



## **ORMOND ANGLING CLUB INC**

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**Date: 16 January 2013**  
**Meeting No: 3114**

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

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

Members present: 14 Visitors: nil  
Apologies: Ian & Gaynor Morris

#### **Administrative Matters:**

Nominations: Nil  
Elections: Nil  
President's Report: Werribee River Update  
Illnesses: Nil

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

Next committee meeting is to be held on Wed.23 January 2013.  
Major item for discussion is the club constitution

#### **Secretary's Report:**

Correspondence In:

AGL  
City of Glen Eira  
Local MLA  
Southern Flyfishers  
AGL  
Nab  
Bait Discount Tackle  
ING Direct

Gas A/C  
Aust. Day Breakfast  
Christmas card  
News letter  
Elect. A/C  
Bank statement  
Catalogues  
Bank statement

Correspondence out:

ING Direct  
Step x Step

Transfer of funds  
Rent increase

#### **Angling Matters:**

Member's Angling Reports: George Green reported that he & Judy fished Western Port out from Hastings. Whiting were scarce.

**Trip Captain's Report:**

No comps. Since last meeting

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

No comps since last meeting

**Next Competition: Bay B2**

Date: Saturday 21 January 2013

Venue: Western Port Launch from Hastings

Meet at Hastings boat ramp at 6.00am

Lines down: ASAP after launch Lines up: 2.00pm Weigh-in: ASAP after lines up

Weigh-in Location Hastings boat ramp

Trip Captain: Peter Manning

**Social Matters:**

Social committee report:

No social functions since the Xmas break up

Tonight's raffle prizes: Tackle box—torch—poncho.

Social functions:

2 activities are listed for February 2013

- Social fishing trip to Western Port Sunday 10 Feb. –
- Club mixed social trip to Williamstown by Yarra River ferry  
On Sunday 24 March 2013.

**FOR SALE!!** Club clothing. Jackets, shirts, hats, caps, badges etc.

See Ean or Ian

**Last meeting's minutes:**

Matters arising from last meeting's minutes:

Bass Yabby pumping at Warneet.

It was reported by George Green that a ban had been placed on the pumping of Bass Yabbies from the sands adjacent to the Warneet boat ramp. Discussions on this matter were subsequently taken up with personnel from both Fisheries and Parks Victoria. Both organizations denied any knowledge of such a ban and advised that anglers were free to pump Bass Yabbies in the Warneet ramp area

Confirmation of last meeting's minutes  
Moved by.....  
Seconded by.....  
Carried:           yes/no

**Delegates Reports:**

Hall hire—Walt Firestone

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

**General Business:**

Member's Draw: Sue Hooper's number was draw as she was not at the meeting the amount jackpots to \$30.00 for next meeting.

**Meeting Summary:**

**Meeting concluded at ...9.30**

**Guest Speaker or other interest item:**

Passed as a true and accurate record of the meeting:

Signed.....

Date.....

Next Meeting:           Type   General  
                                  When   Wednesday 06 February 2013  
                                  Time   8.00 pm  
                                  Where OAC clubrooms

Next Executive Meeting: When   Wednesday 23 January 2013  
                                  Time   8.00 pm  
                                  Where OAC clubrooms

Annex  
VR Fish/MAA Delegate Report

**Fisheries Roundtable Forum 28**

Minutes included discussions on the following topics

- Investigation of extension of Public Liability Insurance to recreational anglers for all Fishing activities
- VR Fish to seek a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with DSE
- Eradication of Northern Pacific Sea Star
- Recreational fishing and climate change
- Fisheries Victoria science restructure

Reports on the following

- Shellfish Reefs in Port Phillip
- Opening of Devil bend Natural Features Reserve
- Werribee River Regional Park
- Saltwater fishing update
- Marine Safety Act review

Fisheries Victoria report on current recreational activities

Recreational fishing improvements

Fisheries projects

Fisheries use of Social Media

### **Victoria's Gippsland bass fishery continues to expand**

Fisheries Victoria have recently released 35,000 Australian bass into the Nicholson River for the first time.

Over the next three years, a total of 100,000 bass will be stocked into the river to improve freshwater fishing opportunities.

The population of Australian bass in the Nicholson River has declined over several decades, but we are confident that we can rebuild a healthy bass population there.

Australian bass have also recently been stocked in several other Gippsland waters:

- Blue Rock Lake - 15,000
- Lake Glenmaggie - 10,000
- Narracan Lake - 10,000
- Mitchell River (Iguana Creek area) - 5,000
- Avon River (Valencia Creek area) - 3,000
- Cowwarr Weir - 2,000
- Macalister River, downstream of Lake Glenmaggie - 2,000

Since 2010, Fisheries Victoria has stocked nearly 320,000 Australian bass into eight lakes and rivers in Gippsland.

Recent feedback from local anglers indicates these bass are thriving with recent reports of those in the Avon reaching 17cm and those in the Macalister up to 20cm. Fisheries Victoria is also working closely with local agencies to improve angler access on the Nicholson River.

### **Devilbend Reserve opens in time for summer fun**

The Devilbend Natural Features Reserve is now officially open to visitors for the first time in six years after \$1.6 million of works funded by Parks Victoria.

One of the two new fishing and viewing platforms at the reserve has been completed, thanks to additional funding of \$200,000 from Fisheries Victoria through revenue from recreational fishing licences.

This is the first time the public has had access to this site since it was formally transferred to the Crown in 2006, after the reserve was decommissioned as a water supply facility.

As well as improving fishing access to the site, Fisheries Victoria has stocked the old Devilbend Reservoir with brown trout and rainbow trout, boosting recreational fishing opportunities in time for the opening.

This is a wonderful opportunity for the public to get out in nature and enjoy this great new reserve – and hopefully land a fish.

Visitors can now enjoy direct access to the water's edge with extensive walking tracks and a boardwalk. The area of the reserve available for park visitors to explore has increased six fold, with an additional 30 hectares being opened up.

Works also completed include a new park entrance gateway, asphalt entrance road, a car park, picnic and barbecue facilities and new signage.

Devilbend Natural Features Reserve is located at Tuerong, Melways Map 152 J3. For further information contact Parks Victoria at [www.parks.vic.gov.au](http://www.parks.vic.gov.au).

### **More chances to hook a Murray cod this season**

The recreational fishing season for Murray cod opened on December 1 and fishers have a great chance of landing a catch after substantial fish stocking programs in Victoria's lakes and rivers.

Fisheries Victoria has stocked more than 1.7 million Murray cod fingerlings in the past two years. With more releases planned for this summer, the two million milestone will be reached, meaning there will be even more Murray cod stocks to enjoy in the years to come.

Murray cod is an iconic native fish and catching one is the biggest thrill an inland fisher could have here in Victoria. Murray cod have been released widely across northern Victoria to improve fish stock and angling opportunities.

The *Million Murray Cod* project at Lake Eildon is Australia's most substantial stocking program for the species and is funded entirely by recreational fishing licence fees.

### **Better facilities in Western Port for recreational fishers**

Fishers will have better access to popular fishing spots on the eastern side of Western Port following upgrades to boat launching facilities at Corinella.

Years of exposure to the elements has deteriorated the ladders and supporting beams and fenders on the jetties surrounding the Corinella boat ramp, which is an important access point for fishers targeting the eastern side of Western Port.

Two new fish cleaning tables will also be installed over the coming year to complement the upgrades to the jetties.