

## WARRNAMBOOL OFFSHORE & LIGHT GAME FISHING CLUB INC.

# Peaks & Troffs

Welcome to the summer edition of Peaks and Troffs, finally summer is here and please fishing gods let the wind blow gently for the next few months. I hope everyone has serviced their boat or at least checked it over before hitting the water over the summer break. Enjoy the newsletter, and if you have any photos or stories please forward them on to [jctwaddle@westvic.com.au](mailto:jctwaddle@westvic.com.au).

Happy Burleying.

### Presidents Report

Hello to all our members, with this my first report as President of the club. The first thing I would like to say is thank you to our outgoing President Peter Kavanagh, for all his hard work over the last 2 years as President.

I would also like to thank Ashley Dance and all the other members involved in the preparation and carrying out of the Julian Pepperell night recently held at Deakin University. Unfortunately I could not attend due to other commitments, but I believe it was enjoyed by those that attended.

Right now we are in the preparation stages of organizing the fishing competition for next March. I urge all members to get involved, and if any members can offer any help or support to the competition committee, or would like to be involved their help would be greatly appreciated. There is a lot of work to do, and this is a great way to get to know your fellow members, and make the club stronger. If you wish to help, contact Brett Sharp, Neil Woolstencroft or myself and we will get you involved.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our sponsors for their ongoing support, and encourage all members to support these sponsors when ever possible. Members please make yourself aware of who all of our sponsors are, as they make events like the fishing competition, and other events that we hold possible.

On the fishing front, I have heard that there are still big snapper up and over 3kg around and some big gummys around up to about 20kg. It won't be long and the Mako's and Thresher Sharks will be around, and also the Kingfish. Hopefully the weather will be kind to us through the summer, and we can all get some fish.

Thanks

Peter Goode

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### DECEMBER

**Executive meeting:** Thurs 9<sup>th</sup> at Kav's

**General Meeting:** No General Meeting

**Fish Outing:** Sun 12<sup>th</sup> XMAS Show @ Clarkeys TBC

### JANURARY

**Executive meeting:** Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> at Kav's TBC

**General Meeting:** No General Meeting

**Fish Outing** Sun 23<sup>th</sup> Sharks off Warrnambool

### FEBURARY

**Executive Meeting:** Thurs 10<sup>th</sup> at Kav's

**General Meeting:** Thurs 17<sup>th</sup> TBA

**Fish Outing:** Sun 20<sup>th</sup> Peterborough Run

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## Subject: Fines for Spring

**Neil Clarke** – I had a phone call from one of our most recent life members who was about to enter Costco in Melbourne wanting to know if we needed pigs ears for our dog, I said I was right and that was that. A short time later I receive another call from his phone only this time I don't recognise the voice. It turned out to be Mike Hunt at the service counter at Costco looking for the owner of the phone that someone has just handed in and he rings the last number dialed. I then ring the latest life Members wife and ask her to ask the life member why he has not answered his phone he says he must have left it in the car. I then suggest that Dianna should get him to proceed to the said service desk and recover his phone. Hopefully when someone tries to contact him now they should get through. .

**Trevor Uebergang** – I am reliably informed that a few weeks ago a new and innovative idea was tried and tested with success off Warrnambool. As I understand, Trevor has been developing and testing a new form of rescue retrieval system, which I believe, is called the push-me pull-me line. He recently tested it off Warrnambool with the Coast Guard vessel, which must have broken down. As the Jayco Caravan is the safest vessel in the Southwest it was seen to be pushing the Coast Guard vessel home with the push-me pull-me line in place. Maybe we should get a report on this line or at least have these lines made available to club members.

**John Dodoro** – John a keen fisherman round the club must be struggling a bit with Goody's so called hot spots. He was seen last Friday heading into Watery's for a feed of fish before heading home to tell the boys how well he had done!!

**Ashley Dance - Ashley** is once again is fined for his musical ability at last months Executive meeting, most of us had to wear earplugs, some also opted for a peg on the nose after he was practicing with his ass trumpet for most of the night.

**Paul Jones**- An intellectual should know better, after the last trip out with the ex Pres. When they returned back to clean the boat, Kav proceeded to wash down the boat whilst Jonesy cleaned the fish or so the ex Pres thought. After they returned home, they man hugged and said their goodbyes. Kav checked the esky with the so-called clean fish in it, only to find Jonesy had left the guts and scales on the snapper and he had filled the Blue Nose? Must be the new hip meal their eating at the Joneses now!!

**Peter Kavanaugh**- After the ex Pres whipped and flogged us to pick up rubbish at the Clean-a-stream day he was having so much fun with his power trip that he lost track of time and forgot to feed the hungry horde. Come on Kav how hard is it to put the BBQ on turn some snags and keep the whip cracking??

**Peter Goode**- Made some people very happy with his romantic gondola rides up and down the Merri on Clean-a-stream day by taking un-suspecting participants in his gondola and serenading them as he paddled the murky shores!!

**Andrew Body**- See above

**Trevor Uebergang**- Apparently the Caravan Park needed a new BBQ but weren't able to afford it, so Trev had a great idea to "accidentally" run over it with his Landcruiser, then the owners could claim on the insurance and buy a new one. Good on ya Trev, a real ideas man!! (There was no insurance claim just stretching the truth!)

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## **CLUB OUTINGS**

### **September**

Our outing for September was a little out of the ordinary, we had organized a Sunday where we participated in Clean a Stream Day. Members were invited down to the banks of the Merri River to assist by picking up rubbish, plastic and other junk that had floated down the river after recent rains that had flooded the river. Mums, Dads and kids walked the banks, some brought their boats and even the odd canoe was used to remove a large trailer load of rubbish. Afterwards we enjoyed a BBQ and a few froffies to what was an enjoyable day. Thanks to the 25 or so people who took the time to turn up to a worthwhile cause.

### **October**

This month we tried and I do mean try, to hold a club day chasing snapper. Unfortunately we held up our part of the bargain pity the bloody snapper didn't. Although not a lot of fish were weighed in we were pleased with numbers.

### **November**

November was an extremely busy month with Transport Safety Victoria holding an information night on Marine Radio & Emergency Radio Procedures. Presented by Doug King, it was aimed at all boaters which provided members with an educational and practical information night on a range of topics designed to extend and enhance our knowledge on the use of VHF and 27 meg radios.

Also, Ashley Dance secured a couple of Australia's best known marine biologists, Julian Pepperell PhD, who's a recognised world authority on billfishes, tuna and sharks and also Paul Rogers, who has done a lot on satellite tagging or Mako sharks. The two well-known guest speakers spoke to a small but enthusiastic crowd on a range of topics, which included a lot of questions from the crowd. It was one of the most interesting subject matter I have witnessed for a long time. You should be kicking yourself if you missed this.

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Looks like Clarkey and Kav have mastered how to go Surf fishing, wonder where the esky is?

## SOMETHING FUNNY...

### The Bagpiper and the Homeless Man

As a bagpiper, I play many gigs. Recently I was asked by a funeral director to play at a graveside service for a homeless man. He had no family or friends, so the service was to be at a pauper's cemetery in the back of Mortlake.

As I was not familiar with the back roads, I got lost and being a typical man I didn't stop for directions. I finally arrived an hour late and saw the funeral guy had evidently gone and the hearse was nowhere in sight.

There were only the diggers and crew left and they were eating lunch. I felt badly and apologized to the men for being late. I went to the side of the grave and looked down and the vault lid was already in place. I didn't know what else to do, so I started to play.

The workers put down their lunches and began to gather around. I played out my heart and soul for this man with no family and friends. I played like I've never played before for this homeless man.

And as I played 'Amazing Grace,' the workers began to weep. They wept, I wept, we all wept together. When I finished I packed up my bagpipes and started for my car. Though my head hung low, my heart was full.

As I opened the door to my car, I heard one of the workers say, "I never seen nothin' like that before and I've been putting in septic tanks for twenty years."

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