC members, but had heavier bags. Andrew had 5 fish and nearly twice the weight at 1.31kg, but Robert with his hard body minnow lures captured two flathead with one that went 0.63kg.

Peet and Sandra Wessels went well up river to various spots chasing bream, with lots of hours expended, quite a number of bream landed but nearly all were undersize. However Peet did manage two that were size giving him the heaviest bag and heaviest fish for our competition at 0.56 and 0.32 kg respectively. Sandra got one of 0.24 kg.

I only fished Sunday morning. Just before sun-up saw me at the Narrows Bridge on the south side wall. Hoping for a mulloway I was optimistic, but thought processes were not good enough.



Sunday morning: - Andrew's 2 fish and Peter's 2 fish (Canning area)

Nil, except some excitement with my set heavy line, ratchet screamed, rod bent double and for a few seconds thought all my Christmases had come at once. However the heart stopper was a pelican that swam into my line while swimming and then he attempted to fly off. Had thoughts of how the h... am I going to lift this excited bird up the wall and untangle hooks, sinkers etc. But luck was with me here as he was only lightly tangled on his feet as when I got him up the wall the line untangled and he flew off. Phew.

Then I went to the Garret Road Bridge to try for bream. I have had success here in the past and in the long distant past got a 5 kg mulloway on my bream rod. However this time I only managed a few undersize bream, yellowtail grunter and one size bream, the same size as Sandra's of 0.24 kg.

We need do a lot more research as to where fish are in the Swan for future field days here. The Pekaars did show us there are some fish to be caught if you know where and use the right gear.



Andrew Pekaar shows how it is done. A future SCAC member?

As expected, attendances were down, most due to being close to Christmas and having social obligations with friends and family.

However, hope to see you at our January field day at White Hills.

Tight lines

Field Officer, Peter Osborne

Sportsperson of the Year winners for December 2012

Best scale fish	Peet Wessels	Black Bream	0.32 kg
Best bag of scale fish	Peet Wessels	Black Bream	0.56 kg

Field day section winners for December 2012

Best scale fish	Peet Wessels	Black Bream	0.32 kg
Best bag of scale fish	Peter Pekaar	Flathead	0.48 kg

Catch results and points for December Field Day

Angler	Weight	Species	Fish	Points
Peet Wessels	0.56 kg	1	2	65.6
Peter Pekaar	0.48 kg	1	3	64.8
Peter Osborne	0.24 kg	1	1	62.4
Sandra Wessels	0.24 kg	1	1	62.4
Mark Hansen				50
Wendy Hansen				50

Points include Field day and December General meeting points. Species weighed at the Swan River Field day were flathead and black bream.

Field Day top scores for 2012/13

Total scores up to and including December Field day and 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 2013, and adjusted scores will be published after that.

Name	Points	Rank	Name	Points	Rank	Name	Points	Rank
Peter Osborne	1399.6	1	Greg Keet	295.1	12	Jeff Hewton	104	23
Peet Wessels	928	2	Justin Rose	264.9	13	Josh Gorringe	99	24
George Holman	741	3	John Crompton	264.5	14	Christian Wearmouth	85.8	25
Sandra Wessels	732.3	4	Francis Ford	251.8	15	Thomas Wearmouth	84.4	26
Martin Wearmouth	466.6	5	Ian Taggart	242.3	16	Emma Wignell	73.2	27
Mark Hansen	439.2	6	Debbie Korin	198.2	17	Peter Pekaar	64.8	28
Slavka Schilo	426.5	7	Theo Van Niekerk	177.6	18	Geoff Raftis	59.7	29
Victor Schilo	397.9	8	Eddie Korin	174.1	19	Beverley Grigo	40	30
Pat McKeown	386	9	Wendy Hansen	166.2	20	Raymond Walker	40	31
Shane Wignell	370.5	10	Morgan Keet	160.8	21	Chris Stickells	34.5	32
Sarah Wignell	321.3	11	Francis Gaudin	115.7	22	Allan Jones	20	33

Field Day sections 2012/13

Up to and including November 2012 Field Day.

1A	Best scale fish (1st six months)	Peet Wessels	Mulloway	7.8 kg	June
1B	Best scale fish (2nd six months)	Peter Osborne	Mackerel	1.67 kg	Nov
2	Most meritorious fish	To be awarded by Committee			
3	Best Shark (4.5kg min)	Justin Rose	Shark	6.1 kg	Nov
4	Best Mulloway (2.0kg min)	Peet Wessels	Mulloway	7.8 kg	June
5	Best Tailor (1.0kg min)	Peter Osborne	Tailor	1.22 kg	Sep
6	Best Salmon (3kg min)	George Holman	Salmon	3.79 kg	Sep
7	Best Skipjack Trevally (0.5 kg min)	Peet Wessels	Skipjack Trevally	1.42 kg	Aug
8	Best Mackerel (2kg Min)				
9	Best scale fish (other than above)	Sandra Wessels	Yellowtail Kingfish	4.72 kg	Aug
10	Best bag of scale fish	Peter Osborne	Mixed Bag	15.04 kg	Aug
11	Best bag of Mulloway (2 fish Min)				
12	Best bag of Tailor (2 fish Min)	Peter Osborne	Tailor	6.1 kg	Nov
13	Best fish on S/H rod 4kg b/s line (max)				
14	Best fish caught on fly rod	Frank Gaudin	Wrasse	0.54 kg	May

Barron Lure competition 2012/13

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

The rules for this competition are the same as for the Club's Open fishing competition, plus fish must be caught on a popper lure, and a single fish cannot win more than one of the Barron Lure sections.

Heaviest Tailor on Lure. Justin Rose 2.2kg Tailor caught at Wilbinga
Heaviest Salmon on Lure. No entry yet
Heaviest Scale Fish on Lure. No entry yet

Please wear your name tag at Club events

The heading says it all. New members and visitors will be grateful.

If you don't have a name tag, please make one or contact Secretary Eric Parker.

Open fishing competition 2012/13

The Open Competition is for fish caught 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. Section listings have been updated to match the current Competition Rules.

Section	For	Minimum weight	Entry
1	Most meritorious capture	None	To be awarded by Committee
2	Best Shark	4.5 kg	
3	Best Mulloway	5.0 kg	Peter Osborne, 8.9kg at Kalbarri
4	Best Salmon	3.5 kg	
5	Best Flathead	0.5 kg	
6	Best Tailor	1.5 kg	Mal Head, 2.6kg at Red Bluff, Kalbarri
7	Best Samson Fish	5.0 kg	
8	Best fish on single handed rod maximum 4kg line class	Legal size	
9	Best Pink Snapper	2.0 kg	Martin Wearmouth, 5.2kg at Hill River
10	Best Tarwhine	0.5 kg	
11	Best Mackerel	4.0 kg	
12	Best Skipjack Trevally (southern)	1.0 kg	
13	Best Trevally (northern)	4.0 kg	
14	Best Snook/Pike	0.5 kg	
15	Best Black or Yellow finned Bream	0.6 kg	Victor Schilo, 0.68kg caught in Swan River
16	Best scale fish other than sections 3 - 15	2.0 kg	
17	Best fish caught on fly rod.	Legal size	

Update to Species Badge competition

No qualifying fish were caught or entered during December. See lists in earlier Reel Talks. Some members are close to the 10 species needed to qualify for a badge.

Recorder John Curtis

Local fishing closures

The seasonal spawning protection closure for Pink Snapper in Cockburn and Warnbro Sounds finishes midnight 31 January.

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

Deadline for Reel Talk articles and reports

The Reel Talk needs to be out during the week before the first Club event for that month. I try to get the Reel Talk printed and posted on the Monday for metro area delivery on the Tuesday or during that week, however public / Australia Post holidays can change that. Can I please have all general articles and reports for the

February Reel Talk no later than 5 pm Wednesday 23 January.

March Reel Talk no later than 5 pm Thursday 21 February.

April Reel Talk no later than 5 pm Thursday 28 March.

Please contact me if any item will be late. I really appreciate getting any articles well **before** the deadline, please.

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

Dry Casting report 2 December 2012

The wind for the December dry casting day was nothing short of awful which made casting very difficult, to say the least. Not only were the distance scores down but accuracy as well.

The attendance was good with 23 casters in all. It was good to see Wilf Core once again, who incidentally started off his accuracy averaging 19 for the first 5 casts but later fell in a hole. It must have been the pressure Wilf. Hope to see you again next month.

Jeff Hewton was knocking on the door in artificial bait, being only 2 metres behind Peter Pekaar. Well done Jeff.

Two of the better distance casts for the day were not outstanding, but good casts considering the conditions. They were

56 gram	Andrew Pekaar	134 metres
112 gram	Peter Pekaar	158 metres

Seniors results

56 gram	Andrew Pekaar	134 metres	Artificial bait	Peter Pekaar	119 metres
	Andrew Pekaar	121 metres		Peter Pekaar	118 metres
	Jeff Hewton	113 metres		Jeff Hewton	117 metres
112 gram	Peter Pekaar	158 metres	Double handed accuracy	Jeff Hewton	99
	Peter Pekaar	138 metres		Peter Pekaar	98
	Andrew Pekaar	138 metres		Andrew Pekaar	95

Single handed accuracy	Mark Hansen	34
	Andrew Pekaar	30
	Shane Wignell	22

Veterans results

56 gram	George Holman	120 metres	Artificial bait	George Holman	106 metres
	Bob Henderson	110 metres		Ron Thomas	105 metres
	Ron Thomas	106 metres		George Holman	104 metres
112 gram	George Holman	134 metres	Double handed accuracy	George Holman	144
	Ron Thomas	131 metres		Ron Thomas	139
	Ron Thomas	125 metres		Bob Henderson	135

Single handed accuracy	Peter Osborne	29
	Ron Thomas	29
	Bob Henderson	27
	George Holman	27

Ladies winner Debbie Korin, Juniors Sarah Wignell, Mini juniors Owen Williams

Some of scores throughout the competition were very close which made for a very competitive day. See you all next month.

Assistant Dry Casting Officer Ron Thomas

Dry Casting winners for 2 December 2012

Event	Seniors winner		Veterans winner		Ladies winner	
56 gram Score	26	Andrew Pekaar	20	Ron Thomas	8	Debbie Korin
56 gram Distance	134	Andrew Pekaar	120	George Holman	53	Debbie Korin
Artificial Bait Score	24	Peter Pekaar	21	George Holman	2	Debbie Korin
Artificial Bait Distance	119	Peter Pekaar	106	George Holman	15	Debbie Korin
112 gram Score	30	Peter Pekaar	26	Ron Thomas	7	Debbie Korin
112 gram Distance	158	Peter Pekaar	134	George Holman	46	Debbie Korin
Double Handed Acc.	99	Jeff Hewton	144	George Holman	22	Debbie Korin
Single Handed Acc.	34	Mark Hansen	29	Ron Thomas, Peter Osborne	2	Debbie Korin
Section Highest Points	221	Andrew Pekaar	245	Ron Thomas	61	Debbie Korin

Event	Juniors winner		Mini Juniors winner	
56 gram Score	8	Sarah Wignell	7	Owen Williams
56 gram Distance	43	Sarah Wignell	37	Owen Williams
Artificial Bait Score	7	Sarah Wignell	9	Owen Williams
Artificial Bait Distance	39	Sarah Wignell	48	Owen Williams
112 gram Score	7	Sarah Wignell	11	Owen Williams
112 gram Distance	36	Sarah Wignell	57	Owen Williams
Double Handed Acc.	35	Sarah Wignell	39	Owen Williams
Single Handed Acc.	5	Sarah Wignell	20	Owen Williams
Section Highest Points	72	Sarah Wignell	96	Owen Williams

Event	Overall winner for December		Year's best for 2012/2013	
56 gram Score	26	Andrew Pekaar	31	Peter Pekaar, George Holman
56 gram Distance	134	Andrew Pekaar	161	Peter Pekaar
Artificial Bait Score	24	Peter Pekaar	32	Peter Pekaar
Artificial Bait Distance	119	Peter Pekaar	172	Peter Pekaar
112 gram Score	30	Peter Pekaar	38	Peter Pekaar
112 gram Distance	158	Peter Pekaar	196	Peter Pekaar
Double Handed Acc.	144	George Holman	167	Malcolm Head
Single Handed Acc.	34	Mark Hansen	34	Allan Jones, Mark Hansen
Section Highest Points	245	Ron Thomas	294	George Holman

Dry Casting top scores for 2012/13

Total scores up to and including December casting and 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. The winners will be announced at the Presentation of Trophies in June 2013, and adjusted scores will be published after that.

Name	Points	Rank	Name	Points	Rank	Name	Points	Rank
George Holman	2066	1	Greg Keet	672	16	Bev Grigo	249	31
Terry Fuller	1867	2	Geoff Raftis	648	17	Eddie Korin	255	32
Ron Thomas	1767	3	Morgan Keet	591	18	Francis Ford	227	33
Peter Pekaar	1746	4	Mark Hansen	534	19	Tony D'Alonzo	172	34
Peter Osborne	1505	5	Shane Wignell	507	20	Andy Thorgersen	130	35
Jeff Hewton	1418	6	Felicity Keet	418	21	Debbie Korin	112	36
Eric Parker	1268	7	Andrew Pekaar	402	22	Jane Keet	107	37
Gary Gildersleeves	1210	8	Sarah Wignell	374	23	Chris Stickells	93	38
Bob Henderson	1195	9	Owen Williams	347	24	Marcia Pekaar	80	39
John Crompton	1092	10	Wilf Core	341	25	Jim Strong	28	40
Allan Jones	934	11	Olivia Keet	334	26	John Curtis	20	41
Malcolm Head	873	12	Victor Schilo	332	27	Jack McQuillan	10	42
Dean Stewart	870	13	Ray Walker	309	28	Wendy Hansen	10	43
Trevor Stam	804	14	Mick Burgin	287	29			
Pat McKeown	715	15	Alan Hale	269	30			

Field day venues and boundaries 2012/13

"Away" venues and boundaries for the 2012/13 competition year were decided and confirmed by the members at the April 2012 General Meeting. Areas exclude any no fishing zones which may be within the boundaries. The full year's list is on page 16 of the May 2012 Reel Talk.

Now these away venues and boundaries have been decided and confirmed by the members, they will not be changed. The FDO will still have the option, on the day, with the agreement of the people who have signed on, to make changes to cater for unfishable or dangerous conditions on the day (eg high winds, huge swell or extensive seaweed.)

Local field days are run every month **except** when the main venue includes the metro area or when the main venue specifies closer or shorter boundaries in the metro area. Local field day boundaries are from Penguin Island sand spit to north wall of the Two Rocks Marina, including the Swan and Canning Rivers, the North and South Mole, and with fishing times the same as for the away field day. Full details for the coming 2 months are included in each Reel Talk.

Month	"Away" Venue	Dates	Distance / boundaries / details
Jan 2013	White Hills to Preston	12/13 Jan 2013	<i>Short - medium.</i> 110 km. South wall of the Mandurah Cut to 2 km south of Preston Beach access.
Feb 2013	Cervantes	16/17 Feb 2013	<i>Medium.</i> 200 km. Jurien Marina north wall to south side of Cervantes
Mar 2013	Bluff Creek	2/3/4 Mar 2013 Sat / Sun / Mon long weekend	<i>Long.</i> 490 km. Dunsy Beach (about 15 km west of Albany) to as far as you can walk past the rocks at the eastern end of Bluff Creek.
Apr 2013	Capes South	13/14 Apr 2013	<i>Medium.</i> 310 km. Mouth of Margaret River to mouth of Blackwood River at Augusta.

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

Calendar for competition years 2012 - 14

The calendar for the full 2012/13 competition year May 2012 to April 2013 is on page 18 of the April 2012 Reel Talk. A calendar for the next 3 months is published in each Reel Talk.

The draft calendar for 2013/14 is on page 28 of the November Reel Talk.

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

Suggestions for field days for 2013/14

See the articles "Deciding Field day venues" on pages 26 to 28 of the October Reel Talk, and "Suggestions for field days for 2013/14" and list of dates and a calendar on pages 26 to 28 of the November Reel Talk.

If you have any ideas, please put your suggestions in to the Committee, and list the venues on the coloured form included with the November Reel Talk.

Please Note the change to the venue for the AAAWA State Estuary fishing championships, Sat/Sun 23/24 November 2013, Swan/Canning River (venue changed, was previously listed as Blackwood River, Augusta), and if this changes any of your suggestions you have already put in, please put in amended suggestions.

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.

In the draw to be held at the Presentation night in late June 2013, all members who have been accepted into the club between July 2012 and June 2013 will be in a draw to receive 1 year's free membership, valued at up to \$120. The free membership will be the same type as they held in 2012/13, that is, single, or family membership, etc.

This offer is aimed at attracting new members to join the Club.

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

President's report for December

I had my Christmas present on 20 December when I called in to see Eric Sullivan's wife Margaret to see how Eric was travelling, as he had been in hospital very ill, to be greeted by Eric at the door and looking great. He now gets around in a wheelchair and has life decisions, like sell his four-wheel-drive and caravan, but he and Marg are up and at them which is great to see. Best of all he was home for Christmas to be with wife and family and Marg is all smiles again. Have an enjoyable 2013 from us all.

Our Christmas meeting saw a very good attendance, including six visitors, and after the formal part socialising was the program. Thanks to Pat McKeown Santa's presents were handed out and the fare provided was enjoyed by all. It took a while for members to leave, so they must have been enjoying themselves.

A highlight of the meeting was a surprise visit from Andrew Matthews, the chairman of Recfishwest and an even more surprised Terry Fuller who was the recipient of a special presentation from Recfishwest thanking him for the work he has done over the past nine years for our State peak recreational fishing body and recreational anglers. Our President of AAAWA John Curtis had a hand in the surprise as well. Congratulations Terry from us all as the award was well deserved and we appreciate your help and guidance you have given us all.

Ray Walker and Allan Jones went to Kalbarri to supervise work on our club property and take up the new freezer and other items and also do some work. As a result our property is now first class with the bathroom, toilet and shower completely renovated and sparkling new. I am sure we will receive the benefit of a lot of repeat bookings as a result. With members like these, our club can only keep moving forward. Thanks from us all.

Pat McKeown has organised a night cast at the Holman's on 23 February so get ready for the barbecue and cast and a great social night. We even have a fully lit car park now.

There will be a meeting of anyone interested in going to Caloundra in August 2013 for the AAA National Championships. The meeting will be held at the Sportsman's Association premises on Monday 4 February at 8pm. This is for casting, boating, beach and estuary fishing and all divisions from juniors to veterans. You don't have to be a champion to compete and any club member who would like to go is welcome. Now is the time to start planning and if you need information please ask.

Peter Osborne wants more input into our selection of field day venues for our next season, so please oblige and have your preferences in by the next meeting. If you are not going to all events just put in for the months you will be going and your preferred location.

Well another year concludes and we now look forward to 2013. Best wishes for the festive season from your committee and may 2013 be a fulfilling one with enjoyable events and good company.

I found 2012 had a lot of achievements and one major loss but the camaraderie and the way you all worked together has made my job as your presiding officer a very pleasant and enjoyable one. Thank you all.

George Holman, President 2012/13

Happy birthday to

John Lee, 9 January

Pat McKeown, 18 January

Andy Thorgersen, 26 January

Emma Wignell, 27 January

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

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

Social Organisers report December 2012

I hope you enjoyed the Christmas and New Year. Another year marches on. They all seem so fast.

The Christmas wind up was well attended. Many thanks to all that supplied eats and gifts for the night.

It's good to see members wearing their club shirts complete with name badge. This helps visitors and new members identify who belongs to the club.

Hats and shirts are available. Even Kaye Holman has a hat and is talking about buying a shirt.

Kaye will look good walking with George, both in club colours. Well done Kaye.

Keep tuned for upcoming events. Remember if you have a special place you would like to go to just let the Social Organiser know. Don't keep it a secret so we can all enjoy it.

Social Organiser Pat McKeown

Night cast, Saturday 23 February, 6 pm

This year's 2013 social calendar begins with a night cast at George and Kaye Holman's place. There is a park at the rear of the house with parking available. It is well lit and safe.

The evening starts **6pm**. Please do not get there any earlier as George and Kaye need to get organised and early arrivals only slow them down

Everything is BYO. Don't forget the chairs. A BBQ is available. Bring the family along. This is a fun event and all can take part.

The object is to cast an 56gram weight with a glow stick attached at the target using one hand only, eg single handed casting. The judge for the night will be John Curtis, otherwise known as Mr. Rocky Road.

George and Kaye's address is in page 1 of the Reel Talk.

Remember. Parking at rear. BYO everything. Don't get there before 6pm

See you there.

Social Organiser Pat McKeown

How to get to night cast and barbecue

Directions to get to the parking area at the back of George and Kaye Holman's place.

Nearest major intersection: Traffic lights at the Marmion Avenue/Warwick Road intersection.

From that intersection, go south to Freeman Way, turn west into Freeman Way, go past the roundabout into the north going part of Freeman Way.

Turn left west into Clontarf Street, turn right north into Parnell Avenue, turn first left west into parking area alongside the grassed reserve.

There are barriers at the end of that parking area.

Can also come from the south along Marmion avenue, turn west into Freeman Way and as above.

Or go along West Coast Drive, turn east into Clontarf Street, turn north into Parnell Ave and as above.

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

Please wear your name tag at Club events

The heading says it all. New members and visitors will be grateful.

If you don't have a name tag, please make one or contact Secretary Eric Parker.

Rottnest Field days, May and August

Rottnest has been the venue for some great Field days over many years with people catching great fish from all over the island. However these days advance booking requirements and costs and availability of accommodation and transport to and on the Island introduce some serious restrictions.

Accommodation cannot be accessed until 2pm and must be vacated by 9am. These times do not allow a morning arrival and departure the next morning or afternoon and still allow enough time for fishing and travel on the island using the usual or preferred Field day fishing times of midday Saturday to midday Sunday.

In recent years, to get past these timing problems, accommodation for the May and August field days has been booked for three nights, Friday to Sunday. Members travel by ferry at 6:30pm on Friday afternoon and return on Monday morning at 8:30 or 11:30am.

Bus transport must also be booked, since the times for publicly available buses do not suit fishing. Buses have been booked leaving the settlement at 11am and leaving West End at about 7:30pm. Bicycles can be used of course.

While what happens in 2013 is yet to be determined, in recent years Salmon and Tailor have not been as prolific as previous years, however particularly in August, Radar Reef has produced some spectacular Yellowtail Kingfish and Skipjack Trevally catches in late afternoon. Wilsons, adjacent to Radar can also produce a mixed bag of miscellaneous fish throughout the day. While dependant on tides and swell, it must be noted that Radar fishing involves wading/reef fishing and for safety, needs the use of a wet suit.

To maximize the enjoyment in recent years, the emphasis in recent Field days has been for two fishing sessions on Saturday afternoon and Sunday afternoon fishing at Radar Reef and nearby areas, requiring wetsuits and subject to the tide heights, wind and swell. Although the allowable fishing times include Sunday morning, members have not generally fished then.

These arrangements may not suit members who

1. Cannot travel Friday and/or return Monday
2. Do not wish to or are not able or equipped to fish reefs like Radar Reef, and/or
3. Would like to fish other areas of Rottnest island.

Autumn and winter ferry time tables are not available until close to the Summer/Autumn/Winter changeover times. Times for ferries from Perth or Fremantle to Rottnest (obtained from www.rotnnestexpress.com.au/ 2 years ago) show it is possible for people to travel on Saturday and meet the others and use the hired bus. It is also possible for people to return from Rottnest on Sunday. The ferry has not run from Hillarys in May or August in recent years.

A timetable for the Rottnest Bayseeker public bus can be obtained from the Rottnest website <http://www.rotnnestisland.com> The most westerly stop is Stop 10 at the Roland Smith Memorial, and that is about a 2.5 kilometre walk from the fishing spots near Radar Reef, so is not really a practical option.

Advance booking requirements mean that accommodation needs to be booked and paid for well in advance of decisions on the venues for each competition year, or it may not be available later.

The making of and paying for any advance bookings does NOT mean that the Rottnest venue is automatically chosen and cannot be changed. As with all venues, the decision is made by the majority vote of members.

If some members would like to fish at Rottnest at some other places and times within the usual midday Saturday to midday Sunday field day fishing times, then please put in your suggestions and consider how this could be arranged.

Some alternatives are to organize drop-off/pickups when the bus travels to/from Radar, extra bus times (at extra cost), or walking or cycling to various destinations within a manageable distance from the accommodation.

Considering the cost etc of the Rottnest Field days, it is quite understandable that members want to get the most fishing experience possible in the time they are on the island.

However the club needs to set up field day venues and fishing times which attract as many members as possible.

There is nothing preventing a member from fishing extra sessions before or after the designated field day times. The enjoyment of catching fish (or just fishing) should be the same whether or not the catch is eligible for the Field day weigh in.

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

Induction / information / training sessions

Several members have requested that there be some training sessions held for new members and include other not so new members.

Sessions have been run during 2012. Future sessions will be held on a Friday night late in the month on dates to be advised. The sessions will run from 7:30 to 9:30pm and will be held in the carport workshop at John Curtis' home in Padbury. John has taught a beach fishing class for many years at TAFE and has notes from that course as well as other equipment.

Invitation is open to any member of the club to attend on the condition that they indicate their intention at the previous club meeting, or by advising John in advance of their intention to attend. Groups will be limited to a maximum of 10 with no minimum number required to run a session. Members will need to bring their own pliers, cutters and a pen and notebook.

Can members wishing to attend please advise me prior to the event and also bring items as above.

John Curtis

Bookings for Kalbarri house in 2012-13

See the article on the inside back cover of Reel Talk. Members of clubs affiliated with the Australian Anglers Association WA Division receive a **20% discount** on the public rates for rental of the Kalbarri house.

The Club's Kalbarri house has bookings for the following dates, inclusive. Tenants will leave by 10 am on the last date shown and the property can be booked for the afternoon/evening of the day of the last date shown. All other dates not listed are currently available. This list is at 26 December and does not include any bookings or changes which may have been made between then and whenever you read this. Contact Property Officer Ray Walker for bookings.

Jan 2013	1 Jan to 7 Jan,	18 Jan to 20 Jan	April 2013	6 April to 20 April
Oct 2013	19 Oct to 31 Oct		Nov 2013	1 Nov to 10 Nov

Property Officer, Ray Walker

Payments into SCAC bank account

Payments to the Club may be made by direct deposit into the Club's bank account. Details are Westpac Bank, BSB 036 059, Account 880334, Name Surf Casting and Angling Club of WA General Account.

Treasurer, Terry Fuller

Heavy duty sewing

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

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UHF channel guide

See page 26 of the December 2012 Reel Talk or on the Club web site at <http://www.surfcasters.iinet.net.au/UHF-ChannelGuide.pdf>

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Future AAWA State Championships

AAWA holds four State Championships each year. See the list for coming years on page 22 of the December 2012 Reel Talk.

AAWA Delegate, Terry Fuller

AAWA 2012 State Estuary Championships

Were held on Saturday 24 and Sunday 25 November in Cockburn Sound, from Garden Island Causeway to a line between the northern end of Carnac Island and Woodman Point, and in the Swan and Canning rivers down to the Fremantle Traffic Bridge.

Results are on the AAWA website at <http://www.aaawa.iinet.net.au/EstuaryMain.html>

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2013 AAA National Convention and Championships

Information about the 2013 AAA National Convention and Championships, Caloundra, Queensland is on the AAWA website.

This has Convention information, Newsletters Issues 1, 2, 3 and 4, the program of events, maps of competition areas, and 92 photos of the area taken by John Curtis in August 2012. Check the link <http://www.aaawa.iinet.net.au/2013Convention/index.html>

Contact Terry Fuller if you don't have Internet access and would like printouts of any of these.

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

Ron's fishing poem

Travelling slowly south to north
To fish for whatever the ocean sends forth
Out on the rocks at early dawn
Before some people even yawn
Hoping the waves are down in size
And yet again the tide will rise
Some people may think I am insane
But tomorrow I will be there again
All of a sudden my line goes taut
Maybe another fish will be caught
But no it is not to be
Another fish swims off to be free
As I turn around for a gaze
It never ceases to amaze
The grey nomads by the score
Vans and buses and even more

Along this majestic coastline of cliffs and beaches
I see a giant mammal for the sky it reaches
The reason not known for you or I
But they will continue until they die
At Quobba I love the people I love the coast
Out on the rocks where I can boast
At catching fish by the score
Cobia, snapper and lots, lots more
I never get tired of places like this
Looking out over the ocean is total bliss
Come next year I will be here again
If God permits it will be the same
Out on the rocks to catch a feed
Never to take any more than I need

Written by Ron Thomas

Outcomes of review of recreational fishing rules

Background. On 22 February 2012, the Department of Fisheries released a 54 page draft strategy with the stated aim to help simplify Western Australia's recreational fishing rules. Recfishwest urged every recreational fisher in WA to give their comments on this draft strategy. The original proposals were summarised on pages 24-27 of the March 2012 Reel Talk.

In 2003, when some of the current rules were bought in, I was very concerned about the quality of decisions being made by the Department of Fisheries. After not getting acceptable responses from the Department staff, I represented some of those proposed rules to the then

Minister for Fisheries, and I succeeded in getting significant changes. Details are on the AAAWA website.

Having this background, I was very interested in how the proposals could "simplify and standardise" the rules in this very complex topic covering such a big State. Up until October 2012, I was the Recfishwest Board member nominated by the Australian Anglers Association, and had a responsibility to inform AAAWA Delegates and members of this Club of the hidden ramifications of the proposals - and there were many negatives.

The proposed bag limit and possession changes would have had a significant effect on all recreational fishermen, and a particularly large negative effect on shore based fishermen and holidaying or travelling fishermen. I put in a very detailed personal submission arguing against some of these changes.

In my opinion, the proposals in FMP252 were poorly structured and poorly presented, which was very disappointing after the time and effort which had been taken to advise the Department staff on the things recreational fishers thought were important. And also after all the discussion about poor justifications for restricting recreational fishing in the proposals for sanctuary/no fishing zones in Marine Parks.

Some of the public comments were scathing about the poor quality of some the Department's proposals, which did not have *any* sustainability justifications for the significant restrictions they proposed. They also did not have any detailed objectives, current catch data, targets for future catches, expected outcomes, etc, against which any changes could be assessed over time. All of these, and more, should have been included in any proper professional proposal to manage and control and restrict fishing.

RFW reported there was a great deal of argument from recreational fishers about the direction that the Department has taken for these proposals. In many instances, the Department has made proposals based on what that organisation perceived to be socially acceptable. This has led to a lot of anger from the public, because people want to see changes based on evidence, not on ideology or fuzzy untested concepts like socially acceptable.

The WA Government has a clear, published policy on fisheries, which should have been followed. Comments from my personal submission were quoted in the RFW summary: *"If, as it seems, these reductions are not justified by catch data and for sustainability reasons, then the statements on page 6 of WA Government Fisheries Policy Statement, March 2012; **"will ensure the long-term sustainability of Western Australia's fish and aquatic resources, and seek to optimise the socio-economic benefits of those resources, within the overarching requirement of stock sustainability...and will be underpinned by investment in sound science"**, are not being followed."* It is completely unacceptable to have a clear policy and then propose changes which ignore that policy.

Fishers would rightly criticise and would reject any proposal from any other organisations which sought to restrict fishing using such flimsy explanations and lack of data and poor explanations and justification.

Summary of public comments, and response by Recfishwest.

On 26 November 2012, Recfishwest released a 31 page response "Consultative outcomes and recommendations on Fisheries Management Paper 252" with summaries of the public comments and Recfishwest's recommendations for changed rules. These were presented to the Department of Fisheries and the Minister for Fisheries. The paper is on the RFW website at http://www.recfishwest.org.au/images/PDF/Submission/Consultation_report_state-wide_review_FINAL_DRAFT_Web.pdf

That paper shows that some of the proposals were rejected by RFW, and some others were heavily modified, so that there are very significant differences between the final decisions and the original proposals from the Department of Fisheries.

Summary of new fishing rules

On 18 December, the Minister announced that new rules will apply Statewide from 1 February 2013. These are covered in a new "Recreational fishing guide 2013"

http://www.fish.wa.gov.au/Documents/recreational_fishing/recreational_fishing_guide/rules_guide_statewide.pdf This single guide replaces the current four regional guides.

The 43 page document has considerable detail and needs to be read very carefully. The rules have been changed, and have been standardised to some degree, but simplifying the rules was never going to be possible to the degree that some people wanted or might have expected.

Please be aware that a summary cannot cover all the details, and many questions you may have will not be answered by a summary.

Please do not believe ***anything*** you read in the media, see on TV, hear on radio or are told by some person. There are many details, and some first media reports and even some media releases contained some significant mistakes. The Guide is the definitive reference.

Please obtain a copy of the new guide, read this very carefully, so that you understand all the details which are in and which are not in, and how these differ from the current rules. Take this guide with you when fishing.

Remember these new rules apply from 1 February 2013.

Proposal 1 - Resource-based approach

That a resource-based approach is adopted for the management of recreational fishing that focuses on managing fish species within the following zones:

- Freshwater - mid to upper non-saline reaches of rivers and in freshwater lakes and dams;
- Estuarine and nearshore - estuarine waters and from the beach seawards to a depth of 20 metres;
- Demersal - from 20 metres deep to the edge of the Exclusive Economic Zone (200 nautical miles from shore);
- Pelagic - includes the pelagic fishes in the water column above the Demersal groups of fishes.

RFW response. Recfishwest supports this proposal in principle. Note that these boundaries are nominal, and that some species live in more than one zone.

Proposal 2 - State-wide finfish possession limit

RFW response. Recfishwest does not support the proposed changes to possession limits.

RFW recommendation. The current possession limit options to be left in place, with the exemption of fish head, tails and wings. Three options being:

- 20kg of fillets* or pieces of fish of any fish species; **or**,
- 10kg of fillets or pieces of fish plus one day's bag limit of whole fish; **or**
- Two days' bag limit of whole fish.

* Fish heads, tails and wings are not included in the fillet weight possession limit.

The guide shows these 3 options but does not mention the exemption for heads, tails and wings. These may be specified in the Fish Resources Management Act Regulations, but should have also been included in the Guide because this is a topic which has caused a lot of confusion. Check future Reel Talks for an article when the Regulations are published.



Note. These possession limits are maximums, they apply Statewide including in your place of permanent residence, and some logically require you to have fished on 2 or more days. Daily bag limits for numbers of fish also apply.

Proposal 3 - Unaccompanied fish

That unaccompanied recreationally caught fish cannot be transported by commercial courier businesses.

RFW response. Recfishwest supports this proposal. The Guide says "You must accompany your fish if transporting it by land, sea or air."

Proposal 4 - Landing fish. Applies to fishing from boats and bringing fish on to land, and do not apply if fishing from land.

Fish with a minimum size limit can be carried at sea and landed in the following forms:

- Filleted, skin and scale on; minimum fillet length of 30cm length;
- Trunked*, skin and scale on; minimum trunk length of 30cm length; or
- Whole (can be gutted and gilled)

Fish with a maximum size limit must be carried at sea and landed whole, except shark.

Fish without a size limit can be carried at sea and landed in the following forms:

- Filleted, skin on; or
- Trunked* (a fish with its head and/or tail removed), skin on; or
- Whole (can be gutted and gilled).

RFW response. Recfishwest supports this proposal. The Guide has the same.

Proposal 5 - Bag limits and size limits for finfish. See the FMP paper for the list of species and size limits as proposed by Dept of Fisheries. These proposed changes affected all fishers and particularly severely for shore bound fishers, eg members of this Club.

RFW response. Recfishwest does not support the bag and size limit tables as proposed by the Department. Recfishwest proposed alternative groupings and bag limits. See the RFW paper for details.

The Guide lists the following. See also the note about size limits and groupings of species.

Demersal finfish. High vulnerability due to biological characteristics (e.g. long-lived, late maturing, large maximum size, sex change, limited distribution or small stock size, late maturing reproduction, etc) .

South Coast, Gascoyne, North Coast Bioregions: All species have an **individual bag limit of 3** and a **mixed species daily bag limit of 5** (unless otherwise specified) per fisher, or licensed fisher when taken from a boat. South Coast an additional individual bag limit of 8 Bight redfish and an individual bag limit of 8 swallowtail. Note some fish species have a bag limit of 1 or 5.

West Coast Bioregion (as per existing arrangements) Mixed species daily bag limit, **2 per angler**. Closed season 15 October to 15 December for demersal finfish. West Coast demersal is subject to a review due in 2013 which may change the limits.

Large Pelagic Finfish and Sharks/Rays. Moderate/high vulnerability.

State-wide. Mixed species daily bag limit - **3 per fisher** or licensed fisher when taken from a boat. Billfish limit 1.

Nearshore/Estuarine Finfish. Moderate vulnerability.

State-wide mixed species daily bag limit of **16 per fisher**, or licensed fisher when taken from a boat. Species in this category have individual bag limits of 2, 4, 6, 8 or 12. **Note** Dept of Fisheries had proposed reducing this mixed species daily bag limit to 8 however that was rejected.

Freshwater Finfish.

State-wide mixed species daily bag limit of 4 per fisher, or licensed fisher when taken from a boat.

All other species of Finfish. All other unlisted species of fish (except baitfish and feral fresh water species) Lower/moderate vulnerability.

State-wide mixed species bag limit of **30 per fisher**. No size limits for species in this category.

Baitfish. A combined daily bag limit of nine litres applies to baitfish of the sardine, anchovy and hardyhead families (Atherinidae, Clupeidae and Engraulidae).

Note on size limits. Size limits have not changed in this review. FMP 252 made one specific statement which prevented some changes which may otherwise have been made as part of such an important review. This was *"There are no proposals to change minimum size limits. A review of size limits that will involve consultation with the recreational and commercial sectors will be undertaken as a separate exercise."*

Note on grouping of species. All bag limits are per species. There are no combined bag limits for similar finfish as used to apply for some similar species. For example Bream, north-west, black and yellowfin used to have a combined species limit of 4, but in future will have limits of 6 for black, 6 for yellowfin and 6 for north-west, subject of course to the maximum 16 daily limit. See *"Bag and size limits explained"* on page 4 of the Guide. Some combined bag limits do apply for crustaceans.

End result for finfish bag limits

The groupings of species new and old do not match exactly, a good reason for you to get a Guide and study it and take it fishing with you. However a rough comparison is:

High Risk.

West Coast. Before 2009 limit was 7 combined, to become 3 Large Pelagic and 2 Demersal.

Rest of State Limit was 7, to become 3 Large Pelagic and 5 Demersal, (more South Coast)

Medium Risk. Category translates to Nearshore/Estuarine with 16 mixed limit. Was 12 in West Coast 2009 to 2012, 16 elsewhere.

Low Risk. Category translates to "All other species of finfish" with 30 mixed limit. Was 30 in West Coast 2009 to 2012, 40 elsewhere.

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Effect on Club Fishing field day rules

Competition Rules section 2.3.2 headed "Numbers of Fish and Field Day Bag Limit" specifies "A bag limit of a maximum of thirty (30) fish shall be weighed in at any Field Day", and "A maximum of 1 (one) day's bag limit of any individual species as specified by Department of Fisheries WA Regulations may be weighed in for the Field Day." It goes on to mention numbers for some Categories which no longer apply.

With the shifting of some species and changes of category names, this section will need to be reworded.

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

Temporary home for a cat

Club member Debbie Korin will be travelling with husband Eddie for some months in 2013.

Debbie is looking for someone to look after her 10 year old cat while she is away.

Please contact Debbie via Club Secretary for more details if you can help.

Equipment from Volunteer Grant 2012

The Club has received the money for the Volunteer grant and items have been bought as listed in the minutes of the December 2012 meeting and on page 30 of the December 2012 Reel Talk.

This equipment is available to be used by committee people and club members for or during club activities.

Treasurer and Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

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

Nearmap photos no longer available

After listing <http://www.nearmap.com/> in the September Reel Talk as a great place for aerial photos of fishing spots, they have changed the access to these photos.

The website says "Coinciding with the introduction of the service called PhotoMaps Standard, all free access to Nearmap has now ended. We hope you have enjoyed using PhotoMaps for free and encourage you to consider a subscription."

However when you look at the subscription options, they are all very expensive, except the \$10 one for Primary schools, aimed at schools and businesses, and they do not currently offer a 1-user license with a maximum of only one username and password.

People understand that this is a business and must cover costs and make some money. There are some scathing comments on some forums about the changes and the very high charges and limited categories. These charges may be justified by some businesses where costs can be recovered in the time savings and charges for services using these images.

Some people have asked the Company about single user licences for private use, and have said they are prepared to pay a reasonable fee for a personal licence. Initial answers were no, they have no plans.

Keep watching for updates to this.

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

Have you caught an unusual fish?

The "Range Extension Database and Mapping Project" (REDMaP) is collecting information that will help assess how WA's marine ecosystems might be changing.

Ocean temperatures around most parts of the Australian coast have warmed at over twice the global average, and even faster in the south-western region. A temperature rise of a few degrees does not really sound like a lot; it actually sounds quite nice, especially if you have ever been swimming down south. However, for our marine ecosystems, small temperature changes are having a significant impact on the distribution of our marine species.

Towards the end of 2010, unusually warm waters flooded southwards along the WA coastline. By February 2011 it was clear that a significant warming event was taking place, with widespread reports of fish kills and of tropical species being found further south than their normal range. Both satellite-derived sea-surface temperatures and local temperature logger measurements showed that temperatures were more than 3°C above the normal summer averages in some regions.

Redmap Australia is interested in reports and photos if possible of any marine life uncommon along a particular stretch of the coast; and not just fish but also turtles, rays, lobsters, corals, seaweeds, urchins and prawns. Some species may be new to your area, some may be

shifting or extending their range, and the presence of others may vary seasonally. Over time, the data collected will provide a record of what marine species are on the move.

Photos are reviewed by a network of marine scientists around the country to verify the species identity and ensure high-quality data.

Redmap Australia aims to become a continental-scale monitoring program along Australia's vast coastline to help track marine range shifts; but also to engage Australians with marine issues using their own data.

Everyone can get involved by registering as a Redmap Australia member, signing up for our quarterly newsletter, liking us on Facebook (if you are that way inclined), and importantly logging unusual marine animals at <http://www.redmap.org.au/>

Please check out the website and start circulating this 'citizen scientist' opportunity through your networks. Contribution to Redmap Australia is easy as Spot, Log and Map.

Mike Burgess and Gary Jackson are the WA Redmap Team. Contact c/o Department of Fisheries, email wa@redmap.com

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Catch! e-newsletter from the Department of Fisheries

Found this on the Fisheries website, headed "WA recreational fishing news delivered straight to your inbox" <http://www.fish.wa.gov.au/About-Us/News/Pages/Read-All-About-It!.aspx>

If you are one of the State's many thousands of keen recreational fishers, our new Catch! e-newsletter is a great way to stay up to date with the latest from the Department of Fisheries.

Catch! gives all the information you need about seasonal openings and closures, fishing rules, research initiatives and findings, along with opportunities for those who wish to volunteer to help with our education or research projects, essential to ensure there is fish for the future.

The newsletter provides an overview with links to our website, so you can discover more about the topics you find most interesting.

Catch! is a quarterly publication, however if there is something really important we'll let you know about it through special editions.

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

Rock fishing safety review

As reported on pages 26 to 28 of September 2011 Reel Talk, a review of rock fishing safety had 14 recommendations and Dept of Environment and Conservation endorsed all of those. The internal review into guidelines surrounding coastal safety and rock fishing was started after a man drowned in April 2011 at the Salmon Holes, near Albany.

Key recommendations from that review included:

- adopting guidelines outlined in the Australian Water Safety Strategy, which recommends the promotion of safe rock fishing and better education, as well as encouraging fishers to take responsibility for their own safety by wearing personal flotation devices.

- supporting the formation of a multi-agency working group to ensure consistency in the approach to rock fishing across all agencies.

- supporting initiatives by local communities and organisations to install silent sentries, angel rings, tie-on points and other safety devices in suitable locations and examine each initiative on a site-by-site basis.

- preparing a comprehensive communications plan for delivering rock fishing safety messages to recreational fishers.

The Club has recently received an email from Peter Martin of Surf Life Saving WA, advising they have established a state-wide rock fishing working group consisting of organisations such as Fisheries, Department of Sport and Recreation, Department of Environment and Conservation and the Office of Multicultural Interests (and although not mentioned, I understand also Recfishwest.) Surf Life Saving WA is the lead agency for the working group.

They are currently doing a review of literature about rock fishing safety issues and programs. This review includes both local, national and international literature.

The Recreational Fishing Alliance of NSW is very active about safety of rock fishing in NSW, including emailing alerts of weather and swell conditions dangerous for rock fishing (in NSW). They have produced DVDs which have been distributed to new SCAC club members.

RFA has created a series of A4 colour advertisements for angling club newsletters, focusing on angling safety, young anglers, sustainable fishing practices, club membership and other aspects of recreational angling. For more information contact info@rfansw.com.au or see the website <http://www.safefishing.com.au/>

These advertisements promote key angling messages. The first advertisement in the series, focusing on rock fishing safety, is shown here.

The message in the advertisement is a stark one:



Don't put your life on the line

We believe in safer rock fishing practices that don't restrict your right to fish. Watch the ocean for a while before you fish. Don't fish alone. Wear a Personal Flotation Device. Wear the right footwear. Check the weather forecast before you start.

If it's too rough, find a safer place or go home.

The RFW website <http://www.recfishwest.org.au/fishing-in-wa/general-fishing-safety.html> also has a lot of information.

No fish is worth your life

Always tell someone where you are going and when you will come back

Don't fish alone, always fish with someone

Many dangerous spots are signposted, many are not, so be cautious Avoid wet/slippery or steep surfaces, especially black rocks

Before fishing check weather forecasts and tide charts

Observe the prevailing conditions for at least 15 minutes before fishing

The tide can change conditions dramatically, so continually reassess the conditions

Plan an escape route

Wear shorts and clothes that allow you to swim should you be washed into the water. Heavy wet weather gear or waders can hamper your swimming ability

If you get washed in while rock fishing, don't try to swim directly back. Swim clear of the rocks first then assess the safest path to shore

Don't try to retrieve tackle especially in steep rocky areas

Wear suitable shoes like rock hopper boots. Thongs, smooth or cleated soles are dangerous in rocky areas

Keep a personal flotation device close by if rock fishing and wear one in areas where swells are large

Use anchor points if these are fitted to the rocks. Take suitable rope

Check how to use "Silent Sentries" if installed. See <http://www.coastalsafety.com.au/silentsentry.html>

If someone is washed into the water, don't jump in to save them. A bucket with a rope or your fishing line can be used as rescue devices, or call emergency services

Beware of unusual waves and large swells

Never turn your back on the ocean

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

Dry casting videos taken with Club camera

One of the items bought with the grant from the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA) under the Volunteer Grants 2012 program is a Nikon digital still camera with a good zoom range; ability to record high definition video, also with the ability to capture a sequence of still images at several frames per second for capturing and analysing members' casting actions for tuition, demonstration, coaching and development of the sport.

The camera was tried out at practice dry casting early in December. These were trials of some camera settings, shooting positions relative to the sun and to the person casting, background trees, etc., to check the technology and the results and to document how the movies and still shots can be used.

There's more to be done to get best results for tuition and demonstrations of casting techniques and where casters can improve their casting.

Some of these early results have been posted on the Club website as demonstrations of the potential of these videos. For posting on the internet, video file sizes ideally should be reduced and extra video before or after the actual cast edited out. Also to edit the sound to cut wind noise, background noise and some of those comments.....

One important need is to be able to play the videos in slow motion to show the casting action. The video can be produced and posted in slow motion, however it is actually easy to play a "normal" speed video in either slow motion or sped up.

Anyone who has done anything with videos on different Windows PCs will have come across the problems with different, proprietary video formats and players which cannot play some of those formats, or have limited controls.

For example Windows Media Player (version 12 on my PC) seems to have only 3 playback speeds, normal, faster or slower, and seems to have problems remembering the slower setting, where some other players have a wide range of speeds.

Anyway, the method below has been tested and works well on Windows 7 and Windows XP computers, and remembers settings in a playing session, so try that.

The videos (most just as they were shot, not processed at all) are on the website at <http://www.surfcasters.iinet.net.au/DryCastingVideos.html>

This is a temporary page and the contents will change, so download and save whatever you want. Be aware these unprocessed videos are 6 to 10 Megabytes each. Processed videos will be much smaller.

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Playing dry casting videos in slow motion

This method is for playing videos which have been downloaded and saved on to your PC, recommended for repeat playing and comparisons.

Download and save the "VLC media player" Installer package from <http://www.videolan.org/vlc/download-windows.html>

It's a free program.

That file should be "vlc-2.0.5-win32.exe" (2.0.5 is the current version at time of writing this version of the document.)

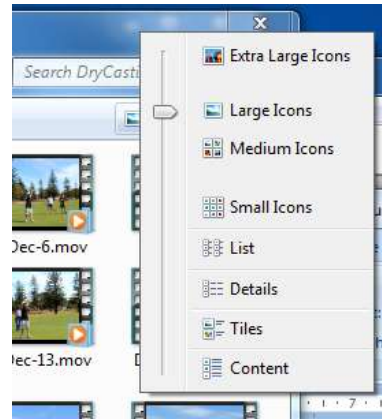
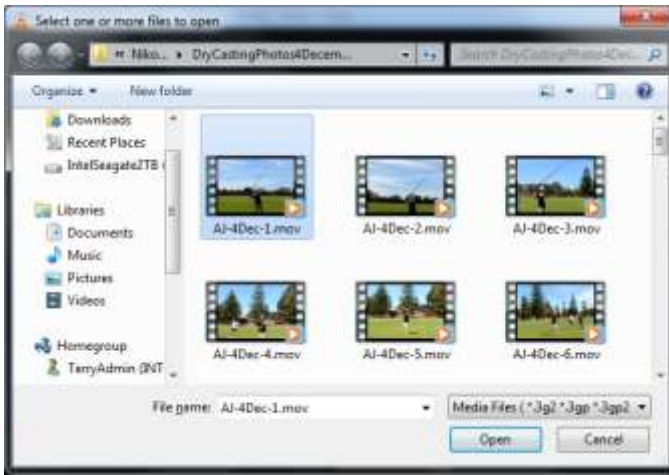
Double click on that file to install. The desktop icon is shown at right >>>

Once installed, open VLC Media Player.

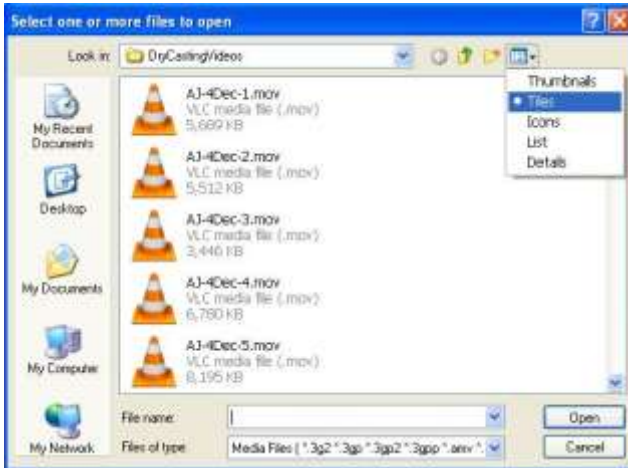
Click on Media, Open File, select the directory where the videos are saved, select one file from the list as shown below.

Click on Open. This will play the video at the normal speed.



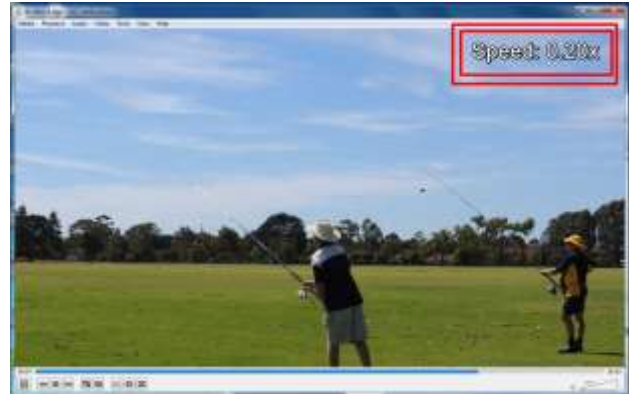


Open file display: above is Windows 7, with a display setting = Large Icons.



Open file display: left is Windows XP, with a setting = "Tiles". Using the XP setting "Thumbnails" gives a display similar to "Large Icons" in Windows 7.

Select a file and click on Open. This will play the video at the normal speed.



To play at slower speed(s), press the [key a few times. The play speed flashes up in the top right hand corner for a short time. Example above right is playing at 0.20 = 1/5 normal speed.

To play at normal or faster speeds, press the] key a few times.

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Suggestions for field days for 2013/14

See the articles "Deciding Field day venues" on pages 26 to 28 of the October Reel Talk, and "Suggestions for field days for 2013/14" and list of dates and a calendar on pages 26 to 28 of the November Reel Talk.

If you have any ideas, please put your suggestions in to the Committee, and list the venues on the coloured form included with the November Reel Talk.

Please send your suggestions in by the 9 January General meeting.

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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 Wagoie, 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 bunks. The bathroom and shower were rebuilt in November.

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, fridge/food freezer and new extra chest freezer for bait and fish.

Outside has a fish cleaning facility and a full width verandah. There is plenty of fenced parking space for cars, trailers and boats behind a gate. Rates are:

Off season	Short term	\$100 per night for 2 people	\$20 per night per extra adult	\$100 bond
	(min 2 nights)		\$10 per night per extra child	
On season	Short term	\$120 per night for 2 people	\$20 per night per extra adult	\$100 bond
	(min 2 nights)		\$10 per night per extra child	
	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 \$60 cleaning

Members of clubs affiliated with the Australian Anglers Association WA Division receive a **20% discount** on the normal public rates.

Contact Property Officer Ray Walker on 9313 4196, mobile 0414 925 538 for more details and for bookings, location of keys etc., or email the Club on surfcast@inet.net.au Check in time is 2pm. Check out time is 10am.

See 14 photos on the Club website <http://www.surfcasters.inet.net.au/KalbarriHouseMain.html> If any work needs to be done in, on or around the house, please contact the Property Officer for approval.

Ray Walker, Property Officer



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