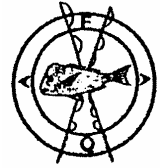




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President's Report...

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This report will combine the Newsletter for the July as well as the Annual Report for the AGM to be held 2nd August.

Firstly a reminder that July's meeting has been changed to 19th and will be combined with a working Bee.

President's Annual Report

Due to various commitments I have not been able to dedicate as much time to AFAQ over the past 12 months as I would have liked to, however the committee has given support when needed and for this I thank them, especially to Secretary Pat and Treasurer Alan who have always put in that little extra that we seem to expect of these positions.

Not to forget the rest of the committee,

Jim Attard for his efforts as Cottage Chairman, organizing Working Bees and endeavouring to maintain the Cottage. Thanks to Jim the Cottage has not fallen down yet! And of course Jims other talent that always keeps members happy is his catering and cooking prowess. There is always a questionable smile on members' faces as Jimmy turns up to an activity with his arms full, what's on the menu today? I don't know how he does it but I am yet to see an unhappy customer. Thanks Jimmy.

Ricky Bennett, Vice President and Club Captain. A hard task setting competition dates, locations and trying to keep most of the members happy most of the time.

Ricky has put a lot of time & thought into planning and for this I thank him on behalf of the members. Thanks Ricky.

Committee Members, Graeme Dowd, Peter Johnstone & Rob Hounslow.

Dowdy has carried out the most important task of the club and that is to keep the beer fridge in stock. Dowdy does a stock take before and after each booking so look out if he comes up short after your stay, I understand he can become ruthless. Thanks Graeme the sales are in great shape.

There always has to be a Gopher or two and thanks to Peter & Rob who have been able to share some of the workload of various execs. from time to time.

Also their input and words of wisdom at Committee level has been much appreciated and relied upon. Thanks fellows.

During late 2007 the club acquired its own web domain name, www.afaq.org.au and new email address of afaq@afaq.org.au. A new look website was established and has been maintained monthly with news and information for members. Many thanks to Noel Gorman for hosting our previous website.

During the year, for various reasons, we decided to discontinue with our raffles at the Nundah Hotel. We must acknowledge the efforts put in by Dan Hollywood not only for establishing the arrangement in the first place but also his ongoing organizing.

Thanks Dan the bank balance is all the better. Thanks also to those members who attended, especially those who often made up for those that could not attend.

To counter the shortfall in fund raising we are looking at an alternative. It is early days but there is a possibility that we may be able to conduct a sausage sizzle at Bunnings Lawnton one Saturday each month for about 4 hours. This would more than offset what we were doing at Nundah. In the meantime, however, because of the uncertainty of income and rising costs, especially our annual rates, be prepared for an increase in subs this year. Also tickets are in the process of being mailed for our AGM raffle. You will notice that this time there are

extra tickets in each book so please give us your support and sell as many as possible to family, friends work mates etc.

During the year a Sub Committee was formed and given the task of obtaining data and costs of various options to house our boat, provide suitable accommodation for juniors and at the same time provide extra storage. I am pleased to report that the Sub Committee has given its finding to the Management Committee. The next task is for the Sub Committee and Management Committee to get together and comprise a format to be submitted to all members to advise them of the findings and seek their input.

I had hoped that this would have been finalised by now but it is difficult to find a date that is suitable to all. Members will be advised as soon as we can get together.

I wish to thank all members of the Sub Committee for their efforts, especially Noel Gorman who put a lot of hours into investigations and compiling reports. Also Ian Venning for acting as my go-between when I had other commitments.

Sand erosion in front of the cottage continues to cause concern. I had a meeting with representatives of Council on site 21st July. Since then Council has shored up what remains of the existing groyne with sand bags. The intent is that as sand rebuilds the groyne will be extended. We will watch, wait and see.

The other good news from Council is that construction of the proposed Bribie Museum has finally received the green light with \$1M being granted from State Government for this to proceed. This means that we will finally have a suitable place for our fish specimens to be displayed plus any other memorabilia that we may wish to place in the Museum. Discussions with Council suggest that the Museum will be finished within 12 to 15 months.

In closing I wish to thank all members for their support over the past 12 months and trust that this will continue with the newly elected committee.

G Goodall
President.

Treasurer's Annual Report

Thanks to the weekly raffle at the Royal English Hotel that operated up until May, the club's reserves have increased this financial year to a secure level. Thanks go to those members who maintained the onerous duty roster of the weekly hotel raffle.

The cottage accommodation income was at a level that just met its operating expenses but is not sufficient for ongoing routine maintenance, replacements and capital improvements to the cottage and grounds. The vacancies outnumber the bookings throughout the year. There should be more use made of the cottage by members to increase the low booking level, rather than increase the accommodation fees which could be counter-productive to income. This is the best way to fund routine maintenance and fair wear and tear replacements. Essential and desirable capital improvements will need to be funded from club reserves which must be replenished by fundraising and subscriptions. The return of social functions to the cottage would help increase the accommodation income.

The club's fishing events were mostly cost-neutral through self-funding and are sustainable. This means that the club can conduct any number of fishing events (whether competition or social) without being a burden on the club financially.

To fill the gap in income by the loss of the weekly hotel raffle, it will be necessary to find other fundraising measures that are less onerous. A combination of a moderate increase in annual subscription plus a monthly sausage sizzle may fill the gap in the short term.

Cost of consumable cottage services such as electricity, water, gas, and phone is being monitored and controlled to minimise unnecessary usage or wastage.

At present, the club is financially secure and can remain debt-free and sustainable for many years ahead, with cost increases such as rates and insurance being partially offset by interest received on retained reserves.

The income for the year was \$30,993.65 and outgoings of \$23,485.30, a net revenue of \$7,448.35.

Finally, I would like to thank all those members who tirelessly provided their voluntary services throughout the year for club fundraising activities to ensure a sustainable club to enjoy long into the future.

Alan Peiniger

Hon. Treasurer 2007-2008

Vice-President / Club Captain's Annual Report

Once again our financial year has come to an end.

We had a good finish to last years fishing calendar and a great start to this years comps, except for the Jumpinpin, which not only got rained out but got blown away as well. Such a pity as we were going to contend the Matho Shield, a comp between AFAQ and Southport AFA.

I have been liaising with Southport AFA and have another date possible this year, which I will raise at our next meeting in July.

The inaugural Johnstone Junior Casting competition was held at the December Christmas Party and was a big success, Thanks to Pat McShane, Dan Hollywood and Peter Johnstone for organising the event. With the introduction of our Junior accommodation and the junior workshops to be held in the future, we look set to another good year ahead.

Here are our current scores from the comps so far except for Mud Island which has not been contested at the time of writing this.

Name	Round 1	Round 2	Patron's Shield	Succession Shield
J.Attard	10.5	7.3	1	13.04
M.Attard		6.4	1	
R.Bennett	34.5	14.2		14.9
D.Bennett	1	5.5		
J.Bennett		1		
G.Newton	7.9	24.4	26.4	
J.Mischke	6.8	11.3	63.2	
J.Ellis	1	1	1	
I.Venning	1	4.5	1	
M.Fairman	1			
S.Thorpe	1	33.5	21.7	
J.Andrews				
B.Masters				6.4

Tight lines

Ricky

Vice-President / Club Captain

Cottage Chairman's Annual Report

During the last 12 months we have had a number of working bees and another to come on the July meeting weekend. Thanks to all those who participated in the working bees, fixed things during the year and acquired items to maintain the cottage.

The Succession Shield comp was the opening for the Junior caravan. I particularly want to thank Ricky Bennett for his effort in preparing the caravan for use, and the members who raised the funds to finance the caravan. Well done.

As Cottage Chairman I was a member of the cottage redevelopment sub committee. The sub committee put a lot of effort into estimating the cost of various redevelopment scenarios and presented it final report to the executive committee at the June meeting.

See you at the working bee

Jim Attard,

Cottage Chairman

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AFAQ Junior Education Program

All Junior members are invited to attend the Junior education program. There will be a half hour presentation on various topics after each monthly meeting. Senior members are welcome to attend as well.

Date	Presenter	Topic Summary
June	G Harrold	Fish Cleaning, Care and use of Knives
July	R Bennett	GPS, Depth Sounders, Instruments
Aug	G Newton	Boat Handling, Maintenance
Sept	G Dowd	Charts, Beacons, Navigation
Oct	P McShane	How to throw a cast net
Nov	J Mischke	Rod Casting, Reel Maintenance
Dec	Members	Johnstone Junior Casting Competition
Feb	N Gorman	Ropes, Splices, Knots
March	G Harrold	Beach Fishing," Reading" a Beach
April	J Mischke	Rod Making and Repairs
May	G Goodall	Bribie Aquaculture Farm Visit
June	Members	Sinker Making

Fishing Comp Calendar

8,9,10 August – Amity Point

6 September – Bribie

October – Somerset

1 November – Bribie

July meeting and working bee

The July meeting will be Saturday 19 July and afterwards shall be a working bee. Please come along and help it's a lot of fun. If you notice any thing at the cottage that needs attention, please let Jim Attard know so it can be addressed at the working bee.

Bunnings Warehouse - Sausage Sizzle

A one off sausage sizzle fund raiser was held at Bunnings Warehouse Lawnton on Sunday 29 June. This was to fill a cancellation. We sold about 90 sausages and 60 cans of soft drink in about 4 hours. This was a bit of a test run and a new experience to gauge what is required. In all it was successful in that we now have a better idea of what to expect and what to have in stock.

It was a bit like shooting fish in a barrel... the patrons and staff couldn't resist Jim's cooking, with the aroma of onions and bacon sizzling on the BBQ on a cool winter morning.

Thanks to Jim Attard, Michael Attard, Graham Newton and Patrick McShane.

AFAQ 2008 AGM

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Saturday, 2 August 2008 9am sharp at the cottage.

The nominees for the 2008/09 management committee are:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Nominees</u>
PRESIDENT	Graeme Goodall
VICE PRESIDENT	Ricky Bennett
SECRETARY	Patrick McShane
TREASURER	Alan Peiniger
COTTAGE CHAIRMAN	Jim Attard
COMMITTEE	Ricky Bennett, Graeme Dowd Peter Johnson

AGM raffle

The AGM raffle this year is a \$200 voucher for Bunnings Warehouse or BCF and second prize is a \$50 voucher. The raffle will be drawn after the AGM on 2 August.

Members are asked to put in an even bigger effort to sell tickets this year since we no longer have the weekly hotel raffles.

Thanks to Graeme Dowd for printing the tickets again this year.

Next Meeting

The next general meeting will be held at 9:00am **19 July 2008** at the cottage.
