



War Veterans Fishing Group

Meeting 25 July 2025 Notes

Ode: Nick and members paused in silence for the reading.

Present: Rob K, Spud, Stonie, Gavin T, Stoker M, Grabby, Nick, Goldy, Gadget, GJ, Zipper Dwiar, Sydney, Robby R,

Apologies: , Bungee, Brad L, Dinga B, Thorpie, Ski, Harry S, Lethal

New Members:

Nick advised that the meeting notes and website information have been circulated to the Reach Out Program organisers at RSL SA.

Fishing Reports:

GJ - no fishing

Goldy - no fishing but some servicing of his boat and calibrating the fish finder

Gadget - recent fishing at Elliston with salmon recorded at 1.16kg and 2.16 kg - gutted - no mystery prizes awarded in the competition to us!!

Stoker - has been travelling in Europe

Robbie R - no fishing at Aldinga but a few dead leatherjackets found on the beach plus some strange fish dead possibly from deeper water - Algae poisoning?

Rob - fishing at Mawson Lakes - 5.5kg carp caught with burley under the ducks nearby. Still trying to find out from Salisbury Council about fishing requirements for permission etc

Rob recently returned from Port Douglas where he booked a charter and caught numerous fish including a 50cm Coral Trout - perhaps not as tasty for Rob as a Aussie salmon?

Cost was \$300 and the charter took him out to the Outer Barrier Reef! Rob recommends a spot near Jolly's Boat House for Carp on the Torrens.

Big Al - some further tests for a medical condition. No fishing.

Spud - no fishing but he has finished medical treatment and looking forward to a trouble-free future!

Stonie - no fishing

Gavin - a few days recently at Coffins Bay but too rough to even launch a boat!

Spike - recent trip to Turton with a couple of mates - 2 days fishing with very poor returns - a squid, a whiting, garfish and crab.

Sid - no fishing

Grabby - fishing in Port Melbourne with his grandson - nothing except a starfish caught

Nick - no fishing since the trip to Elliston last month

Treasurers Report

Reported \$3,786.59 at bank. Shirts are available at \$70 each. We have \$280 of shirts.

Grabby still having trouble confirming the booking at the Garden Room at Charlies for our Christmas Dinner - will again follow up next month. Christmas Dinner - 6 Dec 2025. Charlies, Brighton was again the preferred venue. Grabby has booked and paid the \$500+ deposit.

Activities for 2025

Month	Date	Location	Comment
Jul 25	21-25 Jul	Port Victoria (Cancelled due to high winds)	
Aug 25	19 - 23 Aug	Now Port Hughes	2 members may attend the Walk Launch on the 18 th - Fishing then at Pt Hughes 3 boats and 5 members indicated they will attend.
Sep 25	21 - 25 Sep	Port Victoria	Meeting on 26th
Oct 25	20 - 24 Oct	Location for future discussion	
Nov 25	TBA		
Dec 25	6 Dec 25	Christmas Dinner	

General Business:

Goldy - is travelling to New Zealand in August for some contract work. He has booked 2 fishing charters with a view to producing a report and costings for members to consider a trip to New Zealand and engage in a couple of charters. Target fish maybe kingies and snapper out of Auckland where he will undertake his contracted work. Maybe a trip for members in 2026?

Dundee Beach Charters - raised by Dinga Bell for a trip with members. (2 members incl Rob K indicated interest in the trip)

Approx cost would be \$4,000 for the charter and accommodation component and approx. \$800 for air fares. Those interested should contact Dinga or Rob K to indicate interest. Dundee Beach is about 150km SW of Darwin and represents some excellent reef fishing out from the Beach in the charter. Fish are filleted and frozen and can be brought home in a foam box as your luggage etc. Jay or Mat Britton at the POC on mobile 0416 280 370

Greg D advised that a customised coffee mug could be made up for about \$18 to recognise and reward fisho's for a good catch result or something similar. **Goldy** advised that his son's 3D printer could also be used to produce a photograph and text on a coffee mug or something similar.

Stonie reported that a Darwin local had run charters out of Dundee Beach from Darwin as a day trip with accommodation provided - perhaps at a lower cost?

Robbie reported on a charter out of KI with Gavin Solly out of Western River - excellent host and accommodation at \$150 pp per night - Discussion led to the possibility of 12 persons going over on the ferry perhaps in January and staying 3 nights with 2 days of charters. Included would be a leisurely sightseeing trip down to the accommodation at the far end of the island. A show of hands indicated that there was ample interest (about 12).

Robby R undertook to find out details and propose a date in January 2026. Sleeping bag or bed linen may be required and food can be purchased as a group initiative at Penneshaw on the way over. Gavins Charter is KI Fishing adventures.

Presentation

Zipper Dwiar has initiated a presentation for the catch of the month to acknowledge one of our members who has caught or fished well in

the preceding time. This month the award went to Rob Kearvell for his charter effort in Port Douglas. Well done, Rob.



Nick encouraged members to recommend and think about some land-based activities for members such as the Mawson Lakes, Happy Valley Reservoir. It was further discussed as a couple of initiatives for the DVA Health Week possibly in October this year. We can get funding for possibly 2 activities which would include a tasty lunch. Activities could be at an outside location or here at TPI House. Please advise your suggestions.

Next Meeting 29 August 2025 (with a BBQ lunch at TPI House).

Meeting closed and 8 members enjoyed a BBQ lunch with at Marla at SAMTASS

BANK DETAILS FOR PAYMENT OF MEMBER FEES DUE 1 JAN EACH YEAR		
WVFG Bank Details	BSB:	633-000
Member Fees Are: \$10.00	Account:	148 116 791