



AFAQ



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President's Report...

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Next meeting is 1st March 9.00am sharp. The weekend has been designated as a working bee. Main objective is to secure a couple of stumps together with a good clean up both under and around the cottage. A strong attendance would be appreciated as there will be a task for everybody. Jimmy will be busy involved in stumping so an assistant caterer or two will be required. The crushed cans are due to be taken to the recyclers so if any member has access to appropriate sized bags to handle this lot please bring them along.

COTTAGE RE-DEVELOPMENT

A sub committee has been formed and delegated with the task of fact finding in relation to erection of a storage shed, excavating below cottage or raising cottage.

The main objectives here are to provide suitable accommodation for juniors, secure storage for club boat and temporary storage of museum specimens. Extra storage for camping and general gear would also be a bonus. This committee will source all the requirements together with costs so that members can be presented with the facts allowing them to make an educated decision as to which way we go.

The temporary caravan for juniors is slowly being re furnished thanks to Ricky. It would be appreciated if members used this van for its intended purpose and not for general storage.

RAFFLES

Income from raffles continues to assist with club funds and without it redevelopment/shed construction would not be able to proceed.

Members conducting the raffles are reminded that it is a requirement of Qld Office of Gaming Regulation that monies raised are to be banked by direct deposit within 2 working days. ie by Tuesday at the latest. We will be audited on this and if we do not comply we will not only lose our right to run a raffle but also run the risk of incurring a fine.

There is a deposit book in the brief case and there is no reason why the member(s) on the night can not have the money banked by the Tuesday. If there is a problem please ring Alan Peiniger.

Dan & Pat are in the process of drawing up a set of instruction that will also be in the brief case.

Also another reminder is that whilst it is acceptable for ticket sellers to purchase tickets under no circumstances can the person spinning the wheel purchase a ticket.

BEER FRIDGE

A replacement beer fridge has now been re-located upstairs thanks to Alan Peiniger.

This should provide better security and easier access. Graham Dowd has advised that the stock take on soft drinks has been down in recent counts. Parents are asked to please supervise their children in this area.

Graeme Goodall
President.

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Club Captain's Report

Hi Guys, After all the rain early in the day we fished our first comp for the year.
 15 fish weighed in of that 13 dart, 2 bream.
 Marshal F caught some nice dart, 1 being 46 cm.
 Comp best was my 45 cm dart.
 Comp Winners.
 Catch and release, Jim Attard 1.205 cm.
 Championship-Ricky B 3.10 kg.
 Our next comp in on 8-9th March, a beach and boat at Bribie, this is not a meeting week-end and the cottage will be available for competitors wishing to compete in this event.
 I hope see to see you all there bye for now, tight lines. Fishing captain
 Ricky B

Matho's final message

This manuscript was found in Matho's papers by his family, it was written following a recent request to write something for the AFAQ Newsletter.

I first joined Southport AFC in 1952 after the disbanding of the Coomera River Fishing Club and AFAQ much later although I constantly visited AFAQ since joining SAFC.

At that time most of the Club Competitions were conducted using Mitchell's Boats out of Southport with a two launch tow, the "white Wings" and the "Miabeta" with 2 strings of dinghies attached to each one.

Most of the fishermen travelled aboard the Launches where a lively game of cards was enjoyed by the travellers. The weigh-in was mostly conducted on the launches on the way home. Later the launches for these tows were supplied by Howard and Golden from their base at Hollywell and conducted much the same way. I think it is a pity, in a way, that this method of organizing competitions was discontinued as it welded the members into a closely knit group of fishing friends. There was a "draw" for Partners in the dinghies, and this was done before the card game started, and the weigh-in again was held before the card game on the way home (wind permitting).

Looking back now, over half a century later I feel a great sadness when thinking of those wonderful fishing friends who are no longer with us at Southport and Bribie. I thank them and also those who are still among us for the many joyful hours spent wetting a line together.

Fishing is a great pastime for most to enjoy. May fishing and the Associated Clubs Southport and AFAQ flourish to enable the lasting fellowships developed to be enjoyed by many.

In closing I would like to briefly refer to the Broadwater and the Bribie Island. I love the way they are and I shudder in horror at some of the commercial development proposed for those areas. I've seen many changes in the past seventy years – when can we say "That's enough" and sit back and enjoy what we have now?

Looking forward, looking back
 Tight lines to all,
 Matho

2008 Fishing Calendar Update

Amendments to the fishing calendar
 Jumpinpin Trip – 29 May to 1 June
 Mud Island Trip - 4 July to 5 July
 Amity Point TBA (maybe 2-3 August)

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.

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.

AFAQ submission on Moreton Bay Marine Park

The AFAQ is preparing its submission to the EPA on its Moreton Bay Marine Park proposal. During the last meeting members were not happy with some aspects of the proposal.

Essentially, the EPA is proposing to allow one line with one hook per person within the Bribie Passage. The AFAQ disapprove of the Bribie Passage becoming a conservation park zone (yellow zone) and shall be strongly protesting.

Members found the following EPA statement offensive and anecdotal "...recreational anglers may be more likely to find **substitute locations** that fulfil both their catch and non-catch related motives."

Submissions are due by 7 March 2008. Have your say also. See <http://www.epa.qld.gov.au/>

Next Meeting

The next general meeting will be held at 9:00am **1 March 2008** at the cottage, followed by a working bee.
