

Greensborough And District
Angling Club Inc.



A Family Fishing Club
1926—2011

85 Years of Angling Tradition

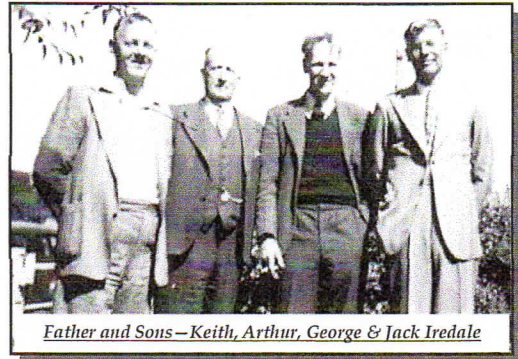


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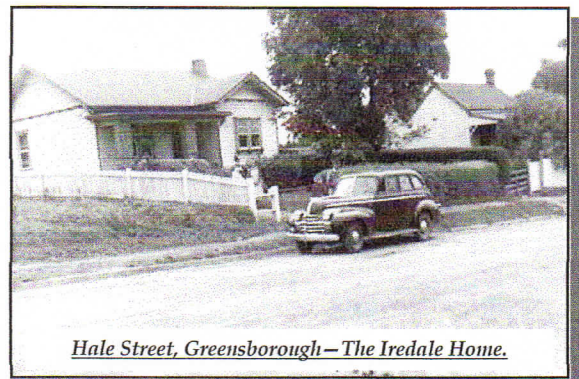
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Hale Street, Greensborough - The Iredale Home.



2008 – Retiring President's Report

It is difficult to believe, but it has been 11 years since I became President of our Club. It was after a few drinks in the Darwin RSL where Denis Rowlands and Terry Beckwith convinced me to take on a role for which I really had no experience.

I nervously agreed to take on the job, but did so only to help the Club while hoping that I could make a positive difference to the future of the Club. I have tried to follow the objectives of sportsmanship, integrity and general fair play and have always made decisions in the best interests of the Club as a whole and not simply based on individual personal interests.

A Club like ours is not run by one person or even a small group of people. It takes a combined effort from all of us to make the Club a success. I am proud to say that over the past 11 years, one thing has been ever constant. The dedication and commitment of the members of this Club to step up and help when required. Long serving members and new members have all taken turns to work tirelessly to ensure that this Club continues to grow and prosper.

Some of the major achievements and member contributions over the years have been:

1997

- The change to Thursday night meetings to allow those members with growing families to still attend club meetings
- The separation of internal club competitions from inter-club competitions to allow us to fish as a Team against other Clubs

Glen Bussey stepped down as Hall Booking Officer after 6 years in the position

1998

- Planning for the rear extension begins. Ken Leamon prepares the detailed plans
- First Sugerloaf Family Fishing Day. Lots of hard work. Participants loved the days

1999

- The building of the storage boxes at the rear of the rooms
 - The rebuilding of the billiard table
 - The New South Wales licence days netted the Club \$800 from 3 days. Martin Dawes and Brian Dyson were the mainstays in this revenue raising effort for the Club
 - Conway Knight steps down as Social Secretary and accepts position of Vice President
 - Second Sugerloaf Family Fishing Day. Huge effort from John Whitfield printing T-shirts
- Rob MacGibbon wants to step down as Treasurer after 3 years. No hope

2000

- Martin Dawes steps down as Social Secretary after many years and takes up the position of Club Secretary
- Graham Tomkins becomes Social Secretary
- Denis Rowlands steps down as Hall Booking Officer after 3 years
- The Club floors are renewed

Building of the rear extension starts in August

2001

- Club manages the Plenty River Family Fishing Day. Council congratulates us on our professionalism
- The Club celebrates our 75th anniversary. Brian Dyson spent hours looking through the historical records to produce a commemorative booklet with photos and stories. The celebratory function was attended by over 100 members and guests

2002

- Successful completion of the rear extension with the assistance of Northern Metro TAFE. A tremendous achievement by all members, especially Anthony Rocca, Tim Scale, Bill Fleming, John Battista, Graham Tomkins and those who assisted with the painting
 - End of the NSW boat licence days. A huge hit to our finances
 - Greg Hayton takes on the Hall Booking Officer role
- Tim Plummer steps down from the Committee and accepts role of Web Site manager



2008 – Retiring President's Report

2003

- Greensborough successfully wins all the interclub shields in the same year. A tremendous effort
 - Start of the mid-week pensioners piscatorial pursuits.
 - The development of the GDAC Angling Course with John Whitfield, Alan Moore, John Dafilis, Tom Phillips, Frank Griska, Denis Rowlands and Brian Dyson. Feedback from participants rated the course as excellent
 - Rob MacGibbon still looking for someone to take over as treasurer. Still no hope
- Our financial position begins to improve and we start adding to our bank balance

2004

- Life memberships awarded to John Whitfield, Glen Bussey and Martin Dawes,
 - Glen Bussey and Jim Cussens (joint Social Secretary's) step down for a break
 - Start of the great "dry" as many of our popular fishing locations are affected by drought
- Martin Dawes Secretary and Brian Dyson Assistant Secretary step down for a break

2005

- Chris Beckwith accepts role of Secretary and Mike Hedt becomes the Assistant Secretary
- Frank Saunders steps down as Social Secretary
- The plans for the new extension are prepared by Ken Leamon

We put in our first submission for funding from Council

2006

- Florian Karwacki takes on the role of Social Secretary
- Greg Hayton steps down as Hall Booking Officer
- Howard (Bluey) Gault takes on the role of Secretary
- We put in our second submission for funding from Council

We are 80 years young

2007

- GDAC wins the Jesson Shield
 - The Club rooms undergo a major refurbishment with the assistance of Anthony Rocca, Tim Scale, Tim Plummer and the many Club members who assisted with the painting of the hall
- The hall is rented to the Apprenticeship Board. Club finances are increased by over \$7000

2008

- We finally succeed in obtaining funding from Council. This is a tremendous opportunity for the Club
- Keith Bradshaw has been cutting our back yard for over 10 years, at least

The Social Secretary is still hiding the party pies/sausage rolls etc from me

The past 11 years have been very satisfying and rewarding for me and I have enjoyed watching the Club and the members develop over time. There have been times of achievement, celebration, amusement, entertainment and success. There have also been times of loss and bereavement. Throughout all these experiences, I have enjoyed my association with the Club and have made some very good friends along the way.

In closing, I would like to thank all the members who have assisted me during my term. I have greatly appreciated the support of those who have served on Committee and those who have volunteered their time and experience to help with the management of the Club. Your combined achievements over the years speak for themselves.

Tonight, I hand over the reins of the Club to a new, younger President and I am sure the Club is in good hands.

Russell Conway



INTERESTING FACTS – 1978 TO 2011

- 10/02/78 Members invited to a film night by the Diamond Valley Sportfishing Club.
09/03/79 80 lb Cod caught near weir wall, Eildon.
27/05/83 Boat licence soon to be required in Victoria.
03/08/84 Rod fee abolished. All fish to be weighed in cleaned (gilled & gutted).
22/01/85 Pat Lewton to be nominated by G.D.A.C. for Angling Services Award.
05/02/85 Function to commemorate 50th Anniversary of hall opening to be organised.
12/04/85 Club Member's claim for world record 3.7 kg brown Trout on 1 kg line.
23/07/85 Article sent to Diamond Valley News on first woman Executive member of G.D.A.C. -June Adams, Secretary.
13/09/85 G.D.A.C. was made an Honorary Member of NFA (No other Club has this.)
31/01/86 Murray Cod (86 lb) run over by speed boat.
09/05/86 Coast Guard Course conducted. Dux of Class - Glen Bussey.
15/08/86 Pat Lewton awarded Angling Services Award 1986
Offer to buy club property from Able Scales rejected.
15/03/88 "Go Anywhere" competitions removed from syllabus.
09/08/88 Club participates in 3CR community radio. Opportunity to deliver 15 minutes of news and results. Commencing on 18/9/1988 at 6.15am
16/08/88 John Cranston and Martin Dawes to visit 3CR studio on Saturday night to inspect studio and learn to use the equipment.
16/08/88 3CR Diamond Valley radio program. G.D.A.C. to host show starting 18/09/88.
23/09/88 Membership application from Jack "Yabby" Wells.
07/02/89 Frank Griska nominated for Life Membership. Awarded at Presentation Night.
04/04/89 Discussion on banning smoking in the hall during meetings.
07/07/89 Smoking banned in hall during meetings.
30/11/90 Restumping of hall to commence late January 1991.
18/12/90 Valuation of club premises - \$230,000 - \$270,000.
22/03/91 Garage Sale profit - \$955.
12/07/91 Repolishing of floorboards. Quotes \$1000, \$1,400 & \$1,320.
09/08/91 3CR "Let's Go Fishing" radiothon raised \$1500 for station.
13/12/91 First Trash-N-Stash bill.
17/12/91 Bumper sticker "Drop a line with the G.D.A.C." with address suggested.
07/07/92 Tournament Committee raised club size limit on trout to 35 cms for club competitions.
28/08/92 NSW Waterways contacted.
11/09/92 First NSW Boating Licence day at GDAC on 3/10/92-28 attended.
05/02/93 Trout size back to 30 cms.
10/08/93 Marlin head donated by Conway Knight.
Siting of new clubrooms discussed.
02/06/95 Meeting minutes written twice.
25/08/95 "Buy A Brick" campaign commenced.
07/12/95 Constitution & Bylaws to be provided to new members.
09/02/96 Minutes to written twice.
12/04/96 Letter received from a student in Switzerland
10/05/96 Correspondence sent to Swiss student.
05/07/96 First general meeting held within new extension.
16/08/96 Smoking banned in hall at all times.



INTERESTING FACTS – 1978 TO 2011

- 17/08/96 First NSW boat test day. 75 people nominated to sit for boat licence test.
09/09/96 Building Committee to look at 5 year plan to relocate toilets and erect BBQ.
27/09/96 Digital scales purchased with calibration report.
08/11/96 Hand held marine radios available for members use.
07/03/97 Bar to close at 10.15 pm on meeting nights.
04/06/97 Request from Andrea Brown—copy of grandfather's photo on club room wall.
05/09/97 Community bus to be hired for some trips.
23/01/98 Special trip rules for Murray River—Cod may be weighed in alive and in good condition for return to river. All other fish to be weighed in gilled and gutted.
29/05/98 General meetings to be held on Thursday nights—starting 23/7/1998.
25/05/00 New toilet area to commence being built on 7/8/2000.
14/09/00 15% reduction where a fish is weighed in whole for trophy reasons.
28/09/00 120 million starfish estimated to be in Port Phillip Bay.
03/2007 Major review of the Constitution in March 2007.
08/2007 Life Membership bestowed upon Denis Rowlands for outstanding service as President, Club Champion and 18 years of service and achievements.
07/2008 **Tim Plummer elected President.**
10/2008 Greensborough wins the Jesson Shield for second consecutive year.
01/2009 Greensborough finally succeeded in obtaining funding from Council to support a major extension to the Club Rooms. \$40,000 with a Club contribution of \$10,000.
08/2009 Frank Griska recognised for 40 years of service (already a Life Member).
08/2009 Russell Conway awarded Life Membership in recognition of his record eleven years as President and 17 years of continuous involvement in all Club affairs.
10/2009 Greensborough wins the Jesson Shield again (a threepeat).
11/2010 Greensborough assists and coaches young anglers in the art of Angling with a special day for Marcellin College.
11/2010 Greensborough win the Jesson Shield for the fourth consecutive year..
12/2010 The Beckwith Family generously donate funds to purchase a stainless Barbecue which was built into the new deck by Conway Knight and Bob Brown. A plaque is attached which commemorates " The Beckwith Bar and Grill"
07/2011 Allan Moore is elected President.
07/2011 Howard "Blue" Gault steps down after five years as Secretary .
10/2011 Greensborough win Jesson Shield for a record fifth consecutive year..
10/2011 Russell Conway elected to the Chair of VRFish. A significant honour for our Club
07/2012 Rob MacGibbon stands down from the office of Treasurer, a position he has held since 1997, a wonderful period of service. Rob had previously tried to do this in 1999 and 2003.

