



## War Veterans Fishing Group

Meeting 26 September 2025

### NOTES

1. Welcome

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a. Members observed a minute's silence.

3. Attendance:

a. Jeff B, Al P, Spud, GJ, Sid J, Kevin S, Peter G, Rob K, Greg D, Robbie T, Nick W, John H, Ray V.

4. Apologies -Harry S, Robert Harris, Goldy, Ski, Shane

5. Activity Reports

a. GJ - working at Wallaroo helping Don Phillips with his boat lift in the marina. Storing his new boat out of the water in the mooring. Working at the Army Museum which is due to move to Warradale in 2030 - new museum proposed on the site of the old Field Workshops.

b. Osprey - Day trip to Port Victoria - nothing caught.

Received 1 whiting from another fisho with no fish caught on day one. Second day with brother Ben they caught 12 whiting and gave them to the luckless Gadget who had returned to Mt Barker a day earlier. This week at Turton with Stonie - 3 days fishing for 4 whiting. Other boaties were more successful out at the Banks. Underwater camera

- was used but very murky water possibly from the algal bloom. Only 11 trailers in the park
- c. **Spud** - no fishing and further medical in hospital next Monday for more treatment.
  - d. **Big Al** - operation successful - some loss of weight but all OK. No fishing.
  - e. **Gadget** - only 2 squid at Port Hughes - back to Adelaide early and some medical attention last week.
  - f. **Gavin** - no fishing but went to Edithburgh for the launch of the Veteran's Walkway - it was well organised. Onto Wallaroo with an accommodation voucher but no fishing. Bad weather conditions during their stay.
  - g. **Rob K** - Port Hughes with Spud - 16 whiting but bumpy water on the earlier day. Carp fishing in local dams as the carp are active in breeding. Dams at Golden Grove. White bread for bait and burley. Rob reminded members to submit catch information before the cutoff date at the end of October for members to consider and vote on the "Catch of the Year" Award. Recent trips include Goolwa, Melbourne and Pt Hughes.
  - h. **Sid** - no fishing but repairs to the trailer winch on his boat.
  - i. **Stonie** - Turton with Greg. Fishing reports from charter operator were favourable apparently, he uses a steel bar dragged behind the boat and then fishes on the broken weed - a successful technique! Kontas at Port Victoria taking individuals out to show then the use of a fish finder. Stonie has a great trip to Alaska and Canada and saw the salmon hatchery and observed the salmon jumping steps and travelling upstream to lay the eggs. Fuel and living expenses were pricey!

j. **Grabby** - no report - shopping for a caravan with amenities built in

k. **Robbie R** - no fishing but will follow up with Solly to get a deal for accommodation and possibly 2 days of charter on KI. Report to members for a costed trip in Jan 26.

## 6. Future Activities

a. Kangaroo Is - possibly American River in October and/or Western River in January with Solly

b. Issues with algal bloom

c. Health activity without DVA funding this year!!!

Oct 25	20 - 24 Oct	Port Hughes - voucher for previous cancellation to be used	
Nov 25	17 - 21 Nov	Location for future discussion	
Nov 25	Date TBA	A day trip to Happy Valley Reservoir fishing for cod, bream and redfin.	BBQ lunch and licenses paid for from \$500 of Group funds - voted in at the meeting
Dec 25	6 Dec 25	Christmas Dinner	Grabby to circulate details and account for payment for attending

## 7. **General Business**

- a. Bed socks and beanies donated by Robyn James Our thanks to Robyn for the socks and beanies
- b. Vouchers for Coast is Calling - closed 22 September. It appears that only Nick W was successful in getting a \$200 voucher - maybe a trip to Normanville with fishing at Wirrina for 2?
- c. Greg distributed a map of Port Victoria with the waters divided into 1 km sectors - Boaties can then report their location in a grid square off the map as a coded signal to other members when they are on a catch etc or in distress.

8. **Treasurers Report** - Grabby reported \$3774.60 at bank.

Thanks to Sid and Gadget for cooking the BBQ and cleaning up afterwards. Members are reminded that as volunteers we should share the cooking and cleaning up afterwards. Our next BBQ will be after the November meeting which is also our last meeting of the year and a time to present our awards.

## **Next Meeting 31 October 2025**

Please let us know what you can contribute or attend an activity at a local reservoir chasing cod, bream or redfin. Happy Valley has recently been stocked with cod?