



Greensborough & District Angling Club



March 2005

Presidents Message

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Welcome to the new look for our Club newsletter. I look forward to your comments and feedback.

It's only March and the Club has already had trips to the Murray, the Werribee River for whiting and the Yarra River. We have also had presentations on Trolling Techniques and Polarised Sunglasses.

It's great to see so many members coming along to our Club meetings. The atmosphere and noise is very entertaining and we seem to be attracting guests to each meeting interested in joining the club.

The Amendola-Bussey Memorial Competition between Southern Peninsula Angling Club and ourselves is on **16 April** this year. I would like to see as many members as possible support this trip, so put the date in your diaries. Armando is again hosting the evening BBQ and has asked that those coming down donate at least \$5 for the evening. All proceeds from the night will go to the Peter MacCallum Cancer Research Fund. The Club has also asked Marine Safety to attend on the Saturday to inspect all club boats. This is a great opportunity to make sure your boat is correctly fitted out and all those passing the inspection will receive a special safety pack from Marine Safety.

Presentation Night will again be held in August this year and I am looking for suggestions for a suitable theme. It's the most important night of the year for the Club and I hope all members will make an effort to attend.

Victorian Boat Licence Day

Date: 20th March
Time: 10-00am
Venue: 161 PARA ROAD,
GREENSBOROUGH

FOR BOOKINGS
CONTACT MARTIN DAWES
ON 9439-1119



Hall For Hire

Members are reminded that our hall is available for hire for your social functions, Call Greg Hayton on 9439-6917 for more information.

Upcoming Club Trips

- 12-14 March - Bemm River
- 10 April - Whiting (St Leonards)
- 16 April - Ammendola /Bussey Memorial Competition
- 1 May - Casting Competition



Club Trip Results

S/W GDAC VS PRESTON 12 DECEMBER

13 MEMBERS FISHED FROM GDAC

1/ CARL 2 x SNAPPER TOTAL 6KG; 1X 3.8KG

2/ SAM ILLARDI 1 X SNAPPER 3.68KG

3/ EVERYONE ELSE

GDAC TOTAL WEIGHT WAS 9.68KG

PRESTON WEIGHED IN A TOTAL OF 5.73KG AND THE HEAVIEST PRESTON FISH WAS 2.26KG

FORGES BEND (MURRAY RIVER) 22-23/01/05

14 MEMBERS FISHED ON ANOTHER HOT WEEKEND WITH THE FISHING VERY SLOW AND THE BAIT THAT SEEMED TO BE WORKING WAS PARMESAN CHEESE

1/ TIM PLUMMER 1 X YELLOW BELLY 630GRMS

2/ EVERYONE ELSE

WHITING WERRIBEE 13/2/05

13 MEMBERS FISHED WITH THE WIND BLOWING ABOUT 15 KNOTS IN THE MORNING BUT EASING TO 5 KNOTS BY LUNCHTIME. FISHING AGAIN WAS SLOW WITH ONLY 3 WHITING WEIGHED IN

1/ MARCO CAVAGGION 1 X 240GRMS

2/ SAM ILLARDI

3/ RUSSELL CONWAY

YARRA RIVER 27/2/05

10 MEMBERS FISHED AROUND ELTHAM

1/ KAZ 1 X ROACH AT 230 GRMS

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.

Channel Deepening Update

The Environment Effects Statement (EES) for the Port Phillip Bay Channel Deepening Project has been released.

The EES includes:

- * An executive summary of the channel deepening proposal and its main potential effects, both beneficial and adverse
- * A full description of the channel deepening proposal and its objectives
- * Description of the existing environments (ecological, biological, social, economic) that could be affected by the channel deepening proposal

* Detailed predictions of the potential impacts of the proposal, including an estimate of the certainty of these predictions and an analysis of the risks

* Programs to avoid, minimise or manage effects as well as means for ongoing monitoring

Issues raised by the public during the EES preparation.

For further information, go to:

<http://www.portofmelbourne.com/portdev/channeldeep/ees.asp>



Club Gear

* The Club has a number of articles for sale to Club members. These articles are sold at a discount to normal retail prices and represent great value. It also identifies you with the club and helps support us.

* Jackets:	\$55.00	* Stubby Holders:	\$4.00
* T-Shirts:	\$10.00	* Boat Stickers	\$1.00
* Windcheaters:	\$20.00	* Ruler's:	\$0.50c
* Car Stickers:	\$0.50c	* Club Badges:	\$4.00

Fishing Tip

Looking after your catch

A tip on looking after your catch. After all the effort that goes in to catching a nice fresh fish it is amazing how many people don't bother to look after it.

The 3 most important thing are:

1. For species like Tailor, salmon & trevally bleed them quickly & don't let them thrash about & bruise the flesh
2. For other species kill them quickly. This stops amino acids being released & giving the fish a slightly bitter taste. You can also use a sharp

spike & insert it through the brain.

3. Chill the fish quickly. A simple method is to make large ice blocks & place these in your fish box or esky. Tip a bucket of saltwater over them prior to leaving the boat ramp. By the time you start catching fish, the water is icy cold.

To make ice blocks, use the foil bags from empty wine casks. Just pull out the rubber tap rinse them out & refill with water & freeze.

Killing your catch quickly & icing it down straight away improves the eating quality of your catch out of sight. Definitely worth the effort!



Pat Lewton & Herb Jesson

Jesson Shield 2004

This year the shield was fished as a freshwater competition in the Goulburn River region.

Lines down was 12 noon on Saturday with the weigh-in on Saturday evening and Sunday afternoon.

Bill Fleming, Florian Kawacki, John Whitfield and Russell Conway fished the competition for Greensborough against more than 60 other anglers from various other Clubs.

There was a great deal of competition for first place especially between Preston and Greensborough. A hard days fishing which continued well into the night (after a few drinks at the pub) saw Greensborough narrowly beaten by the team from Fawkner/Merlynston. One more fish would have seen us over the line.

While we came in second, the team from Preston was

not happy as they were last years winners but were left dragging at the tail end of the field this year.

I'm sure they will be taking it very seriously next year, especially as John Whitfield could not restrain himself from continuously gloating to Les Penrose (Preston).

This years competition will either be held at Lake Bullen Merri or Lake Mokoan (before it is closed) in late November.

Try to keep the weekend free as the competition is very enjoyable and the prizes were very good.

Congratulations to the team from Greensborough.



Bream Fishing

Some hints for those heading down to Bemm River this year.

You need a well balanced outfit capable of handling 2 or 3kg line. Berkley Fireline in 2kg is a good choice for those using braid. You need a line that is tough and abrasion resistant with minimum stretch and Fireline has it all. Long shank hooks and small sinkers will complete your tackle requirements.

Keep your rig as simple as possible for Bream. A small swivel with 30cm of line below it tied to the hook with the sinker free running on the trace is the best rig.

The right bait and berley are the keys when bream fishing. It is fair to say that prawns and sand worms would be the most commonly used bait for bream. Start fishing with the lightest lead that will get your bait down deep in the vicinity of the berley as that is where the fish are.

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Another point is do not bury the point in the bait or do as many people do and sew the hook through the bait a couple times. Doing this causes the bait to bunch up in the bend of the hook and you will miss many fish. Use decent size baits and put the hook through the bait once. Big bream just gulp the lot down in one go. If you are getting constant bites and missing you can bet they are probably smaller fish.

Fishing for Bream with soft plastic baits is a fun and very challenging way to fish . Once you start having success it gets very addictive. The best brands are Ecogear, Atomic , Storm & Squidgies with Berkley Power Grubs also being excellent producers of Bream. A soft plastic bait of 2.5 inches or less is a good choice.

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.

MAFRI - Fish Fax

Journeys of a Lake Eildon Golden Perch

To monitor the broadscale movement of stocked golden perch in Lake Eildon, researchers from PIRVic (Snobs Creek) implanted battery powered acoustic tags into several golden perch before releasing the fish back into the lake.

Researchers captured one of these perch, that came to be known as 'Number 5', in Goughs Bay in September 2002 and subsequently released him in the Delatite Arm.

Although researchers located this fish in the Delatite Arm of Lake Eildon for three months after release, he then disappeared for three weeks until an angler caught him in late November 2002 back in Goughs Bay.

The angler had placed 'Number 5' in their live-well and had not noticed the dart tag protruding from the fish's shoulder until later in the day, by which time he was fishing in the Big River Arm of the lake. The angler had subsequently released the fish in the Big River arm and later called PIRVic to report the capture.

Researchers confirmed the angler report by finding 'Number 5' in the Big River Arm soon after, however the fish did not remain there long as researchers were unable to find him on return visits.

Knowing that 'Number 5' had exhibited 'homing' behaviour once before, the researchers focussed their search effort and successfully located him again, back near Goughs Bay in January 2003.

Once again though, 'Number 5' did not stay put, with researchers being unable to locate him in Goughs Bay after January 2003.

'Number 5' re-appeared in October 2004 when he was captured by researchers undertaking trout research in Woolshed Bay. Interestingly, he was captured along with a school of other large golden perch.

In summary, 'Number 5' had been caught 3 times, once by an angler and twice by researchers. He had travelled back to the Goughs Bay area twice, once from the Delatite Arm and a second time from the Big River Arm.

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Researchers have completed the fieldwork component (tracking) of this project and a full report, including movements of other tagged perch, is expected in 2005.

Inland Enforcement Rules

A person from Cohuna was convicted and fined an aggregate of \$ 3,200 and had all of their seized property forfeited for using/possessing commercial fishing equipment without authority, possessing fish taken illegally and for taking fish during a closed season. The offences were committed on Pyramid Creek near Kerang.

A person from Narre Warren and another from St. Marys in New South Wales were fined \$ 400 each for taking/possessing trout during a closed season. The offences were committed at Lake Dartmouth in Victoria's northeast.

Four people from Sunshine and Broadmeadows were fined \$ 400 each and had all seized property forfeited and destroyed for using/possessing commercial fishing equipment without authority, possessing/taking undersize fish and taking more than the catch limit. The offences were committed at Lake Mokoan near Benalla. Another person from St. Albans was fined \$ 750 for similar offences at Lake Mokoan.

A person from Springvale South was fined \$ 100 for possessing undersize fish and possessing more than the catch limit. The offences were committed on the Tambo River in Gippsland.

\$900,000 to Safeguard East Gippsland Heritage Rivers

In September 2004, Minister for Water John Thwaites announced that \$ 900,000 would be spent on protecting two of Victoria's most valued 'heritage' rivers.

The Mitchell and Bemm Rivers are among the highest value waterways in Victoria and are officially classed as 'heritage rivers' under the Heritage Rivers Act. Both rivers are essential nature conservation areas, and have immense recreational, social and cultural value for Gippsland.

The rivers are currently at risk from willow and weed pollution, river-bank erosion, and loss of natural habitat.

The funding was part of \$ 100 million invested in protecting and repairing rivers across the state over the next four years as part of the Bracks Government's Our Water Our Future action plan.

The East Gippsland Catchment Management Authority and the Department of Sustainability and Environment will carry out the work, as part

of the Victorian River Health Strategy.

Tightlines for Camperdown Anglers

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In the past year Fisheries Victoria has stocked nearly 400,000 trout and salmon across the State, with more than 85,000 released into these two very popular freshwater fisheries (see breakdown below).

Lucky anglers have also reported encounters with some larger Chinook salmon, up to 4kg each, from releases in previous years.

The Lake Bullen Merri survey also captured several year classes of Australian bass, the largest of which weighed more than a kilogram.

Anglers also report catching bass of a similar size over the last few weeks, particularly around the rocky points.

The Department and client groups have stocked large numbers of bass into the lake since 1996 so it's encouraging to see the investment paying off.

Research indicates that Australian bass stocked into Lake Bullen Merri as fingerlings at just a few grams each have reached the minimum legal length of 25cm after 4 to 5 years.

Australian bass have been found to live up to 15 years of age in other impoundments so anglers should expect some big bass to come out of the lake in the next few years!

For more information, go to <http://www.dpi.vic.gov.au/> And type **Fish Fax** in the search field



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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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DOB				

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: _____

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

You Opinion Is Important To The Club
