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## Club Clothing

As was announced at last month's meeting, we are taking orders for club clothing. Each item of clothing is in club colours (bottle green) and is embroidered with the club logo.

Items available are:-

- Spray Jacket;
- Full zip polar fleece jacket;
- Full zip polar fleece vest;
- Polo Shirt;
- Full brimmed surf hat.

If you wish to buy any of these please complete the enclosed order form and give it to Bob at the next meeting (April). We need a 50% deposit with your order. Each order form is for 1 person only so if you are ordering for more than 1 person please complete a separate form.

## Annual General Meeting – 18 May 2009

Our Annual General Meeting will be held on 18 May 2009. If you wish to be part of the committee and have a say in what happens in your club then make sure you get a nomination form. Which can be obtained from the committee.

## 2009/10 Syllabus

The committee are aware that not all trips can be put on the syllabus however please help us with suggestions of where to fish by filling out your suggestion forms and handing them in at the next meeting.

## FORTHCOMING DATES

### 18 April 2009

Docklands, pier fishing. Contact Hans for location.

### 25/26 April 2009

Undera Weekend. This is a camping/fishing trip on the Goulburn River towards Shepparton.

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**NEXT MEETING ON  
 MONDAY  
 20 APRIL 2009  
 AT 8.00 P.M.**

**NEXT COMMITTEE  
 MEETING  
 22 April 2009  
 (Wednesday) 8.00 pm  
 At the LAC Club Rooms  
 Refreshments to be  
 provided by committee  
 members**

### **TRIP – SOUTHERN END OF THE BAY 14/2/09 Saturday.**

The wind direction made it sensible to launch from safety beach as we were protected by the land at Arthurs Seat. Some launched from Rye. The trip commenced at 7.00 AM.

Claire's boat, J Armstrong's boat and the boat with Jake and Frank launched from Safety Beach. We headed out to the reef but found it hard to hold bottom so motored over towards the cliffs, all with not much success. As the day went on we started to drift for flathead, and at last we started to have success.

By this time Renzo & Bob had pulled the boat out at Rye and come down and lauched at Safety Beach.

The news from Han's on Arty's boat and from Jame's boat was that it was very rough down that end of the bay.

The weather had fined up by the time our lines were to be up, so we decided to extend it for another hour. Jake and Frank had to leave at the original line's up time due to other commitments.

When we came in at 3.00 it had started to rough up at Safety Beach and most boats had to be carefully put onto the trailers, with help from other members as the wind had swung and was heading straight into the ramp.

Weigh in at Kevin's place near by meant that we could all wash down out motors etc and head straight home after the weighin.

The winner for the trip was Jake with a bag of 4 flat head and 1 whiting for a total of 1.52 Kg. John Armstrong was 2<sup>nd</sup> with 1.340 Kg and 3<sup>rd</sup> Kevin with 680 grams. Well done Jake. 14 members attended this trip.

Squid was weighed in as part of the bag as it is well liked as a delicious eating. Therefore in future it has been decided that we can weigh them in, so I would not be surprised to find James as an example of someone that will fish for squid (Calamari), being happy to weigh in a bag of them.

TRIP CAPTAIN, Claire Taylor

### **TRIP – Carters Beach, on the Murray River, Labour day long weekend – 6/3-9/3/09. The Robbie Trophy**

Once again the longed for trip to Carters Beach was upon us.

Kevin, with Barbara and Renzo with Suzanne & Chelsea all headed up Sunday on the previous weekend, to get set up and save spots for the rest of us going later in the week.

The Bush Fires were still a problem with requests on Monday for those not needing to be on the roads on Tuesday to stay at home as dreadful wind conditions were expected. This meant that I did not head up till Wednesday when Hans with Claire were travelling. I noticed that as I passed through Kilmore where the fire had jumped the road and headed into other paddocks, where they had been able to stop the fires in mid run in the middle of the paddocks. The smell of ash was very strong.

There early afternoon we arrived to set up and be ready for others coming – Brian with Troy and Jade on Thursday. Friday Rebecca arrived followed by Ken with Sarah and Simone on Saturday morning.

The weather provided cold winds in the evening on Wednesday & Thursday with it warming up as the days went by. On Saturday night we were able to sit around a fire, set well into the ground, as the instructions for this area requested enjoying once more Ken's Smores and I think he had damper too. Thanks Ken.

The comp commenced a minute after midnight on Friday night, and we weighed in at 12.00 on Monday so some members could head back that day, with a lot following on Tuesday.

The water level was up about a metre and dropped about 8" over the days we were there.

Lots of undersized fish were caught, some as large as 56 CM but no legal 60 cm Murray were to be caught by our club. Silver Perch and Trout Cod took our baits and were immediately returned to the water as they are protected. A 42 cm Golden Perch weighing 1.38 Kg was caught by Harry making him the winner of the weekend and winner of The Robbie Trophy for this year. Well done Harry. He like us all had worked hard to try to catch a fish that he could weigh in. 11 members and 5 visitors joined in this trip.

5 Carp were caught – Brian with a beauty of 2.03 Kg – leading in the Carp Cup comp. Then Kevin with 2 Carp of 1.04 + 500 grams for a total of 1.54 Kg, then Ken with 2 Carp of 560 grams & 500 grams for a total of 1.06 Kg. The Undera Trip on the ANZAC weekend could provide more Carp to alter the order of the board.

I would like to comment on the lack of legal sized Murray Cod that appear to be about for us to catch. We have been going up on this weekend to the same spot for I think it is 8 years now, travelling fair distances in each direction without much luck of a legal fish. Any undersized fish by us have always been returned to the water. It makes me wonder if other fisherfolk that come to the Murray River are actually taking any fish of reasonable size although it is under the legal size. Cod from 40 – 60 CM are of a very reasonable size and I am under the impression that many must being taken. With none or very little policing of what is caught in the Murray River it is not surprising that large 60 CM plus Cods are very hard to find. The only fish you can catch to weigh-in in this are Murray Cod of 60 cm minimum and Golden Perch, which I think means we will never have many fished weighed in on future trips. I hope that Silver Perch which seem plentiful will be taken off the protected list.

Club Captain, Claire Taylor

### TRIP REPORT – CORINELLA, WESTERN PORT – 29/3/09

11 members and 1 guest have just had the most wonderful day yesterday on the water. One of those days we long for that have smooth water, sunshine and lots of fishing.

We headed out of Corinella which is opposite French Island in Westernport. The ramps (2) were a bit of a nightmare to get in due to the time that everyone was taking so we ended up launching at 7.30ish (it was to be 7.00) and I was with Harry in his new boat. We headed off to hunt for the elusive Elephant shark for which Arty has offered a trophy for the winner of this trip. Thanks Arty.

For most of us it was our first time in this area and Harry found a spot at 2 hours before low tide in 3.6 Metres of water. As soon as the boat settled and the baits were in we were catching them weighing from 2.5 kgs and up. Oh what fun! They took every bait we had including pippies, pilchards and small bottle squid. However because of the new regulations we were only allowed to keep one of the fish per day. I upgraded 3 times to get the biggest possible. I boated 6 and also had a very big bust off for another. Harry boated 8 and my braid cut one of his fish off as it dashed about. In the end with only an hour to go, as it lines up at 1.00, we left the bait off the hooks. We had had a great day, checking for lost baits, replacing them and catching fish. I caught no other species. Harry got a small flat head.

*(Editors Note: Other members did catch other species Bob caught a trevally which appeared to be about 30cm in length, Ken caught a 28 cm Tailor, Lynne caught 3 salmon over 28 cm, Renzo caught 1 salmon over 28 cm, Courteney caught 2 beautiful king George whiting of about 44 cm each and Steve caught 1 KGW of about the same length).*

Everyone got fish, mind you, Renzo and James when they heard my excited “we can’t stop catching them” asked were we were as they weren’t having much luck. Harry finally conceded and gave vague directions so no other boats would come in our direction. I have made a GPS note of the location for my future use as Harry had, I feel, found the perfect spot to catch Elephant Fish.

The end of the day had Lynn winning with an Elephant fish (they were gutted and cleaned) of 2.64 kg (mine was 2.62kg) — but she had 3 Salmon as well that put her with 3.34. Congratulations Lynn.

What a great day. Mind you the hour + to retrieve the boats I could have done without.

CLUB CAPTAIN, Claire Taylor



This is a picture of Courteney and her first Elephant Fish caught on her dad’s 30+ year old fishing rod and 6kg line. The fish was returned to the water to fight another day.

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**MAA Meetings:** For those interested MAA meetings are held at 8.00 pm on the 1st Tuesday of each month. Guests are welcome. Meetings are held at the LAC Club Rooms, Silver Grove, NUNAWADING.

**LABURNUM ANGLING CLUB Inc**  
**GENERAL MEETING NO. 525 16/03/2009**

**OPENED:** 8.05 pm

**CHAired BY:** Hans Stapelfeldt

**PRESENT:** As per book

**APOLOGIES:** Laurie Stevens, Alan Toby, John & Judy Armstrong, Earl Dahl, Brent & Troy Armstrong, Petrus Weenink.

**BUSINESS ARISING:** Nil

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Motion to receive Minutes of last meeting. Moved: Brian Armstrong: Seconded: Claire Taylor. All in favour.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** In: items as tabled: Out: Thankyou letter and appreciation certificate to Portland Bait & Tackle.

Moved: Brian Armstrong Seconded: Kevin Schwab.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Feb: Income: \$57.50. Payments: \$198.69. Bank Balance: \$2,927.85 plus Uniting Church \$3,957.53.

James was wondering whether we could get some exemptions on items in water bill as the cost was \$106 but water usage cost included in this price was only \$2.20. James to follow up. Funds are coming together well including MAA and other small amounts to help us meet costs. Keep collecting cans as all funds help.

**MAA Delegates Report:** Jesson Shield will be held over the weekend 14 & 15 November and allow weigh ins on both days. Purrumbette ramp has now been opened. It's a private ramp for boats below 5 meters in length. Waverley angling club are looking for a new venue for club meetings. LAC have offered our hall for them to meet 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month. This shouldn't clash with the club or MAA meetings.

**Fishing Reports:**

**Warneet 28<sup>th</sup> February.** This trip was cancelled due to poor weather reports.

**Carters Beach Trip March Long weekend.** Lots of cod caught largest was 50-55cm but as the new limit is 60 cm there were none of size to weigh in. 4 Carp were caught the largest being 2.03kg by Brian. However, Harry Lane caught a 42 cm Yellowbelly weighing 1.38 kg which won the trip.

**Lake Eucumbene.** James fished Lake Eucumbene with friends and they averaged 6-7 fish per day with one day catching 16. 3 were caught on flies and the rest on mud-eye which were collected in the lake.

**Lake Jindabyne.** Julie Cope fished and caught some good trout on grasshoppers and mud-eye.

**Docklands.** Artie had some friends fishing using dim sim skins and catching bream up to 2lbs.

**Motion to receive all reports:** Nil

**Next Trips:** **Corinella: 29 March 2009** – 7.00 Launch and 2 pm weigh in, Claire (Club Captain) Hans will be convenor. Remember this is the Elephant competition. It was agreed that a competition be held for the biggest Elephant fish caught which would also count towards the total bag weighed in for the day. It was reminded too that bag limit for elephant fish has reduced from 3 down to 1.

**Docklands Saturday 18 April 2009.** High Tide is 8.20 am so it was decided to start fishing at 6.00 am (darkish) and finish at 12.00 pm with a BBQ to follow.

**General Business**

Bob has brought along some uniforms for sample sizing along with forms for ordering. Please give completed forms with 50% deposit to Bob at next meeting if you wish to order

Tambo River – Numbers need to be finalised as cabins need to be booked because another fishing club also wishes to book the same weekend.

Discussion was made about having a workshop to change an impeller in an outboard. It was agreed that a Saturday would be the best day for it to happen. Committee to look at schedule and decide on a suitable date.

Flare night also to be arranged, it was noted that the Tupperware crowd make it unworkable on a Monday so meeting night may be rescheduled to accommodate this.

Meeting Closed at 9.20 pm

<b><u>SYLLABUS—2008/2009</u></b>		<b><u>SYLLABUS—2008/2009 (CONT)</u></b> <b><u>2009</u></b>	
<b>DATE</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>
1 June 08	Gunammatta Beach	24/25/26 Jan	Portland Long Weekend
21 June (sat)	Iluka Retreat	30 Jan (sat)	Eel Night Bert Schwab trophy
11/12/13 July	Tambo Weekend KTPT	14 or 15 Feb	Tyrone Boat Ramp, Rye. (Boats)
2 Aug (Sat)	Kilcunda Surf fishing	28 Feb (sat)	Warneet TBA (Boats)
30 Aug (sat)	Bass River Landing	7/8/9 March	Carters Beach Burns trophy
19/20/21 Sept	Eildon Weekend	29 March (sun)	Corinella Elephant comp Boats
10/11/12 Oct	Portarlington Weekend	18 April (sat)	Docklands
19 Oct (sun)	Whitehorse festival	25/26 April	Undera Weekend
7/8/9 Nov	Shallow Inlet Weekend	16 or 17 May	Eastern Beaches (Surf)
30 Nov (sun)	Western Port Charter	18 May (Mon)	AGM
8 Dec (Mon)	Xmas Party F'tree Gully Bowls Club	<b>2009/10 Syllabus</b> <b>7/8/9 June</b>	<b>Tambo Weekend KTPT</b>