



## Notes from WVFG meeting Friday 29<sup>th</sup> August 2025

Meeting opened by Treasurer Peter Grabb at 10.15am in absence of Chairman Nick Williams who was trying to win over brownie points from his wife Jackie, by taking her on a two-way trip across the Nullabor Plains to Perth and back.

Peter Grabb opened the meeting by reciting the Ode to the fallen.

PRESENT: Peter Grabb, Kevin Stone: Lee Francis: John Murphy: Greg Dwiar: Sid Jamieson: Mitch: Jeff Barrett: Brian Thorpe: Harry Secombe:

Apologies: Nick Williams; Rob Kearvel; Brad Li; G.J; Kevin Goldsmith; Robert Harris; Robin T; Arthur Bell; Ray Vadekis; Allan Park

### Activity Reports.

**Kevin Stone** has not been fishing for a few months, his next new adventure is to travel to Alaska with Bev to see the Ice Floes and Glaciers, hoping to make it back for the trip to Pt Victoria in September.

**Lee Francis** not been fishing for a while, Lee reported on the Algae Bloom that it has affected the sea grasses up as far as Nth Haven when he lives, the boats leaving the marina on a daily basis is almost non-existence and the bait shop and kiosk has been closed since the bloom started, it should be open again in October.

Lee attended the Vietnam Veterans Day in Edithburgh for the opening of the section of walk the Yorke between Edithburgh and Coobowie, it was well attended by Veterans from all over Yorke Peninsula, Lee met up with Gavin and Janice on the day, special guests were Sir Peter Cosgrove and John Schumann, it was reported that the attendance figures were close to 2,000 people.

**Gadget** went on the trip to Port Hughes, he was part of the crew on Gregs boat, after arriving on Tuesday afternoon we set out around 2:30pm, headed down the coast about 4kl to Coopers Grounds, tried drifting for squid in the shallows without any luck, went out to 6mts deep, only catching 1 KGW and 2 Squid, Wednesday mid-morning we went to the same area and only landed 2 squid for our efforts, Thursday was a complete wash out weatherwise, fortunately Goldy arranged a trip to Myponie Point for a BBQ lunch with our friend Don, Thursday afternoon he received a message from the Stonemasons that Carols Rock and Headstone, had been installed at the Mount Barker Cemetery so he made the decision to head back to Adelaide a day early

**Mitch** had not been fishing and neither had Sid or Harry.

Spud and Rob teamed up

**Ospray** had Gadget as his crew and Ben came along on Friday after Gadget went home. We didn't go as far down the beach as the previous day, stopped about half a klm closer to Pt Hughes this time in what looked a nice broken bottom area, within 20 minutes or more of burlying up the area we caught our first whiting from there on in the KG's kept coming, in short bursts and just on an hour later we had our bag limits of 20 nice plump whiting and it was time to head back in. Saturday morning before leaving we went out to the same area and landed another 10 KG's, just enough to give to Gadget as the share he missed out on the previous day.

After leaving Pt Hughes, I ventured on down to Pt Turton for a couple of days, I was able to get on the water on the Monday afternoon for 3 hours before the weather beat me again, as usual I returned empty handed without even losing a bait, I did put the GoPro camera down to check out the bottom in the Pt Souttar waters, first drop only saw 1 small Leather Jacket in very sparce bottom in 11 meters of water, it was hard to tell if the Algar bloom had been in the area or not, other drops closer to shore (5 - 7mt) looked healthy but failed to detect a fish after more than 35 minutes of video.

**Thorpy** had not been fishing because of health problems, he had 2 stents placed in his arteries to the heart, we wish him a speedy recovery and good health for the future.

### **Future Activities**

#### **September:**

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> - Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> at Port Victoria

Please let Greg know your intention if extra accommodation is needed

## **October:**

Nothing Planned

## **November:**

As November is normally known as BLOVEMBER where the winds are very unpredictable, it was suggested that we look ahead and find a couple of days that have a break in the weather which will allow us to get out and enjoy the fishing. A more detailed planning can be determined at the October meeting.

## **December:**

Our Xmas break up dinner will again be held on the first Saturday in December, the same venue as the last 3 years at the Brighton Hotel, Cnr Brighton and Sturt Roads.

## **January 2026**

Possible trip to Western River Cove Kangaroo Island, more details to come with a possible special deal in the wings.

## **Catch of the month award**

Winner of the cup for Catch of the Month was John Murphy; John will be presented with his specially printed cup at the next meeting.

A discussion was had to qualify the result.

1. Has to be a Group Activity
2. Has to be witnessed by another member (2 or more)
3. Has to be caught in South Australian waters (Ocean, Lake or River)
4. Has to be of an edible variety
5. To be presented at the following monthly meeting

No further business, the meeting was closed at 10 55am

**Next meeting Friday September 26th**