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President`s Report October 2018



Presently things are pretty quiet with only the regular meetings, drycasting and fishing events to consider.

As members will be aware we trialled Bluff Creek as a location for September. After a couple of late scratchings we ended up with 5 of us sharing the facilities of the Mt Barker Fishing shack for the weekend. This proved a noticeable upgrade in facilities that those attending enjoyed. We were also blessed with pretty good weather. I won't go in to details as I am sure Martin Wearmouth will elaborate on in his column however I will describe briefly my own experience.

Sarah had TAFE commitments on the Friday, so we left early on Saturday morning.

We fished the Saturday evening with virtually no result. On Sunday we fished east of the creek with Gary, Martin and Peter Osborne with a modest return although Sarah did manage to land her first decent Salmon.

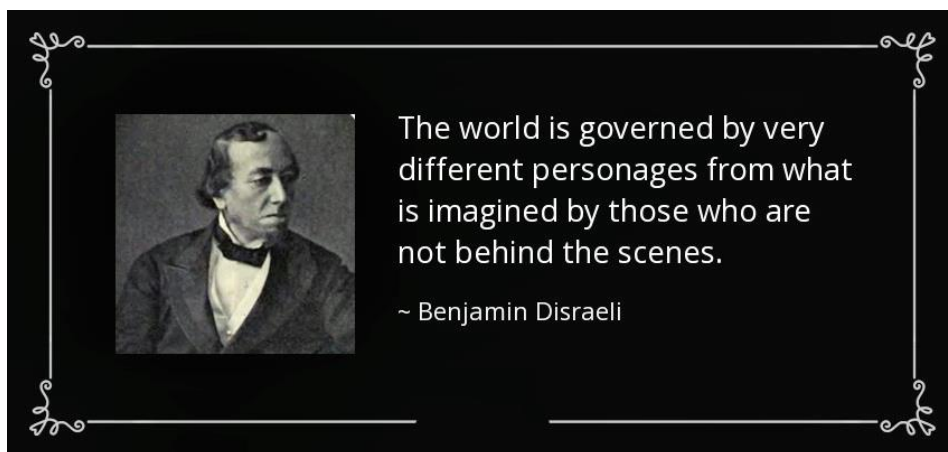
The others chose to leave in search of greener pastures but for some reason I decided to show a trait that I have not often demonstrated in the past-that of persistence. To my surprise and delight I ended up with 4 Salmon and 4 good Skippy. Whilst not earth shattering it certainly was better than greeting the weighmaster with 3 herring. Perhaps I just need to fish longer to improve my success.

Aside from the fishing, Sarah and I were entertained by the numerous whales frolicking and jumping close to shore. To enjoy all of this within the environs of our glorious southern coastline is a true privilege.

Along with our Treasurer Vic Schilo I attended the recent AAA Annual General Meeting together with General and Special meetings at which the proposed constitution was passed. Congratulations to the delegates who worked on this over the last several months and in particular Vic Schilo. I am sure the new Delegate Council is very pleased that this process is completed so they can now concentrate on the various challenges facing the AAA.

Finally with the weather improving perhaps its time for members to rediscover their enthusiasm for drycasting and fishing and start attending a few more club events. I am sure the experts amongst the membership will be only too willing to teach or refresh the skills of those less accomplished members.

Quote for the month:



October General Meeting

Wednesday 10 October 2018

Coolbinia Sports Clubroom; Wordsworth Avenue, Yokine.

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

Field day venues for 2018/19.

Dates	Venue	Boundaries
13 - 14 October 2018	Cervantes to Sandy Cape	South side of Cervantes beach to north end of Sandy cape beach.
17 - 18 November 2018	Cervantes to Sandy Cape	South side of Cervantes beach to north end of Sandy cape beach.
15 - 16 December 2018	Moore River to 3 Mile	From Moore river mouth to north end of 3 Mile beach.
26 - 28 January 2019	Open	Go anywhere WA.
16 - 17 February 2019	Preston / White Hills	From Preston south beach to northern end of White Hills.
1 - 8 March 2019	Esperance Safari.	Around Esperance area. Poison Creek (Sandy Bight) ect.
19 - 22 April 2019	Bluff Creek.	As far as you are willing to walk on both ends of beach.

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

Lines Down for long weekends – Saturday 6.00am

Lines up for long weekends – 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

August Rottnest Island Field Day

My mate Jim picked us up from my home and took us down to Fremantle. We got to Freo unloaded the car and went to find the rest of the group. Helen was very excited this was her first trip to Rotto and for me first since 2005.

The trip over was calm and cool in the evening breeze. We got to Rotto grabbed our rod bags and followed the group to the accommodation. It was a little more comfortable than I was expecting though was surprised at the timber framed homes.

The next morning, we got up had breaky boarded the bus via the bakery to the fishing spot. Peter Osborne led us down and back up thanks Pete. My first day of fishing wasn't very enjoyable I just couldn't catch a break with my reel's birds nesting all the time and I was getting frustrated and Helen had to help and calm me down. And nothing was caught.

That night Martin gave me some rigs to use for various fish, thanks Martin. The next day started fairly the same not a lot of luck to start with using different reels just a few bullseyes and buff bream.

Then I got a call from Mark Nurse not sure what he was calling me for from a fair way away, so I popped over to find out. He said grab your stuff and let's go out so I did, we caught wrasse after wrasse for a while to get used to standing on the reef.

As the sun started to disappear behind the hill line we started catching skippy and a tarwhine so much fun made the day. A bag limit of skippy was achieved. And we packed up went back up top and the bus picked us up at 8.

The next day we got up had breaky and packed the crates hit the bakery as I had promised Helen. Food was awesome. We boarded the ferry at 11am and we were on our way home with fish in our bag and memories in our heads.

So far, we have enjoyed the skippy in a batter made of flour and lemon juice with some thyme thrown in and fried awesome.

I take this opportunity to thank everyone for helping Helen and I have an amazing Rotto experience.

Chris Stickells

Surf Casters September 2018 Bluff Creek field day by Martin Wearmouth

On the approach of the long weekend the group leaving for the field day had a few that had planned to go have issues that meant they could no longer go, Vince's dad was very unwell and he needed to stay in Perth, Ron had car issues on the Thursday and even though he had packed the car a visit to the mechanic early Friday did not bring good news so he too stayed in Perth.

I had come down with a sore throat on Wednesday and by Thursday was full of cold packing the car was a chore but I loaded up on the Cold & Flu pills and was determined to go, So 3 of us met at Armadale at 7am on Friday, Peter Osborne, Gary Parkinson and myself, The trip down was a breeze with next to no traffic heading south, Shane Wignell and Sarah Wignell planned to come down on Saturday morning and Mark Hansen also made his own way down.

Our group hit the beach about 12.30pm on Friday to be greeted by some whales playing about 200m off shore, what a site in the clear water and blue sky, the whale activity continued all weekend with loads of whales moving by over the weekend, The beach was soft but as there was not many tyre tracks the drive was easy and smooth, We dove down to Bluff Creek to find a camping spot, bluff creek was again running west along the beach for about 100m as it was in April but crossing was easy and the track over the dune was also no problem.



Whales playing just offshore

We decided to have a look at the Mt Barker shack and found no one was using it, we set up camp here and this saved a lot of time putting up tents, it even has 2 long drops and a fresh water tank, the sign on the front said Bluff Creek Hilton maybe not 5 star but it was much easier, In fact the whole weekend we only saw 1 other person camp overnight and no one was in our normal camping area.

The weather forecast had not been great but turned out to be better than forecast, Friday afternoon was sunny and very light winds Peter Osborne fished near Bluff Creek and Gary and I drove east to see what spots looked good for Saturday Morning, The beach did get steep and soft about 6km so we took the track behind the dunes till the beach was better, Beachcombers had set up camp down this end and we found some fishing and they had already caught some salmon and herring, Gary and I fished for a hour but had no luck, on leaving Gary decided to bog the Isuzu by not having the steering straight, good thing he bought the Treds and after 10 minutes we were off home again.



Our first night in the shack was great, we had a fire going and kept nice and warm after some chat and food we turned in early ready for the 6am lines down on Saturday morning, The wind did pick up on Saturday but in the morning it was ok about 10-15 knots easterly and in this session we all got some nice fish, Herring, Salmon, Skippy, as the morning went on the wind got stronger up to maybe 25 knots and as there was full cloud cover it made it very cold so we headed back about 11am for an early lunch and to stoke up the pot belly fire to keep warm.

Shane and Sarah arrived and set up camp at the shack, we stayed at the shack waiting for the wind to subside and went back fishing at 4pm, the wind was still 20 knots so we tried next the bluff creek, this session was not as good as the morning but still the same species came in Herring, Salmon, Skippy just not as many, we did not fish late and headed back to the shack for a warm dinner and warmed up next to the pot belly.

Sunday morning the wind had gone with nearly no wind, the swell was up a bit but fishing was easy, Sarah caught her first Salmon early on Sunday and a very nice fish of between 3-4kg which she released after a photo, we fished a lot more and even saw the sun on Sunday afternoon, Peter O added to the species with a flathead, Salmon were easier to catch than Herring, most caught their bag limit of 4 and more, Herring had their moments and needed to be tempted with the right bait, Skippy were few and far between, we moved to a few spots but could only find more Salmon, I ended up catching more salmon than any other species, 6 about 3-4kg and the rest about 1-2kg.



So the surprise was that I saw more Salmon caught in September than I have in my 6 years going in March/April, maybe the Salmon are smart enough to stay away when the hordes of fisherman are there chasing them.

We all packed up early on Monday morning after a quick weigh in and headed back to Perth after a enjoyable weekend of friendship and fishing, thanks to those who attended and making it so memorable. Mark Hansen fished off the rocks at the east end of the beach and managed a lot more species.



Bluff Creek Results

ANGLER		Species	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	Flathead (all species)	Western Rock Blackfish	Banded Sweep	Species Wrasse (all species) 1 only	Tarwhine					Field Day	Local	General Meeting	
Shane Wignell	Number	3	4	4						9.71	3	11	138.1	1		1	158.1
	Total weight	0.39	7.60	1.72													
	Weight of best			0.51													
Sarah Wignell	Number		1							1.90	1	1	30.0	1			40.0
	Total weight		1.90														
	Weight of best																
Peter Osborne	Number	12	4	2	1					9.20	4	19	151.0	1		1	171.0
	Total weight	1.50	6.69	0.86	0.15												
	Weight of best		2.17	0.46													
Gary Parkinson	Number	12	4							9.16	2	16	127.6	1		1	147.6
	Total weight	1.56	7.60														
	Weight of best																
Mark Hansen	Number	12		1		3	1	1	1	4.70	6	19	126.0	1		1	146.0
	Total weight	1.35		0.39		1.13	0.23	0.81	0.79								
	Weight of best	0.18				0.45											
Martin Wearmouth	Number	11	4	2						10.93	3	17	156.3	1		1	176.3
	Total weight	1.50	8.49	0.94													
	Weight of best		2.79														

Top scores up to September		
Rank	Angler	Total points
1	Martin Wearmouth	663.2
2	Mark Hansen	548.1
3	Peter Osborne	494.9
4	Peet Wessels	428.6
5	Sandra Wessels	312.4
6	Theo Van Niekerk	261.4
7	Mark Nurse	228.9
8	Paul Terpkos	223.5
9	Gary Parkinson	181.3
10	Shane Wignell	158.1
11	Chris Stickells	125.0
12	Sabby Pizzolante	118.5
13	Ian Taggart	95.6
14	Vincent Tomazin	92.2
15	Ian Cook	69.1
16	Helen Carnell	52.1
17	Sarah Wignell	40.0

Note points from last month had not been totalled properly, above totals are now correct due to not adding in 1 point per fish as per the new rules.

DRY CASTING DATES FOR 2018

PLEASE NOTE THE NEW VENUE

Guildford Polo Ground

Competition casting starts at 8:30am

Held on Sunday of:

October 7: November 4: December 2:

AAAWA State Drycasting Championships will be held at the above ground on Sunday 28 October.

Drycasting – 9th September 2018

Surf Casters

Nobody can complain about the weather we have had over the last 2 casting days, almost perfect conditions apart from the oval itself which needs to be mowed but cannot be done until it dries out.

Another good roll up with 8 members and 3 visitors, Peter and Rob Pekaar along with Jeff Hewton.

Double handed accuracy scores weren't up to scratch apart from Rob who had one of his best days with 156. The next highest was 138 by me. Hendo took out the honours in the single-handed accuracy with 30 and not forgetting the only bullseye for the day by John Crompton in the single-handed accuracy.

Mark had another good day with no mishaps and 129 in the double handed accuracy. Alan had an up and down day with some good distance scores that fell in a hole in the accuracy events.

Rob could not do anything right in the distance events with only 1 good cast out of 6. Peter had the opposite with only 1 cast out of court along with 170.49m in the 112gr which was the longest cast for the day, along with 144.89m in the 56gr. Mal had a good day with 86.20% in the distance events along with 132 in the double handed accuracy.

Let's see a good roll up again next month and don't forget I always have rods and reels for anyone who wants to come along and have a cast and stay for the sausage sizzle. It would be great to see some new faces

Hope to see a few more on the 7th October.

Ron Thomas Drycasting Officer



Mark showing his sore finger 09/09/2018



This fish was this big 09/2018



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Dry casting results - 9th September 2018

<u>Veterans</u>	<u>Double Handed Accuracy</u>										<u>Single Handed Accuracy</u>						<u>Total</u>	<u>tendan</u>	<u>Total</u>
	<u>Target number</u>										<u>Target distance</u>						<u>%</u>	<u>D/Castin</u>	<u>Points</u>
	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>		
BOB HENDERSON	13	19	17	9	3	19	22	19	121	87.69	8	9	7	6	30	100.00	467.89	10	477.89
ALAN JONES	17	8	20	5	13	17	24	0	104	75.36	7	2	0	5	14	46.67	359.08	10	369.08
RON THOMAS	18	17	23	23	10	15	16	16	138	100.00	9	7	5	8	29	96.67	420.25	10	430.25
PETER OSBORNE	24	13	12	19	0	12	19	19	118	85.50	4	7	5	6	22	73.33	297.33	10	307.33
MAL HEAD	11	16	21	20	14	21	14	15	132	95.65	0	9	0	8	17	56.67	389.63	10	399.63
JOHN CROMPTON	1	16	17	19	11	7	7	10	88	63.77	3	0	#	0	13	43.33	305.65	10	315.65
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MARK HANSEN	9	11	16	20	17	19	14	23	129	100.00	0	6	3	7	16	100.00	500.00	10	510.00
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ROB PEKAAR	23	18	11	17	23	24	19	21	156							DNC			
PETER PEKAAR	4	17	12	2	11	17	23	10	96							DNC			
JEFF HEWTON	7	9	11	0	0	0	19	0	46							DNC			

VETERANS BEST CASTS FOR THE YEAR 2018 - 2019

LONGEST 56 GRAM	148.66	RON THOMAS
LONGEST ARTIFICIAL BAIT	134.59	RON THOMAS
LONGEST 112G	166.35	RON THOMAS
HIGHEST DOUBLE HANDED ACCURACY	147	RON THOMAS
HIGHEST SINGLE HANDED ACCURACY	30	BOB HENDERSON

SENIORS BEST CASTS FOR THE YEAR 2018 - 2019

LONGEST 56 GRAM	109.18	MARK HANSON
LONGEST ARTIFICIAL BAIT	105.13	MARK HANSON
LONGEST 112G	131.96	MARK HANSON
HIGHEST DOUBLE HANDED ACCURACY	129	MARK HANSON
HIGHEST SINGLE HANDED ACCURACY	21	MARK HANSON



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Dry casting results - 9th September 2018

	56 gram					Artificial Bait					112gram			
	Cast	Cast	Total			Cast	Cast	Total			Cast	Cast	Total	
Veterans	1	2		%		1	2		%		1	2		%
BOB HENDERSON	122.99	118.79	241.78	100.00		102.09	101.12	203.21	80.20		128.91	116.74	245.65	100.00
ALAN JONES	98.20	101.57	199.77	82.62		90.39	88.08	178.47	70.43		108.25	98.10	206.35	84.00
RON THOMAS	OUT	143.32	143.32	59.28		126.27	126.10	252.37	100.00		157.96	OUT	157.96	64.30
PETER OSBORNE	100.80	82.13	182.93	75.66		76.58	82.63	159.21	62.84		OUT	B/O	0.00	0.00
MAL HEAD	105.79	104.42	210.21	86.94		82.14	80.44	162.58	64.17		102.28	109.47	211.75	86.20
JOHN CROMPTON	98.32	98.85	197.17	81.55		85.99	OUT	85.99	33.94		99.64	104.40	204.04	83.06
ROB PEKAAR	OUT	OUT				144.06	OUT				B/O	OUT		
Seniors														
MARK HANSEN	94.57	99.21	193.78	100.00		78.76	98.6	177.36	100.00		111.67	126.44	238.11	100.00
Visitors														
PETER PEKAAR	144.9	142.6				138.36	OUT				170.49	168.63		
JEFF HEWTON	OUT	B/O				DNC					DNC			

Birthdays for October

Aniello Pizzolante 9th ; Sarah Wignell 12th ; Victor Schilo 12th;
 Oliver Wessels 15th; Vince Tomazin 15th; Gary Parkinson 18th;
 Mariella Pizzolante 22nd

We wish you all the best for your special day

ESPERANCE SAFARI 1 – 8 March 2019 ***Book your holidays***

Our March 2019 Esperance safari is approaching fast, see below the proposed travel details,
 Can anyone interested please advise if they plan to go?

Leave Perth approx 6am on Thursday 28th February 2019,
 Travel to Esperance for an overnight stay approx 8-9 hour drive, I plan to book a chalet to stay the 1 night,
 anyone else interested please advise me ASAP or make your own bookings.

Leave Esperance am Friday 1/3/2019 for Poison Creek approx 3 hour drive,
 Set up camp and have a look at any potential fishing locations for the field day that starts at 6am on
 Saturday 2/3/2019.

Field day is 6am Saturday 2/3/2019 to 9am Monday 4/3/2018.

I plan to stay till Friday 8th March with some exploring and relaxing around the Esperance area.

If anyone has any questions or ideas, please contact Martin Wearmouth

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Australian Anglers Association (WA Division) Inc

The AAAWA held a Special General Meeting and the AGM on 18th September when the new Rules were adopted, and office holders elected.

President:	John Curtis
Vice President:	Russell Bunce
Secretary:	Tony Avery
Treasurer:	Victor Schilo

Trophy Presentation Night will be held on 16th October
Interested SCAC members are welcome to attend

ESPERANCE - a holiday and angling paradise

(An article published in one of the first issues of Western Angler magazine)

Broad white beaches and plenty of hope.

Esperance boasts the best beaches in Australia - and that may not be an exaggeration. They are superb. And as John Curtis points-out in this special location feature, the visiting angler can kill two birds with one stone: Esperance is ideal for a family holiday, and the fishing is excellent.



The literal translation, from French, of Esperance is hope, and this is what most fishermen seem to thrive on. All fishermen are basically optimists and 'hope' that the next fish will be the one to brag about.

The history of Esperance goes back to 1627 when the Dutch ship "Gulde Zeepard", captained by Pieter Nuyts, passed through the archipelago, but did not land. The next visitors were the French ships "Recherche" and "Esperance" which sheltered in the lee of the islands in 1792. They

remained in the area for several weeks, making repairs and searching the mainland for water. No doubt some of the sailors sampled the fishing in the area during their stay.

Matthew Flinders, during his circumnavigation of the sailed through the area in 1802 and carefully mapped the coast and named it Lucky Bay.

In 1863, the Dempster brothers drove their sheep and cattle down from Northam, and became the first land owners in the area. As the Eastern Goldfields began to grow, and expand with the discovery of gold, Esperance developed as the port to supply the area. Today it is still the main port for the farming areas of the south east of the State. Agriculture plays the major part in the prosperity of the town, but tourism, minerals exports and fishing are also major contributors.

This is where the itinerant angler fits into the picture. Esperance is the ideal summer holiday location for the angler who cannot escape the needs of the family. In Esperance they can 'kill two birds with one stone'. It is the perfect spot for a family holiday and the fishing is excellent.

Esperance is renowned for its beach and rock fishing, but you cannot overlook its lake, estuary and river fishing either, because there is always the 'hope' of catching the big one here as well.

This is 'The Spot' for that family holiday which will include any amount of fishing. Often at this time of year Perth based anglers start to get itchy feet and look north to the popular spots such as Kalbarri, Shark Bay, Steep Point, Camarvon, Quobba and even Exmouth for their holidays. Esperance is in the often forgotten direction of south-east from Perth, and is a lot closer than many of these places. One of the big advantages of Esperance is that it can cope with the large influx of visitors during this time of the year without becoming overcrowded, and there will always be room on the beach or rocks for anglers.

Well what can the holiday angler expect to find in the area? The boast of Esperance is that it has the 'best beaches in Australia'. If you are looking for clean white sand, that squeaks when you walk on it, and is washed by the clearest and bluest water that an angler could wish for then Esperance is the place.

The climate is surprisingly mild, with summer temperatures averaging in the mid to high 20's and dropping to the low 'teens' of an evening. The prevailing winds during this time of year are easterlies with a southeasterly sea breeze during the afternoon. Despite its relatively cool climate Esperance can experience some very hot days. There is little change in the humidity during the summer months because the afternoon sea breeze brings in moisture to balance the higher afternoon temperatures. Esperance never has hot nights, for this reason, regardless of daytime temperatures, fishing in the area will bring different results. depending upon location.

Beach anglers can expect to catch salmon, herring, mulloway, whiting, flathead, tailor and gummy sharks. Rock fishermen will find sweep, wrasse, pink snapper, morwong and blue groper all biting at various times. The tanker jetty, located just out of town, also occasionally produces good catches of herring, skippy, garfish and pike. On odd occasions it turns on southern bluefin tuna and bonito. You can always live in 'hope'.

The land-backed jetty also produces some of the largest skippy around, particularly when grain ships are loading. Along with the fishing the holiday angler has plenty to keep the family occupied. Places worth a visit are Pink Lake, Born Free wildlife and wildflower park, island cruises, three National Parks and a definite must is George Greaves' Oceanarium, where anglers will drool at the size of the fish in the big tank. All of these fish are local species and you can expect to encounter them somewhere around Esperance.

Esperance, like Perth, is divided. In Perth there is north and south of the river whilst Esperance is divided east and west of the townsite. This makes it a little easier when giving directions to locations in the area. Close to Esperance, on the road to Twilight Beach, are West Beach, Salmon Beach, Blue Haven, Fourth Beach and Twilight Beach. All provide quiet, and safe, swimming areas for the family along with good fishing for the angler. A little further west, Nine, Ten, Eleven and Fourteen Mile beaches are only a few minutes drive away and are top spots for fishing. All of these areas produce the fish previously mentioned, and are a combination of sandy beaches, rocks and reef. Heading further west you will find Roses Beach, Munroes, Warrenup, Quagi, Stokes Inlet, Margaret Cove, Pincer Point and Munglinup Beach.

Heading east of the town, 5 km out is the Bandy Creek boat harbour and launch ramps. From here it is a case of a long trek in 2WD along the bitumen or the shorter, less scenic trip along the beach to Cape Le Grande, Wylie Bay, Hellfire Bay, Lucky Bay and Rossiter's. Further east are the locations of Dunns, Wharton, Alexanders, Kennedy's, Duke of Orleans Bay, Tagon and Cape Arid.

Boat anglers are not in any way neglected, as there are two launch ramps available. The one at Bandy Creek and another located almost in the centre of town. These ramps give access to the islands of the archipelago for some of the best cool water diving and fishing available. It doesn't matter what the prevailing weather conditions might be (within reason) - there will always be an island to shelter behind, while you catch blue morwong, pink snapper, red snapper, breaksea cod, Westralian Jewfish, samsonfish, sweep, sergeant-baker, King George whiting and many more. Most of the fish are taken over broken rock bottom in 20-80 metres of water with some very steep drop offs close to the islands.

The islands make navigation relatively easy for those not too sure of the area and it must be remembered that they are an 'A' class reserve. Landing is permitted only on Woody Island. Wildlife on these islands is flourishing and it would be strange not to see fur seals or sea lions on the islands or in the waters adjacent to them. There have been 28 species of sea birds recorded on Gull and Rabbit Islands alone, including Cape Barren geese. These islands are the breeding grounds for the birds and for this reason alone the area is declared a reserve.

For the more adventurous angler, in larger boats, there is always the possibility of tangling with some large sharks a little further offshore or an odd occasion mahi-mahi, which have been sighted around flotsam. The Department. of Fisheries installed FAD.'s east of Esperance a few years ago and large southern bluefin gather around them during their migratory runs along the coast.

FISHING LOCATIONS

Information on fish and fishing locations is available from the Tourist Bureau, or any of the tackle shops in Esperance. The local fishing club invites participation from visitors on all of their fishing venues. They can be contacted through the tourist bureau or tackle shops and meet on the last Tuesday of the month at the fire station. These anglers are very active and know the area well and will put visitors onto the best spots to fish at the time. Given half a chance they are likely to down tools and go fishing with you just to make sure you catch fish. **Munglinup Beach:** Access to this spot is possible in 2WD vehicles and has campsites,, water and toilets available. To get to it take the South Coast Highway, Torradup and Springvale Roads to Munglinup Beach Road.

Pincer Point: is also known as Whale Beach and is accessible to 4WD vehicles only from Springvale Road via South Coast Highway.

Margaret Cove is another 4WD beach only and access to this spot is via Torridup Road from South Coast Highway.

Stokes Inlet National Park: This park has a full-time ranger in attendance who knows the area and is helpful. The spot is 80 kilometres west of Esperance and the road is signposted. The estuary is 6 kilometres long and is noted for its bream fishing and occasional whiting. It has campsites but there is no water available. Take your own. There are five caravan sites and a check with the ranger will indicate their availability.

Fanny Bay is reached via the stokes Inlet National Park and is only accessible to 4WD vehicles. Check with the park ranger for details regarding access. This spot is noted for its scenery and fishing is excellent. It also offers some top surfing for those interested.

Quagi Beach has campsites and toilets as well as fresh (bore) water. It is a top surfing spot but has a dangerous rip. To get into it take Farrells Road from South Coast Highway.

Warrenup Beach is only accessible to 4WD vehicles from Crisp Road off of South Coast Highway. The last 100 metres of the journey to the beach is via a steep track, on foot.

Munroes is also a 4WD track only and is very rough. This spot also has a coronary-causing climb in and out for about 100 metres from the end of the road.

Rose's Beach is also known as Qualilup and is reached via Dalyup Road. Soft spots on the beach can trap the unwary 4WD owner so it is recommended that, prior to fishing this spot, you seek local advice. It is accessible only to 4WD vehicles.

There are several locations east of Esperance which are able to be reached using the family car. Access to the area is shorter along the beach of Wylie Bay, which is called Rossiters by the locals but is for 4WD vehicles only.



Bandy Creek Small Boat Harbour is 5 kms from town and is accessible to 2WD from Fisheries Road. It has good bream, whiting and herring fishing from the wharf for the kids and the track adjacent to it leads to Wylie Bay.

Wylie Bay is a top spot close to town for salmon, herring, flathead, mullet, skipper, and small sharks (some not so small!).

Stockyard Creek is 20 km from Esperance along the beach and is generally a better fishing spot than Wylie Bay, particularly when deep holes have been scoured out. The water clarity along this stretch of beach is excellent and good polaroid glasses will help in locating fish schools.

Cape Le Grande National Park is 56 km from Esperance via the more scenic route along Merivale and Cape Le Grande Roads, or 27 km along the beach from Bandy Creek via 4WD. There are many excellent fishing spots in the area, all of which are accessible to 2WD vehicles. This is an excellent spot for the family to fish and has toilets. water and campsites available. There is a full-time ranger in residence. As it is a national park, no dogs are allowed. For the more energetic a 20 minute climb up Frenchmans Peak on the north slope

gives panoramic views of Thistle Cove and Lucky Bay. Hellfire Bay is a top skippy spot and many large fish have gasped their last on the rocks here.

Dunns Rock provides good beach and rock fishing but is only accessible to 4WD vehicles. The track in to this spot is from Merivale Road and crosses over a lot of clay which becomes impassable when wet. This beach also can give drivers a few surprises at times with soft spots.

Wharton Beach is reached via Fisheries Road, Orleans Bay and Wharton Roads. Before heading out to this spot a quick check at the Orleans Bay Caravan Park will give directions and accessibility. There are fuel and full facilities available at the Caravan Park and it makes a good break in the trip. Wharton Beach is a good beach and rock fishing location with many excellent spots worth more than a cursory glance.

Membinup has the same fish as caught at Wylie Bay and is also only accessible in 4WD. To reach this spot turn off Daniels Road.

Alexander Bay has a lot of big clean gutters which make it an excellent beach fishing spot. There are some big salmon caught here fairly regularly and to get to the beach turn onto Alexander Road from Merivale or Fisheries Road. Kennedy's Beach is a top spot which is reached via a 4WD track at the end of Exchange Road off of Merivale or Fisheries Road. The track becomes very sticky when it is wet and care is needed. This is also the spot where a lot of big skippy go into retirement and provides really good beach and rock fishing. The beach can be very soft in spots, so care is needed.

Tagon Point can be reached by driving along the beach from Kennedys. This gives anglers access to the western side of the point and is a good groper and big fish spot from the rocks. It also turns on exciting beach fishing with salmon, skippy, mulloway and some big sharks. To fish the eastern side of the point anglers can travel in from Cape Arid National Park and Thomas River. Big skippy haunt the point and fish in the 6 kg class are not uncommon on good days.

Cape Arid National Park is the 'heaven on earth' for the 4WD freak. It can also be reached by conventional vehicles from Thomas River. This spot provides good beach and rock fishing from Thomas River out to Poison Creek further east. If you intend to fish the area, check with the ranger who can fill in details for you. It is 120 km from Esperance and there is a campsite at the mouth of the Thomas River. 'Brown' water is available so it is advisable to take your own. Rules applicable to national parks apply here.

When driving in the area it is strongly recommended that common sense prevails and that you take sufficient spares, water and extra food and fuel is carried. Some of the 4WD access to locations look good, but are deceptive, so extra care should be taken. Prior to going into some of the more remote areas it is a good move to check with the locals and park rangers regarding access and track conditions.

IN A NUTSHELL

Esperance is a comfortable eight hours drive from Perth and is only 725 km. For those who don't wish to drive Rex fly daily and its only 11/2 hours flying time from Perth. Bus services are also available to Esperance.

Accommodation is excellent with seven motels/hotels, six caravan parks. two self-contained chalet complexes and numerous guest houses and flats.

Esperance is a place that once visited will draw anglers back time and again. It will provide a restful holiday for the family and still give the angler some fishing that will be remembered for a long time.



SUMMER FISHING

Summer time is the prime time to be out and about fishing. It is a great recreational pursuit and can be done in the shallow waters of our estuaries and protected coastal waters throughout Western Australia. All you will need is either a light spinning outfit, a handful of bait or half a dozen lures and you can spend a couple of hours relaxing and enjoying what is on offer in the great outdoors. There's always a lot more to see than just fish. Here are a few basic ideas to help you, and your family and your friends enjoy some quality time during the summer period.

I love this time of the year, it means days at the beach, or wandering along the banks of a river or stream or tossing lures at bream, flathead, whiting or herring along a beach or estuary. Generally, this time of the year can be fairly hectic, with lots of people on holidays and all looking to catch a few fish. As a result of these crowds, it requires a little forward thinking and planning. The answer is quite simple, get an alarm clock and set it for an early start. The sun is generally up just after 5:00 AM and this means it is fairly light at around 4:30 AM. Get out of bed and get going. You can sleep through the middle, and hottest part of the day, as this will allow you get out and fish the sunset and early evening hours. The Spanish were right - siesta time is for sleeping. It also means at this time of the day, you generally have the waters to yourself. Also, there is generally less traffic about and as a consequence a lot less noise from both road and boat traffic.

It is a great time of the day to be out and wading the flats. Watching the sun rise is something special as it heralds a brand-new day, doing it while fishing makes it even more special. Prior to getting out and going fishing, reading the tide charts will also assist when fishing these areas as it will determine which way the water will be flowing in an estuary. Wading the shallows adjacent to a drop off into a channel where there is deeper water and casting into the flow will bring your lure or bait over fish who are waiting in ambush.

Look for some structure to work around as well, as these will provide shelter, and protection for these predators as well as cause a slight back eddy in the current which means that fish won't have to work as hard to hold station. A bridge or jetty pylon causes the water to flow either side of it and creates a small eddy behind it away from the current flow; this is where a fish will hold 'station' to take any offerings that the tide brings down to it.

Most anglers will generally target the common species found in these locations such as Australian herring, bream, flathead and whiting. All of them will readily take lures as well as a well presented bait. The list of species available in various locations is not just limited to these species. Depending upon your location, there are a host of other suitable species that will readily take a well presented lure or bait. Just think a little and decide on a target species and give it a go. If you are new to the area and not sure of the species available, check with the local tackle outlet as they should have all the information and a selection of suitable lures and fresh bait.

If we take a closer look at the four species listed above, most anglers should be able to capture them readily using light spin outfits. Rods only need to be around 1.8 m in length and rated around 2 - 4 kg. I would recommend using a good quality 4 kg nylon line and a short length of flouro-carbon leader on a small spinning reel that holds around 150 - 250 m of line.

Choice of lures is up to the angler, but I prefer to use blade style lures of 3.5 - 5 g. Soft plastic lures are also the angler's choice but small lures on light jig heads are preferred. For those fishing with bait, use a simple rig using small rolling swivels with a sinker above it and a gang of small hooks suitable for white bait about 30 cm below the sinker. An alternative rig is a double paternoster rig where a small sinker is placed at the bottom of the rig on loop, and two small gangs of hooks are placed around 30 - 40 cm apart above the sinker. Small gangs are baited with whitebait, blue sardines or strips of fish flesh. The size of the sinker will depend on local conditions and be heavy enough to keep the baits on or near the bottom. In shallow water this means around 15 - 20 g.

Flathead are found in most west coast estuaries and along most of our beaches and are camouflage experts. As their name indicates, they are a flat fish (and you can read flounder in lieu of flathead when fishing in estuaries as well) These fish are bottom-dwelling ambush experts who wait for a meal to come to them, so the ideal angling strategy is to keep your bait or lure near the bottom.



At this time of the year a lot of anglers are successfully targeting flathead using lures. These include both hard bodied and soft plastic lures. I have a personal preference for metal blade lures, but also use soft plastics around 7 - 10 cm long as well. An alternative bait rig is to use a small bean sinker rigged just above a small swivel with a short 50 - 75 cm length of flouro-carbon leader of around 6 - 8 kg. The main line is generally 2 - 3 kg nylon as flathead have very small fine teeth and they will shake their

head vigorously which will shred fine line very quickly, hence the need for the leader.

Whiting are becoming a very popular fish to target with lures. Most people assume that they are a fairly docile species but don't be fooled - they are super aggressive when it come to food. A small 3 - 5 cm popper style lure that is skipped across the surface and looking like a prawn will be attacked fairly readily. Also don't be fooled by the size of whiting that are often taken as a by catch on beaches. These little bait thieves big brothers are out there and only achieve their size by being smart. I have seen whiting of almost 500 g caught in the Swan River on the sand flats in the lower reaches regularly. Both baits and a variety of lures have been successful.



Fishing for them with bait I recommend the use of small size 4 - 6 circle hooks with pieces of prawn skinned octopus or squid. Rigs are as described above, sinker size is dependent on current flow and water depth. Just use a sinker big enough to keep the baits near or on the bottom.

When fishing for whiting in shallow water using lures, keep the lure moving. Don't pause or stop as this will put the fish off. They are seeing the lure as a fleeing prawn and will readily attack it, so keep the lure moving.

Australian herring are found around the southern area of the state and are also another species that can be regularly taken on a lure or bait. Traditionally blowfly larvae or 'wogs' are the bait for herring, however any small pieces of octopus, squid, prawn or fish flesh will work. Rigs are as described above and can provide kids of all ages with hours of fun when fishing for them.

Most small lures, either hard or soft body, as well as metal slices work, for this species. Again the outfit described above will work and the use of a short flouro-carbon leader will assist if a larger salmon or tailor takes a lure meant for a herring.

It is a similar story for black bream in estuaries. They will readily take a variety of both soft and hard bodied lures as well as baits. Lures can be bibbed diving lures as well as poppers and soft plastics rigged on a small jig head.



Again, think outside the square when it comes to bait fishing. Bream dine out on small crabs, fresh mussels, prawns and shrimp so it stands to reason to use these baits when fishing for bream. White bait, prawns and octopus and squid will also work on occasions.

When it comes to fishing for bream in estuaries most anglers make the mistake of throwing their lure or bait too far. Bream like to shelter where the water is a little more to their liking, where they are not going to be

harassed by predators, and where they can get a feed. This means that they are generally found under over hanging trees and in locations where there is some cover.

Lure techniques when fishing for bream are different to that for whiting. When retrieving the lure pause for a short period then start winding again at a steady rate then pause for a second or two then go again. Don't be surprised if you pick up a flathead when using this technique as it works for them as well.

Another species that you may pick up along our sandy beaches or in the estuaries is the tarwhine. This species is a cousin of the snapper and bream and so the same rigs and methods can be used.

When wading the flats in an estuary or on the open beach, walk slowly and cast ahead as you go. Look for any likely structure and give each area where there is some structure, several casts as just one cast won't always catch a fish.

One of the beauties of this style of fishing is that there is a lot more to see than just the fish. There are other marine creatures as well as a variety of sea birds, a variety of crustacea and some spectacular scenery.

Essential gear for this style of fishing includes a broad brimmed hat, a good quality SPF 35 + sunscreen, long sleeved shirt, and shoes suitable for wading. Don't forget that cobbler also inhabit this water and can give you a nasty sting should you not be wearing suitable footwear. Another vital piece of equipment is a good pair of polarizing sunglasses. A good pair of glasses will open up a whole new world underwater to you and are an absolute necessity if you are to see the fish you are looking for.

One alternative style of fishing that has not been mentioned here is that of fly fishing. All of the species are suitable candidates for this form of fishing. It is a very therapeutic way of fishing and can become very addictive. Almost any species that can be taken using bait can be caught on a fly. Anglers do not need to spend large amounts of cash on a starter outfit. A simple 2.5 m #7 - 8 rod with a weight Forward (WF 7 - 8) floating line, a suitable reel and a selection of flies will set an angler up for the species listed above. Any good tackle shop that has staff that specialize in fly fishing will be able to help an interested angler.

There is only one rule that applies to summer fishing. - have fun and enjoy yourself. It is a great way to spend time out with family and friends and the early mornings and evenings spent on our waters are something special. The added bonus of such an outing is that you may get to eat a feed of fresh fish. Don't procrastinate, get organized and get out and go fishing this summer and take the family.

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FISHING IN YOUR BACKYARD

Many anglers these days are hung up on travelling to fish remote locations and rarely take the time to look in our local waters for what can be rewarding and memorable species.

While these days I would love to go to the Top End, the Kimberley and the Pilbara and chase any number of fish, I have found over the last ten years that my local waters have been fairly productive and I don't have to travel far to satisfy my fishing needs. Not only does fishing closer to home save you bucks, the short trip means more time fishing.

The fruits of a little research.

These notes will give a run down about how to check out your local area in more detail and use methods to improve your fishing in these local spots. Results will take time but if you put in the time and effort you will be rewarded as many locations and estuaries hold an abundance of decent fish. All you need to do is just look deeper below the surface and spend a few lazy afternoons on the water to extract them.

Do the time, do the research.

No one can expect to rock up to a location, throw in a line and bring in heaps of fish. Yes, there can be pot luck but most anglers these days will do a fair amount bit research prior to fishing an area and spend time fishing the same location over and over until they know and where and when a site produces. Local knowledge is gold so talk to people in your area, friends, locals, neighbours, and tackle shop owners to get more info about your local river, beach or estuary.

More often than not, you have to put in the time yourself and fish those new spots that you often overlooked, until you crack the code. This may produce many a dud trip or yield little return but then one day it will all come together. Take the Swan and Canning Rivers as an example. I've never really given it much thought as I always thought of it more as being over fished and not very reliable as a location. There are plenty of bends, shallow bays and the river is mostly wide, reasonably deep and often a bit murky.

The fruits of a little research.

I have spent some time fishing different sections and locations, wading and fishing from the shore. I was able to focus my trips on the best times to fish; often on a rapidly rising barometer on those afternoons where the breeze is in a little late and my results greatly improved.

(Tip - plan a trip when the barometer is rising). Fishing during the "right" weather patterns can make all the difference. A steady rising or rapidly dropping barometer has worked best for me. Tides also play a big part; ever noticed when fish come on the bite for no apparent reason, even way up the top end of a tidal

river 25 km inland? I focused my most of my fishing two hours before the top of the tide or the bottom and two hours after the slack. I found that I could fish a spot and then move on to the next spot and again fish a rising (or falling tide) tide. With a bit of planning this allowed me to start fishing in the Fremantle area and move upstream fishing one side of the river and then on the falling tide move downstream and fish the other.

Record the tides, catches and barometer.

This goes without saying. You could come back to the same location, and get very different results if the conditions have changed. I had been storing this knowledge for many years in a fishing diary, and it has become invaluable.

Recording your catch, the location and conditions is reference point. There are also heaps of apps that can do this. On one particular day I caught a dozen 45 cm+ flathead in the space of a few hours. The tide was incoming on a mid-morning, it then peaked and as it dropped I got most of my fish on the dropping tide. So I now fish this spot at the same tide for similar results. It is easy to maintain a fishing log, just a few lines on the computer, or in a notepad is all you need for valuable reference info for future trips. History and knowledge of a spot allows you to achieve consistent results.

Put in the time and the fish will come.

Fishing during the "right" conditions i.e. usually a rising barometer, often helps. With the local knowledge from others I would wander blindly into a spot, get mixed results and probably never want to go back. So I applied the principle of a rising barometer closer to home and the results came. Even a variation of few hectopascals on the barometer can make all the difference to get fish.

Concentrate on an area

If you concentrate on one or two areas long enough, you will eventually learn to fish it when it produces. I have a spot in the metropolitan area that is near where I used to live. I walked from home to fish it regularly after work during summer. It wasn't until I spent a few longer concentrated sessions in the same spot that I found all the drop-offs and channels and the spot revealed the best times to target fish. Rather than fishing all over the place looking for fish, I focused my efforts on a particular area and worked it over a number of times. Once again, the theory of concentrating efforts on one spot produced consistent results.

Changing tactics

You just have to be willing to mix it up. If you don't get results first go, try all the different parts of the water column to entice a strike. Fishing close to home I now can produce a few good fish a trip, put a smile on my face and be home in time for dinner.

Fish different times of the day

One tactic I have tried is to try fishing different times of the day. I've always been a dawn warrior, but in the last few years I've been fishing the afternoon due to the summer heat and because I wanted to fish a little later into the night.

It's not the quantity of time-spent fishing but the quality, so more often I fish at 4 pm till 7 - 8 pm or later during summer. High tide on dusk has been a very productive time on the salt water as in the fresh. It is amazing on dusk how much surface activity there is. Picking the optimal time and tide when fish are feeding or on the move will increase results.

Change tactics, lure types, line.

One thing I have changed is line strength. I was using 8 lb braid for everything. I have now dropped down to 6 lb, which has helped control smaller lures when casting and increase catch rates on lighter line.

One problem with people starting out in fishing is that they use too high a line strength for what they are trying to catch. i.e. 10kg for whiting? When was the last time you landed a 4 kg whiting? For most estuarine species 2 - 3 kg line should be the maximum. If you find a spot isn't producing after 15 - 20 minutes of casting and you know fish should be in the region, move to the next spot.

Summary

So the next time you drive to work past that spot near home or work, take a rod and have a few casts. Try talking to some people in the local area or take a closer look by walking the area

See the things and take notice of things that I'd missed before. Spend the time around a few spots to learn when it produces fish. This will all take time but I guarantee it will be worthwhile. I don't know any confident angler who just walks up to a spot and pulls fish.

Most importantly, take what you need for a feed and practice catch and release. I like nothing better than coming back to a spot knowing I released a fish there not so long ago and find it's challenging me to catch it again.

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Recorder Report

As promised from the September Reel Talk I received some entries to the open competition.

Geoff Raftis for Tarwhine, Skippy and Tailor. Geoff also caught a short-finned Conger Eel which is a new club record.

Martin Wearmouth's Harlequin fish from Rottneest of 2.26kg is also a new club record well done guys.

The crew that went down to Bluff Creek certainly scored well with field day points good to see plenty of fish caught at an alternative time of year to the usual trips

I have posted a couple of pics recently onto the club Facebook page from some adventures I have been up to, mainly in the Midwest. I headed up to Lucky Bay (in between Port Gregory and Kalbarri) for a mates bucks party in early September. I towed my boat up and spent a couple of days fishing offshore in magic conditions. Managed to catch plenty of demersals; mainly Pink Snapper that are in plagues in the offshore spots at the moment.



Some of the guys on the trip fished land based around Lucky Bay but the social side of the trip with a focus on hydration limited the amount of fishing exploits for some, those who had a crack found better success in Sandalwood bay on the morning high tide catching Mulloway to 10kg some solitary thumping tailor to 80cm and quite a few bonefish. The gutters were really looking good with nice deep water close to shore just a little bit too much swell and water movement for fish to stay in them for long periods, but they were around on the high tide change.

A fortnight later I took the family to Kalbarri and had a great time and the weather was exceptional for most of the trip. I threw a few poppers around the Blue Holes to Oyster reef stretch but only had a few strikes from Tailor and didn't manage to land a fish

unfortunately.

Fishing in the river with the kids turned up plenty of miniature tarwhine but no luck on the sand whiting.

I took a canoe and went across to frustration reef twice, the first trip I went over in the morning fishing the high tide and caught some Mulloway bycatch a nice 70cm Pink Snapper. That was otherwise a quiet morning and some northwest blowies moved in.

A couple of days later I ventured over one night after putting the kids to bed, I got over there at about 8:30pm on a low tide and I started burleying up by dicing some scalies and the snapper frame from the previous trip. I wasn't sure if this tactic was going to backfire with a plague of sharks as can happen in northern waters but instead I got a plague of catfish. I probably caught one every second cast which kept me entertained along with a couple of shovel nose rays.

The catfish I was able to ID as Giant Sea Catfish and I measured one of the bigger ones up which is eligible to be an inaugural club record for this species at an estimated 2kg. Whilst researching this species I was surprised to find they can grow to 1.8m and apparently are ok eating although I released them all, you have to be very careful with them as they have very large spines on their dorsal and pectoral fins.



I was having a “last cast” and caught a Tailor around 40cm which sparked my interest as it was firstly a break in the undesirables and secondly the first Tailor for the trip which provided me with some nice fresh strip baits which of course caught me some more catfish. By this stage it was after 11pm so on some advice from a mate of mine who swears by it for Mulloway I used a whole fillet off the Tailor for my last cast. In no time I was on to a good fish which was not the target

Mulloway but another Pink Snapper of 72cm, pretty happy with that I packed up and went home as it was getting late and I had to attend a wedding the following day. I have entered this fish into the open competition. While I was staying in Kalbarri there were several mulloway landed around Chinaman’s in daylight hours

Justin Rose (Recorder)

Open fishing competition 2018/19

The Open Competition is for fish caught between 1 May 2017 and 30 April 2018, other than on Club gazetted Field days, but not in any other AAA affiliated club event on the same dates. Entries for the Open competition close **30 days after capture**. See Competition Rules Section 4.

Section	For	Minimum weight	Entry
1	Most meritorious capture	None	To be awarded by Committee
2	Best shark	4.5 kg	
3	Best mulloway	5 kg	
4	Best salmon	3.5kg	
5	Best flathead	0.5 kg	
6	Best tailor	1.5 kg	2kg, Geoff Raftis 27 th May, Port Denison
7	Best samson fish	5 kg	
8	Best fish on single handed rod maximum 4kg line class (Bait)	Legal size	
9	Best pink snapper	2 kg	4.3 Kg Justin Rose, 21 st September, Kalbarri
10	Best tarwhine	0.5 kg	0.89kg Geoff Raftis 27 th May, Port Denison
11	Best mackerel	4 kg	
12	Best skipjack trevally (southern)	1 kg	1.3kg Geoff Raftis 10 th June, Port Denison
13	Best trevally (northern)	2 kg	
14	Best snook or pike	0.5 kg	
15	Best black or yellow finned bream	0.6 kg	
16	Best scale fish other than sections 3-15	2 kg	
17	Best fish caught on fly rod.	Legal size	
18	Best fish caught using a soft plastic or hard body lure on a single handed rod (4kg line max.)	Legal size	