



Greensborough & District Angling Club



August 2006 Update News

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Another newsletter is out and we are looking for people to contribute into our newsletter. Send pictures or articles to timplummer@optusnet.com.au

Newsletters are now on the Web site

<http://home.vicnet.net.au/~gdac/>

A few reminders of things that are coming up

- Presentation night on the 12th August, tickets can be purchased from Tom Phillips, and we are still looking for some donated prizes to go into the raffle.
- Memberships are now due payment are to go to the treasurer Rob Macgibbon
- New weigh in books are now here in a different format. Please ensure all members who fish in the comp are listed as well as if they are fishing land based. Fill in all fields of the sheet.

Hall For Hire

Members are reminded that our hall is available for hire for your social functions, Call Cliff Tuttleby on 9439-6305 for more information.

Victorian Boat Licence Day

Keep your eyes out for further information or for bookings for August 20, December 3

CONTACT MARTIN DAWES



Upcoming Club Trips

- 12 August -Presentation Night
- 26/27 August -Khancoban
- 10 September -Patterson River (Bream & Other)
- 24 September -Eppalock

Club Trip Results

GDAC vs Preston vs Yea 30th April

- 1 John Whitfield
- 2 Russell Conway
- 3 Howard Gault

Casting Comp 14th May

- 1 Kaz Wilczak
- 2 Russell Conway
- 3 Keith Bradshaw, Frank Griska

Eildon Pondage / Goulburn 21st May

- 1 Florian Kawacki
- 2 Kaz Wilczak
- 3 John Battista

Andersons Inlet 10/11 June

- 1 Russell Conway
- 2 Tim Plummer
- 3 Allan Moore

Surf Comp 18th June

- 1 Kaz Wilczak
- 2 Russell Conway
- 3 John Whitfield

Lake Tyers 8/9 July

- 1 Tim Plummer
- 2 Allan Moore
- 3 Russell Conway

Club News

DVD'S

The club has a variety of DVD's and books, so catch up with Michael House our library officer to see what is available.

BOOKS ON:

- Trout fishing tactics
- Soft plastics and how to use them with Bushy and Starling



Trip Captains

Remember, you must provide a brief report on your trip for the newsletter. Your reports help to keep members informed of the Club's activities and some of the more enjoyable and memorable aspects of trips.

Presidents Report 2005-2006

Greensborough & District Angling Club Inc. 2006 Presidents Report

On behalf of the Committee of the Greensborough & District Angling Club I welcome all members and guests to our 2006 Annual General Meeting.

Another year has drawn to a close and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those Club members who have volunteered their valuable time to assist with the various initiatives your Club has undertaken this past year.

This year has seen the Club make the always challenging transition from a stable and long standing management committee with Martin Dawes and Brian Dyson expertly managing the many issues that have impacted on our Club over the years, to an enthusiastic but inexperienced team of new incumbents in the major management positions.

Chris Beckwith and Mike Hedt must be congratulated on having the courage to take on their respective positions and both have acquitted themselves very well while balancing the demanding roles of caring for a new baby and time-consuming jobs to still carry out their official duties for the Club.

The fact that we have all survived this years Committee meetings without serious injury is a tribute to the patience of the Committee members, both new and old. The new delegates have learnt that managing a Club of our size is not just a matter of turning up to meetings and having a chat. It takes a substantial amount of time, organisation and commitment to ensure that our Club members are able to come along on Thursday nights and enjoy complimentary food, cheap drinks and great raffle prizes.

I have observed Chris mature in the Secretary's position and particularly enjoyed his attempts to control the unruly mob in the back row.

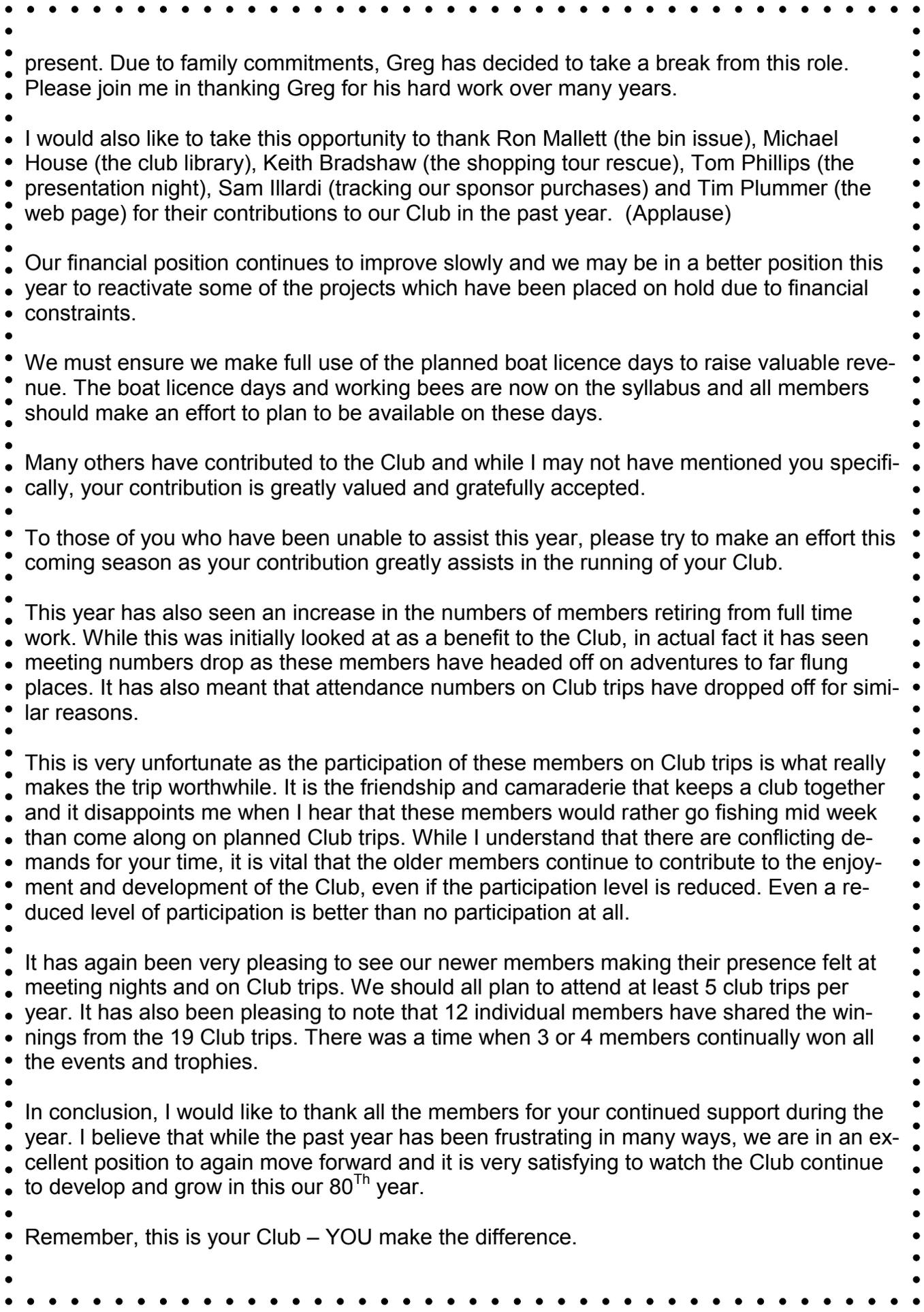
Regretfully, Chris has decided to step down from his position but will continue to be part of the Committee. Mike has also agreed to continue on as Assistant Secretary.

Please put your hands together to thank both these members.

Another new face taking on a challenging role was Florian who assumed the role of Social Secretary last year from Frank Saunders. I don't know, if at the time, Florian fully appreciated the effort that was going to be needed to manage this role, however, he has successfully carried out the duties of the position in an excellent manner this year and I would like to thank him for his enormous efforts (applause).

Unfortunately, Florian has asked that he be allowed to step down from the position. He has agreed to remain on until we can find a replacement and I hope that one of you will rise to the occasion and take on this role.

Another member who has contributed immensely to the development of the Club is Greg Heyton. Greg has successfully managed the difficult role of hall booking Officer for the past three years. This is a vital position and our only real avenue for fund raising at



present. Due to family commitments, Greg has decided to take a break from this role. Please join me in thanking Greg for his hard work over many years.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Ron Mallett (the bin issue), Michael House (the club library), Keith Bradshaw (the shopping tour rescue), Tom Phillips (the presentation night), Sam Illardi (tracking our sponsor purchases) and Tim Plummer (the web page) for their contributions to our Club in the past year. (Applause)

Our financial position continues to improve slowly and we may be in a better position this year to reactivate some of the projects which have been placed on hold due to financial constraints.

We must ensure we make full use of the planned boat licence days to raise valuable revenue. The boat licence days and working bees are now on the syllabus and all members should make an effort to plan to be available on these days.

Many others have contributed to the Club and while I may not have mentioned you specifically, your contribution is greatly valued and gratefully accepted.

To those of you who have been unable to assist this year, please try to make an effort this coming season as your contribution greatly assists in the running of your Club.

This year has also seen an increase in the numbers of members retiring from full time work. While this was initially looked at as a benefit to the Club, in actual fact it has seen meeting numbers drop as these members have headed off on adventures to far flung places. It has also meant that attendance numbers on Club trips have dropped off for similar reasons.

This is very unfortunate as the participation of these members on Club trips is what really makes the trip worthwhile. It is the friendship and camaraderie that keeps a club together and it disappoints me when I hear that these members would rather go fishing mid week than come along on planned Club trips. While I understand that there are conflicting demands for your time, it is vital that the older members continue to contribute to the enjoyment and development of the Club, even if the participation level is reduced. Even a reduced level of participation is better than no participation at all.

It has again been very pleasing to see our newer members making their presence felt at meeting nights and on Club trips. We should all plan to attend at least 5 club trips per year. It has also been pleasing to note that 12 individual members have shared the winnings from the 19 Club trips. There was a time when 3 or 4 members continually won all the events and trophies.

In conclusion, I would like to thank all the members for your continued support during the year. I believe that while the past year has been frustrating in many ways, we are in an excellent position to again move forward and it is very satisfying to watch the Club continue to develop and grow in this our 80th year.

Remember, this is your Club – YOU make the difference.

Casting comp 2006

11 members ventured up to Yarrambat park for our annual casting competition. With the wind blowing and being cold we were underway with the 2 oz surf cast . Russell won this section with a cast over 100 mtrs with Kaz close behind and Al Moore coming in third. Next was the 4 oz surf cast with Kaz winning this one, in front of Russell and Al came in third. We then proceeded to do the surf accuracy at a target which was set up 40 meters away. The aim was to land the plug as close to this target as possible. First was Frank Griska, second was Keith Bradshaw and third was Mark Hall. By now it was freezing cold but we still had one section to go and this was spin casting with 3 shots at 4 separate targets. The winner was Tim Plummer with three hits, Second was Mark Hall, John Whitfield and Chris Beckwith and third was Kaz Wilczak, Keith Bradshaw and Frank Griska. Overall we had another great day and many laughs at some peoples casting abilities. Congratulations to Kaz for winning, Russell for second and Al for coming in third.

Russell and Al would like to thank Kaz for the use of his rod and reel.

Thanks to Brian Dyson for doing the BBQ once again

The comp for next year has been moved to the 25th of February to try and get some warmer weather. All members are encouraged to come up for this and enjoy the day and then have a barbeque at the end for lunch.

Fishing Tip

Berley This tip is from "Snapper Pete"

For berley bombs use cardboard milk cartons with the top cut off level .Insert a piece of chicken wire in the middle and fill with a mixture of 50% mashed chook pellets and 50% mashed fish frames and a splash of tuna oil and freeze until solid .Tied off and hung under the boat they'll last about an hour gradually breaking up.

******REMINDER******

A reminder to all **TRIP CAPTAINS** that you must fill out the weigh in book at every competition that the club has.

We have a lot of trouble with end of fishing year points allocation and competition winners if there are no sheets in the book.

Reminder as well to put in all anglers both members and visitors weights for fish and write in the heaviest fish and species which go towards other club trophies.

All details are on the responsibilities sheet for trip captain and weigh master

MAFRI - Fish Fax

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Lake Hume – the place to be

Fisheries Victoria will be stocking a total of 60,000 brown and rainbow trout into Lake Hume this year. The Minister Responsible for Fisheries, Bob Cameron, made the announcement whilst visiting Lake Hume to assist Fisheries Victoria staff release 10,000 yearling brown trout.

The Victorian Government recognises that recreational fishing is a major social and economic contributor to local economies – especially in provincial Victoria. In September 2004, Victoria took over the responsibility of fisheries management for Lake Hume. Prior to this date, both NSW and Victoria regulated fishing activity on the lake, simplifying the management arrangements and enhancing stocking at Lake Hume will improve the experience for recreational fishers who visit the area.

Research is currently being undertaken to determine stock levels in, and angler utilisation of the lake to better manage the Lake Hume fishery. Results of this research will be publicised when they become available.

Paying the price for greed

A recent case before the Geelong Magistrates Court has proved costly for two Victorian fishermen convicted for fisheries offences on Port Phillip Bay.

Two men from Melbourne's northern suburbs were convicted on two charges of taking undersized fish and exceeding the catch limit. They were fined a total of \$3000 for the offences and \$42 each for costs. Both men were also required to forfeit fishing equipment.

The men were fishing from a boat near Kirks Point and were approached by Fisheries Officers on their return to the boat ramp. After the officers searched the offender's boat and car, they discovered 92 undersized snapper ranging in size from 10 to 26cm concealed under some blankets in the vehicle. Victoria's minimum catch size for snapper is 27cm, whilst the catch limit is 10 fish per person (of which no more than three fish may be equal to or exceed 50cm in length).

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Fisheries Victoria encourages community members to report suspicious or illegal fishing activity to 13FISH (133 474), a telephone hotline which operates 24 hours a day and provides valuable information for enforcement staff to act upon.

Rising waters in the Surry River - a cause for concern

The water level of Narrawong's Surry River is continuing to rise. This has caused concern for the Glenelg Hopkins Catchment Management Authority (Glenelg Hopkins CMA). On the anniversary of last years illegal opening, the CMA are hoping for improved water flow and dissolved oxygen levels so that the river mouth can be legally and safely be opened without causing the ecologically devastating effects experienced last year.

On the 19 July 2005, an unauthorised artificial opening of the mouth of the river resulted in the deaths of tens of thousands of fish, crabs and freshwater creatures. The massive fish kill was due to oxygenated surface water in the estuary discharging out to sea, leaving behind suffocating oxygen-depleted water. Even the hardiest of animals such as crabs and eels did not survive the event.

A range of factors need to be assessed prior to an approval for an artificial river mouth opening. These factors include the risk and impact of flooding on the local community, the amount of freshwater inflow and the water quality conditions within the estuary.

At present, significant rainfall is required to increase river flows and provide the much needed dissolved oxygen to improve conditions within the estuary.

Monitoring of the flow rate is continuing, with an increase from 1.6 mL/day earlier this year to 10 mL/day. Dissolved oxygen levels of the Surry River are also being monitored in the hope that they can safely open the river soon to help relieve rising water levels.

DPI's policy on relocation of fish due to environmental conditions

During periods of drought, low water levels in lakes may threaten resident fish populations. In such instances, Fisheries Victoria will consider undertaking recovery and relocation programs for fish species that (a) are listed on Schedule 2 of the *Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act 1988* and (b) can be legally taken by anglers.

Species that may be recovered and relocated to five species are Murray cod, freshwater catfish, Macquarie perch, Murray crayfish and silver perch.

Trout species are not eligible for such exercises due to the ability of the fishery to recover quicker (within 2 years) than native species via stocking. Recreational fisheries for native fish, such as Murray cod, take longer to develop because native species grow more slowly than trout and take much longer to reach legal minimum size.

Other native fish species that are not listed as 'threatened', such as golden perch, may be included in the recovery and relocation exercise and will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

If 'commercial' fish species (i.e. species which may be legally sold in Victoria) are present in the water, Fisheries Victoria may consider allowing this resource to be netted and sold commercially.

The recovery and relocation of fish is only undertaken following consultation with stakeholders, including the Victorian Recreational Fishing peak body (VRFish).



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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

YEAR 200 / 200

Applicant Details

Name: _____ Application Date: ____ / ____ / ____

Address: _____

Post Code: _____

Birth Date: ____ / ____ / ____

Phone No: (Home) _____ (Business) _____

(Mobile) _____ (Fax) _____

(Email) _____

Occupation: _____

Previous/Other Club Memberships: _____

Membership Type:	SENIOR	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$45	
	ASSOCIATE	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$15	
	PENSIONER	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$15	
	JUNIOR (Under 16 years)	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$15	Date Of Birth ____/____/____
	FAMILY	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$50	

For FAMILY membership, please list names and birth dates of all children.

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Boat Details

Make: _____ Model: _____

Reg No.: _____ Name: _____

Call Sign: _____ Length: ____ m Colour: _____

Affiliation Fees

ANSA: \$16

NFA: \$10

Payment Details

TOTAL FEE(S): \$ _____ Membership Fee + Affiliation Fees(s)

RECEIPT No: _____

Newsletter Items Wanted!

Fishing reports, Photos of members and catches, Goods for Sale, new or used, Humorous stories or articles, Fishing Tips or Secrets.

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Tear off this section and send to the Secretary/President.

You Opinion Is Important To The Club
