



# NEWSLETTER

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<b>25 Dec</b>	Santa comes

Our club will be 50 next year, having been formed in November 1968. For this event the remaining



Newsletters 1968 to 1999

newsletters for years 2000 to 2018 (209 newsletters) will be bound into a number of volumes. Newsletters for years 1968 to 1999 have been bound some years ago.

## Birthday people for November

1st Phil Turner	17th Nathalie dHyon
11th Peter Hewitt	25th Brad Hinchy
16 <sup>th</sup> Brodie Erskine	27th Debbie Lattin (Worsley)

Happy Birthday folks—may you have a happy day

## The EAR

It has been a quiet month, **The Ear** has **heard little**, perhaps members are still keeping mum, afraid their misdemeanours might be noticed by the Golden Brick scouts?

And **Lillian's search** for the cause(s) of her unsteadiness continues. Another specialist has been visited and hopefully this might shed some light on her problem.

**Andrew, Julian and Leon** were spotted at the Go Fishing NSW Day at Brighton last Sunday. The boys had some casting practise and showed 'em how to do it. Some 7000 people came through the site.

Now **Arthur Zac** has been given a reprieve from this column recently but surely he's been up to something??

**Pat Hunter** long time ANSA member and Life member of ANSA NSW and ANSA National passed away last month. Pat was a member of Western Suburbs SFC and prior to that a member of St George SFC. John Burgess chairman of ANSA attended the funeral.

St George unfortunately was not represented at the **Glenbawn Convention** this year. However see results around here somewhere.



**Bob Mc Mahon** has not grown a ginger beard—it was his neck scarf—see photo—from Fishing Reports last month.

Here is something for **Phil Turner** as an avid Forster fisher: see photo next page.

**FISHO contributor Shane Chalker** captured this incredible photo last week of a school of pilchards moving up into the channel at the entrance of Wallis Lake, Forster, NSW. "It was truly huge," says Shane, "larger then the Forster Boat Harbour. The view from above showed the enormity of the school, it was unlike anything I have ever seen."

To see more of Shane's work, go to [Shane Chalker Photography](http://ShaneChalkerPhotography).

Read more at <http://www.fishingworld.com.au/news/huge-pilchard-school-from-the-air#SiqCuCSptZ6tbGjt.99>



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Finger food and a huge raffle—come and see if **Trevor Dean** can win the huge parcel of toilet paper for the 4th year in a row. On ya Trev.

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

The **clubs outing calendar** is being prepared by the committee as we speak. If you have any ideas as to where we ought to try please give John Everett a call on 9522 4808.

It is nearly November and if you haven't considered a look at your reels, rods, hooks (especially those on lures) it might be a good time to do so.

It in no use getting to a long waited fishing spot to find reels grind when turned, rods really need cleaning and rusty hooks. Do it now. JDI.

More on the boat and trailer later.....

## A big Welcome. We welcome new member

**Zachary West.** We trust you will join in in the activities of the club and contribute to the club's fishing competitions.



## from our President



At our October meeting Ben Doolan of DPI Fisheries gave an excellent presentation on Artificial Reefs off the NSW coast from the approvals process to the design and manufacturing phase to their placement with particular reference to the one currently being located SE of Port Hacking.

Although this reef is being established now, regular monitoring of artificial reefs by Fisheries elsewhere indicates a period of up to 2 years may occur before large kingfish and similar fish inhabit these reefs. It will certainly be to our benefit in the years to come. Our thanks to Ben in giving his time to enlighten members on artificial reefs.

The November 2 meeting will see a presentation on one aspect of "Freshwater Fishing". This should 'wet the appetite' so to speak, for members particularly with the proposal to open several local dams to this fishing.

Over the past 2 months request to update 'SPORTFISH CALL SIGNS' has been published. Please ensure vessel information provided is up to date and advise if not included as laminated copies are to be provided to all on the schedule. Some preliminary copies have already been provided prior to final update.

Of note will be the regular newsletter articles on line class fishing for Masters Awards, ANSA Comps and Club 'length only' comps.

Details of our forthcoming 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary will also be provided from time to time. Any member who has memorabilia such as old photos, etc, that can be copied/displayed please contact Chris Holland. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated.

As mentioned last month the Committee would welcome suggestions for future speakers, topics or activities for future consideration.

We look forward to seeing you on 2 November.

Dennis

## Our Committee

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## FISHING REPORTS

G'day Bill,

I have been doing a bit over the last weeks. I went down the Georges River on the 28th September and got 3 Flathead to 54cm on soft plastics as well as a legal Bream and a 38cm Whiting on worms. The next evening I went shore based near Milperra bridge and got a 40cm Trevally on a plastic and backed up the next night with a small Estuary Perch. The following night, still shore based I got a good Flathead on a plastic. I was in a difficult situation and had to scramble down the bank to land it. I got it out onto a rock but while I was trying to measure it the big girl managed to get back into the water and snapped the leader. I estimated it to be at least 70cm. I got a small Estuary Perch as a consolation prize. A couple of days later I took Margaret out in the boat and we got a 35cm Trevally on lure. That same evening I went down to Milperra again and got 2 small Estuary Perch. The next day I picked up 3 legal Bream on worms. This week I have had 2 trips in the boat, the first resulted in a 61cm Flathead on a plastic and the second 2 Flathead 38 and 44cm, again on plastics.

Regards,

Bob (McMahon)

Hi Bill,

Just back into Sydney Monday. I have been in north NZ but not fishing maybe next year. They are so blessed - pulled up on a cruise to Hole in the Wall at one of the small Islands for lunch and the Captain was throwing some of his lunch (noodles) over the back to show me the local fish. Snapper were coming to the surface in the 3-5kg mark. Also stopped at a small lake near Talpo for a coffee and below me were large eels and trout around 60-70cm which were taking my bread crusts.

Locally fished Tuesday night at Cronulla and with a water temperature of 19C the sharks were around. Caught 4 and tagged 3 over a metre. A mate fished Cronulla beach the same night and caught legal tailor and was cut off by sharks. He said there were no good gutters only small longshore ones.

Hope to get back into some more serious fishing as the water temperature warms over the next few months.

Cheers Phil.

Hi Bill,

On the Queens Birthday long weekend, I went fishing/camping **down at Burrinjuck** in search for my first every Golden Perch.

I struggled all weekend however I decided to blame the windy conditions for that one. I am just going to have to have another crack at them. So as to not end up with no fish at all, I fell back on the safe option – Carp. We managed to land over a dozen ranging from 30cm to 70cm with the heaviest tipping the scales at over 4kgs. A friend also caught a few Redfin on a Redfin jig (in red).

All fish that were caught were around the Little and Big Scrubby areas. Good luck to those fishing the Burrinjuck comp.

On Saturday past, I took the boys out for fish on the **Georges River**. We had a great morning landing around a dozen Bream and a trevally. The Bream ranged from 25cm to 30cm. Leon caught the largest one with Julian closely behind him with a 29cm Bream. Leon also caught



a 40cm Silver Trevally on 2kg line. This fish weighed 1.07kg which resulted in a master catch for him. The fight went on for around 10 minutes, which felt like an hour for Leon. Every time he tried to give up, Julian just kept encouraging him. When the fish made it to the surface Julian scooped it up with the net and brought it into the boat. They were so excited that they were jumping up and down hugging each other and screaming so loudly that everyone in Blakehurst and Sylvania would have heard them. Attached is a photo of two proud boys and their fish.

Regards,

Andrew (Perros)



## Batemans Bay 29/9 to 1/10/17

On 28 September, Trevor Dean and myself took the opportunity to travel to Batemans Bay to participate in the Tomakin Fishing competition over the above dates.

A charter for the morning of day 1 was organised by Karen Maltby. This was to assist us in helping identify the location of marine park sanctuary zones and possible locations of some of the species that could be caught. *(I now have a DPI App which identifies boat location relative to Marine Park and Sanctuary zones)*

On board were three from Narooma, Les Waldock, Karen and Peter with Trevor and myself from SGSFC.

Although all had to work hard for fish, several good snapper and morwongs were caught in addition to nannygai and barracouta. To avoid the latter (and leatherjackets), it was necessary to move several times with depths from 30m to 80m. Karen and Trevor were able to catch snapper 535mm and 400mm respectively.

On day 2, David and Karen in "Fish On" and Trevor and I in "Sportfish 80" set off at first light in ideal conditions for the 12km run north to marks off Flat Rock Island where snapper to 5kg were caught just 2 days earlier. The intent was to drift over the area to try and catch / locate snapper before dropping the pick and berlying. Karen caught a line class snapper on drift No 4 but on our 5<sup>th</sup> drift the wind picked up suddenly with considerable strength and the decision made to return to the ramp.



For the initial part of the return some protection was provided by the land to the west but as we rounded the North Head Sanctuary area into Batemans Bay we were some 8km from the ramp and now punching into an estimated 35k/h plus westerly wind chop. A confronting situation when all you can see is slop and 1m whitecaps.

These pictures were taken by Karen on "Fish On" and show the boat in the horizontal position. This was not however often the case with the short and irregular periods between wave crests and deep troughs. On more than several occasions some water and spray came over the windscreen.

In what seemed like an eternity, the return trip took almost 1 hour. Our decision to return when we did was appropriate as conditions worsened after our return.

Although somewhat damp, it was somewhat gratifying at the ramp when a neighbour of the Maltby's and some of his friends who laughed whilst watching our predicament as we came across the Bay, commented on the manner in which we handled the situation. Notwithstanding this, it is a situation which should be avoided if at all possible.

Although Trevor and I did not fish the third morning, the overall results were pleasing.

Three ANSA clubs were represented. Narooma, SSAFA and SGSFC and awarded points in that order.

Karen for Narooma scored 1<sup>st</sup> in Ladies for a line class snapper and 1<sup>st</sup> in snapper length only whilst Trevor (SGSFC) took out 2<sup>nd</sup> place for his snapper and won a rod and reel for his effort.

All in all, a worthwhile experience for future fishing on the South Coast and now looking forward to fishing Narooma in March 2018 and later the next Tomakin Comp.

Dennis.



## More FISHING REPORTS

Hi Bill,

Recorder's report for this month is attached.

Bruce and I have just returned from an amazing week on a 66 foot catamaran with friends in the Great Barrier Reef. We sailed from Hamilton Island out to Swain Reefs, where we spent four days before returning to Yeppoon. The scenery and weather were both spectacular.

Although primarily a sailing holiday, we managed to incorporate some great fishing as well, ticking off a few species we haven't caught before: Red Emperor, Northern Bluefin Tuna, Spanish Mackerel, Shark Mackerel and Barracuda. Unfortunately the Coral Trout we saw didn't take a liking to our lines, and the crayfish were elusive giving us a couple of reasons at least to head back next year.

Belinda





## Even more FISHING REPORTS

Bill,

2 Km off Botany Heads we were treated to a wonderful display by a Mother whale and her young calf – jumping, tail slapping and fluke waving and generally having a great time. Kids do have fun !!.

Then to get out of the moderate North Wester, we spent a couple of hours in the Bay for 1 undersized King, 1 Port Jackson Shark and a small bonus 1 Kg snapper.

19 degree water temp.

Phil (Worsley)

***Now here is a bass.*** All 54.5 cm of him her. The fish was caught a couple of weeks ago—”down the South Coast” (fabled Secret Stream?) by Blake Fallon, Fisheries management officer and angler extraordinaire.

”The fish was taken late arvo but with the sun still reasonable up on 10lb PowerPro braid and 10lb Ocea Leader. Barometer was at 1019 from memory. I still have the lure but I'm unsure of what it exactly is—see photo.”

The fish was released.



**Record number of Australian Bass stocked in NSW** - includes 99,000 into lake Glenbawn!!



## Record number of Australian Bass stocked in NSW

A record 429,000 Australian Bass have been stocked into dams across NSW throughout 2017.

NSW Department of Primary Industries (DPI) Inland Fisheries Manager, Cameron Westaway said the record number of Australian Bass were produced at the Port Stephens Fisheries Institute, exceeded the 413,000 produced back in 2013.

“This year, DPI has stocked Australian Bass into 32 dams throughout the Central West, Hunter Valley, Northern Rivers, Shoalhaven and Southern Highlands,” Mr Westaway said.

“Australian Bass are a sought after sports fish with bait, fly and artificial lure. They travel to estuaries to spawn, between June and August, and stocking is the only way to maintain the Australian Bass numbers in our impoundments. All 413,000 Australian Bass were bred from wild fish caught when they were ready to spawn and breeding takes place under strict protocols to ensure the fish are of a high quality. Anglers will be able to catch these fish in three to five years providing significant social and economic benefits for the regions.”

- 20,000 Australian Bass were stocked into Lake Lyell near Lithgow;
- **99,000 were stocked in Glenbawn Dam** and 64,000 stocked in Glennies Dam in the Hunter Valley;
- 30,000 Australian Bass were stocked in Toonumbar Dam in the Northern Rivers;
- 81,000 Australian Bass were stocked into Lake Yarrunga in the Shoalhaven;
- 2,000 were stocked this week into Pejar Dam in the Southern Highlands.

Additional fish stocking will continue to occur throughout NSW, over the coming months, through the NSW Government’s \$250,000 Dollar for Dollar program, where funding from fishing clubs and community groups are matched by the Recreational Fishing Trust, for the purchase of fish for stocking in approved sites from registered private hatcheries.

Thanks to Freshwater Fisher—if you would like to read further, [www.freshwateranglers.com.au](http://www.freshwateranglers.com.au)

## CLUB RECORDER'S REPORT - OCTOBER 2017

Certificates issued in September, events between 24 September and 20 October

There were no Masters capture certificates awarded at the September meeting



<b>CHAMPION ANGLER AWARD 2017/18 - END OCTOBER</b>							
<b>MENS</b>		<b>LADIES</b>		<b>JUNIORS</b>		<b>Non-NSW</b>	
Bruce Rayment	8	Mary Worsley	15	<i>no entries</i>	-	<i>no entries</i>	-
Ron Camp	5	Debbie Logan	6				
Karl Rasmussen	5	Belinda Rayment	3				
Chris Holland	3						
Peter Logan	3						

The club's own **length only competition** is underway – as yet, I have not received any entries in the freshwater division, so please make sure you let me know of any captures you make.

<b>DIVISION 1 - LENGTH ONLY COMPETITION - 2017/18</b>				<i>Updated as at:</i> 20/10/2017
<b>Angler</b>	<b>Best Flathead - Length (mm)</b>	<b>Best Snapper - Length (mm)</b>	<b>Best Salmon - Length (mm)</b>	<b>Combined length (mm)</b>
Bob McMahon	610	-	-	610
Peter Hewitt	590	-	-	590
Dennis Simpson	450	-	-	450
Daniel McMahon	430	-	-	430
Brendan McMahon	400	-	-	400
Trevor Dean	-	400	-	400

<b>DIVISION 2 - LENGTH ONLY COMPETITION - 2017/18</b>				<i>Updated as at:</i> 20/10/2017
<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>
Bob McMahon	339	379	570	1,288
Karl Rasmussen	415	-	355	770
Debbie Logan	385	-	330	715
John Everett	-	-	450	450
Peter Logan	390	-	-	390
Peter Hewitt	-	-	330	330
Leon Perros	300	-	-	300
Julian Perros	290	-	-	290
Andrew Perros	250	-	-	250

<b>DIVISION 3 - LENGTH ONLY COMPETITION - 2017/18</b>				<i>Updated as at:</i> 20/10/2017
<b>Angler</b>	<b>Best Bass - Length (mm)</b>	<b>Best Trout - Length (mm)</b>	<b>Best Golden Perch - Length (mm)</b>	<b>Combined length (mm)</b>
	- no entries -			



## ANSA Rules—Difference between Divisions 10 and 11

I have been asked about the difference between ANSA Divisions 10 and 11.

**Division 10 – Length Only** – is to award the angler for catching 10 different species, each of which is equal to or greater than the listed “trophy length” in the ANSA Rule Book. As an example, you can enter the following fish as individual claims towards Division 10:

A Flathead 70cm or greater

A Marlin of any length

An Australian Salmon 55cm or greater

and a further 7 different species

**Division 11 – Length Based Species** – is to award the angler for catching 10 captures of the same species, each of which is greater than or equal to the “trophy length” for that species. As an example, you can enter:

10 Flathead, each 70cm or greater

### NSW lengths

The ANSA Rule Book lists the lengths for all eligible species. However, there have been a few amendments issued:

Watson’s Leaping Bonito – 50cm

Frigate Mackerel – 45cm

Mackerel Tuna – 80cm

Striped Tuna – 70cm

Snapper – 70cm (if caught in NSW waters)

## ANSA Rules – Fishing “line class”

For those members not familiar with the details of fishing “line class” within ANSA, there are three aspects of the capture to consider:

- The breaking strain of the line or, if using braid, the breaking strain of the breakaway.
- The weight of the fish (the fish may be released after weighing and still qualify for a claim).
- The fighting factor of the fish.

You then need to apply the formula on p38 of ANSA’s rule book:

<b>Points scored =</b>	<b><u>weight of capture (in kg) x 100 x fighting factor</u></b> <b>breaking strain of line (in kg)</b>
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As an example, calculating the points for Mary Worsley’s national record reported earlier:

Points scored	=	<u>7.53 x 100 x 1.5 (fighting factor of Tuna from p11)</u>
	=	6
		188.25 pts

For adult members, any capture over 100 pts will qualify for a Masters capture certificate.

For sub-junior members (under 10 years) and junior members (under 16 years), a capture of 80 points or more will qualify for a Masters capture certificate.

Entries in the 12-month comp must be a minimum of 50 points for any of the line class divisions. In addition, the minimum line class that can be entered in the 12 month comp is 2kg.

If you have any questions at all about ANSA’s rules and regulations, or entry into any of the competitions that run throughout the year, don’t hesitate to ask.

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

*Belinda*

## ST GEORGE SFC – LENGTH ONLY COMPETITION - RULES 2017/18

Throughout 2017/18, all members of St George SFC are invited to participate in a Length Only Competition. There will be three separate divisions:

**Division 1:** Combined length for Flathead, Snapper and Salmon

**Division 2:** Combined length for Bream, Whiting and Tailor

**Division 3:** Combined length for Bass, Trout (any) and Golden Perch (Yellow Belly)

The competition will run from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018. Only captures made within the 12 month period of each year's competition are eligible for inclusion.

Entries should be made using the form below, and forwarded to the Club Recorder within 35 days of the capture. Entries must be received before 14 July 2018.

Members can upgrade their entries at any time throughout the year so that only their longest capture for each species remains current.

There are no restrictions on line class.

All captures entered must be legal size.

All captures must be made in NSW or ACT waters.

Capture and release fishing is encouraged but not necessary for this competition.

There will be an overall prize in each division for the longest **combined length** of an angler's best capture of each species, i.e. a prize for the longest combined length of Flathead, Snapper and Salmon, a prize for the longest combined length of Bream, Whiting and Tailor and a prize for the longest combined length of Bass, Trout and Golden Perch.

**Example:** If a member's best capture of each species over the year is a Flathead of 680mm, a Snapper of 450mm and a Salmon of 530mm then their **combined length** in Division 1 will be 1,660mm.

A certificate and two 'Champion Angler Points' will be awarded to the winner of each **species category**. No additional points will be awarded for the overall combined length winner.

If you have any questions, please ask.

Belinda

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## ST GEORGE SFC – LENGTH ONLY COMPETITION - 2017/18

Angler	Species	Capture Date	Capture Location	Length (mm)

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

# LAKE GLENBAWN CATCH AND RELEASE ANSA CONVENTION RESULTS

15th to 17th September 2017

Hosted by Newcastle Sportfishing Club

Anglers in attendance	Female	Male	Total
Junior	6	11	17
Senior	11	69	80
Total Anglers			97

Number of Clubs	Junior	Senior	Total
( No Club )	0	2	2
Barrenjoey SFC	1	5	6
Botany Bay SFC	3	13	16
Campbelltown City SFC	1	1	2
Manly Warringah SFC	0	6	6
Newcastle SFC	2	6	8
Nowra SFC	3	4	7
Outcast Fishing Club	0	5	5
Sea Bees Fishing Club	4	14	18
South Sydney AFA	1	15	16
Toongabbie SFC	1	4	5
Wollongong SFC	1	5	6
Total Anglers			97

Species	Total
Australian Bass	355
Golden Perch	90
Silver Perch	2
Catfish	45
Carp	13
Total Fish	505

Species	Placing	Name	Length	Club
Longest Australian Bass	1st	Stan Konstantaras	475 mm	South Sydney AFA
	Tie 2nd	Tyson Dethridge	465 mm	Manly Warringah SFC
	Tie 2nd	Patrick Sinclair	465 mm	Sea Bees Fishing Club
Longest Golden Perch	1st	Mitch Kosyfas	540 mm	South Sydney AFA
	Tie 2nd	Justin Commys	530 mm	South Sydney AFA
	Tie 2nd	Damien Kerves	530 mm	South Sydney AFA
	Tie 2nd	Greg Stevenson	530 mm	Manly Warringah SFC
Longest Silver Perch	1st	Dean McWhinney	450 mm	South Sydney AFA
	2nd	Aaron Anderson	310 mm	Wollongong SFC
Longest Catfish	1st	Terry Tatton	631 mm	Wollongong SFC
	2nd	Terry Tatton	623 mm	Wollongong SFC
Longest Carp	1st	Faye Hanson	701 mm	Nowra SFC
	2nd	Ella McKinnon	660 mm	Newcastle SFC

Highest Individual Point Score	Placing	Name	Points	Club
Junior	1st	Patrick Sinclair	5,065.0	Sea Bees Fishing Club
	2nd	Delilah Calleja	3,550.0	Wollongong SFC
Ladies	1st	Robeka Lazarianbi	5,766.5	Outcast Fishing Club
	2nd	Ann Gerard	3,577.0	Sea Bees Fishing Club
Men	1st	Greg Stevenson	6,540.0	Manly Warringah SFC
	2nd	Terry Tatton	6,409.0	Wollongong SFC

Placing	ANSA Champion Club
1st	Wollongong SFC
2nd	Manly Warringah SFC

## NOTES:

- Longest Australian Bass - Due to a typo, at the Presentation we announced the wrong winner. Our apologies to Stan Konstantaras and thank you to Greg Stevenson for pointing this out.
- There were three unusual captures reported on the forms –  
Turtle  
Tagged Australian Bass (B3738 405mm long on Friday 15/09/2017)  
Atlantic Salmon (photo to verify - 530mm long on Saturday 16/09/2017)



# Bird Of The Month

## Magpie Goose, *Anseranas semipalmata*



**Other Names.** Pied Goose

**Appearance.** A large, boldly patterned black and white bird with red facial skin. It has long orange-yellow legs and a prominent knob on the top of the head.

**Habitat and range.** Common across northern Australia and formerly in eastern and south eastern areas, where it is now a casual visitor. Occurs in small parties and larger flocks, sometimes numbering in the thousands. Prefers large wetlands and swamps, flooded grassland with reeds etc.

**Breeding.** Jan-April in N Aust., July-Nov in SE. about 8 eggs in a deep cup-shaped nest on a mound of floating or trampled-down vegetation. The nest is mainly constructed by the male. Both parents incubate. Pairs mate for life.

**Diet.** According to The Australian Museum "The Magpie Goose is a specialized feeder with wild rice, *Oryza*, *Paspalum*, *Panicum* and spike-rush, *Eleocharis*, forming the bulk of its diet. "

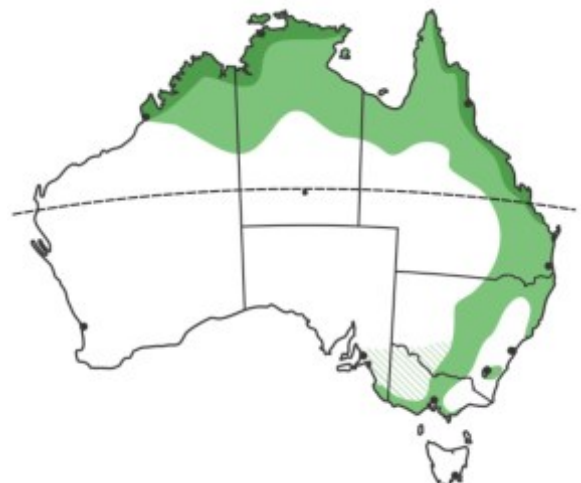
**Call.** A high-pitched honk.



Hunter Wetlands, Newcastle



Leichardt Lagoon, Qld



*Roger Giller*