



## AUSTRALIAN ANGLERS ASSOCIATION

### NEWSLETTER JUNE, 2020

I hope this newsletter finds all my friends in the fishing fraternity well. After being locked up for a couple of months, I know I for one, was rearing to drop a line in anywhere, but the nearest water where we could catch anything is about 70 km away. So I was isolated to the house and didn't go anywhere. Mind you, I did get a few of those jobs done I had been putting off for a long time.

Just in case you are not all aware of what happened when COVID-19 first became a problem and it was declared a pandemic, I began to wonder whether we could hold the National Titles or not, not knowing the time the virus would last. I had to make a decision, so I contacted every state president and asked their opinion and generally it was felt we should not go ahead in 2020. I think at this stage the Good Lord was on our side.

I chose a date in August 2021, a bit earlier this time - 4th to 17th of August. This should put the tides just where we want them. As far as we have heard, people have had few problems transferring their deposits on their rental properties over to 2021. Some have received their money back. However, it has made it a little difficult as I like to be organised well in advance of the festivities. I had the lanyards, metal badges, cloth patches and cloth badges made this year, so they will have 2020 on them, not 2021.

I believe I've told you all before that we have purchased all the trophies. I hired and paid for a storage unit to hold these until the titles this year. At this stage, they won't make it up there in 2020. About 50% of the perpetual trophies have been returned and they have been polished beautifully by our good friend, Roslyn Lythall, and she can't wait to get her hands on the rest of them.

The fishing program for the titles will be the same as it was previously, the only difference being, we will be starting both offshore competitions at the boat ramp at 5.30 am; all other competition sign-ons will be at headquarters. All weigh-ins commence at 3.00 pm with the day prizes being presented at 4.00 pm except when there is a function on at night, where they will be presented at the start of the evening.

We spent some time at the Discovery Coast and have the social program completed. I will not go through it all in this newsletter, just the main points for you to ponder. Of course we will start with the Welcome Night which will be at Headquarters and we expect to start around 5.00 pm, after all the pleasantries of the opening ceremony are complete. It is normal for a few photos of teams to be taken at that time also, so there will be time for this.

On the first day of fishing there will be a welcome morning tea for the non-fisher folk at the 1770 Getaway Garden Cafe. There will be no cost for this gathering. An activity has been organised for these folk every day, so there is no chance of them becoming bored.

Saturday, August 7<sup>th</sup>, a social evening at the Agnes Waters Tavern has been organised. We have booked a comedian who calls a little trivia as well. Cost to come to the event \$10.00 per person. You can get your drinks at the bar and order your own meal. Sunday, August 8<sup>th</sup>, is a lay day when AAA AGM and Federal Executive Meeting will be held. However, we have organised a great day for those not involved in the meetings - a visit to a few of the hot spots at Agnes Water - the Museum, Tea Tree Forest, a special tasting at the local distillery to try the Strawberry

Splash and Baffle Beer, and the Local Markets.

Our second Social is on Wednesday, August 11<sup>th</sup>, which will also happen at the Agnes Water Tavern, where we are going to introduce you to gold fish races. It takes a bit to set up and I believe some of you may be involved. The cost to attend the event will be \$10 per person. If you want to have a wager on the side, I believe there will be someone to look after you. The meal arrangements are the same as before - beer at the bar and buy your own meal.

Thursday, August 12<sup>th</sup>, is a lay day and it is the day we intend taking the LARC up to Bustard Head. I can thoroughly recommend this full day trip as we have done it recently. The cost is \$150.00 per head, but it is one of those things you should include on your 'bucket list', and we will get a group discount. The LARC leaves near the boat ramp and heads across the water and up the beach, accompanied by a running commentary on the flora and fauna of the area. Just before crossing Jenny Lind Creek, they stop for morning tea at their specially built area, where we have billy tea and some delicacies.

After crossing the creek, the LARC climbs the headland to the lighthouse and all its buildings. There is a wealth of history in this area and you could spend a long time going through it all, especially the cemetery. One of the delights I had was going sand boarding down a hill. We are provided with a delicious lunch, and all too soon it is back home. It is a 7 hour adventure and is highly recommended.

The next night we have set aside is Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> August and we hope that South Australia will give us a presentation on what they intend for their titles.

Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> August, tour of the Bundaberg Distillery and perhaps the Macadamia Factory. We will go by bus from Agnes. The Macadamia Factory does not open on a Sunday at this stage so I will have to use some influence. I will let you know the price of this as soon as it is available.

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> August will be the Presentation Evening to be held at the Agnes Waters Tavern starting at 4.00 pm. The reason we are starting so early is so we are not presenting trophies way into the night. Cost will be \$50.00 per person. Safe journey home!

### **Program of Events**

#### **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> August 2021**

9.00am – 4.00 pm Registration  
1.00pm Captains meeting

#### **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> August 2021**

8.30am -12.00noon Registration  
4.00pm Opening Ceremony

#### **Welcome Night at Headquarters**

To commence at 5.00pm - after the Opening Ceremony. Finger food at "no cost" to all registered competitors  
Drinks on sale at bar.

#### **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> August 2021**

#### **Offshore Championship – Round 1**

5.30am Registration at Ramp  
7.00am Lines Down  
1.00pm Lines Up  
3.00pm Weigh-in closes  
3.05pm Weigh-in starts  
4.00pm – Presentation of daily prizes

#### **Welcome Morning Tea and Fashion Parade at 1770 Getaway Garden Cafe.**

No cost to registered AAA participants.  
To commence at 10.00am

#### **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> August 2021**

#### **Rock & Beach Championship–Round 1**

5.30am Registration at HQ  
7.00am Lines Down  
1.00pm Lines Up  
3.00pm Weigh-in Closes  
3.05pm Weigh-in Starts

Daily prizes will be presented at the social night held at the Agnes Tavern.

**Craft Morning** at Ocean Breeze, 12 Marine Parade to commence at 10.00am

#### **Social**

7.00pm - We have booked a gentleman who does Trivia and comedy - Entry fee \$10 per person.  
Come to the Tavern, have a meal and a few drinks and join in the fun!

## **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> August 2021**

### **1<sup>st</sup> Rest Day**

9.00am AAA Annual Meeting

### **Social**

We suggest a visit to the museum and the local distillery to try a Strawberry Splash or a Baffle Beer, or visit the local markets at the SES Grounds at 1770.

Ask at Headquarters for more information.

## **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> August 2021**

### **Offshore Championship – Round 2**

5.30am Registration at Ramp  
7.00am Lines Down  
1.00pm Lines Up  
3.00pm Weigh-in closes  
3.05pm Weigh-in starts  
4.00pm – Presentation of daily prizes

**Craft Morning** at Ocean Breeze, 12  
Marine Parade To commence at 10.00am

## **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> August 2021**

### **Casting Championship- Day 1 – Teams**

7.30am Assemble at HQ  
8.00 am Accuracy  
56 gram distance  
Artificial Bait

**Craft Morning** at Ocean Breeze, 12  
Marine Parade To commence at 10.00am

## **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> August 2021**

### **Casting Championship–Round 2**

#### **Individual**

7.30am Assemble at HQ  
8.00am Commence Casting  
112 gram distance  
Artificial Bait

Daily prizes to be presented at social night.

### **Social**

7.00 pm **Agnes Water Tavern : Gold Fish Races**  
Entry fee \$10 per person  
Come to the Tavern, have a meal and a few drinks and watch the races.

## **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> August 2021**

### **Rest day 2 – LARC Tour**

An experience of a lifetime! Travel on the LARC to Bustard Head Lighthouse and learn some of the history of the area, Enjoy morning tea and lunch at the picnic area. Go sand boarding down the sand hills. It's an experience you will never forget!

## **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> August 2021**

### **Estuary Championship –Round !**

5.30am Registration at HQ  
7.00am Lines Down  
1.00pm Lines Up  
3.00pm Weigh-in closes  
3.05pm Weigh-in starts  
4.00pm – Presentation of daily prizes

**Social Discovery Trail** A moderate 1km walk that takes approx 30 minutes to the Agnes Water lookout for some spectacular views, followed by a picnic morning tea. To commence at 10:00a.m.

## **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> August 2021**

### **Rock & Beach Championship-Round 2**

5.30am Registration at HQ  
7.00am Lines Down  
1.00pm Lines Up  
3.00pm Weigh-in closes  
3.05pm Weigh-in starts  
4.00pm – Presentation of daily prizes

**Craft Morning** at Ocean Breeze, 12  
Marine Parade To commence at 10.00am

## **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> August 2021**

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Rest Day – Bundaberg Rum**

#### **Distillery.**

Visit the place where they make the elixir of life then onto the Macadamia Factory where you will be able to get all the niceties of life and if you don't come home with a load of goodies there will be something wrong.

## **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> August 2021**

### **Estuary Championship - Round 2**

5.30am Registration at HQ  
7.00am Lines Down  
1.00pm Lines Up  
3.00pm Weigh-in closes  
3.05pm Weigh-in starts  
4.00pm – Presentation of daily prize

**Social Farewell MorningTea** at  
Madonna's Cafe, commencing at 10.00am

## **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup>**

**August 2021**  
9.00am Convention Meeting  
4.00pm Presentation of  
minor Trophies

**SAFE TRIP HOME TO YOU ALL !**