



# NEWSLETTER

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5 Apr (Wed)	Club Outing - Port Hacking
6 Apr	General meeting # 531
6 Apr	Fishing Workshop Gunnamatta Bay
7 Apr	School Holidays start
22 Apr-5 May	Club Outing - South West Rocks
4 May	General meeting # 532
13 May	Club Outing - Bate Bay
24 May (Wed)	Club Outing - Port Kembla
27 May	Club outing - snapper day
1 June	General meeting # 533
3 June	Club Outing - Georges River
17 June	Club Outing - Woy Woy/Broken Bay
25 June	Club Outing - Botany Bay

## New members

A **huge** welcome to new members Ian and Alex Davis with children Claudia and Sullivan, Grant and Brodie Erskine and welcome back Karl Rasmussen with Celeste Rasmussen .

It is a pleasure to have you on board . We hope you join in some or most of our outings. Make yourselves known to all of us at the meetings or outings.

## Birthday people for April

7th Ron Camp	22 <sup>nd</sup> Sam Anderson
8th Carol Rayment	26th Arthur Zac
12 <sup>th</sup> Sondra Colling	27th Cheryl Pearton
13 <sup>th</sup> Les Waldock	28 <sup>th</sup> Natalie Xuereb
19th Rita Agius	30th Max Sainsbury

## The EAR

**Brad Sutton gave a great talk** last meeting on fishing for bream. I'd say from his enthusiasm that fishing for bream is his favourite fishing method. Brad included baits, rigs, lures and flies. He did identify where he fished—generally that is but enough for an enthusiast to go to the locations and fish around. He did emphasise that experimenting and persistence is worth a try. He did indicate most of his fishing is with a mate with most members of this club. Brad brought a couple of his rods and reels to show what he uses. He brought samples of lures that he has used successfully. He brought flies that have been successful. A most interesting and informative talk. We had 34 members present.



**The EAR cleaned up by the captain of St George rugby league team.** Well not really but we were both involved in a traffic dingle which saw his Mercedes winched on to a tow truck last Sunday afternoon. The EAR's vehicle was driveable but is looking rather sad. It must be said here that neither of us were at fault – an elderly lady's car just happened to be in the wrong place at the wrong time. No injuries though, just metal and glass—and a few dollars. And Gareth Widdop led his team to a good win later in the day.

**And apologies to Jeff Tabley.** His fishing report was missed from the last Newsletter. Just how I can't say but it is included hereabouts. Sorry Jeffrey.

**The bluewater and rockfishing events were called off** at the recently held Sydney Tournament due to unsafe seas. ANSA advises there will be an invitation to participate in these events in the near future.

**Victoria Fisheries has stocked a couple of dams** with Quinns or Chinook salmon, the only such locations in Australia. These grow pretty big and are eagerly sought after by anglers in Victoria and surrounds. The dams are natural craters formed yonks ago and are deep. Lake Bullen Merri is near the town of Camperdown, some 200 kms west of Melbourne. The recommended bait when fishing from the bank is pillie fillets—yes saltwater fish fillets. Not having any better advice, the author bought a few pillies from the local tackle shop. The other advice was the better fishing times were 6 to 10pm and 5 to 8am. Well how can local knowledge be ignored? It must be said though it was not crowded, at least at these times. But having diligently adhered to the advice the only fish was a rainbow trout—not caught on the fillets but on a foul hooked gudgeon. It is worth another visit.

## Coming Events—the detail

**5 Apr (Wed) Club Outing - Port Hacking.** At the time of writing times and launching details are not known. You will be advised by email before the date.

**6 Apr General meeting #531.** Phil Turner will be speaking on beach fishing. Phil is an experienced and thinking angler. He will be advising on rods, reels, baits and lures. Not to be missed. A retired school teacher his presentations are very professional.

**6 Apr Fishing Workshop** Gunnamatta Bay. For FishCare volunteers.

**7 Apr School Holidays** start –hurrah

**22 Apr-5 May Club Outing - South West Rocks.** This is an annual event that has many members travelling north. Fishing opportunities include off-shore to Grassy Head and Fish Rock. The Macleay River is on the doorstep with great mulloway fishing, flathead and bream. Trial Bay beach is always worth soaking a bait. And if you have ever considered trying for beach worms this is an ideal location.

**4 May General meeting # 532.** more on this next Newsletter.

**13 May Club Outing - Bate Bay** info to follow

**24 May (Wed) Club Outing - Port Kembla** info to follow.

Please contact Ron Camp our outings guru if you require further information regarding any outings. Ron's phone number is 0402 816 273

## Our Committee

President	Dennis Simpson	9543 0949
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## from our President



At our last meeting, Brad Sutton gave an excellent presentation on 'Bream Fishing' giving all present tips on tackle, rigs, baits and lures gleaned from years of successful bream fishing. Many thanks Brad for your time and support. There is now an expectation of course for more bream capture and or release by others to occur.

The Narooma Comp has come and gone, likewise with the Sydney Tournament.

At Narooma we came equal 6th with several other clubs and a credible 2<sup>nd</sup> to SSAFA at the Sydney Tournament.

Thank you to all who assisted with cooking, meal preparation and supervision at the Sydney Tournament to allow other members to have some time to fish.

Congratulations to Karl Rasmussen and Ron Camp for their winning performances.

Even if one does not fish in a tournament such as these, there is an opportunity to experience what goes on and to talk with other like minded anglers.

The renovations currently being undertaken at Maso's will impact on the May club meeting night. With a number of members away at South West Rocks it is proposed to have a dinner meeting instead of the normal meeting. More details will be provided at the April meeting. If wishing to attend the proposed dinner meeting, could you let me know please so that arrangements can be made with Maso's

With June 30 several weeks away, there is still the opportunity to enter fish in the club length only divisions. All legal length entries received from sub juniors or juniors will receive a gift for participating, whether or not they have been successful in a division category

Our next meeting will be on 6 April at which Phil Turner will talk on "Beach Fishing".

How do I go with bait collection? What tackle is best? What rig do I use? How can I improve my technique? Phil will elaborate on his years of beach fishing experience. So please come and support Phil.

I look forward to seeing you there.

Dennis

From an IGFA brochure in one of the annuals

"Ah, the gallant fisher's life! It is the best of any; 'Tis full of pleasure, void of strife, And 'tis beloved by many."

Izaak Walton "

## FISHING REPORTS

Hi Bill,

Recorder's report attached.

Bruce and I had some time in Port Stephens to fish the NSW Interclub. Conditions were far from ideal, and the inshore reefs had all but closed down, so the fishing was harder than we had been expecting.

However, Bruce landed a 26.2kg Short-bill Spearfish on 10kg (pending record capture), and I tagged a Black Marlin and a Short-bill. Neither of my fish wanted to hang around the boat long enough for a photo after the tags were in, but below is one of Bruce's fish.

**Belinda**



**Bob McMahon** advised he had not been fishing in the last month –no doubt due to the dirty water coming down into the bay.

From **Dennis Simpson**,

The Narooma Comp was a challenge with seas averaging 2 to 3m seas effectively restricting activities on the Friday of the competition. With waves breaking at the Narooma entrance, charter operators cancelled trips because of the sea and bar conditions. Some large private vessels however did venture out with mixed success. Beaches were not much better with waves lifting and breaking between 100m and 150m from the shore.

Although conditions eased slightly over the weekend, the focus was to fish the lakes and estuaries. This proved to be very hard work with most success being achieved with live bait.

Notwithstanding the conditions, SGSFC came equal 6<sup>th</sup> with several other competing clubs.

Although not part of the comp Glen Xeureb fished out of Bermagui on the Friday to capture a 3100mm striped marlin. Well done Glen.

From **Phil Turner**, a sequence of emails....

Hi Bill,

I have not been anywhere near the ocean front due to large swells. Spent a bit of time making lures and cleaning up fishing gear. During the breaks in the poor weather I have been down to Audley Weir with the run up tides. When the water is not too brown I have been getting nice tailor 30-40cm and salmon around the 50cm mark where the weir floods out - also lots of very small tailor which are a nuisance. Also fishing inside Jibbon Beach on the rocks at the eastern end - plenty of luderick, small drummer, salmon and mullet to 30cm. Just burley up with bread and use bread under a bobby cork with the run in tide. The fish come in there to rest up from the big swells.

Cheers Phil - **sent am 28/3**

There is a window tomorrow I hope before the next change. **Sent pm 28/3**

Hi Bill,

Did get out today and the rocks fired up. Large squid, tailor, bonito, frigates, kingfish and Nth Bluefin. Water was 24.5C with baitfish every where. First window of opportunity for a while but well worth it. Weather closes in again tomorrow for a while.

Photo of 18kg Nth Bluefin caught. **Sent 29/3**





## FISHING REPORTS continued

Hi Bill,

After a very dry end to 2016, and an even drier and hotter start to 2017, the heavens have given us some rain.....400mm in a week, to be precise.

This meant that we had a fresh in the river, which caused some very minor flooding (6 metres in the upper reaches, which translates to about 4 metres at Kempsey)....this inundates some playground equipment in the park near the Coles car park, but does very little else to inconvenience the locals.

The river looks brown, with a visibility of less than 5cm....I went to SWR the other day, and as far as the eye could see, Trial Bay looked the same.

Pretty much every north coast river from the Hastings, north to the border, is in the same situation.....a great opportunity to drink red wine and look at old photos.

Cheers,

Wayne (Colling).

And an update On 1 April " I haven't been out to SWR since my last email....the river is pretty much back to normal levels, but is still like mud in the upper (Gladstone and further up stream) reaches.

It will take a long time to clear, but there will be fish in it.

Cheers

Bill,

Got into a few fish at the end of Feb as the water got up to 22 degrees.

Tailor were taking lures on first light

Then bobby corked bread baits in the washes for drummer bream and mullet. Ran into a local guy who was using weed to snare a few luderick with no luck so I put him onto bread and he also got a mixed bag.

Nice to get out there again after being laid up with shingles for a couple of months... I look forward to catching up with old friends from sgfc soon!

**JeffTabley**



Now you don't see this every day!

A Duck, paddling around Narooma Marina, minding its own business, when an Octopus takes to it.

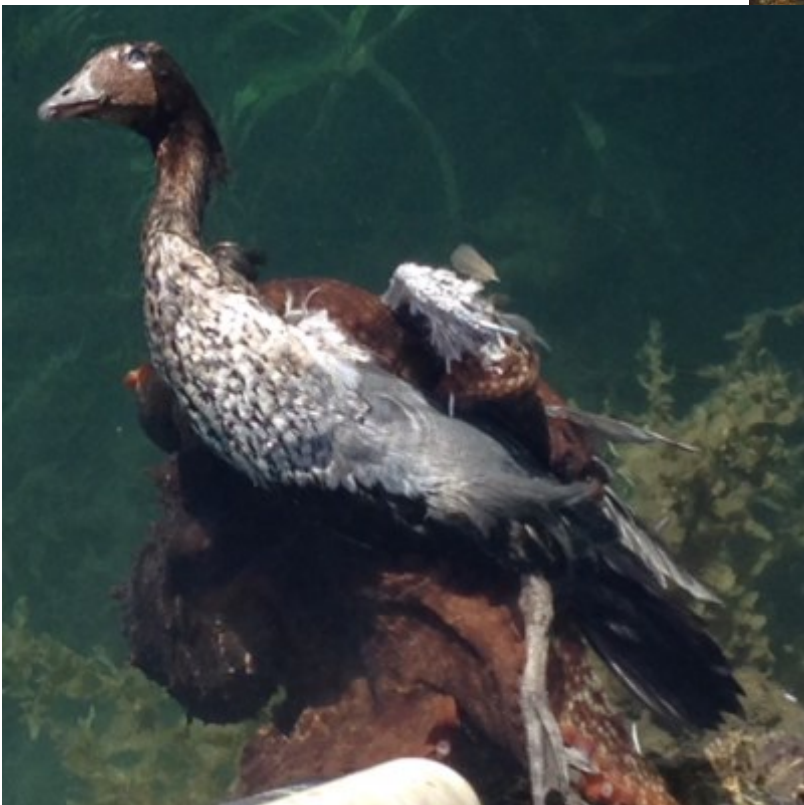
After a 10 minute struggle the Octopus finally drowns the duck.

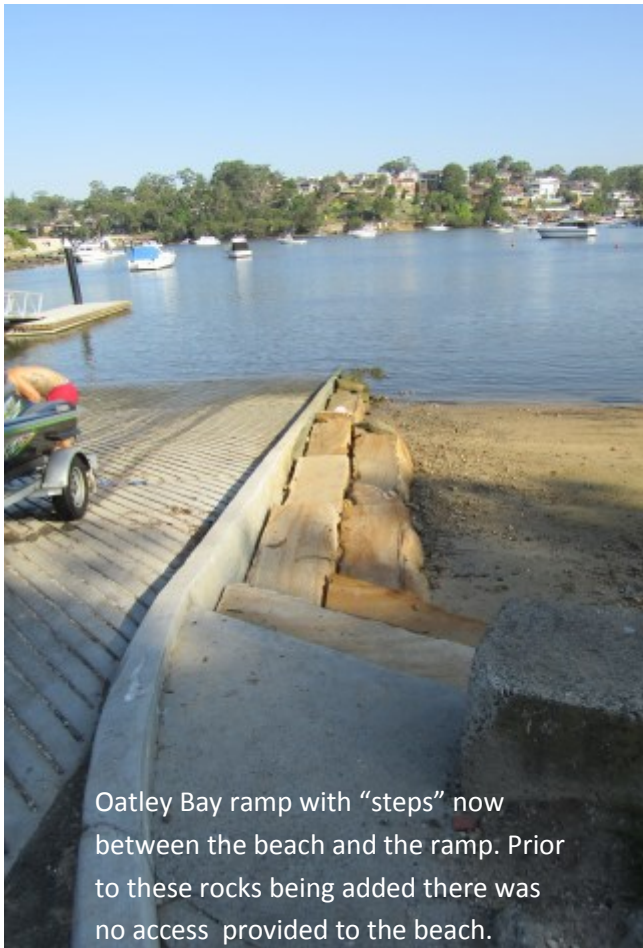
The Octopus has now wrapped itself around a jetty pole with the bird's head just above the waterline.

Why? There is at least one Bull Ray circling the pole but can't get to the Octopus or the Duck due to where the Octopus has positioned itself. Nature at its best!!

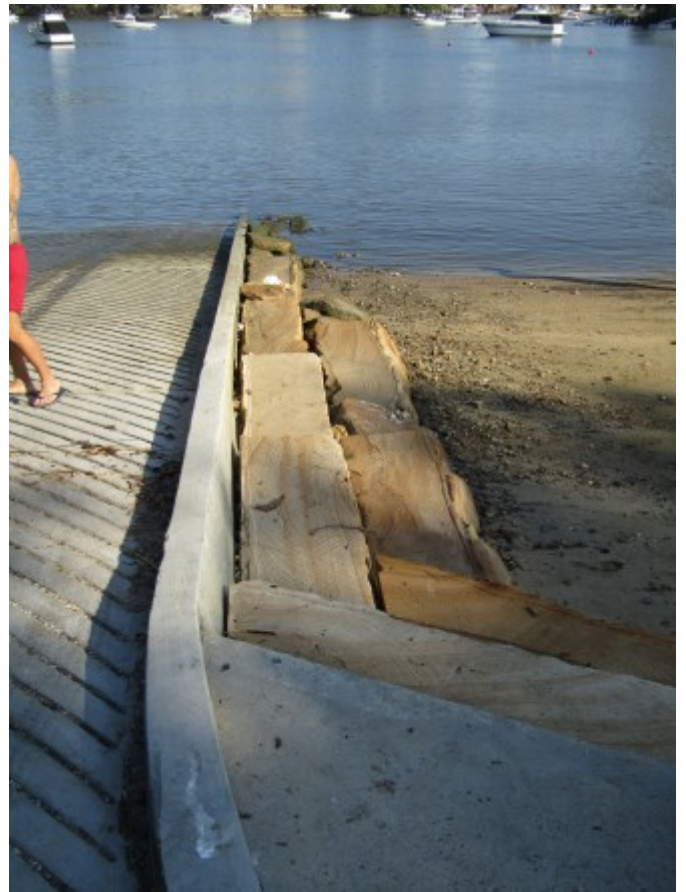
Pictured is the dead Duck with the Octopus wrapped around it and the pole. Water so clear that only the Ducks head and some of the body just out of the water.

From Les Waldock via the *Narooma News*.





Oatley Bay ramp with “steps” now between the beach and the ramp. Prior to these rocks being added there was no access provided to the beach.



The crew from Narooma Sport & Game Fishing club on charter at Port Broughton South Australia mid March.

Peter Hewitt 3rd from left reports 6 fishing on Day 1 with seas calm—see background. Day 2 however sea were up and less fish caught. Pleasant nonetheless.



# SYDNEY SPORTFISHING TOURNAMENT 2017—RESULTS

## Club Results

ssafa	40
<b>stgeorge</b>	<b>11</b>
happy hookers	6
botany bay	3

## Top 5 anglers by division

Points Angler Species Weight Line Club

### Beach

94.8	josh joseph	luderick	0.79	1	ssafa
69.6	mark holland	bream	0.58	1	ssafa
68.4	tim sackett	bream	0.57	1	ssafa
68.4	matt manson	luderick	0.57	1	ssafa
66	paul cooper	luderick	0.55	1	ssafa

### Estuary

<b>223</b>	<b>ron camp</b>	<b>flathead</b>	<b>2.23</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>stgeorge</b>
<b>176</b>	<b>karl rasmussen</b>	<b>kingfish</b>	<b>3.52</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>stgeorge</b>
172.8	adam camilleri	salmon	1.44	1	botany bay
156	ron camp	flathead	1.56	1	stgeorge
139.2	neil kemp	luderick	1.16	1	ssafa

### Juniors

259.5	ryan nemic	kingfish	3.46	2	ssafa
141	coby robinson	frigate mackerel	0.94	1	happy hooker
74.4	chelsea rutstein	bream	0.62	1	ssafa
72	coby robinson	tailor	0.72	1	happy hook
60	chelsea rutstein	bream	0.5	1	ssafa

### Ladies

144	chelsea rutstein	salmon	1.2	1	ssafa
139.2	berenice rowley	luderick	1.16	1	ssafa
108	berenice rowley	luderick	0.9	1	ssafa
80.4	bernice rowley	luderick	0.67	1	ssafa

## Length Only and All Tackle

Length Angler Species Club Date

### Bream

365 rob sciberras bream ssafa 17/03/2017

### Flathead

775 rob sciberras flathead ssafa 17/03/2017

### Kingfish

**760 karl rasmussen kingfish stgeorge**

### Mulloway

730 dane fogarty mulloway botany bay

### Salmon

580 adam camilleri salmon botany bay

### Snapper

340 lachlan quinn snapper botany bay

### Trevally

385 adam camilleri trevally botany bay

New member Karl Rasmussen receiving his award for his capture of a 760 Kingfish



Ron Camp receiving his award for the capture of a 2.23 kg flathead flathead on 1kg



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**10, 11 and 12 March 2017.**

One hundred and forty eight fishers, from 11 clubs, fished the Convention this year, travelling from as far as Lakes Entrance in Victoria in the south, Newcastle in the North of Sydney and Corowa in Country NSW.

Once again, as last year, over three hundred fish were recorded, 90% being catch and release.

A big East Low off the NSW Coast prevented many boats from fishing Montague Island and beyond. Boats that did go east saw and caught Marlin, Mahi Mahi and Striped Tuna.

Alana Hirs, fishing from dad's boat, 'On Strike', recorded her first Striped Marlin, weighing in at 72 kg. This fish took out the Gamefishing Division of the Tournament and was the only Marlin weighed. Alana also tagged several Mahi Mahi and the following day caught and tagged her second Striped Marlin, taking out the Tagging Division with her efforts.

In the Estuaries, a battle royale occurred for both Senior and Junior Catch and Release Divisions. With a point a centimetre awarded to every legal fish caught, measured and released as well as 50 points per fish entered, several gun fishers caught lots of Bream and Flathead accumulating massive points.

In the Senior Section, Peter Higgs from Malabar Boat Owners Club on 1376 points kept out a fast finishing Rob Burke from Team OTY.

The Junior Section was just as close with last year's champ, Team OTY's Cameron Spooner being chased down and passed by two Narooma Junior's, Stephie Ovington and first time entrant, Digger Cowie. Stephie finished the tournament strongly and accumulated a massive 1804 points to win the Section.

In total, 16 different Divisions were won during the weekend, many by different Club members, making the final tallies extremely close.

In third place were the hard fishing members of Team OTY, probably pre Tournament favourites, with 12 points.

Canberra FC again excelled in the Beach Division but with the Rocks wiped out by the big sea's and only a few members to spread the load, a very credible second place with 13.5 points being achieved.

This year's Champion Club, and retaining their last year's position, was host club Narooma Sport and Gamefishing Club, accumulating 27 points.

The catering was great with the ladies and guys cooking up a storm for all meals, including some great Marlin Steaks. A friendly, competitive and very happy atmosphere occurred all weekend and with Narooma looking stunning as usual, a successful weekend was had, we hope, by all.

Many thanks to our Major sponsor, Direct Plasterboard Outlet and to the all of our great and loyal sponsors who contributed to the weekend. Without your support this would not happen.

Thank you to all who attended, trust you had a safe journey home and we truly hope to see you all, next year, on the same dates, 9, 10 and 11 March 2018.

Les Waldock President

Narooma Sport and Gamefishing Club.

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NAROOMA SPORT AND GAMEFISHING CLUB 2017					
GAMEFISHING					
Angler	Species	Wgt	Line	Pts	Club
Alana Hirs	Striped Marlin	72 kg	24 kg	360	Narooma

NAROOMA SPORT AND GAMEFISHING CLUB 2017					
*ACC Div ESTUARY					
Angler	Species	Wgt	Line	Pts	Club
Matt Woolerton	Flathead	1.03	2	51.5	Sands Hotel

NAROOMA SPORT AND GAMEFISHING CLUB 2017					
*ACC Div ROCKS					
Angler	Species	Wgt	Line	Pts	Club
Nil Entries					

NAROOMA SPORT AND GAMEFISHING CLUB 2017					
FLYFISHING					
Angler	Species	Wgt	Line	Pts	Club
Nil Entries					

NAROOMA SPORT AND GAMEFISHING CLUB 2017					
*ACC Div LADIES					
Angler	Species	Wgt	Line	Pts	Club
Jess Konstantinidis	Salmon	.84	2	50.4	Team OTY

NAROOMA SPORT AND GAMEFISHING CLUB 2017					
JUNIOR CATCH AND RELEASE					
Angler	Species	Wgt	Line	Pts	Club
Stephanie Ovington				1804	Narooma
Digger Cowie				1100	Narooma
Cameron Spooner				785	Team OTY
Laura Ovington				773	Narooma
Claire Ovington				392	Narooma

NAROOMA SPORT AND GAMEFISHING CLUB 2017					
SENIOR CATCH AND RELEASE					
Angler	Species	Wgt	Line	Pts	Club
Peter Higgs				1376	Malabar Boat Owners
Rob Burke				1052	Team OTY
Steve Sibson				1048	Narooma
Karen Maltby				738	Narooma
Mal Durkin				622	Malabar Boat Owners

NAROOMA SPORT AND GAMEFISHING CLUB 2017					
ALL TACKLE NON LINE CLASS					
Angler	Species	Wgt	Line	Pts	Club
No Entry	Kingfish				
Matt Rawson	Moerwong	1.17 kg			Narooma SFC
Gavin Mitchell	Salmon	3.11 kg			Narooma SFC
Russell Deighton	Snapper	.91 kg			Sands
No Entry	Bonito				
Pat Miller	Bream	1.80 kg			Malabar Boat Owners
Wayne Harman	Trevally	.50 kg			Narooma SFC
Gavin Mitchell	Tailor	.86 kg			Narooma SFC
Matt Armstrong	Flathead	2.39 kg			Malabar Boat Owners
Russell Deighton	Tuna	3.28 kg			Sands

ROB KERR TROPHY					
Angler	Species	Wgt	Line	Pts	Club
Alana Hirs					Narooma SFC

NAROOMA SPORT AND GAMEFISHING CLUB 2017					
*ACC Div BEACH					
Angler	Species	Wgt	Line	Pts	Club
Anthony Heiser	Salmon	1.76	2	105.6	Canberra
Chris Clark	Salmon	1.70	2	102	Canberra
Colin Clarke	Salmon	1.66	2	99.6	Canberra
Colin Clarke	Salmon	1.64	2	98.4	Canberra
Edwardo Valencia	Salmon	1.64	2	98.4	South Sydney

NAROOMA SPORT AND GAMEFISHING CLUB 2017					
*ACC Div TAG AND RELEASE					
Angler	Species	Wgt	Line	Pts	Club
Alana Hirs	9 Mahi Mahi			190	Narooma
John Bennett	1 Striped Marlin			20	Non Club

NAROOMA SPORT AND GAMEFISHING CLUB 2017					
*ACC Div BLUEWATER SPORTFISHING					
Angler	Species	Wgt	Line	Pts	Club
Darren Askew	Mahi Mahi	1.64	2	123	South Sydney AFA

NAROOMA SPORT AND GAMEFISHING CLUB 2017					
SUB JUNIOR					
Angler	Species	Wgt	Line	Pts	Club
Nil Entries					

NAROOMA SPORT AND GAMEFISHING CLUB 2017					
JUNIOR					
Angler	Species	Wgt	Line	Pts	Club
Nil Entries					



## CHAMPION CLUB 2017

1st Narooma SGFC 2nd Canberra FC 3rd Team OTY

Congratulations to all clubs who fished this year's Narooma Sport and Gamefishing Convention 2017.

A very big thank you to all the fishers who made the effort, stayed the weekend and enjoyed our hospitality.

Thank you all from Narooma Sport and Gamefishing members, our sponsors and beautiful Narooma.

HOPE TO SEE YOU BEFORE OUR NEXT CONVENTION!!

YOU'RE ALWAYS WELCOME

Next year's Convention, March 9, 10 and 11 2018.

Les Waldock President Narooma Sport and Gamefishing Club Inc.

Ink running low!



# CLUB RECORDER'S REPORT - March 2017



## Certificates awarded at February meeting, events between 23 February and 29 March

Congratulations to the following members for these **Masters capture** last month:

Deborah Logan – All tackle species – Dusky Flathead #1 740mm	CAA pts	5
Deborah Logan – All tackle species – Dusky Flathead #2 810mm	CAA pts	5
Peter Logan – Lure Casting – Mulloway 4.19kg on 3kg (139.7pts)	CAA pts	5
Belinda Rayment – Length Only – Shortbill Spearfish est 1,500mm	CAA pts	5

**ANSA's Nowra Convention** was held over the weekend of 17-19 February. CAA points have already been awarded to those members who entered, and further points are awarded to Ron Camp for his placings in the Estuary Division:

Estuary 1 <sup>st</sup> place	Ron Camp – 3.4kg Flathead on 1kg (340 pts)	CAA pts	5
Estuary 2 <sup>nd</sup> place	Ron Camp – 1.5kg Flathead on 1kg (150 pts)	CAA pts	4
Estuary 4 <sup>th</sup> place	Ron Camp – 1.1kg Flathead on 1kg (110 pts)	CAA pts	2

**ANSA's Narooma Convention** was held over the weekend of 10-12 March. 3 CAA points have been awarded to Bill Harvey and Dennis Simpson who represented St George SFC.

**ANSA's Sydney Tournament** was held over the weekend of 17-19 March and Ron Camp once again took out the Estuary Division! Points for competitors, helpers and placings will be awarded next month.

<b>CHAMPION ANGLER AWARD 2016/17 - END MARCH</b>							
<b>MENS</b>		<b>LADIES</b>		<b>JUNIORS</b>		<b>Non-NSW</b>	
Peter Logan	15	Belinda Rayment	38	no entries	-	no entries	-
Ron Camp	14	Debbie Logan	30				
Trevor Dean	6						
James Rayment	5						
Ray Agius	4						
John Everett	3						
Bill Harvey	3						
Dennis Simpson	3						
Brad Sutton	3						

With only a few months left to run in our club's length competition, remember to get your entries and upgrades in to me as soon as possible.

<b>DIVISION 1 - LENGTH ONLY COMPETITION - 2016/17</b>				Updated as at	29/3/2017
Angler	Best Flathead - Length (mm)	Best Snapper - Length (mm)	Best Salmon - Length (mm)	Combined length (mm)	
Debbie Logan	810	-	640	1,450	
John Everett	870	310	-	1,180	
Peter Hewitt	380	300	490	1,170	
Peter Logan	450	-	655	1,105	
Trevor Dean	590	370	-	960	
Dennis Simpson	-	305	620	925	
Phil Worsley	760	-	-	760	
Bob McMahon	580	-	-	580	
Karl Rasmussen	565	-	-	565	
Celeste Rasmussen	560	-	-	560	
Julian Perros	520	-	-	520	
Eva Peros	410	-	-	410	
Alessia Robles	400	-	-	400	
Leon Peros	390	-	-	390	

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<b>DIVISION 2 - LENGTH ONLY COMPETITION - 2016/17</b>				<i>Updated as at:</i> 29/3/2017
<b>Angler</b>	<b>Best Bream - Length (mm)</b>	<b>Best Whiting - Length (mm)</b>	<b>Best Tailor - Length (mm)</b>	<b>Combined length (mm)</b>
Peter Logan	380	330	380	1,090
Peter Hewitt	420	-	330	750
Debbie Logan	410	-	330	740
Bob McMahon	-	-	460	460
Brendan McMahon	-	-	440	440
Andrew Perros	-	420	-	420
Brad Sutton	390	-	-	390
John Everett	370	-	-	370
Annamaria Robles	-	370	-	370
Trevor Dean	320	-	-	320
Antonio Robles	-	280	-	280
Karl Rasmussen	-	280	-	280
George Peros	260	-	-	260
Julian Perros	250	-	-	250

Please send all claim forms to me at PO Box 923, Caringbah NSW 1495 or [belinda.rayment@bigpond.com](mailto:belinda.rayment@bigpond.com)

## Container deposit scheme delayed until December

The NSW 10-cent container deposit scheme will now be rolled out in December 2017, five months after the original planned date.

Following requests from environment groups and industry bodies, the start of the scheme is being extended by five months to ensure maximum possible statewide coverage.

Under the scheme, people in NSW will be able to return most empty beverage containers between 150 ml and three litres to collection points for a 10-cent refund. It will also provide people with a financial incentive to reduce the estimated 160 million drink containers littered every year.

NSW Environment Minister Gabrielle Upton said this would be the biggest initiative to tackle litter in the state's history.

"Clean Up Australia and the Boomerang Alliance, along with industry stakeholders, have asked for an extension of time to make sure the container deposit scheme is a world leading program from day one," Ms Upton said.

The 2015-2016 National Litter Index found that 49 per cent of litter by volume was made up of beverage containers – and 43 per cent of the total volume was containers that would be caught by the NSW container deposit scheme.

# Seabird Of The Month



## Indian Yellow-nosed Albatross *Thalassarche carteri*

**Appearance.** This is the smallest of the “mollymawk” family of seabirds with a body size of 70-80 cm and a wingspan of 1.8-2 metres. The upper wings and adjacent back are black. Underneath is white except for a narrow margin of black on the underwing. The bill is black in immature birds, and the adult bill has a bright yellow stripe on top, with a pinkish-orange tip. This species is gregarious, often feeding in mixed flocks with other Albatross species.

**Habitat and range.** Breed on sub-Antarctic islands in the southern Indian Ocean and disperses through the area shown on the map. The main breeding sites are Amsterdam Island, Prince Edward Islands and Crozet Island. World population around 60,000

**Breeding.** Breeds Annually. A single egg is laid Sept to Oct in a mud-mound nest and hatches in about 70 days. Chicks fledge in about 115 days. The parents incubate in turn and may forage up to 1500 km from the breeding location.

**Feeding.** Fish, crustaceans and cephalopods.

