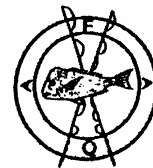




# AFAQ



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## *President's Report...*

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Welcome to all members to my first official report for the next 12 months.

Congratulations to all new committee members elected at last AGM. As a number of these members have not held an executive position before I would expect new and refreshed ideas will be forthcoming.

Many thanks to the outgoing committee for the past term especially Greg Harrold who maintained the chair whilst suffering from ill health. Greg, put your feet up and take it easy, except while you're fishing that is.

Firstly to correct an anomaly in the previous Newsletter No. 222.

The Editor suggested that the Secretary decided not to circulate an Annual Report prior to the AGM. At the time the Newsletter was sent out the Editor was unaware that in the past we have always sent out our Annual Report with the first Newsletter after the AGM which then includes reports from the various sub committees. These reports were attached to Newsletter No.222 with the exception of the Treasurers Report which will soon be forthcoming. Treasurer Alan is working overseas at present (approx. two to three weeks) and will finalise his report upon his return. He is not happy with a couple of amendments made by the auditor and wishes to clarify these prior to sending the final report to all members.

### **MEETINGS**

General meetings will continue to be held on the first Saturday of each month commencing at 9.00am sharp. These will be followed by an Executive meeting from time to time as required.

It will be my aim to keep business to a minimum at these General Meetings so that we can spend more time on doing what we do best, and that is fishing. (Oh, and the odd bit of socialising).

Most of our meetings are followed by a luncheon, normally prepared by our expert chef, Jimmy Attard. If you haven't had the fortune to sample Jimmy's tucker then you know what to do. Come along to the meetings, you won't be disappointed.

### **COTTAGE BOOKINGS**

For the time being cottage bookings will remain with Greg. Treasurer Alan Peiniger will be taking over this task in the near future. Change over date and contact details will be advised by Newsletter however in the meantime contact Greg for your bookings.

### **BOAT/STORAGE SHED**

As you are all probably aware the construction of a shed at the rear of Cottage has been approved in principal. This shed will be used to house the club boat, camping trailer, museum specimens etc. Underneath the cottage was to be dug away, concreted, and rooms built to accommodate the Juniors.

The other alternative was to raise the cottage, concrete under and construct various rooms/divisions as required. Local architect, Les Struthers, has shown an interest in the club and as a result met with the previous committee on site some 2 months ago. He is of the opinion that raising of the cottage would not pose a problem and would be the better way to go. He suggested there could be a concern with water if we were to dig down and put in retaining walls.

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

Upon his recommendation we had a house removalist look at the concept and they too said there would not be a problem in raising the cottage.

There are however a number of issues that need to be clarified, e.g., council approval conditions, will cottage need to be rotated on the block to comply with boundary requirements? What happens to the sundeck etc. etc.

Noel Gorman has been putting a fair bit of work into fact finding along with the possibility of us qualifying for a Government grant because, whilst the club can afford the cost of the shed, a grant would be required if we were to raise the cottage. Another point that needs to be considered, and this is why the shed construction has been deferred, is that once the shed is built the cottage would no longer be accessible for raising. So a decision needs to be made before the shed is built.

It is hoped that by the next Newsletter all the facts, projected costs, advantages, and disadvantages will be presented to members for their consideration. This will be a decision made by the members and not the committee.

In the meantime the club has purchased a caravan that we will be used as temporary accommodation for our juniors.

Noel suggests to have a look at an article he has placed on the our website "Another Green Grab for Moreton Bay"

Graeme Goodall  
President.

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### **September Comp Report**

Hello Fellow Piscatorialists,

The September comp was fished well with seven members and two visitors attending. Some nice flathead were caught with one weighing in at 1.32kg.

Graham Newton cleaned up as per usual with a nice bag of bream and flathead followed closely by Jim Mischke's nice bag full.

Both looked the worse for wear as they did a marathon 18 hours straight in the boat. Good on them, they did well.

Just a reminder, the **October comp** is at Somerset on the 13th & 14th with accommodation at the lockup in town. I have all but put together next years fishing calendar with most of the comps based at the cottage and four away. So I hope everybody fares well and tight lines. See you at the October 6th meeting.

Regards  
Ricky Bennett

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### **Next Meeting**

The next general meeting will be held at 9:00am **6 October** at the cottage.

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### **New Members**

Welcome to Michael Fairman and Dylan Armesen our new members who were voted in at the last general meeting. With Dylan we now have 6 Junior members. Michael is another Bribie local.

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### **Raffles**

We need your support to assist with the weekly raffles at the Royal Hotel, Nundah. A new roster is being prepared so please offer your support to help with the clubs fund raising. Thank You.

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### **Cottage Air Conditioner**

Whilst the air conditioner is operational Jimmy Attard has assured us he will have the coin box operating during his stay over the weekend 13/14th October. Thanks Jimmy

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### **Subscriptions**

The 2007/08 subscription, joining fes and accommodation fees remain unchanged after the decision at the AGM.

Subscriptions are **now due** and must be paid by the end of October.

Subscription Fee	Seniors \$ 50, Juniors \$ 10
Nomination Fee	Seniors \$ 50, Juniors \$ 5