

St George Sportfishing Club

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Newsletter - July 2016 - Issue 525

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Oh dear-it's that time again!

Do you want the good news first or the bad?

The **bad news** is the fees are due 30 June.

The **good news** is the fees for next year remain the same. See pages 6 & 7 for the details and the Renewal Form

Coming Events full details page 2

7 July	General Meeting at the Masonic Club, 7.30. Meeting #522, with Guest speakers
24 July	Club outing—Botany Bay
4 Aug	Club Presentation Night & short meeting #523
20 Aug	Club outing—Whiting Night
27 Aug	ANSA AGM, Delegates Meeting & Dinner, in Canberra, hosted by Canberra Fisherman's Club
1 Sept	Club AGM & General Meeting # 524 with Guest speaker
7 Sept	Flare demonstration—at Souths 7.30pm
16-18 Sept	Glenbawn Dam Convention
16 Oct	Go Fishing NSW Day —St George submitting a proposal to be involved

The EAR



This item was missed last month but still relevant. Some of you

may have heard Hartley Giller interviewed by Ray Hadley on 2GB late last month. This came about by Hartley ringing 2GB in response to a discussion on air about the old dunny carts and the dunny men. The discussion prior to Hartley's ringing was pretty tame but Hartley lifted it somewhat. It started something like this. When we lived in Botany we had the dunny man call in every week to take the full dunny away and replace it with a nice clean one. However one morning in the dark the dunny man ran under the new (and lower) clothes line and ... Seems Mr Hadley questioned Hartley after hearing he was now 101 years old and realised there were even more stories of his early days and arranged to interview Hartley and record it for playing back on air. True to his word the interview proceeded and it was replayed. Hartleys memory of his early days in Botany, at school, of early days at work, his courting of Eileen, his kids, and his working life and his retired life was all regaled nicely. And mention of his membership of St George Sportfishing Club. Many people have since mentioned they heard Hartley on 2GB. How about that. Hartley sends his regards to club members.

Peter and Helen Mortel think they had done something to upset Maritime. Last year at South West Rocks while at sea and travelling to Grassy Head, a Maritime boat had a bee line on them heading for them and cutting them off. We are doing a safety check sir—do you have flares? Yes of course sir. Peter produced the flares but the officer pointed out the use by date and expired. So, some \$40 and they had a new set (as did a few others). This year they thought Maritime were at him again. They were fishing off Grassy and could hear the noise of a boat approaching but couldn't see it. Hmmm. Peter and Helen were sure they were compliant this year but wondered about the noise. It turned out to be a drone. It hovered above them and then moved away and over to a commercial fishing boat. Any ideas? More on page 5

Birthday people for July

1st Bill Harvey 12th Clayton Rayment 12th John Everett 15th Lillian Harvey 26th Barry Moores 28th Sienna Xuereb 30th Kristen Agius 30th Andrew Agius 31st Yves dHyon

Coming Events — the detail

- 7 JulyGeneral Meeting at the Masonic Club,7.30. Meeting #522. with guest speakers fromMaritime
- 24 July **Club outing**—Botany Bay. Details a bit sketchy but expect this to be something like the best salmon or best tailor day—on lures.
- 4 Aug Club Presentation Night & short meeting #523 more later
- 20 Aug Club outing—Whiting Night—more later
- 27 Aug **ANSA AGM** with Delegates and Presentation Dinner in Canberra. Hosted by Canberra Fisherman's Club, see page 10 for the details
- 1 Sept Club AGM & General Meeting # 524 with Guest speaker
- 7 Sept Flare demonstration—at Souths premises at 1A Hastings St Chifley commencing at 7.30pm. The demonstration will be conducted by Anthony Downes from Roads and Maritime Services and it is a good opportunity to get first hand information on the use, rules and stowage of these important safety devices.

If you have not used one (hopefully not many of us), then its is a great opportunity to familiarise yourself with their operation to avoid panic in a real emergency. More information will be included in a newsletter and by email closer to the date.

- 16-18 Sept Glenbawn Dam Convention—details when to hand
- 16 Oct **Go Fishing NSW Day**—St George have proposed holding a clinic for the disabled at Narellan

Our Committee

President	Dennis Simpson	9543 0949			
V president	Peter Logan	9520 3298			
Secretary	John Everett	9522 4808			
Treasurer	Chris Holland	9872 5517			
Recorder	Belinda Rayment	0407 337 770			
Outings	Ron Camp	9520 3439			
Committee	Committee Andrew Perros				
Non Committee;					
Scale verifier Phil Turner					
Newsletter	Clark Kent (C/-Bill	Harvey)9533 2453			

from our President



Our thanks to Chris Holland to step in at the 11th hour with an informative presentation on

"Towing on water – obligations and responsibilities" when the speaker arranged for the June meeting was not able to attend.

This topic complemented an earlier presentation by Chris on towing a trailer or caravan.

A number of questions were raised and comments made during the discussion which followed. These, along with some other comments, have been forwarded to our July meeting speakers from Marine Rescue to include in their presentation.

Thanks also to John Everett and Ron Camp for their maps and information for the Georges River Outing. Your support of speakers is appreciated as it becomes very difficult to arrange speakers and activities when such support wanes.

Although some outings have had to be cancelled or postponed due to sea and prevailing weather conditions, the recent Georges River Outing had good conditions. It is very disappointing when only one person participated. The committee works very hard to provide members with up to date information on fishing generally with relevant regulations, fishing techniques, etc. and to arrange activities. To assist in preparing future program presentations/ speakers and activities your comments are sought.

What would you like to see the committee do? What topics would you like to see presented? What activities would you like to see arranged? Have too many activities been programmed? Should more activities be programmed? Other comments

Please forward comments to *dlsimpson2@bigpond.com* or mail to PO Box 162, Riverwood, NSW, 2210 Marine Rescue at the July 7 meeting will cover their role and should include the MR App, use of VHF/DSC and towing. See you there.

Good fishing

Dennís

The Sick List

Bruce has recovered well from his recent eye surgery. He's back at work and happy with the results so far, and is now just waiting for the tuna to turn up off Sydney to get back to fishing.

Belinda

Fishing Reports

Lower Georges River Outing

The stage was set for a productive winter's day fishing. A time was allocated on the fishing calendar to the lower Georges River to be accompanied with a pre-fishing presentation delivered at a club meeting. Together with sign on sheet and information covering where and when to fish, what bait to use and a projected after fishing gettogether in the park at 1.00pm, the knowledge was duly imparted and all presumably left the meeting inspired (although not many names appeared in the sign on sheet). Still, not to worry, they can contact the event coordinator later.

The day dawned clear and bright, with a slight wind, sunny skies and a favourable tide to launch. A very good day indeed for winter fishing. My boat had been serviced, bait and gear stowed, fuel tanks filled and enthusiasm high. On arrival, the ramp parking lot appeared only about 10% filled. Great!

Back in the park at 1.00pm there was......me. John

Sorry Bill, nothing to report. The river is still dirty and will take some tie to clear and the seas have been too rough to try outside. East coast lows are a pain in the butt!

Bob

Hi Bill

I have not fished the lake in the last month but got up to the Signa wreck- or what's left of it up off Stockton Beach and scored a couple of tailor each over a kilo.

Of course my mate took a terrible photo for me.

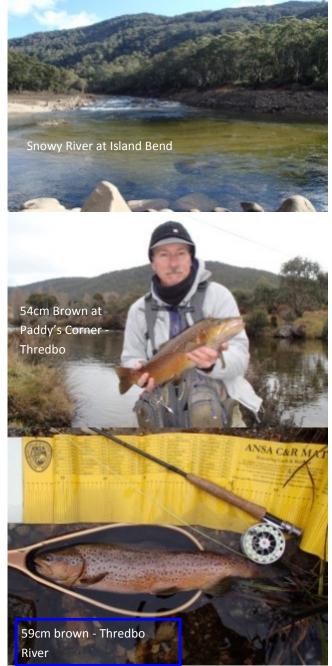


Nice fish though Jeff

Hi Bill,

Have not been on the rocks for a while due to weather and swell. Did go down to the Thredbo again for a week. Two weeks before the closed season. The water level in the Thredbo was way down at 0.6m (Paddy's Corner) and the water was crystal clear, consequently the fish were not running and the few that were there were very wary and we had no follows. Did a lot of walking both the Thredbo from the ski tube down to the Diggings and from Paddy's Corner to the lake. Also went up and fished the Snowy at Island Bend all to no avail. On the Wednesday afternoon we had about 0.5 of a mm of rain and overcast conditions - the fish started to move up from the lake and we then caught fish over the next two days on the Thredbo. We caught about 15 fish - browns, rainbows and brook. I landed 5 the best two were 54 and 59cm.

Heading up north to Iluka for a week with the boys early July so again will not be at the next meeting. Cheers Phil



Fishing Report Jindabyne 4-14 June

A great time was had by St George members at the Piste Haus Lodge, Jindabyne in early June.

Those who attended were

Bill and Lilian Harvey, Lloyd and Sam Anderson, Roger and Bev Giller, Peter and Helen Mortel, Gary and Cheryl Pearton, Peter Hewitt, Arthur and Maria Zacharias, Leah Zacharias and Peter and Debbie Logan.

Although it was raining heavily the first weekend, the weather cleared and then the TROUT FISHING BEGAN! See the fishing results.

Highlights

- ⇒ Trout Fishing (although we were delayed some mornings by the "frost")
- \Rightarrow Pasta Night
- ⇒ Afternoon visit to Jindabyne Hotel
- \Rightarrow Curry Night
- \Rightarrow Happy Hour (every night)
- ⇒ Lunch at Wildbrumby Distillery Estate
- ⇒ Trivia Night run by Debbie and won by Team 1 (Bev, Sam and Gary)
- ⇒ Drives exploring the area and lunches out
- \Rightarrow Cocktail Party on Saturday Night
- \Rightarrow And
- \Rightarrow ENJOYING THE LOG FIRE every night.

Report and photos by Debbie Logan



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The capture chart



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The EAR continued

Now being compliant with safety measures is essential for all of us-not just for compliance for compliance sake but for our own safety and that of our mates fishing with us. But, earlier this month on the long weekend at Jindabyne, Maritime were checking boats. Pleased to see you have your lifejacket on sir. (the sir had me in) would you open it and show me the date it was last checked? Yes sir. But unfortunately it had been checked in April 2014. Oops. Do you have a fire extinguisher sir? Yes of course. Ah ha, I see it is an old one and doesn't show it is Australian Standard certified. **Oops**. Now you have a serviceable waterproof torch. Of course sir, it's In here-no its over here, no it is in our room back in the lodge. Oops. Could I see your boat driving licence. Of course, I always have it with my fishing licence in a wallet in the glove box. Here is the wallet but but sir it doesn't seem to be in here. Do you have any identification—yes here is my driving licence. Still living at this address? Yes I said sheepishly. You will probably be hearing from us. And you will have to take your boat off the water now. Back at the ramp another boat came in and needed to buy a fire extinguisher—even for the small battery he had for his sounder. And yet another boat, their life jackets were out off date also.

So, people please learn from this. Being compliant is one thing but being safe is far far more important. I await being admonished by our Safety Officer. Letter did arrive.

Now our **members pride themselves** (to a certain extent) in being able to **recognise most if not all fish species**— especially the common ones. What have you caught?

Just a rainbow and a brook trout.

Now brook trout are on my bucket list so over I went to fish the same area. But alas there were no more. Later in the day, I asked him to hold the fish up for a photo. He did,



and had trouble finding it. He had 2 rainbows! The same angler must not be able to sleep as he always gets to the boat ramp

well ahead of the troops. This morning the troops arrived at the ramp but our early bird was not here! A report came through his near new Toyota would not start. Now the NRMA was called but they didn't start work until 8am. Red faced he finally turned up—the smart key was inadvertently shielded somehow. The NRMA bloke said it happens quiet frequently. "Smart keys are part of a computerized system that uses sensors and microchips to automatically unlock the doors and start the vehicle

More of The EAR

without the use of a key. Smart keys are often shaped more like plastic cards than actual keys". Google's words not mine.

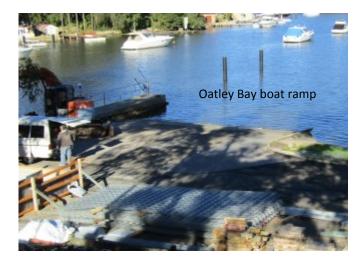
He went on to catch 2 more rainbow trout that morning! He was heard mumbling something about all the start he had given us.

And while on the subject of this member, he had to leave Jindabyne a few days early as it was his 50th wedding anniversary. Seems he is softening—he bought Anne an anniversary card. Not wanting one with a sloopy verse he chose one with a more 'manly' verse. He was happy with his choice. At home on The Day, husband and wife exchanged cards with a kiss (of course). And the surprise—they had bought identical cards!

Happy Anniversary Anne and Peter may there be more of them.

Why would **Helen's earing be in Peters grapefruit**? We have no idea but I am sure someone will have a plausible reason.

Things that go bump in the night. Now Jindabyne this time of the year is pretty cold, night times in particular. So a nice warm bed with plenty of blankets and a doona is essential for sound sleeping. However in the wee small hours BUMP. Was was THAT? People left their warm beds to see if a branch or something had fallen on the roof. Seeing nothing so back to bed. At breakfast someone asked did anyone happen to hear that noise last night? Yes, almost to the man. Cheryl admitted in was Gary, he fell out of bed. On questioning it seems he was having a nightmare. He was a Bouncer at a theatre, some lads were being a nuisance to others and Gary went to see them off the premises. (so far so good). However as they approached the exit doors they turned into koalas! Cranky koalas. Gary drew back and fortunately they kept moving towards the EXIT. Now as those doors opened the koalas turned into natives with spears and menaced Gary-he retreated-and fell out of bed!



MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Membership renewal for the 2016-2017 financial year is due on the 1st July 2016.

Your renewal will be accepted at the June and July meetings and the fees for the new year are the same as the current year and are shown in the table below. (If you wish to post your renewal form and money please send them to the address on the form.)

Please complete both the Radio Call Sign form (below) and the Membership Renewal form (on the rear of this page) and bring it when renewing.

Thanks

Peter Logan

MEMBERSHIP TYPE		FEE
Junior	Under 16 Years	\$5
Student	Between 16 and 25 and a full time Student	\$15
Regular	Between 16 and 59 years	\$40
Senior	60 years and over	\$30
Family	Max 2 Adults in a household	\$55

ST GEORGE SPORTFISHING CLUB INC RADIO CALL SIGN APPLICATION FORM

	SPORTFISH No	
	(A number will be allocated if you currently do not have one)	
Name	ANSA Membership No	
Boat Name	Boat Rego Number	
Boat Make	Boat Type	
Boat Material	Boat Length (metres)	
Boat Deck Colour	Boat Hull Colour	
Boat Radio Type		
/Frequencies	Boat EPIRB (Y/N)	
Boat Trailer Rego		
Motor 1 Type	Motor 2 Type	
Motor 1 Make	Motor 2 Make	
Motor 1 HP	Motor 2 HP	
Motor 1 Fuel Type	Motor 2 Fuel Type	
Motor 1 Fuel Amount (litres)	Motor 2 Fuel Amount (litres)	
Car Rego No 1	Car Rego No 2	
Launch Type		
Ramp Location No 1	Ramp Location No 2	

ST GEORGE SPORTFISHING CLUB INC

P.O. BOX 162, RIVERWOOD. N.S.W. 2210 AFFILIATED WITH ANSA (NSW BRANCH)

RENEWAL OF MEMBERSHIP

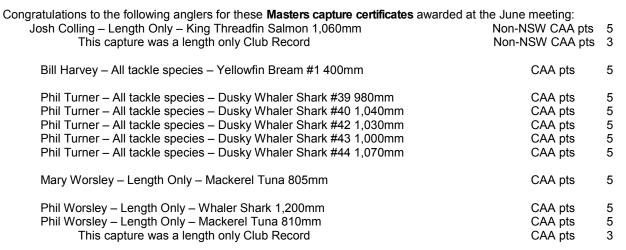
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Membership Renewal v3 25/05/2016

CLUB RECORDER'S REPORT - JUNE 2016

Certificates awarded at June meeting, events between 25 May and 19 June

ANSA's Lake Lyell Tournament was held over the weekend of 20th – 22nd May, however, no members from St George were in attendance



CHAMPION ANGLER AWARD 2015/16 - END JUNE

MENS		LADIES		JUNIORS	Non-NSW	
Phil Turner	115	Belinda Rayment	73.5	no entries	- Josh Colling	8
Bruce Rayment	49	Karen Maltby	46			
Bill Harvey	22	Mary Worsley	13			
Phil Worsley	21	Debbie Logan	13			
Ron Camp	20	Lia Zacharias	6			
Dennis Simpson	14	Maria Zacharias	6			
Ray Agius	11	Bev Giller	3			
David Maltby	9	Karen Holland	3			
John Everett	8	Rebecca Logan	3			
Peter Logan	8	Helen Mortel	3			
Andrew Perros	8	Carol Rayment	3			
Arthur Zacharias	6					
Andrew Agius	5					
Lua Fakaua	5					
Trevor Dean	3					
Bill Fraser	3					
Roger Giller	3					
Craig Holland	3					
Chris Holland	3					
Colin King	3					
Brendan McMahon	3					
Bob McMahon	3					
Peter Mortel	3					
Don Rayment	3					
Sid Young	3					

The club's **length only competition** is drawing to a close so please let me know of any captures of Flathead, Snapper and Salmon (Division 1) and Bream, Whiting and Tailor (Division 2).



DIVISION 1 - LENG	TH ONLY COMP	ETITION - 2015/16	6 Updated as at:	19/6/2016	
Angler	Best Flathead - Length (mm)	Best Snapper - Length (mm)	Best Salmon - Length (mm)	Combined length (mm)	
Karen Maltby	862	580	507	1,949	
John Everett	720	-	540	1,260	
Peter Logan	680	350	-	1,030	
Andrew Peros	460	-	490	950	
Mary Worsley	860	-	-	860	
Ron Camp	836	-	-	836	
Faonelua Fakaua	820	-	-	820	
Phil Worsley	760	-	-	760	
Phil Turner	-	-	650	650	
Trevor Dean	570	-	-	570	
Bob McMahon	560	-	-	560	
Brendan McMahon	550	-	-	550	
Bruce Rayment	550	-	-	550	
Don Rayment	550	-	-	550	
Dennis Simpson	-	-	550	550	
Debbie Logan	515	-	-	515	
Andrew Dean	490	-	-	490	
David Maltby	-	420	-	420	

DIVISION 2 - LEN	GTH ONLY COMP	ETITION - 2015/16	Updated as at:	19/6/2016	
Angler	Best Bream - Length (mm)	Best Whiting - Length (mm)	Best Tailor - Length (mm)	Combined length (mm)	
Debbie Logan	410	380	480	1,270	
Andrew Perros	290	415	540	1,245	
Peter Logan	400	345	400	1,145	
Bill Harvey	400	437	-	837	
Karen Maltby	300	•	510	810	
John Everett	370	-	370	740	
Ray Agius	455	-	-	455	
Andrew Agius	410	-	-	410	
David Maltby	395	-	-	395	
Phil Worsley	350	-	-	350	
James Rayment	340	-	-	340	
Trevor Dean	330	-	-	330	
Bruce Rayment	330	-	-	330	
Dennis Simpson	320	-	-	320	
Bob McMahon	300	-	-	300	

Please send all claim forms to me at PO Box 923, Caringbah NSW 1495 or email to <u>belinda.rayment@bigpond.com</u>

Belínda



The Canberra Fisherman's Club cordially invites you to the



ANSA NSW

Presentation Night and Delegates Meeting

Saturday, 27 August 2016 Eastlakes Football Club 3 Oxley St, Griffith, ACT 2603



\$40.00 per Adult \$20.00 per Child under 16 Seating for Dinner at 6:30pm Dinner at 7:00pm

Entrée: Main:

Bread roll and butter Roast Chicken & Beef Mixed Garden Salad & German Potato Salad

Dessert:

rt: Cakes and Slices & Tarts

Scales up-to-date LIST

St Georg e SFC -	Scales			Month verified	Month verified	Verified at Present
SCALE No.	ТҮРЕ	WEIGHT CLASS	MEMBER	2015	2016	
4	Berkley Dig.	23	B Moores	Dec		Yes
12	Salter	0-100 0-5	P Worsley	July		Yes
14 15	Capacity Salter	100	P Turner R Camp	March	April	Yes
21	Salter	100	L Anderson	May		No No
24	Wedderburn	100	B Rayment	Sept.		Yes
26	Salter	50	P Hewitt	Sept.		No
27	Salter	20	P Hewitt	July		Yes
28	Salter	25	P McDonald	July		Yes
29	Salter	10	P McDonald	July		Yes
31	Chatillon	7.5	D Rayment			No
32	Salter	20	A zacharias			No
33	Salter	0-22	P Mortel	Aug.		Yes
36	Salter	3	B Sutton			No
38	Salter	10	P Mortel	Nov.		Yes
40	Super Samson	0-1	Sid Young		Feb.	Yes
41	Salter	15	R Agius	Nov.		Yes
42	Salter	3	R Agius	Nov.		Yes
44	Top Catch	3	W Lamontte			No
45	Capacity	10	W Lamontte			No
49	Super Samson	0-10	Sid Young		Feb.	Yes
50	Super Samson	0-2	Sid Young		Feb.	Yes
51	Super Samson	0-10	Sid Young	Manala	Feb.	Yes
54 57	Rapala Dig. Rapala Dig.	25 50	P Turner B McMahon	March		No
57	Berkley Dig.	0-23	P Worsley	Sept. June		Yes Yes
59	Little Sampson	0-6	1 Worsley	Julie		no
61	Rapala Dig.	25	R Agius	Nov.		Yes
62	Rapala Dig.	25	P Logan	Nov.		Yes
63	Rapala Dig.	25	P Logan	Nov.		Yes
64	Rapala Dig.	25	B Harvey			No
65	Rapala Dig.	25	B Rayment	Sept		Yes
66	Rapala Dig.	25	D Rayment			No
68	Rapala Dig.	0-8	B Sutton			No
70	Rapala Dig.	0-8	G Daniels	Neur		No
73 78	Rapala Dig. Berkley Dig.	0-25 0-14	C Holland N Wilson	Nov.		Yes No
79	Rapala Dig.	0-14	A Zac	July		Yes
80	Rapala Dig.	0-25	D Simpson	July	Feb.	Yes
84	Rapala Dig.	0-25	P Logan	Nov.	100.	Yes
85	Berkley Dig.	0-14	D Maltby			No
86	Rapala Dig.	0-25	J Tabley			No
87	Okuma	0-25	E Dhyon			No
88	Rapala Dig.	0-25	D & K Maltby	March	Feb.	Yes
89	No Name	0-15	Ron Camp	Sept.		Yes
90	Berkley Dig.	0-50	E Dhyon			No
92	Rapala Dig.	0-20	B Rayment			No
93	Weiheng	0-25	P Turner	Nov.		Yes
94	Weiheng	0-25	R Camp			No
95 96	Weiheng Weiheng	0-25	D & K Maltby D & K Maltby		E-6	No
96 97	Weiheng	0-25	D & K Maltby		Feb.	Yes
97	Weiheng	0-25 0-25	D & K Maltby	ļ	Feb.	No Yes
90	Weiheng	0-25	B Harvey	Oct.	TED.	Yes
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100	No Name	0-40	R Camp	Sept		Yes
101	Black magic	0-40	A Perros	Jept		No
103	Weiheng	0-25	B Rayment			No
104	Weiheng	0-25	B McMahon			No
200	CE	0-50	NSW SFC			
201	CE	0-50	M Spitzer			
300	Rapala	0-25	Gav Bevridge			



Waterbird Of The Month



Hardhead, Aythya australis

Other Names: White-eyed Duck

Appearance. The male is a rich mahogany colour with a largish, high-crowned head. The eye is white and the dark bill has a blue-white tip. The "stern" is white. The female is somewhat paler, with a dark eye and the bluish-grey bill has a lighter tip.

Range & habitat. The Hardhead is a widespread and commonly seen duck although unlike some other species such as Pacific Black Duck and Australian Wood Duck, it is more wary and usually does not venture on to land to feed (or be fed). Prefers deeper waters and can form rafts of several hundred on larger lakes and dams. Also on sewerage ponds, brackish coastal swamps and deep permanent wetlands. Occurs in most of mainland Australia except the arid south-central region. Also in Tasmania.

Feeding. Feeds mainly on underwater vegetation, on the surface, in shallows or in deeper water by diving to reach the required depth.

Breeding. Breeds throughout the range, usually from August - December. Nine to 12 creamy white eggs are laid in a neat shallow cup-shaped nest in reeds and rushes, which are often bent over to form a canopy. Incubation lasts about 30 days.

Voice. Male: soft wheezy whistle; Female: harsh rattle



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Female - Wollongong Botanic Gardens



Male - Kinchega NP

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