



ORMOND ANGLING CLUB INC

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Date: 4 February 2015

Meeting No: 3162

Minutes of the Ormond Angling Club General Meeting

Meeting opened at 8.00 pm with Don Ellis in the chair.

Members present: 16 Visitors: Nil

Apologies: Gaynor Morris

Illnesses: Ean Moser not too well after recent treatments

Administrative Matters:

Nominations: Nil

Elections: Nil

President's Report:

1. Kingfish have been reported inside and outside Port Phillip Heads, to 18kg
2. There are a number of reports of the Goulburn River starting to fire up with trout.

Exec. Committee Actions:

The next Executive Committee Meeting has been deferred until Wednesday 25th February

Secretary's Report: Tom Nadebaum

Correspondence In:

Jim's Mowing

SE Water

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City of Glen Eira

Invoices

Account

Term deposit details

Account statements

Rate notice

Correspondence out:

Notices to members

Angling Matters:

Member's Angling Reports:

1. Trevor Thommers mentioned a second hand report from Peter Leggett that Elwood fished Westernport (Middle Spit?) from Hastings on a charter (Rob Harrison) and caught 50 whiting in one hour to 10:30, with 68 whiting in total
2. Trevor Thommers reported that the Talking Fishing show 3rd February reported a whiting of 1.327kg / 54 cm in Westernport in 2m of water
3. Tom Nadebaum fished on a charter with James Rogers on UnReel, out of Stony Point – 5 fishers caught a mixed bag of 18 whiting, 12 pinkies, mullet and a tommy rough. Best fishing was at Tortoise Head, but it was generally slow, with a stiff southerly breeze
4. Lou Gerardi fished Kalimna, Lakes Entrance, Lake Tyers and Wonboyn with some “novice” friends, for little result.
5. Don Ellis fished the Goulburn River for 4 hours, and after a slow start, bagged out in half an hour, with trout 30-34 cm and others put back – water was running high.
6. Harry Sprakes fished Lake Eildon trolling with scrubbies for one trout to 38 cm.

Trip Captain's Report – Peter Manning

6 members in 3 boats, plus one member from the pier, fished the B2 competition on Saturday 31st January out of Hastings. There was little traffic, being able to launch straight in and retrieve without delay

(***Note that the ticket machine is not working, so boat owners have to pay over the phone)
Weather was very good at first, but the wind picked up from around 10:30am and it got very “lumpy” coming back.

One boat went up to Quail bank and then came back, while the other two boats started on Tyabb Bank north of Lysaghts, looking for sand strips among weed beds in ~2.5m, but dirty water and low sun made them hard to find. Fishing was good early, but tailed off after the tide change. Deeper spots off Lysaghts were not productive.

Angling Secretary's Report— Trevor Thommers

B2 Competition at Westernport, 31st January 2015:

7 members weighed in 20 KG whiting, 2 flathead and 2 leatherjackets, total 7.435 kg

Competition winner was Tom Nadebaum with 5 whiting weighing 1.975 kg

As Tom had already won a Bay competition, the trophy winner was George Green with 5 whiting and 1 leatherjacket weighing 1.645 kg

Gaynor Morris had the heaviest fish, a flathead weighing 0.925 kg

Tom Nadebaum had the heaviest whiting of 0.440 kg

Number of members who caught fish was 6

Average fish weight was 310 gms

Next Competition: Bay B3 Saturday 14th February (whiting preference)

Venue: Western Port (Hasting or Stony Point)

Meet: 6:30am at Hastings boat ramp (preferably with boats already in the water)
Lines Down: ASAP after 6:30am
Lines up: 12:30 pm
Weigh-in: ASAP afterwards
Weigh-in Location: Adjacent to Hastings boat ramp/car park (e.g. alongside WPFC gantry)
Trip Captain: George Green

Subsequent Competitions: Bay B4

Date: Saturday 14th March

Venue: ***TBA (was to be Port Albert however, the Preston-Northcote lodge accommodation was not available, so it will now be a local day trip only, to a venue to be notified)

Details to be confirmed at next meeting prior to trip

Freshwater F3 Newlands Reservoir – 11th April

Trip sheet is on the notice board – please notify your intention to fish this competition

Freshwater F4 Goulburn River – 18th April

Includes inter-club competition with Elwood - please notify your intention to fish this competition

Other Angling Matters

The Jesson Shield is scheduled for the third weekend in August, for a day and a half, to be a bream preference (other species will also be accepted) on the three Gippsland rivers, with weigh-in at Nicholson Boat Ramp.

Social Matters:

Social committee report (Lou Gerardi):

Social functions:

1. First OAC Brunch for 2015 is now scheduled for Sunday **8th February** at Piazza Vercelli cafe 76 East Boundary Bentleigh East.
2. OAC Dinner scheduled for 6-7th March. Details to be finalised at next meeting
3. Sinker making day scheduled for Sunday 29th March (to be confirmed)

Tonight's raffle prizes (Frank): torch, lures

Treasurer's Report Ian Morris

Moved by Peter Manning

Seconded by Ean Moser

Carried Yes

Last meeting's minutes:

Matters arising from last meeting's minutes:
No matters were raised

Confirmation of last meeting's minutes

Moved by Peter Manning
Seconded by John Healy

Carried: yes

Delegates' Reports:

Hall hire & Pro. Report—Walt Firestone: nothing to report

MAA/VR Fish. Representative—Don Ellis
Details on attached Annex, in summary:

- VR Fish put out a press release on water allocation for Toolondo reservoir
- A new offshore reef system has been announced between Breamlea and Torquay
- VR Fish submission on changed Australian Gov regulations for thresher sharks
- A push to wear lifejackets following 2 drownings off rocks
- North Road boat ramp and Half Moon Bay are now open on a temporary basis; reconstruction will commence after Easter
- VR Fish has a new director – Alison Webb

General Business:

1. Ian Morris has to relinquish his position as auditor, having now been appointed Treasurer. Ean Moser moved that Auditor of the Club now change to Harry Sprakes for the remainder of the 2014-2015 year. Seconded by Sergei Lepekhin. Motion carried.
2. Ian Morris reported that he was cautioned by water police at Hastings for expired flares and lack of torch. Water safety checklists are available from Fisheries.
3. Ean Moser reported that full length Jarvis walker lifejackets, with sleeves, are available for \$179. Also, members are advised that life jackets require an annual self-check/service on 5th May each year, in order to comply with regulations

Lucky number was Gaynor Morris. As Gaynor WAS NOT in attendance, the lucky number jackpots to \$30.

Meeting Summary:

Bay 3 Competition	Saturday 14th February at Westernport
Bay 4 competition	change of venue – now local day comp only
Brunch:	Sunday 8 th February at Piazza Vercelli East Boundary Road, Bentleigh East
Executive Committee Meeting	Wednesday 25 th February at clubrooms
Sinker Making	Sunday 29 th March

Meeting concluded at 9:20pm

Guest Speaker or other interest item:

No Guest Speaker at General Meetings

Passed as a true and accurate record of the meeting:

Signed.....

Date.....

Next Member's Night When Wednesday 18th February 2015
Time 8.00 pm
Where OAC clubrooms

Next Executive Meeting When Wednesday 25th February 2015
Time 8.00 pm
Where OAC clubrooms

Annex

VR Fish/MAA Delegate Report:

VRFish applauds the Andrews Government on swift action for Toolondo

VRFish would like to extend its sincere gratitude to the Labor Government for putting recreational fishing at the forefront of considerations in relation to water.

On behalf of In support of Victoria's 721,000 recreational fishers, VRFish is pleased to have played a played key role in negotiating and holding the 5,000 megalitres (ML) water entitlement prior to its release into the Lake. We commend the Government for ensuring the interests of recreational fishing are at the forefront of all considerations on water usage as it affects Lake Toolondo.

New Offshore Reefs create fishing habitat and boost recreational fishing

The deployment of a new offshore artificial reef system, the largest in Victoria, has been announced.

VRFish was pleased to attend the official announcement of the deployment a new offshore reef system by the Minister for Agriculture, the Hon. Jaala Pulford at Torquay. VRFish would like to acknowledge the hard work of Fisheries Victoria to oversee construction and delivery of 25 large purpose-built reef modules between Breamlea and Torquay.

The new structures, also referred to as "fish boxes", are more than 4 metres high and weigh up to 20 tonnes. They will be positioned approximately 3 kilometres offshore, in 25 metres of water and are designed to create variable water currents and upwellings that attract baitfish and pelagic predators, such as kingfish.

Rock fishing safety

Life Saving Victoria is urging all fishers to wear lifejackets following two drowning deaths in as many weekends.

On Saturday 10 January, a 67-year-old man was swept off the rocks while fishing near Sorrento. Just a week later on Sunday 18 January, a 26-year-old fisherman was also washed off the rocks at Bridgewater Bay in Portland.

In all of the rock fishing drowning cases we have seen in Victoria since 2000, none have been wearing lifejackets.

Rock fishing safety:

- Always wear a life jacket (Personal Flotation Device or PFD) when rock fishing;
- Always check weather forecasts, including tides, coastal wind forecasts and wave heights;
- Always let someone know your plans, including where you're going and when you will be back;
- When you arrive, take 20 minutes to observe your spot before you go down onto the rocks, to make sure that it's safe for the duration of the wave set;
- Never go fishing alone;
- Never turn your back on the sea;
- Wear appropriate non-slip footwear, and light clothing;

- Carry safety gear including a mobile phone to call for help and a rope and/or flotation device you can throw to someone in the water;
- If you do get swept into the water, stay calm, float, raise one arm and wave and call for help.

For more information on rock fishing please visit www.lifesavingvictoria.com.au/rockfishing

Half Moon Bay Catwalk & North Road Jetty Update

The North Road boat ramp has now reopened and will remain open until after Easter.

The boat ramp at Half Moon Bay will also remain open until after the Easter school holidays to make boat access available during the warmer months.

Reconstruction of the replacement structures, including jetties, is set to commence after Easter. The replacement structures will be a steel construction to increase their design life and durability. The decking will be fibre reinforced plastic with an open mesh to help disperse the energy of wave action. The energy of waves impacting the underside of the Half Moon Bay Catwalk was one of the key contributors to its destruction. Recycled plastic fenders will be used including the reuse of fenders salvaged from the North Road Jetty.

The Half Moon Bay public boat ramp will be extended further out from the shore to improve launching opportunities and the catwalk will also be extended to provide more berthing opportunities.

Welcome to Allison Webb - new Director, Fisheries Science and Management

VRFish would like to welcome Allison Webb as the new Director of Fisheries Science and Management at Fisheries Victoria.