

# ORMOND ANGLING CLUB INC

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> Date: 3 October 2012 Meeting No: 3109

# **Minutes of the Ormond Angling Club General Meeting**

Meeting opened at 8.05pm with President Don Ellis in the chair.

Members present: 11 Visitors: Nil

Apologies: Gaynor Morris – Tom Nadebaum – Harry Sprakes – Lockie Barker

# **Administrative Matters:**

Nominations: Nil

Elections: Nil

President's Report:

- 1. Illness of Ean Moser's wife. Members requested to help clear up the hall after meetings so that Ean can leave
- 2. Super Trawler FV"Magiris". Legislation has passed through both houses of the federal parliament banning the super trawler from fishing in

Australian waters for 2 years

Illnesses: No other reports

## **Exec. Committee Actions:**

Next Executive meeting scheduled for 10<sup>th</sup> October at the club rooms.

## **Secretary's Report**:

Correspondence In:

Eleanor Lester

Southern Fly fishers

Nab

Minister for Agl. & food Safety

AGL

Thank you card

Newsletter

Bank Statement

Fishing grants applic.form

Elect. A/C

Correspondence out:

Meeting Notices to members

# **Angling Matters:**

Member's Angling Reports:

Ian Morris fished Moorobool River and caught one Redfin around 1lb.on Fluor pink Vibrex lure. Water was very good and Ian thought he would have caught more fish.

# Trip Captain's Report: George Green

Western Lakes comp. F2

George Green stated it was the worst weather in the clubs history. It howled and pounded the van on Friday night. The weather wasn't much better for the rest of the weekend. The majority of members left the water around 11am and watched the grand final. Sunday saw some of the members pack up and go home. Fish caught were average and they fished till 10:30 - 11:00am.

# Angling Secretary's Report — Trevor Thommers

Competition results

Comp. Fresh Water F1 The Peter Elliot Memorial Trophy

- Date Saturday 8 September 2012
- Venue: Goulburn River
- Number of members: 10 Visitors: Nil
- Total Bag Weight: 3.975kg Total Number of Fish caught: 9
- Species caught: 8 Brown and 1 Rainbow Trout
- Winner of the comp. was Ian Morris with 3 Trout
- weighing 1.765kg
- Winner of the Trophy was also Ian Morris
- Heaviest fish was a Brown Trout weighing 0.945 kg and this was caught by Ian Morris

Number of members who caught fish was 5 Average fish weight 440 gms

# Competition results:

Comp. Fresh Water F2 and President's Trophy

- Date 29 -30 September 2012
- Venue: Lakes Bullen Merri and Purrumbete
- Number of members: 8 Visitors: Nil
- Total Bag Weight: 5.790 kg Total Number of Fish caught: 8
- Species caught: Brown and Rainbow Trout
- Winner of the comp. was Trevor Thommers with 2 Brown and 1 Rainbow Trout weighing 2.645 kg
- Winner of the Trophy was also Trevor Thommers
- Heaviest fish was a Rainbow Trout weighing 1.020 kg and this was caught by Trevor Thommers

Numbers of members who caught fish was 4 Average fish weight 720 gms

# **Next Competition: Estuary E2**

Date: 14 October 2012

Venue: Powlett River

Lines Down: 8.00 am Weigh-in: 2.00pm

Weigh-in Location: Powlett River Bridge

Trip Captain: Peter Manning

Other Angling Matters: Nil

## **Social Matters:**

Social committee report:

Ian Morris mentioned the Social committee had a meeting and it was discussed that the Christmas break-up could be held at night and have it catered for so the question was asked of the floor and it was agreed that Southern Star spit roast will cater for the night and it was felt more members would be able to attend. Please place your name and how many will be attending on the board. Cost for the spit roast will be \$17.50 but the club may subsidise this.

On Sunday 28th October will be a sinker making day and BBQ.

On the second meeting night in November will be a member's auction night with members donating a gift (unwanted fishing or any other items) with all proceeds going to the club so we can put it towards upgrading the kitchen.

February the 3<sup>rd</sup> will be the social boat day. More details later

Tonight's raffle prizes: Sinkers, fishing line and tie down strap

Social functions: Please bring items for Christmas hamper. Only 3 more meetings to go after tonight.

# **Last meeting's minutes:**

Matters arising from last meeting's minutes:

Due to the lack of a quorum the confirmation of last meeting's minutes is to be deferred until the next General Meeting

Moved byn/a	
Seconded by n/a	

# **Delegates Reports:**

Hall hire Report—Walt Firestone Nothing to report

Maintenance Officer- Len Gardner Nothing to report

MAA/VR Fish. Representative—Don Ellis Details on attached Annex

## **General Business:**

<u>Member's draw</u>: Micheal Procopiou by <u>not</u> being at the meeting has missed out on winning \$20.00 so it will jackpot to \$25.00 next general meeting.

# **Meeting Summary:**

Outline of next comp at Powlett River was given

Meeting concluded at ...9.07pm.....

## **Guest Speaker or other interest item:**

No Guest Speaker programmed this meeting

Next Member's Night a visiting speaker from "Juro" will be giving a presentation on "Juro Fishing Tackle".

Passed as a true and accurate record of the meeting:
Signed.....
Date.....

Next Members Night When Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2012

Time 8.00 pm

Where OAC clubrooms

Next Executive Meeting When Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2012

No 2/2012-13 Time 8.00pm

Where OAC clubrooms

## Annex

VR Fish/MAA Delegate Report

Don Ellis reported on the following New size limits proposed for dusky flathead

Fisheries Victoria is seeking feedback from recreational fishers on a proposal to introduce new size limits for dusky flathead to boost fishing opportunities and help safeguard the sustainability of this iconic fishery.

The new limits have been proposed in response to the increasing popularity of dusky flathead fishing. Many recreational fishers have expressed support for action to provide more protection for large breeding dusky flathead, particularly females, in East Gippsland estuaries.

Fisheries research through boat ramp surveys and angler diary information collected in Mallacoota Inlet and Lake Tyers suggest catches of large females have declined since the 1990s.

To boost big fish stocks, Fisheries Victoria has issued a draft Fisheries Notice to introduce a maximum size limit for dusky flathead of 55cm for recreational anglers. The maximum size limit would protect large fish and help rebuild breeding stocks. The minimum size limit would also be increased from 27cm to 30cm.

The implementation of this Fisheries Notice will not change the current daily bag limit of five dusky flathead per person. The new

slot size limit will not apply to commercial fishing activity to avoid the wasteful discard of large flathead.

Fisheries Victoria is seeking public comment on the draft Fisheries (Dusky Flathead) Notice until Sunday 30 September 2012.

To comment on this Fisheries Notice, please provide comments in writing to Zac Lewis, Fisheries Manager, PO Box 4440, Melbourne 3001, or email <a href="mailto:zac.lewis@dpi.vic.gov.au">zac.lewis@dpi.vic.gov.au</a>. For more information, visit <a href="mailto:www.dpi.vic.gov.au/fishing">www.dpi.vic.gov.au/fishing</a>

# Anglers and scientists to examine the past to understand changing fish stocks

Competition records collected by fishing clubs over the past 50 years will be used by CSIRO scientists in a new project which aims to detect changes to fish distributions along the south-east Australian coast in response to changing ocean conditions.

CSIRO hope to understand how these changes will impact on the experience of recreational fishers and to better develop adaptation strategies for coastal communities.

Scientists will review historic records from New South Wales, Victorian and Tasmanian fishing clubs from as early as the 1960s.

Recreational users of coastal waters are often in the best position to see changes occurring locally. These records will provide insight into how fish populations have moved as the East Australian Current (EAC) pushes southwards.

Previous studies suggest the 1980s was a tipping point for change among marine species on the east coast of Australia. Early records from the 60s and 70s will provide a baseline against which we can measure change and compare distributions against what is being recorded now.

#### Lake Hume fish investigation rules out infection

An extensive investigation into sick redfin found in Lake Hume earlier this year has ruled out an infection as the cause of their condition.

Over the winter months, recreational anglers at Lake Hume reported a number of redfin in their catches affected by a gill and skin condition.

As a result of these reports, an investigation was undertaken by the Victorian Department of Primary Industries, the Environment Protection Authority and CSIRO.

The investigation established dermatitis and chronic branchitis as the cause – not a viral infection. Dermatitis is an inflammation of the skin while chronic branchitis is an inflammation of the gills.

#### Fisher loses boat for fleeing from Fisheries Officers

A Melbourne man has had his boat and trailer forfeited after pleading guilty to trying to flee Fisheries Officers and driving dangerously on Port Phillip Bay earlier this year.

Fisheries Officers in a clearly marked patrol boat had spotted the man traveling towards Melbourne from Point Cook. This area of Port Phillip is a known location for those targeting abalone and squid.

The man had been snorkel diving for abalone and line-fishing for squid and snapper, in the process taking and retaining onboard a quantity of abalone and squid.

As he was returning to Altona he was approached by the Fisheries patrol boat and ordered to stop, but instead made an abrupt turn and sped away at 25 knots (46km/hr).

The man has been banned from fishing for a year; his boat operator's licence has been suspended for six months and ordered to forfeit his fishing equipment and a boat and trailer worth \$7500.

He was also ordered to pay costs of just under \$1000 and perform 100 hours of unpaid community service.

#### Bream in the Gippsland Lakes

The 2010 Fisheries Status Report on black bream in the Gippsland Lakes said, "The most recent formal assessment of the Gippsland Lakes bream stock was conducted in 2008, confirming that stocks remain at historic lows, and finding no evidence for any significant improvement in recruitment." Stable but historically low and no improvement and this has been the situation since 1996. Anglers have stated that at the very least the problem needs urgent examination and a good starting point might be the protection of spawning fish from commercial nets.

#### Fisheries Roundtable Forum

Main matters discussed were-

- Restructure of Fisheries Victoria
- Fisheries Management Issues
- Australian Platypus Conservation
- Access to public and private lands
- Super Trawler FV" Magiris