



War Veterans Fishing Group

Meeting 30 May 2025 Notes

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

Present: Spud M, Grabby, Stonie, Sid J, Nick W, GJ, Thorpy, Brad, Bungy, Tony(neighbour), Zipper D, Gadget, Harry S, Rob K, Lethal

Apologies: , Goldy, Chris Watchdog

New Members:

Nobody from 'Reach Out' program at RSL SA but the door is open!

Fishing Reports:

Grabby - Went to Port Vic with Sid - focussed on the secret spot near Rocky Island- Monday was not good but Tuesday was a time for large snook - Grabby with the prize catch at 80cm. Brag photos on the web! Great accommodation at Roly's - good company!

GJ- out with Goldy at Port Vic and then on for 3 days fishing at Don's new digs at Wallaroo. 8 snook through trolling at Port Vic and a few whiting there as well - good times at Port Vic with several new casino's acquired online!!!!? Limited success out from Wallaroo although a change staying in Don's new home and mooring the Goldy boat in the marina.

Spud - no fishing but a myriad of medical appointments - more treatment to follow - best wishes Spud!

Brad - back and forth to Canberra supporting parents with some repairs and maintenance of property.

Stoney - too and from to Melbourne for sister's funeral -our sympathies to the Stone family. Out with Chris at Port Vic. Chris caught squid in numbers and only on Thursday did they haul in 8 whiting - some dancing and singing on the board = "Here fishy, fishy fishy, and some new dance steps were practised! Maybe scared the fish?

Sid - Out with Grabby to his usual spot - a great day with some large snook - now frozen and waiting to be smoked!

Greg - down at Turton during the storm - waves within meters of the house and significant damage to the bitumen walkway along the beachfront.

Harry - thanked members attending Port Vic for their financial support when he was unable to attend the fishing activity. Ready to fish on the next adventure.

Rob K - Holiday in Tasmania for 8 weeks and other spots - back to NT and Darwin next month. Success catching bream, flathead and other fish in Tassie - significant fishing in the Encounter Bay lakes which is catch and release. 2 x 40cm bream returned to the water! Reluctantly! Dundee Beach NT is the next holiday destination!

Gadget - no fishing but a couple of offers to buy his reconditioned Navara - now 17 years old!

Thorp - reported Lady Bay is now free of algal foam etc - it may take some time for the area to recover from the algal bloom!

Lethal - Broken Hill for a holiday - a good caravan park in the town

Big Al - Good fishing at Port Vic - good catch on whiting for 3 days and snook when he went out on the boat with Goldy on Wednesday.

Nick - a good trip with Big al to Port Vic - good safe boat handling and the radios across the group worked well. Back to Keswick on Wednesday for a successful History lunch at the Army Museum.

Treasurers Report

Grabby reported \$3849.86 at bank. His report will be sent out to members - all membership fees have been finalised for 2025.

Break for coffee

Activities for 2025

May 25	Port Victoria	12 - 16 May?	Comment	30 May 25 Seafood lunch
Jun 25	Port Victoria	10 - 14 Jun		4 Jul 25
Jul 25	Wallaroo	21 - 25 Jul		25 Jul 25
Aug 25	Wirrina	18 - 22 Aug		29 Aug 25
Sep 25				26 Sep 25
Oct 25				31 Oct 25
Nov 25				28 Nov 25
Dec 25	Christmas Party	6 Dec 25 ?		

Christmas Dinner - 6 Dec 2025. Charlies, Brighton was again the preferred venue. Grabby to book a room and pay the \$500+ deposit.

General Business:

Sid - advised he has purchased a quantity of cherry branches for smoking his snook. Packets of the branches were offered to members for testing and smoking. Apple branches were also mentioned as an alternative flavouring for the smoking of fish and chicken etc.

Zipper Dwiar has acquired many GPS marks from the skipper of Insane charters. He has them on a SD Card for members to copy. Goldy has converted them to a GPX format which allow them to be upgraded into most modern GPS/sounders.

Big Al - beach fishing

Big Al showed members his beach fishing gear made up from a second-hand hockey stick carry bag with room for rods, rigs, rod

holders and other gear strapped to his back for the sometimes long walk down to and along a surf beach in search of salmon. A great idea Al!



.Next Meeting 4 July 2025 (with a BBQ lunch at TPI House).

Meeting closed and 9 members went to SAMTASS for a tasty feed of fish and complementary prawns.

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