

# REEL TALK

**SURF CASTING AND ANGLING CLUB**

**MAY 2019**





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Peter Osborne

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

## President's Report May 2019



Instead of standing on the glorious beaches of Bluff Creek, Easter Saturday sees me sitting down to write the monthly report. A late work commitment required me to remain in Perth but, to be completely honest, a look at the weather forecast softened the loss somewhat. I trust those hardy souls who ventured down there [despite all common sense] were rewarded with an impressive catch.

At the recent committee meeting virtually all talk centred around the approaching Presentation Night. As you will know by now the, club will be substantially subsidising the cost for the evening making a good value night out even better.

Not only will members and guests attending leave with a full tummy but also a raffle prize probably worth more than the entry price. Add in the fun of the evening and really it is hard to understand why anyone who is able to attend wouldn't do so.

In recent years a particular highlight has been the number of non-members who have attended as guests of current members. This all adds to the atmosphere and you never know we might even score a future member once they see what we are about. What I am getting at here is don't be shy about inviting a friend or family member to come along.

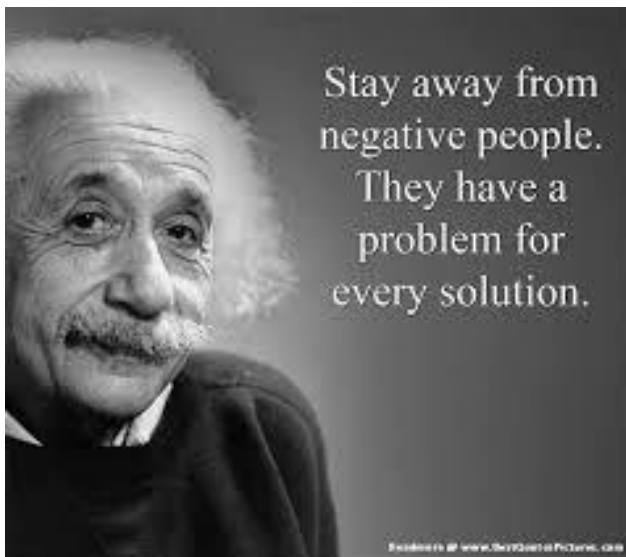
Of course, the fundamental purpose of a Presentation night is to present things. Although we are far from a hardcore competitive angling and drycasting club, we do run a year long competition, so it is appropriate to acknowledge the efforts of those who have excelled through the year.

With the various perpetual awards, it also provides a time for us to reflect on the past members whose names adorn those trophies and how grateful we are for their contributions over the decades. Put simply, without them we wouldn't have this great club.

See you all there.

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### Quotes for the month:



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## May 2019 General Meeting

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2019

Coolbinia Sports Clubroom; Wordsworth Avenue, Yokine.

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

## Field day venues for 2019/2020

Dates	Venue	Boundaries
18 - 19 May 2019	<b>Rottnest Island and standard local</b> Lines down 6am Saturday Lines up 9am Monday	All Rottnest and local as below at bottom of page
15 - 16 June 2019	<b>Open</b> Lines down 9.30am Saturday Lines up 9am Sunday	Open anywhere in WA
13 - 14 July 2019	<b>Open</b> Lines down 9.30am Saturday Lines up 9am Sunday	Open anywhere in WA
17 - 18 August 2019	<b>Rottnest Island and standard local</b> Lines down 6am Saturday Lines up 9am Monday	All Rottnest and local as below at bottom of page
28 - 30 September 2019 Long weekend	<b>Geraldton to Kalbarri and standard local</b> Lines down 6am Saturday Lines up 9am Monday	Geraldton to Kalbarri and local as below at bottom of page
12 - 13 October 2019	<b>Wedge Island to Jurien Bay and standard local</b> Lines down 9.30am Saturday Lines up 9am Sunday	Wedge Island to Jurien Bay and local as below at bottom of page
9 - 10 November 2019	<b>Open</b> Lines down 6am Saturday Lines up 9am Monday	Open anywhere in WA Plan to fish Wagoes full moon is 12 <sup>th</sup> November
14 - 15 December 2019	<b>Ledge Point to Wedge Island and standard local</b> Lines down 9.30am Saturday Lines up 9am Sunday	Ledge Point to Wedge Island and local as below at bottom of page
25 - 27 January 2020 Long weekend	<b>Open</b> Lines down 6am Saturday Lines up 9am Monday	Open anywhere in WA
15 - 16 February 2020	<b>Busselton to White Hills and standard local</b> Lines down 9.30am Saturday Lines up 9am Sunday	Busselton to White Hills and local as below at bottom of page
29 February - 2 March 2020 Long weekend	<b>Reef Beach Bremer Bay and standard local</b> Lines down 6am Saturday Lines up 9am Monday	Reef Beach and local as below at bottom of page
11 April - 13 April 2020 Long weekend	<b>Bluff Creek and standard local</b> Lines down 6am Saturday Lines up 9am Monday	Cheyne's and Bluff Creek area and local as below at bottom of page

### Local boundaries are from Lancelin in the North to Point Peron in the South

Lines Down for long weekends and Rottnest - Saturday 6.00am

Lines up for long weekends and Rottnest - Monday 9.00am

Lines Down on Standard weekends - Saturday 9.30am

Lines up on Standard weekends - Sunday 9.00am

**Sign-on / Weigh-in times, possible fish together spots and locations to be decided at the general meeting prior to the Field Day**

## *Birthdays for May:*

Rob Pekaar 11<sup>th</sup>;

Thomas Wearmouth 29<sup>th</sup>;

Victor Tomazin 30<sup>th</sup>

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

# DRY CASTING REPORT – 9<sup>TH</sup> APRIL, 2019

## SURF CASTING & ANGLING CLUB & BEACHCOMBERS ANGLING CLUB

What can I possibly write about when only four people turn up for dry casting. I know what the problem is, it is because it is a week day. That's definitely the problem. I know it is, or so my wife tells me. I know we will have a better roll up next month, well I hope so anyhow. Hang on Ron don't be so negative, you have to think positive about this situation, or so my wife tells me.

*Ron Thomas*

<b>SURF CASTING &amp; ANGLING CLUB</b>												
<b>Dry casting results - 9th April 2019</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>Veterans</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>		<b>%</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>		<b>%</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
RON THOMAS	146.11	B/O	146.11	100.00		127.03	129.29	256.32	100.00		162.56	163.61
<b>Senior</b>												
MARK HANSEN	86.88	87.31	174.19	100.00		100.27	101.55	201.82	100.00		109.84	118.92

<b>SURF CASTING &amp; ANGLING CLUB</b>																		
<b>Dry casting results - 9th April 2019</b>																		
	<b>Double Handed Accuracy</b>											<b>Single Handed Accuracy</b>						<b>Total</b>
	<b>Target number</b>											<b>Target distance</b>						<b>D/Casting</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>Points</b>
RON THOMAS	24	21	20	20	17	11	15	16	144	100.00		4	8	6	10	28	100	510.00
<b>Seniors</b>																		
MARK HANSEN	18	19	10	23	14	14	19	16	133	100.00		7	3	8	9	27	100.00	510.00

<b>VETERANS BEST CASTS FOR THE YEAR 2018 - 2019</b>												
LONGEST 56 GRAM										155.54		RON THOMAS
LONGEST ARTIFICIAL BAIT										139.45		RON THOMAS
LONGEST 112G										168.60		RON THOMAS
HIGHEST DOUBLE HANDED ACCURACY										167		RON THOMAS
HIGHEST SINGLE HANDED ACCURACY										34		RON THOMAS
<b>SENIORS BEST CASTS FOR THE YEAR 2018 - 2019</b>												
LONGEST 56 GRAM										140.78		ROB PEKAAR
LONGEST ARTIFICIAL BAIT										143.42		ROB PEKAAR
LONGEST 112G										158.76		ROB PEKAAR
HIGHEST DOUBLE HANDED ACCURACY										139		MARK HANSON
HIGHEST SINGLE HANDED ACCURACY										30		MARK HANSON



## Bluff Creek field day April 20<sup>th</sup> & 21st 2019 by Martin Wearmouth



Peter Osborne and I met at 6.45am on Thursday morning to start our trip to Bluff creek for the Easter weekend, after a nice run down the Albany Hwy then down the south coast Hwy we arrived onto the beach just before 1pm, it was nice to here the squeaky sand under the tyres again, the sun was out and the water conditions looked great, nice clean water with deep gutters close to the beach.

The beach driving was easy as not too many cars had cut up the sand yet, we headed to the Bluff Creek hut to see if we could use it for our camp, luck was on our side and we found it empty so we unpacked our cars and I headed up the sand dune to get phone reception to send a message to Gary and Vince that we had the hut, from the sand dune I could see a large school of salmon moving through with birds following, but it was a long way off the beach.



Peter and I decided to have a fish about 4pm till dark just next to the creek, we caught herring, small undersize salmon and I got 1 nice skippy, after 2 hours we headed back to the hut to start the pot belly fire and have some dinner, I heard the rain come in about 3am and it did not stop until Friday mid morning so we did not fish that morning and stayed warm and dry next to the fire.

We went for a fish about 11am and again caught Herring and Skippy, Gary and Vince arrived about 12pm and Peters daughter Heather and son in law Simmo arrived about 3pm, Gary, Vince and I went for a drive to the east end of the beach to check for any possible fishing spots, the beach was ok and we managed to drive all the way to the rocks at the east end, we fished in a couple of spots and again caught herring and skippy.





On Saturday we fished about 3km east in a spot that had a nice gutter, It was very cold but only a few showers coming in, the swell was up a bit compared to the Friday, I managed a nice 68cm salmon on my 3<sup>rd</sup> cast that was released to fight another day, as usual for bluff creek herring were plentiful, Vince and I decided to move further east and managed to catch some skippy, tailor and flathead in between the herring, Peter and Gary stayed at the first spot and both got salmon and skippy, Peter also got a 40cm Tailor.

After lunch and a rest we headed back to the spot about 3km east to see if we could find some more salmon, I managed 2 more 78cm & 74cm both put up a great fight and were released, Vince caught 3 salmon and Peter got 1 too, This spot seemed to hold a few salmon, we headed back just after dark for dinner and some warmth by the fire.



Sunday morning was again cold but the sun was out, we headed back to the spot 3km east as we drove onto the beach the swell was up quite a bit compared to Saturday, It was forecast to be less but we made the best of it, Gary had come down with a cold so stayed at camp to keep warm, Due to the big swell it was hard to hold bottom so we all used grapnel sinkers, they too did not hold every time but slowed down the drift onto the beach.

Even with the surge and stirred up water I caught 4 salmon and some herring, with the big surge the salmon put up a great fight with lots of jumps, Fishing in the large swell was difficult so we returned to camp early for a rest and some lunch.

Sunday afternoon we went to a spot about 5km east to try to find less surge due to the big swell, this spot was better and we managed to hold bottom ok, I managed 2 more salmon and some herring, Peter caught some Pilch (mullet) to add to his bag, We did the weigh in early Monday and everyone got there 12 herring along with salmon, all in all a very enjoyable field day.

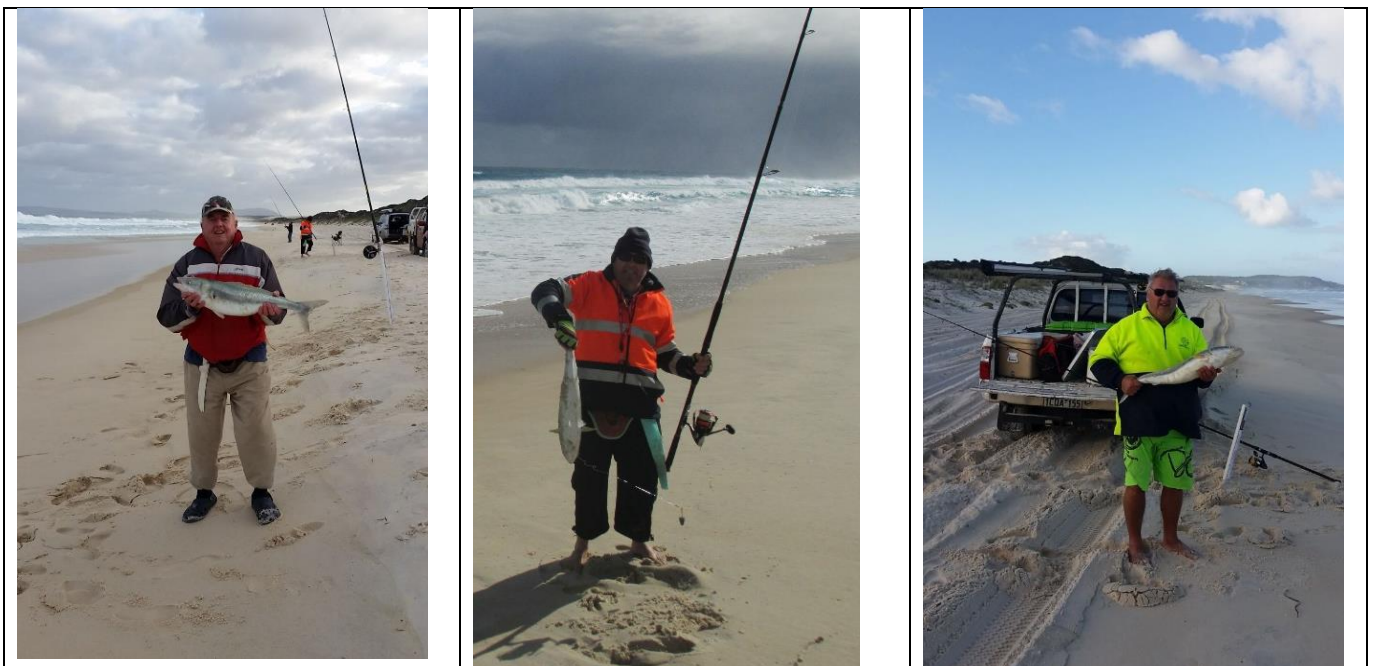


We packed up early Monday morning and on the way out found the swell was well down, the sun was out and wind was low, we wished that we were staying but had to go due to work and other commitments.

### **Only Mark Hansen fished locally**

I fished the south mole on Saturday arvo and bagged out with 12 herring at 1.54kg

The next chance to fish was at the same place on Monday morning catching and releasing a wrasse.







### THE THREE MUSKETEERS

ANGLER		Species	Species	Species	Species	Species	Species	Species	Total weight	No. of Species	No. of fish	F.D. points	Attendance			Total points
		Herring Australian	Salmon Australian	Skipjack Trevally	Tailor	Flathead (all species)	Mullet (all species)	Wrasse (all species) 1 only					Field Day	Local	General Meeting	
Martin Wearmouth	Number	12	4	4	1	2			22.21	5	23	295.1	1		1	315.1
	Total weight	1.93	17.48	1.82	0.34	0.64										
	Weight of best		4.95			0.48										
Peter Osborne	Number	12	4	2	1		3		16.09	5	22	232.9	1			242.9
	Total weight	2.04	12.53	0.68	0.48		0.36									
	Weight of best		4.32													
Vincent Tomazin	Number	12	3						12.01	2	15	155.1	1		1	175.1
	Total weight	1.45	10.56													
	Weight of best		4.05													
Gary Parkinson	Number	12	1	2					6.93	3	15	114.3	1		1	134.3
	Total weight	1.80	4.29	0.84												
	Weight of best															
Mark Hansen	Number	12						1	1.85	2	13	51.5	1		1	71.5
	Total weight	1.54						0.31								
	Weight of best															

Top scores up to March		
Rank	Angler	Total points
1	Martin Wearmouth	1459.2
2	Peet Wessels	1171.4
3	Peter Osborne	959.1
4	Sandra Wessels	901.6
5	Mark Hansen	753.7
6	Gary Parkinson	465.1
7	Vincent Tomazin	429.0
8	Theo Van Niekerk	261.4
9	Mark Nurse	228.9
10	Paul Terpkos	223.5
11	Shane Wignell	196.9
12	Ron Thomas	172.3
13	Pat McKeown	159.4
14	Sri Srigandan	135.3
15	Chris Stickells	125.0
16	Sabby Pizzolante	118.5
17	Ian Taggart	95.6
18	Geoff Raftis	88.9
19	Ian Cook	69.1
20	Helen Camell	52.1
21	Sarah Wignell	40.0
22	Oliver Wessels	35.6
23	Jason Bambridge	22.2





## ***Peter O's highlights on the Bluff Creek Field Day April 2019***

### **Synopsis**

The April 2019 field day was an away safari incorporating a major drive to Bluff Creek – east of Albany. mixed weather underpinned an enjoyable weekend, of socializing, 4WD driving experiences and topped off with mixed bags of fish captures including some with Salmon. When we started to pack up on early Monday morning the weather was by far the best for fishing - light winds, low swell and crystal clear water.

### **The Trip.**

The trip down to Bluff creek is about a 7 to 8 hour drive including an allowance for fuel and food stop overs. Initially two Surfcaster anglers went down on Thursday (Martin and Peter O) and two groups on Friday (Vince and Gary) and 2 Visitors (my daughter Heather and Simmo) came to the away safari. -

The track in was in the usual conditions, i.e. narrow, parts heavily overgrown - so some vehicle scratches - with some steep dunes to climb over and some soft sand spots. The run along the beach was again on soft sand with only a few vehicles already cutting up the sand and then checking out the MT Barker Clubs shack via a drive up the creek round the bend and the shack was empty ... Beauty ... Considering the weather over the next few days this was a brilliant move

### **The Fishing**

Martin and I had a fishing session on Thurs afternoon and Friday with generally reasonable weather conditions, with a bit of swell but cold. A few Skippy and a Salmon came in with lots of Herring and Salmon Trout.

For Saturday, Gary and I mainly fished about 5km south of the creek, with Martin and Vince going some 10km further east

I managed a Tailor, some Skippy and Herring - the latter being, keeping the larger ones and catch and release on most of the rest as well as catch and release on Salmon Trout. I also managed a couple of Salmon. Catch and release on one and keeping one for my daughter who likes to receive one to make fish cakes.

Gary caught some Skippy and also concentrated on getting his bag of Herring.

Martin and Vince got Salmon, Skippy, Herring and a few Skippy

Sunday morning, we tried Martins Saturday spot. Gary was suffering badly from a throat infection, so he stayed behind in the shack to try and sleep it off. However, the swell was way, way up and we could not hold bottom. The weather forecast gave Saturday afternoon as the big swell but the forecast was half a day out. So, Sunday morning we gave it away and returned late afternoon to this same spot. The swell was still up but not anywhere as bad as the morning and we could hold bottom with a heavy sinker. We landed more Herring, some Salmon and to my surprise I landed 3 Piltch (Yellow Eyed Mullet) I did have a moment of high excitement. After landing my fourth Salmon I had a good bight. Wow, line started peeling off the reel. Let it run for a while and then put on the brakes. Oops too much pressure and despite 15 kg line - ping..... would have been a very large Salmon or a Gummy Shark.

The Weigh-in gave all with good bags of Fish, Vince had a big grin for landing 3 Salmon, but disappointed he did not get his fourth and Gary had his bag limit of Herring --a first for him. Martin as usual had the top bag which also included a big Flathead.

Many thanks to the Mount Barker club for building the fishing Shack. Thursday night was so cold I shivered all night despite being in a heavy sleeping bag. Friday night was a bit better but still very cold; Saturday and Sunday nights were cool but comfortable. We had some rain - both showers and heavy downpours, but mainly at night, so the shack kept us dry. However the shack had a pot belly stove in the "Alfresco" area. In particular Gary and Martin kept the fire going most over most of the week end with locally scrounged firewood and some bags of wood carried in .... Great for relaxing around and having meals.

For Saturday evening, Simmo had undertaken a slow cooked Beef Roast and vegies in a Dutch oven. Delicious, with Heather and Simmo leaving Sunday morning the rest of us enjoyed the remaining helping of leftovers.

Another successful Bluff Creek fishing adventure

In particular thanks from me to Martin for giving me assistance, e.g. dragging a Salmon up the beach, lifting heavy items and packing up to leave.

*Peter Osborne - fishing fanatic*

## FISH FRIENDLY EQUIPMENT

How fish are handled and in what part of the body they are hooked have the greatest influence on the survival of released fish. Survival can also be improved by the use of fish friendly equipment.

### HOOKOUTS



Long nosed pliers or a hook-out device will enable hooks, especially if they are barbless, to be removed more easily and minimise additional damage. Take particular care if the hook is close to, or in the gills.

Cutting the line then lifting the gill cover, and removing the hook from there will often be better than trying to remove it through the mouth. If the hook is out of sight in the throat or gut do not try to remove it. Cut the line leaving a few centimetres of line outside the mouth.

### LANDING NETS



A knotless landing net should be used to land larger fish. There are now landing nets that are suitable to land medium to large size fish. Knotted landing nets should be avoided as they remove the protective slime from fish and damage scales. Hooks are much more likely to get tangled in knotted nets. A gaff should never be used on fish that are to be released.

### FISH GRIPS

Fish grips can be used to assist in restraining a fish however care should be taken in how these are used. Avoid grips with inbuilt scales and avoid the temptation of holding the fish up by the grip to measure its weight. Fish grips are especially useful for fish with sharp teeth.



**WRONG WAY**



**RIGHT WAY**

*Article supplied by John Curtis*

# Know your zones in Ningaloo Marine Park



Department of  
Primary Industries and  
Regional Development

## Media release



**Picture caption:** DPIRD fisheries officers will be monitoring locations in the Ningaloo Marine Park for any illegal fishing activity during the upcoming holiday period. Find out what you can do and where online or via the free Recfishwest or Marine Parks WA apps.

People heading to popular camping destinations near Ningaloo Marine Park during the upcoming school holidays have been urged to do some homework so they do not incur a hefty fine for illegal recreational fishing.

The Marine Park, which stretches for 300 kilometres along the Gascoyne coast, consists of five zones, including 16 Sanctuary Areas where motorised vessels are permitted but all fishing and collecting activities are prohibited.

Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development senior fisheries officer Dave Lewington said there were digital tools and online information available to guide fishers as to what activities they are allowed to do and where.

Mr Lewington encouraged holiday-makers to download the free Recfishwest and Marine Parks WA apps before they departed for their trip.

“The zone system has different areas and conditions for crabbing, line fishing, mollusc fishing, spearfishing, netting including throw netting for bait and the use of motorised vessels,” he said.



“Both these apps have a function that allows users to see their current location within the Marine Park and what activities they can enjoy in each area.

“The apps are easy to use and once downloaded can be accessed offline, even when no mobile telephone coverage is available.”

Zone information is also available on the department’s [Ningaloo Marine Park webpage](#).

The zones, which are clearly colour coded on the webpage for easy identification, include no take sanctuary zones, low water special purpose zones, special purpose zones for shore-based activities, recreation zones and a general use zone.

Mr Lewington said the Sanctuary Areas were protected from fishing activities under the *Fish Resources Management Act (1994)*.

“These are areas that have important habitats to help conserve marine biodiversity, which are also valuable for scientific research and monitoring,” he said.

“While people are allowed in the area, these are look but don’t take areas, where any type of fishing and collecting activities are not allowed.”

DPIRD treats offences in the Sanctuary Areas seriously, which can incur a fine of up to \$5000 for a first offence and an additional penalty of 10 times the prescribed value of the catch.

More than 100 illegal fishing offences were recorded between April and September 2018, resulting in more than \$10,000 in fines.

Anyone with information about suspected illegal fishing activity can make a confidential report to the department’s FishWatch hotline 1800 815 507.

The Recfishwest and Marine Parks WA apps are available in both Apple and Android formats.

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## The Fencepost Turtle



When you see a turtle balanced on top of a fencepost:

- You know he didn't get up there by himself;
- He definitely doesn't belong up there;
- He doesn't know what to do while he is up there; and you just got to wonder
- what kind of dill put him up there in the first place!

Before you say you've never seen a fencepost turtle... think about it...

## Local Council Fishing Rules a State-wide Concern



The Town of Cottesloe are currently seeking feedback on a proposal to prohibit the use of wire trace along the coastline over which it governs. This would cover almost 4km of coast.

Recfishwest has identified three major concerns with this proposal:

- This proposed ban will impact people fishing for tailor and mackerel, who in some cases employ the use of wire traces to prevent being bitten off by such fish. This will essentially prohibit fishing for such species. Legislation that attempts to solve one issue, but creates another is generally poor public policy.
- We note the Town of Cottesloe's proposal extends 800m out to sea which appears a long way outside their boundary and thus jurisdiction. We see no reason why the council should preside over what you do or do not do when out fishing in your boat.
- There are 137 local governments in Western Australia. Having a local Government prohibit specific fishing gear sets a concerning precedent for other councils to amend fishing rules within their own jurisdiction. Imagine how confusing fishing could become if each of the state's 137 Local Government Authorities decided to alter the rules governing fishing within their boundaries.

*Recfishwest believe state-based fisheries legislation is, and should remain, the overriding legislation governing fisheries in Western Australia.*

*Local Government Authorities (LGA's) have a responsibility for planning and delivering essential services in the community including waste, roads, parks, playgrounds and gardens, as well as statutory responsibilities in planning and development approvals, public health and various licencing requirements.*

*Fisheries management is complicated; it requires a specific set of skills in order to balance the competing demands on our aquatic resources against a suite of dynamic and variable environmental parameters and a wide range of societal and economic expectations. Recfishwest do not believe LGA's have the necessary fisheries management experience or skills required to govern recreational fishing.*

*Fishing rules in WA should be standardised and simplified where possible. Given the state has 137 LGA's, separate and confusing local laws governing fishing activity is something that must be avoided.*

If you feel strongly about this like we do, we encourage you to write in a submission to the Town of Cottesloe voicing your concern over the proposed amendment and how it will potentially affect your future fishing experiences.

Written submissions on the proposed amended local laws may be made prior to 4.00pm on Monday, 13 May 2019 and should be addressed to the undersigned and sent to [council@cottesloe.wa.gov.au](mailto:council@cottesloe.wa.gov.au) or PO Box 606, Cottesloe WA 6911. I encourage fishers to also send a copy of their submission to Recfishwest.

Please note, submissions without a residential address will not be accepted.

For further info, visit the Town of Cottesloe's website here:

<https://www.cottesloe.wa.gov.au/consultations/consultation/proposed-amendment-to-the-beaches-and-beach-reserves-local-law>

Dr Andrew Rowland  
Recfishwest CEO

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## WHAT HAPPENS WHEN A FISHING ROD IS STRUCK BY LIGHTNING



An American Angler has had one of the scariest moments of his life recently. Billy Alstrom and four friends consider themselves lucky to be alive. Apparently they were catching bait in Jupiter Florida when Billy's rod was struck by a bolt of lightning. One of his friends was sitting on the seat that got struck and Billy is pretty sure if it wasn't for the slicker jacket she was wearing there would have been a different outcome.

"I cannot describe how lucky I feel that no one was hurt," says Billy. "I think my boat is going to be out of commission for a while though. I definitely have a new found respect for Mother

Nature. "Being stuck in the middle of a lightning storm with no power to anything after being struck was the most helpless feeling in the world!"

There is a lesson there for all boaties and anglers!

### Close Call for Broome Anglers

A fishing rod after having been hit by lightning off Broome last week.

Anglers in Broome have received a frightening reminder to stay safe out on the water. "If in doubt don't go out!" Broome Volunteer Sea Rescue had a busy morning last week rescuing four vessels that ventured out in stormy conditions.

The pic above shows a G Loomis rod from one of the boats that was smoked by a lightning strike.

Fortunately the rod was in a holder and no one was hurt.

**"If in doubt don't go out!"**





# TIDES

The component which possibly contributes most to the peculiar ecological features of sea shores is the rhythmic tidal rise and fall in water level seen on all coastlines in broad contact with the oceans. It has long been known that tides are caused by the gravitational attraction of the moon and the sun on the waters of the earth. The frequency and height of tides correspond fairly closely with movements of these heavenly bodies.

When the sun, the earth and the moon lie in line with each other whether the sun and the moon are on the same side (time of new moon) or on opposite sides of the earth (time of full moon), their joint effect makes for a greater range in the tides, so called spring tides.

When the sun and the moon pull at right angles to each other (time of half moon) the tidal ranges are less and these are called neap tides. The moon though very much smaller than the sun is very much closer and its gravitational pull is about twice that of the sun.

The moon then creates a tidal bulge of water on its side of the earth but on the diametrically opposite side of the earth another tidal bulge is caused by the absence of the moon's gravitation coupled with the centrifugal force of the earth-moon rotation. The net result is that normally there are generally two high tides per day or more precisely in every 24 hours and 51 minutes, due to the moon's rotation around the earth in every 28 days, making the tides a little later day by day.

Normally then, there are two high tides a day and such tides are said to be semidiurnal. In some circumstances, one of these rises is negated so that there is only one high and one low tide per day, in which case the tides are said to be diurnal. Tides in other places are mixed, having both diurnal and semidiurnal phases.

Another variant in tidal pattern is seen when the two tides within 24 hours are unequal in height and in still another, occurring at neap tides, tidal level may remain at near mid-tide level for upwards of a day or more. This is the dodge or dodging tide. All these tidal patterns occur in different places along the coasts of southern Australia.

Movements of the moon and the sun which cause the tides are known with great precision and are highly predictable. Such, however, cannot be said of the tides themselves. This is because the oceans form a series of expanses of water of varying shapes, sizes and depths. All of them are in communication with each other, but each ocean or even each part of each ocean develops a resonating frequency in relation to the repeated gravitational pulls of the sun and the moon at a given point.

Such resonating frequencies can be demonstrated on a simple scale by observing the back and forth oscillations of a wave in a shallow rectangular dish. The frequency of such oscillations will be found to differ according to the size of the dish and the water depth. Wave height in the dish can be increased by tilting the dish slightly in phase with the wave motion, and decreased by tilting the dish out of phase. Other manipulations can cause a confused pattern of waves.

In the same way oceans, or parts of them, develop a harmonic motion in response to the gravitational pull of the sun and moon. It is thought that the peculiar dodge tides are caused when the harmonic resonances set up by the sun and moon cancel each other out, resulting in a tidal level that remains steady for one or more tidal periods.

The configuration of bays and gulfs also affects tides. In bays with constricted openings such as Port Phillip Bay the tidal range at the 'Heads' is about 1 m and is lower (about 0.5m) at Port Melbourne, but the tidal wave is propagated up the bay in the usual way so that high tide at Port Melbourne is about 3½ hours later than that at the Heads.

In bays or gulfs with broad openings such as Spencer Gulf in South Australia, the tidal range increases up the Gulf (from 1.1m at Port Lincoln to more than 3 m at Port Augusta) and at the same time the tidal wave is slowed down so that high tide at the head of the Gulf at Port Augusta is 5 hours after that at Port Lincoln near the mouth.

In Gulf St Vincent, also in South Australia, there is a similar range in tidal heights up the Gulf, but the time of high tide differs little around the coast. This is probably due to the tidal wave propagating through the dual

entrances of Investigator Strait and Backstairs Passage and forming a nodal point just north of Kangaroo Island.

Another factor influencing tidal height is atmospheric pressure. A high pressure (anti-cyclonic) system can depress water levels by as much as 30cm while a low pressure (cyclonic) system has the reverse effect.

Winds too, will have their effects. Onshore winds will raise the water level generally and offshore winds depress them.

Tides on southern Australian coasts are remarkable too for the inequality in the heights of the morning and evening tides where and when semidiurnal tides occur. In the summer months (November to March), the morning tides show the greater range. In about April, this changes gradually so that in the winter months, (May to September) the evening tide has the greater range. This can be accounted for by the changing lunar and solar influences at the equinoxes.

Tides then, especially in this part of the world, are very complex phenomena. In practice, tidal predictions are based on a study of tide records taken over several years at a given point. From these data, the astronomic and predictable effects can be extracted and then comes the more difficult task of analysing the effects of local topography, the harmonics of immediate and neighbouring water masses and other influences. For tidal predictions at Fremantle for instance, some thirty factors are taken into consideration.

For the enthusiastic angler, a knowledge of the tides is of paramount importance. He should remember too, that the tide falls fastest at about mid tide level and rises fastest at the same level. The change in level is slowest near high tide and low tide levels.

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## **Spin or Soak**

When beach fishing, deciding whether to cast lures or soak baits for tailor and salmon is isn't always clear-cut. Each day presents different conditions that can dramatically affect the way we fish for these two species. While both styles will often produce the goods, there are definitely times when one style trumps the other. Casting mulies or strips of fish flesh into the surf is the best way to consistently target tailor and salmon. A mulie on a set of ganged hooks is iconic in the surf fishing scene, simply because it's so effective at catching fish.

When fishing any beach, begin the session by reading the beach before casting a mulie into the surf. By picking the holes and gutters out it will optimise your chances of finding fish relatively quickly. You will find that whenever fish aren't in a feeding mood, a mulie is more likely to attract some interest than a lure. If you're familiar with a beach and know where the fish frequent, then the need to search for them isn't that high. Instead, soaking a bait and waiting for a school to swim by or begin actively feeding is often an effective way to score a bite.

## **Casting lures**

Spinning the surf is such an enjoyable and productive way to catch fish – when they're in the mood! A hungry school of salmon or tailor make for great sporting fun on lure casting tackle. When the fish are thick, lures will out fish baits as more fish can be hooked and can be released quicker; there's no time wasted re-rigging baits. However, often the schools aren't as big or as hungry as we hope. In times like this strikes can be frustratingly difficult to score, especially if you're fishing a large gutter. Undoubtedly, the biggest advantage a metal lure has is to be able to reach schools hanging a long way off the beach. A lure is heavier, more aerodynamic and durable than a mulie and as a result, can be belted out to sea to reach fish if that's where they're holding.

## **Double dipping**

Starting a session by soaking baits is a great idea. When a school of fish move in on them, you can quickly swap to lures to try and maximise the number of fish caught before they move on. Often the bites are short-lived, so this isn't always successful.

On the flip side, if you walk onto a seemingly featureless beach and have no idea where to start, covering a lot of ground by casting lures can be a good place to begin. After you find a patch of fish you can then focus your attention on them. Even if they're not fired-up, soaking baits in the area and waiting for the fish to come on is likely to end with good results

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## **ARE MICRO GUIDES WORTH CONSIDERATION?** *By John Curtis*

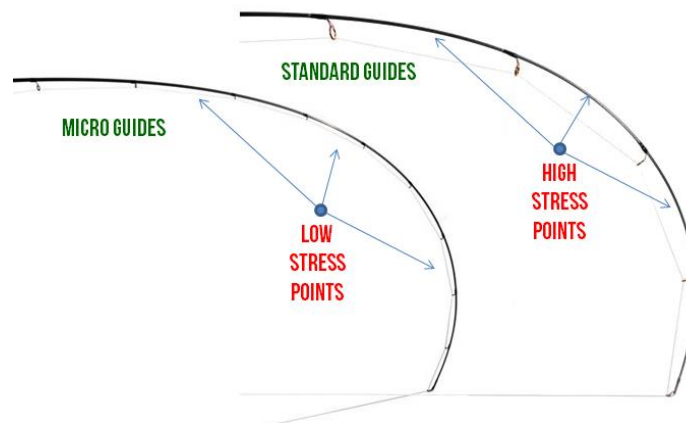
Custom rod builders have been using, and debating, micro guides for several years. Once rare, these small rod guides are now more widespread than ever before, but is there good reason to use them? The short answer is yes, micro guides can improve your rod performance, if used in the right application.

Over the last couple of years, there seems to be less of an argument if micro guides actually can improve overall performance for rod blanks. In a nut shell, by having more, and smaller, guides on your fishing rod – line slap will be reduced when traveling through the guides, and distributes stress more evenly along the entire blank.

The end result is generally longer casts, improved sensitivity, and more overall power from your rod blank. However, micro guides are certainly not for every application. So, let's start by diving into the basics of micro guides, and cover applications where it may, and may not, be the best solution.

### **Micro Guides Distribute Stress Better**

Basically, the more guides that help absorb the load put on the fishing rod, the less stress that is applied to any one particular rod section. For demonstration purposes, (see figure below), let's compare two generic spinning rods. One is set up with five conventional guides; the other is set up with 10 micro guides. Let's look at what happens when pressure is applied.



As you can see, the micro guides keep the line closer to the rod blank than conventional guides, and because there is more of them, there is less stress placed on the blank between those micro guides.

You can also see the higher bend radius of the blank between each of the conventional guides. Given the same force, this means that conventional guides have a higher chance of rod failure at those high stress areas, than using micro guides.

### **Inherits More Original Performance**

The less you mess with the rod blank, the more the blank's original performance is maintained. The blank by itself has the most performance. Hypothetically, if there was a way to run the line through the middle of the blank, that would lead to the highest performance, because no additional material would be needed to maintain the original action.

Since that is not reality, what we can do is apply the least amount of material as possible, (guides, thread, epoxy, etc...), while still maintaining the needs of the fishing application. Micro-guides are much smaller and lighter than conventional guides, which means there is less material used, and therefore leads to better performance because it inherits more of the blank's original and natural action.

### **Longer Casts**

When you first look at micro guides, you may think there is no way that these tiny guides will actually improve casting distances. However, if you think about what goes on during the cast, it actually makes sense. The line runs off the spool and down the guides, so the more friction that the line comes in contact with, the more it hinders the casting distance.

Conventional guides allow the line to twirl and bounce its way down the rod, and hitting the edges of the guides more often and on some set ups, hits the rod itself. Each time it rubs against something, energy is lost,



and results in shorter casts. With micro guides, the line is kept in the smaller guides, off the rod, and significantly reduces the amount of rubbing that goes on as the line travels down the rod.

### **Less Weight & Material**

You may think that having that many more guides will actually increase the overall guide weight. However, the weight of a complete set of micro guides, for a typical casting rod, is often much less than two of the first couple of conventional guides used on factory produced rods.

Also, because these are micro guides, you actually use less thread and epoxy during the build.

Is there really that much difference in weight, and does it matter? Well, it matters if you want the most performance out of the rod. If someone is using a factory rod, then they probably don't care.

However, we build custom rods, or rods for customers, because the factory rods do not offer the solution or performance needed and/or desired. So within that context, why not use micro guides and squeeze all the performance and action out of the custom built rod?

### **Increased Sensitivity**

For all the reasons mentioned, the one result you may be surprised with is the increased sensitivity. When you strip off as much of the material and weight as possible by using micro guides, you really are fishing with as much of the blank's original action as possible and that can be felt through the rod into your hands.

### **Less Oops Factor**

Have you ever packed a rod in your holder only to knock one of the guides on the side, and pop out the insert? Micro guides fit into rod tubes more readily than standard guides, and are less subject to damage. Some claim that micro guides have a higher survival rate after being stepped on compared to conventional guides, although we are not sure about that one. My advice is not to test this theory, and just don't step on your guides, it's bad, ok?

Another benefit when using braid and casting into the wind, your line will be less likely to wrap around one of the guides.

### **Micro Guide Applications**

A really good summary on micro guides from a lifelong rod builder. "Micro Guides are ideal for reduced weight and increased castability. Although small super lightweight guides aren't new to the fishing rod industry as they had been being used quite extensively in the 80's and 90's in Europe for carp rods. The main differences in today's guides are that they are the lowest possible frames and smallest rings available for the application the end user has in mind."

This certainly doesn't mean that everyone should jump automatically into the #3's, as the line you intend to use and knots you intend to pass will dictate the size of the running guides. A first attempt was with 3.5's and while it was great for most of my fishing applications, when it came to passing knots with 8lb braid and 20 lb. Fluoro – it just didn't do well. But with the #4's it works fine. With the introduction of tips in a 4 ring and multiple tube sizes it will make setting up one of these fantastic tools much easier."

### **When To Use Micro Guides**

In general, anytime you are looking for increased distance and performance, micro guides are a good choice to consider. Applications like casting light weight lures and fishing soft plastics are perfect examples.

With lure casting, you often want a long, accurate cast so your lure has enough time to dive to the desired depth, and you want the sensitivity to feel what the bait is running into, if anything.

With fishing soft plastics, you want the line to run off smoothly for a gentle, low ripple, water entry. Plus, with micro guides, you will not have to deal with those tip top line loops when casting around jetties and moorings.

Another consideration is rod blank material. For example, if you are using a high modulus blank, micro guides will certainly help spread out the stress load, as well as keep as much of the original action you paid for in that high-mod blank.

### **When Not To Use Micro Guides**

Micro guides are certainly not for every application, and as mentioned above, if you are using knots and line that do not fit within the micro guide dimensions, then obviously those applications require conventional guide solutions.

If your knots do not need to pass through the guides, however, then it is not an issue.

# 2019 Presentation Night



**Date: -Saturday 22nd June 2019 @ 6:30pm**

**Where: - Croatian House Wishart Street  
GWELUP**

**Cost \$20.00 per head.**

**Drinks: - Purchase at the bar.**

Ticket payments to the club Treasure.

Bank Details:

Westpac

BSB 036 059

A/C #880334

Please ensure that you add your name to the transfer details.

*Donations of prizes for the night are more than welcome.*

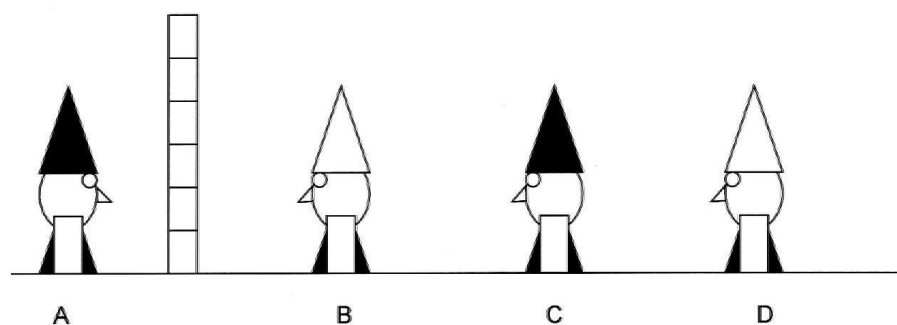
The Club is subsidising the evening and tickets are only \$20. This is an opportune time to invite your family and friends to enjoy a great evening of food and raffle prizes.

Based on last year's event everyone left with a handful of prizes.

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# A PUZZLE



Shown above are 4 prisoners, buried up to their necks in the ground, awaiting execution. They can not move, so can only look forward. Between A and B is a brick wall which can not be seen through. They know that between them there are 4 hats; 2 x black and 2 x white, but they do not know which colour they are wearing. In order to avoid being shot one of them must call out to the executioner the colour of their hat. If they get it wrong, everyone will be shot. They are not allowed to talk to each other and have 10 minutes to fathom it out.

After 1 minute:

Q. Which one of them calls out?

Q. Why is he 100% certain of the colour of his hat?

This is not a trick question. There are no outside influences nor other ways of communicating. They cannot move and are buried in a straight line. So A & B can only see their respective sides of the brick wall, C can see B, and D can see B and C.

Can you work it out?

Yes, it is solvable, and the answer is ?

Check out the answer NEXT MONTH

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## NOTES FROM AAA DELEGATES COUNCIL MEETING 19<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2019

### Business Arising From The February Minutes:

#### 1. Association By-Laws:

All Sub-Committees are to review, amend and up-date their Section By-Laws to reflect any recent changes to their competition By-Laws. This is to be completed and reviewed by the June Meeting for up-loading to the web page. **All clubs, delegates and members are to be involved.**

Where competitions involve minimum lengths and specific species on Eligible Species Lists, these are to be reviewed and amended / corrected as required.

The Association's General By-Laws are also to be reviewed and amended and up dated as appropriate and to be completed by June Meeting. **All clubs, delegates and members are to be involved in the review.**

#### 2. State Rock and Beach Competition:

**To be held at Port Gregory on 28,29 & 30 September.**

A club is required to run this event on behalf of the Association. Clubs are all asked to assist in the running of events. Guidance and assistance is available but clubs must notify their willingness to assist by the **July Meeting at the latest.**

#### 3. State Estuary Competition:

**To be held at Walpole on the 23 and 24<sup>th</sup> of November 2019.**



#### **4. Catch and Release App:**

Marmion are still using the app as an adjunct to their normal competitions. Results appear positive with many members taking the opportunity to record and release fish. Not a lot of response from club delegates with only one indicating support for inclusion in AAA Competition.

**Feedback from clubs is still required on this.**

#### **4. National Park Draft Management Plans**

Delegates were asked to advise clubs of the draft management plans for the Ningaloo National Park and comment was sought on this and another in the West Kimberley. They are a 10-year plan for jointly managed reserves in Ningaloo and the west Kimberley and are released for public comment.

The plans are available at <https://pws.dbca.wa.gov.au/parks/management-plans/draft-plans-open-for-public-comment> and public submissions close shortly. Copies of the executive summary of the Ningaloo plan have been distributed to Delegates. Clubs are asked to review the draft management plans and respond accordingly.

#### **Reports:**

##### **President's Report.**

##### **a). Web Site:**

Progress is being made on the web site, and it is now live. It can be accessed at [www.aaa-wa.org.au](http://www.aaa-wa.org.au).

Members are asked to review the site and where they find concerns or errors they are asked to advise the Secretary. The old site will remain in service for a period of time but will not be up-dated.

We need good clear photos of fish and club events. We do not want pictures of dead fish in a pile or hung up on scales and definitely **No Blood**.

To date we have had no feedback regarding the web site from members nor have we received any information from clubs.

The listing of clubs on the site has several errors and we are aware of these regarding affiliated clubs.

Delegates are asked to go back to their clubs and confirm that the details shown are current. **If not please advise the Association Secretary promptly.**

##### **b). Media Release of Economic Dimensions of Recreational Fishing In Western Australia.**

On Wednesday morning 6<sup>th</sup> of March, at the Fremantle Maritime Museum, the Premier, Minister for Fisheries and Recfishwest released the Research Report on the economic Dimensions of Recreational Fishing in Western Australia. The report shows that recreational fishing in Western Australia is almost as important to the WA economy as is agriculture and more important than tourism. W A Anglers spend \$4.2b annually on their sport and hobby.

The average beach angler spends around \$2,500 annually whilst a boat fisherman spends in excess of \$15,000 annually and this amount does not include purchase of the boat.

The full report can be obtained from the following link and downloaded as a PDF file.

<https://recfishwest.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/Economic-Dimensions-of-Recreational-Fishing-in-Western-Australia-Report.pdf>

##### **Boating Report:**

- All is prepared for this event to be run from Hillarys Boat Harbour and hosted by MAAC.
- The next event for the Boating Sub-Committee will be the Wrap Up and Review Meeting to be held at Hillarys Yacht Club on 16 May at 7PM.

##### **Recorders Report:**

A National Record Application has been received from NSW for a False Fusilier (*Paracaesia xanthurus*) of 1.06Kg. This has been referred back to the angler and the NSW Recorder for more information. Until a response is received this claim will be held in abeyance.

*Report prepared by John Curtis (AAAWA President)*