

REEL TALK



Now what do I do?

SURF CASTING AND ANGLING CLUB OF WA INC

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President's Report – November 2017



As my predecessor George Holman would not infrequently say the club is about 3 things-Fishing, Drycasting and Social. I would agree totally with this and feel it is a sentiment well worth reminding ourselves of.

When we look at the last several months I would suggest the social side is going well. We have good attendances and participation at meetings. Participation in the monthly general meeting raffle is very strong and overall the mood in the meetings is very positive. We had another very successful Presentation Night and the night cast early in the year was enjoyed by those who attended.

More recently our Social Organiser Pat McKeown has arranged an informal social fishing session on the 1st Thursday of each month. I suspect this will become increasingly popular with those able to attend.

It is no secret that Drycasting has been struggling over the last couple of years. Many have noted that younger members of the club have yet to be drawn to the allure of the sport. This may be difficult to change however the new initiative of combining our events with the Beachcombers club may see this change. Aside from the considerable financial benefits of this association, perhaps we may find more of our members now tempted to give it a go.

Our present venue at Mirrabooka is certainly far from ideal. The Guildford Polo ground certainly seems more appropriate and may appeal to more members. With the combined numbers of Beachcombers and Surfcasters there will immediately be more hands-on deck to perform the necessary work that goes in to running a Drycasting event. Add the social benefits of meeting and interacting with more like-minded fishing folk and we can start to see some optimism with regards to Drycasting's future. Time will tell.

Of some concern of late has been fishing field day attendances. Aside from the strong following Rottnest now enjoys, other recent field day attendances have been disappointing. I suspect this will be temporary however we should be thinking of ways to ensure we reverse this trend.

We will soon start looking at venues for next season so members should start to think about what would make them more likely to attend. It is important that members make their views heard early on in the process. All of us are keen to see as many members as possible participate in our field days so we need to hear what you think.

Shane Wignell; President

Quote for the month:



ALWAYS LEAVE ENOUGH TIME IN YOUR LIFE TO DO SOMETHING THAT MAKES YOU HAPPY, SATISFIED, OR EVEN JOYOUS.

THAT HAS MORE OF AN EFFECT ON ECONOMIC WELL-BEING THAN ANY OTHER FACTOR

Paul Hawken

Membership Co-ordinators Report

Hello fellow members things are going along ok at the moment enquires are very slow.

I could say nothing at all over the last month.

Now that the warmer weather is upon us (I Hope) things should start to happen especially when the fish start to bite.

Don't forget shirts and hats are available from Shane who has indicated he would very happy if members purchased them. (He needs the room) so buy up big.

If you have a look at some of the field day photos those with club shirts on stand out from the crowd and look smart. You can join this elite group just wear your club shirt to all club events.

Don't forget with the change in weather you will need to be cautious with the sun so

Slip Slop Slap and cover up.

Also, don't forget to drink plenty of WATER always carry it with you on the field day and use it. Just remember if you get crook then somebody has to look after you and ruin their fishing experience **STAY HYDRATED**

Stay well and Enjoy Life Membership Coordinator Pat McKeown

Social Organisers Report November 2017



Well another month gone and it's nearly if I can say it **Christmas** time to start hinting about that special something.

The most important thing at the moment is the Bunning's Fundraiser, as this does really assist the club to meet expenses all should give a hand.

Some have offered donations and the regular few are willing to put their shoulder to the wheel and assist on the day.

We only need another **5** to make the roster complete so how about putting your hand up for this worthy cause never know you might get a free feed on the day.

Some of the members have indicated that they cannot make it but have assisted in other ways.

Its only 2.5hrs per shift and time flies when you are having fun and assisting your club.

We are organised with the collection of goods needed for the day.

- Peet and Sandra are organising Sausages and Buns.
- George Belin is organising Drinks.
- Chris Stickells is picking up the Onions.
- Peter Osborne has offered up his large esky with ice for the drinks.
- Ron has offered his 2 x Engels to store the sausages in and assist with another esky and ice.
- I will organise paper towelling for the buns and lots of sauces.
- Gloves will be provided. Anything else needed just let me know.
- We will need a couple of buckets for hand washing and cleaning as it is a very greasy job.
- *Does anybody have a couple of cashboxes for the day?*
- Remember if you get tired just say so and have a well-earned break.
- I will have all the final details at the November General Meeting.

Big thank you to those have offered up their spare time.

Well let's stay positive the club raffle is going gangbusters and Ron has offered up 3 x Fishing rods for the November raffle so drag out all that small change a grab a bargain.

The Christmas meeting will be followed by a pizza night so come along and enjoy yourself

Don't forget that little gift to the value of \$4/\$5 just for the fun of it no fishing gear.

The sick list appears to be ok at the moment all those with creaky joints etc it's just old age catching up for all your beach walking and acting like pack horses carrying all that gear

And if lucky enough that prized catch so just smile and say it was worth it.

Don't forget Drycasting on the 5th of November that should go off with a bang. (Think about it)

Also the fishing comp is at Preston and the Honourable President is going along so be there to witness this event on the weekend of 11th and 12th of November.

The boundaries are Preston to Floreat so we should have a good turnout.

If you want a lift or assistance just ask the field day officer or his assistant who would only be happy to assist.

The social fishing event went well. Could do with a few more participants.

It was good to see the expression on Ron's face when the flyover I organised came over and nearly blew his hat off. (Tongue in cheek of course but it was spectacular even the pilot waved I think it was to say hello or duck here we come)

***The next one is a river fish at Barker Bridge Guildford (Happy memories Peter O)
10.00 start until 3pm or when enough is enough.***

Remember fish Safely Social Organiser Pat McKeown

NOVEMBER General Meeting

When Wednesday 8 November commencing at 7.30pm
Where Coolbinia West Perth Amateur Football and Sporting Club room

November Dry Casting

When **SUNDAY 5 November:** **Competition casting starts at 8:30am**
Where Mirrabooka Regional Open Space.
Fees \$10 per person, \$12 per family.
Events Double handed accuracy, Single handed accuracy, 56 gram distance, Artificial Bait distance, 112 gram distance.

COMING FIELD DAY EVENTS

Members please take note of the new sign on and weigh in times

NOVEMBER

FIELD DAY VENUE **Preston to Floreat**
WHEN 11 – 12 November 2017
SIGN ON Saturday, 09h00 Preston beach car park
LINES DOWN Saturday, 09h30
BOUNDARIES Preston south beach to Floreat
WEIGH IN Sunday, 10h00 Preston beach car park

FIELD DAY VENUE **Local**
WHEN 11 - 12 November 2017
SIGN ON At the General meeting or phone FDO before Thursday evening.
LINES DOWN Saturday, 09h30
BOUNDARIES Preston south beach to Floreat
WEIGH IN Sunday, 10h00 Floreat car park

DECEMBER

FIELD DAY VENUE **Floreat to Lancelin**
WHEN 16 – 17 December 2017
SIGN ON Saturday, 09h00 Location to be decided on at GM
LINES DOWN Saturday, 09h30
BOUNDARIES Floreat to Lancelin
WEIGH IN Sunday, 10h00 Location to be decided on at GM

FIELD DAY VENUE **Local**
WHEN 16 – 17 December 2017
SIGN ON At the General meeting or phone FDO before Thursday evening.
LINES DOWN Saturday, 09h30
BOUNDARIES Floreat to Lancelin
WEIGH IN Sunday, 10h00 Floreat car park

JANUARY 2018

FIELD DAY VENUE **Local – Swan and Canning Rivers**
WHEN 13 – 14 January 2018
SIGN ON At the General meeting or phone FDO before Thursday evening.
LINES DOWN Saturday, 09h30
BOUNDARIES From E shed up to all of the river systems
WEIGH IN Sunday, 10h00 Point Walter Car Park

**SOLUNAR PREDICTIONS, SUN RISE / SUNSET TIMES AND TIDES FOR
SATURDAY 11th AND SUNDAY 12th OF NOVEMBER 2017
FOR PRESTON BEACH (SOUTH) TO FLOREAT FIELD DAY**

**PRESTON BEACH (SOUTH)
SOLUNAR PREDICTIONS:**

DAY / DATE	PREDICTION	PREDICTED PRIME TIMES		MOON PHASE
SAT 11 NOV	POOR	05:34 - 07:16	17:59 - 19:41	LAST QUARTER
SUN 12 NOV	FAIR	06:27 - 08:07	18:56 - 20:28	LAST QUARTER +1

These are the predicted MAJOR Solunar periods and have been adjusted to Perth area.
For minor periods add approximately 6 hours 45 minutes.

SUNRISE AND SUNSET TIMES:

DAY / DATE	SUNRISE	SUNSET	MOONRISE	MOONSET
SAT 11 NOV	05:11	18:50	00:52	11:59
SUN 12 NOV	05:11	18:51	01:36	13:00

PREDICTED TIDES.

DAY / DATE	TIME AND PREDICTED HEIGHT							
SAT 11 NOV	00:40	0.72	14:22	0.35	21:26	0.69		
SUN 12 NOV	03:29	0.6	05:10	0.63	13:05	0.41	21:14	0.66

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

Cervantes / Jurien Field Day October 14 and 15 2017

It was an earlier than normal start for the October field day, 3 Members signed on at 9am at the Hill River car park,

Peter Osborne, Gary Parkinson and Martin Wearmouth

We decided to head into Jurien Bay and try at the Marina, on arrival we drove along the south wall and started to fish, there were a lot of small tarwine and blowies stripping the baits inside the wall so Gary tried on the outer wall and found some Pike, he managed to catch 3 in quick succession and then they were gone, no other size fish were caught here.



Fishing at Jurien Bay marina

At 12.30pm we packed up and headed for the bakery for lunch, after lunch we had a look at the south point in Jurien but a lot of beach had been washed away and the water was shallow and had some sea weed so we headed for hill river.

On arrival we set up near the river mouth, the river water was still quiet high and some beach on the sea side was gone compared with our last visit making it tricky to access the beach from the track, after a quick u turn next to the river we ended up on the beach, some weed was in the water but most was in close so fishing was ok, Peter was the first to land a tailor at about 3pm then Martin got a nice 60cm tailor, at about 4pm a fisherman about 200m south had a good bend in his rod and was fighting something, after about 15 minutes a nice mulloway hit the beach, This got us excited and fired up hoping a few more may be around.

About 5.30pm Gary caught a small shark, then 5 minutes later Peter had one, then shortly after Martin caught one too, after this thing went quiet for a while but a few more species came in over the next few hours, Herring, Whiting, Tarwine and Pike. Also, the usual sting ray and shovel nose made an appearance.



Gary with his Shark



Peter with his Shark

At dusk we were hoping for a nice tailor run but they did not show up, fishing was quiet with only a couple of herring and pike coming in until we went to bed about 10pm.

The next morning was very calm and fish were hard to find with only a herring and whiting being caught,

I decided to have a try in the river, On arrival on Saturday we had noticed a shelter had been built on the sand dunes behind the river so I walked behind the sand dune to find a cycle path had been build, it now runs from Jurien Bay all the way to Hill River approximately 12km.

I followed the cycle path for about 2km and fished the river in spots that did not have reeds stopping me from getting to the river, the further I went the more bites I was getting and at my last spot I was able to catch a few small Black Bream till I finally got one that was size.

We packed up and did the weigh in then headed home, It was disappointing to only have 3 people fishing as the weather and conditions were very good, I hope to see a lot more at the next field day.



Fishing at Hill River, What a great day to be on the beach.



Hill River Black Bream



A hot dog on the beach, what could be better.



Gary putting the Ray back



Martin with his 60cm Tailor

Jurien - Cervantes Field Day Oct 2017

Peter O's story

On the Friday I packed the car and headed north mid-afternoon. Not a good sign as went through many showers before arriving at Jurien. On arriving, the sky was overcast and looked threatening and as had noted that the Apex Camp was open. I made a good decision and rented a room for the night.

Had a look around Jurien and decided to fish the south side of the Jurien Dog Beach. While a bit weedy looked ok. On setting up fishing gear a shower started. By the time I was on the beach and had a mulie bait out, down it came. I struggled on but after 40 mins and being drenched decided to give it away. No fish, but thought I had missed one good tailor bite.

Hence, then I had a comfortable evening instead of working out of the car.

The following morning went to the carpark south of the Hill River for the sign-on and being a bit earlier, drove north up the track for 400 metres. And had a 45-minute fish - all quiet, was hoping would have a bit of Tailor action.

On joining Martin and Gary at the sign-on, a decision was made to try the local Jurien Marina from the south wall. I had spoken to the local tackle shop owner and he confirmed the Marina held a few chopper Tailor, Whiting and Tarwhine - so sounded a good plan. Fishing on the inside with light gear, my first fish was a 2-inch Tarwhine. With Blowies and these small fish in bountiful supply this was a wipe-out. Gary decided to try the outside of the wall. He was immediately rewarded with a couple of Pike. Martin and I immediately moved across to join him, but he had found the only two.

After a coffee we went down to the Hill River. A bit of weed about, but fishable. On setting up our heavier gear and within 20 minutes I had a Tailor on the beach. I thought, great, we will have a Tailor run this afternoon. This was not to be, Martin managed a 2 kg Tailor later on followed by a couple of choppers, but no active feeding or schooling of Tailor.

Later afternoon, Gary is on, and a metre shark is hauled up the beach. Martin gave him a hand using his gaff, and while they were working on sorting this out my rod goes off.

Earlier we saw a fellow land a good Mulloway about 200metres south of us. When I picked up my rod I thought I felt some head shakes so immediately called it a Mulloway. A minute later realized that call was wrong, and it was going to be another shark. Martin came across to give me a hand on hauling up the beach, told him I had it in control and as I said this his rod went off - another Shark. i.e. with-in 15 minute each of us had landed a shark.

I managed to capture another one a little later which I released. My first was a bigger one and I had decided to keep. When filleted, soaked on milk overnight in the fridge, they come up pretty tasty. We then found the fishing pretty quiet, just the odd Pike, Herring and Whiting for the evening and morning fish. Martin managed a size Bream in the Hill River and a couple of Sting Rays.

My odd one was while I fished with a small hook above the mulie the only Herring I caught was on the mulie/ganged hooks, but just on dark wound in with a bit if weed on the line but could feel a fish. On bringing in I had a Pike on the ganged hook/mulie and a Pike on the small hook and prawn.

While not the most successful field day we all had fish, and enjoyed the tussle with the Sharks. Hope to see you at the beach at Preston for the November field day. Based on past history, and trust we have a few participants, I am optimistic in looking forward to getting into a good Tailor run.

Peter O

Field day results for October 2017:

ANGLER	Total weight	No. of Species	No. of fish	F.D. points	Attendance			Total points
					Field Day	Local	General Meeting	
Peter Osborne	11.54	5	9	165.4	1		1	185.4
Gary Parkinson	5.85	5	9	108.5	1		1	128.5
Martin Wearmouth	8.06	5	7	130.6	1		1	150.6

Field day fished weighed in for October 2017:

ANGLER		Species	Species	Species	Species	Species	Species	Species
		Tailor	Herring, Australian	Yellowfin Whiting	Pike	Tarwhine	Bream (all species)	Shark
Peter Osborne	Number	1	2	1	3			2
	Total weight	0.51	0.25	0.06	0.43			10.29
	Weight of best	0.51						5.29
Gary Parkinson	Number	1	3		3	1		1
	Total weight	0.34	0.39		0.42	0.20		4.50
	Weight of best	0.34						
Martin Wearmouth	Number	3	1	1			1	1
	Total weight	2.66	0.13	0.07			0.20	5.00
	Weight of best	1.98						

Top Fishin Field day points up to end October 2017

Rank	Angler	Total points
1	Martin Wearmouth	772.0
2	Peter Osborne	719.6
3	Peet Wessels	599.2
4	Sandra Wessels	568.3
5	Theo Van Niekerk	490.3
6	Mark Hansen	319.2
7	Gary Parkinson	294.5
8	Mark Nurse	247.6
9	Brad Zaknich	227.9
10	Vincent Tomazin	216.1
11	Sabby Pizzolante	187.9
12	Ian Taggart	181.6
13	Paul Terpkos	116.5
14	Pat McKeown	60.0
15	Justin Rose	54.8
16	Dean Stewart	20.0

Fishing Field day competition section up to end October 2017:

Section		Angler	Species	Weight
1A	Best scale fish (1st six months)	Sandra Wessels	Yellowtail Kingfish	8.20
1B	Best scale fish (2nd six months)	0	0	0.00
2	Most meritorious fish	Sandra Wessels	Yellowtail Kingfish	8.20
3	Best shark (4.5kg min)	Peter Osborne	Shark	5.29
4	Best mullet (2kg min)	0	0	0.00
5	Best tailor (1kg min)	Martin Wearmouth	Tailor	1.98
6	Best salmon (3kg min)	0	0	0.00
7	Best skipjack trevally (0.5 kg min)	Theo Van Niekerk	Skipjack Trevally	1.74
8	Best mackerel (2kg min)	0	0	0.00
9	Best yellowtail kingfish, samson or amberjack (4kg min)	Sandra Wessels	Yellowtail Kingfish	8.20
10	Best scale fish (Other than above)	Peter Osborne	Westralian Dhufish	2.75
11	Best bag of scale fish	Sandra Wessels	Mixed bag	26.08
12	Best bag of mullet (2 fish min)	0	0	0.00
13	Best bag of tailor (2 fish min)	Martin Wearmouth	Tailor	3.91
14	Best fish on single handed rod (max 4kg line)	0	0	0.00
15	Best fish caught on fly rod	0	0	0.00
16	Best fish on single handed rod, soft plastic lure (max 4kg line)	0	0	0.00
17	Best fish on single handed rod, hard body lure (max 4kg line)	0	0	0.00

Sportsperson of the year sections for October

Section		Angler	Species	Weight
Best scale fish		Martin Wearmouth	Tailor	1.98
Best bag of scale fish		Martin Wearmouth	Mixed bag	3.06
Best shark		Peter Osborne	Shark	5.29
Best bag including sharks		Peter Osborne	Mixed bag	11.54

Field day prizes for October

Section		Angler	Species	Weight
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Best bag of scale fish		Martin Wearmouth	Mixed bag	3.06
Best shark		Peter Osborne	Shark	5.29
Best bag including sharks		Peter Osborne	Mixed bag	11.54

Dry Casting Results 1st October 2017

	56 gram					Artificial Bait					112gram			
	Cast	Cast	Total	%		Cast	Cast	Total	%		Cast	Cast	Total	%
Veterans	1	2				1	2		%		1	2		%
ALAN JONES	92.38	98.74	191.12	74.21		88.09	85.71	173.80	70.88		101.94	98.88	200.82	73.10
BOB HENDERSON	91.28	94.78	186.06	72.24		OUT	83.11	83.11	42.05		100.86	102.51	203.37	74.03
PETER OSBORNE	88.81	71.96	160.77	62.42		65.62	84.54	150.16	61.19		92.05	102.64	194.69	70.87
JOHN CROMPTON	72.05	64.93	136.98	53.19		67.98	68.76	136.74	55.76		84.29	102.84	187.13	68.11
GEOFF RAFTIS	73.69	80.35	154.04	59.81		75.75	82.11	157.86	64.37		108.44	81.22	189.66	69.04
RON THOMAS	127.92	129.63	257.55	100.00		125.01	120.21	245.22	100.00		136.73	138.00	274.73	100.00

Seniors														
MARK HANSON	79.3 9	82.3 9	161.7 8	100.0 0		86.5 0	95.6 9	182.1 9	100.0 0		95.0 9	109.7 6	204.8 5	100.0 0

	Double Handed Accuracy											Single Handed Accuracy						Total	Attendance	Total
	Target number											Target distance							D/Casting	Points
Veterans	3	3	1	1	4	4	2	2	Total	%		L	S	L	S	Total	%			
ALAN JONES	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	126	82.36		8	4	6	9	27	100.00	400.55	10.00	410.55
BOB HENDERSON	8	2	0	2	3	5	1	7	135	88.24		4	9	6	6	25	92.60	369.16	10.00	379.16
PETER OSBORNE	1	1	2	1	0	0	1	2	109	71.24		0	4	6	9	19	70.38	336.10	10.00	346.10
JOHN CROMPTON	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	3	66	43.14		0	3	7	3	13	48.15	268.35	10.00	278.35
GEOFF RAFTIS	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	2	153	100.00		1	6	8	0	15	55.56	348.78	10.00	358.78
RON THOMAS	1	2	1	0	2	1	2	2	146	95.42		6	7	9	4	26	96.30	491.72	10.00	501.72
Seniors																				
MARK HANSON	1	1	1	1	2	2	1	4	134	100.00		0	6	5	1	12	100.00	500.00	10.00	510.00

Veterans: Best Casts for the year 2017 - 2018

Longest 56 Gram	139.82M	Ron Thomas
Longest Artificial Bait	125.01M	Ron Thomas
Longest 112 Gram	162.33M	Ron Thomas
Highest Double Handed Accuracy	159	Ron Thomas
Highest Single Handed Accuracy	33	Ron Thomas

Seniors: Best Casts for the year 2017 - 2018

Longest 56 Gram	102.91M	Mark Hansen
Longest Artificial Bait	115.43M	Jeff Hewton
Longest 112 Gram	135.14M	Jeff Hewton
Highest Double Handed Accuracy	134	Mark Hansen
Highest Single Handed Accuracy	25	Mark Hansen

Birthdays for November

David Trainer 13th; John Crompton 17th; Eric Parker 17th;
Terry Fuller 29th; Martin Wearmouth 30th;

We wish you all the best for your special day

RECREATIONAL ANGLING IN AND AROUND PERTH

A Guide for the New or Visiting Angler

This article was originally prepared in 1983 for the tourist guide publication "Perth - The World's Best Kept Secret". It was written by John Curtis and updated on an 'as needs' basis since first published. This copy was updated in June 2017.

Introduction

Western Australia has many untouched areas of scenic beauty. It has a coastline of almost 12,400km and boasts some of the best fishing on offer anywhere in the world. This fishing can vary from quiet freshwater fishing in the streams of the South-West to game-fishing for the billfish along the continental shelf.

The golden beaches stretching into the horizon are a surf angler's dream come true. The coastal gorges, high platforms and low, flat reefs will please the rock hopper and offer the challenge of exciting fishing. It has been said that Western Australia offers the angling tourist a holiday of fishing unparalleled anywhere else in the world. The average family man can charter a boat and bend his back against some of the fastest game fish or just enjoy bouncing a sinker along the bottom of the ocean in pursuit of delectable fish such as the Westralian Jewfish. Visiting anglers are likely to encounter an impressive list of species.

However, anglers should always be aware of their surroundings and, in particular, the water. Watch tide times and heights, particularly in the north-west of the State. It is surprising how far and fast water can move on a rising tide. Probably the last thing that the visiting angler will initially be thinking about is his next trip to Western Australia, but be assured - once you have sampled the great fishing to be had in Western Australia, you'll be hooked and almost guaranteed to return.

Western Australian Fish Species

Herring:

This is the bread and butter species for most Perth anglers. This small member of the sea perch family inhabits the inshore coastal waters of the southern half of the State and has a penchant for the larvae of the blow-fly. Most successful herring anglers use 'wogs' as the main bait for herring. Other good baits include prawn pieces, blue sardines and white bait. Best months are April through August, but they can generally be caught all year round along the metropolitan beaches.

Salmon:

Literally tonnes of this fish are taken each year along the southern and south-western coastline. Salmon are the larger cousins of the herring and in W A waters grow to around 8kg, providing top sport-fishing action for anglers. April through to late July are the best times in the Perth metropolitan area.

Tailor:

This fish is caught from Esperance in the south through to Shark Bay in the north, where specimens of world record class have been taken. November to May is the prime time for this fish and they make excellent eating if bled promptly upon capture.

Small boat anglers often find them close to reefs offshore or in the sheltered waters of estuaries. Due to a decline in numbers in recent years, the Fisheries Department have instituted a bag limit for the species. This is reviewed regularly and a check with a local tackle outlet or Fisheries Department office will provide you with the details of current size and bag restrictions.

Snapper:

This distinctive fish is found along most offshore reefs during the winter months. It can be caught from the south coast right up into Shark Bay and will grow to a maximum size of approximately 15kg. They are regularly caught from the rocks in northern areas, adjacent to reefs.

In Cockburn Sound many small boat anglers braving bad winter weather in search of this highly respected table fish. Due to increased pressure on this species and the reduction in spawning numbers, there are restrictions on catch numbers and sizes. These vary with location so a check with a tackle shop will provide the current size and bag limits.

There is a closed season for the species in Cockburn Sound from October to December. Shark Bay and surrounding areas also have size, bag limit and closed season restrictions.

Westralian Jewfish:

This fish is taken regularly by bottom fishing anglers from Esperance in the south to Carnarvon in the north. It is the most sought-after species by WA boat anglers and catches as heavy as 24kg are not uncommon. As a table fish it is excellent, with firm white flesh and a sweet taste. Once again size and bag limit restrictions apply to this species. An annual closure for all demersal species (bottom dwellers) is in force from October to December between Kalbarri and Augusta.

Mulloway:

This fish is found throughout the state. In the north-west, a sub-species, the black mulloway is found. Mulloway can be caught in estuaries, from the beach, rocks and by boat anglers. They can grow to in excess of 45kg, but the average mulloway caught from the beach weighs in at 10 to 12kg.

Spanish Mackerel:

This lively game fish has got many an angler's adrenalin pumping. These fish are caught around Rottnest Island during the summer and in northern waters from early December through to late August. Spanish Mackerel have firm flesh with very few bones and are prized table fish. For a gourmet delight, try one cut into cutlets and barbecued with a little pineapple juice added just before removal from the barbeque plate.

Barramundi:

Every serious angler dreams of landing a barramundi of giant proportions. In the north-west of Western Australia, you have every chance of doing just that. The streams that flow down to the Indian Ocean are short and fast. It is at the mouth of these rivers that the barramundi congregates to breed in November and December. They are prized by anglers not only for their distinctive taste but because of their spectacular fighting ability and willingness to

take a bait, lure or fly. Several lakes and impoundments in the north of the state have been stocked with juvenile fish and anglers now have the opportunity to catch a barramundi over 1 metre in length.

Trevally:

From the small southern skipjack trevally to the big hard slugging bruisers of the north, the trevally has earned a reputation for being a dirty fighter with a “never say die” attitude.

Southern trevally vary from 1 to 10kg, whilst their northern counterparts can attain weights in excess of 40kg. Ever tried to stop a runaway locomotive? If you can land a fish in excess of 30kg, you are entitled to boast a little!

Samsonfish:

These hard sluggers are mainly found in the south of the State, with a close relative, the Yellow tailed kingfish. Another close relative the Amberjack is found in northern waters. It doesn't matter which one you catch, they all fight hard and long, and if you are lucky enough to hook one, be prepared to lose some tackle. They all have a habit of finding the most convenient snag and, with a bit of skill, remove the line and bait in one fell swoop. They grow to an amazing 50kg but the average size is 20 to 25kg, still big enough to let you know you've had a fight.

Tuna:

Whether it is a large southern bluefin, a yellowfin or a striped tuna, you'll find they all have similar characteristics. This magnificent game fish just keeps on going. Sport and game fishermen catch them throughout the State.

In the north, the longtail is the more dominant of the species. Try them Japanese-style, as sushi or sashimi. When you get them to the table - you could be in for a pleasant surprise.

Sharks:

Often maligned by such films as Jaws, the shark is a worthy adversary of the angler. In Western Australian waters we have a large selection of sharks including the wobbegong, whalers, Mako's, hammerhead, grey nurse, (or sandbar whaler) tiger and the Great White. The Great White is now a protected species in Western Australia.

In some locations sharks can be a nuisance to the serious angler seeking specimen fish. However, some anglers also target them for the challenge that they present.

Marlin:

Western Australian waters abound with plenty of world-recognized game fish. A visitor does not have to travel long distances to catch a potential world record. Marlin are regularly caught at Rottnest Trench, 45km west of Perth behind Rottnest Island, and at Exmouth in the north.

Charter boat operators and anglers from Western Australia's game-fishing clubs regularly work the popular game-fishing grounds located close off shore. When compared to other world renowned game-fishing locations, Perth waters produce a very high catch rate for the hours fished.

Sailfish:

These are the needle-nosed speedsters of the ocean and are caught all year round in the north west. The best time for sailfish is from early August through to late November. At this time the north-west towns of Exmouth, Dampier and Broome hold light tackle game-fishing competitions which concentrate on Tag and Release or Catch and Release.

Trout:

The majority of Western Australian trout are “home grown”. Brown and rainbow are bred in the Pemberton Trout Hatchery, operated by the Fisheries Department. Fingerlings from the hatchery are used to stock several rivers and streams in the south west as well as some private dams and ponds.

They are very selective fish and will often refuse all offerings. They can, however, be taken by anglers fishing with fly, bait or lures and provide excellent sport on light tackle. The best times for fishing for this species is from August to November and from February to April as ambient water temperatures drop and the water flow starts to pick up with winter rains.

Emperors (Snappers)

This is the generic name for the popular range of species of fish which are caught from Kalbarri north by both beach and boat anglers. It is a reef dwelling species which includes the Spangled Emperor (Nor'west Snapper) Red throat emperor, long-nosed emperor and many more. They are highly-prized as table fish and southern anglers travel northwards in search of them during holiday breaks. They have a delicate firm flesh that freezes well.

Bag and size limits are applicable to the species. Fisheries Department of Western Australia has produced a species recognition brochure to enable anglers to readily identify members of the species group. This will help recreational anglers determine the species so that size and bag limits can be adhered to.

Whiting:

Several species of whiting are caught along our coastline. The most sought after member being the Spotted or King George. It is mostly captured by anglers fishing from small boats just off-shore, but shore-based anglers fishing in the reef holes of Rottnest Island or along the south coast often catch them as well.

Yellow-fin or Sand Whiting are common throughout the State. These small fish are highly prized as an eating fish and are eagerly sought after by anglers of all ages. In recent years anglers have started to test their skills by pursuing large yellowfin whiting in southern estuaries using lures rather than bait.

Tarwhine:

This small fish is often taken by anglers fishing for other species such as herring and tailor. It has a fine white flesh and is an excellent table fish, particularly when baked whole.

Redfin Perch:

To some anglers this introduced species is a nuisance. They have thrived in the rivers of the south-west of the State and are readily taken by anglers using fly, lure or bait. In some of the water storage dams they have reached almost plague proportions and, as a consequence, are relatively small in size. If captured they are not to be returned to the water but humanely killed and disposed of appropriately.

Garfish:

These slender fish are caught in large numbers in the southern half of the State. They are a sweet tasting fish that is specifically sought by anglers who use a small float or 'blob' with plenty of ground bait or burley or ground bait. Small hooks are a distinct asset due to the very small mouth of the fish. Due to excessive commercial fishing and changing environmental conditions the Fisheries Department has imposed a ban on the taking of this species between Lancelin and Meelup (about 100 Kms either side of Perth)

Flathead:

The flathead species encountered in Western Australia don't grow to the same size as their counterparts in the Eastern States. This doesn't detract from their fighting ability as they are tough adversaries. They are found in shallow bays and estuaries along the southern and south-western coastline and there are several northern species which provide great sport on light tackle. They readily take a bait, lure or saltwater fly.

Many anglers enjoy wading and fly casting or spinning for this species in the lower reaches of the Swan River during late Spring to the end of Summer.

Flounder:

These fish are found along the southern half of Western Australia in the sheltered bays and estuaries. They grow to approximately 1.5kg and are considered prime table fare. The flesh is firm and white and cooks well.

Crustaceans:

Western Australia is famous for its crustacea. Rock lobsters, crabs, prawns, cherabin and marron are all caught by amateur anglers. Recreational anglers require a license for the capture of some of these species. There are severe fines and penalties for non-compliance with the licensing, size and bag limit regulations.

METROPOLITAN BEACH FISHING

Perth is blessed with some of the best beaches in the world. The fishing from these beaches is excellent and is available all the year round. Species likely to be encountered when beach fishing include skipjack trevally, tailor, herring, tarwhine, mullet, mulloway, flathead, small sharks, pike, whiting and salmon.

South of Perth

Approximately an hour's drive from Perth are the beaches of San Remo, Madora, Singleton and Peelhurst. These popular beaches provide excellent fishing for herring, tailor, whiting and mulloway. The mulloway 'run' occurs in early January when the nights are balmy and it is a popular time for family fishing trips.

Rockingham/Safety Bay:

Three quarters of an hour from Perth by car, this area is renowned for its quiet waters and is perfect for small boat fishing. Several boat ramps and jetties dot the coastline and it is a good spot for catching herring, whiting, blue mackerel, squid, tailor and pike.

In the early winter months (June/July) when the first of the north-westerly storms arrive, dedicated anglers can be found on the Rockingham and Palm Beach jetties angling for the elusive snapper, a fish preferring the closeness of the shore at this time.

Cockburn Sound:

This area is a haven for the small boat angler. If sheltered by Garden Island and catches will include skipjack trevally, snapper, King George whiting, sand whiting, herring and tailor. Larger boats venturing off-shore to fish the reefs at the western side of Garden Island quite often encounter jewfish, snapper and several species of reef fish, along with the large samsonfish.

The beaches bordering Cockburn Sound provide anglers with good catches of herring, tailor and skipjack trevally. Several rock groynes protect launching ramps and beaches allowing anglers access to the deeper waters of the Sound.

Suggested locations include Woodman's Point groyne, WAPET groyne and Cockburn Power Boat Club groyne which all provide excellent fishing. Coogee Beach, Fremantle Power House and the beaches adjacent are all popular spots for catching herring, tailor and skipjack trevally. Local anglers fishing these spots regularly take home good catches.

Fremantle:

There are rock walls protecting Success Harbour, Fishing Boat Harbour and South Beach. All are excellent spots for fishing. Tailor is the main fish you'll find here but herring, garfish and skipjack trevally are caught as well. The North and South Moles, protecting the entrance to Fremantle Harbour, have always been popular with anglers. Species encountered here include tailor, herring, tarwhine, skipjack trevally, snapper, pike, salmon, bonito and mulloway. A disabled angling platform has been erected on the north side of the North Mole.

Parking facilities are excellent and anglers are virtually able to step from their cars and cast a line. The inner harbour provides safe and satisfying fishing for junior anglers though access from the wharves is sometimes restricted. North of the Moles, a line of rocks protects the shoreline and occasionally anglers have been successful in catching large mulloway and snapper in this area.

The beaches adjacent to Fremantle are Leighton and Port Beach. These stretches of sand provide anglers with quiet waters in which to fish. They are protected from the daily afternoon sea breeze which is known locally as the 'Fremantle Doctor'.

Herring, garfish and whiting are plentiful along this stretch and form the bulk of an angler's catch.

Cottesloe:

Just north of Fremantle along the coastline is Cottesloe. The groyne here and the reef a little further up (opposite Grant Street) are considered to be the best spots in Perth to catch herring. A number of anglers fish from these spots - many of them have been regularly fishing at Cottesloe for years. Their skill in hooking herring is quite amazing and well worth observing.

Swanbourne:

This beach is renowned for its nude bathers but it is also one of Perth's better beaches for skipjack trevally, tailor and tarwhine. Fishing here does involve lengthy walks to the best spots but it is a worthwhile effort.

The beach in front of the Swanbourne Surf Life-Saving Club is one of the favoured spots for tailor fishing and is not far from parking facilities.

City Beach/Floreat:

Due west of the city centre, these two areas offer anglers the choice of two rock groynes and a beach. Expect to catch whiting, skipjack trevally, herring, garfish or tailor. The Floreat Drain, located a few hundred metres north of the Floreat Surf Club, is a favourite location for those seeking tailor.

The two groynes at City Beach and Floreat are easily accessible, even to disabled anglers. They have level concrete surfaces close to the water, allowing a disabled angler access to this very enjoyable pastime.

Scarborough:

The beaches of Scarborough provide anglers with good surf fishing for herring, whiting and tailor. When the gutters form along the beach in early winter, there is excellent fishing for mulloway. Access to these beaches must be made via the well-defined tracks and paths.

Trigg Island:

There is a low limestone rock platform here that allows access to fishing in quite deep water. Fish species encountered here are tarwhine, large tailor, salmon, herring, skipjack trevally and pike. Be warned however that this can be a dangerous area when a swell is running so it is not a recommended spot for novice anglers. Unique to the area are the "tripod anglers" who perch themselves above the waves on portable platforms to catch their fish. The skill involved in landing large fish from these rigs is enviable.

The beaches north of Trigg change into patchy sand and are surrounded by reef. There are fewer locations to fish, although persistent anglers have been known to land some good fish when the swells and weather permit.

North Beach:

A small jetty at North Beach is suitable for all levels of angler as well as the disabled angler, as there is a large ramp leading to the jetty. Herring and garfish form the basis to an anglers bags here, with an occasional skipjack trevally and tarwhine also being landed.

Sorrento:

The three groynes at Sorrento allow anglers access to some good fishing for tailor, herring and tarwhine. Large mullet and snapper are not uncommon catches either, particularly after the early north-westerly storms of winter.

Hillarys Marina Complex

This boat harbour complex allows sheltered fishing for small fish and also provides safe fishing for junior anglers from its rock walls. Fishing from here along the outer side can provide catches of herring, pike, tailor, tarwhine and skipjack trevally. There's also some access to reef fishing along the western side of the complex. During winter when storm driven weed builds up on the north side of the marina it produces some very good cobbler or eel-tailed catfish fishing. A disabled angling platform has been built into the north wall of the marina and caters for wheel chair anglers as well as able bodied anglers lacking the mobility to clamber over the rocks.

Whitford:

This beach affords anglers some good fishing for tailor, small sharks, herring, skipjack trevally and salmon.

Mullaloo:

This is both a popular picnicking spot and favourite swimming beach. Fishing is possible north of the swimming area where the water depth allows for catches of herring and whiting.

There is a sheltered boat launching area and rock platforms at the Ocean Reef Marina, at the end of Ocean Reef Road. The south-west corner of the marina is the most popular point from which to fish and anglers regularly catch samsonfish, herring, tailor, whiting and mullet here.

Burns Beach:

A northern beach offering some excellent fishing. Anglers can fish from a small rock groyne or from the rocks. A short walk north reveals a sandy beach suitable for fishing for skipjack trevally, whiting, tailor and herring.

Mindarie

This relatively new sub-division in Perth's north features a large marina complex that provides anglers with access to deep water. Anglers fishing from the groyne regularly catch herring, whiting, skipjack trevally, tailor and salmon. Attached to the groyne is another disabled angling platform which provides access to deep water for wheel chair bound anglers and those who are not quite as agile as they would wish.

During the early winter months anglers often encounter yellow-eyed mullet or pilch making a migration to warmer waters north. The beaches to the south of the marina often have large gutters and holes form up after storms and these locations provide shelter for tailor mullet and herring.

Quinns Rocks:

Mullet and small sharks are common catches here during the summer evenings. The beach is sheltered and provides excellent fishing though it is somewhat narrow. There is a small boat ramp suited to small boats for anglers wishing to fish off-shore for skipjack trevally, herring, King George Whiting and numerous species of reef fish.

Yanchep Beach:

This area of the metropolitan coastline, offers a protected beach for fishing and a reef close to shore. Access to the reef is good when there is a low swell and low tide. This is one of the best locations in winter months to fish for large salmon. Summer evenings see large tailor schools at the back of the reef. Herring, skipjack trevally, tarwhine and mullet are also caught regularly. The beaches just south of Two Rocks Marina are not generally fished by local anglers. However anglers prepared to try their luck will on odd occasions produce a surprise catch. The rock walls of the Two Rocks marina allow anglers access to the ocean and here you might be lucky with herring, whiting, garfish, skipjack trevally. Now and then, there are catches of spanish mackerel and large mullet.

Rottneet Island

Rottneet has a lot to offer the tourist angler. Whether it is gamefish or just a feed of humble herring you are after, then Rottneet is the place to fish. There is something for every angler - from the novice to the experienced. At locations all around the island, anglers will encounter many species of fish. The island's shallow waters are major breeding grounds for many recreationally important species. The more predominant species are: herring, tailor,

skipjack trevally, mulloway and sand whiting. It is also possible to catch pike, tarwhine, garfish, samsonfish, yellowtail kingfish, King George whiting, Westralian Jewfish, groper and sharks from the shore.

Salmon are regularly caught here all year round but during the winter months, they are caught in greater quantities. Many anglers make the long bicycle ride to the West End of the island to catch their bag limit of four fish per day in as many casts. The jetty in Thompson's Bay - landing point for most of the visitors to Rottnest - is a good first location for anglers. Here many a novice fisherman has been hooked for life after catching his first fish from the decking. Herring, skipjack trevally, tarwhine and tailor are the more commonly caught species although there are many others also caught here.

Rock platforms around the island include Natural Jetty, Henrietta Reek, Vera Rock, Parker's Point, Salmon Point, The Bluff, Nancy Cove, Kitsen Point, Wilson Point, Radar Reef, the Tennis Court, Cathedral Rocks, Celia Rocks, Crayfish Reek, Charlotte Point, Armstrong Point, North Point and Point Clune. These platforms are all able to be fished at some stage. Most have fairly deep water in front of them so anglers must be aware of the dangers of fishing exposed reefs.

On the south side of the island there are several bays providing surf fishing for anglers. Some of these beaches are open to the sea, others are protected by offshore reef. Geordie Bay, Thompson Bay and Charlotte Bay are all boat mooring areas, so it is inadvisable to fish these spots.

Not only does the island give the land-based angler some top fishing, but anglers from both small and large boats are able to fish around the island relatively safely. After all, being an island, the boats can always shelter in the lee of the island and continue to fish, almost regardless of the weather.

The continental shelf drops away rapidly to great depths just a few kilometres north west of the island, it is along this "drop-off" that large predators like marlin and shark swim. Amateur anglers have installed a series of Fish Aggregating Devices or FAD's along this oceanic cliff top. To date they have been extremely successful in attracting yellow-tail kingfish, dolphin fish (Mahi-Mahi), mackerel and plenty of bait.

With the ocean currents coming up from the depths and providing nutrient rich water and food for the fish, the reefs around the island become breeding grounds for the major species. This in turn attracts anglers from everywhere - It can safely be said most boats return from Rottnest with several meals of fresh fish on board.

The areas listed are just a few of the more popular fishing spots in the metropolitan area. For fishing information about specific areas please refer to one of Perth's many tackle shops. These people are able to assist with current information about many local fishing spots as well as providing information on access and directions on how to get there.

LOCATIONS TO FISH IN THE SWAN AND CANNING RIVERS

Perth is situated on one of the most picturesque rivers in the world. There are few cities boasting the sort of fishing that the Swan River has to offer the angler. Species regularly encountered can include mulloway, tarwhine, cobbler, black bream, flathead, tailor, pilch (yellow-eye mullet), herring, sand whiting, king George whiting, yellowtail and skipjack trevally. There are also crabs, prawns and mussels for an entree!

Fisheries WA have recorded some 74 species in the Swan River. Many of these are considered to be tropical. Some of the less frequently caught species are samsonfish, tuna, several of the northern trevally species and giant herring. This herring is not to be confused with the Perth Herring (known locally as a Bony Herring). It is the true tropical fighting fish and is regularly caught around Heirison Island, just east of the city centre.

1. **Fremantle Traffic Bridge.** Tailor, flathead, flounder, skipjack trevally. Almost anything.
2. **Stirling Traffic Bridge** Good hard sand launch for small boat looking to fish outside of Fremantle or heading to Rottnest for a day's fishing. Deep holes in the river produce all sorts of ocean and river species. Herring, King George and large sand whiting are caught in front of the Left Bank and the Oyster Beds restaurant on the sand flats.
3. **Harvest Road.** Tailor, flounder, cobbler, and occasional mulloway.
4. **Rocky Bay.** Mainly a boat fishing location producing tailor, flathead, cobbler, flounder and skipjack trevally.
5. **Old Mosman Rubbish Tip.** Now a boating spot for flounder, flathead, tailor, cobbler in deep water.
6. **East Fremantle Sea Scouts.** Top spot for tailor, large cobbler and occasional flathead and flounder. Safe for junior anglers.
7. **CSR Sugar Refinery.** (no longer working) This boat location yields skipjack trevally, cobbler, black bream, yellowtail, flathead and flounder. It has some deep holes close to shore and a good mud anchor is required.
8. **Leeuwin Boat Ramp.** Surrounded by large expanses of sand flats, which are covered by varying depths of water. Anglers wading the shallows, particularly on an early summer morning when the tide is changing

catch flathead and flounder. A little upstream are the Swan Yacht Club and the Aquarama moorings. Large tailor show up here in the deep holes adjacent to the main boating channels in early summer.

9. **Blackwall Reach.** Land-based anglers can fish from the cliffs. Deep water mullet, cobbler and tailor. Boat anglers should be aware of the boating channels for larger craft and the ferries.
10. **Chidley Point.** A take-off and landing point for water-skiing. Has excellent beach facilities for family fishing. Flathead, flounder, cobbler and tailor.
11. **Point Walter.** The long sand spit and jetty allow anglers access to some of the best fishing in the river. Families can picnic on the adjacent lawns and barbecue their catches of tailor, cobbler, black bream, mullet, flathead and flounder. Good prawning and crabbing.
12. **Mosman Jetty** This jetty is downstream from the Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club and has grassed picnic areas adjacent. A quiet spot with deep water to the north west of it, which produces good mullet during the early summer. Good location for junior anglers.
13. **Keanes Point.** This jetty is near the Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club and has a grassed picnic area. Families can fish from the jetty to catch black bream, cobbler, tailor, mullet and crabs.
14. **Claremont Jetty.** A popular spot for anglers seeking black bream, cobbler, tailor and mullet with the occasional skipjack trevally and samsonfish showing up. Prawns and crabs can be scooped or trawled from the beaches either side of the jetty.
15. **Point Resolution to Pelican Point.** Generally a boating proposition which is ideal for trolling for larger tailor. Good prawns are netted during the season.
16. **Crawley.** Produces some of the largest cobbler in the Swan. It has a rock wall along the water front and deep water a few metres from shore. The bay is one of the most popular prawning spots in the river and many families spend pleasant summer nights at this spot.
17. **Starting Box and the Old Brewery Site.** This location produces some of the largest mullet in the Swan. There are car parks nearby and it is a fairly quiet location. Species here include cobbler, black bream river grunter and tailor.
18. **Narrows Bridge.** On the city side of the bridge, mullet, cobbler and tailor can be caught from the shore. On the South Perth side, there is a small beach with lawns providing comfortable fishing for families. Big black bream abound in winter months near the pylons. Just east of the bridge large catches of cobbler and bream can be made. Changes to the bridge and freeway have put a stop to fishing at the moment
19. **Causeway/Heirison Island.** One of Perth's more popular black bream spots. Winter sees numerous anglers settling down for a nights fishing. Mullet are also caught here. Giant herring also congregate here in summer for light tackle sportfishing
20. **Heirison Island East.** Top spot for boat fishing for tailor and black bream. Often produces giant herring in summer,
21. **Bunbury Railway Bridge.** Another boat location producing prodigious quantities of black bream and cobbler. River flats have large blood worms suitable for bait. Dig for them carefully and return the mud to the hole from where it came.
22. **Garratt Road Bridge.** Numerous small mullet and black bream, with the odd cobbler. Good picnic spot for families. Reed beds along this stretch of river produce excellent black bream.
23. **Tonkin Highway Road Bridge.** Ascot Inn is just downstream from this spot and it is really a boating proposition. The reed beds are a good spot for black bream with mullet and cobbler in the deeper holes in the middle of the river. Many small soapy mullet are caught in late summer in this area.
24. **Ron Courtney Island.** Next to the north side of this island is a deep hole in which boat anglers have been lucky with big black bream and cobbler and the occasional mullet.
25. **Guildford Road Bridge.** Almost the furthest point upstream still affected by tides. The water is still brackish and is one of the few locations where black bream can be caught almost all year round. Occasional cobbler and mullet can be caught during the summer months when there is little fresh water flowing. Since there has been a ban on amateur netting whiting have been caught in large numbers in the region
26. **Applecross Jetty.** A small jetty providing catches of very large black bream and mullet. Good spot for juniors and families.
27. **Como Jetty.** Tailor, cobbler, flathead and the occasional mullet are taken from here. Access is via the overhead footbridge from Melville Parade. The shallow stretches of beach on either side of the jetty are excellent for prawning during the summer months.
28. **Canning Bridge.** A famous spot for producing very large black bream and mullet during the winter months. An old jetty adjacent to the bridge on the Perth side is a small but comfortable fishing platform.
29. **Canning Bridge (South).** Some 200m south of the bridge on the eastern shore of the Canning River there are a large hole providing excellent mullet and black bream.
30. **Deepwater Point.** This section of the river is a rowing and skiing course and anglers often find themselves competing for river space. It does however produce some excellent black bream, tailor and cobbler, particularly during winter. In the summer months, it is a top prawning spot with lawns dropping down on to the water.

31. **Riverton Bridge.** This spot produces excellent black bream and cobbler and boat anglers are able to fish adjacent to the old barge path pylons in the centre of the river. The beaches provide good prawning early in the season.
 32. **Shelley Bridge.** Under the Kwinnana Freeway Bridge is one of the few fishing platforms in Perth. It allows anglers to legally fish from a road bridge. Good black bream, mullet, tailor and the occasional cobbler.
 33. **Riverton Drive.** Good family fishing with large grassed areas near the water. Black bream, cobbler and the occasional small mullet. Top prawning spot in summer.
 34. **Bicton Jetty.** A junior fishing spot producing tailor, flathead, occasional cobbler and mullet.
 35. **Burke Drive, Attadale.** Has long shallow stretches of water, which are popular with prawn fishermen. There are boat ramps and skiing facilities close by.
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REPORT ON 2017 / 18 STATE DRY CASTING CHAMPIONSHIPS

**Held at Perth Polo Ground, Meadow Street, Guildford
22 October 2017**

The 2017 / 18 State Dry Casting Championships were held at the Perth Polo Ground in Meadow Street Guildford on Sunday 22nd of October 2017.

Weather forecast for the day was not promising with rain and possible storms forecast along with gusty winds. As it turned out the day was quite pleasant with warm temperatures and no wind or rain.

The grass on the oval had been mown and raked a couple of weeks earlier and the oval looked good for casting. There was a little water on the road at the northern end of the ground but this had no impact on casting.

Late on Saturday Mark Hansen, John Crompton, Ron Thomas, Tony Ayrey and John Curtis met to mark out the courts and check the ground. After a brief discussion on the layout it was decided to cast west to east with the Men's courts set to the north of the covered area. This allowed for a court distance of almost 300m. The Ladies, Veterans Juniors and Mini-Juniors court was laid out to the south of the shelter, with a casting distance of over 200m. The accuracy courts were set out in front of the shelter allowing casters to mingle when not casting.

An accuracy draw was conducted and Men drew Group 1 with casting distances of 61, 30, 76, 46m. The Ladies, Veterans and Juniors drew Group 5 with distances of 54, 38, 61, 46m. Mini-Juniors drew Group 1 with distances of 20 and 30m.

Casting on the day got underway at around 8:10am with 28 casters. Fremantle Amateur Angling Club fielded a team of 12 casters followed by Beachcombers with 11, Surfcasters 4 and Melville 1 for a total of 28 casters. The number of casters participating was disappointing when it was widely advertised and is a part of the competition for Champion Individual and Champion Club.

On the day Beachcombers provided the BBQ sausage sizzle and also sold cold bottled water and soft drinks which was appreciated by all participants. They also sold raffle tickets with some of the prizes being donated by Ron Thomas. Overall there were 5 rods and 2 reels offered as raffle prizes with the funds from the raffle going to the Association.

The competition ran smoothly all day, although one concern was the lack of volunteers to assist with scoring and marking. Several people who were not casting assisted with these tasks and included Jo Celenza, Tony Ayrey, and Jeff Hewton. Others who cast and also scored and marked were Bob Henderson, Ron Thomas, Mark Hansen, Joe Pullella and John Crompton.

One point to note is that the rules relating to casting rigs have changed and casters need to be aware of the new requirements as there were several casters using rigs that didn't comply.

With reduced numbers of participants, the competition was completed by 2:10PM and presentation was completed by 2:30PM. With assistance from a few people everything was packed up and finished by 3:00PM.

All results will be posted on the web site shortly.

*Ron Thomas
State Drycasting Officer.*

Results for the day were;

Team Results:

Men's	Won by Fremantle AAC, Runners Up, Beachcombers
Ladies	Won by Fremantle
Veterans	Won by Surfcasting and Angling Club, Runners Up, Beachcombers.
Junior	Won by Fremantle AAC, Runners Up, Beachcombers
Mini-Junior	Won by Surfcasting & Angling Club, Runners Up, Fremantle AAC

Individual Results:

Men's	Nick Allsworth	Fremantle AAC
Ladies	Caroline Benniman	Fremantle AAC
Veterans	Cha's Riegert	Beachcombers
Juniors	Cody Laphorne	Fremantle AAC
Mini-Juniors	Darcy Tomlinson	S C A C.
Longest Cast:	Nick Allsworth	Fremantle AAC
State Casting Champion	Caroline Benniman	Fremantle AAC





Veteran Champions

