



# NEWSLETTER

August 2005

***Hi, Gang!***

At our August meeting we welcomed visitors, **Wes Pang**, and **David Reviradito**. We also welcomed new member **Dr. David Chan** to our band of long-wand miscreants. Welcome aboard, David.

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As you know, our August meeting was our AGM. They say a good AGM is a short AGM and ours certainly was. We wanted to get business out of the way to listen to our guest speaker **Dr. Julian Pepperell**. We all were fascinated by what he had to say. Julian is probably Australia's best known fish biologist with over 20 active years in marine research. He is as we discovered a wonderful speaker and we are indebted to him for giving up his time to join our meeting.

**Notes from our AGM** – Mark Hosking

To say our AGM was short and sweet would be an understatement. The Election of Officers (handled admirably by Brian Kirkley) was over in very short time with all existing committee members unanimously reappointed. Our bank account is in a healthy state thanks to Mark Miller. Thanks must also go to Warwick Northcott for auditing our books. With our Convention coming up in October we face our biggest challenge to date. Your help will be critical to the Convention's success.

We also achieved a first at our AGM. **Bob Knott** who has been an outstanding contributor to the success of our Club since inception was appointed our first **Life Member**. Congratulations Bob. As someone who has worked closely with Bob for many years in the production of the newsletter as well as other club matters I have seen what he gives back to the club and this recognition is thoroughly deserved.

**September meeting**

Our annual fly tying competition and monster raffle will be decided at our next meeting. Our main raffle prize will be a 12wt Penn fly rod, donated by **Springwood Marine**. **Duncan O'Connell of Fishead** has kindly donated a Rio striped bass clear intermediate 8wt line which will be our second prize. Our thanks go to Springwood Marine and Duncan. 6 fly boxes containing everyone's flies will be the runner up's prizes.

If you only attend one meeting this year make sure that this is the one! This meeting will be to plot out the logistics of our upcoming Flyfishing Seminar. If we organise this well, it will really put our club on the map as being an up and coming organisation in our sport.

We as members have to make sure that all the details are taken care of properly. We need to have members assigned to specific duties and to know we have teams who will work in all the areas of responsibility. At this meeting we will ask for volunteers for the various tasks. Come on guys let's all of us make this a great event

### **Proposal to stock Lake Kurwongba**

After much discussion with other anglers and interested parties I have taken upon myself to apply for permission to stock Lake Kurwongba. This has the potential to be one of the finest freshwater fisheries in S/E Qld .With support from the Pine Rivers Council and various interested parties I believe this will be beneficial to not only the anglers but to the whole of the Shire and visitors alike. After lengthy discussions with Gary Fitzgerald who is the president of the Somerset Wivenhoe Fish Stocking Association (SWFSA ) the aim is to stock this waterway with Saratoga (Dawson River Barramundi ) being the main species and then stockings of Bass, Golden Perch and Silver Perch. The following groups and associations have pledged there support and they are as follows: FFSAQ (Freshwater Fishing Stocking Association Queensland), FFSEQ (Fly Fishing South East Queensland) and Recfish. The name of our Association will be known as K.N.F.S.A. (Kurwongba Native Fish Stocking Association). I have enough support to form a committee and working group. The way we tend to fund this task is by applying to D.A.F.F. (Department of Agriculture Fisheries and Forestry) who have Fifteen Million Dollars of available funds for which we are going to apply for One Hundred Thousand Dollars (100.000.00). This grant will be used to get the group activities to protect, preserve and enhance fish habitat including eradicating non native fish species such as Tilapia (Mozambique Mouth Brooders) which is destroying our native fish stocks, getting a sustainable native fishery up and going, community fishing education programs and community interaction, studying survival rates of native fish, videos and publications which in turn will enhance tourism and give the Shire development initiatives that will directly enhance the recreational fishing experience including interpretive signage .What I require from the council is permission to get this project off the ground so the wheels can start to roll. I am happy to include the Pine Rivers Shire in all of our activities. I am hoping that we get your 100% support. The first round of funding from D.A.F.F closes on 14 Oct 05. There is a lot of work to do including registering the Association, getting a sponsor, Insurance, ABN number, an authorised auditor and other criteria's that will need to be met including organising a public meeting. Your assistance on this matter would be appreciated.

For your consideration

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### **Fishing**

Our August trip to Victoria Point was cancelled do to lack of interest. We have cancelled some trips before because of weather, or lack of feeding fish, or low water...but this is the first to be canned due to apathy!

Maybe everyone was busy concentrating on our Inskip tuna trip. Here is a brief rundown from your Scribe:

### **Inskip Tuna Chase**

We all gathered at the Rainbow Waters Holiday Park and realised we had a great turnout. We had blokes from Tasmania, Melbourne, Sydney, Brisbane, and the Sunshine Coast not to mention our own members. Twenty one of us were ready to get into it! We had very comfortable accommodation, a courtesy bus to deliver us to the local Sports Club (and to pour us back at the end of the evening).

Thomas, Jon, Steve & Mario had come up a day earlier and had a fish on Thursday. Thomas was successful in landing his first Longtail. Congatulations Thomas! Steve (World Champ) landed a couple as well. Jon and Mario had hook-ups but unfortunately dropped their fish. Jon's score on Longtail's is about 0/10. Stay positive Jon it will happen!!

The weather was great with almost no wind in the mornings. We only had one small problem, the Longtails were not cooperating. They were scarce and when we did find them they were spooky. The few casts we were able to get into the middle of a pod were ignored. By Saturday night no one had even had a Tuna on, except for **Simon Boylan**, who claimed he caught a Flat Tuna, a Grinner Tuna, and a Turtle Tuna.

When Sunday dawned, most of us decided to give it one more try. Things were looking about the same, but **Jon Makim** had a take but failed to boat the Longtail (0/11). Just as we were about to give it away our lucky Leprechaun, Shaun Connolly yelled that he had one on. It may have been the "Luck of the Irish" to hook up, but to get the fish to the boat required a lot more than luck. By the time he boated his first Longtail it was a debate as to whether the fish or Shaun was more bugged!



Just as we were heading for home **Denis Shaw** picked up a nice Mack Tuna but had to fight it very cautiously since he hooked on one of Rick Slennett's PFD Clousers tied on a #4 hook! He landed it though, as the picture shows



### **Other fishing news**

“Neverfail” **Vince Margossian** caught this nice Tarpon in the Seaway, along with heaps of Trevally and Queenfish. He also caught a 5kg Mack Tuna as well as his first Kingfish of the season.



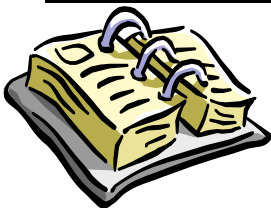
**Mark Hosking** has just spent a week at South Ballina on holidays with the family. A lot of time was spent catching big tailor from the beach on bait but last Tuesday evening the weather & fish gods were co-operative and he landed his first fish on fly from the surf. A 40cm Bream followed closely by a 55cm Salmon. According to Mark the Salmon certainly put on a good show.



**Quote of the month: Before you judge someone, you should walk a mile in their shoes. That way, when you judge them you are a mile away and you have their shoes.**  
**Anon**

***Tight lines and bent rods!***  
***Your Scribe***

**Coming Events**



**NEXT MEETING:**

**Tuesday September 20<sup>th</sup> - 7.30 p.m.**  
**Mermaid Beach Bowls Club,**  
**9 Markeri Street, Mermaid Beach**

**NEXT FISHING**  
**TRIP:**

**When: Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October**  
**Location: Brunswick Heads**  
**Target Species: Flathead**  
**Barbeque: About 11am**


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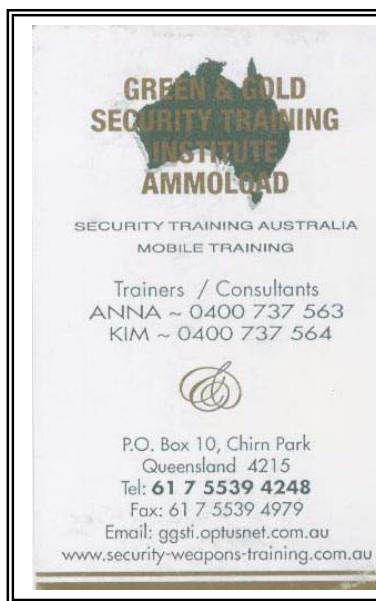
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