



## **ORMOND ANGLING CLUB INC**

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**Date: 6 February 2013**

**Meeting No: 3115**

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

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

Members present: 13 Visitors: Nil

Apologies: Ian & Gaynor Morris

#### **Administrative Matters:**

Nominations: Nil

Elections: Nil

President's Report:

MAA delegate appointed to the Recreational  
Fishing Grants Working Group

Illnesses: No reports

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

Executive committee meeting held Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2013

Matters considered were

- Werribee River fishing social and instruction day Sunday 17 May
- Recreational fishing grants not directly available for clubs
- Fixing of rear external lights
- Kitchen update.
- Preston AC lodge at Port Albert
- Mixed social trip to Williamstown by ferry
- Increase in prize money for raffles
- Proposed new OAC constitution and special General Meeting to discuss the proposal
- Upgrading of sign board at front of the clubrooms
- Alterations to member's draw prizes
- Scrutinized the Oakdale AC syllabus with the aim of revamping the OAC syllabus
- Circulation of meeting minutes

**Secretary's Report:**

Correspondence In:  
South East Water.  
ING.  
Nab.  
Fisheries.

Water rates  
Term deposit R/C  
Bank statement  
2013 fishing guides

Correspondence out:  
All Club members.

Notice of Special general meeting

**Angling Matters:**

Member's Angling Reports:

*George Green* reported that he and Judy had fished Western Port along the Middle Spit. Initially they were on the drop off and managed to catch 2 King George Whiting and a nice Flathead. Subsequently they moored off the bank in approx 5 metres of water without much success.

They then moved north of the Lysaght jetty where there was plenty of boat movement. At this location they caught 7 Leatherjackets in a size range of 34-35 cms. Unfortunately no more KG Whiting were caught

Harry Sprakes reported on a fishing trip to Devil Bend Lake. Wasn't a successful trip as only 2 Eels were caught. Problem was excessive amounts of weed in most fishing locations. No early bites were felt.

**Trip Captain's Report:** Peter Manning

Western Port comp. Bay B2.

6 members met at the Hasting's boat ramp. Weather conditions were good with a light South east wind

Peter took out Alex and Sergey and they fished off and around the refinery jetty. Moved 6 times but were unable to locate any quantity of fish, Water conditions with the wind against the tide made for difficult fishing

**Angling Secretary's Report**— Trevor Thommers

Western Port Comp. Bay B2

- Date Saturday 19 January 2013
- Venue: Hastings-Launch from Hastings boat ramp
- Number of members: 8      Visitors: Nil
- Total Bag Weight: 12.870 kg    Total Number of Fish caught: 41
- Species caught: 1 Flathead, 2 Snapper, 24 KG Whiting, 6 Trevally, 1 Leatherjacket, 6 Yakka and 1 Mullet
- Winner of the comp. was Ross Manning with 15 fish weighing 7.050 kg
- Winner of the Trophy was also Ross Manning
- Heaviest fish was a Trevally weighing 0.780 kg and this was caught by Sergey Lephitkin

Numbers of members who caught fish was 7  
Average fish weight 310 gms

**Next Competition: Bay B3 (KG Whiting preference)**

Date: Saturday 16 February 2013

Venue: Western Port-Launch from Hastings boat ramp

Meet at 6.30am Lines up: 1.30 pm Weigh-in: asap after 1.30 pm

Weigh-in Location Hastings boat ramp

Trip Captain: George Green

**Other Angling matters**

Members to note that the minimum size for KG Whiting is 28 cms

**Port Albert trip March long weekend**

Preston Northcote lodge at Port Albert is no longer available for this Trip, however cabins are still available at Seabank Caravan Park Caravan Park at Woodside is also available at a minimum rate of \$100/night with an extra \$16 per person

**Bait**

Pippis can be purchased from Steve at Flinders at \$8.00 /kilo.  
It is suggested that the club purchase a bulk lot and store them in a freezer in the OAC shed. Ian Morris has offered to the supply a freezer for this purpose

**Western Port KG Whiting Challenge**

To take place out from Hastings on 2-3 March 2013  
Entry Fee is \$40 and a \$1000 prize is available to an angler that Catches a KG Whiting over 1 kg

**Fisheries Victoria**

Recreational Fishing Guides for 2012/13 are now available at the club

**Social Matters:**

Social committee report:  
No social activities since Xmas break up.

Tonight's raffle prizes:  
Fishing line, net and scaler

**Social functions:**

Bay social fishing day now scheduled for Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> February  
Trip cancelled due to lack of numbers

Family club social trip to Williamstown by Yarra Ferry now planned for Sunday 24 March 2013. Flyer to be distributed to club members

**Delegates Reports:**

Hall hire & Pro. Report—Walt Firestone  
Graffiti has been painted over by Peter Manning - With grateful Thanks.

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

**General Business:**

OAC ladder- Returned by Trevor Thommers with grateful thanks. Trevor informed the meeting that he has since purchased an equivalent ladder for a cost of \$139.  
He asked the Treasurer what did the club pay for its ladder?

**Member's Draw**

If Ray Chirgwin had been at the meeting he would have won \$30.00 for himself so now the amount jackpots by not \$5.00 but \$10.00 each time the drawn member is not at the meeting.

**Meeting Summary:**

Outline of Bay B2 comp. on Western Port  
Mixed social trip now planned for 24 March 2013  
Venue Williamstown by Yarra Ferry

**Meeting concluded at 9.20 pm**

**URGENT NOTE:-**

**THE MEMBER'S NIGHT LISTED FOR 20 FEBRUARY 2013  
IS TO BE REPLACED BY A DISCUSSION ON THE PROPOSED  
NEW CONSTITUTION OF THE OAC**

**Guest Speaker or other interest item:**

Next Guest speaker will be our own club member  
George Green who will give a talk and a demonstration on bank fishing for Bream on the Werribee River. This will be a prelude for a planned Werribee River social fishing trip in May 2013  
This is scheduled to take place on the member's night  
Wednesday 20 March 2013

Passed as a true and accurate record of the meeting:

Signed.....

Date.....

Next Meeting                      Special General Meeting  
   Wednesday 20 February 2013  
   8.00 pm  
   OAC clubrooms

Next Executive Meeting:      Wednesday 13 March 2013  
   8.00 pm  
   OAC clubrooms

Annex  
VR Fish/MAA Delegate Report

**Cormorants**

The cormorant problem in freshwater rivers etc and estuaries was debated at some length at last night's MAA meeting/ Delegates requested that the matter be taken up asap with Fisheries Victoria

**Dromana Pier**

An unconfirmed report was made that it is intended to demolish the Dromana pier. This matter is to be followed up with the Flinders shire council

**Wesley Do-Care Mission**

Have requested the MAA to consider fostering a program for anglers who are experiencing social isolation/ The MAA is planning to have a group discussion to examine the feasibility of such a program

**Frankston fishing improved with recreational reef**

Recreational fishers at Frankston Pier should start to notice more fish in the area thanks to a new recreational reef recently installed by the Victorian Government.

The reef, along with another two installed in November in Port Phillip Bay, have been paid for with \$400,000 of proceeds from the sale of recreational fishing licences.

The reef will attract more fish to the area by providing the right shelter and habitat. This is great news for recreational fishers who like to fish from Frankston Pier. The reefs should be rapidly colonised by marine life, providing immediate fishing opportunities this summer, but will take several years to reach their full angling potential.

Snapper are likely to be one of the main species attracted to the reefs. Other species likely to occur on the reefs periodically include leatherjackets, pike, flathead, King George whiting, yellowtail scad, salmon, squid and silver trevally.

The new reef is located in water three to four metres deep, within casting distance at the end of Frankston Pier. It consists of a total of 99 dome shaped concrete reef modules of different sizes. The reef modules range between 170 and 340 kilograms in weight and 50 to 60 centimetres in height. Each reef module has a number of holes and cavities in it to allow water flow and provide refuges for marine life.

For more information on artificial reefs go to: [www.dpi.vic.gov.au/fisheries/reefs](http://www.dpi.vic.gov.au/fisheries/reefs)

### **Summer stockings of Murray cod continue**

Victorian fishers will have more chances to land an iconic Murray cod in the future with 362,000 fingerlings released into seven waters throughout northern Victoria as part of this summer's stocking program.

Some of the recently stocked Murray cod fingerlings were grown at the Department of Primary Industries' Snobs Creek hatchery, near Eildon, while others were supplied by hatcheries in New South Wales.

These stockings are being funded by the Victorian Government's \$16 million Recreational Fishing Initiative and also by proceeds from the sale of recreational fishing licences.

The Murray cod stocking season will continue until around March this year when Fisheries Victoria's focus will turn to more stocking of golden perch, which breed later than the Murray cod.

Locations stocked with Murray cod so far this summer include:

- 8,000 into Lake Nillahcootie;
- 22,500 into the Goulburn River upstream of Lake Nagambie to Seymour;
- 23,000 into Lake Nagambie;
- 60,000 into Gunbower Creek between Torumbarry Weir Road and Cohuna;
- 70,000 into the Loddon River at Bridgewater, Serpentine and Fernihurst Weir;
- 100,000 into Kow Swamp; and
- 259,200 into Lake Eildon with more to come as part of the 'Murray Cod Million' project.

Murray cod fingerlings stocked this summer will take three to five years to reach the minimum legal length of 60 centimetres. If fishers are keen to target catchable size Murray cod in a stocked lake or river, they should refer to stocking histories from several years ago, all of which are available on the Department of Primary Industries website at [www.dpi.vic.gov.au/fisheries](http://www.dpi.vic.gov.au/fisheries)

Last summer, Fisheries Victoria stocked more than two million native fish for the second consecutive year, including 885,000 Murray cod, to improve freshwater fishing opportunities.

### **Trout stocking delivers again for inland fishers**

Victorian trout fishers continued to enjoy outstanding fishing last year thanks in large part to the Department of Primary Industries' annual stocking program.

More than 636,000 trout and salmon were released into 140 waters during the year to improve fishing opportunities for freshwater fishers across the state.

The stockings included nearly 75,000 catchable size rainbow trout that were released for the second and third term school holidays, mainly into small lakes in suburbs and towns. Those stockings provided children and beginners with a chance to wet a line close to home.

However, experienced trout anglers reaped the benefits of ongoing stockings in larger lakes such as Tooliorook, Deep, Elingamite, Burrumbeet, Learmonth and Fyans.

Large numbers of trout, some weighing more than 2kg each, were caught from several of these lakes throughout last year. One of the standout waters was Lake Toolondo, southwest of Horsham, which recovered from drought in 2011 and was stocked with brown and rainbow trout soon after, and again in 2012.

Fishers reported that the stocked trout in Lake Toolondo grew quickly and provided terrific fishing through winter and spring of last year.

Lake Wendouree is another water that's made an outstanding recovery over recent years thanks to stockings by Fisheries Victoria and the Ballarat Fish Acclimatisation Society.

For a full list of waters stocked with trout during 2012 visit [www.dpi.vic.gov.au/troutstocking2012](http://www.dpi.vic.gov.au/troutstocking2012)

### **Portland man faces charges for alleged abalone trafficking**

A 37-year-old Portland man is facing a number of charges after allegedly taking far in excess of the daily bag limit for abalone while diving in December last year.

The man was observed diving for abalone in the Dutton Way area near Portland and was intercepted by Fisheries Officers as he came ashore.

He was allegedly found with 93 green lip abalone, even though the bag limit for the species is two per person per day. The permitted take of any species of abalone is a total of five per person per day, of which no more than two can be greenlip abalone.

Fisheries Officers seized the man's diving gear and vehicle as well as the abalone.