

## **Notes from WVFG meeting Friday 31 May 2024**

Present: Spud, Gavin, Goldy, Sid, Greg, Lofty, Allan, Rob K

Apol: Nick, Jeff, Kevin S, Grabby, G.J. Harry, Brian T, George Ski,

Fishing activities for May

**Rob** went on a charter, said he will send in a report to you also to include our last trip to Port Hughes, where he teamed up with Ben D, they caught 55KGW and 40 Squid

**Goldy** reported on his 2 trips to the top end, said he will send in a written report, although they did have troubles with the boat trailer bearings overheating by the time they got to Pt Wakefield. Goldy never caught a Barra, Don caught 3 whose total length was just over 1 meter.

Goldy bought a new side scan sounder, gave it a trial out from St Kilda, still learning how to get the best settings.

**Greg** was at Port Hughes, wondering why he went, never caught a fish over 4 days, meanwhile Stoney the crewman only did better by 2 fish, disappointing to say the least.

Intended to go to Garden Island on 19<sup>th</sup> May, preparing hid dingy Lollipop before leaving home discovered a 20cm split along the seam, not worth repairing, disposed of it at Paramount Browns scrap yard, for the princely sum of \$13.80 worth of Aluminum.

Ventured down to Turton the following weekend to cut the lawns (they hadn't grown much). Sunday, put the boat in early to perfect conditions, no fish but landed 14 nice squid in 3&1/2 hrs including 500 cast's. Monday conditions were even better for water skiing, put to the water around 2pm, headed to the sandhills for squid and fish, squid were there just non active, fish nowhere to be seen. Arrived back at boat ramp just on 6pm, while retrieving the boat onto the trailer, the handbrake failed to hold on the slippery ramp, resulting on pulling the boat and car back into the water-photos to follow! Resulting in the car not starting and every thing had to be towed out by the Caravan Park owner and friends.

The RAA attended the next morning and gave the sorry news that the car was cactus, Greg arranged for the RAA to come down from Moonta to carry the car and tow the boat back to an approved RAA crash repair in Moonta to await inspection by RAA Insurance. Ben towed the boat back to Adelaide for Greg to face the music from Heather.

Spud is recovering nicely with his foot, still not able to go fishing as the jarring of the boat on the water is still too dicey to risk.

Our trip to Port Victoria has been cancelled due to not enough available this time.

### **Future Activities**

Port Hughes July Mon 8<sup>th</sup> – Fri 12<sup>th</sup> (included School Holidays)

Port Victoria August Mon 6<sup>th</sup> – Fri 9<sup>th</sup>

Port Hughes Sept Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>

Port Victoria Oct Mon 14<sup>th</sup> – Fri 18<sup>th</sup>

Fishing Awards will be voted upon at October meeting Fri 25<sup>th</sup> Nov.

Presented at November meeting 29<sup>th</sup>

Xmas wind up dinner at Brighton Metro Hotel (same venue as last year)

We were able to book their function room from 6.00pm till midnight, a deposit of \$150.00 will need to be paid prior to the night to secure the room.

Next meeting Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June (1 week early)

Greg photos of his Falcon Traytop = RIP



And the dinghy Lollipop!

