



War Veterans Fishing Group

Meeting Friday 26 June 2026 at TPI House at 10am

Meeting Notes

1. Welcome

2. Ode

Members observed a minute's silence after the Ode was read.

3. Attendance

a. Nick, Grabby, Spike, Big Al, Spud, GJ, Goldy, Stonie, Lethal, Sid, Ray, Gavin, Harry, Vic and Anna

4. Apologies -

a. Gadget, Tinker, Robby, Rob K

- i. Nick advised that Gadget was home with back, leg and knee medical issues. He is due to see an Orthopaedic Surgeon late next month. The lads express sympathy and wished him a recovery to resume fishing and a functional lifestyle.
- ii. Tinker advised by message that he was aware of 2 vacancies on a charter with Tom out of Port Hughes on 8 July 26 and another charter with Rod of Pirates Sea Charter out of Victor Harbor on the 26 July 26.

Phone Tinker on 0417450673 if you are interested in going along with him on either charter. (First in....etc)

- iii. **Robby Rowboat** is off on a 4WD adventure along 200kms of Goog's Track out of Ceduna. Best wishes Robby!

5. Fishing Reports

- a. **Spud** - no fishing but looking forward to some future trips away with the lads
- b. **Big Al** - no fishing but service on his car and boat in the next few weeks may limit his ability to go away with the Group next month.
- c. **Harry** spent 10 days in Tasmania sightseeing in Waratah. Highlights were the mysterious disappearance of his credit card and the lost wallet saga, both items were recovered without further mishap!
- d. **GJ** advised a successful 3 days on KI with hosts Jon and Liz. Mainly salmon caught and all enjoyed the hospitality provided by our hosts. We came home a day early due to adverse weather reports and the shutdown of the Sea Link ferry on the return day, Monday.
- e. Elliston Salmon fishing Trip - **Goldy and Nick** - Goldy reported a successful trip to Elliston with mainly fishing at Sheringa. Two days with salmon off the beach. Goldy fed his bike riders group on Wednesday, this week, with a BBQ of salmon and salad in wraps. Rumour has it that left over fish will see another lunch for the lads next week! A neighbour is also smoking some of the larger fillets. Rough weather on the last day resulted in a sightseeing trip to Port Lincoln and a feed of oysters Kilpatrick and a Riesling in Coffins Bay. With 3 fisho's sharing the costs the 6 days cost was about \$600 pp. Coffins Bay looked attractive for fishing with no trailers

at the boat ramp. A possibility for a fishing trip? It was noted that Sheldon has retired with no immediate replacement supplier for gents from the fishing shops! Some fish were 'weighed in' for the Annual Salmon Competition sponsored by Elliston businesses.

- f. **Victor and Anna** - reported large mulloway in West Lakes - prime time is an hour or two after sunset. Large Bream is also on the bite!
- g. **Lethal** - no fishing but a caravan trip to Mt Gambier. He returned via the inland route to avoid storm warnings for the coastal towns. Lethal reported that his son, who lives at Middleton, has caught large mulloway off the beach. Bait was salted pilchards and times were after 3pm till sunset.
- h. **Stonie** - no fishing - disappointed that Port Hughes didn't go ahead. Stonie had a strenuous trip to Morialta Falls climbing the trails to the waterfalls.
- i. **Spike** went on the KI trip and caught a few salmon. An enjoyable experience - otherwise he has been to Darwin and Turton.

6. Treasurers Report

- a. **Grabby** advised we have \$3,546.71 at bank with 2 shirts in stock, available for purchase. He further advised that some former members haven't paid their annual subscription and would be moved from the membership list on 1 July 2026. Members present advised that they would still want former members to receive information about the activities of the Group.
- b. Grabby discussed that the loss of the WVFG newsletter may be contributing to memberships decline as some may not access the website to see the fishing reports. Nick

advised that articles were being provided and published by the TPI Association in their newsletter

7. General Business

- a. Catch of the Month - Proposed that **Nick** receive the coffee cup for his effort in landing a 3.5kg salmon. Goldy also landed a 3.1kg salmon but the rest were somewhat smaller and possibly better eating.
 - b. A suggestion for our July meeting and BBQ lunch. To invite partners to our meeting and lunch afterwards? Also to invite Jon Ridgway and wife Liz (KI Hosts) to our meeting. Approved by members and Nick will include an invitation to partners and families for the next meeting.
8. Maybe a Winters day trip to Happy Valley Reservoir to fish for Murray River Cod and Callop? (License for 3 days in required!) Suggestion made but no resulting action!



9. Future Activities

Month	Date	Activity	Meeting
June 26	14 -20 June	Nick, Goldy, and Don were off to Elliston chasing salmon.	26 June 26

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July 26	17 July 20 - 24 Jul	Blood-worming - Port Adelaide at night Port Victoria?	31 July 26
August 26	10 - 14 Aug	Trip away possibly Edithburgh	29 August 26
September 26	14 - 18 Sept	Possibly Port Hughes	25 Sep 26 At RFDS HQ at Adelaide Airport

- a. **Lethal** has organised a visit to the RFDS HQ at Adelaide Airport with a possible lunch afterwards at the Harbour Town cafes. Meeting and tour at RFDS HQ at Adelaide Airport. Date booked is **25 September**. Members to be advised. Wives and partners to be invited.
- b. **Spike** advised that he and Gadget had donated \$200 each to support Port Victoria Fishing Charters. Members expressed their thanks to Gadget and Greg for their generous donation. (*Very supportive charter with provision of GPS marks and assistance with tuning sounders for Chris and Spike*)
- c. Starters for Port Victoria - 20 - 24 July are:

Boat Crews	Members
Nick	Nick and Sid
Spike	Spike and Stonie
Goldy	Goldy and GJ
Big Al?	Grabby & possibly Big Al?
Chris H-P	Chris and ?

10. Other

- a. **Sid** demonstrated his successful ball sinker and ganged hooks for snook snaring.



- b. **Nick** showed members an \$8 Tumu underwater green glow to attract cuttlefish at night. He also passed around the triple ganged hooks used for salmon at Elliston. Hooks are



Lunch for 5 members was at SAMTASS Seafoods Cafe

Next Meeting Friday 31st July 2026