

Hook, Line & Sinker



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From the Office.

What a great rollup to our last meeting, can we do it again next month?

Now that the Easter/ANZAC holidays are done and dusted we hope to see a better turnout for the May comp.

Our Rock'n'Roll nite is fast approaching. While dress up is optional it would be good if everyone can make an effort to join in, it will make the nite !



Dates for the Diary



May Meeting: 13th May
May Comp: 17th & 18th

Fish of the Month:
Bream.

*Rock'n'Roll night -
July 12*

THE FISHO FUNNIES

A man goes into a restaurant and is seated. All the waitresses are gorgeous. A particularly voluptuous waitress wearing a very short skirt and legs that go on and on came to his table and asked if he was ready to order, "What would you like, sir?"

He looks at the menu and then scans her beautiful frame top to bottom, then answers, "A quickie."

The waitress turns and walks away in disgust. After she regains her composure she returns and this time asks "Now let's try again. What would you like, sir?"

Again the man thoroughly checks her out and again answers, "a quickie, please." This time her anger takes over, she reaches over and slaps him across the face with a resounding SMACK! Then storms away.

A man sitting at the next table leans over and whispers... "Um, I think it's pronounced *quiche*."

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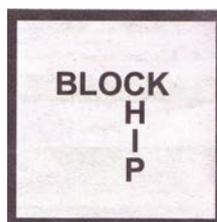
Mark your diary & start searching for your best rock'n'roll gear. Mid year function – 12th July, 2014. Cost is \$50 per couple for members. Supper will be provided. Buy Your Own drinks. Dress up is optional but is encouraged.



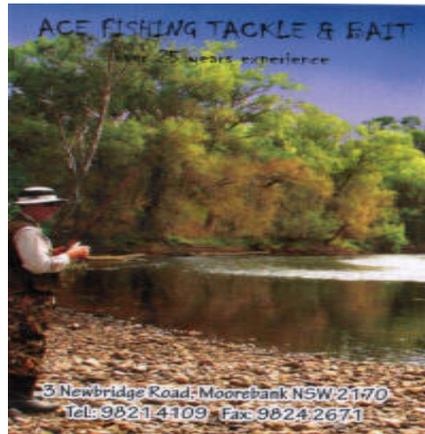
"Dude, trust me, if you want to catch fish, then this is the place."

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GRAPHICS
THE EXPERTS IN SIGN LANGUAGE

Box Puzzle: Answer on Page 4



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April Competition - Results.

A very disappointing comp weekend with only one member weighing in. Attendance at the weigh in was also low, maybe some of the members had taken off for an early Easter/ANZAC break.

Results for our April competition were as follows:

Best Fish: Justin

Biggest Fish: Not awarded

Most Fish: Not awarded

*The mystery fish was not won. The **Wahoo** was won by Plumb who was present to collect. The **Guzzlers Mug** was won by Justin.*

Mick B won the raffle this month.

April happy snaps



Well done lads

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Botany Bay oil spill update

Two weeks ago the RFA reported on the 24 March oil spill from the Caltex Oil Refinery at Kurnell at Botany Bay. There was an astonishing lack of initial response from Caltex, the Environmental Protection Authority and Sydney Ports, apart from their claims that the spill was an insignificant 'oily sheen', and there was very little clean-up activity.

A few days later we discovered that this was no accident, it was a 'controlled spill' from Caltex's plant that had got out of control in heavy rain that day.

Both Sydney Ports and the EPA were observed visiting local beaches and rock platforms in the days following the spill but they reported they did not find significant amounts of pollution. The RFA's Stan Konstantaras and other local anglers had already collected samples on the evening of the spill and continued to find evidence of oil in the water and in the sand on the days following, but when this evidence was described to Sydney Ports, the response was "there is a clear and approved chain of custody process which must be observed and regrettably the samples you have captured will not be admissible as evidence". After a relentless effort by the RFA and local fishing clubs, the EPA eventually announced on 2 April (9 days after the spill) that it had issued a clean-up notice to Caltex.

The EPA's media release said:

"Chief Environmental Regulator, Mr Mark Gifford, said that Caltex Refineries (NSW) have been issued with a clean-up notice after oily water was discharged from their Kurnell premises into Botany Bay during heavy rainfall in March.

"On 24 March an incident occurred whereby Caltex Refineries undertook a controlled release of oily water in to Botany Bay due to heavy rain," Mr Gifford said.....

"The company has an emergency procedure for stormwater management during heavy rain, however the incident has impacted on the local environment which is unacceptable and as a result we have issued Caltex with a clean-up notice as a further step in our regulatory actions....

"Mr Gifford emphasised that this was the first in a potential series of clean up notices to be issued in relation to the immediate impacts of the incident."

Stan Konstantaras will now meet with Sydney Ports to discuss the emergency response to the spill and will hand over his compressive dossier of videos and pictures of the pollution to the EPA. Anglers will also be asking that any fines issued to Caltex will be reinvested back into Botany Bay.

Botany Bay is a Recreational Fishing Haven... in early 2000 recreational fishers' licence fees were used to pay for the commercial fishing buy out in Botany Bay. This incident and other developments in the bay continue to devalue that investment. Anglers have a significant investment that needs to be catered for, considered and protected if anything impacts this waterway.



***THE PRESIDENT WRITES;***

A very good roll up at at our last meeting. Thanks to the non members that came along that added to the group, to listen to our guest speaker. Christian Bold from Bold Trailers gave a very informative presentation on trailers. As you know it is very difficult to get guest speakers and to Christian we are very grateful he gave us his time.

I am sick of being the headmaster at the meetings and telling the children in the room to be quiet. If you are not interested in what being said please don't talk, or if you must, leave the meeting.

A reasonable roll up at the weigh in, but only one (1) member weighing in. Justin had to make a very hard decision should he give himself the biggest, best or most fish trophy. Considering the Best Fish Trophy also gets \$20 cash... the decision was made a lot easier.

Our mid year function "Rock and Roll" night is coming up..... so let us know if you are attending so we can arrange catering etc. Dress up is optional....but why not join in the fun.

Don't forget to have look around our club website.

The Gossip, the facts and the bullsh1#

- ☺ **Happy birthday** to the May babies: Ron, Keith & D1
- ☺ **Congratulations** to the Lynch family on the recent arrival of little Taylor Jane, born 4/4. She weighed 3.945kg (8lb 11oz in the old money) Mum & Bubs are doing just fine. And yes she is a ranga!
- ☺ **No matter** where you stand in Australia, you are never more than 1,000 kms away from a beach. This one is a... FACT
- ☺ **The Kurtz family** have welcomed an new addition to the family with the arrival of Chelsea Amanda on April 22. Mum, Dad, Baby and the proud grand parents are all good.
- ☺ **While on the subject** of babies, Club House neighbours Mark & Katrina had a double Easter surprise with the arrival of twin boys. Congratulations!





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WHAT'S IN THE NEWS!

Southern bluefin tuna regulations proposed

The NSW Minister for Primary Industries is proposing to make an Order to authorise fishing for Southern Bluefin Tuna (SBT) in accordance with all applicable controls. The proposed controls to be implemented by regulation amendments are:

- Daily Bag Limit: 1 SBT
- Daily Boat Limit: 2 SBT
- Charter Boat Limit: 6 SBT

A Species Impact Statement assessing the impact of the activities has been prepared. More to come on this.

New Weather Observations Website from BOM

The Bureau of Meteorology has recently launched a trial of a new website where everyone can share their weather observations and photos. This free online service lets individuals or organisations view and contribute historic, real-time or automated weather observations, or simply send in a quick report of significant weather such as "Thunderstorm on the horizon!" .

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