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NSW COUNCIL OF FRESHWATER ANGLERS INCORPORATED MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING – 16 MAY 2009 GADEN HATCHERY, KOSCIUSZKO ROAD JINDABYNE

Present

Steve Samuels (President), Ron Butler (SFC) Radge Diakiw (SFR), Peter Gibson, John Humphries (RFS) Ben Nieuwerth (GFFC) Wayne Protheroe (SWAA), Don Salter (Lakeside), Rodney Tonkin (OTAS), Lofty Tottenham (RFS) Rod Whiteway (MAS), Betty Williams (CAS), Tom Williams (CAS), Steve Williamson (PFIGA)

Invited Guests:

Terry Flanagan (Senior Policy Adviser to Minister for Lands), Peter Gallagher (DPI), Fraser Perry (Future Leaders Participant) and Cameron Westaway, (DPI).

1. Welcome and Commencement

Steve Samuels welcomed delegates and invited guests. The meeting commenced at 9.40am.

Apologies

Alan Basford, Chris Beale, Clive Brabham, Daryl Girling, Stuart Graham Chris Harding, Alan Izzard, Peter Kelly, Terry Maloney, Neil Miles, Laurie Muldoon (NETAS), Malcolm Poole, Wendy Protheroe, Terry Rowling, Karl Schaerf, Bill Spiers, Nick Taransky and Allan Wilcox (BK)

2. Minutes

The Minutes of the General Meeting of 21 February were adopted subject to the following 2 changes:

- **Title Page** - Correct the meeting date to 21 February 2009
- **Agenda Item 4.3.2** - add "Approval was also given to reimburse Steve Samuels for his Sydney expenses amounting to \$117.41

Proposed R Tonkin, seconded R Butler

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM 15 NOVEMBER 2008 MEETING

3.1 Gaden Hatchery Update.

Steve Samuels reported that the first meeting of the implementation committee for Gaden Trout Hatchery was held on 15 May. Members were:

- Bruce Schumacher Chair
- John Humphries ACoRF
- Tom Williams RFFTEC
- Steve Samuels CFA
- Peter Gibson MAS
- Peter Turnell Director, Fisheries Operations
- Cameron Westaway Senior Fisheries Manager (Inland)
- Sam Crocker Hatchery Manager (Observer)

Issues discussed including:

- Formation of interim committee
- Development of business plan
- Use of independent advisers for advice on management, expansion, marketing, accounting etc
- Clarification of legal situation
- Budget allocation categories (operating costs, capital investments, maintenance etc)

The next meeting will be in early August.

3.2 Fence Stiles

Cameron Westaway reported that the fence stiles are ready to install but are delayed until final agreements are signed by landholders.

3.3 Freshwater Safety DVD

Peter Gibson reported that this RFA project was still incomplete, with some footage still to be shot.

3.4 Illegal Removal of Snags from Murray River near Corowa

Cameron Westaway reported that snags have been replaced in the river and that a case for prosecution has been prepared by DPI and submitted to the prosecutors. DPI was now awaiting legal proceedings to advance. Wayne Protheroe advised the Council that SWAA was getting frustrated at the apparent lack of progress in prosecuting the parties involved. SWAA were also concerned that whilst attempts had been made to re-snag the river little had been done to stabilise the river banks from where the snags were removed.

3.5 Access Conference update

Rodney Tonkin reported that the access conference organized by RFA and R Tonkin will take place in Sydney weekend of 29/30 August 2009. Some funding received from RFFTEC and FRDC. Invitations would be extended to Tasmanian and NZ fishing organizations to contribute their experience. Rodney to liaise with T Flanagan on speakers from Lands. Meeting resolved that R Tonkin could claim travel and out-of-pocket expenses for his involvement (moved P Gibson, seconded J Humphries.)

3.6 Freshwater Fisher Funding Proposals.

Peter Gibson reported that a submission for funding assistance was currently with RFFTEC and ACORF.

3.7 Golden Gully.

Tom Williams reported that he had attended the May meeting of Blayney Shire Council which had renewed interest in the Golden Gully access problem (See Agenda background papers for more details). The Shire Council had originally planned to carry out public works on the site (road works and a bridge) which is now private land, but has now suspended action until a site inspection with Councillors planned for coming weeks. The Council and Terry Flanagan agreed to offer help to CAS in resolving this matter should it not be resolved satisfactorily on inspection of the site.

4. REPORTS

4.1. RFA-NSW

Peter Gibson reported on RFA meeting from weekend of 9 May attended by himself and Radge Diakiw (See detailed report in Background papers at Attachment 2) attached. Delegates agreed to advise Peter Gibson, as a matter of urgency, on access issues, not included in the recent NSW CFA submission, which would be relevant to Ministers Tebbutt, Costa and Kelly.

RFA NSW is also seeking more support from NSW CFA on getting recreational angling on Prospect Reservoir. The Council noted that R Diakiw would work with RFA NSW on this issue.

4.2. RFFTEC

RFFTEC member Tom Williams reported that there had been a lot of new applications, and that the Gaden funding had been approved for 4 years. Other issues considered were a reciprocal angling licence with Victoria (rejected) and carry-over of unspent funds for general projects (approved). Precise details of funding approved or rejected is not available until ratified by ACORF and the Minister for Primary Industries.

4.3. Interclub Report

John Humphries reported on a very successful interclub meet. \$3138.82 was raised to support the CFA. 40 people attended (See Background Papers at Attachment 2). The meeting moved a special vote of thanks to John Humphries for his efforts. John requested and was granted approval to commence planning for the 2010 interclub meet.

4.4 Regional Reports

The Region 5 report prepared by Tom Williams is in the Background papers at Attachment 2. Other regional reports were addressed in General Business.

4.5 VR Fish Liaison

Ben Nieuwerth tabled papers of the VRFish Native Fish Policy Workshop held on 21 March 2009. The Council noted that a draft VRFish Native Fish Policy would be available soon on their website.

4.6 Treasurers Report

4.6.1 FINANCIAL REPORT

The treasurer's report at Attachment 1 was received (proposed R Tonkin, seconded P Gibson).

Rodney Tonkin's suggestion to move the bank accounts to a building society in Orange for greater convenience was approved.

Rodney Tonkin also suggested that the CFA's mail address be moved to an address convenient to the secretary was discussed but no conclusion reached—to be further considered by the executive.

4.6.2 Out of Pocket Expenses.

The Council endorsed the quarterly payment of out of pocket expenses of \$150 each to the Secretary and President.

4.7 FRDC Meeting Narrandera

Rodney Tonkin elaborated on the major aspects of the 21 April 2009 FRDC Meeting at Narrandera which were summarised in his report in the Background Papers at Attachment 2. The Council noted with interest that consideration was being given to establishing regional advisory groups (such as a Central Tablelands Impoundment Management Group) based on the successful Snowy Mountains Lake Strategy model. Rodney Tonkin also recommended that Dr Janet Pritchard, MDBA, responsible for research, be invited to a NSWCFR Meeting & provide a connection with NSW recreational anglers.

4.8 Trout allocation committee

Peter Gibson attended this meeting on behalf of CFA and reported that the trout allocation process was continuing successfully. Despite drought conditions hatchery outputs from Gaden and Dutton had been satisfactory and improvements in facilities over past couple of years were paying off with the quality and size of fish improving. Requests for fry/fingerlings were scaled back by most acclimatization society branches, which is in line with DPI policy that less stocking is appropriate to raise the quality of many parts of the trout fishery.

4.9 Background Papers

Background papers that were circulated to delegates before the meeting or presented at the meeting are at Attachment 2

5. CORRESPONDENCE

Significant items of correspondence included are referred to in the Agenda Items.

6. GENERAL BUSINESS

6.1 Tillegra Dam Update

Bill Spiers and representatives of Hunter Native Fish had attended a meeting with Minister Costa (Water) at which the Minister and Hunter Water Corp made a commitment to remove barriers on a number of coastal waterways as well as providing reasonable recreational fishing access to the proposed dam. For more details see Background Papers at Attachment 2

Rodney Tonkin moved (seconded Steve Samuels) that Bill Spiers be thanked for his tireless efforts on this issue.

6.2 Dept of Lands Trust Management Plans - Experiences.

Steve Samuels stated that MAS's plans for reserves on the Thredbo River were advancing, and that approval seemed likely after negotiations with neighbouring landowners. The meeting agreed that the NSWCFCA should produce a simple document to guide other fishing clubs to setting up trusts to manage reserves. Terry Flanagan again stated that the Department of Lands is very supportive of community groups such as angling clubs becoming trustees. The Council acknowledged the great work that Terry Flanagan and Alistair McBurnie (DPI) had done.

6.3 Conservation Managers – Staffing reductions

After a very informative presentation from Peter Gallagher (DPI) on the history, role and current status of the Conservation Management Group within DPI, Council delegates were better able to understand how this

group was funded both internally and externally through specific purpose Commonwealth funds and Recreational Fishing Trust monies. However, delegates considered the proposed cuts unacceptable and agreed that the NSWCFCA make representations in the strongest possible terms to stop the reduction in NSW Conservation Managers proposed by the NSW Government as of the 30 June, by sending letters to the NSW Premier, the Minister for DPI, the Shadow Minister for Fisheries and the Shooters Party as well as seeking support from the NCC-NSW.

6.4 Draft Feral Redfin Policy

Rodney Tonkin presented a draft policy document (see Background Papers at Attachment 2). Members are to submit comments to Rodney—all comments received will be considered before a proposed final policy is presented for approval at the August meeting.

6.5 Murray Darling Basin Fish Kills

Peter Gallagher advised the Council that DPI were in negotiations with State Water in an effort to ensure that State Water was aware of its responsibilities and that its water management regimes in the Wakool River system and elsewhere do not again result in the massive fish kills alluded to in the Background papers at Attachment 2 under the heading of “NSW State Water, Pathway to the Death of the Murray Darling Basin”.

6.6 Manyweathers Weir

The Council noted that Steve Samuels had written to State Water supporting the State Water proposal to remove the Manyweathers weir on the Richmond River at Lismore. See Background Papers at Attachment 2.

6.7 Fishers for Fish Habitat Forum at Ballina – 18-19th June

The Council noted that R Tonkin will be attending on behalf of the NSWCFCA. The Council resolved that NSWCFCA also provide expenses for K Scharf to attend as CFA’s environment officer. (Proposed P Gibson, seconded R Butler).

6.8 Rec. Fishing Industry Development Strategy Advisory Committee – NSWCFCA connection?

The Council concluded that representation on this committee via Len Olyott (Recfish CEO) was available and adequate at the moment.

6.9 Trout Impacts on Threatened Frog Species

The Council agreed to invite DPI to address CFA on this issue at a future meeting.

6.10 Sale of water assets as part of sale of electricity assets in NSW

The differing perception among delegates of the implications of the proposed sale of electricity assets, particularly water storages associated with electricity generating assets in NSW demonstrated the need to clarify this matter. The Council agreed that the Secretary sort out our last correspondence on this issue and take advice on current situation.

6.11 Reimbursement of travel costs for anglers involved in fish stocking

Steve Samuels tabled a draft of an application to RFFTEC for \$10,000 for the NSWCFCA to reimburse anglers their fuel expenses when they use their own vehicles to stock fish. The Council noted that Steve Samuels seek advice on other sources of reimbursing volunteers such as the recently advertised BP volunteers fuel card scheme and others before proceeding with this application.

6.12 Cultural fishing in NSW

The Council noted that DPI had put out a discussion paper. The Council agreed that the Executive consider this matter.

6.13 NSWCFCA website

Lofty Tottenham advised the Council that he intended to step down as web master in the near future. The Council thanked Lofty most heartily for maintaining the website for many years. Peter Gibson agreed to make recommendations to next meeting on how to manage the website in future.

6.14 50th Anniversary

The Council was reminded that 2009 was the NSWCFCA's 50th anniversary. The Council noted that the Executive would consider appropriate actions before the next meeting.

6.15 NZ recreational fishing conference

The Council noted that the NZ Recreational Fishing Council is organising its 2009 recreational fishing conference and that RFA was looking at possibility of sending someone from NSW. The conference will be held in July 09 and has the theme 'Amateur Only Areas'.

6.16 Gold mine on the Numeralla River

Steve Samuels informed the Council that MAS had expressed opposition to the proposed open cut gold mine on the Numeralla River at Chakola. He also advised the Council that he had asked DPI to oppose this development as among other things, the population of the endangered Macquarie Perch could be threatened by the mine proceeding.

6.17 Executive committee contacts outside of quarterly meetings

Tom Williams asked about lack of progress with Skype meetings for executive committee. The Hon Secretary undertook to add Skype addresses to contact list and to advance the use of Skype for Executive meetings before next meeting.

6.18 Compliance officer vacancies in NSW

Tom Williams advised the Council that K Schaerf had recently written to DPI asking for details of Compliance Officer positions and how they were being filled and was now awaiting a response.

6.19 Minutes Secretary role

The Council was reminded that we still do not have anyone willing to take on the important role of minutes secretary. Steve Samuels appealed to members who do not make an active contribution on other fronts to step forward and assist with this matter.

6.20 River Red Gum Logging Ban

The Council noted that SWAA was concerned that recent actions by the Commonwealth Government to ban logging in the Central Murray wetlands because of the impact of logging on the Superb Parrot was a prelude to reducing community (including recreational anglers) access to sections of the Murray River. SWAA would monitor this situation. See Background Papers at Attachment 2.

6.21 Nepean River Weirs

Radge Diakiw advised the Council that as part of the NSW Government's Metropolitan Water Plan, the Sydney Catchment Authority has commenced work on improving fish passage along the Nepean River upstream from Penrith. An improved weir at Penrith is expected to be completed shortly and fish passage through a number of other weirs will be improved over the next year or so. Details of this work will be reported in the Freshwater Fisher and on the NSWCFWA website.

6.22 ACT Fisheries Management

Steve Samuels alerted the Council that on 4 May he had been reported in the *Canberra Times* as being critical of the ACT Government's lack of consultation with anglers on fisheries management issues. He advised the Council that his views stemmed from his being a resident of the ACT.

GUEST SPEAKER – Peter Gallagher, NSW DPI

Peter Gallagher, NSW DPI, addressed the meeting regarding the status of Conservation Managers' roles in NSW.

7. CLOSE

S Samuels closed the meeting at 3.10 pm and thanked DPI and particularly Sam Crocker for making the Hatchery facilities available for this meeting.

NEXT MEETING:

Penrith Regatta Centre, Saturday 15 August 2009. This will also be the AGM.

Attachment 1

NSWCFA Financial Statement No. 3						A/c Balance
Income from 1st February to 4th May 2009						b/f
	Affil. Fees	Found. Fee:	Interest	Interclub M.	Other	5884.61
Interest			0.05			0.05
Rodney Tonkin				155		155
Lewis Williams				155		155
Bass Kempsey	50					50
Interclub fees				1215		1215
Interest			0.04			0.04
Nick Care				155		155
Hawkesbury	57					
Singleton	60					117
Interclub fees				1430		1430
Interest			0.05			0.05
Mike Chapman				155		155
D Wilson				155		155
BJ Quinn				155		155
Interclub fees				1310		1310
J Humphries				155		155
Interest			0.06			0.06
Sub Totals	167		0.2	5040		11091.81
Des Dickinson				155		
Interclub meals				105		
Interclub books				34		
Interclub donation				35		
Interclub auction				400		
Interclub auction				340		
Interclub fees				310		1379
Interclub fees				620		
Interclub auction				546		1166
Total Income	167		0.2	7585		13636.81
Expenditure 1st February to 4th May 2009						
	Allowances	Newsletter	Sty.& Post	Bank fees	Other	
A/c charge				10.5		
Meet accom.					85	
Newsletter		447.4				
Aust Post					113.5	
A/c charge				14		
Meals 2					30	
Phone	150					-850.4
Newsletter		467.34				-467.34
A/c charge				15		-15
Allowance	117.41					-117.41
Allowance	150					-150
Easynet A/c					120	-120
A/c charge						-13.5
Sub Tot Ex	417.41	914.74		13.5		-1733.65
A/c Balance 30 April 2009				53	348.5	9358.16
Recfish Sub					110	
Aust Post					113.5	
Easynet A/c					120	
Interclub refund					155	
Interclub refund					155	

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Interclub BGC				4060	
Interclub exp				76.18	-4789.68
Newsletter		467.78			-467.78
Total Exp.	417.41	1382.52	53	5138.18	6991.11
Est. Balance 4 May 2009					6645.7

Summary:

	Income	first quarter	3583.87	
		second quarter	289.17	
		third quarter	7752.2	
		fourth quarter		
		Total Income		11625.24
	Expenditure	first quarter	1398.37	
		second quarter	2050.47	
		third quarter	6991.11	
		fourth quarter		
		Total Expenditure		10439.95
	Progress to date	surplus		1185.29

2009 NSWCF A Interclub Meet:		Final Statement	
Receipts -	Attendance fees & meals	6230	
	Auction monies	1286	
	Magazine sales	34	
	Donation	35	
	Total Receipts		7585
Expenses -	Attendance Refunds	310	
	Accommodation & food	4060	
	Administration	76.18	
	Total Expenses		4446.18
Net Surplus -			3138.82

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NSWCFA 2008-2009 Budgetary Control

	\$	\$	updated to 4/05/2009 \$	\$
	07-08actual	08-09 est.	act. todate	variance
Income:				
Affiliation fees	2568	2350	2634.5	284.5
Foundation fees	50	50	175	125
Bank interest	881	1200	1058.94	-141.06
Interclub meet	2589	2500	3138.82	638.82
Raffle & donations	154	100	71.8	-28.2
Grant	5370	0	0	0
Total Income	11612	6200	7079.06	879.06
Expenditure:				
Affiliation fee	200	200	310	-110
Allowances	1200	1200	900	300
Awards	217	112	112.2	0
Bank Charges	144	150	176	-26
Conference attendance	0	200	317.41	-117.41
Dept of Fair Trading	44	45	45	0
Donations	200	0	0	0
Insurance	168	168	168	0
Meeting accommodation	0	0	85	-85
Meetings	78	280	331	-51
Newsletter	7140	4500	2724.99	1775.01
NSWCFA website	240	240	240	0
PO Box rental	354	354	227	127
Stationary & postage	120	260	257.17	2.83
Total Expenditure	10105	7709	5893.77	1815.43
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	1507	-1509	1390.47	2694.49
Outstanding Affiliation Fees: 2008-2009 Estimation				
Barrington Club Inc.			100	
Sydney Course Anglers			30	
Wingham Anglers			45	
Total Estimate			175	

NSWCFA 16 May 2009 Meeting
Background Papers, additional information to items
mentioned in minutes

Regarding Agenda Item 3.5 Access Conference Update:

Because of the delay in finalising arrangements for the venue, we are now looking at August for a Sydney two day forum and workshop. Still no dates set. I have been making contact with a few of the proposed principal speakers, such as Bryce Johnston, CEO, Fish & Game, New Zealand, & Brian Boyle CEO, Game Council NSW, and subject to our getting our act together they are enthusiastic to contribute. Funding & contributors for the event are \$9,580 from RFFTEC and \$3,420 from FRDC. We may have to consider making a charge for observers to attend. I have reported on progress to the Directors of FRDC and Malcolm Poole has responded to RFFTEC in a like manner.

Recommendation: That NSWCFA nominate a representative to attend the forum.

R Tonkin

Regarding Agenda Item 3.7 Golden Gully

Edward Thomas Williams
26 Torrens St,
Blayney 2799 NSW
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28/4/2009.

To Whom It May Concern:

Dear Sir/ Madam.

I wish to comment on the Management Plan and would like my views expressed to the Mayor, Councillors and General Manager.

As reported in the Blayney Chronicle 23/4/09 the Council intends to construct a crossing at Golden Gully at an estimated cost of \$123,275. I would like to inquire as to why this expenditure is even being considered when there is no "Public Vehicle" access to this area.

Instead of spending the money on the crossing, there is another solution - Council should use the money to buy the road in question, as you were going to some time ago, but due to a misunderstanding it was not finalized. If Council were to buy the road, then ratepayers will actually benefit from the expenditure (unlike the current proposal) by being able to access a beautiful area for Tourism,[bush walking, bird watching, photography, fishing, and picnic's,] This solution would build on previous work and expenditure by both the Council and other groups in the past.

In 1978, the reserve on the Belubula River, in conjunction with Councilors, Council Staff, Members of the Central Acclimatisation Society Head Body, Members of the Blayney/Western Branch of the Central Acclimatisation was renamed The Claude Collins Memorial Reserve. The Blayney/Western Branch members are very proud that this area as are other members of the public. Claude Collins was a foundation member of the Society [Registered under the Fisheries and Oyster Farms Act, 1935-38], who along with his fellow members, stocked the rivers, and streams for many years with fingerlings and fry and the eggs bred at Burruga Hatchery until 1954, which was when the Hatchery was taken over by Fisheries Department and all equipment was taken to Jindabyne in the Snowy Mountains. The Blayney Fishing Club in conjunction with the Society continues to stock this area.

Councillors should be aware that:

1. In January 2007 a meeting was held with Council Engineer [then, Simon Armitage] Alister Mc Burnie, D.P.I. Fisheries. Matt Ryan D.P.I. Fisheries, Rodney Tonkin. Council of Freshwater Anglers and myself as Representative of Central Acclimatisation Society.

It was agreed at that meeting that a crossing would be built over the existing crossing to benefit all

1. Council previously supported this area formally re-naming the area, installing a water tank and picnic tables which were used and very much appreciated. However, the water tank and picnic tables were later removed and placed adjacent to the highway, on the Carcoar side of the Golden Gully Road with no advice or thought to the impact of those who utilise the area.
2. Ratepayers have already paid for
 - a. the road to be reformed and graveled,
 - b. a gate and fence to be installed at the junction with the Mid Western Highway, and
 - c. a gravel area which is set aside for parking.
3. It is unfair that families who like to have a picnic or just relax and people who like fishing in this beautiful area should be denied this experience. The people who live in the Golden Gully area have been using this road and crossing as well as the swinging bridge for access to their homes for all of the last century.
4. So I assume that if this crossing is built:
 - the gate and fence will be removed to allow vehicle access;
 - the water tank and picnic tables will be replaced; and
 - some form of on-going arrangement will be finalized to ensure this area continues to benefit all – Eg an agreement in perpetuity signed by Council, Landowners, D.P.I, Fisheries and Central Acclimatisation Society.

I would be happy to discuss my concerns with you

Thank You

Edward Thomas Williams.
President of Central Acclimatisation Society.

**Regarding Agenda Item 4.1 RFA Report
Report from NSW CFA's delegates to meeting of the Recreational
Fishing Alliance of NSW, 9 May 2009**

Attendance: Malcolm Poole (President), Stan Konstantaras (Hon Secretary), Joe Garufi (Publicity Officer), Max Castle (Vice President), Paul Cooper (Treasurer), Radge Diakiw (Committee member and CFA delegate), Peter Gibson (CFA delegate), Fraser Perry (Future Leaders program participant).

Key issues relevant to freshwater fishing included:

Angling access conference: The access conference which the RFA's Malcolm Poole and the CFA's Rodney Tonkin are driving is now likely to be held in late August. Exact dates will be confirmed shortly.

Meeting organised by NSW Underwater Skindiving and Fisherman's Association: RFA member organisation the USFA held a very successful meeting several weeks ago at Western Suburbs Leagues Club. Several hundred people attended to hear a variety of people talk about Marine Parks, access and other issues affecting all types of fishing. Reports are that many people left the meeting motivated to become more active in angling issues and more politically active. The RFA is considering holding a similar meeting later in the year to discuss a broader range of issues.

Newsletters: The RFA applied to RFSTEC/RFTEC for joint funding for newsletters produced by CFA, RFA and Anglers' Action Group. The application was rejected. The meeting decided to continue to publish the RFA's *NSW RecFisher* newsletter as frequently as possible.

Prospect: RFA wants more input, help and involvement from CFA in attempts to get recreational fishing allowed on Prospect Reservoir. The RFA is actively campaigning on this issue (mainly through Max Castle) and is intending to step up its lobbying to move from regional management level to state political level.

RecFish Australia: The meeting heard that RecFish Australia only had enough funds to continue to September and that no new sources of funding had been identified. A discussion paper has recently been circulated discussing options for restructuring and industry support but it seems that has been little progress.

Conservation managers: The meeting discussed the problems caused by loss of DPI conservation managers and RFA agreed to send a letter to ACORF and the Minister before the next ACORF meeting, expressing concerns about loss of these positions and the problem of identifying which DPI activities should be considered core activities and funded by the department's money rather than trust fund money.

Access submission: Last year the CFA contributed some notes to a submission the RFA was planning to make to in a face-to-face meeting with Minister Carmel Tebbutt

(Minister for Climate Change and the Environment). This meeting was postponed but now appears likely to happen very soon and possibly with more ministers, and the RFA has asked the CFA to broaden its submission to also include access issues relevant to Minister Phillip Costa (Minister for Water) and Minister Tony Kelly (Minister for Lands). This is needed asap, as the meeting may occur in late May.

Meroo and Termeil Lake access: The meeting heard that DEC and DPI may be getting close to a memorandum of understanding about recreational angling access to these lakes, but there was no information to suggest that recreational angling access to Meroo was going to be preserved.

Ecofishers: The meeting confirmed that the RFA will not attend the “unity” meeting planned by Ecofishers, and that ANSA had also decided not to attend. The CFA stated it would not be attending. The Fishing Clubs Association is the only group that those at the meeting knew would be attending.

Fishing safety DVDs: Production of the RFA’s freshwater fishing safety DVDs continues. Distribution of the popular rock fishing safety DVDs continues.

Promotion: The meeting heard that a number of public “personalities” were willing to lend their name and face to any campaigns that might be developed to promote recreational angling in NSW. For example, it might be possible to use “Bushy” in posters or advertisements endorsing the value of recreational angling in the community.

Political parties: The meeting heard that there was growing interest among anglers wishing to make a political impact, but that there was some confusion and doubt about the options available. The Shooters’ Party continues to lobby on behalf of anglers but it seems many anglers are wary of connection with gun sports. The Fishing Party (Robert Smith) is active in NSW but currently has no seats in Parliament and does not have wide support or strong organisation. There was discussion about the need for the RFA to publicise political options to anglers, explaining which parties had policies affecting recreational angling and what those policies are, so that anglers could consider these factors when thinking about their vote in the next state election.

Future Leaders program: The RFA is hoping to run its very successful Future Leaders program again next year. Participants in the program run at Coffs Harbour earlier this year are already being involved in a number of meetings, seminars and other programs at state and federal level.

Next RFA meeting: John Diplock is to be invited to address the next RFA meeting (Sat 8 August) on recreational fishing representation and other issues, possibly in a special afternoon session which all interested anglers will be invited to attend.

Regarding Agenda Item 4.3 Interclub Report

NSW Council of Freshwater Anglers
Ross Salvato Interclub Meet 2009 report

This years NSW CFA Interclub Meet was again a success with forty keen anglers attending to cast, tie flies, fish and socialize in idyllic autumn weather at Wallerawang, and the sum of \$3,138.82 was raised for the NSW CFA, an increase on last years Meet which is gratifying especially when we were slightly down on numbers.

Rob and Linda Cluff and their team continued with the usual high standard of hospitality that we have come to expect for this weekend and their continued effort in improving the comfort of the users of complex is obvious and is always appreciated by us.

There was a satisfactory interest shown by the local residents in response to exposure about the Meet in the Lithgow Mercury and it is gratifying to see that they are interested in the event.

Lakeside was again the most successful club taking out the 'Ross Salvato World of Tackle' trophy for the fourth year in succession. The trophy is assessed over the three categories, casting, fly tying and fishing.

Lakeside member Tony Tribisonna' won the 'Otto's Fishy Business' trophy for the largest fish caught and released with a 530mm rainbow. Forty rainbow and eight brown trout were caught & released on Saturday by twenty anglers.

Tony Tribisonna' blitzed the field in the Dry Fly Accuracy casting event scoring nearly twice as many points as the nearest competitor.

Ross Salvato, also a Lakeside member was the winner of the Distance Accuracy casting.

In the handicap section Chris Harding from Illawarra fly Fishers' Club won both the distance and the accuracy in the No1 handicap category while Peter Torok from Lakeside Fly Fishers' won the No2 handicap in the distance and David Anderson and Bill Morrison, both from Lakeside, tied in the accuracy No2 handicap.

In the Fly Tying categories Peter Hansen, Illawarra Fly Fishers (IFF) won the open; Barry Gentle IFF won the advanced; Chris Harding IFF the beginners and Peter Hansen also won the novelty category. These Illawarra anglers are good at tying flies as they won all of the categories.

NSW Rod Fishers' Society member Gerhard Benz won the best angler with fish photo which proves that he not only knows how to catch them but photograph them also.

Mine and NSW CFA's thanks to the generosity of the donors: Ross Salvato's 'World of Tackle', Les Hawkins (publisher), David and Celia Thomson (Bass Lodge), John and Sue Singleton (Bermagui Motor Inn), Derek McKenzie Outdoors (Steve Hoagland), John Coles Fly Fishing, Dan Engel, Rolf Quaas, Goulburn Valley Fly Fishing Centre, Tiewell (Allan Barber), Fly Life (Rob and Libby Sloane). E. J. Todd, Mayfly Tackle, Umbers Trading, J. M. Gillies, R.M. Agencies and AFN.

Some items were donated anonymously and several people made cash donation

I had many willing and capable helpers over the weekend and my sincere thanks to Rodney Tonkin, Ken Purcell, John Flakelar, David Wilson, Peter Hansen, David Screen, Don Salter, Radge Diakiw and Roy Browne; there were others that helped them and I'm also grateful for their support.

But the success of the weekend can be attributed to the people that turn up, some haven't missed a Meet, the support that you people give is greatly appreciated and makes the effort worthwhile, thank you all.

John Humphries. Meet coordinator.

Regarding Agenda Item 4.4 Regional Reports

Region 5

Great news, Sofala branch has reformed with a meeting held on Sat 9/5/09. with people attending.

Sad and still ongoing the battle of golden gully, all being well I will bring photo's to meeting. A letter has been written to the Council

Sad for everybody, the impoundments are still very low:

.Carcoar	8%,
Wyangala	7%,
Burrendong	20%.

Streams still have good water.

cheers

Tom Williams.

Regarding Agenda Item 4.7 Report on FRDC Meeting at Narrandera on 21st April 2009

At the invitation of the FRDC of Peter Neville, FRDC Chairman, I attended the dinner and second day of the meeting when an inspection of the hatchery and research reports were presented. Matters of importance were as follows:

- NSW is not highly regarded by FRDC in funding proposals because of the NSW administrative constraints.
- FRDC is under Federal pressure to identify \$ benefits in proposals.
- Talks with Dean Gilligan & Lee Baumgartner re Oberon sampling – 4 days for just 24 Rainbow, 9 Browns, 49 Redfin & 12 Goldfish using 5 nets & electrofishing (problem experienced): will repeat sampling.
- Dr Janet Pritchard, MDBAuthority, responsible for research, said the MDBA connection with recreational anglers was recognised as a big area for improvement & would welcome an invitation from NSWCFR.

Other promising connections were made and are yet to be followed up on.

Agenda Item 6.1 Tillegra Dam

OUTCOME of MEETING WITH HUNTER WATER CORPORATION REPRESENTATIVES held on Friday 24th April 2009

Accompanied by Peter Hughes, representing Hunter Native Fish, I met with Rowland Bow, Environmental Planner, and Nicole Holmes, Manager Water Resources at HWC's Head Office in Newcastle on Friday 24th April 2009 to follow up on discussions that we last had on 19th June 2008 (copy of that meeting report was distributed to NSWCFR executive etc at that time. If anyone requires a copy please contact me).

Following are comments and an update on those matters that were discussed at the meeting last held on 19th June 2008:

Environmental

- Replacement of the fishway at the Seaham Weir – assessed by Fishway Consulting Services (Martin Mallen-Cooper) with an estimated cost of \$2.3m – **this fishway forms part of the dam project and will be a given requirement**
- Provision of fish passage via rock ramp fishway at weir on Dora Creek – estimated at \$100,000-\$150,000 – **is still looked on favourably**
- Provision of fish passage at Barnsley weir on Cockle Creek by replacing with a bridge – estimated cost \$500,000 +- **There are some concerns about the underestimation of the costs that might be incurred and the effectiveness of the efforts. Negotiations will need pursuing. I will follow up.**
- Floodgate modifications and environmental works on swamp at Pennington flood drain at Raymond Terrace – **follow up with DPI flood gate Conservation Manager is necessary to establish status – HW is indicating that it could favourably look at other flood gate maintenance and management improvements in and around the area.**
- Hunter Water Corporation is committed to downstream re-snagging and riparian planting. \$1.5m will be set aside for woody debris placement. They will also be funding monitoring of the river below the dam and below Seaham Weir after the dam becomes operative. These matters are at the core of ongoing negotiations between DPI and HWC.
- Roland indicated that all trees and habitat in bays will be retained undisturbed. However there will be a section in the main body of the 'dam wall pool' where some trees will be lopped or removed. He maintains that there are very few trees in that area anyway other than within the rivers riparian zone but in any case a safety case has been put that demands HWC's attention. He will organise to take Peter and I on an on ground inspection of the project after Peter returns from leave.
- HWC is making available grants totaling \$750,000 over 5 years specifically for habitat and river management.

At our last meeting in June 2008, when raising the question of trade offs, I asked that consideration be given to providing fish passage at the Liddell Gauging Station owned by the Department of Natural Resources at Jerry's Plains on the Hunter River. It's a fixed crest weir of concrete construction approx 1-1.5m high and 40m wide and restricts fish passage at low to medium flows. Providing fish passage here would open up up to 200 km of Class 1 fish habitat. At that time HWC made it clear that as the weir was outside Hunter Water's area of operation it could not be considered.

However without prompting at this meeting Roland and Nicole put forward that HWC would like to have this barrier on the list for remediation funding. HWC feels that to take on this project would demonstrate it's commitment as being an environmentally responsible

organisation not only in its area of operation but also its the immediate vicinity where it has a direct connection with its area of operation.

Access for boats for fishing, skiing, jet skis, (houseboats?) etc, boatramp and picnic/camping facilities at Tillegra Dam visitors centre, development of accommodation facilities at the dam by Hunter Water or by private enterprise are all matters that are being addressed and it is stated that they will be provided.

Access by water to the bay that will be formed when Native Dog Creek is flooded will not be available because of the exclusion zone around the dam wall.

Negotiations have been taking place to endeavour to have limited road access so that this bay could be exclusively for passive use by water craft other than power boats i.e. by canoeists and kayakers.

On 8 April 2009 Steve Samuels and Tom Kendall and David Mudd from Hunter Native Fish, met with the Minister for Water, Phillip Costa and Nicole Holmes the Manager Water Resources, HWC about the proposed Tillegra Dam when this issue was discussed.

Nicole advised Peter and I that she had made an undertaking to the Minister at that meeting that she would look at extending roadwork that will be constructed in the area below the dam wall, to the shore of the bay to enable restricted vehicular access. However she expressed concerns about the cost of providing additional road works because of the need to meet the Australian Standards that now apply. The suggestion that all that was needed was something like a fire trail was not well received.

Discussions are ongoing with others and with HWC in an effort to achieve a satisfactory outcome for access by recreational fishers to this bay.

The question of improved access to Grahamstown Dam was raised again. Nicole indicated that HWC had some difficulty here and was did not see that the existing limited access in time and space could be expanded.

She indicated that she knew that there was a formal movement (by DPI) for access to town water storages across the state generally and asked that Grahamstown be left as part of those negotiations. However an argument was put that limited access to Grahamstown already existed and therefore it was not in the same category as those storages where no access is available.

Lengthy discussion resulted.

She eventually agreed that she would take a Hunter Native Fish access management proposal, that will be supported by NSWCFR, to the appropriate HWC management level.

Peter Hughes will take the issue to the next HNF meeting and come back with a formal proposal for consideration.

Tillegra dam when completed and filled to 100% capacity will hold 450 megalitres and have a surface area of 2100 hectares. By comparison with the two other major dams in the Hunter region Glenbawn holds 759 megalitres and Glennies Ck dam (Lake St Clair) holds 283 megalitres – their surface areas not available at this time.

At this point in time the Tillegra Dam project awaits development approval. The project is a controlled action under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 and thus requires approval of the federal Minister before the NSW Dept of Planning can approve the project. Expectations are that the dam project will soon be approved.

After all approvals are in place an Environmental Impact Statement will be out for public comment. Included in the EIS will be a Statement of Commitment.

Nicole indicated all those matters that we have discussed and agreed at this meeting will be included in that Statement.

However there will need to be ongoing follow up and negotiation, particularly on the important issue of access for passive use by anglers and others in the bay formed around Native Dog Creek.

Bill Spiers

Agenda Item 6.3 Conservation Managers – staff reductions

Delegate Rodney Tonkin moves that NSWCFCA make representations in the strongest possible terms to stop the reduction in NSW Conservation Managers proposed by the NSW Government as of the 30 June next: letters to go to the NSW Premier, the Minister for DPI, the Shadow Minister for Fisheries, Member for the Shooters Party, & seek support from the NCC-NSW.

Item 6.4 Draft Policy Statement No. 9 – Feral Redfin Policy

Refer to the attached statement draft. The proposal is that NSWCFCA adopt a stand to seek a solution to the reduction and containment of feral Redfin in NSW inland waters through research and negotiation. Research is to investigate such things as the use of a virus that will impact to reduce Redfin numbers without adversely affecting our native fish, and to prevent the spread into the upper reaches where Macquarie Perch strive to survive. Negotiation is for NSW DPI to relate to their Victorian counterpart and recreational anglers to gain support for this quest.

Draft for consideration & discussion only Policy Statement No. 9, May 2009 Feral Redfin Perch

Background

English Perch or more commonly referred to as Redfin (*Perca fluviatilis*) were introduced into Australia during the 1860s. Native to northern Europe and originating from Eurasia, Redfin have become widespread throughout the cooler waters of New South Wales, Victoria, South Australia and Tasmania. They are even now still encroaching into waters hitherto free from this feral fish. This is due to their capability to deposit thousand of viable eggs, laid in a glutinous ribbon, from every mature female during the spring period, and their capacity to seek out or be transmitted to still or slowly flowing waters. It has been suggested that Redfin eggs are even transmitted on the feet of birds that frequent infected waterways. The eggs which hatch in 1 to 3 weeks are unpalatable to other fish and hence their survival to hatching is ensured. Left without predation, Redfin have the capacity to reproduce to the point where an insufficient food supply for an over abundance of fish results in fully mature pigmy-sized Redfin of not more than 10 cm. in length infesting waterways to the exclusion of most other fish species.

Redfin consume juvenile fish, crustaceans, and molluscs. As stated in the “Field Guide to the Freshwater Fishes of Australia” (Allen GR et al, 1942), some conservationists are of the opinion that Redfin adversely impact on native species such as rainbowfishes, pygmy perches, Macquarie Perch, and even Murray Cod. In a trial reported in a paper titled “The relative efficacy of stocking fry or yearling rainbow trout into large impoundments dominated by redfin perch in south-western Australia” (Molony BW et al, 2004), 20,000 fry released into Lake Navarino were no longer able to be detected after just 60 hours, suggesting their total mortality by this predatory fish. A significant feature of Redfin is that they also can carry the EHN virus that ravages our native fish populations, in particular the threatened and protected species Macquarie Perch.

While considered a recreational fish in Victoria, because they are relatively easily caught and when of sufficient size considered a good table fish, in NSW Redfin are identified by NSW DPI (Fisheries Division) as a major pest fish. As such in NSW it is an offence to use Redfin as bait fish, there is no bag limit, and it is recommended that fishers do not return any to the water when caught.

Policy

NSWCFA recognises that total elimination of Redfin is not currently possible. However, because of the threat to many species of our native fish and their ability to pollute fisheries by over populating waterways, producing only un-usable pigmy sized fish, the NSWCFA seeks a solution in recommending that

- NSW DPI establishes research to find a means whereby Redfin concentrations can be significantly reduced and that the spread of Redfin can be significantly controlled:
- NSW DPI responds without delay to eliminate reported new discoveries of Redfin in waterways hitherto free of Redfin, especially where vulnerable native species may exist:
- NSW DPI negotiates with their Victorian counterparts and recreational anglers in NSW to establish a common protective approach regarding Redfin in waters within NSW and those common to both States: and that
- NSW DPI adopts and implements strategies without delay, such as introducing predatory native fish, to reduce and prevent the expansion Redfin in NSW waterways.

Rodney Tonkin
11/5/2009

Agenda Item 6.5 NSW State Water, Pathway to Death of the Murray Darling Basin

15th April 2009

AN OPEN LETTER TO ALL CONCERNED ‘NSW STATE WATER’, PATHWAY TO THE DEATH OF THE MURRAY DARLING BASIN

State Water, the regulatory body charged with looking after the health of the water ways, within the Murray Darling Basin, could have easily avoided the catastrophe which is occurring along the Wakool River systems, taking in the Wakool, and Niemur rivers, and Merran, Colligen, and Yallakool creeks and numerous other smaller tributaries.

State Water had prior warning as to the consequences of their NO flow policy which has no regard for the environment at all. Local land holders, fisherman and environmentalists have for years pleaded with bureaucrats to change their management strategies or face major environmental disaster.

They, State Water, could not even learn from their prior mistakes as this same management policy had resulted in major fish kills on a massive scale in the Lower Darling River a few years ago, and ongoing, smaller, generally unreported, fish kills within the formentioned areas.

New South Wales Department of Fisheries had also advised State Water as to the folly of their management plan. But the bureaucrats at State Water know best. They don't need to listen to advice from experts in this field or from the people that live in, on and with the flood plain environment.

In the name of water savings, thousands of kilometers of precious creeks and rivers have been dried up. Hundreds of thousands of precious river trees, countless numbers of endangered native species of flora and fauna have been put in danger of extinction in this area, if not globally.

Massive fish kills have occurred due to mismanagement. Fish that are in excess of 100-150 years of age have been annihilated from the gene pool. Fish that have survived years of drought and flood. Fish that would have taken populations of time-hardened, generations into the future. This brood stock is irreplaceable.

Not just fish, but all aquatic life, right from micro-organisms, crustaceans, through to our water dwelling mammals, e.g. platypus and water rats, etc., and birds that rely on the creeks and rivers for their existence.

How can recreational fisherman be expected to pay a licence fee to fish, to comply with bag and fish size limits, to adhere to breeding season embargos when the body charged with looking after the resource has no regard for it?

Fishing clubs raise thousands of dollars every week via raffles in pubs and fishing competitions to buy fingerlings to restock depleted water ways with native fish. These fingerlings at present cost about 50c each. A native cod in the wild lay hundreds of

thousands of eggs annually until they die. So it is impossible to put a value on a live brood fish. Over the course of a life time it could run into millions of dollars.

People also live along these waterways and rely on the water for their stock and domestic requirements. This water that people are mandatorily required to pay for whether delivered or not, most of the time is not fit to bath in, let alone to be consumed by man or beast. People like us, buy water and have it delivered by truck for our needs and that of our animals. But the poor native birds and animals have no option but to drink it until such time as they go mad or die from salt poisoning.

The whole world needs to be made aware of the gross atrocity that is being played out as we speak. With no consideration given to the once most pristine breeding environments. In one of the most delicate ecosystems in the world. We can no longer stand back and look the other way whilst uninformed decisions are made that will drastically change the face of our environment for ever.

This is a bigger threat than any climate change or any other factors to have affected the fate of our fisheries and ecological landscape. Water must be made available on a permanent basis for this precious river wet land environment.

This area must be considered as the WOMB of the whole of the Murray Darling Basin and must be maintained as such. Water must be made available NOW , not later, to save this precious icon. Any planning for the future of the Murray Darling Basin must hold this precious region in the highest regard.

We must call upon both Federal and State Governments along with the Murray Darling Basin Authority as well as all environmental groups concerned, to get off their hands and act immediately, before it is too late. To abandon this “stop start” river management policy that is proven to be disastrous, and return the whole of the Wakool system to at least a minimal, continual flow until the full environmental value of these iconic waterways has been appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

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Agenda Item 6.6 Manyweathers Weir

Mr. Stephen Moore
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REMOVAL OF MANYWEATHERS WEIR

Dear Mr Moore

Thank you for the opportunity to be briefed on the proposal to remove the Manyweathers Weir on the Richmond River, NSW. This weir is the lowest barrier on the main-stem river, and thus the highest priority structure for remediation in the catchment. Removal of Manyweathers Weir will allow fish access to Jabour Weir fish-way some 1.5 km upstream.

Removal of Manyweathers Weir will improve fish access to more than 1,000 km of habitat and this basically accounts for the whole upper Richmond River catchment. This would be quite significant for the fish and the overall ecological health of the river, which, for the last few years has suffered heavily from fish kills in the lower estuary. The removal of Manyweathers Weir will also build upon the successes achieved through the removal of Norco Weir in 2007 which was located 2 km downstream of Manyweathers Weir.

The NSW CFA notes that the weir is proposed for removal as it is considered redundant with no identified operational purpose. The NSW CFA also believes that there may be some opposition to the removal from sections of the community as the weir is viewed as a local heritage item. The NSW CFA is of the opinion that the natural order of rivers should take precedence over man-made structures that do not serve the best interests of the community and the environment. The NSW CFA views Manyweathers Weir as a redundant man-made feature that should be removed for the benefit of the ecology of the river.

The NSW CFA is in total support of the removal of Manyweathers Weir.

Yours sincerely

Steve Samuels
President
NSW Council of Freshwater Anglers
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Agenda Item 6.20 River Red Gum Logging Ban

Yet another shot has been fired in the campaign by the “lock it up and leave it” brigade with the announcement by the Federal Environment Minister Peter Garrett that logging will cease by the end of May in the central Murray wetlands because the impact of Red Gum harvesting on the Superb Parrot.

This action has put the Feds at odds with the NSW State Government and Minister Ian McDonald who supports the logging industry. This proposed ban would result in direct job losses of over 300 and overall job losses of around 1000 in Deniliquin.

The methods of logging in the Red Gum forests is selective and sustainable and in no way like the clear felling and destructive methods portrayed by the extreme green movement. A survey conducted by Victorian DSE actually found that the healthiest forests were those that had been logged as opposed to the worst being two that had been locked up 48 and 26 years respectively.

The actions of Garrett are based on flawed beliefs that the Superb Parrot is under threat. An article in the December 2008 Wingspan Magazine relating to an independent study called “State of Australian Birds” indicated that the numbers of these birds were in fact increasing and this is in line with local evidence that suggests that they are in excellent numbers. They are migratory and tend to live on the fringes of the forest (even IN Deniliquin) and would not be impacted on by the logging industry.

But do not be misled. This has nothing to do with the parrot, it is just being used as a tool to further the manic push to establish National Parks over all the Red Gum areas on the NSW side of the Murray River. This action has gained momentum since the declaration of the four Red Gum National Parks in Victoria following the also flawed proposals of the Victorian Environmental Assessment Council (VEAC)

South West Anglers Association will continue to oppose this misguided and discriminatory form of management of our public lands as we believe that these areas should be available for all to enjoy and not locked up awaiting the ravages of bushfire and a harbour for feral pests and noxious weeds.

Terry Maloney

Abbreviations

ACoRF	Advisory Council on Recreational Fishing
BMNDAA	Blue Mountains and Nepean District Angling Association
BS	Bass Sydney
BRFC	Barooga Recreational Fishing Club
CAA	Canberra Anglers Association
CAS	Central Acclimatisation Society
CSDAC	Council of Southern Districts Angling Clubs
CTAA	Cooma Trout Acclimatisation Association
DEH	Department of Environment and Heritage (Commonwealth)
DPI	New South Wales Department of Primary Industries
DWLC	Department of Land & Water Conservation
FFB	Fly Fish Bathurst
FWA	Far West Anglers
GFFC	Greenwells Fly Fishing Club
HNF	Hunter Native Fish
IFF	Illawarra Fly Fishers
LS	Lakeside Fly Fishing Club
LHA	Leeton Hotel Anglers
MAS	Monaro Acclimatisation Society
MDBMC	Murray Darling Basin Ministerial Council
MNCFR	Mid North Coast Fly Rodders
NCC	Nature Conservation Council
NETAS	New England Trout Acclimatisation Society
N&NWRA	North and North West Recreational Anglers
NSWCFA	NSW Council of Freshwater Anglers
NSWRFS	NSW Rod Fishers' Society
OTAS	Orange Trout Acclimatisation Society
PFIGA	Professional Fishing Instructors and Guides Association
RFA-NSW	Recreational Fishing Alliance
RFFTEC	Recreational Fishing Freshwater Trust Expenditure Committee
SB	Southern Bass Fishing Club
SCAC	Sydney Coarse Angling Club
SFR	Sydney Fly Rodders' Club
SFFC	Singleton Fly Fishing Club
SH	Snowy Hydro
SWAA	South West Anglers Association
WA	Wingham Anglers