



Oakdale Angling Club

and fish protection society



President's Message

After a busy year, Christmas and the New Year is a time to reflect on the past 12 months but also to look forward to the coming year and the events it holds for us.

The 2018 Year Book has been issued and we encourage all members to look at the Syllabus closely as there have been changes to the format and frequency of meetings. You can get a Year Book at any meeting or contact John Van Vliet.

Summer is finally here, a time when most of us look forward to the warmer weather and longer daylight hours. We also welcome the opportunity to take a break from our regular routine and catch up with friends and family and in some cases go to our favorite holiday destination and 'drop a line'.

On behalf of the Executive and Committee of Oakdale I would like to take this opportunity to wish all members of the Club, their families and our colleagues a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Safe New Year. Please take care, especially if travelling on unfamiliar roads or waterways and we look forward to your continuing support of the Club in 2018.

Merry Christmas



Cheers and Tight Lines!!

Ken Anderson (President OAC)

WANTED

Does anyone know the whereabouts of the Certificate of Incorporation of Oakdale Angling Club and the Club Common Seal?

Also – has anyone got the DVD on 'Filleting fish'?

Treasurer's Report

This last year has seen the 'Cash at Bank' figure fall to its lowest level for a considerable time. However, it has now clawed its way back over the magical \$10,000 mark and hopefully will continue to rise. We are now entering the prime holiday season where the Wrest really comes into its own so the \$'s should now start to roll in on a continual basis. With many members using the Wrest over the summer period and the weather now showing us just what summer can bring, we are enthusiastic about the health of the 'club coffers'.



MARTIN FELLOWS

Treasurer

The Wrest -- Waratah Bay

Our 30 Sep/1 Oct Working Bee was very productive and many jobs were completed. Thanks to all of you who helped. While there is still a few small jobs to do in preparation for the upcoming summer season we are basically ready to go.

So members, keep holidaying at the Wrest, your favourite venue, and keep the money rolling in. Above all remember the temperature at Waratah Bay is always greater than Melbourne and the weather just perfect. For all bookings contact me. Merry Christmas!

Mal Hunter

House Management (0412 139516)

The holidays are here.



Angling Report

Our Angling exploits over the past year can only be described as average with the number of members on trips down and the weather playing an unfair hand in things by causing trips to be cancelled. However, in the fisherman's vernacular 'we will try again another day'!

Being a resilient lot we keep trying our luck so sooner or later the fish will bite or one of us will win Tattslotto. The latter might be the better bet.

Anyway members, you maintain your interest and we will keep running the trips as there is nothing more enjoyable than a day on the water to soothe your frustrations. Have a Safe & Happy Holiday,



John Van Vliet

Angling, Membership & Scorer

Mike Doody and Mal Hunter fishing the Powlett River!

Results:

Seal 1 Bream.

Mike 3 Bream

Mal 1 Toady



Membership

Our newly appointed Membership man, **Russell May**, has settled in to his new role and already has the job well and truly under control.

Members who may have changed their address, phone numbers or E-mail address, are asked to advise Russell so that you will receive the newsletter and other information that the club sends out during the course of the year.

Should you have any concerns over membership issues please contact Russell who will be only too pleased to sort things out for you!

Russell May – 0422 432696



Out & About

Our roving reporter (**RR**) has been out on the streets again in search of news however, 'nothing happening' is the normal cry. This is not good for our readers but please remember, what you give is what you get and the 'well of knowledge' dries up very quickly these days.

RR has come to the conclusion that members are so busy trying to catch those elusive fish that the good stories are continually falling through the cracks and quickly forgotten!

A COUPLE OF NEWS ITEMS.....

Mark & Leanne Dalziel welcomed a new Granddaughter – **Catherine**. Congratulations to them & to parents Melissa & Ben. And of course Great Grandpa Ken Nicholson!

Gaynor Morris had a big bash for her 60th. Happy Birthday to you Gaynor. What a wild night!

There must have been other special birthdays that we didn't hear of, best wishes to you all. So members if you see or hear something let us know and we'll make it known through the Newsletter.

Your **Roving Reporter** - *Mike Stapleton*



LAWS NOT TAUGHT IN PHYSICS or MURPHY'S LAW.

Law of Mechanical Repair - After your hands become coated with grease, your nose will begin to itch and you'll have to pee.

Law of Gravity - Any tool, nut, bolt, screw, when dropped, will roll to the least accessible place in the universe.

Law of Probability - The probability of being watched is directly proportional to the stupidity of your act.

Law of Random Numbers - If you dial a wrong number, you never get a busy signal; someone always answers.

Variation Law - If you change lines (or traffic lanes), the one you were in will always move faster than the one you are in now.

Law of the Bath - When the body is fully immersed in water, the telephone will ring.

Law of Close Encounters - The probability of meeting someone you know INCREASES dramatically when you are with someone you don't want to be seen with.

Law of the Result - When you try to prove to someone that a machine won't work, IT WILL!!!

Law of Biomechanics - The severity of the itch is inversely proportional to the reach.

Law of the Theatre & Hockey Arena - At any event, the people whose seats are furthest from the aisle, always arrive last. They are the ones who will leave their seats several times to go for food, beer, or the toilet and who leave early before the end of the performance or the game is over. The folks in the aisle seats come early, never move once, have long gangly legs or big bellies and stay to the bitter end of the performance. The aisle people also are very surly folk.

The Coffee Law - As soon as you sit down to a cup of hot coffee, your boss will ask you to do something which will last until the coffee is cold.

Murphy's Law of Lockers - If there are only 2 people in a locker room, they will have adjacent lockers.

Law of Physical Surfaces - The chances of an open-faced jam sandwich landing face down on a floor are directly correlated to the newness and cost of the carpet or rug.

Law of Logical Argument - Anything is possible IF you don't know what you are talking about.

Law of Physical Appearance - If the clothes fit, they're ugly.

Law of Public Speaking -- A CLOSED MOUTH GATHERS NO FEET!

Law of Commercial Marketing Strategy - As soon as you find a product that you really like, they will stop making it OR the store will stop selling it!

Doctors' Law - If you don't feel well, make an appointment to go to the doctor, by the time you get there, you'll feel better. But don't make an appointment and you'll stay sick.

If you don't forward this to your friends, your belly button will unscrew. Really... It's true. I read it on the Internet!

SOME INTERESTING QUOTES

****As I hurtled** through space, one thought kept crossing my mind - every part of this rocket was supplied by the lowest bidder. *John Glenn*

****When the** white missionaries came to Africa they had the Bible and we had the land. They said ' Let us pray .' We closed our eyes.

When we opened them we had the Bible and they had the land. *Desmond Tutu*

****America is the** only country where a significant proportion of the population believes that professional wrestling is real but the moon landing was faked. *David Letterman*

****I'm not** a paranoid, deranged millionaire. God dammit, I'm a billionaire. *Howard Hughes*

****I've been** married to a communist and a fascist - and neither would take out the garbage.

ZsaZsa Gabor *****

FROM THE EDITOR

Mike & I try to make the newsletter as interesting as possible but members don't give us any fishing stories, news of events or any photos. We need your input!

We could fill up pages with jokes but that's not what a newsletter is for. It is to keep you all informed about club events, past, present & future & to generally keep in touch.

So, let's hope you have lots of things to report from holidays!! E-mail celhen@bigpond.com

Henry & I are lucky to have our family getting together Christmas Day – including Rachel home from Bali for a few weeks & Darren here from Hong Kong. With Liza, Justin & our 3 Grandchildren it is a special time.

**To you & your families,
Stay safe & have a very MERRY CHRISTMAS.
*Celia (& Henry) Tabone***

