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Peter Osborne

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

President`s Report SEptember 2018



At the most recent General Meeting we also held our Annual General Meeting. This was well attended with the evening capped off with the delivered pizzas devoured. Again not a crumb of food wasted. The meeting progressed smoothly with the necessary reports tabled and discussed. We also held our elections for office bearers for next year. This progressed a little less dramatically than elsewhere in the land with no positions contested.

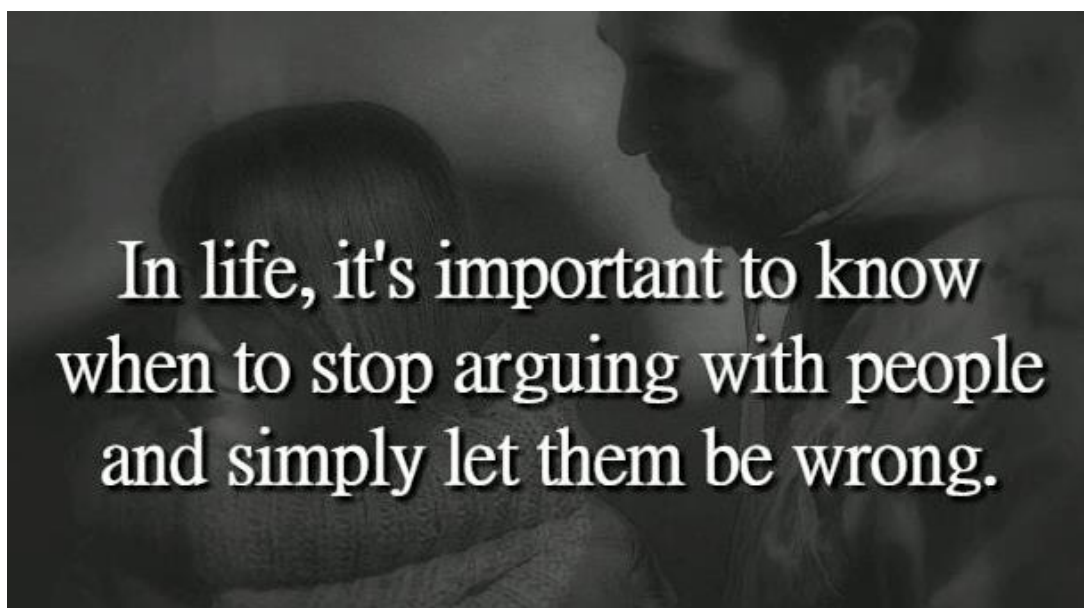
It is appropriate to thank our retiring committee members Sandra Wessels, Peet Wessels, Justin Rose, Pat McKeown and Bob Henderson who tendered his resignation earlier in the year due to family commitments. All of these members are strong contributors to the club and I am sure will continue to be so for hopefully many years to come. I would also like to thank those committee members who put their hands up to go around for another year. As I said in the annual report we have a few challenges to face and an invested and sensible committee is necessary for the club to face and manage these.

The new committee met the following week after the AGM where the major item discussed was what most of us see as the most important of those challenges-namely the Kalbarri property. Put simply there has been no interest in the property at the price listed over the last several months, so the decision was made to set a price just shy of \$200,000. Hopefully this places the property within the reach of a potential buyer and we can affect a sale.

I am pleased to say that although Justin Rose did not elect to run for committee he did offer to continue to perform the Recorder`s duties. Needless to say, it did not take the committee long to accept this offer. Thankyou Justin.

Finally, it was great to hear from our new Field Day Officer about the most recent Rottnest Field Day and the beautiful Skippy caught. It was also pleasing to hear that 1st timers Chris and Helen got amongst them and are probably now addicted. I thank all the experienced members who assisted and guided Chris and Helen.

Quote for the month:



**In life, it's important to know
when to stop arguing with people
and simply let them be wrong.**

President's Annual Report 2018

With the 2017-2018 year finishing it is time for me to report and reflect on the past year as well as offer some thoughts on the year and years ahead. As we all know and acknowledge successful fishing clubs are becoming a bit of an endangered species. With the internet and easily accessible 'expert' opinion people don't seem to feel the need to join organisations with a long history of mentorship and teaching of angling and dry casting skills. This trend represents a challenge to organisations such as ours and will, I suspect, continue to provide concern to many recreational clubs. Our membership numbers have remained reasonably stable however attracting new members is certainly not easy. We have an attractive website, very competent committee members and a membership I feel are both friendly and supportive. I am sure we will all continue to strive providing the environment that will attract new members.

At the Annual General Meeting our treasurer Vic Schilo presented the Annual Financial Report. As can be seen our finances are stable however we still face the worrying performance of the Kalbarri property. Whilst the property did not lose money this year it was the benefactor of a 4-week tenancy from an unusual source which had it not occurred would have made the figures look very different. We also have the situation of an estimated \$15,000 worth of repairs and maintenance required to keep the property at a competitive rental standard. Whilst the property is still currently safe to rent this may change in the future placing the club in a difficult position. With this in mind and the fact that the property has been on the market for almost a year with no interest, the incoming committee will need to seriously look at how we progress from here.

As the members will know we are an incorporated organisation and as such have obligatory requirements including the formation of a compliant constitution. The members are also aware that we were ahead of the pack and lodged ours with the Department of Commerce in 2017. It will be recalled that Vic Schilo oversaw the process and following a full discussion with the members, the committee was able to present a completed document to the membership at a special meeting where it was unanimously passed.

Of course, the ultimate test of a constitution is when an important ruling made under its jurisdiction is legally challenged. The club faced such a situation during the last year where a member's behaviour was deemed outside acceptable club guidelines and following the implementation of the processes outlined in the constitution, was expelled from the club. The former member lodged a complaint with Department of Consumer Protection which following examination by an executive officer was found to not support further investigation. The former member also applied to the State Administrative Tribunal and following 2 directions hearings and mediation made the decision to withdraw the complaint. Whilst this process was very time consuming for the committee it was very gratifying to note that our constitution document was referred to regularly in the process but at no stage was it found deficient. I suspect we are the envy of many organisations who are currently trying to formulate their own constitutions.

In looking at our core activities the fishing arm seems to be tracking reasonably well. Rottnest field days are now particularly well supported. When you consider a few years ago we were seriously looking at cancelling a Rottnest field day this is particularly gratifying. Bluff Creek tends to always be well supported and continues in this vein. We are this year scheduling a spring time visit to Bluff as well, to test the waters. The remainder have been a bit patchy. We have massaged the local boundaries a bit for the next season and are also scheduling a few open field days to try improve numbers. Time will tell but it is important to embrace new or old, but now forgotten, ideas in an attempt to stimulate interest and participation.

Every year I talk about the struggle with Drycasting numbers and this trend continues. Earlier this year we joined with the Beachcomber's angling club to co-host Drycasting days at the Midland Polo Club venue. I think this was a good idea with mutual benefits and in particular financial advantages. I am sure both clubs will continue to promote Drycasting and try increase interest.

An area of the club I feel that is tracking particularly well and I feel will be of great importance in the future is the social program. Casting our mind back to my opening paragraph where I lamented the trend towards people not joining clubs because of the ease of obtaining knowledge at a key stroke, it begs the question of why people join clubs. I suspect the principal reason is because of the social opportunities that clubs present. When you join a club such as ours you meet and get to know a diverse range of people of different ages and backgrounds. There is a minimum of 3 arranged events per month so it is simply a matter of turning up and getting involved. With this in mind the committee have been particularly focussed on ensuring the general meetings are held in a friendly and convivial atmosphere.

As I look back on the last 12 months, there were several meetings where the social gathering after the meeting lasted longer than the actual business side of the meeting. I feel this would be a good trend to continue.

Our principal social event is, of course, the Presentation night. Again, this was held at the Croatia Club in Gwelup with another excellent attendance by members and their guests. In keeping with the emphasis on the importance of social interactions, the formalities of the evening were kept to a minimum.

Member participation in organised Australian Angler Association events was somewhat limited this year. There was a strong performance from Ron Thomas in the Rock and Beach fishing Veteran's event finishing in the runner up position. In Drycasting our veteran's team of Alan Jones, Ron Thomas and Peter Osborne finished first. All 3 members also had top 5 positions in the overall individual event.

Of course, a club cannot function without an efficient and effective committee. As President I have been very fortunate to lead such a group and would like to acknowledge their contributions over the year.

Our Vice President Sandra Wessels provided frequent, thoughtful input during committee discussions and was the go to person when it came to proof reading any important communication. Sandra also audited our Annual Financial report as well as the various other contributions she makes to the club. It was also a novel experience to have on the executive someone who actually catches fish.

George Belin continued to make an enormous contribution as Secretary. His ability to always have the document I have misplaced or forgotten is greatly appreciated. He also provides wise counsel when required and maintains that all important sense of humour when needed.

During his time in the club Vic Schilo has received several accolades and all deserving. I alluded earlier to his formulation of our constitution. His skilful handling of the Kalbarri property in difficult circumstances is also something the members should be grateful for. The Reel Talk continues to be praised by established members and new members alike. Vic has also been active in the administration of the Australian Angler's Association for which I am sure other affiliated clubs are grateful for.

Peet Wessels filled the important role of Field Day Officer as he has done on several occasions in the past. In fact even if he is not the FDO Peet will always be there to help with the various requirements to run a fishing competition-such is his commitment to the club. Peet also administered our website and provides much enthusiasm and guidance to members. Peet was ably assisted by Martin Wearmouth who is equally enthusiastic about the art of fishing and is always there to advise, especially new, members. Martin's management background has also been invaluable to the committee during the last year.

Ron Thomas was our Drycasting Officer and in fact is basically every club's Drycasting Officer. His dedication to this task is amazing when you consider how early he wakes on drycasting days and how far he travels. Ron, of course, is a great contributor in many ways and was a very deserving recipient of the President's Award at our recent Presentation Night.

Family commitments limited Bob Henderson's involvement this year as Ron's assistant and as a Committee member. As you will all know Bob is a Life Member of our club and someone with a long history of volunteering for this club.

Pat McKeown joined this club at the start of 2010 and I suspect very few members over our long history would have contributed so much in their first 8 years of membership. Having joined the committee within a couple of months of joining the club Pat has been responsible for our social program. He has organised Presentation Nights at 3 different venues, somehow found sponsors who keep on donating even during tough economic times, ensured raffle tickets were sold at general meetings, refreshments arranged for general meetings, co-organised Bunning fundraisers as well as several other social events. He is always a measured sensible opinion at meetings and displays an even temperament when many of us might not have.

Justin Rose [Recorder] as well as Committee persons Sri Sriganadan, Vince Tomazin and Gary Parkinson also served on the committee during the year. These gentlemen provided a broad range of experiences to the committee and I would like to thank them for their contributions.

Aside from the formal responsibilities of the committee members there is much work done by other members. Without all of these contributions the club would simply not operate. I know members will continue to assist when they can and provide support to other members when required.

In conclusion I would like to say it was a privilege to serve as your President and I thank you for your support. Our club has a long and distinguished history of which all of us are proud. In order to continue this I feel it is important we continue to adapt to societal changes and remember that principally we all joined to enjoy the past times of fishing and drycasting with like-minded individuals.

September General Meeting

Wednesday 12 September 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
22 - 24 September 2018	Bluff Creek	As far as you are willing to walk on both ends of beach.
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



Photo taken by Ian Taggart from the hill looking east over Wilson's Bay

Surfcasters Rotto field day August 11 and 12 2018 by Martin Wearmouth



We again had 12 people sign on for the Rotto field day, we all meet at Fremantle Friday afternoon with the weather forecast looking good despite the bad weather just a few days before the wind and swell were both dropping off so hopes were high, the ferry ride over was quite rough fighting the swell but we all arrived ok and after unpacking the crates some went off to the pub for dinner and the rest made dinner in the bungalow. Saturday morning we all got our fishing gear ready and waited for the bus to pick us up at 11am for the ride out to west end, on arrival some went off to Wilsons and the rest headed down the cliff to radar reef, we had 2 first timers in Chris and Helen who went with Peter O down to the rocks at radar reef.



The weather was great so we had a few options on where to fish, most at radar fished off the rocks at tennis courts playing with the wrasse and hoping to get something better every now and then, fishing was slow and as the tide dropped radar reef was looking a very easy fishing option with not much water covering it, most made their way out onto the reef about 4pm to wait for the skippy and yellow tail to come on the bite. On Saturday no yellow tail were landed from radar reef but a few of us had been busted off by some large unstoppable fish, a few skippy came in over the afternoon and again as the sun went down and the darker it got the more skippy that hit the reef, I did managed to catch a Harlequin fish about 4pm off radar reef, what a fantastic looking fish but with some serious looking teeth, I was not sure what it was so after a quick photo (thanks Paul) it was released.



Sabby had a good YTK fight and managed to get it to the reef edge only for the hooks to pull as he tried to lift it over the reef edge, Mark Nurse had a skippy he had hooked and was fighting taken by what we think was a big shark maybe a wobbygong the upgrade did not last long he soon lost the battle with the line being broken, Theo also had the same happen to him on Sunday, looks like a beast from below has learnt how to get an easier meal.

The bus pick up was at 9pm and most had got back up the cliff by 8pm so stories of the one that got away and the skippy sizes made the wait go quickly, everyone was happy to get back to the bungalow to have a hot meal and a shower, I think everyone slept well having been worn out by the fishing and cliff climbs.

On Sunday after a relaxing morning everyone again waited for the 11am bus pick up, same as Saturday some went off to wilsons and the rest went down to radar reef again trying different options over the afternoon to find some fish, the swell was down to 1.5m but the wind was a bit stronger than Saturday but only maybe 15 knots, the day went much the same as Saturday with small fish up till 4pm when everyone went onto the reef.

First timer Chris decided to go out onto the reef about 3pm guided by Mark Nurse as he had not caught much from the rocks, I had tied some bait casting rigs for him so after some coaching from Mark he was onto his first radar reef skippy after that he was unstoppable hooking many skippy over the afternoon and into the night, in the end we had to almost drag him off the reef as he was having too much fun.

Radar Reef skippy hole, Peet and Sandra both hooked up and 3 others getting fish off hooks how good is that (oh and when Peet got that in he had 2 skippy on 1 3 hook gang)

I did catch a surge wrasse from tennis courts another very colourful fish that weighed in at 1.06kg, it put up a great fight and on my light rod almost reefed me twice, now why can't all wrasse be that size!



Mark Nurse spent the whole day on radar reef and caught skippy all through the day but again as the sun went down the skippy bite just got better and better, Peet got 1 that weighed in at 2.26kg gilled and gutted, Sandra and Theo also had skippy close to 2kg, Mark Nurse and Theo also landed a YTK on Sunday.

The bus pick up was 8pm on Sunday and everyone was back up the cliff by 7.30pm, with a few of us lying on the road on our backs to ease the aches and pains Sandra decided to run a Yoga session with some much needed

stretching of the back and leg muscles Thanks Sandra this may need to become a regular thing.

So no major issues this trip and everyone had a great trip, great weather, great fishing and great camaraderie, I hope to see as many as possible at the next field day being Bluff Creek.



Rotto Field Day -August 2018

Peter O's Story

All of us were anticipating great fishing results based on excellent wind, swell, and tide forecast conditions for the weekend - the actual event far exceeded expectations. For all the times I have been to Rotto, this was the absolute best catches of Skippy

Weather and conditions was exceptional - low tides at late afternoon, minimum swell, sunny but cold at nights. See Martins report elsewhere for more details

Saturday afternoon on lines down, went down to the Tennis Courts where success in the past had. I started using my heavy rod and a baitcasting rig loaded with Mulies aiming to catch a Dhufish a Dhufish. "Nothing" but Buff Bream and Wrasse (As usual for some of the Buffies are huge) as after a couple of hours and no result, switched to a float with a couple of hooks under loaded with squid and prawn baits. Just about immediately I caught a double header of Skippy - but average size. Continued this for a couple of hours but no further action occurred. Saw a few of the team going out to Radar but decided that due to ability to wade and climb/walk over rough rocks did not join them. Chris and his girlfriend fished beside me and saw she was delighted in adding a couple of species to her catch list - a Buffie and a Wrasse.

Convivial meal that night with some expressing delight in catching Skippy.

Sunday afternoon I returned to the Tennis Court and used the same tactics. We had no success other than the continuation of Buffies and Wrasse. Hence when the rest of the team went out went out onto the Radar Reef a little before 5:00 pm, I made the effort and joined them. A few Skippy had been coming in during the afternoon, but when I arrived the action really cranked up, i.e. my first two casts resulted in two quality Skippy. For the next 1.5 hours it was virtually cast and either miss the bite or hook up. Quickly people had their bag limit and we all switched to catch and release. A couple of people, Peet and Sandra in particular caught some outsize Skippy with Peet getting one that would have pulled the scale down to 2.5 kg. when put into his reef bag. I think I released more than twenty Skippy. Some of them a size would make you cry. It was great to see Chris have the enjoyment of a real hot fish bite.

After it started to get dark and we had satisfied our fishing adrenalin rush, we then all started to make our way back. Many thanks to Sabby, Martin, Paul, and Sandra for helping me climb the goat tracks up the cliff and also carry my gear and fish

While the Yellowtail Kingfish only made a slight appearance, every one enjoyed the "Rotto" fishing weekend with plenty of Skippy action. This venue never lets us down. On and off I have been going there with Surfcaster on and off for nearly 40 years and always had great fishing experiences but have to say this was the best Skippy action we had ever had.

Peter Osborne

Top scores up to August		
Rank	Angler	Total points
1	Martin Wearmouth	446.0
2	Peet Wessels	386.6
3	Mark Hansen	353.1
4	Peter Osborne	281.9
5	Sandra Wessels	280.4
6	Theo Van Niekerk	242.4
7	Mark Nurse	214.9
8	Paul Terpkos	204.5
9	Chris Stickells	115.0
10	Sabby Pizzolante	109.5
11	Ian Taggart	87.6
12	Vincent Tomazin	84.2
13	Ian Cook	61.1
14	Helen Carnell	50.1
15	Gary Parkinson	32.7

August 2018 field day points

Angler	Species	Herring, Australian	Species	Skipjack Trevally	Tarwhine	Species	Western Rock Blackfish	Species	Wrasse (all species) 1 only	Species	Yellowtail Kingfish	Species	Banded Sweep	Species	Leather Jackets (all species)	Species	Breaksea Cod	Species	Baldchin Groper	Species	Harlequin	Species	Wirrah	Total weight	No. of Species	No. of fish	F.D. points	Attendance		Total points
																												Field Day	General Meeting	
Mark Nurse	Number			8			1		1		1				1		1		1				13.49	7	14	204.9	1			214.9
	Total weight			7.20			0.51		0.75		2.80				0.33		0.55		1.35											
	Weight of best																													
Peet Wessels	Number	3		8	5				1													1		13.34	5	18	183.4	1	1	203.4
	Total weight	0.36		9.33	2.40				0.75																					
	Weight of best			2.26																										
Martin Wearmouth	Number			8			1		1				1		1						1			11.04	6	13	170.4	1	1	190.4
	Total weight			7.49			0.51		0.95				0.26		0.33						1.50									
	Weight of best			1.19																										
Theo Van Niekerk	Number			8					1		2												13.56	3	11	165.6	1			175.6
	Total weight			8.02					0.55		4.99																			
	Weight of best			1.34																										
Sandra Wessels	Number	2		8					1								1						10.76	4	12	147.6	1	1	167.6	
	Total weight	0.24		9.22					0.75								0.55													
	Weight of best			1.84																										
Mark Hansen	Number			8					1				2		1								7.84	4	12	118.4	1	1	138.4	
	Total weight			6.24					0.75				0.52		0.33															
	Weight of best																													
Peter Osborne	Number			8			1		1														7.63	3	10	106.3	1	1	128.3	
	Total weight			6.37			0.51		0.75																					
	Weight of best																													
Paul Terpkos	Number			8	1				1														8.43	3	10	114.3	1		124.3	
	Total weight			7.20	0.48				0.75																					
	Weight of best																													
Chris Stickells	Number			8	1				1																					
	Total weight			5.27	0.48				0.75														6.50	3	10	95.0	1	1	115.0	
	Weight of best			0.79																										
Gabby Pizzolante	Number			8					1														7.95	2	9	99.5	1		109.5	
	Total weight			7.20					0.75																					
	Weight of best																													
Alan Taggart	Number			8																			5.76	1	8	67.6	1	1	87.6	
	Total weight			5.76																										
	Weight of best																													
Helen Carnell	Number								1				1										1.01	2	2	30.1	1	1	50.1	
	Total weight								0.75				0.26																	
	Weight of best																													

Recorder report

This winter weather seemed to be a little worse than usual limiting the amount of fishing activity hence the reports coming in have been a little slow.

Though plenty of rain is good for farmers and dams etc, I did a night dive in the river last week and although the first 5 metres of the water column is mud and looks lifeless, below that there is a hive of activity. Large prawns, squid, crabs, flathead, flounder, whiting, juvenile Pink Snapper, Samson Fish and baitfish are all very active. Many of those depths are only a short cast from shore around the Mosman Park or Bicton parts of the river.

Mark Hansen added to his ever-growing list of club records with a Woodward's Pomfret caught on a soft plastic at Rottneest in July, well done Mark

I am also expecting an entry from Martin Wearmouth for a Harlequin fish caught in August at Rottneest.

At the time of writing I am still tracking down some entries from Geoff Raftis, from speaking to him he has been successfully wetting a line in Jurien and around the Perth beaches with some nice hauls of Skippy, Tarwhine, Tailor and even an Eel, Hopefully I will have tracked down the paperwork before the next Reel Talk

Looking at the results from the field trip to Rottneest, there was plenty caught

Helen Carnell, Paul Terpkos and Chris Stickells all added species (One more to go Chris) and Chris also added a skippy to masters account kicking it off, well done to all



Mark's Pomfret

DRY CASTING DATES FOR 2018

PLEASE NOTE THE NEW VENUE

Guildford Polo Ground

Competition casting starts at 8:30am

Held on Sunday of:

September 9: October 7: November 4: December 2:

Drycasting 15th August 2018

How lucky can we get, with constant rain over the last 4 to 5 weeks, we struck a fine day. But it gets a little better than that, even though for some reason or other, there were a few familiar faces not there, we still had 9 casting o the day. Five of the usuals and four visitors: Gary Gildersleeves, Rob and Peter Pekaar and little Darcy.

I must have known something when I bought a pair of wellies from Bunnings on Saturday, for there were parts of the oval that looked more like a lake than a park. All in all a good day was had by all along with some good casting.

Mark had the best score in the double handed accuracy with 146, followed by Gary with 129. Gary also took off the honours in the single-handed accuracy with 22. Rob had the best 56 gram with 157.26 but after that things started to go wrong. Peter took over from Rob with 153.53 in the artificial bait and then 173.70 in the 112 gram.

Mark had one of his best casts for some time with 132m in the 112 gram.

It's not very often one can go through the whole program with something going wrong, but Mark had one of those days.

Hope to see a few more on the 9th September.

Ron Thomas Drycasting Officer



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Dry casting results - 5th August 2018

	56 gram					Artificial Bait					112gram			
	Cast	Cast	Total			Cast	Cast	Total			Cast	Cast	Total	
Veterans	1	2		%		1	2		%		1	2		%
GARY GILDERSLEEVES	129.54	125.68	255.22	92.19		91.19	114.32	205.51	83.11		117.05	129.85	246.90	100.00
PETER OSBORNE	103.10	92.46	195.56	70.64		97.25	88.42	185.67	75.09		108.32	117.78	226.10	91.57
AS	138.66	138.17	276.83	100.00		124.49	122.77	247.26	100.00		OUT	158.16	158.16	64.06
JOHN CROMPTON	91.07	79.57	170.64	61.64		OUT	86.00	86.00	34.78		101.08	84.01	185.09	74.97
Seniors														
MARK HANSEN	102.53	86.12	188.65	100.00		92.24	99.44	191.68	100.00		132	125.97	257.93	100.00
ROB PEKAAR	157.26	154.26				OUT	138.00				127.67	OUT		
DARCY - MINI JUN	21.52	49.05				42.24	45.59				65.73	46.44		
Visitors														
PETER PEKAAR	152.34	155.35				153.53	142.24				173.70	169.40		

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Dry casting results - 5th August 2018

	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	%	%		
GARY GILDERSLEEVE	21	9	15	18	11	18	20	17	129	100.00	8	3	4	7	22	100.00	475.30	10	485.30
PETER OSBORNE	1	8	24	20	0	5	13	20	91	70.54	4	5	3	3	15	68.18	376.02	10	386.02
RON THOMAS	21	22	9	18	5	16	12	23	126	97.70	4	4	5	6	19	83.36	445.12	10	455.12
JOHN CROMPTON	20	2	3	17	13	0	12	20	87	67.44	0	2	0	6	8	36.36	275.19	10	285.19
MARK HANSEN	10	23	19	20	12	20	18	24	146	100	0	7	4	6	17	100	500.00	10	510.00
ROB PEKAAR	2	20	13	18	5	21	14	25	118		DNC								
PETER PEKAAR	2	6	6	10	18	21	17	5	85		DNC								
DARCY - MINI JUN	8	2	3	10	8				31		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	22	RON THOMAS

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	107	MARK HANSON
HIGHEST SINGLE HANDED ACCURACY	21	MARK HANSON



Darcy checking out his cast



Birthdays for September

Sharon Osborne 3rd, Diedre Thomas 8th, Peet Wessels 20th,
Sabby Pizzolante 27th

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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HENDO'S CLEARANCE SALE

Downsizing folks, so have a gander

Contact Bob Hendo on 0439978832

Auto Bits

10L of Valvoline 15w40 engine Oil.....\$35
5L of Penrite Radiator Inhibitor.....\$25
7L of Nulon 85w40 LSD Diff Oil.....\$20
4L of 75w90 G/Box Oil.....\$15
2008 Colorado 3l diesel..fan belt, air con belt, fuel filter, new tube. \$60

Camping Gear

1 peak dual fuel stove.....\$10...new
1 primus gas light 2057model...\$10...used
1 companion single burner stove top....\$10..new
1 x 20m 10amp extension lead.....\$10..s/hand
1 Oztrial aluminium folder Bed (large)...\$70..used twice
1 "Jolly Swag" heavy duty canvas single swag...\$70 vgc

Specials

1..1420cm x 1320cm Steel Roof Rack....\$80
2 steel bar stools....\$10 pair vgc
1 Electrolux 3 way fridge in v/good working condition....\$200
extra Special
1 Dynamic exercise Bike. (sorry no electric start, low mileage, bit of drag down low, will get u there eventually, sweat enhanced, avoids traffic snarls.
IT'S FREE TO GOOD HOME.

Fishing

Loads of lures for sale, special deal for mass purchases.

I also have collected multiple information on lures, fishing tackle, fishing locations, species etc that you can view to obtain relevant information to suit you and your style of fishing....all free to pass on.



Choosing The Right Tyre for Your 4×4

Article from [Whichcar](#)

Tyres may be the most unappreciated part of a 4×4. SPARE a thought for your 4×4's tyres, if you will. They deserve it.

At open-road speeds – say 110km/h – the standard tyre fitted to something like a new [Ford Ranger](#) or [Toyota Hilux](#) rotates at 12.5 times per second. That's 753 face-to-face 'meetings' for any point in the tyre's contact patch with the road's surface in every minute, or more than 45,000 'contacts' every hour.

Drive your 4×4 for just six hours and that's more than 250,000 'wear events' your tyre has to cope with. If that's not bad enough, much of the time your 4×4 is not just cruising along in a straight line but is accelerating, braking or cornering, which puts longitudinal and lateral loads on the tyres, creating even more friction and wear.



The fact 4x4s are generally bigger and heavier than normal passenger cars doesn't help either, nor does the fact 4x4s are often heavily loaded, which gives the tyres even more work to do.

On top of that, 4×4 tyres have to cope with road-surface temperatures in high summer in excess of 60°C without melting, and temperatures in winter of below zero in many parts without becoming hard and possibly brittle.

All this is, of course, before you head off-road, where 4×4 tyres then face a whole new world of torture as they battle with sharp rocks and tree roots all waiting to pierce a hole in the tread or, worse still, tear open a sidewall.

Five tips for longer-lasting tyres

Most people probably think engine components that rotate or reciprocate at high speeds, most notably pistons and big ends, are the hardest-working parts of a 4×4, but it's a close contest between these engine components and tyres.

And while tyres may look pretty simple and basic compared to modern powertrain components, they hide an amazing array of very sophisticated and ever-evolving technologies. Given the vast array of tyres on the market, deciding on replacement tyres for your 4×4 can be a daunting task.



While most people seem to be most concerned with tread pattern, it's just one of a number of factors to consider and one that tends to sort itself out anyway. After all, a HT (Highway Terrain) tyre isn't much use on a 4×4 if you want to go off-road, and MT (Mud Terrain) tyres aren't practical if you spend a lot of time on the road; given they are noisy, wear quickly and often don't provide much grip on wet bitumen.

All of which leaves AT (All Terrain) tyres as the only practical choice for most do-it-all applications. It's worth noting that most tyre

manufacturers will rate AT tyres in terms of the balance between on- and off-road performance (generally as a percentage), so you can match this to your usage pattern.

Before you buy new tyres for your 4×4, it's worth checking to see if you can fit smaller diameter wheels from a lower-spec model in the same range.

A smaller wheel means a taller tyre sidewall (so as to maintain the same overall rolling diameter) and a taller sidewall brings a number of significant benefits including a more comfortable ride, better damage resistance off-road, better air-down performance, and a generally cheaper purchase price.

What you lose compared to a lower profile tyre (better on-road steering response and turn-in) is not worth worrying about. It's also worth looking for a tyre with a lower speed rating than the original tyre. While it might seem illogical, tyres with a higher speed rating are more lightly built than tyres with a lower speed rating.



That's because a lighter tyre doesn't build up as much heat at higher speeds as a heavier tyre, and heat is a tyre killer (see: 'Speed and Load Ratings' breakout). For road-going and non-lifted 4x4s you'll need to stick reasonably close to the OEM tyre size (for legal and clearance/fouling issues), but note that tyres with different size designations can still have the same rolling diameter.

A 235/65R17, for example, has the same rolling diameter as a 255/60R17, even if the latter is nominally 20mm wider. Just remember that with any given tyre size there will invariably be

slight variations in the actual tyre size from one manufacturer to another.

Last but certainly not least is the issue of the construction of the tyre's carcass, which can either be [designed as either Light Truck or Passenger](#). Light Truck tyres will always have an LT in the size designation, while Passenger tyres will have either a P or nothing.

All Terrain tyres are available in both these types. The difference is that Light Truck tyres have a more robust carcass and are more practical for off-road use and remote-area touring. The only downside is that Light Truck tyres generally don't ride, steer or handle as well as Passenger tyres.

Speed and load ratings

ALL tyres come with a load-rating index and a speed-rating index. What's important here is that the load rating has to be matched or bettered when replacing a tyre, while the speed rating can be lower than the OEM (Original Equipment Manufacturer) tyre; although, requirements vary state by state.

Load and speed ratings are also related to each other, as the speed rating indicates the maximum speed for the tyre when carrying the load indicated by the load rating. A typical load rating for an OEM 4×4 tyre is 110, which means it can carry up to 1060kg.

A typical speed rating for an OEM 4×4 tyre is H, which is 210km/h. Speed ratings down to N (140km/h) are generally permissible when replacing the OEM tyres.



Club fishing records April 2018 Common name	Weight	Name	Caught at	Date
Barracouta	1.98 kg	Merv Britten	Cosy Corner	20 July 1960
Barracuda	9.5 kg	C Waddams	Steep Point	26 August 1980
Barramundi	Est 6.2Kg	Ray Walker	Home Valley Station	3 May 2016
Blackfish, Western Rock	0.60 kg	Sandra Wessels	Bluff Creek	1 April 2018
Blue Bastard	5.3 kg	Theo Van Niekerk	Waroora Station	8th July 2017
Blue Devil, Western	0.36 kg	Sandra Wessels	Rottnest	17 August 2014
Bonefish	2.8 kg	George Holman	Steep Point	April 2007
Bream, Black	2.27 kg	Ken Hunt	Belmont	27 September 1962
Bream, Western Yellowfin	2.5 kg	Alby Norman	Useless Loop	18 July 1980
Buffalo Bream, Western	6.7 kg	Alby Norman	Useless Loop	14 June 1977
Catfish, Blue	3.2 kg	Brian Waddams	Steep Point	3 June 1980
Catfish, White-Lipped	0.6 kg	Ian Mascarenhas	Scarborough	17 August 1996
Cobia	33 kg	Allan Carr	Steep Point	2 October 1979
Cod, Greasy (Estuary)	29.48 kg	Les Tate	Kalbarri	30 April 1967
Dart, Common	3.29 kg	E J (Lofty) Griffiths	Cape Cuvier	1 June 1975
Drummer, Silver	7.62 kg	Bob Henderson	Dongara	26 September 2010
Emperor, Grass (Blue-Lined)	4.54 kg	Ted Savage	Wagoe	9 April 1970
Emperor, Red	1.5 kg	R Flynn	Steep Point	1980
Emperor, Spangled	4.08 kg	Brian Hanks	Exmouth	12 June 1972
Flathead, Bar Tailed	0.93kg	Justin Rose	Swan River	19 November 2015
Flathead, Dusky	2.92 kg	Dave Latto	Moore River	17 December 1966
Flathead, Southern Blue-Spotted	1.56 kg	Ian Cook	Wagoe	23 September 2010
Flounder	0.65 kg	Morris Kolman	Hill River	13 April 1996
Garfish, Southern	0.19 kg	Mark Hansen	Cervantes	14 November 2010
Goatfish	1.09 kg	Shane Wignell	Rottnest	15 August 2015
Grunner, Large-Scaled	0.5 kg	Phil Brayne	False Entrance	18 July 1997
Groper, Baldchin	4.3 kg	Mal Thompson	Steep Point	1980
Groper, Western Blue	26.31 kg	Vic Davis	Rottnest	6 January 1955
Harlequin Fish	1.81 kg	Ken Hunt	Rottnest	11 September 1967
Herring, Australian	0.65 kg	Norrie Cross	Yallingup	27 April 1960
Jewfish, West Australian	19.96 kg	Vic Davis	Rottnest	14 May 1961
Kingfish, Yellowtail	24.49 kg	Les Ellis	Yanchep	17 May 1959
Leatherjacket, Horseshoe	1.0 kg	Brian Waddams	Rottnest	16 August 1980
Longtom, Slender	4.1 kg	Graham Reeley	Cape Cuvier	22 June 1977
Mackerel, Narrow-Barred Spanish	31.92 kg	Don Bibby	Exmouth	15 September 1973
Mackerel, Shark	10 kg	C Friend	Steep Point	4 October 1979
Mackerel, Spotted Australian	4.54 kg	Jim Strong	Jurien Bay	9 March 1974
Mangrove Jack	1.81 kg	Doug Savage	Kalbarri	9 April 1967
Morwong	1.13 kg	Vic Davis	Rottnest	7 March 1960
Moses Perch	0.7 kg	Ron Thomas	Quobba	24 June 2014
Mullet, Sea	1.13 kg	Bert Payne	Trigg Island	24 May 1955
Mullet, Yellow Eye	0.36 kg	Sandra Wessels	Bremer Bay	3rd March 2018
Mulloway	30.39 kg	Allan Livesy	Kalbarri	26 March 1968
Parrotfish, Blue-Barred Orange	4 kg	Dave Maxted	Steep Point	17 August 1996
Pennantfish	1.07 kg	Peet Wessels	Wagoe	3 June 2012
Pomfret, Woodwards	0.105 kg	Mark Hansen	Rottnest Island	15th July 2018
Queenfish	7.94 kg	Tony Howson	Coral Bay	13 September 1973

Notes

Weights in pounds and ounces have been converted to kilograms and rounded to 2 decimal places (the nearest 10 grams).
Some common names are no longer in use. Some species are no longer eligible. See the list in the Club's Competition Rules
<http://www.surfcasters.iinet.net.au/CompetitionRules.pdf>

Some Reminiscing by Peter Osborne

I have had about a dozen vehicles over my life. When I think about each vehicle it can spark memories of various fishing trips and of course successful outings, so here is my synopsis of fishing trips based on the various vehicles I have owned over the past 60 years.



The 1939 Willys Convertible (Brisbane Qld)

My first car purchased for about \$500 when I was nearly nineteen. Had some local fishing trips for Tailor where I used a 12 ft. Rangoon cane rod and old 5 inch rosewood fixed spool Alvey reel. Great looking vehicle and used for fishing trips, and going surf board riding, night school, and work, etc.

My brothers and I had a few trips to

Yamba (Northern Rivers of NSW) generally chasing Yellowfin Bream. One memorable trip was a successful bream catch by the three of us. On light bream gear i.e. 10 lb. lines, 5-foot solid fibre glass rods and small Alvey Reels. We did get busted up a few times by large fish.

Only realized what it was all about, when a couple of fellows camping close to us we about to drive off thus cutting short their planned 10 day holiday to just 3 days. We understood why when just talking to them as they were packing up, they confirmed there were big fish in this estuary system.

They lifted up the canvas cover, and then showed us the tray of their Holden Ute filled to the top with Mulloway and some ice. (Most in the 15 to 20 lb. range and a couple of large ones - 35 to 40 lb.) Of course, our mouths dropped at the site of all these fish.



The 51 Chevy (Brisbane - Qld)

When the Willys started to have a few problems and I did not feel comfortable to drive long distances managed to sell and I then purchased this large sedan. Used for towing a trailer with camping gear, surfboards and fishing gear. Hence continued to go fishing north and south of Brisbane mainly chasing Tailor,

One trip that stuck in my mind was fishing Bribie passage.

Got a few nice Yellowfin Whiting, small Tailor, and Flathead (to about 1.5 kg, then wow am onto a good

fish - turned out to be a Bream of nearly 2.5 kg, a beauty.

One that always stuck in my mind was an unsuccessful battle with a large Mulloway on one of the surf beaches north of Brisbane. The basic Rangoon cane rod, Alvey fixed spool reel and 15 lb line was my standard gear at the time. Played it for about 15 minutes Started to work it in and saw a beautiful fish outlined in the lift of a wave just about to break on shore. I tried to haul it in as the fish was caught in the backwash of a breaking wave. Snap. Inexperience let me down, by now knowing I should have let the fish take line before using an incoming surge of a wave to beach this fish.



The 1959 Morris Major (Brisbane - Qld)

I only owned this vehicle for a short period. My younger brother Alan purchased it from me just before I went overseas. Don't remember any specific exciting stories only continuation of Tailor fishing and some small fish (whiting, bream and flathead) in particular in Bribie passage just north of Brisbane



The 66 Ford Mustang (Toronto to Vancouver - Canada)

This was my dream car- From wages in Australia being nearly doubled when I started work in Toronto Canada, was able to save and purchase this vehicle outright after 1.5 years.

Was the car I courted Sharon in - she was a girl I recognized as a kindred spirit as she was into camping and fishing. One of my earliest memories of a boat fishing trip we took with my prospective father-in-law in a lake in NW Ontario. I hooked and boated this huge pike (freshwater species) that was 10 to 12 lb. in weight.

Sharon's dad picked it up and threw it overboard with a comment Bl---y Pike. After I nearly dived overboard to retrieve it and calmed down a bit, they both explained to me they were no good to eat as they were full of bones.

We did then catch our targeted fish on this and subsequent trips. I.e. a freshwater species called a Pickeral. These are what we chased as they have excellent eating qualities.

We had many subsequent trips including having access to a wooden punt where we went to our landladies cabin. Technique here was we drifted down a large creek and caught Bass- Even Heather at the tender age of 14 months held a rod in her hands and got excited when she had a fish on.

One of the highlights with this car, was we had a little tent trailer and camped and fished across Canada to catch a ship in Vancouver to go back to Australia. High in the Rocky Mountains, we targeted Grayling. A fish about the size of a bull Herring, with a large dorsal fin - caught on fly rods using a tiny mosquito fly.

But the ultimate was going to the North West corner of BC and in a large river, (saltwater) using spinning gear and lures we both caught Coho Salmon - 15 to 20 lbs. Cooked over a campfire the same or following day - they were absolutely delicious



The 1973 Holden Station Wagon (Sydney NSW)

On returning to Australia I purchased a family wagon...

On one of our first trips from Sydney to Brisbane we went fishing in Hayes inlet (on coastline in protected waters 30 miles north of Brisbane. , Sharon caught a beautiful Flathead which was close to two kilos. As a Canadian, she had never seen anything like it.

Another memorable trip was packing up the family for a fishing holiday down to the Snowy Mountains to chase trout in the Eucumbene Dam.

Kids slept in the car, Sharon and I slept on the ground - cold night - with initial dew the cold then froze our sleeping bag, in the morning, we could pick it up by the edge like a sheet of cardboard. On thawing out

and having a hot coffee started fishing - boy oh boy did the trout rally fire. Like a hot tailor bite in morning fishing, we all bagged out on Rainbow Trout 1.5 to 2.0 kg. Had to go out and buy a large foam esky to bring them back to Sydney.



The 76 International Scout - Site Vehicle (Sulawesi Indonesia)

After a couple of years in Sydney, was assigned on family status to work at a Plant-site up in the mountains of Sulawesi, Indonesia. It was an hour drive down to the port. We had reclaimed the exploration teams damaged boat- A group of us fibre glassed the hull and from the site recreation fund we managed to get a 120 HP outboard. Hence residents had access to a fishing boat. Every so often myself and some work mates would get up early and drive down to the port and go fishing in the Bay of Bone. Some memorable fishing experiences were.

- Having a lure out trolling and getting a huge hit: - it literally took off like a rocket, by the time I stopped it, it was just about dead. I had hooked the Barracuda in the anus and eventually dragged it in backwards.
- We had various successes at trolling; main lures we used were Rapalas. Caught some Coral Trout this way on deep divers but my best fish was a Spanish Mackerel of about 15 kg
- Another experience not forgotten by the three of us was - One of the fellows bought in a Hooker Unit for air supply in lieu of snorkeling. With a bit of searching, there were painted crays to be found in coral crevices. We were all down looking around, when Doug realized he had lost his cray. Out of his hand, with barely a bump, a Shark (6 or 7 feet) was swimming away with the cray in its mouth. Doug then understood what had happened and felt lucky he did not lose a hand or fingers



The 1976 2 door Holden Monaro (Perth WA)

On returning from Indonesia, I was relocated to Perth to run the Perth design and construction office. I took over the existing manager's vehicle. Not a good fit for a family man. However we did a few fishing trips with limited success as we did not know where to fish in WA

Hence we joined a fishing club. Yep you guessed it - SCAC one of the first memories was taking the family, all our fishing gear and a small tent up to Cervantes. We followed the 4wd vehicles up a sandy track to Black Rock. Just about got there in the Holden, and got bogged in soft sand. Graham Reely backed up his 4WD and pulled us the last 300 yards

Along with others, we managed to find and all bagged out on Tailor. .One of the first family successful tailor catches.

Another was Sharon and I going to the Swanborn drain. At the time, holes in fences allowed fisherpersons take a shortcut threw the Swanbourne rifle range. On our first trip in we landed a good bag of tailor. Hence, used this as my fallback location as I often returned here and over the years have not only caught Tailor, but smaller Mulloway, Flathead, Salmon, Herring and Gardies



The 76 International Scout Traveller (Perth WA)

After the Holden lease expired managed to have the company vehicle turned into a 4WD. This was our family vehicle and was used extensively for fishing trips. We made good use of the clubs Kalbarri house. Some of the memorable experiences with the family were:-

All of us including the younger girls, not yet in their teens, bagged out on Tailor at Wittacara Creek at Kalbarri.

Sharon succeeded in getting her first ever Mulloway at Chinamens just after dark and her proudly carrying back to the car this 14 kg fish. She was getting lots of looks from various people for the women carrying such a large fish.

A couple of years later we were across the river fishing at Frustration early morning after Tailor. Heather, I think about 16 years old at the time, hooked onto something bigger than a Tailor. She wore it down and worked it close to the reef edge. I told her to work with the wave action and on getting the fish (it was a good Mulloway of slightly bigger than 10 kg) on large wave just about to break and then give a could heave to have the wave wash the animal over the reef edge and onto the rock platform. She got it just right. And up it came- she looked for it in front of her, but couldn't find. What she hadn't realized the fish had gone 10 feet over her head and landed some 15 feet behind her.

My thought also goes to my first Spanish Mackerel, about 12 kg, caught on balloon fishing from Red Bluff. Heather and I went to the mouth of the river to dress the fish. Standing in knee deep water against a rock ledge being used as a table, had hardly started cleaning when this huge sea lion came up between us to try and grab my prize. "huge fright" Fortunately managed to grab the fish and hop up out of the rode: but two brown stains followed us up the rocks

The 1986 Mitsubishi Magna (Perth)



The Company put me on a short term lease on the Magna. Before a job change as had sold the Scout on the east coast when I had a short term job in Newcastle.

Cannot remember any specific fishing trips other than targeting my standby place at the time i.e. Swanbourne Drain. Was a place I used to get up early and drive the 12 km and park the car in back streets and walk the one km along the beach to get to my

favourite spot - just on the south side of the rock drain just as the sun came up.

Hard to get out of bed that early, but a magnificent feeling to have sand under your feet, waves lapping your ankles, seagulls calling overhead, sun starting to light up the place with an expectation of getting a Tailor bite - Yep that's living for a dedicated fisho



The Jeeps First one Purple. Second one white (Perth)

On changing jobs, again with a Perth based company, and with continued participation with fishing with SCAC moved into Jeep 4WD vehicles.

It was a great vehicle for family. Very good for four wheel driving, particularly in soft sand and also good for towing a 19 foot boat that had just purchased.

Towing the boat we had some great trips to Jurien, both Sharon and I getting large to very large Dhufish very consistently.

We also had some memorable trips fishing with ORSSC going out from Ocean reef. One of the highlights was Sharon getting a double hook-up: - a 17 kg Dhufish and a 9 kg Dhufish.

One adventure that stood out on one of these trips to Jurien was not very far out from the Jurien Marina, was hooked onto a large fish that was stripping line from the reel, then realized Sharon was also undergoing the same action. Turned out we were hooked onto the same fish - a Sambo of 18 to 20 kg. Once we realized, we took turns of pumping it in- poor fish didn't stand a chance. Another catch and release.

Had some memorable trips to Bluff Creek and Fosters with catches of Skippy, Salmon and the odd Gummy Shark.

Also took a trip to South Aussie to compete in an AAA National competition, (i.e. Casting competition, R & B fishing, Estuary fishing, and Offshore boat fishing) The team consisted of Eric Leigh from ORSSC and Eddie Koran of SCAC and myself. No spectacular catches or large size fish, other than getting good feeds of KG Whiting



The 2010 Nissan Pathfinder (Perth)

On having the Jeeps giving problems moved into a Pathfinder. Got lots of trips north and south of Perth, with family and also by myself in the Nissan. This vehicle was very comfortable to sleep in for an overnight beach fish.

Used it for trips to Jurien, Preston and Bluff Creek

Some events with grandkids that stay with me - One is having a trip south - Cape to Cape and taking one of my grandsons, Jamie with me. He caught his first ever Salmon at Wyderup. He likened it to catching a Barramundi. (When his

mother Heather worked up at Broome he had lots of Burra hunting trips)

Then a year later Heather and some of her family joined us on a Bluff Creek trip, Jamie's brother Sam, also caught his first ever Salmon - he wandered off by himself, saw a good lucking gutter waded out a few metres, cast and he was on - he also liked the action he encountered as also being similar to a Barramundi..

Another episode with grandkids was on one of Pats social fishes in the Swan river, took daughter Christine's eldest daughter Astrid. She managed to land a quality Flathead, - up near Bassendean



The 2015 Isuzu MU-X - Current Vehicle (Perth)

After I had a fire the Nissan and it was deemed a write-off and with insurance money and dipping into retirement savings we purchased the Isuzu. Have found it a good family vehicle, (a seven seater), could tow my boat (as rated for 3 tons towing) great beach fishing machine (go anywhere in 4WD, and lay down seats to sleep overnight)

This vehicle bought me luck in using it to drive to Rouse Head, and then catch the ferry to fish Rotto for the weekend... After many years of fishing Rotto on and off since owning this vehicle, the two trips in 2017 and the first

trip in 2018 each time I landed a Jewfish.

Using this and previous vehicles to catch the ferry for the trips to Rotto it generally resulted in memorable trips catching Yellowtail Kingfish and quality Skippy- this was over a 40 year time frame. When not working overseas, or on home leave I would always join SCAC in their Rotto field days to enjoy some great fishing. All trips resulted in great catches and lots of fish in the fridge or to distribute to the family... At the time of writing this story, we had just returned from a Rotto trip. While I did not manage to continue my Dhufish run, we had a terrific hot action with quality Skippy...

Hope to continue the success in fishing with future.

Do you have a story to share?