



33RD NATIONAL ANGLING CHAMPIONSHIPS AND CONVENTION

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Hi all, well I have held this newsletter up, waiting in anticipation for a reply from West Australia as to whether they had made a decision on hosting the 34th National Championships in WA. I have had regular correspondence with their President John Curtis. Whilst they have done some thorough investigations and received encouraging support, they feel it would suit them better to take on the titles in 2017.

So the big questions arise, “Where will the 2015 National Angling Championships be held? Will we continue to conduct National Angling Championships as we know them?”

These questions will have to be answered when the delegates next meet on the Sunshine Coast on Saturday, August 18.

Our committee is still working hard with some rewarding results and I would like to give you all a report on our progress to date. Our main focus at present is on sponsorship and we all know, without the generous support of sponsors, we would be up the proverbial creek without a paddle in running National Championships. So I cannot express my appreciation enough to these wonderful people.

GOLD SPONSORS



Caloundra Power Boat Club – First and foremost, they will provide our headquarters area that will suit our every requirement at no charge to the organisation, which is a tremendous help. They will also align with **Fosters** and provide all trophies for the estuary competition. The Power Boat has a large fishing club and undoubtedly will be ones to watch out for at the titles on their home turf.



Bluefin Fishing Club – Is one of the largest and progressive clubs in Queensland. They have a magnificent club in Lilac St, Inala, and well worth a visit on your trip to Queensland. Bluefin will be looking after the trophies in the Convention Champion and National Angling Champion sections.



Burleigh Heads Amateur Fishing Club – Situated on the Gold Coast and was the headquarters for the 1987 AAA, while not many in numbers, is an extremely strong club and have had members competing in National Championships since the early 60's. The Burleigh Club has offered us sponsorship for the Rock and Beach section.



Alvey Reels Australia – The word Alvey has been connected with every National Championship since its inception in 1948. Here we are running an event 65 years later and they are still listed as one of our major sponsors. We have not completely decided as to what area they will sponsor, but Bruce has assured me they will be there.

SILVER SPONSORS

Redcliffe City Amateur Anglers – One of our large progressive clubs situated on the Redcliffe Peninsula, they sponsored the heaviest fish in the 2005 titles in Yeppoon and are once again on board to do the same at the Sunshine Coast Titles.

Ausure – our Insurance Broker, that looks after our every need in this area, has made a generous donation to help us out with trophies for these titles.

Once again, thank you one and all for your help, as without it, we would not be able to run a successful 33rd National Angling Championships and Convention.

We do expect to sign up a few more sponsors in the days ahead and will give them due recognition in future newsletters.

2012 STATE TITLES

At this stage, we have no changes to the initial program and can see no reason why we should change, as we feel these are the best times available.

For those of you who are ultra keen, our State Titles will be run this year at the same venue, boundaries and along the same lines, but only one round of each event will be conducted. The program is as follows.

Saturday, August 11	Registration at Power Boat Club
Sunday, August 12	Rock and Beach
Monday, August 13	Offshore
Tuesday, August 14	Casting
Wednesday, August 15	Lay Day
Thursday, August 16	Boat Estuary
	Presentation of trophies

Friday, August 17, will see us take the interstate delegates around the venues for the 2013 championships, and on Saturday, August 18, we will hold the AAA delegates meeting at the Caloundra Power Boat Club.

NEW BOATING AND FISHING RULES

There are two new rules that have come into being in Qld since January 1 and one introduced late last year, so I am just trying to bring you all up to speed on these, so that we are doing the right thing and it might save you some money.

Wearing Life Jackets – The mouth of the Mooloolah River has now been included in the locations that you will be required to wear a life jacket. This now means in all access points to the sea you must wear a life jacket – Caloundra Bar, Mooloolah River Bar and Noosa Bar.

Stowage of Life Jackets – If life jackets and safety equipment are not clearly visible to the passenger, the boat owner or master must give each person on board information on where the safety equipment is kept and clearly mark where they are stowed – **Penalty for lack of signs is \$200.00.**

Fin clipping of Coral Reef Fin Fish – In the past, all coral reef fin fish caught by recreational anglers had to have their pectoral fin removed. Fisheries decided late last year that it was not having the desired effect and therefore is no longer necessary.

EARLY REGISTRATION FORMS – At this stage, I have 30 early registration forms. Remember, I am not looking for money. All I want to know is that you are thinking of attending the 33rd National Championships, so we can keep you informed of what is happening.

State secretaries, would you be so kind as to distribute this newsletter to your members, please?

