



St George Sportfishing Club

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The News

Oh dear—it's that time again!

Do you want the good news 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 11 & 12 for the details and the Renewal Form

Hopefully we will be commencing **monthly fly casting** outings soon. Ken Trench has a couple of a locations in mind. page 2

Birthday people for June

13th Hartley dHyon

20th Trevor Dean

14th Margaret McMahon

28th Belinda Rayment

18th Kylie Crebert (Giller)

The EAR

From the mishap at SWR last month comes another view. Seems the perpetrator and another were talking, over the road from the victims flat (the fishing must have been slow as there were three of our members just standing around having a chin wag). But I digress.

Seems a fourth person (unknown to our boys) was in the process of coming home and wanted to park his car and boat in his own driveway. But our boys had their cars across his driveway. So, our No1 driver moved his boat and truck forward, No2 driver did likewise, allowing the unknown driver to access his driveway. All good to here. However this left our flat occupant alone talking to no-one. No2 driver could see the problem (the occupant should not be left alone otherwise he talks to just anybody) backed to his original position only to find it occupied by the flat occupant—standing there busy talking to no-one. And bang—they collided—the occupant had his breath knocked out of him while the driver got out to see what the terrible noise was. It is understood the ambulance was just about on it's way when all settled down. The driver of No2 car is at present helping the police with their enquiries—the others are egging their injured colleague to press charges.

A trip up north, 18 hours driving, 25 hours fishing, 16 hours sleeping, 1500km travelled, there were 3 of us, and



we caught no fish (besides live bait—that is).
here is our Phil T having one of his nanny naps.

Coming Events continued from page 1

Thu 4 June **General Meeting** will have a presentation by Bruce Rayment on "Downrigging using light tackle". This will be an opportunity to find out what is required and introduce a new dimension to those who have not used this fishing style.
Come along and enjoy the meeting. Supper provided—no charge. The Lucky Door Prize will be running—sign the attendance book at the meeting.

Sun 21 June **Snapper Day**. Yes we are going to try again to conduct this event. After the horrendous weather of last time we will see if the gods can smile on us on this attempt.

Launch anywhere that suits you and fish anywhere you think that the fish are lurking. Launch points may include Botany Terminal, hole-in-the-wall at Sylvania or anywhere in Port Hacking. Owing to the varying launch points we will not be able to meet up afterwards but if you could let me know how you fared on the day that would be appreciated as we would like to have an article for the magazine. There are prizes for the heaviest fish and the longest fish on the day. I can be contacted on 0411403029 or by email on jomar1@iinet.net.au. Any photos you may take on the day would be of interest to other club members. As always, in the event of inclement weather (heaven forbid), skippers assume the responsibility to launch or not.
Good luck, John Everett

Thu 2 July **General Meeting #512** with guest speaker
June/July **Fly casting** — Ken Trench will soon be assisting members with their fly casting. This is planned to be held at a local park—probably on a Sunday morning. It is intended this will be a monthly event. Of course coffee will be provided. Watch this space for the date of the first of this event.

Sat 15 Aug **Club Presentation Night** more details next month

Sat ? Aug **Whiting Night** more details next month

Sat 29 Aug **ANSA Presentation Night** We are the hosts of this important event this year. See page 4

The EAR from page 1

And another.....



But what is this about? You may well ask...



The EAR has not heard much this month—either he is getting deaf (a distinct possibility) or people are tight lipped?

Oh dear this one nearly slipped through—Arthur Zac celebrated his 70th with a heap of his friends—

From the last meeting

The full text of Chris Hollands talk on "Towing" will be included in next months Newsletter.

The **lucky door prize** (leg of lamb) was won by Dennis Simpson.

New Members

There were no new members last month.

from our President

Our thanks to Chris Holland for a very informative and interesting presentation on "Towing" at the May Meeting. As expected it did provide for discussion and comment as to what is required of vehicle and the trailer or caravan being towed.

Unfortunately time did not permit the next aspect of this VIZ "towing at sea, our obligations and responsibilities" which will be scheduled for a later date.

Have you had repairs done to your boat trailer? Outboard motor servicing? A new storm cover perhaps? A need for aluminium or stainless steel welding? Fibreglass repair? and have had a positive experience that could be of benefit to other members at some future stage? Could you please advise so that a list can be prepared for the use of club members.

Please note the Club's Presentation Night will be on 8 August 2015.

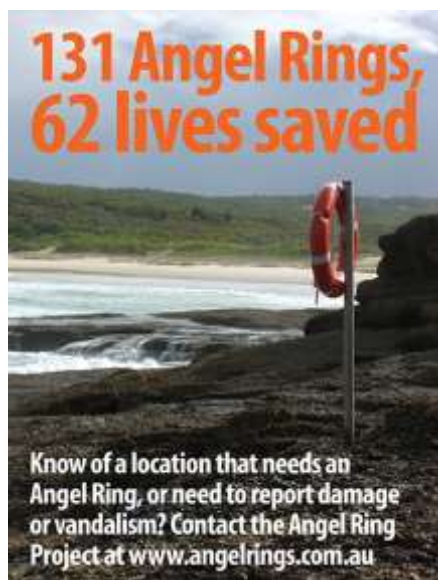
Also note the ANSA Presentation Night will be on 29 August 2015.

More detail on both functions will follow later.

Our next club meeting will have a presentation by Bruce Rayment on "Downrigging using light tackle". This will be an opportunity to find out what is required and introduce a new dimension to those who have not used this fishing style.

Good fishing

Dennis



This image from the NSW Recfisher June 2015

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 to be advised

Committee Andrew Perros

Non Committee;

Scale verifier Phil Turner

Newsletter Clark Kent (C/-Bill Harvey)9533 2453

ARE YOUR SCALES UP-TO-DATE?

Scale No.	Type	Weight Class kg	Member	Verification to month 2015
4	Berkley	0-23	B Moores	Feb
12	Salter	0-100	P Worsley	July
26	Salter	0-50	P Hewitt	August
27	Salter	0-20	P Hewitt	March
28	Salter	0-25	P McDonald	April
29	Salter	0-10	P McDonald	May
32	Salter	0-20	A Zacharias	Feb
33	Salter	0-22	P Mortel	Aug
54	Rapala Dig.	0-25	P Turner	Feb
55	Rapala Dig.	0-23	H Giller	Aug
57	Rapala Dig.	0-50	B McMahan	July
62	Rapala Dig.	0-25	P Logan	Dec
63	Rapala Dig.	0-25	P Logan	March
78	Rapala Dig.	0-14	N Wilson	Dec
84	Rapala Dig.	0-25	P Logan	Feb
90	Rapala Dig.	0-50	E Dhyon	July
93	Weiheng	0-25	P Turner	August
94	Weiheng	0-25	R Camp	Sept
95	Weiheng	0-25	D&K Maltby	Sept
96	Weiheng	0-25	D&K Maltby	Sept
97	Weiheng	0-25	D&K Maltby	Sept
98	Weiheng	0-25	D&K Maltby	Sept
99	Weiheng	0-25	B Harvey	Sept
101	No name	0-40	R Camp	Feb
102	Black magic	0-25	A Perros	March
103	Weiheng	0-25	B Rayment	July
104	Weiheng	0-25	B McMahan	Sept

Bring you scales to the meeting—see Phil Turner

St George Sportfishing Club
is pleased to announce that we will be hosting the



ANSA NSW
Presentation Night
AGM & Delegates Meeting



SATURDAY 29th AUGUST 2015

Venue



Tickets

Tickets for the Presentation Dinner

\$40.00 per Adult

\$20.00 per Child under 16

Seating for Dinner at 6:30pm

Dinner at 7:00pm



Bookings

For further enquiries, or to register your attendance and payment, please contact;

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(M) 0411 886 457 (E) plogan2001@gmail.com

Please make cheques payable to:

St George Sportfishing Club,
P.O. BOX 162 Riverwood. 2210

RSVP: 14th AUGUST 2015

St Georges Basin reef works complete



26 Apr 2015

THE last of two hundred and ten reef balls needed to complete a large [artificial reef at St Georges Basin](#) on the NSW South Coast have been installed.

This latest expansion of the reef brings the site to a total of nine hundred and ninety modules and an area of about six hectares.

Reportedly, cameras were lowered into the water to capture images of the new reef immediately after the last balls had been deployed and bream were viewed already checking out the new structure!

St Georges Basin artificial reef coordinates

Georges Basin expanded artificial reef no. 1

Location	Latitude (S)	Longitude (E)
Corner 1	35 07.570	150 36.952
Corner 2	35 07.542	150 37.042
Corner 3	35 07.488	150 36.904
Corner 4	35 07.446	150 37.024

St Georges Basin artificial reef expansion no. 2

Location	Latitude (S)	Longitude (E)
Northeast Corner	35° 7.259'	150° 37.928'
Southeast Corner	35° 7.288'	150° 37.935'
Northwest Corner	35° 7.277'	150° 37.788'
Southwest Corner	35° 7.306'	150° 37.789'

The above from *Fishing World e news*.

Fishing Reports

SOUTH WEST ROCKS 2015.

Well April/May came and went. Things were quieter this year. Many of the usual group who journey North were doing other things elsewhere. Perhaps they knew something we didn't. This was the year the weather, the River Bar and the fish didn't play fair. To top it off, Phil on arrival fell victim to a high temperature virus that kept him quarantined and laid low for the rest of the holiday. "Spumante" never moved from its parking place till we came back home. So, the Jewfish in the Macleay River were quite safe!!

The Maltbys ,who only had a week there, fished keenly, (just like we used to do) braving all tides and temperatures. They did find live bait, and they found a few fish. Karen managed a nice Spotted Mackerel ,900mm for her Master's length only, and a lost another around the anchor. A few snapper and flathead too. The first week ,the weather was reasonable.

Chris Holland's crew ,also very keen, stopped to fish for Bonito in the middle of the Bar. This was something very unusual to do especially when it is not your boat!!On another occasion, they had a salt water shower and boat wash from some waves out front of the Jail.

Dennis (President) and Bob McMahon had a thrilling experience on the Bar also. They did catch a few nice Snapper once they got outside. We did hear that the week before we came there were good catches of Spotties and Spaniards.

The Holland's extended family and Colin King also were there. Sadly the patient and his nurse missed the party banquet put on by Chris and Yvonne. Whilst the boys were fishing, Margaret and Lorraine played board games, and Mary read books and put together jigsaw puzzles.

We learned of storm damage and hail in Sydney and the impending flooding of northern Rivers was due, so we high tailed it home early. To top the holiday off, enroute homeward we broke a spring on the boat trailer, which Phil was able to repair to get us home. Read his article following. Looking forward to better times next year. Mary Worsley.



June 2015

Botany Bay contamination and recreational fishing bans

The EPA has been conducting independent testing for mercury in residential areas of Botany and also in the drains that feed into the northern side of Botany Bay and the Penrhyn Estuary which remains contaminated with a variety of nasties as a legacy of the chemical plant operations of Orica and its predecessor ICI for some 50 years.

The study which was undertaken by WSP Environmental, involved taking some 70 fish (10x7 species) from the Penrhyn Estuary and surrounding waters has very pleasingly revealed that the levels of mercury contamination in the sediments of Penrhyn Estuary are low and the levels in fish in the area are below health safety limits and are safe for human consumption.

Although mercury contaminations in the fish collected were less than the unacceptable criteria for human consumption, a fishing ban will remain in place for Penrhyn Estuary because of the presence of many other contaminants resulting from past industrial activities in and around the Botany industrial area.

While a case could be made to have the fishing ban in the Penrhyn Estuary lifted the reality is that this area is off limits to public access due to Port Botany security requirements and the fact that the area is a designated RAMSAR bird sanctuary.

I will continue to liaise with both the EPA, NSW Fisheries and NSW Ports about the prospects of recreational fishers having better land and boat access to the Penrhyn Estuary for the purpose of catch and release fishing only. Not surprisingly this area has become a major fish catchment. For the present though recreational fishing is allowed only to west of the bridge linking the Port facility to Foreshore Road. Boat access remains restricted for the entire Penrhyn Estuary.

John Burgess

*Executive Officer/ Director - ANSA National Ltd
and Vice President - ANSA NSW*

Zero bag limit for Australian bass and estuary perch started 1 May

Fishers are reminded a closure on taking Australian bass and estuary perch from all rivers and estuaries in NSW will be in place from 1 May, for a four-month

Department of Primary Industries (DPI) Senior Inland Fisheries Manager, Cameron Westaway, said the annual zero bag limit period has been extended to protect early migrating species.

"The zero bag limit will be in place from May to August, to protect these important native fish species while they spawn," Mr Westaway said.

"Both Australian bass and estuary perch form schools and migrate to parts of estuaries with the correct salinity to trigger spawning.

"These great native sports fish can be vulnerable to fishing when they are in large groups – hence the reason for the closure."

Mr Westaway said the zero bag limit does not apply to Australian bass and estuary perch caught in freshwater impoundments and dams, as they do not breed in these areas.

"All fish in freshwater impoundments, including Glenbawn Dam and Glennies Creek Dam in the Hunter Valley, Brogo Dam near Bega and Clarrie Hall and Toonumbar Dams in the northeast are stocked fisheries, meaning anglers may continue to fish for these species in those waters all year round," Mr Westaway said.

"It's worth noting the zero bag limit closure for rivers and estuaries does permit catch and release of these species during the spawning closure.

"The zero bag limit does not close any waters to fishing and does not affect anglers fishing for other estuary species, such as bream or flathead.

"However, any Australian bass or estuary perch caught must be immediately returned to the water with the least possible injury."

DPI fisheries officers will be patrolling bass waters during the zero bag limit period to advise anglers on the fishing rules and enforce size and bag limits for other species.

Criminal records for Sydney fishers



Five Sydney men have been convicted and charged with possessing prohibited size fish, having more than the possession limit of fish and master of the boat failing to prevent a serious fisheries offence.

The men were issued fines totalling \$9,000 and now have criminal records. 28 prohibited size Yellowtail Kingfish (pictured) at Tunks Park boat ramp in Cammeray, Sydney.

CLUB RECORDER'S REPORT - MAY 2015

Certificates awarded at May meeting, events between 20 April and 15 May

Congratulations to those members awarded **Masters capture certificates** at the May meeting:

Karen Maltby – Length Only – Spotted Mackerel 900mm	CAA pts	5
Bob McMahon – Length Only – Australian Salmon 600mm	CAA pts	5
Brendan McMahon – Length Only – Dusky Flathead 800mm	CAA pts	5
Phil Turner – All Tackle Species – Australian Salmon 650mm	CAA pts	5
Phil Turner – All Tackle Species – Shark, Bronze Whaler 900mm	CAA pts	5
Phil Turner – All Tackle Species – Shark, Bronze Whaler 960mm	CAA pts	5
Phil Turner – All Tackle Species – Shark, Bronze Whaler 920mm	CAA pts	5
Phil Turner – All Tackle Species – Northern Bluefin Tuna 1,050mm	CAA pts	5
Phil Turner – All Tackle Species – Shark, Bronze Whaler 1,000mm	CAA pts	5
Phil Turner – All Tackle Species – Shark, Bronze Whaler 990mm	CAA pts	5
Phil Turner – All Tackle Species – Shark, Bronze Whaler 1,200mm	CAA pts	5
Phil Turner – All Tackle Species – Shark, Bronze Whaler 1,150mm	CAA pts	5

CHAMPION ANGLER AWARD 2014/15 - END MAY							
<u>MENS</u>		<u>LADIES</u>		<u>JUNIORS</u>		<u>Non-NSW</u>	
Phil Turner	125	Karen Maltby	27.5	James Rayment	14	Bill Harvey	16
Bruce Rayment	54	Belinda Rayment	26	Clayton Rayment	6	Dennis Simpson	8
Ron Camp	23	Debbie Logan	23	Hartley Dhyon	3		
Bill Harvey	18	Maria Zacharias	6				
Peter Logan	18	Bev Giller	3				
Arthur Zacharias	16	Lillian Harvey	3				
Don Rayment	12	Helen Mortel	3				
Peter Ayers	11	Carol Rayment	3				
Dennis Simpson	10	Mary Worsley	3				
David Maltby	9	Lia Zacharias	3				
Bob McMahon	8						
Trevor Dean	6						
John Everett	6						
Chris Holland	6						
Phil Worsley	6						
Brendan McMahon	5						
Ray Agius	3						
Hayden Ayers	3						
Craig D'Hyon	3						
Kayden Dhyon	3						
Yves Dhyon	3						
Lua Fakaua	3						
Roger Giller	3						
Peter Mortel	3						
Andrew Perros	3						
Jason Prendergast	3						
Brad Sutton	3						
Jeff Tabley	3						

A number of club members have entered captures in the three species of our **length only competition**. There is still time to upgrade, so please let me know of any captures of Flathead, Snapper and Salmon (Division 1) and Bream, Whiting and Tailor (Division 2).

DIVISION 1 - LENGTH ONLY COMPETITION - 2014/15			Updated as at: 15/5/2015	
Angler	Best Flathead - Length (mm)	Best Snapper - Length (mm)	Best Salmon - Length (mm)	Combined length (mm)
Peter Hewitt	450	450	590	1,490
John Everett	620	350	490	1,460
Peter Logan	605	-	630	1,235
Phil Worsley	590	-	630	1,220
Debbie Logan	480	-	620	1,100
Karen Maltby	520	420	-	940
Chris Holland	835	-	-	835
Brendon McMahon	800	-	-	800
Bruce Rayment	690	-	-	690
David Maltby	640	-	-	640
Bob McMahon	-	-	600	600
Arthur Zacharias	-	-	595	595
Mary Worsley	-	-	595	595
Andrew Peros	550	-	-	550
James Rayment	520	-	-	520
Andrew Dean	470	-	-	470
Trevor Dean	450	-	-	450
Don Rayment	430	-	-	430

DIVISION 2 - LENGTH ONLY COMPETITION - 2014/15			Updated as at: 15/5/2015	
Angler	Best Bream - Length (mm)	Best Whiting - Length (mm)	Best Tailor - Length (mm)	Combined length (mm)
Debbie Logan	380	-	695	1,075
John Everett	320	330	410	1,060
David Maltby	340	320	350	1,010
Peter Logan	390	-	465	855
Bob McMahon	-	391	390	781
Karen Maltby	330	410	-	740
Trevor Dean	330	400	-	730
Daniel McMahon	260	380	-	640
Andrew Perros	285	350	-	635
Brendan McMahon	-	430	-	430
Barry Moores	390	-	-	390
Ron Camp	-	-	360	360
Glen Daniels	330	-	-	330
Chris Holland	330	-	-	330
Jake Daniels	325	-	-	325
Don Rayment	320	-	-	320

Remember that you can upgrade your entries in the club's own **length only competition** at any time, so report any captures of Flathead, Snapper and Salmon (Division 1) and Bream, Whiting and Tailor (Division 2).

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

Belinda

BOAT TRAILER SPRING REPAIR

It seems these days that most things that come out of China, ie. boat trailer springs leave a bit to be desired on their hardening, tempering and quality control.

Two years ago, the road into the Rocks after heavy rains was full of potholes. After arriving we found a broken spring. The trailer wheel was hard against the front of the mudguard. On examination the "roll" on the spring where the bolt goes through had fractured in half. Not being able to purchase a nine leaf spring, I came up with an easy, quick fix which was a "u bolt" and a plate, that were able to pull the damaged spring back into place. This held perfectly for the 3 weeks of the holiday and the trip back to Sydney, where I replaced the spring.

Fortunately the "u bolt" was with the tools that I carry on these trips, because when the next catastrophe near Karuah happened, I had these spares with us. This second spring fractured in exactly the same place as the first one had. After jacking up the trailer, repairs made, we were on our way in 35 minutes. Bits worth \$5, can get you out of a heap of trouble.

See attached photos.

Phil Worsley



Fishing World's free online TV series Fishing Journeys launches on Friday May 29!



The weekly series is produced exclusively by the *Fishing World* team and features accessible fishing journeys including camping, land based and boat fishing with a strong "how to" focus and is presented by Fisho editors, writers and guests.

[Sign up to the e-newsletter here](#) to get the show delivered FREE each week and score great prizes! If you're already a subscriber, each episode will arrive in your email inbox every Friday for 13 weeks.

Waterbird Of The Month

Black-winged Stilt *Himantopus leucocephalus*

Other Names White-headed Stilt, Pied Stilt

Appearance. The Black-winged Stilt is an elegant bird with its fine proportions, striking black and white plumage, its long fine bill and slender bright pink/red legs.

Similar species. Adults unmistakable. Juveniles are similar to juvenile Banded Stilt.

Range & habitat. Fresh or brackish swamps, salt marshes, estuaries, sewerage farm ponds, margins of dams etc. Often in pairs, small groups or large flocks of several hundred.

Feeding. Wades and feeds in shallows, mainly on insects and crustaceans.

Breeding. Aug. to Dec. in SE Aust., Autumn in Tropics, but almost anytime in response to good rainfall. 3-4 eggs in a nest of water vegetation and weeds. Both sexes incubate for 22-24 days.

Voice. A repeated high pitched 'yap' or 'boo'



Rainbow Reach



Rainbow Reach



Juvenile - Towra Point

Roger Giller



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AFFILIATED WITH ANSA (NSW BRANCH)

RENEWAL OF MEMBERSHIP

SURNAME _____ GIVEN NAMES _____ DOB _____

STREET _____ ANSA No. _____

SUBURB _____ POSTCODE _____

PHONE (H) _____ PHONE (M) _____ PHONE (B) _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

FOR FAMILY MEMBERSHIP (Complete as Applicable)

SPOUSE

SURNAME _____ GIVEN NAMES _____ DOB _____

CHILD

NAMES _____ DOB _____ NAMES _____ DOB _____

CHILD

NAMES _____ DOB _____ NAMES _____ DOB _____

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT _____ DATE _____

SIGNATURE OF PARENT/GARDIAN _____

(For and on behalf of children under 16)

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY (Circle Option)

Regular Junior Student Senior Family

(\$40.00) (\$5.00) (\$15.00) (\$30.00) (\$55.00)

Junior = Person under 16 years of age.

Student = Person between 16 and 25 years of age and a full time student.

Senior = Person over 60 years of age.

Family = 2 or more people in one household – maximum 2 adults.

*** Annual membership renewal is due on the 30th June each year ***

EMERGENCY CONTACT DETAILS

NAME _____

STREET _____ SUBURB _____

POSTCODE _____ PHONE (H) _____ PHONE (M) _____

Own a Boat with a Radio? **YES/NO** IF 'YES' please complete the Radio Call Sign Form over the page.

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY AMOUNT \$ _____

CATEGORY OF MEMBERSHIP _____ RECEIPT NO. _____ Cash / Cheque / M Order

ST GEORGE SPORTFISHING CLUB INC

RADIO CALL SIGN APPLICATION FORM

		SPORTFISH No <small>(A number will be allocated if you currently do not have one)</small>	
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 Type No 1		Motor Type No 2	
Motor Make No 1		Motor Make No 2	
Motor HP No 1		Motor HP No 2	
Motor Fuel Type No 1		Motor Fuel Type No 2	
Motor Fuel Amount No 1 (litres)		Motor Fuel Amount No 2 (litres)	
Car Rego No 1		Car Rego No 2	
Launch Type			
Ramp Location No 1		Ramp Location No 2	