



33 NATIONAL ANGLING CHAMPIONSHIPS AND CONVENTION

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First of all, I would like to congratulate the New South Wales Division on an extremely well run National Championships and I am sure all those that attended had a most enjoyable time. Once again, Pam and I apologise for not being at the presentation evening; this was the first one we have missed since 1977. I do hope it doesn't happen again.

At the time of writing, there are about 22 months to go to the 33rd National Championships on the Sunshine Coast and our committee is in full swing to see that everything is in readiness for that event. When I gave my presentation at South West Rocks, I asked that people please fill out an early registration form and get it to us, so we can keep you up to date with any changes or news that comes to light prior to the event.

Well, all I can say is we are going to be in for a quiet time - we will have the Queensland committee, plenty of sponsors and very few competitors. To date, I have two families who have bothered to submit the intention to attend and they come from South Australia. So it looks as if the South Australians will win all the trophies.

It doesn't really matter if you don't let us know you are coming, but we cannot be sure that you are getting all the information that we will put together before the event. If we have an email address, we will send the newsletters straight to you; otherwise it will go to your State Secretary and Lord knows, they are busy enough without sending a copy of our newsletter to all their members; so you may miss out.

Junior Minor Competition - While we were at SWR, there were some suggestions that we might conduct a junior minor competition at the Nationals on the Sunshine Coast. We had some discussions at our last meeting and this will go ahead in some form or other, but at this stage, we haven't finalised the details.

Accommodation - There is an abundance of all types of accommodation on the Sunshine Coast from tent sites to luxury high rise units. They may not all be next door to headquarters but they won't be far away. So you should have no difficulty in getting just what you require. The only thing is, as with most holiday destinations, you will be unable to book these places until 12 months prior to the event.

New Fisheries Legislation for Queensland - Fisheries Queensland in their infinite wisdom have decided that snapper stocks are in trouble. (If they got out from behind a computer and actually went fishing, they would find this is incorrect). They have now introduced a new bag limit on our snapper of 4 fish with a minimum size of 35 cm and only one of these fish will be allowed to exceed 70 cm. Who needs snapper anyway? There will be plenty of other fish to catch in the offshore event.

Sample Bags - I took 300 sample bags to SWR for distribution and I brought very few home with me. Most were given out to the southern states, so the Queenslanders missed out. (Maybe that's why I haven't got any early registration forms from them). If you missed out, I have a limited number left (sorry no ginger). I also did a reprint of the pre Carnival information book and I have 50 of those available. If you would like a sample bag or a booklet, please contact me by phone on 07 32813514 email jpcrone@bigpnd.net or better yet

look up our web site - all the information is there on www.qafca.org.au/-files-pdf/33rd%20National%20Angling%20Championships%202013.pdf and look for the AAA Sunshine Coast information.

Fishing on the Sunshine Coast – You have all heard the old story you had to get behind the tree to bait the hook. Well since the flooding earlier this year, it's been a bit like that around the estuaries and beaches on the Sunshine Coast as the following results will attest.

Redcliffe City Amateur Anglers fished the Caloundra area where 30 members caught 680 fish - bream, flathead, dart and whiting. There were a number of members with their bag limit of 30 whiting and I am told they were of excellent quality mostly around 30 cm. These fish were taken in the Pumicestone Passage, which is in the estuary boundaries. Also quite a number were taken on the surf beach on the northern tip of Bribie Island.

South Queensland AFCA had a competition on the southern end of Bribie Is (within the Rock and Beach boundary) and 111 competitors caught 2823 fish for 433.00 kg. 50 of the members on the trip had their bag limit of 30 whiting. Top catch for the trip went to John Longhurst with 40 fish for 8.25 kg made up of bream and whiting.

News from the Offshore – This extract comes from one of the Sunshine Coast clubs newsletters – “The weather forecast was for a south-easterly wind of 10 to 15 knots; it was really blowing, like 20 knots south - south easterlies. It was a little bumpy to say the least. I crossed the bar at 5.00 a.m. just as the tide had peaked, motored off to my mark and dropped the anchor. The fish were on the chew first up with a nice Pearl Perch followed by a Maori Cod, Mosses Perch, Snapper and Tuskfish. I flicked out a soft plastic which got nailed straight away, by what I don't know, but I got busted off. I lost plastic after plastic as well as the jig head, making it a pretty expensive session, probably fishing too light. I decided to chase Tuna at Laguna Bay (on the headland at Noosa), that turned out to be another expensive session as losing 5 slugs before landing only one Mack Tuna, have to fish a bit heavier on my next outing”. I told you all before there are more than snapper out there!

FISHERMAN'S PRAYER

God grant that I may live to fish
For another shinning day,
But when my final cast is made
I then most humbly pray,
When nestled in your landing net
As I lay peacefully asleep,
You'll smile at me and judge
That I'm "good enough to keep."

PLEASE FILL OUT THE INTENTION TO ATTEND FORM

Just a reminder, please fill out the Intention to Attend form and get it to me, so that you can be sure you'll receive all the updated information. Our next committee meeting will be held in February 2012, and the next newsletter will be published immediately after that. Attached is an Intention to Attend form. Remember we don't require the money; all we need is your information.



Intention to Attend Form

**Australian Anglers Association 33rd National Angling Championships and Convention
Sunshine Coast, Queensland, 2013**

Anglers may register in one of the following six sections :

Men	\$65	Ladies	\$65	Juniors (under 17)	\$35
Veteran Men	\$65	Veteran Ladies	\$65	Social	\$35

For Early Registration, a discount of \$5 per competitor will apply.

For Early Registration, please return with FULL PAYMENT (Cheque made out to QAFCA Inc – ABN 95 238 239 719) before **1st July, 2013**, to the following address:
Queensland Division of AAA, P O Box 3178, West Ipswich, Qld, 4305

Name :		
Street :		
Town :	State :	Postcode :
Home Phone :	Mobile Phone :	
Email :	State affiliated with :	

Please tick appropriate category

Name	Men \$65	Ladies \$65	Veteran Men \$65	Veteran Ladies \$65	Juniors \$35	Social \$35	Amount
Less Discount of \$5 per competitor if registering prior to 1st July, 2013							
TOTAL payable							

Juniors must be under **17 years of age** on the 6th August, 2013, while Veteran Men and Veteran Ladies must have reached **the age of 60** on or before 6th August, 2013.