



War Veterans Fishing Group

Meeting Friday 24 April 2026

Meeting Notes

1. Welcome

2. Ode - Nick read the Ode and members responded

3. Attendance

a. Nick, Spud, GJ, Goldy, Stoker, Stonie, Sydney, Gavin, Rob K

4. Apologies -

a. Gadget, Harry, Spike, George Ski (Swierczewski), Lethal, Grabby

5. Fishing Reports

a. **GJ** - crabbing at Myponie Point - large bluiers and the group bagged out - tasty and meaty when cooked.

b. **Spud** - boat launched on two activities with Dimmie - some tommies caught which were large!

c. **Goldy** - crabbing with GJ and Nick at Myponie Point and Wallaroo. Salmon and pilchards were an attractive bait for the hungry crabs - sometimes 4 in a net! Out at St Kilda recently with his family - a tasty feed of big meaty bluiers! Goldy, GJ and Don are off to Darwin this week for a few days charter

at Mary River. Best of luck chasing barramundi! A proposed trip to Exmouth later this month was cancelled because of damage to boats and port facilities due to the cyclone.

- d. **Stoker** Mitch out with his brother to net a few bluiies - again tasty eating!
- e. **Dinghy** - reported 2 trips out of North Haven - one in his dingy with some whiting and crabs off Semaphore and nothing when he launched and went out to the Black Pole and Semaphore Reef on the second day . A relatively expensive trip for fuel etc.
- f. **Rob K** - went on a charter recently at Port Hughes. They worked hard to get their bag limit - significant swell was upsetting for Rob! West Lakes has plenty of Bream caught mainly on his lure (now out of stock around the shops) Largest bream was 41.5cm but mainly small. No mulloway caught. He recently caught a Golden Mirror Carp on a local pond.



- g. **Gavin** - friends at Coffin Bay bagged out on whiting on one of the popular grounds - 5 fish each is a limiting factor!
- h. **Sydney** - Goolwa to stay with his sister. Too many fisho's on the river so he didn't fish.
- i. **Nick** - advised that 4 lads were going to KI on 29 May to fish with Jon Ridgway. Nick, Gadget, GJ and Spike.

Nick will talk with Jon about the future frequency of veterans fishing trips to KI. He and his wife are excellent hosts!

6. Treasurers Report

- a. Annual subscriptions due for membership in 2
- b. 026
- c. Nick will phone outstanding debtors to encourage paying their fee.
- d. Money at bank \$3,489.74
- e. Members present accepted the Treasurers Report.

Details for payment of membership fees are:

BANK DETAILS FOR PAYMENT OF MEMBER FEES DUE 1 JAN THIS YEAR 2026		
WVFG Bank Details	BSB:	633-000
Member Fees Are: \$10.00	Account:	148 116 791

7. General Business

- a. Catch of the Month - Nothing from Greg this month
- b. BBQ table acquisition Gadget has acquired a table. and will seek reimbursement from the Treasurer.
- c. Plates and metal cutlery for our BBQ lunches. Nick sought approval to purchase plates and cutlery for our BBQ's - picnic style as the plastic and bamboo ones are possibly not easily used etc. Proposal to spend up to \$70 was approved by the members.

8. Future Activities

- a. Nick reported that Shane McGrath was keen to have veterans fish at his property at Bow Hill. This week he and a mate caught about 20 Callop and 4 catfish.

13 Callop were keepers. Please let Nick know if you want to go fishing at Bow hill. Sid has our stretchers if you want to stay overnight.++

Month	Date	Activity	Meeting
Jan 26		Trip to KI	30 Jan 26
March 26	16 - 20 Mar	Roly's - 2 boats Spike and Stonie Chris, Jon and Big Al	27 Mar 26
April 26	8 April	North Haven Boat Ramp for a day of fishing and crabbing	24 April 26
May 26	4 - 7 May	Port Hughes - members committing are Stonie, Greg, possibly Stoker but he will stay with his son Christian	Greg Dwiar POC Members to contact Greg if they are OK to go.
May 26	13 May	Army Museum History Lunch	#35 per person - partners welcome to attend at Keswick - booking online - poster circulated

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May 26	Trip to KI for 4 persons?	Nick, Gadget, GJ and Spike leaving 29 May 26	22 May 26
June 26	8-12 June 14 -20 June	Tentative for a trip Nick, Goldy, Gadget and Don are off to Elliston chasing salmon.	26 June 26
July 26	17 July 20 - 24 July	Blood-worming - Port Adelaide at night Tentative for a trip away	31 July 26



Lunch today was at SAMTASS Café for seafood. 8 members attended and enjoyed a very tasty fish lunch.

Next Meeting Friday 22 May 2026 Please note a week earlier as Nick, Spike, GJ and Gadget plan to be on KI on the 29th.