

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE NSW COUNCIL OF
FRESHWATER ANGLERS INCORPORATED**

**HELD AT SYDNEY INTERNATIONAL REGATTA CENTRE, PENRITH
15 AUGUST 2015**

Opening

The President, Don Barton, opened the meeting at 9.35 am, welcoming delegates.

Present: (Pre-election)

Don Barton (President), Radge Diakiw (SFRC), Peter Gibson (NSW RFS), John Robb (CCFC) and Rodney Tonkin (OTAS)

At this meeting the following affiliates were represented: Central Acclimatisation Society (1), Central Coast Fly Rodders (1) Orange Trout Acclimatisation Society (1), NSW Rodfishers' Society (1) and Sydney Fly Rodders' Club (1).

Organisations that that sent apologies were: Bass Sydney, Hastings Fly Fishing Club, Lakeside Fly Fishing Club, Monaro Acclimatisation Society, Professional Fishing Instructors and Guides Association, and New England Trout Acclimatisation Society,

1. Apologies:

Andrew Corkish (SFRC), Dawn Hopkins (HFFC), Laurie Muldoon (NETAS), Jason Reynolds (PFIGA), Steve Samuels (MAS), Don Salter (LS), Alan Phillis (BS), Ray Tang (CAS)
(Barton/Tonkin)

2. Minutes of the 2014 AGM

The Council approved the draft minutes of the AGM held on 16 August 2014 as a true and accurate record.
(Tonkin/Robb).

3. Matters arising from the Minutes

No matters arising

4. President's Report:

Don Barton presented his President's Report. Among the issues covered in the report, Don Barton advised that he had since the February meeting represented the Council at events including:

- 2 meetings of the Fish Habitat Partnership,
- a Farmer's Federation Gala Event in Sydney
- an ABC radio interview in Orange relating to the NSW Government's road disposal programme, and
- a Sydney Morning Herald interview, also relating to the NSW Government's road disposal programme

In response to NSWCFAs concerns about governments crown roads disposal processes Don Barton advised that:

- The coalition and Labor parties were mute to the CFAs concerns as to loss of access and the toll being taken of the time of the administrators of fishing clubs and societies in preparing objections to proposed road closures to the standard which appears to be required by Lands if the objection is to have any reasonable prospects of success (having regard to the absence of any appeal), which is seriously impacting on the time of our volunteers which remains available to attend to other pressing angling matters.
- In informal conversations with Shooters and Fishers Party, Robert Brown and Robert Borsak appreciated NSWCFAs concerns and advised that they had forwarded copies of the correspondence to the Minister, but did not commit to any actions to support the NSWCFAs.
- The Greens Party responded to NSWCFAs concerns but their response was dismissive

Don Barton considered the major challenges facing the NSWCFAs in the near future included:

- Water Policy - particularly water sharing schemes for ground water in a number of catchments. The legislation requires the Minister to consider the economic interests of landholders etc but there is no acknowledgement of economic and other benefits provided by recreational fishing. Further, no consideration has to be given to the adverse impacts of ground water extraction on water levels in streams
- Reviving the Angler Access Project to ensure that the government's Crown Road Disposal program does not continue to unfairly deprive the community, including recreational anglers, access to NSW waterways. The NSWCFAs notes:
 - That in the past some landholders, rather than seeking road closures for the whole length of a crown road that leads to a waterway, have only sought to apply to close a small section of that road, which is not adjacent to the waterway. Once that closure was approved the access to the River was lost, and under the current disposal programme, a landholder then applies to close the rest of the Crown road on the basis that for all practical purposes it cannot be used to provide public access to a waterway.
 - Examples of landholders closing off access when they had no right to do so continue to be uncovered. In one case a landholder on Fish River charged anglers access fees to the river after fencing off and ploughing up the crown road to make it appear to members of the public that the entirety of the land between the formed public road was private, when in fact an unformed public road led from the formed road to the River, with a public right to access the River over the unformed road.
- Water quality degradation exemplified by inadequate regulatory responses particularly in relation to remediation of damage caused by

extractive industries such as coal and gas as well as other sources.

Examples include:

- Pollution of the Coxs River by coal mines discharging untreated mine water (previously treated via Wallerawang Power Station before discharge)
- Centennial Coal spills into the Wollangambe River, a tributary of the Hawkesbury system.
- Sewage Work failures into Lake Wallace
- Welcome signs that the LLS's are developing a more nuanced Willows Removal Policy that focuses on stream rehabilitation as well as willow destruction.

The Meeting endorsed the President's Report
(Tonkin/Diakiw.

5. Treasurer's Report

The Meeting endorsed the Treasurers Report (Attachment 1), noting the comments below by the Treasurer which accompanied the report.

- a. we finished the year with a deficit of \$2,762, compared with last year's deficit of \$812
- b. total revenue was down by \$640 across all items despite the increase in the per capita affiliation fee rate
- c. both foundation memberships and Wallerawang Interclub meet results were assisted by some generous personal donations from supporters
- d. total expenses were up by \$1,310, largely attributable to attendance by officers at regional meetings and spending on Safety DVD distribution. It is expected that DVD distribution costs will be recovered from licence trust funds in the new year and hence that item represents an abnormal impact on the year's result
- e. the balance sheet shows total available resources of \$15,711. The remaining term deposit of \$10,000 matures in September 2015 and will be reinvested with Westpac on the best terms we can get at that time

Peter Gibson advised that since the report was received RFA NSW had agreed to refund expenses of \$754 incurred by NSWCFCA in distributing the Fishing Safety DVD (See point d. above).

The Meeting resolved to pay the Department of Fair Trading its Annual Statement Fees of \$54.00
(Tonkin/Robb

6. Election of Office Bearers

The President declared all positions vacant. As there were no multiple nominees for the positions, the Council endorsed those nominated. Below is list of Office Bearers for 2015/2016 subject to confirmation.

(Position)

(Nominee)

Executive

President:	Don Barton
Past President	Rodney Tonkin
Senior Vice President:	Vacant
Vice President R1:	Vacant
Vice President R2:	Radge Diakiw
Vice President R3:	Josh Burns
Vice President R4:	Steve Samuels
Vice President R5:	Clive Brabham
Vice President R6:	Jeff Baldock
Vice President R7:	Vacant
Vice President: R8	Laurie Muldoon
VR Fish Liaison:	Ben Nieuwerth
Honorary Secretary:	John Robb
Honorary Treasurer:	Don Salter

Non Executive appointments

Asst/Minutes Secretary:	Radge Diakiw
Delegates to RFA/NSW:	Peter Gibson
Observer to DPI NSW Trout Allocation Committee	Peter Gibson
Delegate to Fish Habitat Network Steering Committee	Ray Tang
Delegate to Gaden Trout Hatchery Management Committee:	Peter Gibson
Delegate to Murray Darling Basin Fishing Council:	Steve Samuels
Delegate to Snowy Lakes Strategy Committee:	Peter Gibson
Environmental Officer	Don Barton (interim)
Honorary Auditor:	Andrew Corkish
Honorary Solicitor	Stuart Beal
Newsletter Editor:	Peter Gibson
Promotion Officer:	John Robb
Scientific Officer:	Vacant
Website Editor:	John Robb

Please note that John Robb has taken over role of Public Officer. The Council also noted that whilst the Murray Darling Basin Fishing Council had not met for a long while, there was merit in remaining on this group.

The Meeting congratulated all those elected to the Positions above and thanked the 2014/2015 Executive and non-Executive appointments for their efforts during the year.

7. General Business

There was no general business

8. Next AGM

The next AGM is scheduled for Saturday 20 August 2016 in the Penrith area.

Close

There being no further business, the President and the Council thanked the outgoing office bearers and closed the Annual General Meeting at 11.45 am.

Signed as a true and accurate record by:

President: _____

Dated: _____

ATTACHMENT 1 (page 1 of 2)

NSW COUNCIL OF FRESHWATER ANGLERS INC

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL AFFAIRS & OTHER MATTERS REQUIRED TO BE REPORTED ON
PURSUANT TO S.47 OF THE ASSOCIATIONS INCORPORATION ACT 2009**

**(a) STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE
YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2015**

	2015	2014
	\$	\$
Income:		
Affiliation fees:		
Council of Southern Districts Angling Clubs	300	300
Monaro Acclimatisation Society	350	300
NSW Rod Fishers Society	350	300
Sydney Fly Rodders Club	234	214
Illawarra Fly Fishers Club	143	126
Lakeside Fly Dishing Club	113	82
The Barrington Club	105	83
Hastings Fly Fishers	105	51
Canberra Anglers Association	100	93
New England Trout Acclimatisation Society	100	50
Central Coast Flyrodgers	81	68
Greenwells Fly Fishing Club	79	67
Singleton Fly Fishing Club	67	68
Big River Bass Fly Fishing Club	53	68
Sydney Coarse Angling Club	52	45
Southern Bass	51	45
Fly Fish Bathurst	38	30
Professional Fishing Instructors & Guides Association	35	30
Bass Kempsey	35	-
Orange Trout Acclimatisation Society	33	27
Hunter Native Fish	31	30
Inland Waterways Rejuvenation Assn	21	-
Act Fly Fishers	-	219
Canberra Fishermens Club	-	100
Springwood Fishing Club	-	48
Bass Sydney Fishing Club	-	45
Anglers Action Group (Sydney Northside)	-	30
The Lakes Club	-	20
	<u>2,476</u>	<u>2,539</u>
Foundation membership subscriptions & donations	1,635	1,725
Investment & Other Income:		
Net surplus – Wallerawang Interclub event	2,200	2,566
Term Deposit, current account interest	610	731
Raffle proceeds, donations, sundries	-	-
	<u>6,921</u>	<u>7,561</u>
Less Expenses:		
"Freshwater Fisher" newsletter production & distbn	5,753	5,702
Telephone allowances	1,200	1,200
Safety DVD distribution	754	77
Conference attendances	710	-
Bank fees	398	430
Insurance policy	285	285
Affiliation - NSW RFA	220	220
CFA web-site service fees	189	120
Meeting expenses	110	227
Annual statement fees	53	52
Fish Habitat Partnership subscription	11	-
Service awards, tributes	-	60
	<u>9,683</u>	<u>8,373</u>
Net (deficit)/excess of income over expenditure for year:	<u>(2,762)</u>	<u>(812)</u>

Note: Income and expenses are recognized on a received and paid basis

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NSW COUNCIL OF FRESHWATER ANGLERS INC (Cont)

(b) STATEMENT OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES AS AT 30 JUNE 2015

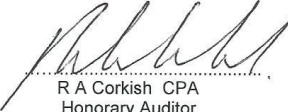
	2015 \$	2014 \$
Accumulated Working Funds		
Balance b'fwd 1 July 2014	18,473	19,285
Add: Excess of income over expenditure for the year	<u>(2,762)</u>	<u>(812)</u>
Balance c'fwd 30 June 2015	<u>15,711</u>	<u>18,473</u>
 <i>Represented by:</i>		
Current Assets		
St. George Bank – Grants account	1	1
Orange Credit Union – current account	104	1,698
Westpac current, cash reserve accounts	<u>5,596</u>	<u>1,146</u>
	5,701	2,845
Safety DVD distbn costs recoverable	<u>-</u>	<u>618</u>
	<u>5,701</u>	<u>3,463</u>
Investments		
St George Term Deposits:		
- maturing 17 Sep 2015 @ 4.90% p.a.	10,000	10,000
- maturing 5 Jun 2015 @ 3.35% p.a	<u>-</u>	<u>5,000</u>
	10,000	15,000
Orange Credit Union members shares	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>
	<u>10,010</u>	<u>15,010</u>
Total assets	<u>15,711</u>	<u>18,473</u>
Current liabilities	-	-
Net assets	<u>15,711</u>	<u>18,473</u>

Auditor's Report

I have audited the Statement of Income and Expenditure and Statement of Assets and Liabilities of the NSW Council of Freshwater Anglers Inc for the year ended 30 June 2015.
The Executive Committee is responsible for these statements and they are prepared for distribution to the members for the purpose of fulfilling the Executive Committee's reporting requirements pursuant to s.47 of the Associations Incorporation Act 2009.
I have examined the books, vouchers, bank statements and certificates of investment of the Council and received explanations from the Honorary Treasurer as required.

In my opinion these statements give a true and fair view of the state of the Council's affairs at 30 June 2015 and of its activities for the year ended on that date.

06-Aug-2015
Date


R A Corkish CPA
Honorary Auditor

(c) MORTGAGES, CHARGES AND OTHER SECURITIES

None of the Council's property is affected by or subject to any mortgage, charge or other encumbrance as at 30 June 2015

(d) TRUST ESTATES

At no time during the year has the Council held property as trustee of any trust estate

For and on behalf of the Executive Committee


Don Salter
Honorary Treasurer

4 Aug 2015
Date

Abbreviations

AAG	Anglers Action Group (North Sydney)
ACoRF	Advisory Council on Recreational Fishing
ACTFF	ACT Fly Fishers
BC	Barrington Club
BK	Bass Kempsey
BRBFFC	Big River Bass Fly Fishing Club
BS	Bass Sydney
CAA	Canberra Anglers Association
CAS	Central Acclimatisation Society
CCFR	Central Coast Fly Rodders
CFC	Canberra Fishermans Club
CSDAC	Council of Southern Districts Angling Clubs
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
GFFC	Greenwells Fly Fishing Club
HFFC	Hastings Fly Fishing Club
HNF	Hunter Native Fish
IFF	Illawarra Fly Fishers
LS	Lakeside Fly Fishing Club
MAS	Monaro Acclimatisation Society
MDBA	Murray Darling Basin Authority
NCC	Nature Conservation Council
NETAS	New England Trout Acclimatisation Society
NSWCARC	NSW Coarse Anglers Research Club
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
SAC	Scone Amateur Fishing Club
SB	Southern Bass Fishing Club
SCAC	Sydney Coarse Angling Club
SFRC	Sydney Fly Rodders' Club
SFFC	Singleton Fly Fishing Club
SH	Snowy Hydro
SWAA	South West Anglers Association
SWFC	Springwood Fishing Club
TLFC	The Lakes Fishing Club

