



# NEWSLETTER

November 2008

## *Greetings, Gang!*

At our last meeting we welcomed guests, **Squiz Taylor** and **Nancy Evens**. In the absence of our president the meeting was ably chaired by our Vice President **Paul Goodey**.

## *Children's Variety Club - Toga on Fly Competition*

Our club was well represented with **Bev, Denis, Vince, Ez, Kerry, Paul** and **Jeff** carrying the flag. **Bev Cheffins** and **Denis Shaw** won the **Team Competition** and **Vince Margossian** placed **second overall** in the individual competition and as a result Vince also won our own **Borumba Club Trophy**. Congratulations Guys, for a great effort!

## *Upcoming Club Trips*

We discussed final arrangements for the Ebor trip, then our Hervey Bay trip at the end of November. It appears that only a couple of brave souls will camp on Fraser Island. The rest of us will tuck in to the Harbour View Caravan Park at Hervey Bay. Cabins are \$78 per night and vans are somewhat cheaper. Reserve a spot by ringing (07) 4128 9374.

## *Christmas Party*

As you all know our Christmas party will be held on Sunday December 7<sup>th</sup> at Mark Hosking's place. **If** numbers are sufficient we will have a Spit Roast similar to what we did for our 10<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebrations last year. The club will pay half the bill, so the cost will be \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. Bring chairs and tables, your own drinks and nibbles. To finalise catering arrangements please let **Mark Hosking** or **Bob Knott** know by the next meeting at the very latest if you intend coming.

**Peter Morse** will be visiting our club on the 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> of March 2009. He will give us a presentation on the Saturday evening and we will have casting day at **Pizzey Park** on Sunday. There will be a small charge to defray his costs. Peter is always great value and this is a weekend not to be missed.

The final order of business was to nut out our Fishing Calendar for 2009. We came up with a rough idea, but exact dates will be announced later. Our Fishing Calendars are not set in stone and changes can & will be made due to weather, whims of members or other circumstances. We will get a copy to each of you shortly.

## *Press release from Recfish*

The future of recreational fishing looks secure. Seventy five of the country's most knowledgeable experts on recreational fishing recently met in Canberra to discuss the future of recreational fishing.

The national conference titled “Recreational Fishing 2020 – a shared vision”, aimed to develop a consolidated vision for recreational fishing. Presentations from experts on climate change, social science research and community engagement were matched with views from state and national peak representative bodies, fisheries managers and conservation agencies.

A common theme to emerge was the issue of access to fishing opportunities and the realisation that there would be both threats to and opportunities for further access into the future. The keynote address was provided by Frank Prokop, Executive Director of Recfishwest and long time campaigner for recreational fishing rights and recognition. In 1989, Frank became Australia’s first full time recreational fisheries manager. Frank also provided insight into a twenty year journey which demonstrated that while recreational fisheries management has come a long way, there was still a great deal of work to do in order to achieve a shared vision.

The conference had a strong focus on capturing the thoughts and ideas of the next generation of recreational fishing leaders. Graduates from both the national Next Generation of Leaders program and Recfishwest’s Young Future Leaders program attended the conference and had their travel and accommodation sponsored by FRDC. Speaking about the need for strong leadership into the future, Jo-Anne Ruscoe, FRDC People Development Project Manager, highlighted that the capacity for recreational fishers to better engage in fisheries management and research will be dependent on the quality of leadership in the sector. Communities rely on positive role models and the recreational fishing community is no different.

The conference concluded with a workshop session hosted by Recfishing Research (an initiative of Recfish Australia and FRDC) to discuss the direction and specific needs for research, development and investment for the recreational fishing sector for the next 5 years.

The outcomes of the conference will be published as a proceedings document and the research priorities will form the 3rd Edition of the Recfishing Research R, D&E Business Plan and will be available from [www.recfishingresearch.org](http://www.recfishingresearch.org). The conference and workshop were sponsored by the Australian government and reaffirmed the government’s investment in recreational fishing.

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### ***Ebor Trip Report October 31 to November 2*** – Tom Boylan (Photos by Jon Burgess)

Ten members attended and up until Saturday night all but one had caught fish and hopefully he scored on Sunday morning.

I fished with Mick Nash, Ezvin Sarvan and Jon Burgess and we all managed a few fish up to 12” with Jon losing a snodger and Ezvin taking a 16” brown.

The rivers were running well and we had wet misty days with lots of mud. I retrieved one of my boots laying down and reaching down to arm’s length. Then following the others who were returning to the car caught first my shoelace and then my pants on the barbed wire fence. Swinging about in an attempt to escape I lost my balance, grabbed the fence cutting my hand and fell to the ground luckily on the correct side. Fortunately nobody saw or photographed it. Gee I like Uncle Billy’s.

Two new faces arrived; Ezra Bibby and his mate Patrick who are both keen to join our club and will hopefully be at our next meeting. They saw some interesting water and approached a friendly farmer for access. After scrambling some way down a steep hillside they found deep fast running water and took 30 to 40 good fish each.

They are great blokes; good fisho’s and will be valuable members



*Quote of the Month:*

Red meat is not bad for you; fuzzy green meat is bad for you.  
Anon

*Tight Lines and bent rods!*  
*Scribe*

*Coming Events*



**NEXT MEETING:**

**Tuesday 18th November- 7.30 p.m.**  
**Mermaid Beach Bowls Club,**  
**9 Markeri Street, Mermaid Beach**

**NEXT FISHING  
TRIP:**

**28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> November**  
**Hervey Bay – Fraser Island**  
**Target – Goldie’s, Tuna, whatever**

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