



War Veterans Fishing Group

Meeting Friday 27 March 2026

Notes

1. Welcome

2. Ode

- a. Members observed the Ode and a minute silence.

3. Attendance

- a. Nick W, Grabby, Harry S, GJ, Big Al, Sid J, Osprey D, Stonie, Robert (TPI)

4. Apologies -

- a. Arthur(Tinker) Bell, Goldy, Spud M, Gadget B, Robbie T, Chris Hill-Paul, Rob K, Thorpie, Lethal F.
- b. Nick read out the messages from members who were unable to attend.

5. TPI Newsletter

- a. Robert Beston (Editor, TPI Assn Newsletter) was introduced to members. Robert spoke about his plan to develop the TPI newsletter with regular articles from the WVFG and the Golf Assn. Robert is a former submariner who retired about 5 years ago with experience in Oberon and Collins class submarines. Robert was welcomed by members, and we advised him we were happy to attract

and nurture new members who may not necessarily be regular 'fisho's'. Our support as a fishing group is to veterans and serving members. We look forward to working with Robert and his newsletter development.

6. Fishing Reports

- a. Harry - no fishing but a trip to Tassie planned for next month.
- b. GJ - 3 days at Myponie Point with Nick, Goldie and Spud. Plenty of big blue crabs with all cooked to the 'Don' formula - overnight in the fridge to kill them, then 6 minutes of boiling sea water, backed in the seawater and then into the fridge for preservation and packing for the homeward journey. Day 2 saw the crew go out in Don's new boat moored in Wallaroo. 10 salmon caught but no luck trolling for snook. Some whiting caught back at the beach house. Thanks to Don for his hospitality and friendship.



- c.
- d. Big Al - Port Vic for a couple of days with 'Watchdog and Jon A. No luck out deep but they bagged out at the 'tractor tyre' advised to them by Osprey. Experience gained towing Greg's boat back to ramp due to a fuel blockage problem. Big Al commented on the cost of fuel for the boat and cars given the recent price hike in fuel. Watchdog's sounder, training paid dividends with schools

of snapper and mackerel seen on the sounder well offshore to the Steve Kontos sites.

- e. Sid - fishing at Port Vic with his sister. Some KGW down South but rough weather prevented them getting out to Sid's snook spot. Sid enjoyed the meaty crabs given to him by Nick from the Myponie Point excursion.
- f. Osprey - bagged out on day 2 at the Tractor Tire out from Wardang Is. A week of 'woe' for the lad with a fuel issue with the boat, an anchor chain wrapping around his motor, GPS on the blink with jumbled map display - only a couple of months old and back for a warranty repair? Greg has invested in a boat winch to get the boat back on the trailer. Recent issue with the thermostat in the Triton. Hopefully these mishaps have now concluded!!! Greg still has a booking with Steve to learn how to use the sounder.... When it is repaired. Photo of a large coloured Wrass! Greg also lost a small part of his finger when a big jacket bit him! (not just his trigger finger!!!!)



- g. Stonie - commented how hard the whiting bit and sometimes a double header of large fish. Personal achievement of on at 49.9cm.

- h. Nick - great time at Wallaroo catching crabs and salmon. Due to head injury he will start driving again 1 April which is 3 months since his concussion.
- i. Grabby - no recent fishing - Off to Overland Corner with family over Easter.

7. Treasurers Report

- a. Reported 3575.32 at bank with \$3,733 including fishing shirts as stock.
- b. Annual subscriptions due for membership in 2026
- c. Treasurer advised that we need a second person to be a backfill for nick in managing the website. Osprey and GJ have some expertise in website management.
- d. For further consideration - Nick to follow up and contact our website person to reactivate the website.
- e. 10 members from 2025 are yet to pay for this year's membership fee.
- f. 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

8. General Business

- a. Catch of the Month - Greg advised that BigAl would be the recipient for January KI and Stonie for the whiting caught at Port Victoria. Osprey will prepare the stencilling of the trophy cups.
- b. BBQ table acquisition - nothing back from Gadget - for follow up on the acquisition.

- c. Invitation extended to Robert Beston to attend our meeting. He is the publisher of the TPI Assn Newsletter. Article from us was provided!
- d. Accommodation at Roly's at Port Vic is now \$200 per night!
- e. Nick suggested another fish at Happy Valley Reservoir - Robert jogs there regularly and saw a landed 3 kilo cod caught there recently. Let Nick know if you want to try fresh water - cheese is the gun bait!
- f. Cockling at Goolwa Beach - to be advised on a calm day to drive down and gather some cockles - Big Al, Nick and others are interested - tyre pressure down in FWD to access the beach!

9. Future Activities

Month/year	Dates	Activity	Meeting at TPI
Jan 26		Trip to KI	30 Jan 26
Feb 26	21 - 25 Feb	Not enough boaties able to commit	27 Feb 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	POC Osprey Dwiar

May 26	Trip to KI for 4 persons?	Possible starters would be GJ, Grabby, maybe Gadget - Big Al if no further nominations. Nick to contact Jon for some dates etc	29 May 26
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Lunch was at TPI House- a delicious BBQ



Sydney brought the BBQ, and Nick purchased the food. Thanks to sailor Harry for cooking with Sid. Future BBQ in May will require a couple of volunteers to cook the BBQ.

Next Meeting Friday 24 April 2026

Suggested activities for 2026

Activity	Response	Activity	Response
BOAT FISHING		Mixed dining evening	2
One every 2 months?		Sea Rescue visit + Helicopters	1
Pt Vic	5	Cockles/Pippi Goolwa	2+2?
Pt Hughes	5	Sinker making	2
Turton	2	Float making	
Edithburgh		Charter (Insane at Pt Vic)	
Ardrossan		Tuna charter at Pt Mac	
Wirrina	1	SAFETY	
Kangaroo Is	3	Marine Safety	1
Night fishing Metro		First Aid/CPR	
Blood worms - July		Equipment review	
Taperoo clicker pumping	1	Defib refresher	1
SHORE FISHING		Radio refresher	1
Twilight Taperoo		ACTIVITY	
Jetty Pt Noarlunga		Speaker at a meeting	
Reservoirs (Cod)	2	BBQ Lunch in a park	1
River Murray Mannum		Cockling Goolwa	2