



## War Veterans Fishing Group

### Meeting 30 August 2024 Notes

**Ode:** Spud and members paused in silence for the reading.

**Present:** Peter G, Nick W, Allan P, Lofty A, Sid J, Graham J, Gavin T, Kevin G, Greg D, Spud M, Gavin T, Harry S

**Apologies:** Thorpie, Kevin S, Rob K, Robin T, Lee F, Gadget **Activities**

**Reports (around the room):**

**Harry S:** A trip for 10 days to Coffins Bay, plenty of whiting but smallish. New found boating friend with a 6.8metre Cat! Harry is off to King Ash Bay on 2 Oct and will be staying on the Pellew Islands and returning for provisions and fuel. A great experience for our seafaring mate! Maybe some overlap with Don P who will be sheltering on a houseboat in the Lousey River nearby.

**Gavin T:** No fishing but a RAEME reunion in Darwin - great accommodation and several feeds of Barra at local restaurants - makes a change to his 'whiting diet'

**Lofty:** Health matters dealing with his Atrial Fibrillation (AF) - an ongoing difficulty!

**Big Al:** Now qualified to drive the fire trucks with the CFS - well done Allan!

**Goldy:** No recent fishing - helping Don P to move house - he is keen to get out on the water and test his new Active Target 2 fish finding equipment. **Warning** - Goldies address book has been hacked and the culprits are able to send messages using his internode email address. Do not respond to a 'Goldy' email.

**Sid:** Busy developing the ultimate 'adjustable flow' burley tube made from PVC pipe. A patent may be required to preserve his research and development work.

**Greg:** fishing at St Kilda - several drops with some out to marks on the silt ground and Fairway Beacon. 1 keeper KGW and a couple of crabs returned. Another 4-day experience with brother Ben doing Pt Hughes, then Port Vic and Turton. A good result on day one at Pt Hughes but not much after wards. Thwarted by poor weather and possibly the aftermath of the bloodworm run!

**Brad:** No fishing but some health problems - keen to do the CPR and first aid session for our members on 11 October during Health Week.

**Nick:** Fishing at St Kilda with Gadget - about 20 - 30 undersized KGW with Gadget catching more on pippi's than Nick with bloodworms

**Grabby:** No fishing but shoulder replacements of our 'bionic man' are improving his mobility

**Spud:** No fishing - helping his brother with medical issues **Future**

#### **Activities:**

Month	Date	Location	Comment
Sept	<b>16 -20 (revised)</b>	Pt Hughes	Booking; GD
Oct	14 - 18	Pt Vic	Booking: GD

Nov	18 - 22	Pt Hughes	Booking: GD
Dec	6	Charlies @ Brighton	Booking: PG

**Health Week Activity:** date **11 October at TPI House**. Nick contacted Reach Out at RSL SA to arrange a guest speaker on welfare matters. Brad has agreed to arrange a refresher first aid segment. A lunch will be provided from the funding with a focus on seafood. Funding has been approved for the activity.

Treasurer Grabby advised that the cost of the Christmas Dinner was \$34 for Seniors and \$42 for other younger folk. Grabby would like confirmation by payment for members, guests and family soon. Booking is for the Garden Room which has capacity for extra people.

### **Treasurer Report:**

Grabby reported \$5,071.71 at bank and \$280 held in stock fishing shirts.

### **General Business:**

**NOK Details:** Spud advised that NOK details would be a requirement for future WVFG activities. He has placed several blank sheets with the first aid box to go with a designated boat person on each of the future activities. The Group first aid kit is currently with Big Al ready for the trip to Port Hughes.

**Veterans' Health Week** - Spud advised that the WVFG had been successful in getting \$1,000 for an activity. The planned activity will be talks and practical demonstrations of CPR, Refresher First Aid and a talk about welfare and veterans well being given by Reach Out spokespersons. The date is Friday **11<sup>th</sup> October 2024 at TPI**

**House.** Partners and friends of members are warmly invited to attend. A list of possible resources required will be circulated as a checklist to see what each boat or household may already have or need. Thanks, Brad, for your offer of support.

Members are asked to look at their first aid kits and advise Brad of any deficiencies of materials that will be out of date. He may be able to replenish your kit!

**Treasurer and Chair** asked members to commit to the Christmas Dinner to be held on 7<sup>th</sup> December - a poster will be sent to you again.

### **Next meeting 27 September 2024**

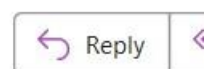
Spud declared the meeting closed. 7 members retired to the Samtass Café for a tasty seafood lunch with some complementary prawns provided by our hosts. Thank you Samtass.

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Kevin Goldsmith