



# AFAQ



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## ***President's Report...***

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Last meeting March saw an active Working Bee with a general clean up of around and under Cottage. The outboard motors and generator were given a work over and all found to be satisfactory. Thanks to those who attended the place did look much better.

Next meeting will be 5th April. This also incorporates the Patrons Shield which is a boat only comp.

Club members participated in a ceremony for the spreading of Matho's ashes on the Southport Broadwater 23rd Feb. The club presented a floral wreath and provided some refreshments. Thanks to those who were able to attend with a special thanks from the Mathewson family.

### **B-B-QUE**

The burners for the gas B-B-Que have been replaced/reconstructed so as Jimmy has mentioned elsewhere in the Newsletter special thanks to Jim Mischke and Steve Ballinger.

### **MORETON BAY RE-ZONING**

Secretary Pat has on behalf of AFAQ sent off our submission to EPA regarding Moreton Bay Re-Zoning. I hope most members also made their own personal submission. Thanks to Peter Johnstone for preparing our submission to DPI regarding reductions to bag limits on Fraser Island etc.

### **SICK LIST**

Member Dave Nelson has just had a recent stint in hospital and is now home recovering. Let's hope for a speedy improvement because, Dave, I hear those bream are starting to move!! Also on the sick list is Rob Hounslow who has been battling an ailment for some time. We also hope Rob has an early recovery because a "gargle" just isn't the same without him. Our Patron, Jack McLeary has also not been doing too well. Hope things will soon be on the improve Jack. Members often ask how you are going and will no doubt have you in mind at the Patrons Shield

### **SPIT ROAST**

Thanks to Jim Mischke the club now has under the cottage a large Spit Roast capable of catering for a football team, which is good because it will take a football team to move it! It's an excellent set up so I have no doubt our expert chef, Jim Attard, will conjure up some delightful treat at some stage. This unit would be excellent for any member who may wish to use the cottage for a function. Thanks also to Garth Bess for storing this item until we had space.

### **EROSION**

Last month I reported a case of "Stolen Sand" to the Council with the result that Council erected a supposedly replacement groyne. This month I have reported a case of a "Stolen Groyne" as it has been washed away. I believe Council are investigating a more substantial construction which may incorporate rocks either side of the groyne for support. We will continue to pursue as necessary.  
Graeme Goodall  
President.

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## Club Captain's Report

Well round 2 of our championship went well despite the wind, the rain, the massive tide run, and mozzies so thick that when they settled on your rod your fish got a kilo heavier.

A good turn out of members coming members and visitors gave us a good tally of fish. Steve Thorp came in big winning fishing with 3.10 kg and catch and release with 1.40 meters, Graham Newton came second with 2.28 kg.

Our next comp is on 5 April and is the Patrons Shield at Bribie which is a boat only comp starting at midday. As usual the cottage is available for competitors to stay, and this is also a meeting weekend.

I look forward to seeing you all ...till then tight lines.

Fishing captain  
Ricky B

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## Cottage Chairman's Report

Hi All

Thanks to all who contributed to last months working bee. Although not all could attend, there was a good turnout including some prospective members and those who helped by arranging equipment, as usual any or all help is appreciated.

Many useful tasks were performed including general cleaning, under the cottage tidy up, a couple of runs to the tip, lawns mowed, and relay fitted to the air conditioner coin box. (Al Peiniger has manual and will program when he can).

The new BBQ burner assembly kindly built and donated by Steve Ballinger and fitted by Jim.Mischke is a ripper.. thanks heaps guys.

One longer term project, cottage stabilization was started by laser marking the posts under the cottage to monitor any sinkage and best locate any temporary supports if necessary. There seems to be some debate on this issue and I would like to hear any input you may have.

Jim Attard  
Cottage chairman

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## Matho Memorial Fishing Comp

Our club captain is looking at organising a fishing comp in conjunction with the Southport Fishing Club in memory of Matho. The possible options are to hold a comp at Bribie this year and invite the Southport Fishing Club up to the cottage for the weekend and then do the same the following year at Southport.

We'll keep you posted.

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## Club Phone

A new mobile phone has been purchased and will be kept at the cottage for incoming calls and emergency outgoing calls. The number is 0420 263 364.

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## Club Merchandise

The club has AFAQ club hats, badges and polo shirts available. You can see Mal Slattery at most meetings for orders... see the club web site for styles and prices.

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## AFAQ submission on Moreton Bay Marine Park

Submissions closed on 7 March for comments on the EPA's Moreton Bay Marine Park proposal. The AFAQ submitted its comments along with many of the local businesses and residents. There was a lot of coverage in the local Bribie media with local businesses having their say on how the changes may affect them.

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## Royal Hotel Raffle Roster

If you have any queries, please phone Dan on 07-54961298 or 0417 667526.

APR 4th M.Slatery, G.Goodall  
11th G.Harrold, T.Bartholomai  
18th T. Hunter, D.Nelson  
25th G.Noy, S.Ballinger  
MAY 2nd A.Bylett, B.Bylett  
9th J.Mischke, P.Walsh

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## Next Meeting

The next general meeting will be held at 9:00am **5 April 2008** at the cottage, followed a fishing comp.

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