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CLUB NEWS

The 2nd Club AGM has now been held. For a fuller report see later in the newsletter. Suffice to say at this stage that the Club is financially secure for the coming year and has a strong new executive who already have some innovative plans to take the Club forward into the future. These plans include negotiating some access to more private waters for exclusive Club fishing and building a closer alliance with, particularly, Singleton Fly Fishing Club. Already a joint outing is being planned on one of the waters to which we have exclusive access.

The Club has come a fair way in the past two years and intends to continue in this vein for the coming years. Under the new and enthusiastic executive (see above), ably led by Dawn Hopkins, there are already plans to increase the membership and consolidate all the gains we have made over the past two years under the leadership primarily of John Macleod.

Unfortunately the Club will lose the presence of John in the near future. John and Caroline will be moving to Sydney and although John will remain a "Distant" member of the Club he will not be attending many meetings. He will of course be attending some outings whenever possible. As inaugural President John guided the Club through its formative period and stamped an ethos of ensuring that the Club should promote the fun of fishing and socialising for all members regardless of age or gender. This ethos is still current in the Club and is a major factor in our ongoing success.

The Club will miss John and his enthusiasm. We look forward to any outings that he may be able to attend. Tight Lines John!

Note the new postal address of the Club in the Club details box above

FRESHWATER FISHING SAFETY DVD

If you have not watched the DVD on Freshwater Fishing Safety I recommend that you do so. It has some very good advice on all types of freshwater fishing including wading, bank fishing, boating and kayaking. For instance if you don't know the emergency number to ring on your mobile when something goes very wrong you have a problem. This and other important information is on the DVD. The number to ring in an emergency is included in the Editor's Comments page. You use that particular number regardless of who your phone carrier is.

There is also a demonstration of how to use a pressure bandage for snake bites and useful information on wader safety. If you don't have a copy of the DVD you should be able to get them in tackle shops. However, John Mcleod has a limited supply that may be available to you.

AGM REPORT

Our second AGM was a resounding success. Great food supplied by members and wives, the venue was excellent and the weather was favourable if a little cool. We had about 40 people attending which included some family members, guests as well as Club members. The elections for the executive positions went off without a hitch and the social activities were as usual enjoyed by all.

The food was fantastic with steak, salads and desserts to tempt even the most discerning palate. A highlight as always was the cake made by our Patisserie extraordinaire Una Blair. Great cake Una!

I was lucky enough to score the remaining piece to take home, as I say a great cake.

John Macleod convened the formal elections of the Executive and they were as follows:

President: Dawn Hopkins; Vice President David Wiggins; Secretary Don Dixon, Treasurer Brian Walker. The Committee appointed by President Dawn was finalised following the AGM and can now be announced as follows:

Club Captain and Casting Days co-ordinator Ben Hicks; Newsletter Editor (me) Bob Dove; Chief Gear Steward: Mark Stewart; Librarian: Dave Wiggins; Club Room, Resource Officer and Head Sheriff Ron Hopkins; Social Welfare Secretary: Terena Druce; Outings co-ordinator Dave Simmons.

I understand there may be one more appointment to follow -- that of Publicity and PR co-ordinator.

The Wind-knot award was won by me -- although that is nothing to boast about. The Wind knot award is awarded to the member who has "Transgressed" most during the year. The "Transgressions" seemed, at least to me, to be trivial and at the whim of our Club Sheriff and I might add cost me a fortune in fines over the year!

The accompanying pix show the following. Me presenting quiz prize to Tony and Terena Druce; President Dawn inducting junior member Nathan Stewart (being dubbed with a fly rod); Dave Wiggins presenting quiz prize to my wife Janice; Caitlin Hicks cutting Una's Cake; me Presenting the Pro Angler prize rod to Una Blair; John O'Shaughnessey giving Caitlin casting tips alongside the hall; me addressing the group with John Macleod and Ben Hicks; Dawn presenting a certificate to Robert from sponsors Mitre 10; John Macleod inducting new Club Sherrif Ron Hopkins; me, John and Ben - the retiring executive; me receiving the "windknot" award from past president and acting sherrif John.





Most of these pix should be a bit self explanatory to members. You will notice that I have referred to myself (Bob Dove) as me in the pix. Don't get confused as it is not someone's abbreviated name. I don't usually abbreviate names although if someone was named Montgomery Elphinstonecraft I would be tempted to abbreviate it to ME. If anyone knows someone named Montgomery Elphinstonecraft and is upset at my use of his (her?) name please feel free to write your concerns on the back of a postage stamp in capital letters. Post to someone who, unlike me and Rhett Butler, does "give a damn".

Two quizzes were held with Tony and Terena Druce winning the one set by me and the one set by Dave Wiggins was won by my wife Janice. However, the prize we all wanted to win was the raffle of a "Pro-Angler" fly rod - a very worthwhile addition to anyone's collection. This was won by Una Blair to much cheering although I suspect tempered by a dash of envy.

A highlight of the event was the inducting of no less than 5 new members including two junior members and one female member. The Club has continually promoted its wish to have more female and junior members and we appear to be having some success in this area. The election of



a female Club President will reinforce the non gender bias of the Club and hopefully our two new junior members will spread the word among their contemporaries.

After all the formal matters were finished the BBQ and social activities enabled all attendees to just relax and enjoy themselves. There were a number of activities including quizzes and skill and luck games. All the games and contests attracted very worthwhile prizes. Most of the Prizes were donated by Sponsors of the AGM including Port Macquarie Tackle and Port Macquarie Mitre Ten. We thank them for their generosity.

The venue of Telegraph Point Hall was a great venue and I suspect that we will be booking it for AGM's for some time to come.

NSW ANGLER ACCESS PROJECT REPORT

From Chris Robertson, Project Officer

During the past month we have had confirmation from Crown Lands that they have approved a Lake Macquarie site that we applied for conversion to a recreational fishing reserve. The next step is to finalise the legal requirements and have the Reserve advertised in the Government Gazette. We will then be able to have the Recreational Fishing Alliance Trust appointed as managers of the reserve. A great step forward.

Several very exciting sites have been identified in the Grafton/Coraki/Evans Head area and I will be arranging site meetings with Grafton Crown Lands in the near future; if you like chasing bass and want a camp site on the river then several of these sites should meet your needs.

We are working in conjunction with Central Coast Fly Rodders on a site at Narara Creek on the Central Coast. There are numerous groups and authorities we have to consult with but the process has begun and we are making progress. Considerable work was done by the CCFR with the initial concept for development of the site; our next big step is to convince the government authorities that they should come on board, not always easy.

I am then off to Orange for the TSR Conference and while there hope to meet with the local Crown Lands Office to discuss the Mushroom Flat site on the Cudgegong River.

There is still a lot of work to be done with the Snowy Mountains sites, the number of locations there is huge, it is just a matter of time and trying to fit them all in.

If you have sites that could fit the project please email me, I am more than happy to look at them. Check our website at www.nswangleraccess.com.au for further details.

(Note: This is an edited report to fit in with our Area coverage. The full report appears in the August issue of Freshwater Fisher, published by The NSW Council of Freshwater Anglers Inc. Ed.)



FLY TIE NIGHT

The U3A premises not being currently available for our regular fly tie nights we needed a new venue. To the rescue came incoming President Dawn and husband Ron. They hosted a Fly Tie night at their home in July. It was good to see distant member Susan O'Neill, in town for a short visit, attending the fly tie night. It gave her the opportunity of becoming the first member to renew membership for the 2011 - 2012 year. Also attending his first fly tie night was new member (inducted at the AGM) Dave

Simmons. A big thanks to Dawn and Ron for their hospitality. I understand that when U3A finally gets permanent premises they will be glad to have us again as sub tenants. Until that time we will be using other premises as they become available. The Port maritime museum rooms may be available in the shorter term. Member Brian Tolagson (who is also VP of U3A) is looking into this possibility. The pix show a cosy group -- cosy because Ron and Dawn had a great wood fire burning on what was a cold wet night.



PRESIDENT'S PARA

KISS ... Keep It Simple Silly. Wise words from a boss many years ago after he read an article I was asked to write for a local paper. He kindly suggested I shouldn't write like I talk ... meaning I talked too much. So I will *try* and keep my President's report short and sweet. This may be hard as I have sooo much I have to say.

A great time was had by our members who attended our 2nd AGM at the Telegraph Point Hall last Saturday. There was plenty of room, a great kitchen area with all utensils supplied, inside toilets and weatherproof. A huge thank you to Bob for organizing the use of this great venue.

Many thanks to John for Chairing our AGM and overseeing the election of our new Executive officers. Thank you also to members and non members alike for your confidence in me to fulfill the position of President. I feel very honored.

Last August I read an article about the Hastings Fly Fishers in the Focus magazine. All the members present made us feel so welcome that Ron and I became members that night. So a BIG thank you to John, Bob, Ben, David, Ronnie and Frosty.

Just a short story about myself for members who haven't met me as yet. I was born in Gordon Street, Port Macquarie (in a little house just behind where the Holden dealership is) approx 53yrs ago. I moved to Telegraph Point where my Dad operated the Hacks ferry then moved to Pembroke until I was 12 then to Bellangry. My family loved to fish and Koree Island, Rawdon Island, Hardy's Plains, Kindee and Ellenborough hold fond memories of catching mullet, perch and catfish. I caught my first catfish at 4yrs of age at Hardy's Plains and can still remember my Dad skinning and cooking it over the fire he'd made in the rocks. Simple pleasures that have lasted a lifetime.

I met my husband Ron almost 40yrs ago. Ron is also a local who was born in the Wauchope Hospital, (** yrs ago). We've been lucky to have worked and stayed in the Hastings where our son Chad, a distant member, and daughter Lorissa, whose partner Josh is a distant member, were born and educated.

Our Executive and Committee has now been finalized (see Bob's report) and we look forward to working together. Included for discussion are the following:

- *Planning our outings for the next twelve months – (after our first Executive meeting the next 5months has now been completed)

- *Approaching property owners at Hartys Plains near Wauchope and new places at Walcha and Laurieton/Kendall for permission to access their properties. This year we were able to use properties at Ellenborough, Rawdon Island and Walcha and members had a great time at these new venues.

- *To attract more interest by publicising the club in our local papers and radio stations

- *Guest speakers for monthly meetings-we already have six speakers chomping at the bit ready to go. For those who missed last months meeting, our guest speaker demonstrated the correct measuring and fitting of Travel/compression stockings.

- *Encourage more junior members by offering to run Fly tying and casting demos at local High Schools. If any members have experience or have contacts at local high schools please let me know.

- * Repair of club trailer. Although we've had a quote for repair of the cover, we will also look at pricing to sheet metal cover it as well. Then it needs painting and finishing with club and sponsorship signage.

- *At this years AGM we were able to attract sponsors: Marshall & Anne from Flynn's Book Café, Mitre 10 Hardware Port Macquarie & Danielle & Chris from PMQ Tackle in Gordon St. We hope to continue these sponsorships by supporting the above businesses throughout the year.

I may stutter and make a few mistakes as I settle in, but with your help I will try my very best to continue the friendship and growth of the club and welcome suggestions from members. (By using the KISS method I did manage to reduce my article from three pages to one but had to test my cut, copy and paste skills)

Cheers, President Dawn

COST OF CHANGE

As many of you are aware I managed a programme area for a NSW Public Service Dept. for a number of years. During that time the particular Dept I worked for changed its name almost every time the Govt changed. It was conservatively estimated that the cost of each name change was in the region of 6 million dollars when you took into account costs involved in stationary, signage and the restructuring of offices needed. It appeared the changes were at the whim of the new Minister and were so that his or her ego could be satisfied by stamping their identity on what they considered their Dept.

The para highlighted below was received a little while ago from information on the fisheries website. Yes that's right the "Fisheries" website as we know it. Of course it was under the Dept of Primary Industries - which then became part of the new Dept of Industry and Investment. Now of course with the change of Govt we have yet another change of name. What is the new name of the new super Ministry wait for it....DTIRIS -- it's abbreviated because it is so long (see below).

On the 4th April 2011, a NSW Government Order was announced whereby 13 departments were reduced to 9 clusters. This resulted in the former NSW Department of Industry & Investment, being regrouped and renamed the Department of Trade & Investment, Regional Infrastructure and Services (DTIRIS). The new Minister is the Hon Andrew Stoner. Details were further announced that The Hon Katrina Hodgkinson MP was appointed Minister for Primary Industries and Minister for Small Business. We will be utilising the Primary Industries branding which falls under the new department of DTIRIS.

What, I wonder will be the cost of this particular change. I assume the Govt will try to convince us that they are actually going to be saving money. They will use terms like "Scale of economy"; "Rationalisation of Resources"; "Closer co-operation between complementary Dept's" and I am sure other political speak. But it begs the question of why the need to change the name of the Dept's concerned if the same job is being done by the same people. I bet they won't tell us why!

HAVE A LAUGH

Here are a few snappy answers to ponder

A flight attendant was stationed at the departure gate to check tickets.

As a man approached, she extended her hand for the ticket, and he opened his trench coat and flashed her. Without missing a beat she said, "Sir, I need to see your ticket, not your stub."

A lady was picking through the frozen turkeys at the grocery store, but couldn't find one big enough for her family! . She asked a stock boy, "Do these turkeys get any bigger?" The stock boy replied, "No ma'am, they're dead."

The cop got out of his car and the kid who was stopped for speeding rolled down his window. "I've been waiting for you all day", the cop said. The kid replied, "Yeah, well I got here as fast as I could". When the cop finally stopped laughing, he sent the kid on his way without a ticket.

A truck driver was driving along on the freeway. A sign comes up that reads low bridge ahead." Before he knows it the bridge is right ahead of him and he gets stuck under the bridge. Cars are backed up for miles. Finally, a police car comes up. The cop gets out of his car and walks around to the truck driver, puts his hands on his hips and says, "Got stuck,huh?"The truck driver says, "No, I was delivering this bridge and ran out of gas."

(THE TEACHER Snappy Answer OF THE YEAR) A college teacher reminds her class of tomorrow's final exam. "Now class, I won't tolerate any excuses for you not being here tomorrow. I might consider a nuclear attack or a serious personal injury or illness, or a death in your immediate family but that's it, no other excuses whatsoever!" A smart-butt guy in the back of the room raised his hand and asks, "What would you say if tomorrow I said I was suffering from complete and utter sexual exhaustion?" The entire class does its best to stifle their laughter and snickering. When silence is restored, the teacher smiles sympathetically at the student, shakes her head, and sweetly says, "Well, I guess you'd have to write the exam with your other hand."

MEETING NIGHT GUEST SPEAKER



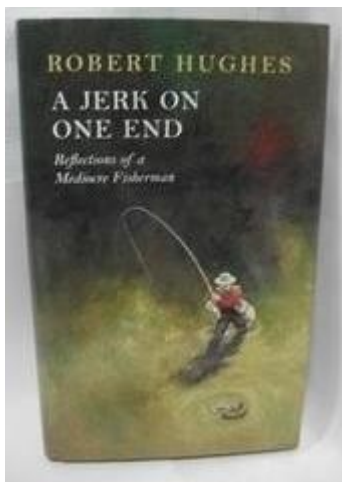
Well there was certainly an interesting guest speaker at the last meeting. Of course President Dawn is always an interesting speaker but this time it was the subject matter. I knew it was going to be something different when I saw the "props" by the table. A display leg wearing a sexy black stocking and other accoutrements. However, the subject was a serious topic. Dawn talked about compression stockings and the fact that they played an important

function in preventing circulatory problems in older people. This included deep vein thrombosis (DVT) caused by sitting for long periods. This is something some of our older members do when travelling long distances to fish or flying to NZ for example. Dawn made the subject interesting as well as informative. This was assisted by the fact that husband Ron was chosen to model some of the products. I never knew Ron had legs like that. Like what I hear you ask. Well that's one of the Club secrets - but the pix may hold a clue or two.



BOOK REVIEW

This is a book review from Marshall of Flynn's Book Cafe and is the first of what I hope will be a regular feature of the newsletter. The books reviewed are available from the Book Cafe. However, don't forget that if you want a particular book they will try to track it down for you. Ed.



A Jerk On One End

This book by Robert Hughes author of "The Fatal Shore" and celebrated art critic is a must read for lovers of the sport or not.

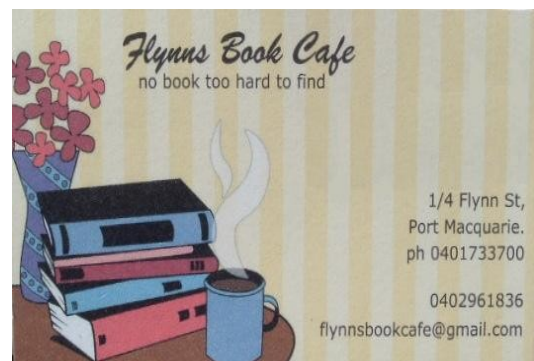
Hughes' father taught him fly fishing and sportsmanship when he was only 11 years old.

In the book Hughes writes..."to fish at all, even on a humble level, one needs to notice things...the movement of the water, its patterns the rocks...the seaweed."

Time on the pier (fishing in Sydney) taught him to "concentrate on the visual for fishing is intensely visual even perhaps... especially when nothing is happening."

Full of anecdotes and humour...this small book is a must for any bookshelf for fishermen (ok Dawn, fisher people) and non fishermen alike.

Happy fishing, **Marshall**



SUBS DUE

A reminder that if you have not already paid your subs for the 2011 -- 2012 year, they are now due. Should you wish to continue membership there is a grace period for subs until the Club meeting in September. Failure to pay your subs by that time will result in your membership being terminated and you will cease to receive newsletters and other Club information.

PLATYPUS AWARENESS -- THINK PACT

I was recently sitting in the waiting room of my doctor. This is something I do with increasing regularity as I get old(er). In fact we are at the stage where I feel we are almost close friends and should soon start swapping childhood stories, telling ribald jokes and planning future drinking sessions. However, I digress. While sitting in the waiting room I started to read a copy of a fishing magazine.. I don't remember what date it was but it looked in reasonably good shape so it was not that old. I won't name the publication but will say that the particular article I refer to did not meet what I call the standards of current modern fishing ideals!

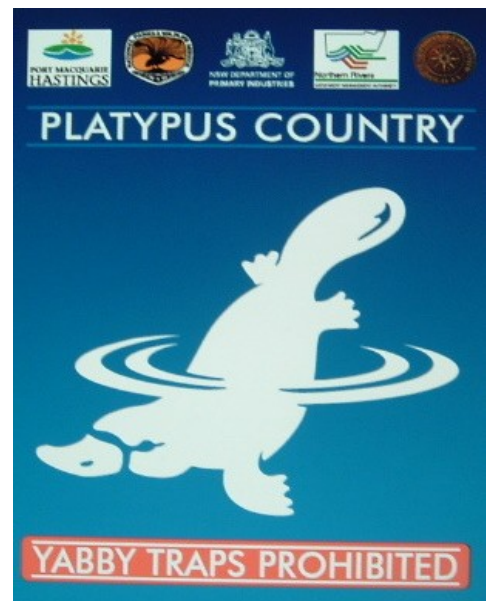
In it there was an article by one of their writers that talked at some length about how good yabbies were as bait for Bass, Cod and Silver Perch. He went on about how to catch them by encouraging the use of the opera house yabbie traps usually available from tackle shops

What concerned me was that there was no warning that they are illegal this side of the Newell Highway in NSW and that they pose a significant risk to native wildlife including, but not exclusively, to platypuses. It surprised me that there was nothing in the article to in any way qualify where they could be used or the dangers they are to wildlife and how they can be modified to assist wildlife to escape from any traps they enter.

We often see in magazines and on TV so-called expert anglers holding fish through the gills or in other damaging ways, or giving advice that is flawed in some way or another. It makes me wonder about the rationale for referring to some of these personalities as experts. They certainly appear to have little expertise when it comes to issues of safe handling of fish or responsible environmental practises. I notice that after mishandling the fish they often (presumably to gain credence about catch and release compliance) keep them out of water for inordinate periods of time and then throw them back into the water. This can, and often does, lead to these fish, exhausted as they are, being victims of predation while trying to recover. Experts? -- what a joke!!!

Luckily we will have in the near future as a guest speaker Kim Freeman, the co-ordinator of the Hastings Platypus Awareness Conservation Team (PACT). Kim will be able to ensure that no members will be unaware of the legal issues about the opera House traps and the dangers they pose. More importantly she will be able to suggest ways in which we can assist the team. The date that Kim will be attending a meeting is being negotiated. As a member of the PACT group I recommend that you don't miss the meeting when Kim is our guest.

Illustrated is one of the signs currently being used at strategic locations in the Hastings Shire. They are used to make the populace aware that they are in an area where platypus live and that yabby traps are prohibited. Unfortunately opera house yabby traps are still being used in our area. Hopefully this is due to ignorance on the parts of the users and may eventually be stopped by ongoing education about the legalities and damage associated with these traps.



SOCIAL WELFARE OFFICER APPOINTED

I am excited to announce Terena Druce has again accepted the position of Social Welfare Officer and is a valuable member of our committee.

I know personally the great work Terena has been doing during these past year as Ron and I received a beautifully written Congratulations card on behalf of our daughter Lorissa when she graduated from university.

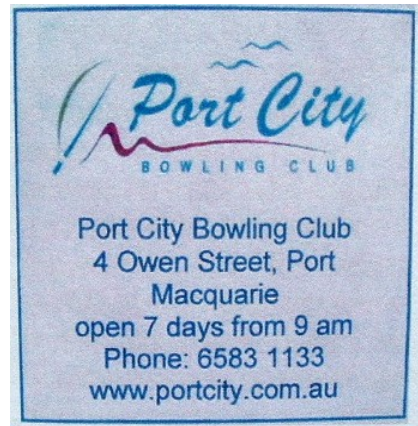
But I would like all members to keep Terena busy by emailing her your birthday dates (you don't have to add your year if you don't wish to) to: ttd1950@gmail.com

The idea behind this is to have the members receive a special mention in our planned "Social Events" section in our monthly newsletter.



Members often discuss how much they enjoy the social side of our club, so please throw your support behind this and email not only birthdays but wedding anniversaries, special awards and special events you would like mentioned.

If a member has a suggestion as to what



you would like to see added to our newsletter, please don't hesitate to email or call me.
President **Dawn**

INTERESTING DATES (WELL PERHAPS NOT!!!)

Last issue there was a short para called Interesting Dates. It stated that July had 5 Fridays, 5 Saturdays and 5 Sundays and that this happens once every 823 years. This info was sent to me by an erstwhile friend and of course I printed it in good faith -- trusting soul that I am!!!

The information was absolutely wrong. These events happen quite frequently -- I leave it to you to work out how frequently.

I have arranged for my correspondent who supplied the false information to be lashed to a computer hard drive and beaten with a USB cord while listening to a child reading Windows XP Simplified continuously for a number of hours. He's lucky I am such a considerate person believing in the axiom of Firm but Fair!

My thanks to Marshall of Flynns Book Cafe for correcting my erstwhile friend's mistake (see how easily I have shifted the blame). No-one else picked up on the mistake which probably shows that either nobody in the Club reads the newsletter or alternatively and more probably nobody in the Club is as bright as Marshall. I know what alternative I'm backing.

FLY TIE DEMO

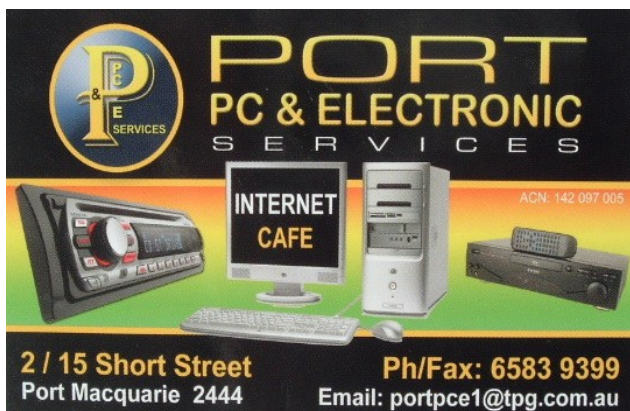
The Club will be holding a fly tie demo at Settlement City Shopping Centre on Saturday August 20th. We will need members to assist on the day. If you are not too confident about tying flies you can still assist by engaging with members of the Public to promote the Club and fly fishing. There will be a call for starters and some discussion regarding the day at the August Club meeting. There will be a need to sort out who will be there to tie and who will be ancillary members.

TACKLE SALE

Port Macquarie Tackle are having a bit of a sale as I write this. It may still be on by the time you read this. Seems like an ideal time to stock up on things like leader material, hooks and other bits and pieces. This is particularly so for you members who also toss soft plastics and dare I say it "bait" as well as waving the magic wand. This would also be an appropriate time to go in and see Chris or Danielle Blanch, the proprietors, and collect your VIP customer card. You will need to identify yourself as a member of Hastings Fly Fishers to get your VIP card. This will entitle you to a 10% discount on all future purchases. Don't forget it pays to support our supporters!



GREAT COMPUTER REPAIR COMPANY



As you are all aware my computer crashed recently with what I was advised was a "blue screen death". Sounds like some nautical disease!!! It was at a particularly difficult time as I was preparing the AGM papers and only had a few days to do this. The computer as you now know was repaired in time to get all the AGM stuff done. I would like to thank Port PC & Electronic Services for coming to the rescue in a very short time period. They were great in fixing everything in time and it was very economical as well. I would suggest if you have a problem with your computer take it in, talk to Dave Walters and I am sure he will be able to assist. you.

A personal thanks to you Dave from me and members of the Club.

EDITOR'S COMMENTS

What a great AGM we had with a really good turnout , many members accompanied by family. A highlight of course was the inducting of a number of new members. As one of my final duties as Secretary prior to the official handover to Don Dixon, I had one pleasant task. That was to update the membership list. When the original 8 members started the Club we said that a goal (one we HOPED to achieve) would be to have 40 members at the second AGM. If all current members renew their membership we will have a membership of 43 as of now. It's great news eh!. However, we will continue to recruit members and I fully expect the Club to continue to grow. It is particularly pleasing to see an influx of junior members -- let's hope we have many more.

No fly swap at this coming meeting but this usual feature will re-commence for the September meeting. No doubt Ben will announce the "Fly to tie" at the August meeting for swapping in September.

As the next meeting will possibly be the last meeting John Macleod will attend as a Port Macquarie resident member I urge you to attend if possible. This will be our chance to farewell John and have the odd tipple or two with him. President Dawn will have some announcements and business will be kept to a minimum for this meeting. I am sure that a number of members will be able to recount some amusing stories of highlights in John's time with the Club.

Don't forget to obtain a copy of the Freshwater Fishing Safety DVD (possibly from John if he brings some to the meeting). There are a number of useful bits of info on the DVD. For instance if you didn't know already the emergency phone number on mobiles is 112.

At the AGM I noticed that a number of cars belonging to members lacked Club stickers. I can only put this down to either an oversight by the owners or them not being available when you wanted to get them.. Consequently I will ensure that I, or the resource officer, have a number of stickers available at future Club meetings for those members who wish to give me the required money.

Also available from our resource officer are Club cloth badges for your fishing shirts, vests or head-wear. These Club identifying bits and pieces are important in lifting the profile of the Club and Fly Fishing generally. They attract attention and often enable you to get talking to someone about the Club and "waving the wand". It is just another string to our bow (or line to our rod) in the quest to attract as many members as possible to the fly fishing genre.

Most members are now aware of the Club trailer and how useful it is and will be for the future Club outings. However, there is still a little work needed to bring it up to where we can really be proud of it. A working bee will be held in the near future. Starters will be called for and it is hoped that members will assist in getting what is your Club trailer into pristine condition.

I hear on the grapevine that Liam Gallagher, our fly fisher of renown, was fishing recently in the Beechwood area - probably Koori Island area. He was using his float tube and an intermediate sinking line. Did he catch anything you ask?. When does Liam not catch fish I reply?. As the Bass season is closed Liam went out targeting Herring. I don't know what fly he was using but I intend to

find out. My spy, if he is to be believed, tells me that Liam caught 46 Herring. He did catch one Bass as well although not the targeted fish. All fish returned unharmed to the water. I don't know whether Liam was fishing alone or whether any other member was with him. How does he do it?. Well join the queue to find out. Liam should be back in Port permanently come September. Just in time for the opening of the Bass season. Go fishing with Liam and you will learn a lot.

Ben Hicks apologises for not having a Captain's Column ready for this issue of the newsletter. Apparently computer problems. He assures me that the regular column will be back for the September issue. It is worth remembering that I welcome contributions from members to include in the newsletter. I cannot always guarantee to print them immediately as there are sometimes space problems. However, I will always try to get them in. So any budding writers out there can send in an article or two whenever you like. It saves me writing the majority of the articles or getting them from other sources.

Treasurer Brian will be very willing to accept any subs from members at the meeting.

See you at the meeting,

Bob Dove,

Newsletter Editor.

PS: As Newsletter Editor I write most of the articles unless they are obviously attributed to others. I accept the responsibility for these articles.

Next meeting: Wednesday, 10th August, 2011 at 7 pm sharp at the City Bowling Club, Owen Street, Port Macquarie. Check with Reception first to find out which room we meet in. Visitors most welcome.