



# AFAQ



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

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Welcome to our last Newsletter for 2007.

On behalf of the committee I wish all members and their families a safe and merry Xmas.

Don't forget **1<sup>st</sup> December AFAQ Xmas Party.** Meeting to commence at 9.00am sharp with only essential business to be discussed. I will be aiming for the meeting to conclude at 10.00am with 10.30am being deadline.

Immediately after meeting we will need volunteers as follows;

A crew of say 4 required to erect the club's tarp, Another crew of say 2 or 3 to wipe down and lay out chairs and trestles, Say another 2 to tidy up Zane Gray Way Caterer Jimmy will also need a couple of extras to assist him. *So if your able to assist please do so.*

### **Get well soon Matho**

Cliff Mathewson (Matho), a senior member, recently fell and broke his hip and is laid up in Hospital. Get well soon Matho and we hope to see you back in action soon.

### **Raffles**

Raffles are progressing along well but please be aware of your commitment and attend when you are rostered. If you cannot make it please arrange a swap or at last resort contact Dan.

At the October meeting it was agreed that the past practice of offering free accommodation as an incentive to members was no longer attractive, so this will be discontinued.

All existing credits will however be honoured.

### **Membership Cards**

A new print of cards is now in hand and will be handed out to those attending the Xmas party. The balance will be dispatched as soon as possible.

The Bongaree Express, where the cottage key is kept, has recently changed hands. The new owners Steve & Maria Davis are happy to continue with the current arrangement. Their hours are currently 6.30am to 5.00 pm but I believe they may extend these hours at a later date. Exact times will be advised when confirmed.

This should make it easier to obtain the key for late arrivals. (Isn't that right John?)

After we have dispatched all Membership cards it will be a condition that the key will not be handed over by the shop unless a current Membership card is produced. So PLEEEEEE do not forget your card.

### **Flag Raising**

AFAQ members have always been proud of tradition, however one tradition that's has fallen away recently is the flag raising. The normal practice was that first person in residence would raise the 3 flags, Australian, Queensland and AFAQ. It would be appreciated if members could make the effort to continue with this. Just remember flags must be lowered and put away no later than sunset. I will endeavour to place labels on the flag pole so that we raise flags in correct order (providing I get it right).

### **Club Boat**

Just a reminder that ethanol blended petrol is not to be used in any of the boat motors. It is not suitable for older type motors with LRP only to be used. Also there have been occasions in the past where the boat has not been properly secured after use and some of the equipment not stored in its appropriate place. Please be considerate of the next user and make sure items are returned to correct location. It is also imperative that any defects are reported so that repairs can be affected.

Looking forward to catching up at Xmas Party.

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### Club Captain's Report

Hello fellow piscatorialists.

November was a month to remember with 2 comps.

First the B team went to Fraser Island to feed the fish with George N Catching a 16.59kg tuna off the beach and after 45 minutes of play it will no doubt stay in his mind for years to come. Well done George. Jim M got himself a 7kg cobia and had a ball AS USUAL another cobia and spianard were lost; (possibly due to incompetence). Look forward to the Xmas party for full details from all who attended.

On the flip side after the November meeting the AFAQ drinking team geared up for a show with 12 competitors eager to get triple points on the last comp with whiting the target.

John E caught a nice flathead at .440kg and Jim A caught a .260kg bream but unfortunately it did not beat a .160kg whiting by myself to take out the last comp. And a note of admiration to Ian V and M. Fairman who pumped 40 yabbies but even with as good a bait as that, White Patch did not give up any fish. Next Year guys!

Well, thank you all competitors and readers alike, it has been a good year with our juniors starting to show up and catch fish.

With our first 2008 comp a beach comp at the cottage after the Feb 2nd meeting, I encourage all to attend to start off our new season.

Congratulations to Jim M for taking out the shield once again.

Tight lines, good mates!

See you at the Xmas party.

Fishing captain

Ricky B

### Fraser Island Trip B-Team

Eight keen blokes headed up to Fraser, including our newest junior member Dylan. First day's fishing was a mixed bag at Indian Heads, a lot of weed about and no tailor. With some advice from a few blokes, Waddy Point proved better where Jim single handedly landed a nice 7kg Cobia. (we made sure we had the gaff with us every day after that).

Mid week Greg H visited and we all went to Sandy Cap, beautiful part of the world and an absolute must. To get there up you must get the timing right with the tides (and George can tell you the spots where you can easily get bogged).

Darren R landed 4 nice flat head in quick succession during low tide. Greg lost a big Mackerel after it leaped out of the water. Next George is into it, with a big fish. We thought it was another Cobia, or a Mackerel, but after 45

minutes and 2 Carlton mid strengths, it was sashimi for entrée that night with George's 16.59 kg (36.5lbs) Tuna. Congratulations George.



*George in action showing how it's done.*

The person of talent award must go to Greg H for leaving his rod lying on the beach during all the action. Not only did a car run over his rod and damage the reel, but a seagull got hooked on his line and flew off with about 100 meters of line, much to the concern of a conservationist.

No Tailor but lots of fun.

Fraser Island 2007 B-Team

### Royal Hotel Raffles

Your assistance in helping the girls on 1 day every 2 months or so would be greatly appreciated. If you have any queries, please phone Dan on 07-54961298 or 0417 667526.

Nov 30th, Mal Slatery, Ian Venning.

Dec 7th, Pat McShane, Peter Johnstone.

Dec 14th, Dave Smith, Dave Nelson.

Dec 21st, Geoff Noy, Bob Newbery,

Dec, 28th, Graeme Goodall, Graeme Dowd

Jan 4th, John Ellis, Alan Peiniger

Jan 11th, Greg Harrold, Tex Bartholomai

Jan 18th, Alan Bylett, Bob Bylett.

Jan 25th, Garth Bess, Jim Mischke

### Junior Casting Competition

The club will be holding a Junior casting competition at this years Christmas party. It will be lots of fun and there will be two contests - the longest cast and the most accurate cast with prizes for both. The same gear will be used by all, an Alvey side cast reel on a surf rod.

### Next Meeting

The next general meeting will be held at 9:00am **1 December** at the cottage, followed by the Christmas party.