



# Oakdale Angling Club

and fish protection society

## Newsletter

1 September 2016



### OAKDALE ANGLING CLUB PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT 2015/2016.

It is with some satisfaction and cautious optimism that I present the Annual Report for the Club's 2015 /2016 year. Again we have had a busy year with a full syllabus.

As I have said previously, Oakdale Angling Club means different things to different people and we should be prepared to meet each members' needs be it in any type of fishing, social, instruction, use of the home at Waratah Bay or just plainly to meet other Club members at meetings or social events to have a chat. No Club or organisation can afford to sit still and we need to continually review our operations to find ways of satisfying member's needs, attracting new members and promoting recreational angling.

Several initiatives have been entered into this year including closer liaison with our co-tenants the Murrumbeena Football and Cricket Clubs through the Murrumbeena Park Committee of Management (MPCM) to which Mike Stapleton is our delegate and although we are only a small minnow (no pun intended) in the organisation we still have a strong voice.

We had a CPR session run by Martin Fellows on 29 June with the screening of a DVD and practical session which, considering that we often fish in isolated areas where outside help may not be available, it is most important that we know what to do should an event occur.

The Executive is continually looking at whether we are eligible for Government Grants associated with the promotion of Angling which could hopefully see an increase in our membership. Our latest initiative is to seek a grant and take part in the "Gone Fishing Day" on October 16<sup>th</sup> this year and we thank David Taylor for his work on this project.

We decided to change the format of the presentation night this year to a less formal event which was held on a normal meeting night with pizzas served. Attendance was not as good as was hoped, 33 accepted but only 26 attended on a terrible night weather wise. However, it was an enjoyable night and a good time was had by all. Congratulations to all trophy winners who will be acknowledged separately and thanks again to John Van Vliet for collating results and arranging trophies.

Clubs do not function without the input of members and committee and we acknowledge the following for their contribution throughout the year :

**David Rosenfield** as Vice President who stood in for me during my absence from the Club.

**Mike Stapleton** for carrying out secretarial duties including keeping accurate minutes of general and executive meetings, liaising with MPCM and various other functions.

**David Taylor**, Assistant Secretary, for supporting Mike and doing much behind the scenes work on projects.

**Martin Fellows** for his meticulous control of the Club's finances and payment of accounts.

**John Van Vliet** as Angling Chairman and scorer for again co-ordinating our wide range of fishing trips and keeping accurate and up to date angling records. John also compiled and distributed our year book, was responsible for membership and the website; a man of many talents.

**Members** who acted as 'captains of the day' on the various fishing trips.

**Celia Tabone**, once again for her organisation of the annual picnic.

**Mal Hunter** for his continued efforts in running the Wrest and maintaining the property.

**Kumi Camell** for co-ordinating the annual Christmas break-up and contribution towards organising social functions.

**Ken Caldecott** and **Andre Dobler** for running the raffles at club meetings and being first there on meeting nights to set up the hall.

Aiming to keep up with modern trends we have been using electronic media for keeping members in touch with the Club. However it is proposed that we reintroduce the printed newsletter with three to four issues per year for which Mike Stapleton has agreed to collect material and Celia Tabone will edit. Thanks to both.

We will however be relying on members to provide material for the newsletter.

The above are just some of the many duties required to run the Club and we thank all for their attendance at meetings and their contribution towards the Club.

On a not so good note we note the passing of Club members Tom Minear, who was a Foundation and Life Member who served the Club in many capacities, and two well known past members in Shirley Tregurtha and Alan Thorpe. We also said good-bye to a long time associate of Oakdale, Don Ellis, with whom we had a close liaison. Don was President of the MAA and Ormond Angling Cub and at the time of his passing and was a great campaigner for recreational fishing.

Another item worthy of mention in this report is the work that was necessary at Waratah Bay. Several small trees at the entrance to the driveway had to be removed as they were in danger of falling (one actually did fall onto the road and had to be removed quickly) and the large tree over the decking was removed as limbs were in danger of falling which could have caused extensive damage to the electricity supply and the house itself.

The main switch board had to be updated after several fuses tripped due to overheating.

We also record that after several years, Oakdale was at last successful in the annual surf fishing competition with Ormond. Well done to those who represented us.

We should always continue to focus on increasing membership and would welcome any ideas from members on how to achieve this.

Thanks to all who contributed during the year and we look forward to your continuing support in any area of your liking.

**Ken Anderson**

President



**YOU ARE NEEDED FOR A WORKING BEE --- OCTOBER 1-3  
at THE WREST, Waratah Bay.**

**Contact Mal Hunter - 0412139516**

Limited accommodation available.

**ARTICLES NEEDED:**

If you have any interesting articles, stories or fishing reports that we could include in our newsletters please send to Mike Stapleton -

[staplesmj@bigpond.com](mailto:staplesmj@bigpond.com) or Celia Tabone - [celhen@bigpond.com](mailto:celhen@bigpond.com)

## Results of 2016 Oakdale Angling Club Elections:

President: Ken Anderson  
Vice President: David Rosenfield  
Secretary: Mike Stapleton  
Assistant Secretary: David Taylor  
Treasurer: Martin Fellows  
Angling Committee: John Van Vliet, other members to be advised.  
Scorer: John Van Vliet  
Membership: John Van Vliet  
Web Site: John Van Vliet, David Taylor  
Social Committee: Ken Caldecott, Andre Dobler  
House Management: Mal Hunter (committee members to be advised.)  
Public Relations: David Rosenfield, Mike Stapleton  
Newsletter: Celia Tabone (Editor), Mike Stapleton (Roving Reporter)  
MAA Delegate: Len Waters  
Ombudsman: Len Waters

## Oakdale Wrest fishing report

Monday 18/7/16 to Thursday 21/7/16

Three intrepid members: Eddy, Jose and Roger fished Waratah Bay directly in front of the path from the Clubhouse over 3 days of good weather, with a slight offshore breeze from Tuesday the 19th July. The big salmon were biting that day with Eddy landing a whopper of 3 kg, and Roger a 1.8 kg fish. Most of the 45 salmon caught over the next few days averaged 700 gms; the big ones did not return. Eddie landed a nice flathead, and a succession of Melbourne Skates, weighing about 20 kg. each on 12 lb. line, which was a skilful effort. The 4 skate, although good eating, were returned to the water, but not before disgorging their food which was swimmer crabs. The skate are obviously a 'surf fisherman's friend' by hoovering up a lot of the pesky crabs. While the salmon were intermittently biting, mullet filled the gaps, and even though we were using big hooks, we still caught 10 nice mullet. Eddy the "Skate whisperer" caught the most fish and a good time was had by all even though we had to listen to each other's fishing and other stories for the 3 days, because the bloody TV was not working!



Regards,  
Roger Clarke

*\* Thanks for this article Roger. \**

*Members, this is the sort of item that, although not recent, is interesting – and amusing!*

## Secretary's report to the 60th OAC Annual General Meeting

The past year has been quite successful from a Secretarial point of view, however with the good comes the sad. During the year we lost Life Member Tom Minear and members Shirley Tregurtha and Alan Thorpe as well as close friend Don Ellis (President of the MAA and Ormond A/C). Tom was one of the original group who founded Oakdale and was loved by all who knew him. He was a true gentleman and had a wonderful, happy disposition and was always available as our mentor, adviser and guide. Shirley and Alan had been active members of Oakdale for many years but with old age slowing them down considerably over the last few years we did not see much of them. Don Ellis was renowned for his efforts involving the betterment of fishing and was revered by so many involved in the sport of Angling. Still life must go on so we will continue to chase those elusive fish. Club membership has again suffered a loss of three however, we gained 2 new members; Januz and Daneeka Zuchowski. Attendance at meetings remained relatively static this year and we have always managed to achieve a quorum even though the weather has been extremely cold this current winter.

The task of Secretary has continued as usual and while the Minutes of meetings are the main areas there are a few issues here and there that need ironing out. Most are quickly solved which keeps everyone happy and with success comes a feeling of fulfilment making the job worthwhile.

It has been a very inspirational year working with the Executive and most importantly with President Ken Anderson who displays great drive in his efforts to re-invigorate our club. All power to him!!

Once again David Taylor (Assistant Secretary) has been a great help to me simply by calling at the Post Office on his way here and collecting and sorting the mail in readiness for each meeting. He has also stood in for me on a few occasions; helps me in various ways and gets me out of this place after meetings when I'm not walking too well. So David, for all your assistance over the past year I thank you very much. Furthermore, a big thankyou to other members who assist me from time to time; it is much appreciated.

It has been my pleasure to serve the club as Secretary and I have agreed to go on for another term but it will definitely be my last year in this position. I said those same words last year!!! Mentally, I believe I'm OK but physically I am falling apart very quickly, especially in this cold weather.

Thank you all for having put up with me over the past year and  
hang on tight as we do it all again.

# Mike Stapleton

Secretary OAC.



## **Trophy Winners for the 2015/2016 Season**

CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS John Van Vliet 243.5 pts

RUNNER-UP CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS - Martin Fellows 235 pts

NELL HANNA CASTING CHAMPION - Michael Doody 12pts

MENS CHAMPION - John Van Vliet 244.5 pts

LADIES CHAMPION - No Recipient

JUNIOR CHAMPION - Lee Dalziel 150 pts

VETERAN CHAMPION - John Van Vliet 295 pts

MENS CHAMPION SURF - Ryan Dalziel 109 pts

MENS CHAMPION FRESHWATER - Mark Dalziel 125 pts

MENS CHAMPION ESTUARY - Martin Fellows 90 pts

MENS CHAMPION BOAT - John Van Vliet 142.5 pts

LADIES CHAMPION SURF - No Recipient

LADIES CHAMPION FRESHWATER - No Recipient

LADIES CHAMPION ESTUARY - No Recipient

LADIES CHAMPION BOAT -No Recipient

JUNIOR CHAMPION SURF - Lee Dalziel 40 pts

JUNIOR CHAMPION FRESHWATER - Lee Dalziel 70 pts

JUNIOR CHAMPION ESTUARY - Lee Dalziel 40 pts

JUNIOR CHAMPION BOAT - No Recipient

KEN CHAMPION MEMORIAL TROPHY - Roger Clarke 795 grams

HEAVIEST SNAPPER - Andre Dobler 480 grams

HEAVIEST WHITING - Andre Dobler 585 grams

HEAVIEST TROUT - Lee Dalziel 2095 grams

HEAVIEST AUSTRALIAN SALMON - Roger Clarke 2330grams

HEAVIEST SHARK (Perpetual) - No Recipient

HEAVIEST FLATHEAD - Mal Hunter 1735 grams

HEAVIEST BREEM - Martin Fellows 1245 grams

HEAVIEST FRESHWATER FISH - Martin Fellows 770 grams - Brown Trout

MENS HEAVIEST FISH - Martin Fellows 1215 grams - Bream

LADIES HEAVIEST FISH - Kumi Cammell 485 grams Bream

JUNIOR HEAVIEST FISH - Lee Dalziel 1415 grams Bream

TOP BOAT TROPHY - Ken Caldecott 180 pts

1<sup>st</sup> YEAR MEMBER HEAVIEST FISH - Geoffrey Long 180 grams KG Whiting

WHITING SPECIES - John Van Vliet 31 KG Whiting

SNAPPER SPECIES - Andre Dobler 4 Snapper

Congratulations to you all.  
Well done!



**Interesting** - The total number of fish caught in the 2015/16 season was 412. This consisted of

**SURF** - 38 salmon.           **FRESHWATER** - 29 Trout (mostly brown).

**ESTUARY** - 33 (13 Bream, 8 Trevally, 12 Estuary Perch.)

**BOAT** - 147 (130 K.G. Whiting, 12 Flathead, 4 Snapper, 1 Trevally, 1 Salmon).

**Special trips** -

**MARLO** - 16 Bream, 2 Luderick.

**BEMM RIVER** - 105 Bream, 14 Flathead, 2 Luderick, 1 Trevally.

**TAMBO** - 23 Bream, 1 Trevally, 1 Mullet.

## Membership

Members, the annual fees are now due ! If you are unable to pay at a General Meeting please fill out the form below and send it with your payment to the address listed on the form .

Members who during the past twelve months may have changed their address, phone number or are now on the internet and have a new e-mail address, fill out the form in full so that you receive the newsletter and other information that the club sends out during the course of the year.

When renewing your membership please remember I am also collecting for donated trophies for the 2016/17 season. Consider if you can!

## **John Van Vliet**

Membership

### **FEES due for the year 2016 / 2017**

1. Senior: \$40.00
2. Family: \$60.00 (with children under 16)
3. Pensioner: \$20.00
4. Pensioner couple : \$30.00
5. Donated Trophies : \$10.00

It is preferable that you pay by Electronic Funds Transfer [EFT] using the following guide/example:

Description

Your Name

BSB 013030 Account No. 6217112 Pay to Oakdale Angling Club

Reference - Subs + DT 15 = (Senior + Donated Trophy)

Email

Optional

Amount \$50

**You may pay at any meeting or by sending a cheque with this form to:**

Oakdale Angling Club P.O. Box 5064, Hughesdale 3166

Circle the number applicable to your membership and Donated Trophy if so paying.

NAME : \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS : \_\_\_\_\_

POSTCODE : \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail : \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE : \_\_\_\_\_

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*The above information is to check that our records are correct and will only be used if there is a need to contact you regarding club affairs.*

