

# REEL TALK



*SANDRA SHOWS EVERYONE HOW IT'S DONE*

SURF CASTING AND ANGLING CLUB OF WA INC  
June 2017

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## **President's Report – June 2017**



As those of you who attended the May General Meeting will know, Vic Schilo has kindly agreed to chair the May General and Committee meetings for me, as I have some other commitments. Thanks to Victor and I look forward to things returning to normal next month.

On behalf of the Club, I will take this opportunity to pass on our condolences to committee member Sri on the recent passing of his wife Sita, who was also a member of our club.

Our thoughts are with Sri, his sons and extended family at this difficult time.

*Shane Wignell President*

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### **Thought for the month:**

‘The time has come,’ the Walrus said,  
‘To talk of many things:  
Of shoes – and ships – and sealing wax –  
Of cabbages – and kings –  
And why the sea is boiling hot –  
And whether pigs have wings.’

*Lewis Carroll  
Through the Looking Glass*

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## **Annual General Meeting**

### **The Surf Casting and Angling Club AGM will be held on Wednesday 12 July.**

Apart from the necessary reports, it also signals an opportunity for all members to consider serving on the SCAC Committee. The Committee continues to be made up of the same few members and it goes without saying their support and valuable volunteer time is very much appreciated by all. In fact without that commitment the SCAC would just not function.

The AGM notice and Committee nomination form will be forwarded to you soon. Please make a note of the date and make an effort to attend.

*Victor Schilo Vice President*

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### **Social Organisers Report 2017.**

Here we are another month gone already.

The social side of things is starting to pick up with the upcoming Presentation night looming up fast (22<sup>nd</sup> July). Time to start contacting our wonderful sponsors, who have supported us so well in the past, so don't forget support them as they support us.

The Sausage sizzle fundraiser application has gone into Bunning's still waiting to hear from them.

Thanks to Peet and Sandra along with George, who has volunteered to take on tasks to assist with organising goods for the day. These people work hard for your club to keep it running.

So how about supporting your club and putting your hand up to help. Don't leave it to the other person all the time one day they will give up and who will do it then.

The night cast went off very well all who turned enjoyed themselves especially being entertained by Peet and Sandra's grandson Oliver who ran Peet all over the park.

Eventually both worn out, Peet collapsed into a chair whilst Oliver ran over to Oma for a cuddle and sleep all worn out but happy.

The venue is an excellent location with good amenities.





Who wants a dance?

Thank you, to all members who support the monthly meeting raffle.

Anybody interested in going to the Croatian Club for a Friday night meal, let me know and I will organise it. A good feed is always guaranteed

Good to see Rick back after his holiday. Enjoy retirement Rick now that you have all day to do what you like; especially now you are a pensioner.

Bob Henderson with Leonie and their son and grandchild were unfortunate enough to be involved in a car accident on Saturday night the 20<sup>th</sup> May. All are OK, fortunately only suffering bruising and shock. The vehicle is a write off.

Hendo made a comment that any medicinal beverages to aid recovery are most welcome. Express post is recommended. Great to see Bob still has a sense of humour as only he has.

Anybody else on the sick list, get well soon.

*See you on a beach somewhere Social Organiser Pat McKeown*

## **Membership Co-ordinators Report**

Membership inquiries have a bit quiet lately, but we do have a potential new member coming along to the next meeting. His name is David please look out for him and make him welcome.

Don't forget Shirts and hats are available contact Shane, who sells them and wants to get some room in his garage.

How about booking your place at the upcoming Presentation night you never know we could have a full house and you could miss out. If you need assistance contact a committee member who will arrange it.

Well that's about it from the desk this month.

*Stay well and Enjoy Life Membership Coordinator Pat McKeown*

## June event calendar

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### June Dry-Casting

<b><u>When</u></b>	<b>SUNDAY 11 June:</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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### June General Meeting

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

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### June Committee Meeting

<b><u>When</u></b>	Wednesday 21 June, 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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### *Mal & Jenny's trip to Exmouth and Kalbarri*

We started our trek to Exmouth on Easter Monday, not good timing as everyone was on their way back to Perth . The Brand Highway was like peak hour traffic, all on a mission to get back home.

Lucky we were heading the other way, on arriving at the Cataby Road House, we have never seen so many people, cars, caravans and of course road trains, the owners would have been clapping their hands, it would have been one of their busiest days.

Heading up to Geraldton for the night, then onto Carnarvon and finally Exmouth it's a long drive but good road all the way. We arrived mid-afternoon to spend a week with our son Michael, his wife Em and our two beautiful granddaughters, Abby and Imogen and Em's mum and dad.

Although, we had not been back to Exmouth in 22years, the town still looks the same .

It was 1995, the year we started travelling ( only \$12 to \$15 for a powered site then ), we had been to our first National Championships in Geraldton and we have not missed one since. Certainly looking forward to Harrington next year. The friendship and camaraderie is what brings us back each time.

Well back to Exmouth, like always the word is plenty of fish caught last week, but we had strong winds and big swells which made it impossible to get the boat out. Mal did try beach fishing but nothing big so not much success.

Mal finished up in Exmouth hospital overnight after collapsing on the beach with dehydration (too much beer and not enough water) was the end result.

Apart from that scare, we spent a lovely week with family. Em and our granddaughters went on a boat snorkelling and saw plenty of fish, but unfortunately the fish were not around on our fishing line.

Out time in Exmouth just flew by and it was time to head down to Kalbarri. We stopped off in Carnarvon for a few days and did all the touristy things. Unfortunately Woolworths have opened up in Central Park and the poor small shops on either side of the main town street have all closed down and are boarded up, like many other towns, it's such a shame.

The mile long jetty was looking very worse for wear and in need of repair, it really needs some injection of some money. The little Coffee Pot train still runs the length of the jetty for \$10 a ride \$5 to walk all proceeds for the jetty, so they are trying to raise money .



Back down the road to beautiful Kalbarri arriving about 3pm. The house was already for us, looked nice and clean, so now the big unpack for our 2weeks holiday with Jenny's brother Ted and his wife Thelma.

Upon leaving Carnarvon Mal had tripped and twisted his knee, so he was unable to do any beach fishing. There is a raft at Chinaman's for the disabled, so he fished from there hoping for that BIG MULLAWAY, but no luck, (don't think we have chosen the right month), the swells have been very high .

Ted tried fishing most morning, but came back wet, bedraggled and totally disappointed. But like a true fisherman, was off again the next morning putting in the effort with no success.

Apart from fishing, any families thinking of taking advantage of the club house, Kalbarri has a lot of other things to offer. A skateboard ramp build a few years ago is very popular. There are day and sunset cruises up the river. Walks in the National Parks with spectacular views and swimming holes and a boardwalk is about to be started.

At 8.45am each morning the Pelicans come in to be hand fed and a volunteer gives a very interesting talk on these incredible birds. At the boat hire you can hire kayaks, canoes, paddle boats or just hire a covered power boat and cruise up the river for an hour.

The Entertainment Park has a mini put-put, bike hire, a spiral tower climb of 11metres to the top and a sandy play area and pedal cars for toddlers.

The river is lovely and clean and safe for swimming. Rainbow Jungle has a variety of parrots and a outdoor cinema.

If you are more senior and all this sounds just too hard, you can take a lovely flat walk along the foreshore. Barbecues are provided or drop into the many cafes along the foreshore and just watch the world go by. Beautiful Kalbarri has lots to offer all ages.

The club house has everything provided, all you need is you bedding, towels and fishing gear.

It was soon time for us to pack up after our month away with our special families and head back to the hustle and bustle of suburbia until next time.



*Mal cleaning up the front yard*

Good bye beautiful Kalbarri.

*Mal and Jenny*

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## UNDERSTANDING HOOK SELECTION

With so many choices these days in the wonderful world of fish hooks, it's not always easy to select the right size or style for the fish you're after. These notes hopefully will shed some light on one of fishing's most fundamental issues.

The hooks we use play an integral role in how many fish we catch. They are the most vital piece of equipment that connects us to the fish we set out to catch. Without the hook there would be nothing but a bite!

In Western Australia we have lots of great fish to catch, but many do require a specific style hook to get the best result. Some are better targeted with a J-style hook and others with a circle, while lure fishing you may need a particular treble or single hook to get the job done. This can make things complicated for an angler deciding exactly what makes one hook better than another or more suited to a particular fishing style. In these notes I'll run through the reasons why I select a specific hook, which hopefully can help you towards connecting to more fish on the water.

### **What makes a good hook?**

Rather than going through a blow by blow hook selection for specific species, I believe having a good overall understanding will make selecting hooks far easier. This may mean upgrading trebles on your favourite lure or simply trying to pick out a packet of hooks for a bread and butter bait fishing session.



As we know, hooks come in many different shapes and sizes. Most appear similar while still in the packet, but there are quite a few attributes that will make one hook work better than another. Some have a much wider gape and will hook fish better, and there are strong ones and others that bend a lot easier. Just like a rod and reel, one hook is not going to do every job.

I always consider things such as the size of bait I will be using, how hard the mouth of the fish I'm chasing, whether to go barbed or barbless, and the strength of the fish I am targeting. Factors such as these will ultimately decide which hook I tie on the end of the line. To a seasoned angler this comes naturally, but for those just starting out there are many decisions to be made while staring at the large wall of hooks in the tackle shop. Let's run through some of the basics for hook selection.

### **Hook sizing basics:**

For new anglers the numbers that define hook sizes can be quite confusing, but the system is very simple. Hook sizes are generally based on the English Redditch system with a nominal size of zero. Hook sizes with a number followed by a zero increase in size as the number goes up. A 5/0 is bigger than a 3/0 and so on. For hook sizes that do not have a /0 after them, such as a size 6 hook, they decrease in size as the numbers go up. So a size 6 hook is bigger than a size 12 hook. Unfortunately this does not apply to circle hooks as each manufacturer has their own sizing and there is no common ground.

While many hooks are similar in size, it does vary a bit from brand to brand. Once you know roughly what size does the job you need, it becomes easier the next time you are in the shop. In Western Australia you could be using anything from a size 10 or 12 for garfish, right up to an 8/0 hook for mulloway, snapper and dhufish. Although you will never need a sequential selection of hook sizes, you will need to match the hook for the fish's mouth and bait size. That way the hook is going to find its mark and you can convert as many bites to landed fish as possible.

### **Hook strength**

Overall strength has many effects on how well a particular hook is going to do its job. This is the 'x' rating that is listed on the packet. Hooks marked '2X strong' or '2X' are made from wire as thick as the next size up. A 3X hook is as thick as a hook two sizes up. These are designed to provide as much strength as a hook one or two sizes up, but where a smaller hook is required. So a 3X hook in size 2/0 is as thick as a 4/0 standard hook.

Hook strength is an interesting one because you need to find a happy medium between a good hook set and the hook not bending under the pressure of the fight. Using the thinnest hook you can get away with will mean the hook will find its mark far better; it will penetrate more readily, but it needs to be of the correct strength to survive the duration of the fight.

Hook strength plays a huge part in being successful in fishing. Some fish are incredibly hard strikers. Often there is usually a long time between bites, and when one does strike, it can often take the angler by surprise. The added fact, that they are regularly targeted on or near reef, or structure and rocks means a heavy drag setting is also used. This results in huge pressure being placed on the hooks when the fish finally bites, and quite often the hooks will bend.

I do not use treble hooks at all. I have changed all of the trebles on my lures for fishing and upgraded them. I am now using in-line hooks, often barbless, which is another discussion at a different time. The hooks are still of a similar size, just a lot stronger. That way, regardless of whether I get caught by surprise or not, the hooks are not going to fail. This is just one example, it's important to have a good understanding of hook strength because we are lucky to have trophy sized fish in many different species. All will require a strong hook to get to the landing net.

### **Going barbless**

With catch and release now becoming mainstream in our fishing society, micro barbed or barbless hooks should be given a lot of consideration. It is common belief that fishing barbless hooks leads to more lost fish, but this is simply not the case. Everyone still loses fish on barbed hooks from time to time! While I'm not completely barbless, all of my hooks for fly fishing are barbless because I always release the trout here in WA. Deeply hooked fish are far easier to release with barbless hooks.

Part of the problem lies in the availability of quality barbless hooks, both trebles and singles, in tackle shops. While a barbed hook has been designed to hold a fish with the barb, when you take that piece out of the hook, they do not hold as they have been designed to. Barbless hooks are made to hold fish without needing a barb, and do the job brilliantly. As time goes on, maybe there will be more manufactured barbless hooks for anglers to choose from.

### **Singles or trebles?**

Which hook style is better to use and when should I be removing the trebles from a lure I bought and replacing them with quality singles? It really comes down to the species you are targeting. We have a few brands making some great quality singles now. While it may seem difficult, changing them over is really very easy. The biggest factor you need to keep in mind is the action of the lure you may be altering with a hook change. Because singles are lighter than trebles, this can change the way lure swims or its buoyancy. Sometimes you may need to upsize a little or use a slightly heavier hook so that the lure still works correctly.

There are so many species that are easier to deal with using singles, and it makes the day's fishing so much safer for all involved. Salmon off the beach are a prime example. One single on the back of the lure makes catching and releasing fish a breeze, and there is much less chance of getting a wayward treble in the hand.

For me, there are few species such as mullet where I would have singles rather than trebles on my lures, simply because the hook-up rate is so poor. I'm not really sure why this is. Maybe it is because of their very hard and bony mouths or the way they eat the lure, but I have missed a lot of takes using them.

For any species, singles are a great option to use. I've been really enjoying using singles on my smaller lures for anything from bream and whiting to redfin because they hold the fish so well. Once the fish hit the lure, they very rarely get away! Some manufacturers make some fantastic in-line singles right down to size 10, which are awesome for any small lures that we use. They are super sharp and are so much easier to deal with than small treble hooks.

One other hook that has recently come on the market is the assist hook. These are extremely sharp hooks that are attached to a short length of line and attached to the front or rear of a lure. Many smaller lures used for chasing whiting and black bream have these hooks already fitted. I have also replaced a lot of the trebles on my lures with these hooks and have achieved better hook up rates using them, especially on whiting and bream in the estuaries.

### **Circle hooks or J-hooks?**

While lure anglers are deciding whether to use a single or a treble, bait anglers are wondering whether to use a circle hook or a J-hook. I must admit I never thought that circle hooks would work because when you look at one, it is really hard to understand actually how the hook finds its mark! After using them though, they are a really great hook and hold amazingly well.

A J-style hook will pin a fish anywhere from its mouth to deep in its stomach, while nine times out of ten a circle hook will hook a fish in the corner of the mouth. This is why they are the preferred hook of many anglers now. A clean mouth hook-up means less wear on your leader, less time trying to deal with a deeply hooked fish, and better releases for any captures. Game fishing competitions have outlawed the use of 'J' style hooks in favour of circle hooks.

Circle hooks are actually easier for beginners to use than J-style hooks because to get them to hook properly, the angler doesn't need to time the strike. Circle hooks are meant to slide out of the fish's throat and sit in the corner of the jaw.

If you're new to fishing, just keep your hooks sharp. Sharpness is the defining factor as to whether your hook is going to penetrate the fish's mouth or not. While some hooks will stay sharp, others you will have to touch up with a sharpener to ensure that they are at their best when needed most. I tend to change my hooks regularly and not take the risk with a hook that is dull or slightly rusty.

Having a hook sharpener in the tackle box can be handy for touching up a hook when needed on the water. When you've finished using a lure, make sure it's dry before you stow it away. If I've been fishing in salt water, I'll keep all the used lures aside and then wash and dry them before putting them back in the tackle box.

Hooks are the connecting point between us and the fish, and I hope that I may have made it that bit easier next time you need to make a selection. As with all things fishing, it will become simpler each time you do it!

*Article by John Curtis*



## **Email received from the daughter of a former SCAC Member**

**Hi to all**

My dad, a former member of your club back in the 50's and a very dear friend of Vic Davis (Ken Hunt of Bassendean) now deceased, has a Certificate for the Biggest Black Bream caught in the Swan River. In Belmont, just down from where the St. John of God Hospital used to be. I think from memory the catch was late September of 1962.

He used to take me fishing down the river in Bassendean heaps of times and it was the best times of my life.

Dad bought me my own glass rod and would take me down to the back paddock and teach me to 'dry cast' ... Old Mr. Pollock was none too pleased when my sinker hit his horse on the bum !!!! Remember the Pollock Family of Bassendean, who was a successful race horse owner. Well our house backed on to his paddock.

I Dry Cast in his paddock !!!!! OOOOps !!!! Mmmmm. Old Mr. Pollock didn't fancy me too much then, but I was only a little kid of about 9 years old.

Dad used to tell me all sorts of stories and teach me how to catch Gardies / habits of Bream / sorts of bait fish love etc.

Just to change the subject for a moment, I 'think' VIC DAVIS lived in Rivervale in Gallipoli Street. Number 61 from memory (I am 68 this July) and as it turns out my husband (a sparky) worked for the guy who bought the house of Vic Davis, a Licensed Electrician, anyway that's useless information.

The real reason for me contacting you guys, (apart from feeling a tad nostalgic) is this.....

My dad, (deceased) Kenneth Watcham Hunt, 20 Brigg Street Bassendean, 6054 told me that he designed your logo in plaster of Paris and from that the badges were then made. I would sincerely like to know if this is fact or not. Is there anywhere in the minutes of meetings etc that the answer to my query can be solved.

He also said that he and Vic Davis got together to get the 'REEL TALK' magazine started.

I would love to hear from you guys and gals with any memories / records / you may have in relation to my very loving dad - Ken Hunt.

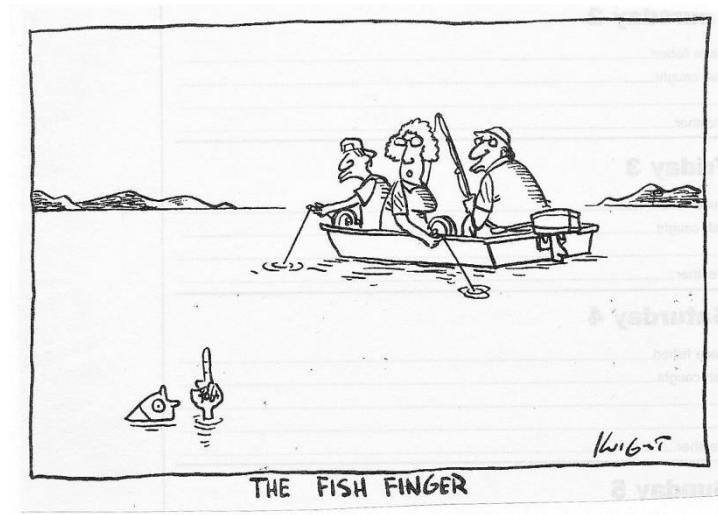
Cheers

His every loving daughter

Phyl Smith

**\*\* Our reports that Ken still holds the Record....**

**Note: If any member has information or remembers Ken Hunt, please contact George Belin.**



## **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..
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## **Birthdays for June**

Helen Tomazin 9 June;  
Geoff Raftis 13 June;

Chris Stickells 11 June;  
Mark Nurse 26 June

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



## **3 – 5 JUNE Long Weekend Field Days**

### **Away Field Day**

**Kalbarri including Port Gregory and Horricks**

**When:** Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> to Monday 5 June

**Lines Down:** 6.00am 3 June

**Lines Out:** 9.00 Monday 5 June

**Weigh in:** TBA

### **Local Field Day**

**Boundary:** Fremantle Moles to Lancelin

**Lines Down:** 6.00am 3 June

**Lines Out:** 9.00 Monday 5 June

**Weigh in:** TBA

**SOLUNAR PREDICTIONS, SUN RISE / SUNSET TIMES AND TIDES FOR  
SATURDAY 3<sup>RD</sup>, SUNDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> AND MONDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> OF JUNE 2017  
FOR KALBARRI TO HORROCKS AND FLOREAT TO LANCELIN FIELD DAY  
Don't become a statistic – wear a life jacket.**

#### **SOLUNAR PREDICTIONS KALBARRI TO HORROCKS**

DAY / DATE	PREDICTION	PREDICTED PRIME TIMES		MOON PHASE
SAT 3 JUNE	POOR	18:00 – 20:00	05:38 – 07:38	
SUN 4 JUNE	POOR	18:44 – 20:44	06:22 – 08:22	
MON 5 JUNE	FAIR	20:27 – 22:27	07:06 – 09:06	FIRST GIBBOUS

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 KALBARRI TO HORROCKS:**

DAY / DATE	SUNRISE	SUNSET	MOONRISE	MOONSET
SAT 3 JUNE	07:07	17:35	13:55	01:32
SUN 4 JUNE	07:07	17:35	14:30	02:14
MON 5 JUNE	07:07	17:35	15:04	03:07

#### **PREDICTED TIDES FOR KALBARRI TO HORROCKS**

DAY / DATE	TIME AND PREDICTED HEIGHT							
SAT 3 JUNE	08:48	0.69	12:48	0.68	15:33			
SUN 4 JUNE	00:29	0.52	08:20	0.73	15:03	0.63	15:39	0.63
MON 5 JUNE	00:33	0.52	08:35	0.77				

**NOTE:** These are the predicted tides for Kalbarri - Horrocks.

There may be some variation due to wind strength and direction.

#### **SOLUNAR PREDICTIONS FLOREAT - LANCELIN**

DAY / DATE	PREDICTION	PREDICTED PRIME TIMES		MOON PHASE
SAT 3 JUNE	POOR	17:50 - 19:50	05:28 – 07:28	
SUN 4 JUNE	POOR	18:34 – 20:34	06:12 – 08:12	
MON 5 JUNE	FAIR	19:17 – 21:17	06:56 – 08:56	FIRST GIBBOUS

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 FLOREAT - LANCELIN**

DAY / DATE	SUNRISE	SUNSET	MOONRISE	MOONSET
SAT 3 JUNE	07:10	17:23	13:49	01:12 f
SUN 4 JUNE	07:10	17:20	14:22	02:07 f
MON 5 JUNE	07:11	17:20	14:55	03:02 f

#### **PREDICTED TIDES FOR FLOREAT - LANCELIN**

DAY / DATE	TIME AND PREDICTED HEIGHT			
SAT 3 JUNE	07:55	1.03	21:23	0.86
SUN 4 JUNE	07:45	1.08	22:09	0.86
MON 5 JUNE	07:53	1.12	17:10	0.84

*Charts supplied by John Curtis.*

## **May 2017 Field Day - Rottnest**

### **Synopsis**

Despite the bad weather conditions we experienced in previous years, apart from cold nights, weather conditions were not just good, but very good. Saturday and Sunday showed up as sunny skies, winds not too strong, low tide at evening, low swell – hence at late afternoon Radar was readily wade-able. As previous years, the thought of a Rotto field day was always in anticipation of catching great fish like Salmon, Yellowtail Kingfish, Skippy, Tailor, misc. species and of course Herring.

While not all these species were encountered, it was a memorable weekend of fishing. I.e. we encountered some fantastic Yellowtail Kingfish, and Skippy action, with two persons managing to land an unforgettable species catch of a great fish off the shore

### **The Trip**

A team of 6 SCAC fisherpersons arrived Friday night and settled into one Bungalow which included- Peet and Sandra Wessels, Theo Van Niekerk, Ian Taggart, Paul Terpkos, and Peter Osborne.

Friday night was extremely cold and after hot meals and long chats involving anticipation of catches we were going to make, we snuggled up under the couple of blankets provided and shivered the night through. Of course, as usual, the Wessels came well prepared as they had an electric blanket.

Saturday morning still cold but the clouds had rolled back to give a sunny day in low temperatures.

Sunday night was not quite as cold and the day was even more pleasant

First up on Saturday morning, with a lot of help from the Bus operators/drivers in sorting out a problem I initiated when I made the booking, the Charter bus arrived at our bungalow a little after 11:30 am. This allowed us to undertake the trip out to West End with quick stop at the bakery to get a hot pie to eat for lunch. On looking through the bus windows at the coast line the wind, wave action and level of water, was starting to look good

Some initially tried at Wilsons for Tailor but no go for this species. Only fish that were active were herring and Wrasse.

With my lack of mobility skills, I fished the Tennis Courts and was later joined by Theo and Ian.

Very quiet, but we noted some Asians had been fishing at the prime Tennis Court location since mid-morning and had landed one Yellowtail Kingfish. I believe they also lost one. Shortly after we arrived and fished beside them they hooked up to a 1.5 metre Shark probably a Bronzie. The Shark skittled across the reef with lots of splashing action but wasn't long before it broke off.



At about 4:00 pm, Theo, Sandra and Peet and Paul walked out on Radar Reef trying to apply their best skills and knowledge to get quality quantity and different species. On cue the Yellowtail appeared and as it started to get dark, the Yellowtail left and the Skippy arrived



Sandra did the usual thing of finding the biggest Yellowtail at 9.00 kg (uncleaned) – an unforgettable capture, and others all managed 3 Yellowtail, with some further catch and release. A great fish for Sandra and demonstrated her fishing skills on landing a Yellowtail of this size. Action on Yellowtail was at times frantic with some cases of three hook-ups at once.

On both Saturday and Sunday sessions, Peet and Sandra also managed other species such as Wrasse, Western Rock Blackfish, and Breaksea Cod.

I, as well as Ian, continued to fish the Tennis Courts. Ian fished on the south east corner and was rewarded with 2 Yellowtail and got busted up by a large one. My effort here was limited to the odd Herring (most small) and very big Buff Bream.

With a steep climb back up the cliff, with the exception of me, all had big smiles, as they loaded their gear and eskies of fish into the bus trailer

On Sunday morning the weather forecast was looking just great. We had the bus pick us up at 11:30 am and again initially headed to the bakery. Ian and Paul decided to stay behind, with Paul having a work commitment requiring he had to get the ferry back on Sunday afternoon.

On arriving at West End, the Tennis Court looked easy fishing. Theo, Sandra and Peet, decided to start there. As before only a few Herring and misc. small fish were encountered. Initially Radar Reef was unfishable as the tide was too high.

At about 4:00 pm as noted above, conditions were excellent. Radar Reef had very little water coming across, Hence these three headed out there again with expectations very high. The Yellowtail arrived on schedule, but not in as large schools and general smaller in size than the previous night. They managed to land more Yellowtail but went into the catch and release mode.

A few Skippy were caught earlier, but on darkness approaching the Skippy really switched on with continuous bites and sizes over one kilo. All three bagged out on quality Skippy

I initially tried Wilsons, a short time with Theo, again no Tailor. Theo left after a short period and joined the others at the Tennis Courts, but I persisted for a while. Apart from few small Herring and some more Buff Bream, I had no success. At about 4:00pm and making my way back, on looking down on Radar Reef, and seeing how good the conditions were I decided to make my way down and join the others.

I managed to get one Yellowtail and a few Skippy. However my session started with a real “Gee Whizz - You Beauty” and a big yell from Sandra. While only just size, I landed my first ever West Australian Dhufish from the shore. Sandra had been kidding me that this weekend I was going to achieve this dream. Again as Sandra’s capture, - an unforgettable capture

Again some pretty happy Surfcasters made their way up the cliff and then with big grins, especially the undersigned, loaded up the Bus with gear and fish.

Back to the bungalow for a hot meal and a good night’s rest due to slightly warmer weather

Then up at the crack of dawn to finish loading up the crate then catch the Ferry at 8:15 am to make the various ways home.

Special thanks from me to Theo, Peet and Sandra, especially Sandra for watching out for me and particularly for all helping me up the goat track on Sunday night – I have trouble getting myself up this climb, let alone my gear and a good bag of fish. It is great to belong to such a club as Surfcasters and have such great friends.





## Some key statistics

### Heaviest fish – (gilled and gutted)

1 – Sandra Wessels	Yellowtail	8, 2 kg)
2 – Paul Terpkos	Yellowtail	2.70 kg
3 – Peter Osborne	Yellowtail	2.63 kg

(Peet probably did a release on a bigger one than #2)

### Heaviest bag

1 – Sandra Wessels	Mixed	26.08 kg
2 – Peet Wessels	Mixed	21.30 kg
3 – Theo Van Niekerk	Mixed	18.63 kg

### Most Species

1 – Peet	6
2 – Theo. Peter and Sandra	5
3 – Paul	3

### Unusual Fish

Peter	Dhufish	1.62 kg
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### **Local**

Only three Surfcasters ventured out to fish locally.

Gary Parkinson, Pat McKeon and Martin Wearmouth tried Cottesloe on Saturday night and Gary and Martin tried Hillarys on Sunday. All up with minimal results .i.e. one Herring to Martin, one Cod to Gary, and nil to Pat.

### **Afterthoughts**

SCAC has a Rotto field day again scheduled for August if you are looking for a fishing experience of a lifetime this venue gives a high probability of achieving this goal.

We are initially planning to book 2 bungalows which will accommodate a total of 12 persons. As the accommodation and bus have to be booked well in advance, at the June general meeting, I would like to get an idea of who is going. We will require a final commitment and payment of the accommodation, ferry crates and bus costs at the July General meeting...

Please note- Historically we have had greater success on fish captures in August when compared to May

*Peter Osborne Field Day Officer – SCAC.*

# May Field Day 2017 - Rottnest & Local

ANGLER		Species	Species	Species	Species	Species	Species	Species	Species	Total weight	No. of Species	No. of fish	F.D. points	Attendance			Total points
		Westralian Dhufish	Herring, Australian	Skipjack Trevally	Yellowtail Kingfish	Breaksea Cod	Species Wrasse (all species) 1 only	Species Western Rock Blackfish	Species Cod (other than listed)					Field Day	Local	Genl Meet'	
Ian Taggart	Number				2					4.46	1	2	54.6	1		1	76.6
	Total weight				4.46												
	Weight of best				2.40												
Theo Van Niekerk	Number		12	8	3		1	1		18.63	5	25	236.3	1			271.3
	Total weight		1.44	9.08	7.14		0.22	0.75									
	Weight of best			1.24	2.60												
Paul Terpkos	Number		2	1	2					6.15	3	5	91.5	1		1	116.5
	Total weight		0.25	0.50	5.40												
	Weight of best																
Sandra Wessels	Number		12	8	3	2	1			26.08	5	26	310.8	1		1	356.8
	Total weight		1.44	8.94	14.38	1.10	0.22										
	Weight of best			1.27	8.20												
Peet Wessels	Number		12	8	3	1	1	1		21.10	6	26	271.0	1		1	317.0
	Total weight		1.44	9.66	9.27		0.22	0.51									
	Weight of best			1.38													
Peter Osborne	Number	1	12	3	1		1			8.30	5	18	133.0	1		1	171.0
	Total weight	1.62	1.24	2.59	2.63		0.22										
	Weight of best			1.12													
Pat McKeown	Number	0													1	1	20.0
	Total weight																
	Weight of best																
Martin Wearmouth	Number		1							0.16	1	1	11.6		1	1	32.6
	Total weight		0.16														
	Weight of best																
Gary Parkinson	Number								1	0.50	1	1	15.0		1	1	36.0
	Total weight								0.50								
	Weight of best																

### Field Day Sections for May 2017

	Section	Angler	Species	Weight- kg
1A	Best scale fish (1st six months)/ Yellowtail Kingfish	Sandra Wessels		8.20
1B	Best scale fish (2nd six months)			
2	Most meritorious fish / Yellowtail Kingfish	Sandra Wessels		8.20
3	Best shark (4.5kg min)			
4	Best mullock (2kg min)			
5	Best tailor (1kg min)			
6	Best salmon (3kg min)			
7	Best skipjack trevally (0.5 kg min)	Peet Wessels	Skipjack Trevally	1.38
8	Best mackerel (2kg min)			
9	Best yellowtail kingfish, samson or amberjack (4kg min)	Sandra Wessels		8.20
10	Best scale fish (Other than above)	Peter Osborne	Westralian Dhufish	1.62
11	Best bag of scale fish	Sandra Wessels	Mixed bag	26.08
12	Best bag of mullock (2 fish min)			
13	Best bag of tailor (2 fish min)			
14	Best fish on single handed rod (max 4kg line)			
15	Best fish caught on fly rod			
16	Best fish on single handed rod, soft plastic lure (max 4kg line)			
17	Best fish on single handed rod, hard body lure (max 4kg line)			

### Sportsperson of the year sections for May

Section	Angler	Species	Weight
Best scale fish	Sandra Wessels	Yellowtail Kingfish	8.20
Best bag of scale fish	Sandra Wessels	Mixed bag	;

### Field day prizes for May

Section	Angler	Species	Weight
Best scale fish	Sandra Wessels	Yellowtail Kingfish	8.20
Best bag of scale fish	Peet Wessels	Mixed bag	21.10

### Top scores for May

Rank	Angler	Total points
1	Sandra Wessels	356.8
2	Peet Wessels	317.0
3	Theo Van Niekerk	271.3
4	Peter Osborne	171.0
5	Paul Terpkos	116.5
6	Ian Taggart	76.6
7	Gary Parkinson	36.5
8	Martin Wearmouth	32.0
9	Pat McKeon	20.0

## Recorder's Report

With the field trip later in the month, I don't have the results through, so only have to report on some housekeeping. I had missed in adding brothers Sam and Jamie Reilly (Peter Osbornes Grandsons) captures into my records.

At the April trip to Bluff Creek Sam Reilly caught a nice 2.98 Kg Salmon added to his species badge and Junior Masters. His Brother James caught a Tailor 1.99Kg prior to the September competition at S Bend this won the open competition in 2016/17 for the largest Tailor and has been added to his species badge. Well done boys I hope we see you on future trips.

With the 2017/18 Competition year kicking off I looked back on this time last year and saw there were already some good captures entered in the open competition in May such as a nice snapper from Martin Wearmouth and some and some Salmon and Flathead from Geoff Raftis.

This time of year through May, June, July and August is the best time to chase larger winter Tailor and why not go for an entry in the Barron Lure Competition and chase them on surface poppers. Particularly in the north metro area there are many reefs with channels, gutters and foamy pools that will hold these larger fish, covering the ground is the key to finding them. I have always found first light to be most productive but they will still strike all times of day if you find them.

Weighing fish caught outside of competitions is not always easy, there are club scales at Field Day Officer Peter Osborne's house and my house. Contacting any of the mentioned should be able to organise weighing fish as required.

Catch and release is preferred by some anglers, so to accommodate this, I have some fairly accurate formulas for calculating estimated weights of most species. If you wish to enter a fish in any of the Open or Grandmaster competitions, please take some good quality photos (the more the better) of the fish alongside a measuring device, brag mat or similar.

Please be aware I need to be conservative in these cases but many anglers will be picking up a prize at the club presentation night this year from submitting entries in this format.

2016/17 Recorder, Justin Rose

### **Summary of Steven Covey's Seven Habits of Effective People** **"PLANNING AND PRIORITISING"**

\*\*\* Very useful chart \*\*\*

	<b>Quick and Easy</b>	<b>Urgent</b>	<b>Not Urgent</b>
<b>Important</b>	Important and easy. <b>DO</b> it <i>immediately</i>	Important and urgent – <b>DO</b> it.	Important and not urgent. <b>DELAY</b> it.
<b>Not Important</b>	Not important and easy - <b>DEFER</b> it. Do it between the hard work for a break.	Not important and urgent. <b>DELEGATE</b> it.	Not important and not urgent. <b>DITCH</b> it.





# Dry Casting Report 7 May 2017

## Hoping to see you all next month.

Dry-casting Officer Ron Thomas

### Drycasting results – 7 May 2017

		56 gram					Artificial Bait					112gram			
		Cast	Cast	Total	%		Cast	Cast	Total	%		Cast	Cast	Total	%
<u>Veterans</u>		1	2				1	2				1	2		
Alan Jones		96.38	87.75	184.13	75.17		87.07	89.08	176.15	75.10		107.44	99.39	206.83	71.63
Bob Henderson		Out	89.69	89.69	36.62		Out	90.92	90.92	38.76		Out	110.43	110.43	38.25
PETER OSBORNE		90.42	91.11	181.53	74.11		81.18	78.99	160.17	68.28		90.65	95.81	186.46	64.58
RON THOMAS		121.18	123.77	244.95	100.00		120.42	114.13	234.55	100.00		144.30	144.44	288.74	100.00
JOHN CROMPTON		79.58	77.00	156.58	63.92		Out	76.00	76.00	32.40		85.80	80.18	165.98	57.48

### Seniors

<u>Jeff Hewton</u>		99.88	Out	99.88	56.24		95.33	101.89	197.22	100.00		130.09	Out	130.09	56.64
MARK HANSON		86.21	91.36	177.57	100.00		89.43	95.55	197.22	100.00		110.46	111.40	221.86	100.00

### Dry-Casting Results 7 May 2017

Double Handed Accuracy											Single Handed Accuracy												
Target number											Target distance										Total	Attendance	Total
<u>Veterans</u>	3	3	1	1	4	4	2	2	Total	%			L	S	L	S	Total	%		%	D/Casting	Points	
Alan Jones	3	18	25	15	12	0	18	21	112	76.70			0	6	6	6	18	58.06		356.66	10	356.66	
Bob Henderson	2	3	17	16	12	17	11	21	99	67.80			8	9	7	7	31	100.00		281.43	10	291.43	
Peter Osborne	8	11	5	2	14	13	9	20	82	56.16			5	6	7	5	23	74.19		337.32	10	347.32	
Ron Thomas	6	16	25	25	14	20	19	21	146	100.00			4	6	1	10	21	67.74		467.74	10	477.74	
John Crompton	0	9	14	17	8	0	17	17	82	56.16			0	0	5	4	9	29.03		238.99	10	248.99	

### Seniors

<u>Jeff Hewton</u>	0	0	19	12	9	0	18	25	83	100.00	0	3	0	0	3	17.64	330.52	10	340.52
Mark Hanson	0	13	8	24	3	0	6	12	66	79.51	B/O	7	7	3	17	100.00	473.30	10	483.30

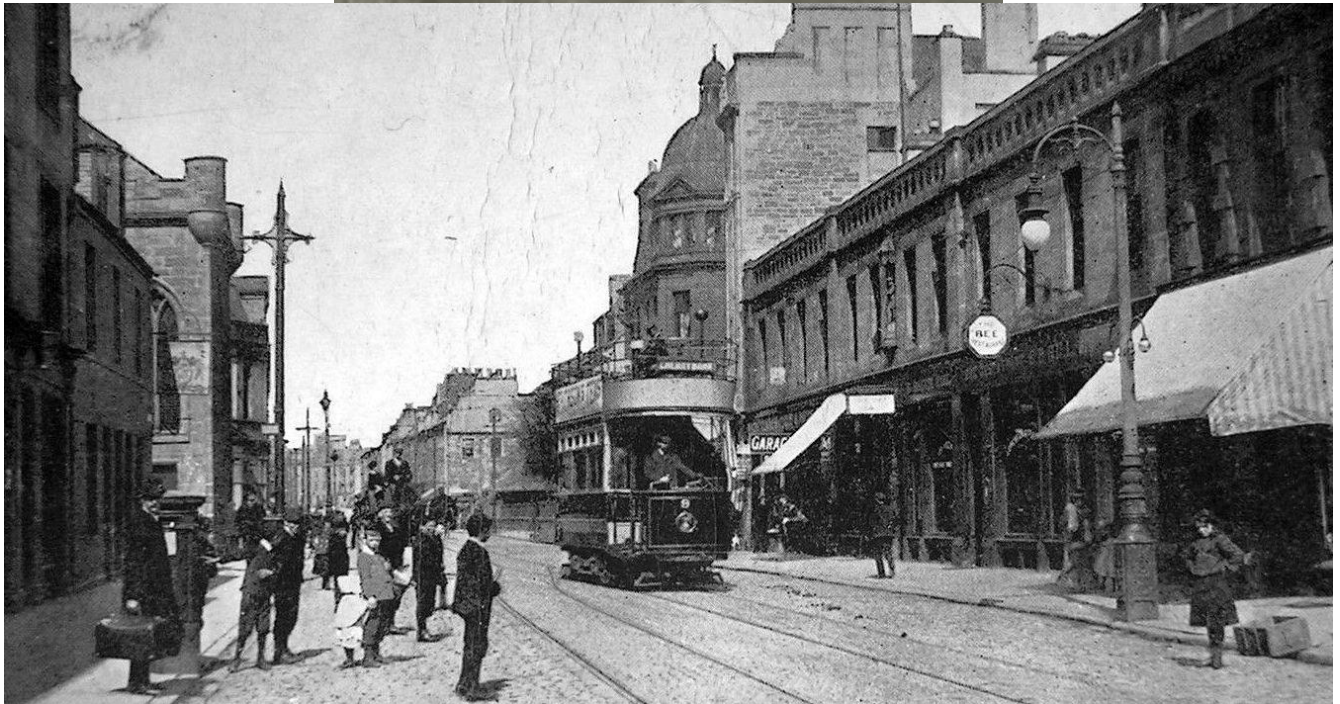
### Veterans: Best Casts for the year 2017 - 2018

Longest 56 Gram	123.77M	Ron Thomas
Longest Artificial Bait	120.42M	Ron Thomas
Longest 112 Gram	144.44M	Ron Thomas
Highest Double Handed Accuracy	146	Ron Thomas
Highest Single Handed Accuracy	31	Bob Henderson

### Seniors: Best Casts for the year 2017 - 2018

Longest 56 Gram	99.98M	Jeff Hewton
Longest Artificial Bait	101.89M	Jeff Hewton
Longest 112 Gram	130.09M	Jeff Hewton
Highest Double Handed Accuracy	83	Jeff Hewton
Highest Single Handed Accuracy	17	Mark Hansen

## OLD PERTH PHOTOS



## KALBARRI HOUSE FOR RENT



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

The Mallard Street house has easy access to the river, beaches and town. There are two reverse cycle air conditioners to keep you cool in the summer months and warm in winter. The two bedrooms will sleep up to eight (max). One bedroom has a queen sized bed; the other has two commercial grade two level bunks plus an extra two level bunk in the lounge area. The bathroom and shower were rebuilt in 2012.

The house has a high definition LCD television, DVD/VCR, stove, oven, microwave, crockery and cutlery and all cooking utensils, washing machine, food fridge/freezer and an extra chest freezer for bait and fish.

You will need to bring your own bed linen, blankets, towels, tea towels, etc.

Outside there is built-in gas barbecue, a fish cleaning facility and a full width veranda. There is plenty of fenced parking space for cars, trailers and boats behind a gate. Pets are allowed but must stay outside the house.

### **Rates are:**

**Short term (min 2 nights) \$100 per night**

**Weekly rate: Stay for 7 nights and only pay for 5**

**Contact Victor Schilo for SPECIAL CLUB MEMBER RATES,** bookings or more details (mob 0413 152 550 or email [treasurerscac@iinet.net.au](mailto:treasurerscac@iinet.net.au)) Collect keys in Perth before leaving for Kalbarri.

Check in time is 2pm. Check out time is 10am.

There are 20 photos on the Club website [www.surfcasters.iinet.net.au/KalbarriHouse.html](http://www.surfcasters.iinet.net.au/KalbarriHouse.html)

## Members please take note of the Field Day Venues for 2017/18

Month	Venue –	Date / times	Boundaries & misc.
<b>May 2017</b> 27 & 28 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Rottnest</b>	Lines down 1:00 pm 27 May Lines up 7:00 pm 28 May	Most go across to Rotto on Fri late afternoon - return Mon am
	<b>Local</b>	di	Floreat to Preston Local Weigh-in at Floreat -
<b>Jun 2017-</b> (LWE 3 to 5 Jun)	<b>Kalbarri – Incl Pt Gregory &amp; Horricks</b>	Lines down 6:00 am 3 Jun Lines up 9:00 am 5 Jun	Use of club house for accom, sign-on and weigh-in, Boundaries Incl north side of river mouth, to Bowes R south of Horricks
	<b>Local -</b>	di	Freemantle Moles to Lancelin Local Weigh-in at Floreat
<b>Jul 2017–</b> 15 <sup>th</sup> & 16 <sup>th</sup> Jul	<b>Cape to Cape</b>	Lines down 1:30 pm 15 Jul Lines up 10:00 am 16 Jul	Busselton Jetty to Augusta : Sign-on & Weigh-in at Busselton Jetty: south side Jetty Car park
	<b>Local -</b>	di	Floreat to Cut @ Mandurah Local Weigh-in at Floreat
<b>Aug 2017–</b> 12 & 13 <sup>th</sup> Jul	<b>Rotto</b>	Lines down 1:00 pm 12 Aug Lines up 7:00 pm 13 Aug,	Most go across to Rotto on Fri late afternoon - return Mon am
	<b>Local -</b>	di	Floreat to Moore River area Local Weigh-in at Floreat
<b>Sep 017</b> (LWE 23 to 25 Sept)	<b>S Bend Caravan Park</b>	Lines down 6:00 am 23 Sept Lines up 9:00 am 25 Sept	Greenough R mouth to Dongara Marina Wall : Sign-on & Weigh-in at Caravan Park
	<b>Local -</b>	di	Floreat to Lancelin Local Weigh-in at Floreat
<b>Oct 2017</b> 14 & 15 Oct	<b>Cervantes/Jurien</b>	Lines down 1:30 pm 14 Oct Lines up 10:00 am 15 Oct	Green Head to south side of Cervantes Beach: Sign-on & Weigh-in at the car park access to Hill River
	<b>Local -</b>	di	Standard Boundaries Local Weigh-in at Floreat
Nov 2017 11 & 12 Nov	<b>Preston to Floreat</b>	Lines down 1:30 pm 11 Nov Lines up 10:00 am 12 Nov	Preston South beach to Floreat and all between. Sign-on/Weigh-in at Preston Beach Car Park
	<b>Local - Incl in above</b>		Local Weigh-in at Floreat
<b>Dec 2017</b> 16 & 17 Dec -	<b>Floreat to Lancelin</b>	Lines down 1:30 pm 9 Dec Lines up 10:00 am 10 Dec	Sign-on/Weigh-in at Moore River mouth boat launch car park. Local Weigh-in at Floreat
	<b>Local - (incl in above)</b>	di	
<b>Jan 2018</b> 13 & 14 Jan	<b>Swan &amp; Canning Rivers</b>	Lines down 1:30 pm 13 Jan Lines up 10:00 am 14 Jan	All river system up E shed Sign-on/Weigh-in at Point Walter car park
<b>Feb 2018</b> 17 & 18 Feb	<b>Preston to White Hills</b>	Lines down 1:30 pm 17 Feb Lines up 10:00 am 18 Feb	Preston South beach to White Hills Sign-on/Weigh-in at Preston Beach Car Park
	<b>Local - (Std Boundaries)</b>	di	Local Weigh-in at Floreat
<b>Mar 2018</b> (LWE 3-to 5 Mar)	<b>Bremer Bay</b>	Lines down 6 am Sat 3 Mar Lines up 9:00 am Mon 5 Mar	All local beaches : Sign-on/Weigh-in at Caravan Park
	<b>Local – Floreat to Moore River</b>	di	Local Weigh-in at Floreat
<b>Apr 2018 –</b> (LWE 31 Mar to 2 Apr)	<b>Bluff Creek at Easter</b>	Lines down 6 am 31 Ma Lines up 9:00 am 2 Apr	Boundaries able to drive north and south of creek: Sign-on/Weigh-in at Camp Site adjacent to creek
	<b>Local</b>	di	Floreat incl beaches up to Club Capricorn Local Weigh-in at Floreat