



## **ORMOND ANGLING CLUB INC**

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**Date: 6<sup>th</sup> May 2015**

**Meeting No: 3168**

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

Meeting opened at 8.10 pm with Don Ellis in the chair.

Members present: 14 Visitors: 1 – welcome to John Matheson from Sandringham

Apologies: Ian Morris, Gaynor Morris, David Hornbuckle

Illnesses:

#### **Administrative Matters:**

Nominations: Nil

Elections: Nil

President's Report: No urgent matters

#### **Exec. Committee Actions:**

Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May at the Club Rooms

#### **Secretary's Report:** Tom Nadebaum

Correspondence In:

AGL	Gas account
State Revenue Office	Land Tax
City of Glen Eira	Rates
SE Water	Water account
Department of Justice – Working With Children	Renewal for Walter Firestone
Bentleigh Fitness	Flyer

Correspondence out:

Notices to members

### **Angling Matters:**

Members' Angling Reports (including any reports from previous Members Night):

1. Lou Gerardi fished Brighton Pier one evening in a storm and caught a snapper approx 43cm/1.1kg on pilchard. On the next trip, he caught a KG Whiting approx 33cm/0.3kg
2. John Healey holidayed in Tasmania, and managed to get 2 fishing sessions in, catching 8 pike around 12" on soft plastics from Port Huon wharf, and a 40cm trout on a Tassie Devil at Lake Barrington

### **Trip Captain's Report: Goulburn River**

Members mostly arrived on Friday and stayed overnight at Eildon and Alexandra. It rained heavily overnight but eased off in time for lines down at 7am, and the weather progressively improved through the day, with sunny breaks by the time of the weigh-in and lunch with Elwood.

The river was flowing ~3000ML all week. However, it was a chocolate colour at Alexandra from the overnight rain, but was clearer at Thornton and above.

Fishing was generally patchy, but significantly, all Ormond anglers caught fish.

Trevor arranged catering with the local bakery at Alexandra for a good feed after the weigh-in, while Peter Manning brought up the drinks. Elwood and Ormond agreed that the catering was a success, with almost all food being devoured.

Elwood members generally stayed on for the weekend, while Ormond members returned home after lunch.

### **Angling Secretary's report** (Trevor Thommers):

#### **Fresh Water F4 Competition and Inter-club competition vs Elwood on the Goulburn River, 18<sup>th</sup> April 2015**

- Date Saturday 18/4/2015
- Venue: Goulburn River, including the pondage
- Number of OAC members: 8      Number of Elwood members: 11      Visitors: Nil
- Results of Inter-club competition:
- Elwood:
  - Elwood: Total bag weight 5.600 kg, average per angler 0.509kg
  - Heaviest bag for Elwood was John with 5 rainbows weighing 1.965 kg
  - Heaviest fish for Elwood was Gary with a rainbow of 0.930 kg
- Ormond:
  - Ormond: Total bag weight 6.775 kg, average per angler 0.846kg
  - Heaviest bag for Ormond was Trevor Thommers with 1.675 kg
  - Heaviest fish for Ormond was Peter Manning with a rainbow of 0.750kg
- Ormond won back the shield
- Results of Ormond's F4 competition:
  - 8 members fished
  - Species caught: 8 Brown and 13 Rainbow Trout
  - Trout Total Bag Weight: 6.775 kg      Total Number of Fish caught: 21

- Winner of the comp. was Trevor Thommers with 1.675 kg for 1 brown and 4 rainbow trout
- However, Trevor had already won a freshwater competition, so the trophy winner for this trip was Judy Green with a total bag weight of 1.445 kg for 3 brown and 2 rainbow trout
- Heaviest fish was weighed in by Peter Manning, a rainbow trout of 0.750 kg
- Numbers of members who caught fish was 8
- Average fish weight was 323 gm

**Trevor Thommers was Overall Winner of the Freshwater Aggregate with 81 points.  
George Green was runner up with 80 points**

**Next Trip: Social/Tuition day**

Date: Sunday 17 May 2015

Venue: Gunnamatta surf beach

Meet at: 7am in the car park

Lines up: TBA (no later than 1:00 pm)

The trip will be used to provide tuition to members (old and new), who wish to improve their results on the surf, and is hoped to include both bait and lure fishing.

A BBQ Lunch will be provided.

**Next Estuary Competition: Estuary E4 at the Gippsland Rivers including inter-club competition against Elwood Angling Club**

Dates: E4 Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May and Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May, 2015

Venue: Tambo, Mitchell and Nicholson Rivers

Lines Down, etc: TBA - details to be advised at Members Night

Elwood expect 12 members to fish (only Saturday will be designated as the interclub competition)

A BBQ will be held Saturday night

Accommodation should be available at Bream Lodge or Lealow

Please notify Trevor if you expect to participate

**Next Surf Competition: Surf S2/S3 at Port Albert**

Dates: S2 Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2015

S3 Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2015

Venue: Ninety Mile Beach - Woodside and McLoughlins beaches

Lines Down/up, etc: Details to be advised next meeting

Accommodation will be available at the Preston Angling Club lodge at Port Albert

Trip Captain: TBA

**2015/16 Syllabus**

Members are asked to submit their preferences for trips, for the upcoming season, as input to the 2015/16 syllabus.

Please ring or email one of the Angling Committee (Trevor, George, Peter M and Harry), in good time before their planning meeting on Wednesday 13 May.

### **Social Matters:**

Social committee report – Lou Gerardi:

Social functions:

1. 3 people attended the brunch on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April at Piazza Vercelli cafe 76 East Boundary Bentleigh East. The next brunch will be scheduled later in the year.
2. Note that the Presentation Night is now scheduled for Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> July, at the South Oakleigh Club. Details will be decided at the upcoming Executive Committee Meeting. A flyer of details will be distributed to club members by email; NOTE The presentation night is to be named the OAC Ean Moser Presentation in memory of our late Secretary/Treasurer.
3. Lou is also considering informal social fishing trips as part of the social calendar, say from Mordialloc, for those who would be interested in sharing a hire boat.

Tonight's raffle prizes (Frank): a bait bucket, coffee set and rig holders

### **Treasurer's Report**

Ian Morris was unavailable, so the report was held over.

### **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 Frank Hegazi

Carried: yes

### **Delegates' Reports:**

Hall hire & Pro. Report—Walt Firestone:

All's well (nothing substantive to report)

MAA/VR Fish. Representative—Don Ellis

Details in attached Annex, in summary:

- A Trout Cod fishery is to be established in Northern Victorian lakes
- The Geelong Star Trawler is operating in Bass Strait. VRFish is campaigning against its operation
- Travis Dowling is the new Executive Director of Fisheries Victoria (he is a keen recreational fisher)
- VRFish is setting up a YouTube channel

- A working group has been formed for Lake Toolondo to develop guidelines for a sustainable future
- Goulburn River downstream of Shepparton is getting new boat ramps
- A senior Fisheries member visited Bemm River and as a result it is expected that funding will be secured to improve land-based access
- Parties are negotiating the legal aspects for access to the Goulburn at Brookes Cutting. Members noted that access was also restricted at other places, including Christies Road and MacCraes Road. Members are asked to contact Don with any information they have on current restrictions in accessing the Goulburn River.

### **General Business:**

1. Don Ellis is arranging a guest speaker from Snobs Creek Hatchery, for one of the June or July members nights.
2. Trevor Thommers reported that the house he enjoyed at Venus Bay last holiday, had recently burnt down – a great disappointment.

Lucky number was Michael Shale. As Michael WAS in attendance, he won \$20.

### **Meeting Summary:**

- **Social Fishing trip Sunday 17th May to Gunnamatta**
- **Estuary E4 at the Gippsland Rivers including inter-club competition against Elwood Angling Club Saturday 23rd May and Sunday 24th May, 2015**
- **Surf S2 and S3 Competitions Saturday 6th June/Sunday 7th June at Port Albert**

**Meeting concluded at 9:10 pm**

### **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 20th May 2015  
Time 8.00 pm  
Where OAC clubrooms

Next Executive Meeting When Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2015  
Time 8.00 pm  
Where OAC clubrooms

## **Annex - VR Fish/MAA Delegate Report:**

### **Trout cod fishery heralds a boost to regional communities**

**In recent decades, State and Commonwealth Governments, along with recreational anglers, have started to rebuild trout cod populations through stocking and habitat restoration efforts.**

Recreational licence fees have been used to stock trout cod into Lakes Sambell and Kerferd near Beechworth in North East Victoria since 2008. The aim has been to rebuild the population in the Lakes to a level that would support a recreational fishery for the species. The proposal to create a new trout cod fishery is an outcome of the National Trout Cod Recovery Plan and one of the key initiatives of the Andrews Government Target One Million policy. VRFish is a strong supporter of developing a recreational fishery for trout cod in Victoria. Opening a fishery will raise the profile and awareness of the species and fishing-related tourism benefits will be significant. VRFish has received a great deal of feedback from fishers both in Victoria and interstate expressing their enthusiasm and excitement about being able to catch a trout cod from these stocked fisheries. It will be a unique experience found only in Victoria.

### **VRFish echoes concerns on Geelong Star**

**VRFish is extremely disappointed and concerned over recent marine mammal bycatch and mortalities caused by the Geelong Star in the Small Pelagic Fishery (SPF).**

The Australian Fisheries Management Authority (AMFA) this week announced in a media release the mortality of four dolphins and two seals caught as bycatch by the Geelong Star fishing in the SPF.

VRFish echoes the concerns of recreational fishing groups and stakeholders over these mortalities. VRFish is also extremely disappointed that recreational fishers have been implicated by AFMA in this unfortunate event by statements in their media release which compare highly selective recreational fishing methods with the Geelong Star and large-scale industrial commercial factory trawlers.

### **Welcome to new Director of Fisheries**

Travis Dowling has been appointed as the new Executive Director of Fisheries Victoria, Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources (DEDJTR). Travis has a wealth of experience and expertise working in the field of fisheries management and with recreational fishers.

VRFish wishes Travis all the very best in his new role and looks forward to working with him and Fisheries Victoria in delivering positive outcomes for Victoria's recreational fisheries.

### **VRFish launches YouTube channel**

**VRFish is excited to announce it has branched out into YouTube.**

VRFish has set up a YouTube channel. The VRFish channel has been launched with Helping released snapper survive videos, produced for VRFish by Al McGlashan.

VRFish will be using the channel for education, to raise awareness and promote best practice, responsible fishing and handling practices, to encourage safe fishing, to promote the work done by VRFish and the broader recreational fishing community in protecting and enhancing Victoria's diverse and wonderful array of fisheries and fishing opportunities.

## **Responsible handling & dispatch of your tuna catch**

**Free seminars are being conducted for those who want to learn the best way to ethically and responsibly dispatch, prepare and handle their SBT catch.**

Dr Paul Hardy-Smith, a fish veterinarian with over 20 years' experience.

The information sessions are open to the general public and will be held at the Portland Angling Club on the following dates:

- 24/25th April
- 1st/2nd May

The sessions will start at 7pm and run for 2 hours. This project is funded by the Recreational Fishing Licence Small Grant Program and is supported by VRFish. The SBT season is off to a great start and this information will help ensure high quality fishing and responsible handling now and into the future.

## **Lake Toolondo working group**

**Lake Toolondo is recognised by many as Victoria's premier trout fishery and trophy trout numbers**

The reason for quality of the fishery is known as a "trophic upsurge". This occurred when the drought broke and is due to the glut of food that became available when the fish were stocked back in 2011. The fishery provides an important source of income to local economies and is a tourism draw-card for anglers from South Australia to New South Wales. The Lake is a unique ecosystem and is home to a diverse population of fauna and flora.

The second meeting of the advisory group was held on 13 April and was chaired by Joe Helper, ex-Minister for Agriculture in the Bracks and Brumby Governments. The collaboration between the different members has been excellent and there is genuine goodwill by all to engage in finding appropriate solutions. It is co-management on a scale not often seen - water managers, catchment managers, fisheries managers, recreational fishers and environmental stakeholders - all in the one room and working together to achieve a common goal. At this early stage there are many different options being looked at to deliver the Government policy on minimum water levels for the Lake. There are different costs and benefits with each option and they will be scoped out over the next 4 weeks. It is great to see the Government continuing to work with recreational fishers and other stakeholders to deliver their election commitments.

## **Better boat access at Toolamba**

Anglers fishing the Goulburn River at Toolamba can now enjoy better access thanks to improved boat launching facilities and tracks.

Parks Victoria and the Toolamba Fishing Club obtained a \$52,000 grant from the State Government to upgrade the boat ramp and the access track leading to it.

The single lane earthen ramp has been graded, re-gravelled and levelled, and 500 metres of track has been graded and resurfaced to enable all-weather access.

The Toolamba access point is well utilised throughout the year but particularly during the Toolamba Fishing Classic held over Easter each year.

The Goulburn River is a popular spot with anglers chasing Murray cod, golden perch and freshwater crayfish.

Fisheries Victoria stocks the river each year with Murray cod and golden perch fingerlings to boost freshwater fishing opportunities.