

# REEL TALK

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**Deceased life members:**

Vic Davis, Doug Edward, Lloyd Dunn, Dudley Brown, Noel Knight, Les Shand, Ron Kildahl,  
Bob Klein, Jim Strong



## President's Report - January 2021



Having just returned from a 3 day trip to S-Bend for a last fishing venture in 2020 with the sea weed and wind again making fishing a challenge not too many fish hit the beach, I hope 2021 has some better conditions in store for us.

I hope everyone had a good Christmas and New Year, please put some thought into our new fishing calendar that will start in May 2021, if you have any ideas or venues you think may be worth trying please give me a call.

Thanks to everyone that helped out at the club in 2020, It was not an easy year for many of us, I hope that 2021 will be a better year and we can continue to attract some new members.

*Martin Wearmouth; President*

### **Field Day Venues For 2020/2021**

<b>Dates</b>	<b>Venue</b>	<b>Boundaries</b>
<b>Sunday 24 January and Monday 25th January 2021 make own long weekend Australia Day is Tuesday 26th</b>	Open Lines down 6.00 am Sunday Lines up 9 am Tuesday	Open anywhere in WA
<b>13 - 14 February 2021</b>	Dunsborough to White Hills Lines down 9.00 am Saturday Lines up 9 am Sunday	Dunsborough to White Hills and local as below at bottom of page
<b>27 Feb - 1 March 2021 Long Weekend</b>	Geraldton to Kalbarri Lines down 6 am Saturday Lines up 9 am Monday	Geraldton to Kalbarri and local as below at bottom of page
<b>3 April – 5 April 2021 Easter Long weekend</b>	Bluff Creek and standard local Lines down 6 am Saturday Lines up 9 am Monday	Cheyne and Bluff Creek area and local as below at bottom of page
<b>Local boundaries are from Lancelin in the North to Point Peron in the South</b> Lines Down for long weekends and Rottnest – Saturday 6.00 am Lines up for long weekends and Rottnest – Monday 9.00 am Lines Down on Standard weekends – Saturday 9.00 am Lines up on Standard weekends – Sunday 9.00 am <b>Sign-on / Weigh-in times; Where possible please fish together; Spots and locations are to be decided at the General Meeting prior to the Field Day</b>		

### **2021 General Meetings**

**January: Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup>**

**February: Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup>**

**March: Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup>**

Coolbinia Sports Clubroom; Wordsworth Avenue, Yokine.

*Agenda: Please notify the Secretary if you have any items for General business.*

## *Birthdays for January*

*Paul Terpkos 6<sup>th</sup>;*

*Pat McKeown 18<sup>th</sup>*

Have a great day

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## **Surf Casters December 2020 Jurien Bay field day**

**report by Martin Wearmouth**

With the weather looking better than last month hopes were high for a good field day at Hill River, Peter Osborne, Peet and Sandra Wessels, Steve Harrison and myself met at the Hill River car park at 9am and after letting down our tyres we headed off north to the river mouth, Ron Thomas had come up early and was already fishing about 1km before the river. Steve and I stopped to see how he was going, as we arrived, he pulled in a nice skippy and he said he had had a good morning catching a good bag of Tailor, Herring, Flathead, Flounder and Whiting.

Unfortunately, the lines down was 9am and only the Skippy we saw him catch would qualify for his field day bag but hopes where high the fish action would continue.



Steve and I continued to the river mouth to meet up with the rest. The water looked good so we all picked a spot, Peet had found some very soft sand and sunk so I gave him a tow out with the snatch strap, we all set up our fishing gear and got some lines in the water, just as we got our lines in the wind started to change from SE to SW and as the morning progressed it got stronger going up to about 12 knots.



Not many fish or bites happened for the first few hours, Peet and Sandra managed a couple of Herring but the puffer fish just got worse as they picked off our baits in no time, Ron packed up and came to say goodbye about 12pm as his Sciatic nerve issue was giving him too much pain, he had caught a few more fish up to 10am then it went quiet.



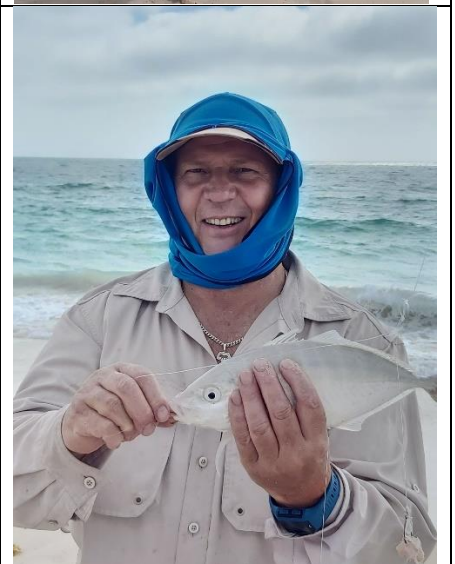
With nothing happening at the river mouth and the puffer fish getting worse we packed up and moved to the spot Ron had been fishing further south. Only the odd fish came in but we did get more bites and no puffer fish at this spot. As the afternoon went on and the wind got even stronger the sea weed started to drift in, it was fishable but with the weed moving north it would eventually catch on your line and when you wound in you would collect a few more bunches.

We hoped the tailor would turn on around dusk but that was not to be, only I managed to land 2 tailor until we retired about 8.30pm next to the fire Peet had set up to keep warm and spin some stories as we all hoped for better fishing in the morning.



We all rose about 4.30 – 5am as the sun started to wake us up, fishing again was slow I managed 2 more tailor and 5 herring over the morning, the SW wind had been blowing all night so the seaweed was still there and not making fishing easy, we all packed up and headed to the car park at 7.30am to do the weigh in and pump up the tyres.

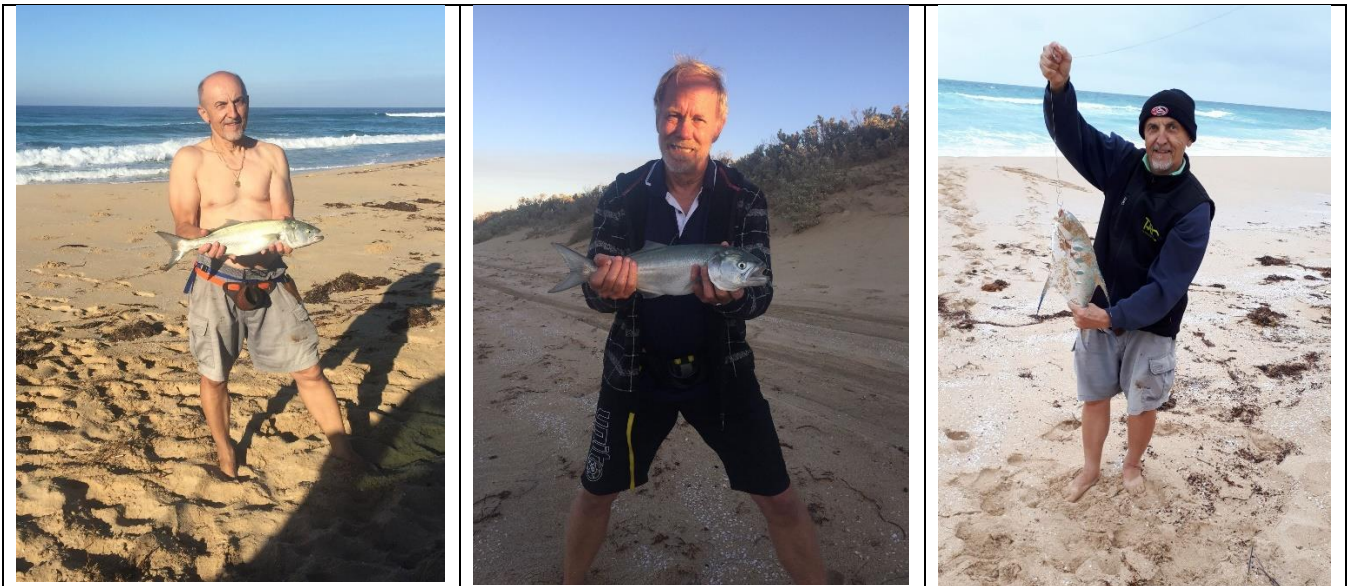
Well all in all not what we expect from this location, the fishing seems to have changed in the last 2 years normally with the conditions we had a good bag of tailor would be easy pickings, so that brings us to the end of 2020, what an interesting and challenging year, fingers crossed 2021 is better fishing.







Stuart Waterman and George Matrakis fished at S-Bend, they went up on Friday morning and had a great session Friday afternoon both bagging out on nice size tailor, and again on Saturday morning they got some nice tailor, George got a 54cm tailor, but this was all before the field day started, during the field day the wind was strong and sea weed moved in so this meant that Stuart got 2 tailor and George got 4 tailor and a Dart, well that's fishing, these fish seem to disappear when our field days start, Mark Hansen fished at south mole on Sunday morning And landed three fish, Wrasse, sand bass & western blue devil.





Field day prizes for December			
Section	Angler	Species	Weight
Best scale fish	Martin Wearmouth	Tailor	0.58
Best bag of scale fish	Martin Wearmouth		2.99
Best shark			
Best bag including sharks			

Field Day Sections up to and including December				
Section		Angler	Species	Weight
1A	Best scale fish (1st six months)	0	0	0.00
1B	Best scale fish (2nd six months)	0	0	0.00
2	Most meritorious fish	0	0	0.00
3	Best shark (4.5kg min)	0	0	0.00
4	Best mulloway (2kg min)	0	0	0.00
5	Best tailor (1kg min)	Peet Wessels	Reef Beach June 2020	3.00
6	Best salmon (3kg min)	Vince Tomazin	Reef Beach Sept 2020	5.76
7	Best skipjack trevally (0.5 kg min)	Vince Tomazin	Reef Beach June 2020	1.56
8	Best mackerel (2kg min)	0	0	0.00
9	Best yellowtail kingfish, samson or amberjack (4kg min)	0	0	0.00
10	Best scale fish (Other than above)	0	0	0.00
11	Best bag of scale fish	0	0	0.00
12	Best bag of mulloway (2 fish min)	0	0	0.00
13	Best bag of tailor (2 fish min)	Martin Wearmouth	Preston beach October 2020	2.61
14	Best fish on single handed rod (max 4kg line)	Martin Wearmouth	Goatfish	0.90
15	Best fish caught on fly rod	0	0	0.00
16	Best fish on single handed rod, soft plastic lure (max 4kg line)	Mark Hansen	Whiting King George	0.24
17	Best fish on single handed rod, hard body lure (max 4kg line)	0	0	0.00
18	Best fish caught using a drone	Sri Srigandan	Salmon Western Australian	5.05



ANGLER	Species			Tailor	Flathead (all species)	Trumpet r - Grunter striped	Tarwhine	Trevally Silver Skippy	Pike	Flounder (all species)	Butterfish Western	Species Dart all	Species Wrasse (all species) 1 only	Species Sand Bass	Species Western Blue Devil	Total weight	No. of Species	No. of fish	F.D. points	Attendance		Total points
	Number	Total weight	Weight of best	Herring Australian																Field Day	General Meeting	
Peet Wessels	4	0.61					1	1	1	1						1.89	5	8	76.9	1	1	96.9
							0.30	0.39	0.21	0.38												
Martin Wearmouth	8	1.11				1										2.99	3	13	72.9	1	1	92.9
						0.20																
Ron Thomas																2.36	3	8	61.6	1	1	81.6
George Matrakis																2.18	2	5	46.8	1	1	66.8
Mark Hansen																0.70	3	3	40.0	1	1	60.0
Steve Harrison	3	0.39														0.61	2	4	30.1	1	1	50.1
Sandra Wessels	5	0.75														0.75	1	5	22.5	1	1	42.5
Stuart Waterman																0.84	1	2	20.4	1	1	40.4
Peter Osborne	4	0.60														0.60	1	4	20.0	1	1	40.0

Top scores up to December		
Rank	Angler	Total points
1	Martin Wearmouth	1486.8
2	Peet Wessels	1056.9
3	Ron Thomas	903.8
4	Mark Hansen	827.6
5	Vince Tomazin	664.8
6	Sandra Wessels	556.7
7	Theo Van Niekerk	302.4
8	Shane Wignell	301.7
9	Gary Parkinson	298.5
10	Stuart Waterman	260.9
11	Sabby Pizzolante	224.4
12	Brad Zaknich (visitor)	161.2
13	Chris Stickells	152.2
14	Steve Harrison	86.5
15	Peter Osborne	73.0
16	George Matrakis	66.8
17	David Wilding	59.0
18	Alan Green	44.5
19	Oliver Wessels	39.3
20	David Trainer	30.0
21	Trinity Wessels	29.0
22	Logan Wessels	21.8
23	Sri Srigandan	20.0
24	Grace Wessels	10.0
25	Ian Taggart	10.0

## **Barron Lure Competition**

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

No Entry

Heaviest Salmon on Lure

No Entry

Heaviest Scale fish on lure

No Entry

## **Open fishing competition 2020/21**

The Open Competition is for fish caught between 1 May 2020 and 30 April 2021, other than on Club gazetted Field days, 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	
3	Best mulloway	5 kg	
4	Best salmon	3.5kg	Peet Wessels, 6kg Reef Beach 1/6/20
5	Best flathead	0.5 kg	
6	Best tailor	1.5 kg	
7	Best samson fish	5 kg	
8	Best fish on single handed rod maximum 4kg line class (Bait)	Legal size	
9	Best pink snapper	2 kg	
10	Best tarwhine	0.5 kg	
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	
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	
19	Best Fish caught by Drone	Legal size	

FOR THOSE THAT HAVE  
NEVER SEEN A  
CATFISH !!



You never  
appreciate what  
you have till it's  
gone.  
Toilet paper is a  
good example.

**Did you know on  
the Canary  
Islands there is  
not one canary?  
And on the  
Virgin Isles?  
Same thing - not  
one canary there  
either!**









*Not a lot of fish but great photos*



## DRYCASTING – 7<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2020

Not much to write about this month as only 5 casters turned up on what was an almost perfect day, with a good easterly behind us, but just after we started our distance casting the wind started to die and changed direction quite often. This meant if you were lucky, you had a good tail wind, but that was not always the case.

Steve is starting to get into the action with some good casts. Bob had his usual couple of outs but still managed some good scores. In the 56gr 150.57m was the best, followed close by Hendo with 146.92m. The best in the art bait was 131.61m followed by Gary with 121.52m and Steve 109.74m.

The longest cast for the day was 157.80m, then Gary with 141.93m then Steve 135.06m.

Gary took out the honours in the DHA with 147 followed by mal with 131. The SHA was won by your truly with 32, runner up was Gary with 25.

I will take this opportunity on behalf of my wife and myself to wish everybody all the best for Christmas and new year.

The next drycast will be held on the first Monday of January 2021.

RON THOMAS  
DCO

<b>SURF CASTING &amp; ANGLING CLUB</b>												
<b>Dry casting results - 7th December 2020</b>												
	<b>56 gram</b>				<b>Artificial Bait</b>				<b>112gram</b>			
	<b>Cast</b>	<b>Cast</b>	<b>Total</b>		<b>Cast</b>	<b>Cast</b>	<b>Total</b>		<b>Cast</b>	<b>Cast</b>	<b>Total</b>	
<b>Veterans</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>		<b>%</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>		<b>%</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>		<b>%</b>
BOB HENDERSON	146.92	141.74	288.66	96.76	99.15	OUT	99.15	38.79	OUT	120.97	120.97	38.94
GARY GILDERSLEEVE	128.03	118.43	246.46	82.61	121.17	121.52	242.69	94.94	137.63	141.93	279.56	89.98
MAL HEAD	86.81	66.50	153.31	51.39	88.99	98.11	187.10	73.19	114.43	114.72	229.15	73.76
RON THOMAS	150.57	147.77	298.34	100.00	124.01	131.61	255.62	100.00	157.80	152.89	310.69	100.00
<b>Visitor</b>												
STEVE HARRISON	110.69	OUT	110.69	37.10	109.48	109.74	219.22	85.76	134.81	135.06	269.87	86.86

<b>VETERANS BEST CASTS FOR THE YEAR 2020 - 2021</b>												
LONGEST 56 GRAM							150.57				RON THOMAS	
LONGEST ARTIFICIAL BAIT							132.69				RON THOMAS	
LONGEST 112G							161.55				RON THOMAS	
HIGHEST DOUBLE HANDED ACCURACY							157				GARY GILDERSLEEVE	
HIGHEST SINGLE HANDED ACCURACY							35				BOB HENDERSON	
<b>SENIORS BEST CASTS FOR THE YEAR 2020 - 2021</b>												
LONGEST 56 GRAM							97.80				MARK HANSEN	
LONGEST ARTIFICIAL BAIT							97.16				MARK HANSEN	
LONGEST 112G							121.35				MARK HANSEN	
HIGHEST DOUBLE HANDED ACCURACY							135				MARK HANSEN	
HIGHEST SINGLE HANDED ACCURACY							29				MARK HANSEN	

<b>SURF CASTING &amp; ANGLING CLUB</b>																		
<b>Dry casting results - 7th December 2020</b>																		
	<b>Double Handed Accuracy</b>										<b>Single Handed Accuracy</b>						<b>Total</b>	<b>Attendance</b>
	<b>Target number</b>										<b>Target distance</b>						<b>D/Casting</b>	<b>Points</b>
<b>Veterans</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>%</b>	
BOB HENDERSON	15	21	20	13	11	0	11	19	110	74.83	0	7	7	4	18	56.25	302.49	10
GARY GILDERSLEEVE	19	19	22	23	11	17	18	18	147	100.00	9	4	7	5	25	78.13	439.53	10
MAL HEAD	13	22	23	12	2	18	19	22	131	89.12	0	5	1	4	10	31.25	339.34	10
RON THOMAS	6	22	20	20	17	3	16	12	116	78.91	6	9	8	9	32	100.00	448.00	10
<b>Visitor</b>																		
STEVE HARRISON	12	0	18	24	1	0	0	19	74	50.34	4	6	7	6	23	71.88	306.72	10

## UHF CHANNEL GUIDE

For our new members and also to refresh the minds of our existing members it is important to look at our radio communications again. Having an UHF radio installed is as important as having a fishing rod for your 4x4 fishing adventure.

In January 2008, Vix Alexander, requested that the Club use a common UHF Channel. It was decided to use “Channel 35”. Shortly afterwards, we realized that CH 35 was actually a repeater channel and it was to be used for emergency communications only.

In April 2008 I investigated the allocated usage of UHF channels in Australia.

Channels 1 to 8 (and 31 to 38) are for repeaters. (These are sometimes called DUPLEX). Each repeater needs a pair of channels to work. When on Channel 1 repeater, Channel 31 is also used up, 2 uses 32 – and 3 uses 33 – etc. Avoid channels 31 to 38 for general use. If you are within range of a repeater, your voice could exceed 10,000sq km coverage and that repeater, could be made unusable – without your knowledge. For general travelling use, we suggest the Repeater (REP) or Duplex (DUP) function be programmed permanently ‘ON’ at all times on Channels 1 to 8. Please avoid transmitting on all the above channels – unless you choose to access a repeater. Calling Channel 11 (allocated in law). This channel is used to call another user who may be listening on the call channel (such as a friend). After contact you must move to another channel. Most country operators sit on other general use channels. Scanning all channels is more useful to find these other operators. Channels 22 & 23 are signalling and telemetry channels only. No voice is allowed. (Allocated in law). Channel 40 is used by highway vehicles and trucks. (Firmly established by tradition) Channel 18 is used by caravans and campers. (By courteous agreement) **Channel 10** is for 4WD enthusiasts, clubs, and convoys and is recommended officially in national parks. (By courteous agreement) Channel 5 is for emergency repeaters. (Allocated in law) General use channels are therefore 9 12 17 19 to 21 24 to 30 and 39.

Based on the above UHF Channel Guide, it was decided and approved by the club committee to use **Channel 10** for our club and outdoor activities. Should we find this channel to be congested on the day, we can then move to **Channel 18** or any of the “General Use” channels. For the guys going to Steep Point, you can talk to the Ranger on UHF 16.

**Tip.** Install a small external speaker to improve your communications, especially if your radio is installed in an awkward location. I got one from J-Car for under \$20 and it made a huge difference.

Can’t wait to communicate with you on our next fishing adventure. Remember to switch your radio on, and check your radio channel and volume selection on a regular basis. It is also strongly recommended to do a radio check with the rest of the convoy at the start of your journey. **Remember to select CH-10 for our club communications.**

***Tight lines and don’t be scared to communicate on the radio.  
Peet Wessels (10 December 2020)***





## Recipe for Drone Fishers Stingray Baked in Vinegar

### Ingredients:

2 cups meat from the flap of the s  
1 tablespoon flour  
2 tablespoons cider vinegar  
2 tablespoons water  
1 tablespoon butter  
salt and pepper  
chopped parsley



### Method:

Skin the flaps and remove the meat. Cut into pieces about 5 cm square. Mix the flour, salt and pepper, and roll the stingray in this mixture. Arrange in a buttered baking dish. Pour over the cider vinegar and water, and dot with the rest of the butter. Bake in a moderate oven until stingray is tender. Serve hot or cold garnished with a little chopped parsley.

### Stingray Fillets in Sour Cream

Serves: 4-6

### Ingredients:

6 stingray flap fillets  
4 teaspoons butter  
½ teaspoon  
Worcestershire sauce  
300 ml sour cream  
1 tablespoon paprika  
¼ cup grated cheese  
¼ cup dried breadcrumbs  
1 teaspoon salt



### Method:

Grease one-litre baking dish with one quarter of the butter, then place the fillets on the bottom. Blend salt, Worcestershire sauce, paprika and cheese into the sour cream. Spread over the fillets. Top with the breadcrumbs and dot with the remaining butter. Bake in a preheated oven at 180 °C and cook until it is easily parted with a fork. Serve with wedges of lemon.

### Stingray Fish Patties with Mushroom Sauce

Serves: 4-6

### Ingredients:

4 minced stingray flaps  
1 white onion finely chopped  
4 slices day-old cubed bread  
125 gm chopped mushrooms  
½ teaspoon ground nutmeg  
½ cup milk  
2 tbsp olive oil  
125 g sliced mushrooms  
1 can mushroom soup  
½ cup water  
Salt and pepper to taste  
2 eggs



### Method:

Blend together the onion, bread cubes, milk, eggs, chopped mushrooms, nutmeg, fish, salt and pepper. Form into 10 or 12 patties and brown the patties in the hot olive oil. Drain off the oil and add the sliced mushrooms, soup and water. Simmer on a low heat for 20 to 30 minutes.

## FRIDAY NIGHT FISHING SESSIONS 2021

DATE	TOPIC	NOTES
8 <sup>th</sup> January	Lure Making; <b>This is a practical session on lure making</b>	1st Jan <b>New Year's Day</b>
	Carving in wood and making plastic lures. Quick lures that work.	26 <sup>th</sup> Jan <b>Australia Day</b> (Tuesday)
	Making moulds to cast lures.	25 <sup>th</sup> Australia Day Holiday ? ? ?
	Demonstration and practical session	
5 <sup>th</sup> February	Reading the Beach; Unusual conditions and their impact on fishing; Fishing innovations, inventions and improvements in technology related to fishing.	
	<b>Practical Session: - fishing for whiting at Coodanup</b>	<b>Date to be advised</b>
5 <sup>th</sup> March	Reel Repairs;	Monday March 1 <b>Labour Day</b>
	Bring a reel with suitable tools to strip, clean and re-assemble with no spare parts.	
	<b>Practical: Local beach fishing trip to read the beach and catch some fish.</b>	<b>Date &amp; location to be advised</b>
10 <sup>th</sup> April	Fishing Knots and Rigs	2 <sup>nd</sup> April <b>Good Friday</b>
	Practical session will consider which knot is best in what situation.	5 <sup>th</sup> April <b>Easter Monday</b>
		25 <sup>th</sup> April <b>ANZAC Day</b>
		26 <sup>th</sup> Monday ANZAC Holiday
7 <sup>th</sup> May	Seasonal species, fishing the change of seasons	9 <sup>th</sup> May <b>MOTHERS' DAY</b>
	Fishing locations – what species where	
	Extended trip planning, preparation and packing.	
11 <sup>th</sup> June	Smoking fish and other product.	
	Preparing one pot palatable camping / fishing meals	7 <sup>th</sup> June <b>W A Day</b>
	Bring a recipe and collect a few	
	Seafood recipes	
2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Sinker making night	
	Making sinkers / lead lures, making burley cages	
	Making lure moulds	
	<b>Bring your own CLEAN lead and your moulds. Note: Clean means no silicone, paint or other contaminants</b>	
4 <sup>th</sup> September	Knife and Hook sharpening	27 <sup>th</sup> Sep <b>Queens Birthday</b>
	Bring your sharpening tools and blunt knife/ves and learn from an expert how to do it properly.	
1 <sup>st</sup> October	Rod building and repairs.	
	Emergency repairs on the go.	
	Care and maintenance of fishing rods;	
	how to not break them	
5 <sup>th</sup> November	Identifying structure in rivers, streams and on the beach.	
	Fly fishing in sweet and saltwater	
	Flies to use when fishing stream or the ocean.	
3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Christmas wind-up	25 <sup>th</sup> Dec <b>Christmas Day</b>
	Topic to be decided earlier and circulated	26 <sup>th</sup> Dec <b>Boxing Day</b>
	<b>Practical: mullocky slide baiting trip to Fremantle</b>	28 <sup>th</sup> December Boxing Day Holiday
	<b>Date and location to be advised</b>	

This is the final draft, put together with the attendees on December 4<sup>th</sup>. Several specialists will be asked to help present various subject to provide variety and alternative ideas. If there are other additional topics you wish to include, please let me know so we can include it in the list.

Where a practical session or 'hands on' session is planned these will be arranged and times, dates and meeting places and will be circulated prior to event. Please note that these are separate from the normal Friday night session and are an addition to the program.

Where there is a practical session planned for a Friday night, please bring your own tools and equipment.

It has been suggested that there is sufficient expertise in the group to enable others to learn from them, for example, one is a good lure fisherman, others are good fishing from the beach. Others have technical expertise in other matters relating to fishing. A sharing of ideas and expertise would improve everyone's fishing experience.





## FIRST AID KIT

So you can identify what's missing from your first aid kit we asked Darryl to provide a contents checklist for a basic kit. He also offered his thoughts about what other items would 'value-add' to a remote area first aid kit. It's also important to double-check your kit regularly, replacing any items that have expired or were used on previous trips.

Darryl told us that a basic kit should include at a minimum:

- **First aid booklet**
- **Triangular bandages** – non-elastic bandages used for everything from slings, bandages, pads and to hold splints in place.
- **Survival blanket** - can be used when a patient is suffering from shock or hypothermia
- **Crepe ('conforming' or elastic) bandages of varying widths** – these elastic bandages are used to create pressure, hold dressings in place, reduce swelling and provide some support.
- **Heavy-duty crepe Bandages 10cm wide** - for snakebite and splints
- **Non-adhesive (non-stick) dressings of varying sizes** – best used for covering burnt or abraded (scraped or grazed) skin.
- **Disposable gloves (medium and large)** - preferably made of non-latex material because you have to look after yourself too
- **Adhesive tape (2.5 cm wide)** – preferably a breathable tape such as Micropore)
- **Resuscitation mask or face shield** – again you have to look after your safety
- **Medium combine dressing pads (10 x 10 cm)** - used to help control bleeding and reduce the risk of infection.
- **Large combine dressing pads (20 x 20 cm)** - used to help control bleeding and reduce the risk of infection.



- **Adhesive dressing strips (eg. Band-aids)** - used for minor cuts and skin injuries. Never use adhesive dressings on burnt or abraded skin.
- **Medium gauze dressing (7.5 x 7.5 cm)**
- **A good number of sterile tubes of saline solution (minimum 10 ml)** - to flush out dust, sand or similar particles from the eye and cuts.
- **One pair of scissors**
- **One pair of tweezers** – and maybe a spare because they always go walking
- **Plastic bags of varying sizes** – to put all the rubbish in or to preserve a severed finger
- **Notepad and pencil** – to write down your observations and the patients symptoms to hand over to the cavalry when it arrives.

Some other things you might like to add to make your kit to more robust for when Murphy's Law kicks in ...

- **Hot and Cold instant 'ice packs'** - to help reduce swelling, bites, sprains and to treat Hyper- and Hypothermic patients
- **A purpose-** designed Tourniquet like the C.A.T. – for severe uncontrolled (catastrophic bleed) haemorrhage
- **Israeli Bandages** – uniquely combining a compression bandage with a haemorrhage pad and torsion bar.
- **Flexi-Splint** – having one at hand stops wasted time improvising and they come in handy when particular nasty breaks are pointing in strange directions.
- **Defibrillator** – because about 50% of the 45 – 65yo age group in Australia have heart disease, are overweight or obese, have High Blood Cholesterol and/or high blood pressure.
- **Oral Hydrating Salts** – because dehydration happens due to vomiting, diarrhoea and the sun
- **Remember the need for water.**

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## **Top 10 tips for 4X4 convoy etiquette**

We often head away on trips, in convoy, with our mates and everyone will usually have a different opinion on how it should work. Here's everything you need to know about 4X4 convoy etiquette.

Convoy etiquette is one of those things we don't think about, until we're in convoy and everyone has their idea on what to do, and it generally goes belly up pretty quickly. Someone's pulling up for lunch at 11:30 am, you're not sure who the last vehicle is, you don't know if it's left or right at the next turn, you're climbing a hill with someone's bullbar just about touching your towbar, and things are getting frustrating quickly.

We thought it was time to lay out some ground rules we've been following for years, in the hope that you and your group of mates or club can benefit from a few lessons we've had to learn the hard way.

### **Have a way of communicating**

If you can't chat with those in your group, you're going to have problems. If you're taking a new four-wheel driver on a trip, and they've not organised comms, or their UHF is on the fritz, it's best to put them in the middle of the group. So if anything happens, tail-end Charlie can pick them up and radio forward. That is also true for the leader to radio back any oncoming vehicles, and how many. Use comms; it will help keep your group safe.

### **Have a leader or person-on-point**

Generally whoever organises the trip, or has the least vague idea of where you're heading should probably be the leader. They get to be up the front of the convoy, dictate the speed, and are generally the one with the most responsibility. They've got navigation and comms sorted, and it's someone to blame if you all end up hopelessly lost – this is where the adventure starts.

### **Have a tail-end Charlie**

Tail-end Charlie is the last person in convoy. They'll need to have comms, and they're the person the leader can contact to make sure that everyone has turned at the right spot or made it through an obstacle.

### **Mark your corners**

If you come to an intersection, you want to mark your corners. That means that you will want to wait at the corner, until you have the four-wheel-drive behind you in sight, and they see which way you turn. After direction changes, often the leader will go slow until whoever is on tail-end Charlie duties calls up that they have made the turn, allowing the group to close up again after a long run.



### **Give a bit of room**

On harder trails, especially when a climb is involved, give the vehicle in front of you a bit of space. The last thing they'll need when trying to negotiate a wombat-holed, off-cambered, near-vertical climb is the four-wheel-drive behind them trying to push them up a hill. Especially if they need to reverse back and have another go at an obstacle. It's easier to reverse one four-wheel-drive down a tight track, than five trying to do it in concert. Synchronised reversing anyone?

### **Leave a bit of room, too**

The above also rings true for water crossings, and muddy holes. It's better to have one stuck four-wheel-drive than two. Or three. If someone is going to get stuck, it's easier to recover a vehicle from solid ground; if you're halfway across a crossing and the vehicle in front gets stuck and stops, this means you too must give up your momentum, and probably get stuck. It also allows you to pick a better line.

### **Back off**

If you're in a transport stage, and you're barrelling down the Peninsula Development Road, back off a touch. This keeps your vision clear of dust, and also stops your engine and cab sucking in a gutful of dust from whoever is in front of you. Safety is paramount, and often part of the reason we travel in groups.

### **Shut the bloody gate**

Lead vehicle opens gates, tail-end Charlie shuts them – this shouldn't be news to anyone. If you travel through a gate or fence line, make sure you leave them how you found them.

### **Call obstacles and oncoming**

Especially so on the PDR and on more remote outback roads, call any obstacles you see. The PDR is notorious for dust holes that usually have a 30cm lip on each end, and run for 20 metres. If you see one, call it out. Same for aggressive causeways and rocks, or in some cases boulders on the road. If you are at the front, and there's another convoy or even single vehicles heading the other way; announce them – “four oncoming vehicles – last vehicle white Triton” that way, everyone knows the last vehicle oncoming is a white Triton.

### **Have fun**

The most crucial point is to have fun. If we're in convoy, chances are we're with mates, or on a tag-along. You're out touring and exploring this great country of ours, enjoy it. If someone is missing a bit of etiquette with their convoy procedure, when you pull up for a break, have a yarn and talk the ideas through. No one wants to be the one person who upsets the apple cart.





# **What would an Independent WA look like?**

Deep in the State budget papers is a figure that holds the key to modelling how WA would 'pay its way' as an independent nation. The paper states, "it is estimated that the Commonwealth derived \$56.8bn in revenue from WA". You will not find that figure in Canberra budget papers, I assure you.

What would the WA budget look like if we were to stand alone?

WA collects state taxes of approximately \$21bn. Canberra provides a further \$11bn in grant funding. We would forgo this grant support as a stand-alone nation.

Add the aforementioned \$57bn in federal tax derived in WA to our own \$21bn collections, you get a proforma standalone tax take of \$78bn.

On the expenditure side, the WA Government spends \$31bn on services such as police, health and education. Included are large federal partnership programs in housing, non-government schools, roads and the like.

At first glance we are left with a \$47bn surplus. But we now need to replace the federal money transferred to every day Western Australians. There is very scant data on the 'state by state' allocation of federal expenditure. So we need to rely on what we call the '10% rule'. WA is 10.3% of the national population. So this method of allocation is financially mirrored for our modelling purposes.

Some examples might help. The national spend on welfare and transfer payments (Pre-covid) is approximately \$160bn. WA would continue to fund and care for our pensioners, unemployed and disabled at a cost of \$16bn.

Similarly the federal defence budget of around \$38bn would yield a WA defence budget of \$3.8bn. Today, the actual current local spend would be well south of this as the defence presence is very small. New Zealand, with the twice the population of WA has a very good defence force, costing \$3.9bn and we do not have even come close to their 9,000 personnel! For those wanting stronger defence in WA – read no further. A standalone WADF would be far more capable than what we have at present.

Waters and Rivers attract attention as another example. WA contributes hundreds of millions of dollars to national water infrastructure – mainly to the Murray-Darling River Basin – that's a long way from home. Wouldn't it be better to spend our 10% or \$320m on regional and water assistance for our own stressed rivers and waterways? Do you think politicians in Wodonga or Renmark will ever spend federal money rescuing the Swan or Blackwood rivers?

In summary using the '10% rule' – independent WA would need to spend \$31bn to replace the slice of our current 'Canberra spend' – remember we had \$47bn in the kitty. So we arrive at a surplus of \$16bn.

The same WA Treasury paper quotes the federal contribution or surplus at \$15.5bn so perhaps they used the same approach; the co-alignment of data reinforces confidence in the REF22 budget and finance model.

So how we could spend that surplus? What's the social dividend for a seceded WA?

Lets start with the low hanging fruit and abolish Payroll Tax (\$3.6bn), and all Stamp Duty (\$1.1bn). This would immensely support employers and homebuyers, plus eradicate an entire level of state regulation. To help pensioners and concession cardholders we could eliminate 'out of pocket' expenses for pharmaceuticals. We abolish the Medicare levy (\$1.8bn) and we make Capital Gains tax-free (\$1.6bn). We abolish FBT (\$400m) to kickstart the northwest cities as was originally planned. The cost of these significant reforms to the standalone budget would be \$8.5bn – but imagine the electric effect on business and household incomes while still maintaining the safety net for the aged, frail and needy.

The second strategic benefit is the much-increased local spend from newly derived WA income. There would be an employment boom in defence, science, arts and agriculture – in fact across every facet of society. The domiciling of taxation would trigger enormous multiplier effects to the internal economy, and vitally kick-start and create social capital in new and diverse career opportunities for WA job seekers - halting the brain-drain we have experienced for decades. The regions would boom.

We would be left with an \$7.5bn surplus to retire debt or support infrastructure projects, and build regional cities. That's a 10% buffer for the naysayers.

There is more to discuss, especially constitutional aspects but I invite you to read the preamble to the commonwealth constitution, which deals with its insolubility. Every state except WA is listed in the preamble. It is true we later joined by a specific popular vote. It's like your name not being on a head lease – yet we joined in after. Grounds for contention? In any case, in the modern age who can turn back the tide of popular will?

First we must decide for ourselves what we want to do.

It's time to put the same question asked in 1933, to Western Australians in a new 2022 referendum. In that prior instance, 66% were in support. I think the result would be about the same. What do you think?

**Jonathan Huston**

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## **Emergency Plus app updated**

***A new feature on the Emergency Plus app could, quite literally, save your life.***

The new Emergency Plus (a.k.a. Emergency+) app update has been designed to make it easier for emergency services to locate you in the event of, you guessed it, an emergency.

In any emergency situation, time and location accuracy are critical. The Emergency+ app, update now makes it easy for users to pinpoint their location down to three square metres using the 'what3words' feature.

The what? The Emergency+ app has been developed by Australia's emergency services and government industry partners, and the 'what3words' feature essentially divides the entire surface of the earth into individual three square metre patches, each with their own three-word identifier. The app even works offline, so it can be used even when there is poor data connection.



It's super-easy to use: just install the app on any Apple or Android device, open it and choose between Triple Zero (for emergencies), the SES or the Police Assistance Line. Once you've made the appropriate call for your situation, simply tell the operator your location, which is clearly displayed on-screen in longitude and latitude coordinates, as well as via the unique 'what3words' feature that clearly displays the three words for your current location.

The app also has links to the National Relay Service for people who are deaf, hard of hearing and/or have a speech impairment; instructions on how to perform Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR); and links to other services such as Crime Stoppers, Health Direct, Life Line, the Poisons Information Line and more.

Remember, only choose the Triple Zero (000) option if someone seriously injured or in need of urgent medical help, if your life or property is being threatened, or if you have just witnessed a serious accident or crime. And when on the line stay focused, stay relevant and stay on the line.

Of course, if you're travelling in remote areas where there is no mobile phone reception at all, you won't be able to rely on your smartphone alone to communicate with emergency services, so for these circumstances you'll still need either a satellite communicator, satellite phone or HF radio. As the Emergency+ app's 'what3words' feature works offline through your device's built-in GPS, however, you could still relay your location to emergency services using a satellite communicator or HF radio.

You can download Emergency Plus for free through the [Apple app store](#) or [Google Play store](#).

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## ***Put the wrong fuel into your 4X4? Here's what you need to know***

Not as common as it used to be, it's still possible to misfuel your petrol or diesel 4X4 causing thousands of dollars' worth of damage.

Me, I've never filled a vehicle with the wrong fuel but a quick whip around the office recently revealed that one staffer had done it three times. What the?! In fact, according to Australia's motoring clubs around 10,000 people each year stick the wrong fuel in their vehicle.

Sticking the wrong fuel in your vehicle became a thing as the popularity of diesel vehicles in this country began to increase and petrol stations began to mix petrol and diesel bowsers or combine them onto the same one. Some researchers claim that misfuelling vehicles occurs on the fifth or sixth tank when the vehicle's newness has worn off... meaning some people might forget they've just bought a diesel and fill it with petrol or vice versa.

That said, it is almost impossible to misfuel a modern vehicle, one because they usually have a sticker inside the filler cap reminding you what you can fill it with but also the neck of the filler is usually fuel-type specific, meaning you probably won't be able to fit, say, a diesel filler inside the neck of a petrol tank. But that's not always the case vice versa.

It's worth noting, before we get into why it's bad when you run the wrong fuel in your vehicle that misfuelling isn't covered by your vehicle's warranty or by your vehicle insurance policy, meaning any damage caused will be paid out of your pocket.

### ***So, you've tipped in the wrong fuel, now what do you do?***

Mistakes happen. The best thing to do is to not panic. Whether you've realised your mistake after only tipping a few litres into the tank or not until you've brimmed the thing it won't matter. Either way, the tank will need to be drained by a professional.

Whatever you do, don't start your vehicle. Not even to move it to a parking spot at the petrol station. You need to go inside the station and tell the attendant what you've done and see if you can get some help to push your vehicle into a parking spot. By not starting your vehicle the fix will be a little simpler and cheaper. Make a call to a roadside service provider and they should be able to provide assistance or direct you to someone who can.

If you start your vehicle, even just to move it a few hundred metres or only a couple of kilometres it will begin circulating through the fuel system. This is bad. If you haven't realised what you've done until your vehicle has come to a grinding halt, then you'll need a tow truck. From here, the costs will begin to mount. You'll likely be up for a new fuel tank, new fuel lines, fuel filters and fuel pump(s) and injectors – although this really does depend on the vehicle and the circumstances. If your vehicle is still under new car warranty, damage caused by misfuelling won't be covered but you'll still need to let them know what's happened, and they might request the vehicle be towed to them for the work to be carried out.

### ***Here's why petrol into diesel or vice versa is bad***

Hopefully, you all understand that petrol and diesel are different types of fuel. Sure, they're derived from the same source material but the chemical structure, after refining, is different as is the engines that run on the stuff and how the fuel itself is converted from chemical energy into mechanical energy.

In a nutshell, a petrol engine uses a spark plug to ignite the petrol in the cylinder, this explosion causes the piston to move. In a diesel engine there is no spark plug and so a much higher compression ratio is required compared to a petrol engine; the air inside the cylinder is compressed and heated (at more than 540-degrees C) diesel is then squirted in causing combustion and the cylinder to move.

Tipping petrol into a diesel is bad because petrol is essentially a solvent and that means it will strip away the oily coating that diesel provides to a diesel engine (see diesel also acts as a lubricant). With this protective coating washed away, seals will dry out and crack and because of the metal-on-metal friction the engine will potentially overheat, seize up and fail.

If you do it the other way around and put diesel into a petrol engine then the main problem you get is that the oiliness from the diesel will coat everything inside the engine and because diesel doesn't burn very well



and burns slowly at that (it requires a high compression ratio to create the necessary ignition), a spark plug will be fairly ineffective at igniting a puddle of diesel in the cylinder and so you'll end up with a coughing, smoking mess.

Some mechanics we've spoken with report it takes twice as long to sort out a diesel engine that's had petrol run through it than diesel in a petrol engine.

So, I haven't run the vehicle and the tank has been drained

How long it will take to drain the tank and how much it will cost and even where it can be done will depend on a number of factors, so I won't even begin to try and guestimate a cost. Don't even think about trying to do it yourself, either.

Once the tank has been drained a new fuel filter will be fitted (you'll potentially need another new one after the first few tankfuls of fuel). If it was a case of diesel into a petrol tank it's likely that once the tank has been drained, you'll only need a flush through before restarting the vehicle. You can expect to hear a bit of a cough and see plenty of smoke as any diesel residue is burnt off, but this is normal. There are additives you can get that will help to get rid of diesel residue. If you put petrol into your diesel then the process is the same, the tank will be drained and flushed, and you'll be able to start the vehicle.

### ***How do I prevent misfuelling in the future?***

If you want to be a little more proactive then there are items that will physically prevent you from inserting the wrong fuel nozzle into the tank. We've not tested any ourselves so wouldn't like to recommend one over the other; a whip around of the Internet will be your best bet.



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