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Presidents report September 2019



It was in 2011 that I joined Surf Casters and did my 1st Hill River field day, well if you had told me then how the club and my fishing would change I would not have believed it, well this is my 1st presidents report and what an honour to now be President of this long running fishing and casting club.

A big thank you to Shane Wignell for a great job as President for the last 3 years, and also to George Belin for his excellent work as secretary, also Sri has stepped down with too many work commitments to be able to attend the committee meetings, most of the rest of the committee remains the same with John Curtis taking over the secretary roll, he has a lot of experience and I am sure he knows what is ahead in that role, another new addition is Chris Stickells and I know he is keen to help with whatever is needed.

Last meeting we spoke about Drone fishing and if you have seen any social media or fishing shows this type of fishing is achieving some great fishing results in WA that are making a lot of people look at how they can get on board, I for one am keen to try and look at this new option, getting the bait out 200-500m to an offshore reef is an exciting thought, I hope the members will support a change in our rules to include this new method, It may be another way to attract new members if we can get some expertise and master this in the next year.

We just had our August field day and with 16 people fishing this is the most we have had in some time, We had 13 at the Rottnest venue and 3 fish locally, even with results not as we would have liked it is great that everyone gave it a go and got out on the coast to wet a line, Ron and the dry casters are always looking for more attendees so if you have time please attend and everyone at casting will be happy to help in any way needed.

I am keen to talk to any members who have any ideas on what the club is doing well or not so well in order to make our club as good as it can be, please call or contact me if you have any ideas or concerns.

Martin Wearmouth; President



Past President's Annual Report 2019

The 2018-2019 season will go down as a very significant year for 1 major event. During October 2018 final settlement was reached for the sale of the club's Kalbarri property. As members will know, the Mallard St house was owned by the club since the late seventies. It had served the club well over many of those years however over more recent times, due to declining patronage and the requirements of maintenance, had become a source of financial concern to management committees and general membership. The decision to sell was well supported by the membership and following in excess of 12 months on the market we were able to attract a suitable offer.

The proceeds of the sale were placed in a fixed term deposit with the resulting income stream now the major source of revenue for the club. The club is now in the enviable position of not needing to fundraise and able to concentrate on its core activities of fishing, drycasting and social events. I am sure I speak for all members and future members in expressing our gratitude to those former members who had the determination to purchase and develop the property. They have left the club with a wonderful legacy.

In common with all recreationally based clubs we face the problems of attracting new members. Membership numbers were stable this year but of course none of us are getting any younger and thus we would all like to see a steady flow of new faces at club events. The committee frequently discusses this issue and I am sure future committees will do likewise. Our social media presence through Facebook has been revitalised and hopefully may help in this regard. Of course, any suggestions from the membership will be entertained.

In looking at our core activities the fishing arm was mixed. Rottnest field days continue to be strongly supported which is very pleasing. Our safari to Esperance was well attended however, unfortunately bushfires prevented us reaching our desired destinations. This did not prevent the members attending appreciating the glorious coastline as well as enjoying the company of fellow intrepid anglers. Certainly, the thunderstorm of the first evening will take some time for those of us protected from its savagery by a few mm of canvas.

Other field days struggled at times to attract attendees. Catches in general, compared to previous years, were a little down which may have contributed; however we would hope that next year would see more members standing on beaches at club events.

Drycasting remains a challenge with low and erratic attendances. This is certainly not for lack of trying or effort by our Drycasting Officer Ron Thomas who continues to encourage all members to try their hand at Drycasting. As has been said many times in the past Drycasting in this state would probably not exist without the considerable efforts of Ron.

This year we tried our hand at managing without a dedicated Social Organiser. We had been very fortunate in the recent past to have been blessed with the talents of Pat McKeown in this regard. To say we now fully appreciate the efforts Pat put in over recent years would be an understatement. There really is a lot of work and time involved in this role and in particular organising the Presentation Night. Vic Schilo shouldered most of this burden with the evening again being a great success. As those attending will know, the evening was substantially subsidised by part of the interest earned from the proceeds of the sale of Kalbarri. This is an example of what benefits all club members can enjoy from the disposal of the Kalbarri property.

As we all know a club does not run itself and requires a competent and cohesive committee in order to achieve the goals we set. Over the last 3 plus years I have been President, I have been very fortunate to enjoy leading very effective and competent committees. This last year was no exception. Meetings are well attended with all members contributing to discussions and performing their roles as required. The atmosphere is one of mutual respect and it has been a privilege to be involved with such people.

Life member Peter Osborne served as Vice President and it is really difficult to think of any new accolades to apply to Peter. His enthusiasm for all things Surfcasters is second to none and his wisdom attained over many years is invaluable to all members.

George Belin has been our secretary for the last 4 years and continued to be a constant source of reasoned opinion to me and other members when discussing any club matters. He performs the considerable workload of a secretary with no fuss and complete competence. It has been a pleasure to work with George over the last few years.

Vic Schilo was again our Treasurer, Reel Talk Editor, AAAWA delegate and performer of many other committee tasks. I have said much in the past about Vic`s contribution to the club over the last few years and in particular his leadership in establishing the envious financial position we now find ourselves in. It was my great pleasure to present Vic with this year`s President award at our recent Presentation night.

As mentioned earlier Ron Thomas continues to make an outstanding contribution to the club as Dry Casting Officer. Despite the sometimes-disappointing attendances at Drycasting, Ron`s enthusiasm and commitment seems to be unwavering. We are very fortunate to have Ron as a member of our club.

Martin Wearmouth has been a stellar performer over the last 12 months in his capacity as Field Day Officer as well as his many other contributions to the committee. His thoughtful and measured responses to the various issues and problems that crop up from time to time were greatly valued by me and other committee members.

Vince Tomazsin, Gary Parkinson and Sri Srigandan filled the committee persons positions. All contributed strongly to committee decision making during the year as well as performing various tasks as required.

Several other members performed important tasks during the year that all contributed to the effective functioning of the club. In particular I would like to acknowledge Peet Wessels who managed our website and Justin Rose who again performed the role of Recorder.

To all the membership I would like to express my gratitude for allowing me the honour of being your President over the last 3 or so years. I feel much has been achieved during that time and I look forward to many more fruitful times in the years ahead.

Shane Wignell

Quotes for the month:



**NEVER LET
THE THINGS
YOU WANT
MAKE YOU FORGET
THE THINGS
YOU HAVE**

September 2019 General Meeting

Wednesday 11 September 2019

Coolbinia Sports Clubroom; Wordsworth Avenue, Yokine.

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

Field day venues for 2019/2020

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

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

Lines Down for long weekends and Rottnest – Saturday 6.00am

Lines up for long weekends and Rottnest – Monday 9.00am

Lines Down on Standard weekends – Saturday 9.30am

Lines up on Standard weekends – Sunday 9.00am

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

Birthdays for September

Sharon Osborne 3rd Peet Wessels 20th Sabby Pizzolante 27th



Surf Casters August 2019 Rottnest field day – 17th and 18th August



Surf Casters waiting for the bus pick up

With our Rottnest field day due to leave on the Friday 6pm ferry it was lunch time on Thursday that the ferry company began calling people to advise that the 6pm Friday ferry has been cancelled due to bad weather, well this is not a great sign, I emailed out the 3 options

- 1 – leave earlier on the 12.30pm ferry from Northport,
- 2 – Leave at 3.30pm Friday from B-Shed or
- 3 – leave 7.30am Saturday from B-Shed.

10 of the 13 people decided on the 12.30pm Friday ferry, on arrival at about 11am the wind was strong and the storm was building, on leaving Fremantle as soon as we left the north mole the boat slowed down and was being battered by the rough seas, the captain advised that if we heard the engines revs drop to hang on tight as we would be about to crash over a wave, the crew was on high alert and handing out sick bags, at about the ½ way mark I needed to head to the toilet to throw up as sea sickness caught up with me.

I spent the next part of the ride mostly in the toilet as my body tried to expel everything in its stomach, and sweat was pouring out of me, Vince also made a few visits to the toilet and a lot of others on the boat made good use of the sick bags, Everyone was relieved to arrive in Thompson Bay and get off the ferry, I was as white as a sheet and after the trip very glad to have that 50 minute boat ride behind me.

Shane had decided to go on the 3.30pm Friday ferry, Conditions had worsened and got even rougher, Shane had to help a Fremantle Fishing club member who was also on the way to the island for their field day, he had fallen and hurt his ribs and hand, Shane also took care of a few other passengers that had fallen, this ride took over an hour and 1 in 3 people had been sea sick but Shane managed to arrive shaken but without injury.

Paul and his son Anthony came on the 7.30am Saturday ferry and had a better trip as the wind had dropped off, with everyone on the island safely attention turned to the field day and with the swell about 3.5m we talked about what options we could fish if radar reef was too rough, we decided to look at a spot on the north side of the island around Eagle bay and Mabel Cove, while I was outside on Saturday morning something had blown into my left eye at that time it seemed ok and I soldered on until late in the afternoon when the irritation got to be too much and the water my body was sending to my eye to flush the foreign body started to come out of both eyes and my nose making me stop fishing and head back up to wait for the bus early.



Map of west end

Back to the fishing, After the bus pick up at 11am and the visit to the bakery we headed for west end, first we stopped at Eagle bay and found that 5 Fremantle club people had taken the prime spots, next we looked at Mabel Cove and from the bus saw some low reef that we may be able to fish from, It was decided to head for Radar reef and see if we could fish our usual area, A quick look over the cliff confirmed that the tennis courts area was ok and we unloaded the gear off the bus.

Most headed down the cliff to fish the deep hole at Tennis courts, Shane, Sri and Myself decided to walk back to Mabel cove with a fishing rod and backpack to try our luck, it took about 20 minutes to get there and after a look at the reef we spotted from the bus on closer inspection the water at the edge was deeper and would not make it easy to walk out to the edge, we moved more to the east and found a small beach and decided to fish this.

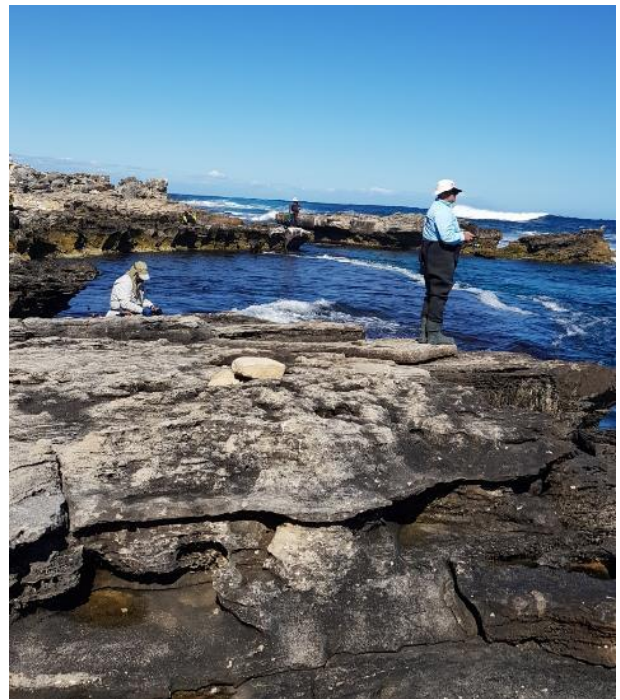


Mabel cove beach fishing

I started with a float rig and 1st cast got a wrasse, most casts came up with the same result until a herring was landed and released, Shane also got Wrasse and herring, Sri managed a Sea Trumpeter, I decided to walk further around to the east to a rocky head land that had some low reef that I could walk out on, again I found Wrasse but mostly bigger than on the beach and after trying a few spots yielding the same Wrasse action I walked back and we all decided to walk back to radar reef.

When we arrived everyone was fishing from the rocks at tennis courts, Sandra had caught a Dhu fish very soon after starting to fish, Vince had caught a large Leatherjacket he kept in case it was a club record it weighed 0.67kg but the record is 1kg so better luck next time Vince, others had caught various species inc Wrasse, Herring, Blackfish, Skippy, Wirrah, Black Ass & banded Sweep, Vince had kept everyone entertained trying to catch some crabs to use as bait, he managed to get some but no luck with any bites, maybe next time Vince.





Late afternoon my eye was quite sore and water was coming out of both eyes and my nose so I sat on the rocks before deciding to head up the cliff early to wait for the bus, with not much biting most came back up early so we called the bus driver to come early for our pick up, after arriving back at the bungalow and having dinner and a shower Shane had a look under my left eye lid and saw a large piece of tree, after rounding up some 1st aid suppliers Shane and Sri teamed up on me to remove it.

What a relief it felt so much better to have that out, on the Sunday morning I visited the nursing post to get a check-up with the proper equipment and after an eye test and inspection the nurse had seen a couple of minor scratches but was happy it would be ok and gave some anti biotic eye ointment to apply to make sure it did not get worse, A big thanks to Shane and Sri for their help.

Sabby again spoilt us with homemade pizzas and Sandra, Peet and Theo shared a delicious South African Vetkoek, both went down very well and made for a great meal, The social side of our Rottneestrips trips is a genuine highlight, I very much enjoy talking with everyone and getting to know people better, Everyone helps each other and shares whatever they have making it such a great experience, Thanks you to all for such a special field day.



Sunday saw everyone packing ready for the bus trip to west end, on the bus out the wind and seas were much better, everyone headed down the cliff to radar reef ready for another day, Theo tried wilsons with only wrasse caught despite the very fishy water looking water, the rest all fished tennis courts until 4pm when we moved out onto radar reef, fishing was slow with small fish stripping the mulies, Vince had his fishing rod broken and just before dark a small Yellow tail kingfish run with Peet getting 1, Mark Hansen getting 2 and

I got 1, the buff bream were a real nuisance all weekend with some fish between 5-10kg being pulled onto the reef, just after dark I caught a nice Harlequin fish that slipped from my hand and nearly won his freedom, after some fancy footwork and the help of all the water running off the reef and not giving him enough to swim in I picked him up again about 25cm from the reef edge.

On packing up about 8.00 am on Monday morning of interest a fellow came out and set up beside me - He had a drone and was aiming to put a bait out some 200+ metres. His gear was under gunned i.e. only a small rod and reel, guess at most only 250 m of 10 kg line., Doubt he would have been successful.

Monday night, swapped notes with and Martin learnt that Sandra landed a Dhufish - great stuff - she joins the exclusive club of Surfcasters that have landed Dhufish off the shore. Am looking forward to our next field day tip north at end of September. Also picked up that Martin caught a Harlequin fish - one of the prized demersals and great eating. Tennis court at Rotto west end continues to give some good bounty.

Well another Rottnest with not many skippy, again they seem to have evaded us and our usual hot bite not happening, maybe they will be back next year, thanks to everyone that attended for another great field day.

Local

Ron Thomas tried fishing at a few spots north of the river only to find sea weed, and when he did throw a line in had no bites.

Peter Osborne - After having a couple of medical issues at the beginning of August decided it was best I did not attend the August Rotto Field Day. So after signing on I pulled the pin, but in feeling a bit better a couple of weeks later thought I would try a local field day.

Following storms, or high swell had picked up that some great catches of Pink Snapper had been caught at rock walls and marinas along the local coastline. Hence I decided to try our local Ocean Reef Marina. Good plan but not exactly successful - tried, Saturday and Sunday evenings and Monday morning. No Snapper, plenty of Blowies, and only one bite with a result of one chopper Tailor of cleaned weight of 0.45 kg. Tried for Herring, where fellow next to me on Monday morning tried hard, used plenty of burley, think he caught one Herring but he did get a few Gardies. I think the water was too dirty for Herring.

Very disappointing for some 7 hours of fishing but at least not skunked.

Vic Schilo – fished Cottesloe and caught sea weed.



Vince and broken rod



Some Quokka action at the bakery





MY FIRST DHUI

Sandra Wessels

Windy, choppy weather conditions at Rotto saw us once again fishing from the "Golden Rock" in the Tennis courts.

I had only, over the last ten years, watched other fishermen catch Dhufish and never dreamed of catching one myself.

My first catch was the inevitable wrasse, and my thoughts went to a bag full of wrasse for the weekend. Fishing with light gear and small hooks I was targeting various small fish.

I decided to change bait from Squid to Chicken on a two gang of 2/0 hooks. Great was my surprise when my rod bent over and a tug of war followed.

I was convinced a buff bream had once again taken my bait and was not going to let go. To my utter amazement I heard Peet yell out as the fish surfaced DHUI!!!

After a few anxious moments, and the always willing help from my hubby, the Dhui lay on the rocks.

Everybody from Durban in South Africa to Perth CBD most probably heard my excited yells. I was ecstatic and so relieved to finally have caught my first Dhui.

On closer inspection it was noticed that my gang of hooks was one of three to be found ... mine scarcely attached to its front lip; another to his bottom lip and a third in his stomach. This time the fearless Dhui had met his match!



ANGLER	Species Skipjack Trevally	Species Yellowtail Kingfish	Species Wrasse (all species) 1 only	Species Leather Jacks (all species)	Species Herring, Australian	Species Western Rock Blackfish	Species Tarwhine	Species Banded Sweep	Species Harlequin	Species Breaksea Cod	Species Wirrah	Species Westralian Dhufish	Species Tailor	Total weight	No. of Species	No. of fish	F.D. points	Attendance		Total points
																		Field Day	General Meeting	
Martin Wearmouth	Number	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1					6.20	8	8	150.0	1	1	170.0
	Total weight	2.27	0.20	0.67	0.12	0.40	0.40	0.31	1.83											
	Weight of best																			
Peet Wessels	Number	1	1		1	4				2	1			6.61	7	11	147.1	1	1	167.1
	Total weight	2.31	0.20		0.12	1.60				1.00	0.50									
	Weight of best																			
Mark Hansen	Number	2	1		12	1		1						6.75	5	17	134.5	1	1	154.5
	Total weight	4.49	0.20		1.35	0.40		0.31												
	Weight of best	2.54																		
Sandra Wessels	Number	4	1								1	1		7.34	4	7	120.4	1	1	140.4
	Total weight	3.52	0.20								0.50	3.12								
	Weight of best																			
Shane Wignell	Number	1	1		2									1.32	3	4	47.2	1	1	67.2
	Total weight	0.88	0.20		0.24															
	Weight of best																			
Shi Sigandan	Number				1	1				1				1.02	3	3	43.2	1	1	63.2
	Total weight				0.12	0.40				0.50										
	Weight of best																			
Sabby Pizzolante	Number		1		4	1								1.08	3	6	46.8	1		56.8
	Total weight		0.20		0.48	0.40														
	Weight of best																			
Chris Stickels	Number		1		3									0.58	2	4	28.8	1	1	48.8
	Total weight		0.20		0.38															
	Weight of best																			
Vincent Tomazin	Number			1										0.67	1	1	17.7	1	1	37.7
	Total weight			0.67																
	Weight of best																			
Theo Van Niekerk	Number		1											0.20	1	1	13.0	1		23.0
	Total weight		0.20																	
	Weight of best																			
Ian Taggart	Number																	1	1	20.0
	Total weight																			
	Weight of best																			
Paul Terpkos	Number		1								1			0.70	2	2	28.0	1		38.0
	Total weight		0.20								0.50									
	Weight of best																			
Anthony Terpkos	Number																	1		10.0
	Total weight																			
	Weight of best																			
LOCAL																				
Peter Osborne	Number												1	0.45	1	1	15.5	1	1	35.5
	Total weight																			
	Weight of best																			
Ron Thomas	Number																	1	1	20.0
	Total weight																			
	Weight of best																			
Victor Schilo	Number																	1	1	20.0
	Total weight																			
	Weight of best																			

Top scores are updated by clicking on the button at left.		
Top scores up to August		
Rank	Angler	Total points
1	Martin Wearmouth	626.2
2	Peet Wessels	478.8
3	Sandra Wessels	436.9
4	Mark Hansen	429.3
5	Sabby Pizzolante	251.0
6	Peter Osborne	209.4
7	Mark Nurse	190.5
8	Vincent Tomazin	161.5
9	Theo Van Niekerk	142.5
10	Paul Terpkos	114.8
11	Gary Parkinson	93.5
12	Victor Schilo	83.2
13	Shane Wignell	67.2
14	Brad Zaknich	63.6
15	Sri Srigandan	63.2
16	Chris Stickells	49.8
17	Wally Lukic	47.6
18	Slavka Schilo	30.0
19	Ian Taggart	20.0
20	Ron Thomas	20.0
21	Anthony Terpkos	10.0

Sportsperson of the year sections for August			
Section	Angler	Species	Weight
Best scale fish	Sandra Wessels	Westralian Dhufish	3.12
Best bag of scale fish	Sandra Wessels		7.34
Best shark			
Best bag including sharks			

DRY CASTING – 4TH AUGUST 2019

Not a great day for casting with light rain falling for most of our accuracy events, and then quite heavy rain when we were halfway through our distance.

We were down a little in numbers from the previous month with only 8 casters. Ian and Sarina Hoskins turned up from the Fremantle club for a look see and had a few casts. Ian's best cast was 146.77m, not bad considering he probably hasn't cast for nearly 12 months. Bob Henderson rolled up for the day but only stayed for the accuracy event. Should have stayed in bed Bob, you looked like death warmed up. Peter Osborne had a day off due to health reasons. Hope the both of you recover soon. We want both of you back casting next month.

Gary Gilders took out the honours for the Surfcasters vets, with 464%. Mark Hansen won the men's section with 500%. Mark nurse had a good day winning the beachcombers with 465.64%.

It's good to see Mark Nurse enjoying his casting as much as he does, and I must thank you for the appreciation I get from you every month, as it makes it all worthwhile and I hope there will be someone to put his hand up for the job when I eventually have to stop.

Gary top scored in the DHA with 154, runner up was myself with 143. Apart from 2 outs in the distance I had a good day with 4 bullseyes and 36 in the SHA.

Our golf casting events are going well. Only 4 stayed on including (Moose) who was invited along, I think by Mark Nurse, and I must thank (I can't think of his name so we will call him Moose), for helping with the running of the day. Much appreciated.

Hope to see you all next month, and thank you to all the helpers.

Ron Thomas DCO

SURF CASTING & ANGLING CLUB													
Dry casting results - 4th August 2019													
	56 gram					Artificial Bait					112gram		
	Cast	Cast	Total			Cast	Cast	Total			Cast	Cast	Total
Veterans	1	2		%		1	2		%		1	2	%
BOB HENDERSON			DNC					DNC					DNC
MAL HEAD	97.76	103.5	201.26	75.00		83.01	88.98	171.99	82.73		100.21	109.04	209.25
RON THOMAS	139.45	125.3	264.75	99.98		OUT	121.00	121.00	58.20		151.26	OUT	151.26
GARY GILDERSLEEVE	129.63	135.19	264.82	100.00		107.90	100.00	207.90	100.00		130.89	123.68	254.57
KLAUS SCHONWOLF	102.59	105.56	208.15	78.60		100.51	101.56	202.07	97.20		116.91	93.99	210.90
GEOFF RAFTIS	89.94	84.78	174.72	65.98		DNC		0.00	0.00		DNC		0.00
Senior													
MARK HANSEN	103.81	105.96	209.77	100.00		95.54	101.40	196.94	100.00		126.99	127.62	254.61
CHRIS STICKELLS	67.25	68.26	135.51	64.60		60.79	57.52	118.31	60.07		OUT	62.81	62.81
Visitors													
IAN HOSKINS	123.74	123.84				DNC					146.77		
SARINA HOSKINS	82.17	66.80				DNC					DNC		

SURF CASTING & ANGLING CLUB																	
Dry casting results - 4th August 2019																	
	Double Handed Accuracy											Single Handed Accuracy					
	Target number											Target distance					
Veterans	3	3	1	1	4	4	2	2	Total	%		1st	2nd	1st	2nd	Total	%
BOB HENDERSON	11	15	20	18	12	8	20	18	122	79.22		DNC				DNC	79.22
MAL HEAD	10	18	22	18	9	5	6	22	110	71.43		0	0	4	8	12	33.33
RON THOMAS	7	21	17	21	7	25	20	25	143	92.86		10	10	8	8	36	100.00
GARY GILDERSLEEVE	10	17	21	19	20	21	23	23	154	100.00		1	9	6	7	23	63.89
KLAUS SCHONWOLF	19	15	9	24	0	0	21	0	88	57.14		0	6	7	8	21	58.33
GEOFF RAFTIS	18	17	19	20	19	20	12	17	142	92.21		0	0	5	2	7	19.44
Seniors																	
MARK HANSEN	12	9	19	14	7	5	20	16	102	100.00		6	5	4	7	22	100.00
CHRIS STICKELLS	0	0	18	22	0	16	5	16	77	75.49		5	4	8	1	18	81.81
Visitors																	
IAN HOSKINS	DNC											DNC					
SARINA HOSKINS	DNC											DNC					

VETERANS BEST CASTS FOR THE YEAR 2019 - 2020													
LONGEST 56 GRAM										145.29		RON THOMAS	
LONGEST ARTIFICIAL BAIT										130.58		RON THOMAS	
LONGEST 112G										156.59		RON THOMAS	
HIGHEST DOUBLE HANDED ACCURACY										154		GARY GILDERSLEEVE	
HIGHEST SINGLE HANDED ACCURACY										36		RON THOMAS	
SENIORS BEST CASTS FOR THE YEAR 2019 - 2020													
LONGEST 56 GRAM										107.91		MARK HANSEN	
LONGEST ARTIFICIAL BAIT										101.44		MARK HANSEN	
LONGEST 112G										127.62		MARK HANSEN	
HIGHEST DOUBLE HANDED ACCURACY										133		MARK HANSEN	
HIGHEST SINGLE HANDED ACCURACY										27		MARK HANSEN	

DO LEAD FISHING SINKERS THREATEN THE ENVIRONMENT?

Two things you might find surprising: First, lead fishing weights have a long history – the Egyptians used lead net sinkers 5,000-7,000 years ago. Second, perhaps the greatest danger posed by lead fishing tackle is neither to fish nor humans, but to birds.

The effect of lead shotgun shot on the environment has been studied for some time. Large die-offs of waterfowl due to lead poisoning were first reported in the late 1800s and continued through the next century, eventually prompting the 1991 Federal ban on the use of lead shot in hunting. However, the impact of lead fishing tackle has not been as well studied, perhaps due to the belief that the enormous amount of lead shot put into the environment by hunters far outweighed any impact from fishing. According to research by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service published in the mid-1980s, about 3,000 tons of lead shot were discharged by hunters into the environment annually. Others claim the amount is even larger:

Several million hunters are estimated to deposit more than 6,000 metric tons of lead shot annually into lakes, marshes, and estuaries; this represents about 6,440 pellets per bird bagged. Shot densities as great as 860,000 pellets/ha (2,124,000/acre) have been estimated in some locations (Wobeser 1981), although concentrations of 34,000 to 140,000/ha are more common (Longcore et al. 1982; Driver and Kendall 1984).

That sounds like a lot, but is it really that much more than the number of lead sinkers entering the environment each year? Determining that figure is a daunting task, as no really good accounting or survey information seems to exist. However, the EPA noting in 1994 that:

It is estimated that approximately 2,500 metric tons of lead, zinc, and brass sinkers (over 98 percent of the volume represented by lead), an estimated 480 million sinkers, are manufactured each year in the United States.

Another reference cites a figure of 2,700 tons of lead sinkers made per year in the United States, adding that "400-550 tons" of lead sinkers are made in Canada each year. Unless the number of sports fishers is rising steadily, people are starting large lead sinker collections, or an underground economy of mole people is using them as currency, it's safe to assume that a large portion of these represent replacements for sinkers lost during fishing. If the figures are accurate, we're talking about perhaps 3,000 tons of lead per year entering the waterways of the U.S. and Canada. In other words, an amount not too far from that contributed by lead shot before 1991.

With that much lead entering the water, one would think that there would be many reported cases of large-scale fish die-offs due to lead sinkers. That doesn't seem to be the case, although die-offs due to exposure to other concentrated sources of lead such as mine tailings have been reported. The total amount of lead entering the aquatic environment is substantial – in addition to fishing weights and mine tailings, sources of the metal include air pollution, batteries, and lead shot from target ranges. Unlike some other toxins, lead doesn't appear to bioaccumulate in the food chains of freshwater aquatic vertebrates – i.e., you don't find progressively greater amounts of lead as you move up the predator hierarchy due to big fish-eating little fish. Such concentration as there is seems to be a function of the age of the organism, with lead concentrating in "hard tissues such as bone and teeth (Eisler 1981, 1984)". The primary biological effects on fish seem to be anaemia, depressed blood enzyme levels, growth inhibition in young, and kidney and liver damage

It turns out that the form of wildlife primarily at risk from lead poisoning due to fish sinkers is waterfowl, not fish. This stems from the birds' habit of eating smaller sinkers (especially the "split-shot" type) to use as grit in their gizzards, where they pulverize hard-to-digest items such as seeds. As the sinkers are ground along with sand and rocks, the lead is released into their bodies in concentrated form, leading to debilitation and death. It's estimated that perhaps 2% of all waterfowl die per year as a result of ingesting lead shot and other lead objects. In England, the mute swan suffers greatly from ingestion of lost fishing sinkers – one study in 1982 reported that half of all mute swan deaths in England were a result of lead poisoning. Many varieties of geese, ducks, and cranes as well as non-waterfowl such as the mourning dove and others have been studied and shown to have suffered from lead poisoning due to fishing sinkers as well.

The case of the loon is perhaps the most telling in North America, and responsible for much of the push for legislation banning lead fishing sinkers.

In New England, poisoning from lead weights and jigs is the greatest source of loon mortality, accounting for 50% of adult deaths (Pokras and Chafel 1992). Likewise, in Canada, 30% of adult loon mortality is due

to lead poisoning resulting from sinker ingestion (Scheuhammer and Norris 1996). Ensor et al. (1992) found that 17% of adult loon deaths in Minnesota could be traced to lead poisoning from fishing tackle. In addition, other research notes:

A 2.5 year study of mortalities of common loons in New England found that lead toxicity from ingested fishing sinkers was the most common cause of death in adult breeding birds ... The study reported that 64 percent of adult common loons (*Gavia immer*) received for analysis from New Hampshire, and 44 percent of adults received from Maine, had ingested fishing sinkers. Thirty-one adults were examined, and of these, 16 (52 percent) were shown to have died from lead poisoning ... Levels of lead found in the blood of loons that had ingested sinkers averaged 1.4 ppm. The study indicated that scientists consider 0.35 to 0.60 ppm lead in the blood to be indicative of lead poisoning in many species. Levels of lead in the livers of 4 loons that had lead sinkers in their gizzards ranged from 5.03 to 18.0 ppm, while levels in 10 loons that did not have fishing sinkers in their gizzards ranged from <0.05 to 0.11 ppm.

The study also states that 5 or 6 ppm in the liver is considered a toxic level in waterbirds. Toxic effects of lead to loons were found to be similar to those seen in other waterbirds.

Sadly, the potential damage to wildlife from environmental lead doesn't end there. Raptors such as the American bald eagle, Andean condor, honey buzzard, king vulture, and California condor can suffer from secondary lead poisoning after eating contaminated fish or waterfowl. Most secondary contamination of predators, it should be said, derives from ingestion of lead shot; many of the lead pellets and pieces from lead sinkers pass harmlessly through the digestive systems of predators or are regurgitated. However, documented cases of poisoning from lead fishing sinkers do exist.

Bans on certain types of lead fishing sinkers have been imposed in some areas. New Hampshire has enacted a multi-step ban that will ban all fishing weights of less than one ounce by 2006. New York, Vermont, and Maine ban the sale of lead fishing weights weighing one-half ounce or less. Canada bans use of lead sinkers weighing less than 50 grams (1.76 ounce), and the UK Environment Agency says, "No fishing weights made of lead may be used except those of 0.06 grams or less and those of more than 28.35 grams" (from 0.002 ounce to 1 ounce). Most U.S. bans affect only the sale of new fishing sinkers, not the use of existing ones. Home manufacture of sinkers is also not prohibited; according to the EPA, "It is estimated that between 0.8 and 1.6 million anglers may produce their own lead sinkers".

The fact is, lead is harmful to an enormous variety of wildlife, and lead fishing sinkers and other lead tackle contribute significantly to the risk. Sinkers made from an array of alternative materials are available, including copper, bismuth, steel, brass, tungsten, and even densified plastic and ceramic. The chief difference between these and lead sinkers is cost—online fishing gear catalogues suggest that alternative sinkers cost 4 to 8 times as much as lead. Still others claim that the annual cost to a Canadian angler should be "less than \$2.00." Is that really a big deal to help end heavy metal poisoning?

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John Curtis's Fishing Clinic

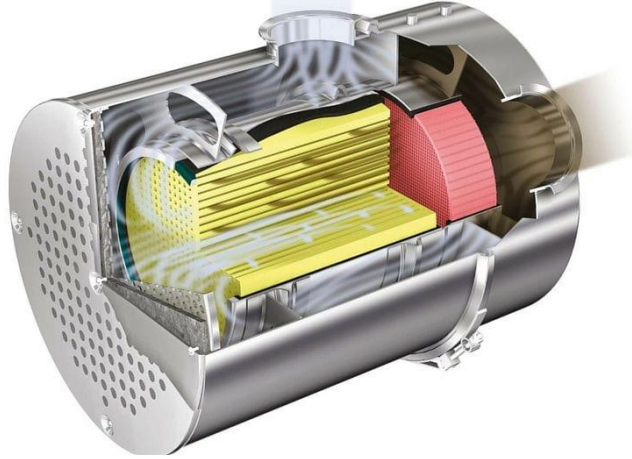
John has been holding very informative and educational fishing sessions at his home once a month. Members are welcome to attend and gain valuable insight into various fishing techniques and can broaden their knowledge.

The next session is on Friday night the 13th of September with the topic being Solunar Charts, Night time vs Daytime fishing and Understanding the Weather – reading the sky.

Please contact John if you are going to attend. He and Jenny provide a light supper which is always great.

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What is a DPF (Diesel Particulate Filter)?



Every new diesel vehicle built (ex-Europe) since 2009 has a diesel particulate filter (DPF) but what is it and how does it work?

We all know how harmful diesel emissions are and the introduction of Euro 5 emissions regulations in Europe in 2009 sought to curb the Big Three: carbon dioxide (CO₂); Nitrogen Oxides (NO_x); and particulates (see, reducing NO_x causes an increase in particulates). The intention of Euro 5 was to reduce emissions and cut the pumping out of cancer-causing particulates, as a result, by 80 percent. Euro 5 regulations made it mandatory for all new Europe-built diesel vehicles to be fitted with a [diesel particulate filter](#).

Exhaust Gas Recirculation...does that work?

Plenty of car makers have experimented with exhaust gas recirculation on diesel engines to help reduce NO_x emissions. And, it works. It does this by directing ‘an amount’ of exhaust gas into the engine’s air intake and reduces the amount of fresh air needed. But this ends up reducing cylinder temperatures and thus increases particulate matter...and that’s bad because diesel particulates cause cancer.

What does a Diesel Particulate Filter do?

As it says on the box, a DPF is there to catch diesel particulates (or soot). Indeed, it’s designed to reduce the amount of particulates making it out into the atmosphere by 80 percent. However, because a DPF, just like any filter, has a limited capacity to filter before it becomes clogged, it has a bunch of sensors built in that will see it burn off the particulates once it fills to around 45 percent, and this is called ‘regeneration’.

How Does A Diesel Particulate Filter Regenerate?

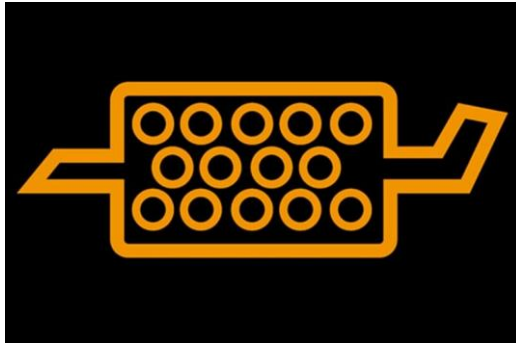
There are two ways in which your vehicle will ‘regenerate’ the DPF and these are either via ‘passive’ or ‘active’ regeneration.

Passive regeneration occurs without the driver knowing when the vehicle is running at, say, highway speeds for a sustained period which is usually around 30 minutes or longer. This allows the exhaust temperature to heat up to burn off the particulate/soot (usually around 600 degrees).

Active regeneration was introduced to ensure those drivers who only drive short distance and thus don’t meet the threshold for passive regeneration could still have the particulate in their DPF burnt off. Once the filter has filled to a certain capacity and the vehicle is being driven, extra fuel will be injected to help increase the exhaust temperature and burn off the particulate. When active regeneration is in process it’ll usually take around 15min of driving at around 60km/h or more in top gear.

How Do I Know If My Diesel Particulate Filter Is Blocked?

If your car’s DPF hasn’t regenerated and has become ‘blocked’ you’ll see a warning light on the dashboard like the image on the next page.



Why Would My Diesel Particulate Filter Become Blocked?

Simple, you're driving only short distances and at low speeds which is either too short and too low a speed for either passive or active regeneration.

How long does a DPF last?

Most car makers suggest a diesel particulate filter will last around 160,000km before needing replacement.

Can a DPF fail?

Yes. Just ask [Toyota](#). Generally speaking, though, your DPF shouldn't cause too many problems as long as it regularly regenerates. Most car makers suggest a DPF will last for around 160,000km before needing a replacement.

Does a DPF regeneration increase the risk of a grass fire with your 4x4?

Anything that causes an increase in heat underneath your vehicle while you're driving across long grass is an increased fire risk. Depending on the speed you're driving at, it's unlikely the DPF would regenerate while you're in long grass but it's still something to be mindful of.

What If a DPF Warning Light Stays On?

If you've taken your vehicle for a good highway run and the warning light is still on with a check engine light also illuminated, then you'll need to take your vehicle to a mechanic. If you've turned your car off and then on again and the DPF and engine warning light are both still on, then you shouldn't drive the vehicle. You don't want to let a DPF issue go unchecked because your vehicle is likely to go into limp mode and, if the worst happened, and the DPF ends up needing replacement, then you could be up for thousands of dollars in replacement costs. Getting a blocked DPF unblocked by a mechanic might only cost a few hundred bucks.

Should I delete my DPF?

No. Some diesel mechanics offer a DPF delete (or bypass) for when you're driving off-road but it's illegal to have the DPF in your vehicle deleted. Indeed, the fine for individuals is more than \$20,000 and for a company caught deleting a DPF the fine can be up to \$1million.

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LET'S TALK TYRES



We are talking tyres, and more specifically **4WD tyres!**

So, what's the difference between **All Terrain** tyres, **Highway Terrain** tyres and **Mud** tyres? How do each of these affect your driving and performance of your vehicle?

Let's dive right in –

(A/T) All Terrain – **60%** On-Road driving & **40%** Off-Road driving

(H/T) Highway Terrain = **90%** Road & **10%** Off-Road

(M/T) Mud Terrain = **15%** On-Road driving & **85%** Off-Road driving



Highway terrain tyres are what the vast majority of new 4WD vehicles are fitted with and in many cases fine for general driving off-road and sand driving, issues with a H/T tyre can be a weak sidewall and close tread pattern offering little to no traction in mud and clay.

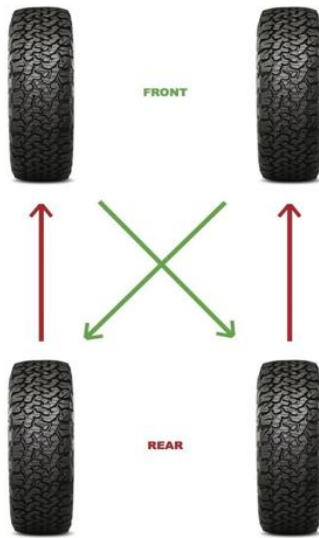
Honestly most recreational 4WDers will need nothing more than an A/T tyre for their general on/off road use. They are the best compromise between on road and off road with decent longevity and less road noise than a M/T tyre.

Mud Terrain tyres obviously offer superior grip in wet mud and clay, offer better protection against sidewall damage and look great on any 4WD, but are noisier on the highway, tend to wear quicker and uneven unless time is spent rotating at regular intervals and much more expensive in majority of cases.

Try to be honest with yourself whether you are just going for the aggressive look over the actual functionality when choosing your next 4WD tyres.

No matter which tyre you opt for they will only work at their best with the correct tyre pressures off road.

A complaint we often hear from drivers is they wish they didn't buy a set of mud terrains as they find they don't work so well in soft sand. Mud terrain tyres do work very well in soft sand, but you will need to go much lower in pressure than you would with say a standard highway terrain tyre. 14PSI is our starting pressure for aggressive tread tyres due to the fact they are made with a much stronger construction.



Proper tyre rotation is also very important for tyre longevity and correct tread wear. There are many different opinions on the correct way to rotate tyres but the method we have been using with success over the last 27 years with our training and personal vehicles is the method below. We rotate our tyres at 10,000 k'm intervals.

Check the markings on the sidewall also for M+S which indicates at least 25 percent of the tread pattern is an open tread design for Mud and Snow. Other things to take note of on tyre sidewall markings is LT which indicates Light Truck which are constructed stronger and have better load capacity.

Do you also know that tyres have a date of manufacturer stamp.



One thing to take note of with tyre sidewall markings is the pressure marking on the tyre is for maximum inflation at maximum load not recommended for daily driving. If unsure of correct inflation consult owner's manual or placard located inside door pillar or glovebox. Tyre pressures should also be checked when cold for correct reading.

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NOTES FROM AAA DELEGATES COUNCIL MEETING 16th JULY 2019 (DRAFT)

Meeting opened at: 19:40.

Attendance:

Delegates representing 7 clubs were present.

Apologies:

Apologies were received from 3 delegates.

Suspension of Standing Orders:

The President requested a motion to suspend Standing Orders and this moved, seconded and passed unanimously to allow the AGM of the Association to proceed.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

As per the Attendance Register, 7 clubs were represented by delegates.

Minutes of the Previous AGM

The President tabled a copy of the Minutes of the 2018 AGM. These were moved, seconded and passed unanimously.

President's Annual Report To The Association.

The President read his report to the Delegates, noting that it had been a good year for the Association on the competition front and thanked the sub-committees for their work and support. He also thanked the many volunteers who assisted with various projects during the year and also thanked the Executive Committee for their support and assistance.

Treasurer's Annual Report and Auditors Report:

The Treasurer presented the Annual Financial Report and Auditors Statement to the meeting and spoke to it. The Auditors Report was also tabled. There was no business arising from the report which showed the Association to be in a healthy financial position.

The report was moved, seconded and passed unanimously.

Election of Office Bearers:

The President then declared all positions vacant and asked the Vice President to assume the chair for the election of office bearers to the Association.

Nomination were called for the positions of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

Written nomination had been received for each of these positions and there being no other nominations the following were appointed for the 2019/2020 year.

President	John Curtis	duly elected as no other nominations were forthcoming.
Vice President	Russell Bunce	duly elected as no other nominations were forthcoming.
Secretary	Tony Ayrey	duly elected as no other nominations were forthcoming.
Treasurer	Victor Schilo	duly elected as no other nominations were forthcoming.

The President resumed the chair and called for General Business.

There being none the Annual General Meeting was closed at 8:05PM.

Standing Orders Were Resumed:

Standing Orders were resumed, and the August Delegates Council meeting proceeded.

AUGUST DELEGATES COUNCIL MEETING (DRAFT)

Minutes of July Meeting Tabled:

Minutes of the Previous Meeting were presented to the meeting and accepted as a true and accurate record.

Business Arising From The Minutes:

Brag Mats:

These are now available, and two clubs have also asked for their logo be added to the mats and have placed orders for 40 and 20 respectively. Delegates are to go back to clubs and advise if they want additional mats.

Snag It – Tag It Cards.

These have all been packed into envelopes and 4000 envelopes, brochure holders and A4 signage in holders have been passed on for distribution to tackle shops and outlets. In addition 1000 envelopes were retained for use by clubs within the Association. Delegates are to notify the President of the numbers of kits required.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer presented a financial report detailing the financial affairs of the Association which show that the Association is in a healthy position financially. It was moved and seconded and approved as a true record of the Associations financial position. Accounts for Payment were presented and approved.

Reports:

President's Report.

The President presented a brief report on Association business.

Rock & Beach and Estuary Report

Russell Bunce reported that a club is still required to run the 2020 R & B State competition at Port Gregory. It is important that this occurs or the competition will lapse. Delegates are asked to take it back to their clubs and discuss the options. It was noted that an offer to assist in some way had been received from Geraldton. This was noted will be reviewed to ensure that they can assist.

A motion was put at the May Meeting

“That the planned State Rock and Beach competition to be held at Port Gregory in September, be postponed to the LWE in June 2020.”

The motion was put to the meeting and it was passed unanimously.

The current competition calendar is to be amended to reflect the change.

The next State event is the State Estuary event to be held at Walpole and the MAAC club is running this event.

Boating Report:

The Boating Sub Committee met recently at Hillarys Yacht Club. There have been several amendments made to the Boating competition rules including;

A minimum number of boats and competitors are now required before an event can proceed,

Species trophies have been amended

And the competition rules have been reviewed and amended.

The next State Boat Championships will be held out of the Hillarys Marina and hosted by Hillary's Yacht Club.

All is going well and is on track for this event.

Drycasting Report:

The State Drycasting Championships is scheduled for Sunday October 27, commencing at 8:00AM at the Perth Polo Ground in Meadow Street Guildford.

Nomination forms for Teams and Individuals have been distributed to all clubs and are also available on the web site.

Recorder's Report:

The application for a Snubnose Garfish (*Arrhamphus sclerolepis* Günther 1866) caught at Gwalia Bay Exmouth by Nadine Freeman of the MAAC club has been approved and a certificate has been sent. This application is an inaugural State Record.

General Business:**Association Web Site:**

Secretary Tony Ayrey has been working on transposing data from the old site to the new site and it is progressing slowly due to the structure of the old site being archaic and difficult to work with. The new site is operational.

It was resolved that due to a technical issue with the web host that the Association would maintain it link for a period. If it was relinquished anyone searching for AAAWA would receive an Error 404 message and not be forwarded to the new site.

Club Information For Inclusion On The Web Site:

Club details are still required for inclusion on the web site. Information on meeting times, location and a brief statement of club activities and competitions can be sent to the secretary@aaa-wa.org.au. It was noted that one club had already had positive feedback from material placed on the web site.

Photographs for inclusion on the web site are to be sent to jcurtis@iinet.net.au.

To enable their publication, please ensure photographs are clear, in focus, with anglers holding 'clean fish'

Snapper Closure:

The snapper closure extension and boundary changes were discussed and supported.

Comment was made on the numbers of boats fishing in the lead up to the closed season and the numbers of larger breeding fish being taken.

AAA Delegates Email Contact Addresses

Can ALL clubs and Club Delegates please ensure that the contact information provided to the Association is correct. In a recent email sent to clubs and delegates, several messages 'bounced' and were not delivered. One delegate reported no mail or information had been received for several months due to an email address error.

There being no further General Business the Meeting was closed at 9:30PM.

