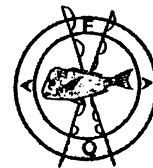




# AFAQ

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

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Hi all hope you are all well and getting tight lines.

Our last meeting went well and finished early for a change and was topped up with Jimmy's spot on BBQ and into the comp . The weather was perfect and some quality fish were caught to boot. Its coming to the end of our season and our next comp is on 10-11th October after the meeting it is round 8 of our championship and the Succession Shield.

It would be a good weekend for some of our senior members to come along and impart some knowledge to our juniors and catch up with old mates. I look forward to seeing you there we should soon be hearing from council about our development so at this point I have no new news to announce but will keep you informed.

The committee has established a sub-committee to begin looking into job of raising the cottage. The sub – Committee consists of myself, Ian Venning, Graeme Goodall, Alan Peiniger, and Paul Orchard. There is a lot of work to be done and these members have generously donated their time to the task. So thanks.

The new committee is settling in so please be patient. There are a number of new people to positions and there are sure to be some minor teething problems until we become more familiar with our roles.

The Christmas Party will be on the 5 December. It will be a great day for members and their families. Junior members and junior nominees are eligible to enter into the Johnstone Junior casting competition. For Juniors new to the club, the Johnstone Junior casting competition is held every year with great prizes for the longest cast and the most accurate cast. Every entrant wins a prize.

The newsletter is a big task in doing the printing and mailing. If you have email or someone in your household has email please notify the secretary of this email address and ease the workload and cost to the club.

The sub are now over due, if you haven't paid your subs please don't wait for the club to chase you up.

Remember we still have the cottage tinny and hope it gets a good work out at the comp.  
I hope to see you all on 10-11 Oct meeting

Regards and tight lines RICKY BENNETT PRESIDENT A.F.A.Q. BRIBIE

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## **COTTAGE BOOKINGS**

As you all know Graeme Dowd handles all the cottage bookings and can be contacted Mon/Fri on [07] 34084225

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## **COTTAGE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

I was not at the September meeting (Funeral and Fraser). The committee has created a sub-committee of 5 members to progress the motion that was agreed at the July meeting to raise the cottage in its present position. After speaking to President Ricky I have started work on this and hopefully will have something to report about this at the October meeting. Anyone who has the clubs interest at heart should attend. Our bookings are a little light and any member that needs a nice break should book in soon. The summer whiting are starting to mass on the southern and eastern beaches so there are plenty to be caught. There has been plenty of small flathead too but these should "grow" soon. Just a reminder to all members if you are in residence that you are expected to do some basic maintenance (ie mow lawns clean up etc.) Have a great stay and hope you catch plenty of fish. Ian Venning.

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## **AND RACING .....**

It was the AFA derby day at the Capalaba greyhound races a couple of weeks ago. Well, at least that's what it seemed like. There were 4 greyhounds owned by current members and former AFAQ members all competing in the same race.

Box 4 was "Rabbitoh Pete" Patrick McShane and Dan Hollywood, Box 5 "Black Frost" Paul Kopittke, Box 7 "Hitcher" Dan Labudda, and Box 8 "Follow My Dot" Barry Hendy, Darren Rollings and Jeff Thorpe.

"Black Frost" was odds on favorite and took an early lead with "Hitcher" coming up on the outside. "Follow my Dot" came out well and stayed with the field. "Rabbitoh Pete" made ground from a long way back to come up between "Hitcher" and "Black Frost". "Black Frost" didn't come on in the last part of the race with "Hitcher" and "Rabbitoh Pete" being pipped at the post by some dog I forget the name of.... Snail Stain, Stale Brain, Fail Gain or something like that...oh that's right it was "Tail Train" .. the other favorite.

Anyway it was the AFA boys to take second, third, fourth and fifth placing. A few beers and a lot of fun. I was told it was an excellent result, and something about one of our good friends (who I didn't happen to see at the track) had a lot of money on the winner with the bookies (only kidding).

**See you at the track, Patrick McShane**

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## **FISHING REPORT**

This is my first fishing report and there are a few items to get through. The last comp had a few contenders with a few unable to stay for the full comp. Jim and Graham went all out and stayed in the boat over night.

At the October meeting I will table a proposal for next years comps for discussion and finalisation. I am keen to make things interesting and increase comp attendance by changing a few things slightly. With support from the committee, we intend to offer prizes at each comp.

I will also be proposing a new comp that runs all year. Fish caught by members in the passage during times other than comp are eligible. The fish would have to be weighed in at bait shops.

The September comp was attended by 10 members. A few stayed over night in boats, and a few left early. A few sand crabs were caught in the passage, along with bream, flat head and tailor.

The catch and release was won by Jim Mischke with second being very close and went to Graham Newton over Paul Orchid. I need to check the weight-in figures and will report on this at the next meeting, however it looks like its out of Jim and Graham...again.

## **FRASER**

The A-Team have provided their trip report and it looks like they had a lot of fun and did well. The B-Team are going up in mid October this year and we will see a report in the November newsletter for sure.

## **BOAT AND CAR SECURITY**

I want to raise the matter of security of cars and boats during fishing comps. At the last comp a members vehicle was broken into and property stolen at the boat ramp car park. No one ever wants this to happen and I think there are a few things we can do to minimise the risk.

It goes without saying boats are less secure than cars so I think it is best that on comp week ends members with boats have priority parking in the AFA yard. Members who intend to stay on the passage overnight could get other members to bring their car and trailer back to the cottage. I am sure there are many members willing to assist.

Patrick McShane  
Fishing Captain

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## **Next Meetings**

The next general meeting will be held at 9:00am **10 October** followed by the Succession Shield and a club championship comp which is a beach and boat at Bribie Island..

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# **A-Team trip to Fraser Island, 2009**

by Noel Gorman

Neville and Noel departed Brisbane and picked up Merv at the Bribie Is turnoff. The unfortunate late scratching of Greg and Willo meant we had a contingent of 6 for the week. We were to be housed in a new place, Bennets, just below the Marloo Chalet we had last year. Greg had been trying desperately to get there, but in the end, time just beat him. Bad luck mate, you both were missed

A snack at the Matilda and booked into the rainbow beach resort, as usual. Tradition continued with a trip to the bowls, club, won a meat tray and \$25 of lotto tickets at the raffles, another excellent meal with a good wine and off to bed

## **Saturday**

Hi tide was early, so a late start. We had rumors of problems with hook point, the beach and particularly soft sand at Indian head. Got the barge around 10.30, would have been one of the first batch around hook point, hard sand all up the beach, Indian was a breeze, good sand and drove over with one leg in the air. Beach between and Indian and Waddy nice and hard. Despite all expectations of doom and gloom, one of the easiest trips I have ever done to Waddy.

Booked in and unpacked, Merv, our resident butcher just could not help himself with some good meat. We will not be hungry. We went fishing to test the waters. Not a tailor in site at Waddy or up the beach towards Ngkala. Plenty of good size dart saw no other species caught. Neville's eyes lit up.

Neville merv and myself had a mixed grill ( our raffle winnings ) for dinner that night. This was the first time for many years that we did not have a fish meal on the first night. Tin plums and custard for desert.

## **Sunday**

Down to the beach, again, Neville rigged for Dart and to my ever shame, I must admit to all that I eventually changed my tailor rig to dart rig, almost. That is if a heavy 17ft surf rod, 40 lb line 5.0 sinker and a 60 lb trace can be classified as a dart rig. Of course not successful. Sorry folks, wont do that again!!!!

Neville and Merv landed 8 good size dart and we were advised that tailor were being caught at Ngkala

Drove up there, National parks had a road closed sign on the by pass, a lot of cars on this side, and some fishing off the rocks, Tracks indicated that there seem to some traffic on the bypass despite the sign. Good oil from fishermen was plenty of tailor on other side, and road closure due to a fatal accident on the bypass the previous week. No tailor seem to being caught on the southern side of Ngkala

Went home, Dowdie, ian and Chris arrived, and unpacked. Too late for another fish, so I baked up the dart tubes with stuffing and red wine sauce, mashed potatoes and mashed sweet potatoes. Could almost say it was a fish meal, but well accepted. Again tin fruit and custard for desert

## **Monday**

After brekkie, headed north to Ngkala. Road closed sign removed, don't know if this was by National parks or fishermen. Waiting throng advised that there had been a bogged car on the track for some time, but thought to be cleared now. The guys had a bit of a walk up the hill and returned to say that Dowdies vehicle with the low gas tank would not negotiate some of the deeper ruts.

Decided to give it a go, and Neville, Merv and myself up and away. Not too bad and as we descended to the beach, saw a herd of tailor fishermen all catching tailor. Found a spot and Neville and Merv into it. Mine was a little slower, as I have to set up my chair just above the water line, and get everything ready.

Oh Joy, a tailor with the first cast reasonable quality, better than choppers. I did not know that this was to be my swan song. All this time Neville was killing them, with Merv struggling a bit. Another 4 casts, spaced did not produce a fish, although I did get a charity fish, a guy fishing for dart caught a tailor on his dart rig, and gave it to the poor old pensioner sitting the chair, as he only wanted dart.

I had exceeded my quota of casts for the day, and was about to go back and see what the other from were doing when Ian appeared, he had walked around the rocks. Dowdie did try to drove over, got bogged and

was lucky enough to have a couple of helpers to get him back. We went back, Dowdie and Chris were fishing but no bites, and we decided that I would ferry them back to the other side. Packed up and again, away we go. With a full complement, again chasing tailor. Neville was still killing them. We finished up with 58 tailor. Did not keep an individual record, but Neville's day by a long margin. I ferried all gear back to the other side, and we headed home.

Had a beer at the trading post pub, Neville had to be provided with a pair of thongs to meet the dress standards. Proprietors informed that fisheries inspectors were talking to guys on the beach yesterday confirming the new limits of 20 tailor (not 30 as previously) Beer batter tailor and beer batter potato scallops with a salsa on the side tonight. Ice cream with Neville's cumquat liquor for desert

## **Tuesday**

Looks like the a team will not be any threat for the Fraser shield again this year, just no sizable tailor being caught. After Brekkie, back up the beach.

I ferried group over Ngkala, Dowdie was crook and stayed home, wanted to console himself with the rose' and the bold and the beautiful. We got there a bit late to day and guys were packing up. Still caught 8 fish, better quality than yesterday, but a lot of fishermen were targeting dart

Arrive home so see that Dowdie and rose' had survived. He was smoking his chicken wings tonight. I cooked up a mess of tailor fillets dusted in flour with salt and pepper, with a tossed salad. Desert, plums and custard, ice cream and cumquat and generally leftovers.

## **Wednesday**

Neville and Noel got away at 7.00am. Noticed a scrum on the southern side of Indian head, and tailor being caught. Tried to phone Dowdie, but he does not turn his mobile on to save the batteries. Could not let them know. Go Ian's mobile and contacted him that night.

Sand a bit softer on the way back, and a bit of a slog from time to time. Had to use the internal road, would have been too late for hook point. A good trip home and slept well that night. The balance of the team went down to Waddy and decided to fish for dart on light gear We got a heap of dart the whiting gear what fun!! Not much else though Went to the pub afterwards to talk about the day

## **Thursday**

Another early start Decided to head north towards Ngara to see if the tailor were somewhere else No joy Ended up back at Waddy Mrev got a 50cm tailor and Ian a reasonable flathead Got another good haul of dart Absolute fun to catch on light gear After lunch Dowdie decided to bring out his 50s and 60s CDs and he backed the car up to the front steps and we had a music session for a feew hours

## **Friday**

Not an early start Not the music The tide Back down to Waddy Chased the dart again but Dowdie perservered for tailor Justly rewarded with a green back that went 52cm To top it off he got a 55cm flathead while winding in slowly (because he was tired) A great catch Chris also caught a sea mullet on line (no jaggig with trebles) so a good catch also Maybe a bit lucky!! We also got a lot of dart Probably about 50 we kept over 3 days We did not keep any under 35cm!! Back to the house to clean up Our "friends" next door drove by for their late afternoon fishing singing loudly "Tell Laura I Love Her" Obviously loved our choice of music the day before

## **Saturday**

Good trip back to Rainbow Beach and home abony 1.00pm

*Noel Gorman and Ian Venning (A-Team)*



**AFAQ Cottage Booking Register (Please refer to Cottage By-Laws for rules and eligibility). All bookings to: Graeme Dowd during office hours on 3408 4225**

**2010**

Move in after 11 am on day of first night in residence, excepting AFAQ events(then after 2 pm). Move out before 10 am the day following last night in residence.

Booking member must be financial and must stay in residence. Member can waitlist for possible cancellation.

School Holidays are limited to one week per booking member in a 13 month period and are booked in one week blocks commencing on Saturdays (first day of holidays).

**Reserved AFAQ** **School Holiday** **Public Holiday** **Home Comp** **Nightly Rates: Members \$15, Visitors \$20, School Children \$7.50. Member Family Weekend \$50. Member Family Weekly \$220 (additional nights @ \$30/nig**

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