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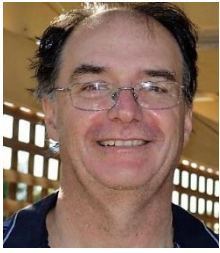
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## President's Report – January 2017



Firstly, thank you to our Social Organiser Pat for arranging the pizzas for the December General Meeting. They were enjoyed by all who attended and it certainly results in less waste than with the previous practice of people bringing a plate. Our finances are presently in a healthy state in part due to the success of the monthly meeting raffles. The club providing pizzas at some of the meetings is a way of rewarding the members who attend the meetings and purchase the raffle tickets.

In looking at our finances, Victor was able to report that, due to bookings resulting from engaging Ray White as a booking agent, the Kalbarri property is currently doing much better than in recent years. What is a concern however is that despite what could only be described as very generous prices, bookings from members remains disappointing. In the absence of an increase here then should Ray White bookings decrease, we would be faced with the prospect of the property becoming a threat to the finances of the club.

As a committee we are obligated to ensure the finances of the club are managed effectively which would again put the future of Kalbarri on the agenda. Should members not wish to look at personally staying at the house, then I would ask members to spread the word about the property's virtues and hopefully create some bookings. Put simplistically, the Kalbarri balance sheet should tell us what to do.

Pat and Ron have been busy organising the Bunning's fundraiser with members coming to the party with donations of time and supplies. There are also some members who are unable to help out on the day who have donated money in lieu of their services. All of this goes to create club spirit and ensures the day will be a success.

We are getting to the time of the year when we need to start considering our field day choices for next season. This process will follow the democratic process it has in previous years but in considering your choices we should try to look at a variety of locations and try to think of places we didn't visit last year. Peter Osborne will give both written and verbal reports on recent years and monthly performance of certain venues to help guide our choices. Such factors as weather, attendance figures, weed etc all need to be considered. I urge those with an interest to participate in the process.

Finally a few of our members attended the Croatian club's recent Christmas dinner. By all accounts it was a very enjoyable evening with food to match. We have booked this venue again for our presentation night next year with the hope and expectation that it will be the great success that this year's was.

*Shane Wignell President*

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### Thought for the month

#### **"Whenever you do a thing, act as if all the world were watching"**

"Whenever you are to do a thing, though it can never be known but to yourself, ask yourself how would you act were all the world looking at you, and act accordingly".

These are the words of advice that Thomas Jefferson (the third President of the United States) wrote from Paris to his nephew Peter Carr.

How appropriate is this message today?

**We all forget that in light of today's technology, the world is watching.**

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## **Social Organisers Report**

**Ho! Ho! Ho! to all you merry club members.** What has Santa got for you?

This is the final report for 2016 where did all the time go? We certainly have had a mixed bag over the last 12 months.

We are a fishing club (that's what we do best) with some social thrown in for good measure.

Dry casting keeps rolling along with strong support from Ron Thomas and his merry band of helpers.

Bunning's Fund Raiser is just about upon us Ron and Dee Thomas are pushing the barrow on this and doing a Stirling job sourcing all the goods needed.

You should all have the Roster sheet with your allocated tasks and time required please be on time as those coming off shift will need a break.

Any questions please ask Ron or Pat for assistance.

***A big thank you to all for your magnificent support for this event.***

All indications are that it will be a busy day

The Clubs annual night casting event will be held at Garvey Park as agreed by the members. All details will be in the next Reel Talk.

This venue has gas BBQs and shade bring the family and have a good time with your fellow club members.

The progressive fishing event has yet to be finalised, all details in the next Reel Talk also. This is a fun event for all the family big kids small kids and grandkids lets all enjoy ourselves.

Decembers General Meeting being the final one before Christmas was enjoyed by all that attended judging by the smiles and warm greetings.

The Pizzas supplied by your raffle money were certainly enjoyed by all.

Certainly blew the diet but its only Christmas once a year and its compulsory to eat and be Merry.

*Stay Safe and Tight Lines Social Organiser Pat McKeown*



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## **Membership Coordinators Report**

Not a lot has been happening this past month maybe Christmas quietened things down.

We welcome Helen (The Boss) Belin, (Georges Wife) into the Club.



The Club has brand new pamphlets which will be ready to handout at the Bunnings Sausage Sizzle.

Martin thanks for all your help and input could not have done it without you. Proof reader our one and only "Shane El Presidenti"

It looks fantastic and will go on our website for all to see.

The new vehicle stickers have been printed and are ready to go exactly the same as the old ones.

That's about it from this desk

*Have a prosperous New Year and may your fishing bag be full*

*Membership Co-ordinator Pat McKeown*

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## **Kalbarri House**

### **SPECIAL OFFER for Club Members**

**If you have not stayed at the Kalbarri House in the last 2 years here is your chance.**

**STAY for 7 DAYS - And only pay \$200 plus \$80 Cleaning**

**Current Bookings are:**

4 – 8 January 2017

***Only ONE member has taken up the special offer for a total of 7 days***

## **INSURANCE - Attached or not attached?... That is the question...**

In light of a number of incidents which have occurred over the last 12 months, the question of insurance cover needs to be repeated.

Have you ever stopped to think about how much gear you take on your off-road adventures? Tents, chairs, camp ovens, fridge, fishing gear, recovery gear, all the things that aren't attached to your 4x4 but are critical to the journey. If some or all of this gear was to get lost or stolen, how would you recover the cost?

Some insurers will cover you for damage to your personal effects if they're damaged in an accident, which is great, but what happens if it gets lost or stolen? Some home insurance policies have options for this coverage but you may have to list the items with them to ensure they're covered.

Just take a minute to add up the extras that you may have in your vehicle. I did and was amazed. Fridge \$1250, Rear Drawers \$1500, Compressor \$250, Water Tank / pump \$300, second battery etc \$900, Fishing tackle / reels / rods \$2,000, MaxTrax \$250, Awning \$300, Hema Satnav \$700, GME 2 way \$350 a total of \$7,500. In the event of say a fire or major damage none of these items would be covered.

Does your insurance cover your vehicle if it breaks down or is damaged off road? It's too late once you need assistance and find that you do not have cover.

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### **Activity Calendar for the next 3 months.**

**Dry Casting:** (First Sunday of the month)    **8 January**    **5 February**    **5 March**

**General Meeting:** (Second Wednesday)    **11 January**    **8 February**    **8 March**

**Committee Meeting:** (Third Wednesday)    **18 January**    **15 February**    **15 March**

**Field Days:**    **14 & 15 January**    **11 & 12 February**    **4/5/6 March**

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### **January Dry Casting**

<b><u>When</u></b>	<b>Sunday 8 January:</b>	<b>Competition casting starts at 8:30am</b>
<b><u>Where</u></b>	Mirrabooka Regional Open Space.	
<b><u>Fees</u></b>	\$10 per person, \$12 per family.	
<b><u>Events</u></b>	Double handed accuracy, Single handed accuracy, 56 gram distance, Artificial Bait distance, 112 gram distance.	

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### **January General Meeting**

<b><u>When</u></b>	Wednesday 11 January Commencing at 7.30pm
<b><u>Where</u></b>	Coolbinia West Perth Amateur Football and Sporting Club room

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### **January Committee Meeting**

<b><u>When</u></b>	Wednesday 18 January, Commencing at new time of 7.00pm
<b><u>Where</u></b>	Coolbinia West Perth Amateur Football and Sporting Club room . 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 or Vice Chairman. Please contact the President or the Secretary well before the meeting to arrange your invitation.

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**“LUCK IS WHAT HAPPENS WHEN PREPARATION MEETS  
OPPORTUNITY”**

*Elmer Letterman*

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## **Interesting Product Section**

Many of us are looking for extra battery power, the choices can be confusing. A friend recently purchased a Braintech Powertop. I was impressed with the pack and thought that it may be of interest to our members.

The PowerTop portable power system is ready to go right off the shelf, this dynamic plug-and-play system features a 12V 100Ah gel battery and built-in three-way charger that makes operation smooth and easy. With charging inputs for AC, DC and solar, you're free to charge anywhere, any time.



Since the Power Top is completely portable, it's convenient to bring along and setup right at your campsite. That portability also comes in handy when you've got mates that may be keen to borrow this compact, complete power system. With the Power Top, you're able to connect a range of different devices with different style plugs at the same time. It features a range of inputs for Ciga, Engel, USB and even the new Baintech LockOn socket for securing important loads over the roughest off-road tracks.

The plug-and-play design allows you to instantly and effortlessly connect devices with six easy-to-read LED indicators that keep you updated on progress. An in-built voltmeter with a low volt alarm warning and a 20A resettable thermal breaker are two included safety features that help assure operation of the Power Top is as safe as it is hassle-free. The Power Top's anodised aluminium construction also makes it the perfect off-road or campsite companion as its robust design has been purpose built to withstand harsh Australian conditions and deliver the very best results possible when put to the test.

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## **How to track your car or anything else, using just your smartphone?**

New coin sized device lets you track anything for less than you think. Now you don't need an expensive tracking unit or annoying monthly subscription service to keep tabs on your car. You can track your vehicle's last known location anywhere in the world without breaking the bank and it's easier than ever before!

[TrackR](#) is a small and discreet device the size of a coin that is revolutionizing the way people keep track of their most important things



### **How does TrackR work?**

Simple! You only need to install the thin battery (included) in the [TrackR](#), download the free app on your iPhone or Android, link the device to the app and then attach TrackR to whatever you want to keep tabs on. In less than 5 minutes you are ready to go! Once it's all set up you can even attach it to your suitcases when you travel, cars, your keys, your wallet, your expensive electronics and anything else you can think of.

**The possibilities are endless!**

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## SCAC Field Day Report: Preston /White Hills – 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> December 2016

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### Synopsis

The December 2016 field day was spread from Preston to White Hills with all persons fishing various spots between Preston Beach and White Hills areas. Light WSW winds through Saturday afternoon and evening, to similar light winds on Sunday morning. Although there was a slight presence, weed was not a problem.

While a few spots did have a showing of Tailor and various other species, the light winds did not give enough wave action to have the Tailor come on really strong. It was the case of being at the right place at the right time. We all had the same time but not all were at the right place. Results in summary were: -. 3 bags with weight over 6 kg.; 4 bags between approx. 1.5 to 2.5 kg.; 6 bags between 0.0 to 0.25 kg.

### The Trip.

The sign on at the Preston Beach Carpark was at 11:30 am Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December with lines down at 1:00 pm with fishing through until Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December with the usual lines up time of 10:00 am with the weigh-in conducted at 11:00 am at the sign-on location.

A total of 14 SCAC Anglers came to the away sign-on :- Lee Yongli, Sri Srigandan, Peet and Sandra Wessels, Shayne & Sarah Wignell, Pat McKeon & a visitor in his son in-law Mark Dunkley, Dean Stewart, Gary Parkinson, Martin Wearmouth, Victor & Slavka Schilo and Peter Osborne.

With request from some angler's on where to fish at Preston, and based on past visits to this area, Peter Osborne advised he could pick a spot. Following sign-on anglers sorted themselves into groups, let down tyres and went north from the car park to various areas. Hence Lee Yongli, Sri Srigandan, Shayne & Sarah Wignell, Victor & Slavka Schilo went to the first spot Peter picked as he had previously been successful as there was a channel with deeper water and a weed bank further out.

**Wrong, i.e.** With virtually no wind or wave action, no showing of Tailor at sundown - only a few Herring.

On arriving at Peter's location, action was very limited. Peter persevered and just before 10:00 pm three fish in a row, a just undersize Flathead, a Herring to add to his bag and a reasonable Tailor. An encouraging sign but over the next hour nothing else happened. Hence then he went to bed.

Peter had an unusual wild life experience – on stopping and positioning his vehicle for the fishing session, he opened up the tail gate door, saw a water bottle had fallen over and spilt a bit of water. He was immediately surrounded by a swarm of bees (guess attracted by the water) He was only stung once and was able to clear them off in 40 minutes – phew..

As they had previous commitments and nothing was happening, before it got dark, Victor and Slavka decided to return home.

Sri plugged on but was unsuccessful.

Shane and Sarah put in some concentrated effort with Shane using a small hook over a mulie on ganged hooks. He bagged out on Herring with most caught on Saturday afternoon. Sarah managed to land 2 Herring.



Pat, Mark, and Dean went a few hundred yards further north of this first group. They thought they had some productive water but lots of effort and nil result. With empty bags they decided to leave early and not to wait and go to the weigh-in.

Gary and Martin arrived later, drove past both groups and on seeing a bit of rock reef about 3 or 400 metres further north decided that this spot looked likely.

They had the better eye for a positive fishing spot. They landed some Tailor just after dark and had another small run about 10:00pm. They also landed some Skippy, Pike and Herring. Martin capped it off by putting out a live Herring and getting a metre + Bronze Shark. Thus Martin weighed in the heaviest bag that included a shark.

Peter and Sandra drove further north up to the reef on the south side of White Hills. They had the greatest success for the Field day.



They both caught Tailor during the afternoon along with a mixture of Herring, Tarwhine, Skippy, Whiting, and a Sweep with Peet getting the best fish of the trip in a small mulloway of some 1.22kg. Hence he had the heaviest bag, the most species and the largest scale fish with his bag statistics/point score closely followed by Sandra

Peet had an unfortunate experience when returning to the weigh-in point. A drain plug in his radiation system got broken off resulting in draining of water and engine overheating. Fortunately Lee was close behind, and with his new 4WD vehicle, gave the Wessels a tow along the beach back to the carpark. Peet then arranged for RAC to tow the vehicle back to Perth for repairs. Hopefully this will be a straightforward fix and Peet Sandra will be on the road again by the time you read this report.

Our Weigh-in back at the Preston Carpark was completed with much ribbing of each as to what we had or hadn't caught and who had the skills of locating the best fishing spots.

While a lack of wind this condition provided truly comfortable fishing conditions from Saturday afternoon right through to Sunday morning, all enjoyed this field day. As usual those with the biggest smiles enjoyed the field day.

Our Jan Field Day is the same venue so hopefully we will take into account what happened this weekend and improve on catches for this event.

### Local

No persons fished locally for this month

*Tight Lines; Peter Osborne; Field Day Officer*



Martin's Bag



Peet's Mulloway



Appears that the fish are safe at Preston

## Recorder's Report

On the November field trip Cervantes Gary Parkinson added a Pike to his species badge taking him to a total of 7, in the December field trip he added a whiting which upped him to 8, well done Gary.

At the November field trip Martin Wearmouth as per the report got his arms stretched by a 13.89Kg Samson fish which has qualified as a Masters free choice entry taking him to 7 species only requiring one more fish to qualify for his Masters badge. Hopefully over the rest of the competition year Martin can get one of the species left on the list and knock off the Masters Badge. This fish also qualified for a Gamefish Badge but it has been a successful year for Martin as has already achieved this with his large pink Snapper from July, well done Martin.

### **Open Competition**

Peter Osbourne's grandson James Rielly fished the September field trip at S Bend, prior to the competition starting James caught a very nice Tailor of just a smidge under 2Kg behind the Caravan park at the famous "Duncan's Hole"

Well Done James hope to see you fishing at future field trips

### **Club Records**



As per my Steep Point report I caught some Dark Tailed Sea Perch and was able to improve on a club record set by Ron Thomas in 2014 (Sorry Ron) from 1.4Kg to 2.1Kg.

Apologies about the photo being a table shot as my camera man needs his glasses calibrated judging by the photos taken of me actually holding the fish, the Sea Perch are the bottom two fish in the photo.

As you can see we caught a bag of Demersal's similar to this most times we went to the cliffs there were also plenty of Spangled Emperor and sharks around too, at the top of the photo is a Pink Snapper I caught that weighed in at 6Kg which I can assure you was a handful to haul up a high cliff.

I was hoping it might qualify for an Open comp entry but as stated earlier Martins Snapper from July is leading the way in the open comp this year

## Open fishing competition 2016/17

The Open Competition is for fish caught between 1 May 2016 and 30 April 2017, 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	For	Minimum weight	Entry
1	Most meritorious capture	None	To be awarded by Committee
2	Best shark	4.5 kg	Ray Walker, 25Kg Lemon Shark, Giralia Bay August 2016
3	Best mulloway	5 kg	Justin Rose, 9.2Kg, Kalbarri October 2016
4	Best salmon	3.5kg	Geoff Raftis, 4.8 Kg, Floreat June 2016
5	Best flathead	0.5 kg	Geoff Raftis, 0.8 Kg, Kwinana May 2016
6	Best tailor	1.5 kg	James Rielly, 1.99Kg, S Bend September 2016
7	Best samson fish	5 kg	
8	Best fish on single handed rod maximum 4kg line class	Legal size	
9	Best pink snapper	2 kg	Martin Wearmouth, 6.7 Kg, Preston Beach July 2016
10	Best tarwhine	0.5 kg	Justin Rose, 1.03 Kg, Kalbarri October 2016
11	Best mackerel	4 kg	

12	Best skipjack trevally (southern)	1 kg	
13	Best trevally (northern)	2 kg	
14	Best snook or pike	0.5 kg	
15	Best black or yellow finned bream	0.6 kg	
16	Best scale fish other than sections 3-15	2 kg	Ray Walker, Barramundi 6.2 kg, May 2016
17	Best fish caught on fly rod.	Legal size	
18	Best fish caught using a soft plastic or hard body lure on a single handed rod (4kg line max.)	Legal size	

### **Barron Lure Competition 2016/2017**

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 clubs open fishing competition, plus the fish must be caught on a popper lure and a single fish cannot win more than one Barron lure section

Heaviest Tailor on lure

Justin Rose 0.9 kg, Wilbinga, 6/5/2016

Heaviest Salmon on Lure

Justin Rose 4.7 kg, Wilbinga, 6/5/2016

Heaviest Scale fish on lure

No Entry

*2016/17 Recorder, Justin Rose*

### **Dry Casting Report December 2016**

We can't complain about the weather over the past few months, another great day for casting. A light tail wind for the distance events brought about some interesting results in the 112gr division. More about that later.

Thanks go out to Jeff Hewton for helping to set up the course. Jeff incidentally turned up about 6am, 20 minutes behind me; if I'm not careful I might lose my job.

Only 8 casters turned up on a near perfect day, along with 2 visitors, Alan and Neil (I think I have the names right), who enjoyed a little bit of tuition after the event and hopefully we will see them in the near future.

For the benefit of members who haven't cast for a while, we have changed the format just a little, eg. If we only have 10 or 12 on the day we all do double handed accuracy together, then single handed accuracy, after that is finished everything is already packed up ready to start the distance events, which is usually over by about 11.30am which gives us plenty of time for the BBQ.

Alan Jones took out the honours in the DHA with 152 for the vets, and in the men's division Peter Pekaar scored 126. In the men's distance Rob had the longest 56gr with 151.50 also the longest bait with 146.82. As mentioned earlier, in the 112gr event the three longest casts for the day were Peter 173.29, Rob 173.52 and myself with 173.76. It doesn't get much closer than that.

Peter Osborne won the single handed accuracy with 24 and Mark Hansen took out the men's with 20.

Many thanks to the few that did turn up, who I am sure enjoyed themselves. Good to see Gary Parkinson turn up again, even if it is only for the sausage sizzle. That's what it is all about, enjoying ourselves even if not competing.

*Drycasting officer Ron Thomas*



## Drycasting results - 4th December, 2016

56 gram					Artificial Bait					112gram				
	Cast	Cast	Total	%		Cast	Cast	Total	%		Cast	Cast	Total	%
<u>Veterans</u>	1	2				1	2				1	2		
ALAN J	107.26	111.72	218.98	76.41		99.85	101.43	201.28	72.82		110.47	115.76	226.23	66.73
RON T	144.17	142.43	286.60	100.00		139.66	136.75	276.41	100.00		165.26	173.76	339.02	100.00
PETER O	94.65	93.88	188.53	65.78		97.67	93.14	190.81	69.03		106.26	107.69	213.95	63.11
DEAN S	83.06	56.15	139.21	48.57		B/O	55.00	55.00	19.90		B/O	DNC	0.00	0.00
<u>Seniors</u>														
ROB P	151.41	151.59	303.00	100.00		141.63	146.82	288.45	100.00		173.52	162.80	336.32	98.85
PETER P	150.13	O/B	150.13	49.55		O/B	142.48	142.48	49.40		166.94	173.29	340.23	100.00
MARK H	92.44	104.70	197.14	65.06		104.11	103.27	207.38	71.89		114.09	132.46	246.55	72.47
JEFF H	102.62	121.62	224.24	74.01		O/B	118.02	118.02	40.92		127.62	O/B	127.62	37.51

<u>Double Handed Accuracy</u>										<u>Single Handed Accuracy</u>							
Target										Target distance							
number										Total							
<u>Veterans</u>	3	3	1	1	4	4	2	2	Total	%	L	S	L	S	Total	%	%
ALAN J	7	22	20	19	11	25	24	24	152	100.00	0	0	5	0	5	20.83	336.79
RON T	2	18	15	23	2	23	22	22	127	83.56	8	0	5	5	18	75.00	458.56
PETER O	0	23	18	14	2	15	16	17	105	69.08	4	7	10	3	24	100.00	367.00
DEAN S	5	22	11	20	18	8	11	24	119	78.29	0	0	3	7	10	41.67	188.43

<u>Seniors</u>																	
ROB P	19	15	12	23	0	20	4	21	114	90.48	DNC						389.33
PETER P	24	20	14	23	18	2	16	9	126	100.00	DNC						298.95
MARK H	15	11	16	0	14	8	0	0	64	50.80	0	10	7	3	20	100.00	360.22
JEFF H	15	11	0	13	0	0	0	18	57	45.24	DNC						197.68

### Veterans: Best Casts for the year 2016 – 2017

Longest 56 Gram	148.52M	Ron Thomas
Longest Artificial Bait	146.24M	Ron Thomas
Longest 112 Gram	173.76M	Ron Thomas
Highest Double Handed Accuracy	156	Ron Thomas
Highest Single Handed Accuracy	33	Ron Thomas

### Seniors: Best Casts for the year 2016 – 2017

Longest 56 Gram	181.43M	Rob Pekaar
Longest Artificial Bait	164.06M	Peter Pekaar
Longest 112 Gram	185.39M	Peter Pekaar
Highest Double Handed Accuracy	155	Rob Pekaar
Highest Single Handed Accuracy	22	Mark Hansen



## **Fishing Field Days General**

- Local sign on** At General meeting or phone Field Day Officer before 8pm on Thursday.
- Late sign on** Phone the Field Day Organiser. The club will assume you will not be fishing if you haven't signed on at the sign on place or phoned.
- Please SMS** **Peter Osborne** (The Field Day Officer) on 0401 054 110 as he will not answer the phone if he is driving or if earlier, he may be out on a reef fishing.
- Club sign off** If you have signed on then you must sign off at the nominated time at the weigh-in place at the nominated time in person or by phone/SMS no later than ½ hour before the weigh-in time. If you have no fish, have an emergency outside of the Field Day, or have personal reasons and will not attend the weigh-in contact the Field Day Officer.
- Club fees** \$10 per person, \$12 per family. If you sign on you must pay the Field day fees. Please bring the correct money because there may not be change. If you don't make payment at sign-on or at the preceding General Meeting or you have signed on by telephone, please make payment to the FDO or Assistant FDO at the weigh-in.
- FDO** Local FDO to be advised at the General Meeting.
- Fish** Fish caught between the lines in and lines out times are eligible for the Club Field Day competition and weigh-in. Fish caught before or after those times are eligible for the Open fishing competition.
- Local boundaries** Normally Penguin Island sand spit to north wall of the Two Rocks Marina, including the Swan and Canning Rivers, the North and South Mole, unless different boundaries are listed for that month.
- Local weigh in** Location to be set at General meeting, or the Local Field Day officer may set an alternative or additional location or time by arrangement with the members who have signed on.. Results to be phoned to FDO by 8pm the next night.
- 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 or at the away venue. New members are encouraged to fish with experienced members for guidance and help..

### **Local Field Day for January**

- When** Saturday/Sunday 14/15 January
- Lines in** Saturday 1pm
- Lines Out:** Sunday 10am
- Weigh in** Sunday TBA
- Boundaries** Standard – Penguin Island sand spit to north wall of the Two Rocks Marina, including the Swan and Canning Rivers, the North and South Moles.

### **SOLUNAR PREDICTIONS, SUN RISE / SUNSET TIMES AND TIDES FOR 14/15 JANUARY 2017**

#### **SOLUNAR PREDICTIONS**

DAY / DATE	PREDICTION	PREDICTED PRIME TIMES		MOON PHASE
Sat 14/01	FAIR	23:30 – 01:30	11:57 – 13:57	Waning - 2 days after
Sun 15/01	FAIR	00:24 – 02:24	12:50 – 14:50	Full Moon

These are the predicted MAJOR Solunar periods this week, adjusted to Perth time. For minor periods add approximately 6 hours 45 minutes.

#### **SUNRISE AND SUNSET TIMES FOR PERTH:**

DAY / DATE	SUNRISE	SUNSET	MOONRISE	MOONSET
Sat 14/01	05:25	19:26	20:48	07:05 f
Sun 15/01	05:26	19:26	21:30	08:47 f

#### **PREDICTED TIDES FOR FREMANTLE THIS WEEK**

DAY / DATE	TIME AND PREDICTED HEIGHT						
Sat 14/01	07:13	0.42	22:09	1.03			
Sun 15/01	07:31	0.48	22:14	0.97			

**NOTE:** These are the predicted tides for Fremantle and there may be some variation due to wind strength and direction.



## **January Away Field Day**

**When** Saturday/Sunday 14/15 January  
**Where** Preston  
**Boundaries** Preston to White Hills  
**Sign on** Sign on Saturday 11.30am Preston Car Park  
**Lines in** Saturday 1pm  
**Lines out** Sunday 10 am  
**Weigh in** Weigh in Monday 11 am at Preston Car Park

If you are not attending the weigh-in please SMS the FDO of non-attendance within an hour of lines up or earlier"

### **PRESTON BEACH**

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##### **SOLUNAR PREDICTIONS**

DAY / DATE	PREDICTION	PREDICTED PRIME TIMES		MOON PHASE
Sat 14/01	FAIR	23:32 – 01:32	11:59 – 13:59	Waning – 2 days after Full
Sun 15/01	FAIR	00:26 – 02:26	12:52 – 14:52	Moon

These are the predicted MAJOR Solunar periods this week, adjusted to Perth time. For minor periods add approximately 6 hours 45 minutes.

##### **SUNRISE AND SUNSET TIMES FOR PRESTON BEACH:**

DAY / DATE	SUNRISE	SUNSET	MOONRISE	MOONSET
Sat 14/01	05:27	19:28	20:50	07:07 f
Sun 15/01	05:28	19:28	21:32	08:49 f

##### **PREDICTED TIDES FOR PRESTON BEACH**

DAY / DATE	TIME AND PREDICTED HEIGHT							
Sat 14/01	06:52	0.34	22:02	0.86				
Sun 15/01	07:17	0.39	22:13	0.80				

**NOTE:** These are the predicted tides for Preston Beach and there may be some variation due to wind strength and direction.

*Charts supplied by John Curtis*

## **February Away Field Day**

**When** Saturday/Sunday 11/12 February  
**Where** Moore River / Wedge  
**Boundaries** River mouth to 1 km north of Wedge Island  
**Sign on** TBA  
**Lines in** Saturday 1pm  
**Lines out** Sunday 10am  
**Weigh in**

## **February Local Field Day**

**When** Saturday/Sunday 11/12 February  
**Lines in** Saturday 1pm  
**Lines out** Sunday 10am  
**Weigh in** Sunday 11am  
**Boundaries** Standard Local

## **Steep Point Safari – 15 – 28 July 2017**

A number of members have indicated that they would like to arrange a Club Safari to Steep Point. You may be aware that Peet Wessels, our Assistant Field Day Officer, makes an annual sojourn to Steep Point. He has booked a camping site for the suggested dates.

From all reports the fishing is amazing and it would be great if a few Club members were able to join Peet in July 2017.

**Please contact Peet if you are interested.**

## **Birthdays for January**

**Paul Terpkos 6 Jan; Reuben Ball 8 Jan; John Lee 9 Jan; Pat McKeown 18 Jan;  
Andy Thorgerson 26 Jan; Emma Wignell 27 Jan.**



**We wish you all the best for your special day**

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### **Car and 4WD Fridges**

If you plan on really using your car fridge then it's a buying decision you need to get right the first time. The appliance responsible for keeping your stores cold or your medicines safe or your drinks chilled needs to work all day, every day in any environment.

Failure to do so may mean the shortening of a week's fishing trip or the loss of considerable investment in food. It may mean living on roadhouse food while you are touring, or buying ice and missing out on an interesting detour because you have suddenly ceased being self-sufficient.



#### **Types of Portable Fridges**

There are basically three types of mobile cooling units used today.  
**Thermoelectric.**

These smaller console style units costing anywhere from \$50 and up to \$200 or \$300. They mostly run on only 12 volt power and are commonly known as 'thermoelectric' coolers. These units, very basically, use electricity to produce a transfer of heat or cooling between dissimilar metals. All very complex but it essentially means that it's a very clever idea that doesn't work very well when

things get above 25 degrees. Not hard to achieve in a vehicle on an Australian road. These types of coolers typically cool to a temperature about 20 degrees C below the ambient environment. They probably make better food warmers (an optional function) than serious chillers.

**Gas Absorption.** Gas fired fridges are the oldest type of mobile refrigeration and useful for extended trips where electricity is unavailable. Most require a heat source either supplied by 12 volt, 240 volt or most commonly by burning gas. Cooling is achieved by the cooling and evaporation effect of ammonia. These units need to be level to work and require a supply of LPG to function independently of electricity. As new portable refrigeration improves this style of cooling is becoming rarer.

**Compressor Refrigeration.** The most common and efficient type of portable cooling used today these units operate identically to your standard household fridge. These are what we'll discuss in this article.

#### **Which Brand to Buy?**

At this point someone from the Engel or Waeco brigade usually stands up and begins waving the flag in support of their favoured brand. In Australia, Engel and Waeco are currently the 'Big 2' as far as car fridges go. There are a host of alternatives from the likes of ARB, Explorer, Bushman etc. it just happens that Engel and Waeco have been around for a long time, have built a reputation for reliability and have had successful advertising campaigns.

Much like the eternal 4WD debate over whether Toyota or Nissan make the best four wheel drives, personal loyalties are often used to defend a particular buying choice rather than to fairly compare differing models. Buying a fridge should be more about what makes the box operate rather than what the box is constructed from.

## The Compressor

The compressor is the heart of any fridge. The most common make of compressor used in *quality* fridges today is the German Danfoss range or in the case of Engel the Japanese ‘Sawafuji Swing Motor’.

These units are purpose built for mobile refrigeration and have been used for years. They can operate on the reasonable angles likely to be encountered on the road and seem pretty resilient about taking a bit of a battering and coping some dust.



Danfoss Compressor

Danfoss and Sawafuji both understand that most of their products will operate on the 12 volt electrics of a car and design their compressors to be as energy efficient as possible, essential when operating from a car battery.

Most manufacturers using Danfoss compressors warranty their units for between 1 - 5 years. Engel have a 3 year warranty. The warranty a manufacturer offers is generally a fair indication of their confidence in the durability of their own product.

Research and investigation into the type of compressor should be the first concern when buying a new fridge.

## The Box

Injection moulded plastic, aluminium, steel, fibreglass – a plethora of choice. Part of the human psyche insists that steel is stronger than anything else and this is largely true. Pound for pound, in comparison with many other products, steel does offer better resilience to wear and damage. We do however, live in the 21st century and modern design and manufacturing techniques mean that many of the newer plastics and resins can provide a genuine alternative to steel. I would put issues like size and configuration ahead of box construction in the search for a new car fridge. Rust, particularly in hinges, can be a factor for steel units, depending on the intended use, while injection moulded plastics can separate after time.

Check for effective sealing around the lid. This one area has the greatest potential for losing cold air.

Looking at factors such as compartments, weight, sharp edges, finish and whether or not you can sit on the thing are, perhaps, more important than the material used for construction.

Companies with a solid reputation in mobile refrigeration have worked out how to make their particular units durable and strong.

## Service

This is a big one and easy to overlook in the quest to save a few cents. If you are touring with your fridge and if that fridge is destined to break down – then it will break down at the most inconvenient time and place. No contest, no doubt. It is a natural law. This means that you will be scouring a tiny outback town, with a population of three, in the hope of finding a refrigeration mechanic.

A busted fridge on the road is always going to be a headache but the chances of finding an authorized dealer or agent for a name brand, are far greater in more remote regions.

Saying this, there is no good reason a quality unit should break down. There are some great fridges being made by Australians using quality components who can probably offer a more personalised service, if needed, than the big names.

## Extras

Any decent fridge should offer the option to run on either 12 volt or 240 volt household power. Don't consider anything that doesn't. The flexibility to use your fridge inside a holiday unit or to drag an extension cord out to the car is invaluable. Car fridges can draw massive amounts of power to maintain especially as the temperature rises. The ability to preserve your car batteries is important.

*Extract from 4 x 4 Magazine*





## **How to Properly Catch & Release Fish (Without Killing Them)**

### **Essential Parts Of The Fish To Protect**

The following five parts of the fish are what we much focus our attention towards when handling a fish that is going to be released.

Because if any of get compromised, they'll have a hard time surviving after release.

#### **1. Gills**

It is absolutely essential to make every effort to **not** touch or harm a fish's gills when handling it.

##### **Why?**

Because harm done to these important tissues can result in a quick death for the fish because all fish rely on their gills to breathe.

##### **Things to Do**

1. Use in-line circle hooks with fishing with live or cut bait because they are much less likely to gill or gut hook a fish
2. Always be attentive to the rod when fishing so that to feel for strikes so that you can set the hook before it's too deep
3. Make sure that you keep your fingers and tools from touching the gills when unhooking a fish

##### **Things to Not Do**

1. Never hold a fish by the gills
2. Never stick pliers (or fingers) in through the gills to access a deep hook... just cut the line because the hook will rust out
3. Don't wait too long before setting the hook after feeling a bite

#### **2. Jaw**

A fish with an injured jaw will have a very tough time capturing its food.

And although a fish with an injured jaw may very well swim away energetically when released, an injury to its jaw could result in the fish being unable to feed making it unable to survive.

##### **Things to Do**

1. Use extreme care to not force the entire weight of the fish by its jaw
2. Take out hooks with the fish's body either in the water or securely resting on a wet surface on your boat/kayak/etc.
3. Use a fish grip to securely hold onto the jaw so your other hand can more easily be used to support its mid-section

##### **Things to Not Do**

1. Don't hold a fish vertically by the jaw
2. NEVER torque the jaw in an effort to horizontally hold a fish by its jaw
3. Don't use barbed hooks (especially treble hooks) while catch and release fishing (push down barbs with pliers and replace treble hooks with single hooks on lures that come with treble hooks).

#### **3. Skin**

Although the fish's skin doesn't seem to get as much focus in terms of things to protect, it surely shouldn't be overlooked.

Especially as more and more chemicals from storm water runoff enters our fisheries...



### **Why?**

Because their skin is their core defense against harmful bacteria, parasites, and/or chemicals that are in the water. And any loss to their “slime” on the outer layer or to their scales can put them at risk of a slow death from getting infected or poisoned.

### **Things to Do**

1. Pre-wet everything that will touch the fish before it touches the fish (dip hands in water, splash water on deck of boat/kayak, dip landing net all the way into the water before netting the fish, etc.)
2. Make sure to have all needed items for holding, taking a picture, and unhooking a fish in close proximity so it's all easily and quickly accessible allowing for a smooth and quick release.
3. Use a fish grip to secure the head of the fish so that you can minimize the needed touch area of the fish (and so it doesn't slide around you or the boat if it continues fighting).

Note: If using a landing net, make sure it has a rubber lining on its netting (NO rope webbing)

### **Things to Not Do**

1. NEVER use a cloth rag to grab a hold of the fish that is going to be released
2. Don't bring a fish that you're going to release in too quickly... better to spend more time reviving at the end than bringing an uncontrollable fish into a boat/kayak or onto the beach where it can lose lots of slime coating.
3. Don't rub a fish against dry clothing when taking a picture... get help from someone else if unable to hold the fish with just two hands or get in the water for a really cool pic.

## **4. Internal Organs**

Fish are designed to thrive underwater in a mostly horizontal position, and their internal organs are set up to help them thrive in that same environment.

So the internal organs of some species can get compromised when they are held vertically when out of the water since they simply were not designed to withstand gravity in that position (especially the bigger/older fish).

### **Things to Do**

1. Take care to not hold fish in the air vertically
2. Use two hands to pick up a large fish so that you can support its mid-section

### **Things to Not Do**

1. NEVER hold a large fish up in the air vertically by its jaw (it can harm both its jaw and internal organs)
2. Do not squeeze a fish with a lot of force in order to keep it securely held since that can cause damage to internal organs too.

## **5. Eyes**

Fish heavily rely on sight to feed and stay out of trouble, so we always need to be very mindful to not damage their eyes in any way.

### **Things to Do**

1. Take care to not allow anything sharp or rough to touch/scrape their eyes

### **Things to Not Do**

1. NEVER hold a fish that is going to be released by its eye sockets

## **Conclusion**

Since fishing is more than just fishing, we need to do all that we can to help ensure that our fisheries are as well cared for as possible.

So we need to consistently implement catch and release best practices to ensure that the fish we release can thrive.

And just as importantly, we need to display those best practices so that those who are less experienced can see the proper way to care for fish.

Furthermore, it's on us to share proper catch and release practices with others who haven't been informed of the potential deadly harm they can be unknowingly doing to their beloved catches.

*Article courtesy of Salt Strong Publication*





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## PANKO DUKKAH CRUSTED BANANA PRAWNS (SERVES 4)

by [Ryan Ivanov](#),

### Ingredients

500g raw Banana Prawns, shelled, deveined, leaving tails intact  
100g panko breadcrumbs  
100g dukkah  
1 egg  
¾ cup milk  
100g plain flour  
¼ tsp salt  
1/8 tsp white pepper  
Oil for shallow frying

### *Tahini yoghurt*

250g natural yoghurt  
½ cup tahini  
Juice of ½ lemon  
¼ tsp salt  
1 tbsp honey  
2 tbsp parsley, chopped  
1 clove garlic, grated

### Method

Thaw and peel prawns and devein, leaving the tails intact.

- Place the flour, salt and pepper in one tray or bowl. Beat the egg and milk together and place in a separate bowl. Place the panko breadcrumbs and dukkah in another bowl.
- Coat a prawn in flour, then dip in the egg and milk mixture, then coat generously in the panko dukkah mixture and place to a prepared tray. Repeat with all prawns.
- *Make Tahini yoghurt:* Mix the yoghurt, tahini, lemon juice, salt, honey, garlic and parsley together in a small bowl. Mix well and set aside.
- Take a frying pan and heat some oil until hot. Fry the panko dukkah crusted prawns on each side until golden (about 3 mins each side). Drain on paper towel.
- Season with extra salt if required and serve with the Tahini yoghurt.

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