

Greensborough And District Angling Club Inc.



**A Family Fishing Club
1926—2001**

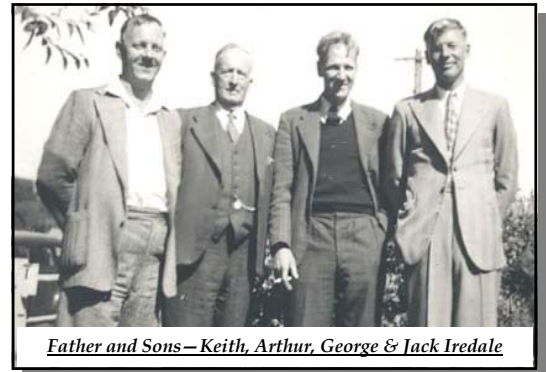
75 Years of Angling Tradition

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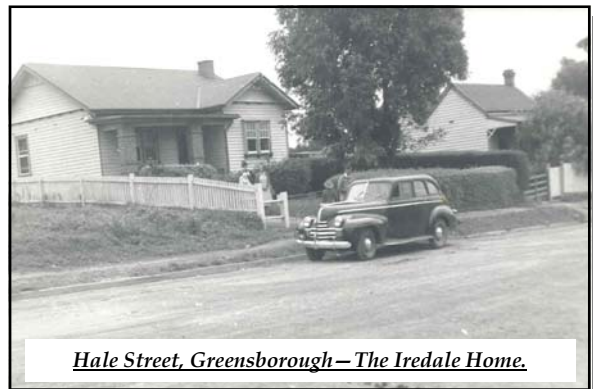
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Hale Street, Greensborough— The Iredale Home.



GREENSBOROUGH & DISTRICT ANGLING CLUB INC.

PRESIDENT'S FOREWORD

It with a sense of great pride and honour that we present this brief history of the Greensborough & District Angling Club . Our Club has grown and prospered over the past 75 years and is today one of the oldest and most respected angling Clubs in Victoria. Our reputation as an honourable and forthright Club remains one of our most important qualities and is the foundation on which we have existed and will continue to prosper into the future.

The authors have endeavoured to highlight the spirit of friendship and camaraderie that has persisted amongst the members of the Greensborough & District Angling Club. The Club has always had a family focus and continues to strive to honour those ideals.

Particular thanks are due to Brian Dyson for the commitment and time invested in his pursuit of information concerning our Club. Collecting information about seventy-five years of Club history was a daunting task, but one which required the talents of a dedicated and devoted Club member. This comprehensive history would not have been possible without his endeavours. The efforts of those who have also contributed memories and photos and also greatly appreciated. We hope you find this historical record interesting and rewarding.



Russell Conway
President



Back Row(L-R):
T.Phillips, G. Bussey,
M. Hall, C. Knight,
K. Bradshaw, J.Battista,
K. Leamon, F. Griska,
G. Tomkins, B. Dyson,
R. MacGibbon

Front Row(L-R):
T. Plummer, M. Dawes
R. Conway, G. Heyton
R. Patrick

Absent:
A. Moore, F. Saunders
J. Whitfield

OFFICE BEARERS 2001 - 2002

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| PRESIDENT: | Russell Conway |
| VICE PRESIDENT: | Conway Knight,
Ross Patrick |
| SECRETARY: | Martin Dawes |
| ASSISTANT SECRETARY: | Tim Plummer |
| TREASURER: | Rob MacGibbon |
| ASSISTANT TREASURER: | Glen Bussey |
| COMMITTEE: | Brian Dyson, Frank Griska, Allan Moore, Frank Saunders, Mark Hall, Keith Bradshaw, Tom Phillips |
| SOCIAL SECRETARY: | Graeme Tomkins |
| SOCIAL COMMITTEE: | Glen Bussey, John Dafilis, Jim Cussens, John Whitfield, Conway Knight |
| HALL BOOKING OFFICER: | Greg Hayton |
| MAINTENANCE OFFICER: | John Battista |
| CLUB RECORDER: | John Whitfield |
| LIBRARY MANAGER: | Conway Knight |



LIFE MEMBERS



Bertie Brown joined in 1959. He was President, Vice President, Treasurer, Club Trustee , Social Secretary, Committee Member, and Building Committee Member. Bert is our longest serving member.



Frank Douglas joined in 1969. Frank served as Committee Member, Vice President, President, Chairman of the Greensborough Sport & Game Fishing Division and has been very active in all types of fishing with the Club.



Les Long joined in 1969. Les has been a Committee Member and for a period of 10 years held the position as Hall Booking Officer. Les has always been a dedicated person at Club working bee days.



Ray Gribble Joined 1975. Held the position of Secretary for 4 years and is a prominent supporter of Native Fish Australia. He devoted many hours of his time to co-ordinating the printing of numerous club publications.



Frank Griska joined in 1970. He has been a Committee Member, Treasurer, Vice President, and a major contributor on the four Club extensions. Frank's talks at Club nites on Trout and Bream fishing are not to be missed.



Ernie Hatfield joined in 1973. Ernie has been a Committee Member, Tournament Recorder and Club Referee. He is very devoted to Native Fish Australia and is still the Club representative after many years .

- * A. Iredale
- * E. Gibbons
- * W. Johnstone
- * C. Grass
- * S. Mountford
- * R. Scott
- * S. Wigraf
- * C. Neilson

- * S. Isaacs
- * G. Rainbow
- * W. Gibbs
- * A. Snow
- * G. Snow
- * J. Rainbow
- * J. Newnham
- * W. McDade

* Deceased



1926 - 1951



Gunbower Island, Murray River - Arthur Iredale, Keith Iredale & Friend



ORIGINAL MINUTES FROM 18 NOVEMBER, 1926

Minutes

Minutes
18/11/26

Meeting held on the above Date, in the Greensborough Masonic Hall, for the purpose of forming a Angling Club. Mr. A. Saedale explained that Mr. Kelly and himself had talked the matter over and they decided to call the meeting for the purpose, Mr. Saedale explained what the local Progress had tried to do in regard's stocking the River. He said the result... Those at the meeting then decided to go on with the forming of a club. Moved by Mr. A. Davis & seconded by Mr. Kelly (that a Angling Club be formed in Greensborough) Moved by Mr. A. Saedale & seconded by Mr. Kelly that Mr. A. Saedale be elected President. (Carried) Moved by Mr. Rodwell and seconded by Mr. McEntyre that Mr. Kelly be elected Secretary & Treasurer. (Carried) Moved by Mr. Rodwell seconded by Mr. Butler that a committee be formed consisting of President & Secretary Mr. Butler, Mr. Rodwell, Mr. Johnson, E. Rodwell, A. Davis & Mr. McEntyre (Carried) Moved by Mr. McEntyre seconded by Mr. Rodwell that the club be known as the Greensborough District Angling Club. (Carried) Proposed & seconded (that the Lower River St. Andrew's Rd. there a direct line to the river within 1/2 mile to be made. North & Eastly boundaries open.

Moved & seconded that the Banker; Secretary & Mr. Rodwell draw up a bye-law and present the same to the next meeting. Moved that the entrance fee be of 1/6 for adults, 1/3 for ladies & 1/6 for children & a year. Moved & seconded that the next meeting be held on Thursday 25th 1926 at 8 o'clock.

A. Saedale 25. 11. 26



FORMATION OF THE GREENSBOROUGH ANGLING CLUB

The Greensborough and District Angling Club (G.D.A.C.) was formed on **18th November 1926**.

The Club was conceived out of a commonly held community interest to protect the Plenty River. The founding President, Arthur Iredale and the Secretary, Tom Kelly both local residents, arranged a meeting of interested people to form an angling and fish protection society in Greensborough.



Mr. A. Iredale, President

At the inaugural meeting, the elected Committee decided to draw up a Club syllabus and also decided that membership for ladies should be included in the schedule of fees. This was a policy not common at other clubs of the day and demonstrated very liberal and forward thinking attitudes. It was a vision which helped to create the family focus that still flows through our Club.

The document on the facing page is the original record of the inaugural meeting of the Greensborough and District Angling Club where the original Committee of Management was elected.

Below is a translation of the minutes of the inaugural meeting:

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Mr A Iredale explained that Mr Kelly and himself had talked the matter over and they decided to call the meeting for the purpose.

Mr Iredale explained what the Local Progress has tried to do in regard's stocking the Plenty River.

Those at the meeting then decided to go on with the forming of a Club. Moved by Mr A Davies and seconded by Mr Kelly (that an Angling Club be formed in Greensborough). Carried.

Moved by Mr A McIntyre and seconded by Mr Kelly that Mr A Iredale be elected President. Carried.

Moved by Mr Godwill and seconded by Mr Butler that a Committee be formed consisting of President, Secretary, Mr Poulter, Mr Godwill, Mr F Johnson, Mr E Godwill, B Davies, A McIntyre. Carried.

Moved by Mr McIntyre seconded by Mr Godwill that the Club be known as the Greensborough & District Angling Club. Carried.

Proposed and seconded (that the Lower Plenty Road and Eltham Road thence a direct line to the Yarra. Western Plenty Road to Morang. Northerly and Easterly Boundaries Open."

"Moved and seconded that the President, Secretary and Mr Godwill draw up a syllabus and present the same to the next meeting. Moved that the entrance fee be 5/- shillings for Adults, Juniors and Ladies 3/- shillings a year.

Moved and seconded that the next meeting be held on Thursday, 25th November, 1926 at 8 O'clock."

A. Iredale 25.11.26



Mr. T. Kelly, Secretary



FOUNDATION COMMITTEE MEMBERS

PRESIDENT:	Mr A. Iredale
SECRETARY & TREASURER:	Mr T. Kelly
COMMITTEE:	Mr N. Poulter Mr A. Godwill, Mr F. Johnson, Mr B. Davies, Mr A. McIntyre, Mr E. Godwill

1927 – LET THE ANGLING BEGIN

Freshwater species were the primary target of GDAC anglers while they endeavoured to collect angling championship points. The main species were Tench, Blackfish, English Perch, Eels, Trout and Macquarie Perch.

The Committee set the number of rods at two per angler. Rods were to be attended at all times and a rod fee of six pence was charged on all competitions. Competition trophies were five shillings.

Championship points were based on a handicap system where a half pound handicap was incurred for each competition win. This gave all members a chance to win a competition during the year.

To help ensure all members were able to attend angling trips, the Club hired buses or vans to take members to fishing competitions, often leaving at 2 am in the morning and not returning till late evening. A trip to Molesworth or the Rubicon River cost 5 shillings.

One of the first official trips (Sunday 28 May 1927) was won by a Mr. Jessop with a Macquarie Perch weighing 2 lb 4 ounces. The donated prize was 80 yards of gut line.

Another trip to the Edwards River at Mathoura saw 24 English Perch and 7 Murray Cod captured.

In September 1930, after much debate Greensborough instructed their delegate on the Victorian Piscatorial Council to vote against the proposed angling licence fee.

At around the same time, a letter was received from Fisheries and Game describing a person seen to be angling in the Plenty River which was at the time a closed water. The club wrote back to Fisheries and the local Council raising the question about the need for more Honorary Officers to police the Plenty River and a possible closure of the river. As a result of these actions, the Plenty River was closed for 3 years to allow the Trout fry a better chance to survive.

A conference was later held at the Abbotsford Angling Club to discuss the restocking of the Yarra with Macquarie Perch.



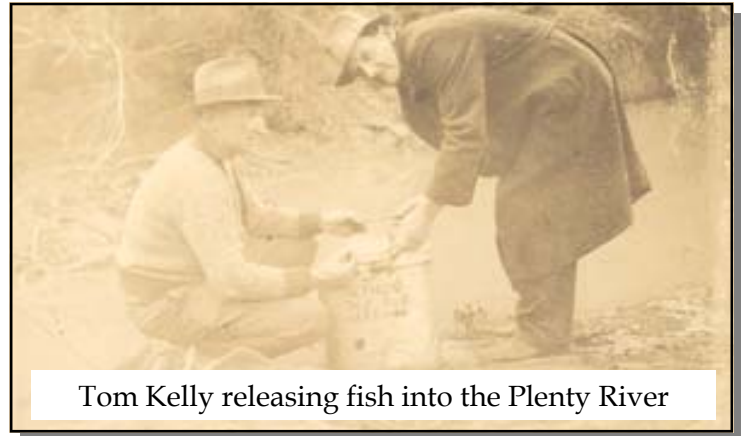
Mrs. Sadie Iredale – Murray River

It is interesting to note that 75 years on, similar environmental problems still affect the Plenty River and Fisheries Officers are still too few to adequately police illegal netting and poaching.

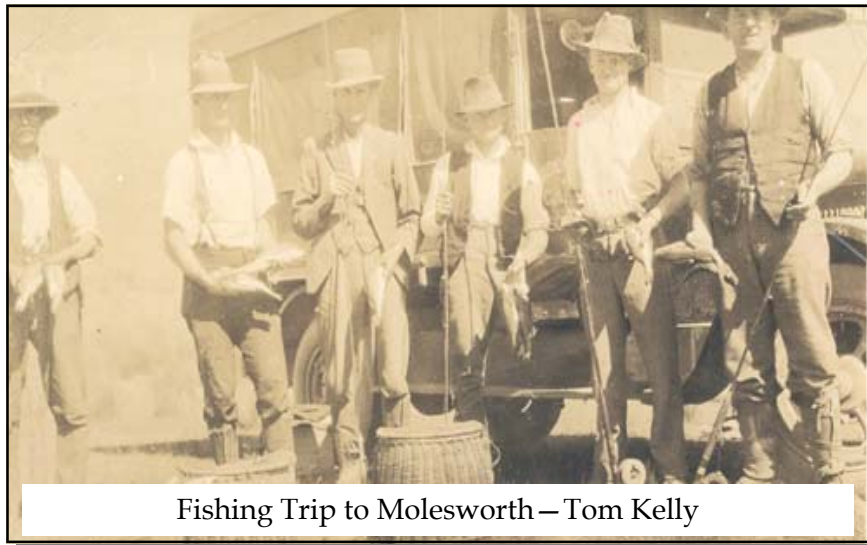
FISHING WITH TOM KELLY



Warburton – Tom Kelly



Tom Kelly releasing fish into the Plenty River



Fishing Trip to Molesworth – Tom Kelly

1929 - THE HUNT FOR A PERMANENT HOME BEGINS

The members of Greensborough Angling Club continued to meet in the Greensborough Masonic Hall for 5 years before a Committee was set up to locate and purchase land on which the Club could build its own Club Rooms.

Funds were often obtained by running raffles.

The first raffle had a prize of a bag of sugar with tickets costing sixpence each. The raffle resulted in a profit of 2 pounds 10 and sixpence.



1937- WE MOVE TO 161 PARA ROAD GREENSBOROUGH



First meeting in the clubroom was held on 15 April 1937. Official opening on 21st August 1937.

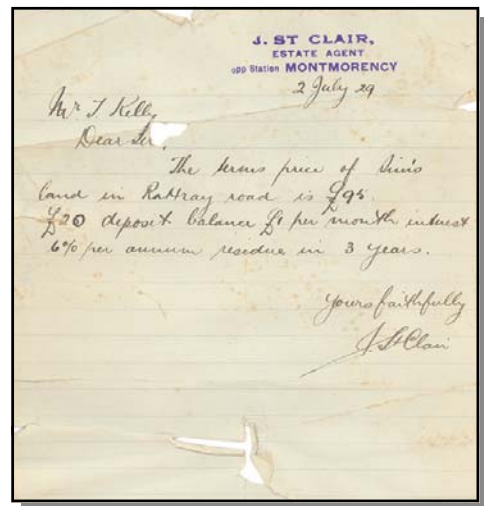
In January 1937 the plans and specifications for the original clubrooms (opposite) were approved.

The minutes of 5th March 1929, read:-

Moved and seconded that the first clause recommended by the Management Committee, re purchase of ground for clubrooms be made special business for the next meeting and all members to be notified.

Result was that the Management Committee was granted the power to negotiate for land for the clubrooms.

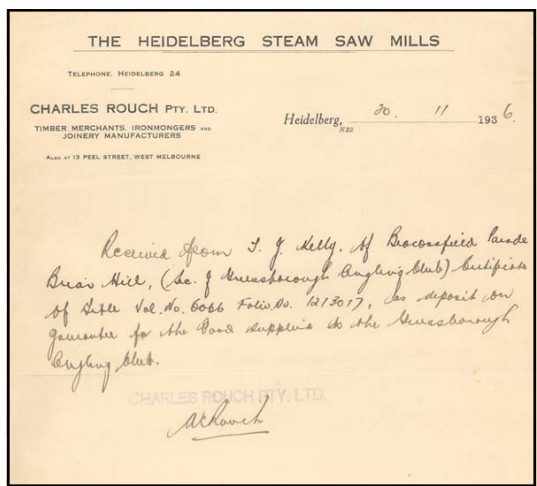
The Club received a letter dated 2nd July 1929 from J St. Clair Real Estate Agent of Montmorency setting out the terms for the purchase of land from Miss E. Sims in Rattray Road. The cost was £95 with a £20 deposit and the balance to be paid at £1 per month. Interest was set at 6% pa with the residue payable in 3 years.



The report of the Executive Committee on the 10th July 1929 regarding the purchase of ground for clubrooms was detailed and one piece of ground was recommended.

Purchase of the land was adopted by the members. It is not clear as to what transpired regarding the land between 1929 and August 1936 when a member was asked to supply particulars regarding blocks?

In September 1936 the transfer of land from F.I.E. Sims to the Club was received for signatures. The transfer was completed in late October and the land fenced by members the next week in October 1936.



In mid November, the Hon Secretary gave a report on the building operations and details of negotiations with Charles Rouch P/L (Timber Merchant).

The land title was used to source building material's to the value of £200 with interest of 6% pa.

Six months later on 15 April 1937, the first meeting was held in the newly constructed Club rooms at 161 Para Road Greensborough.

However, we had to wait another four months till 21 August 1937 for the official hall opening ceremony.



INTERESTING FACTS 1926 – 1951

- 26/07/1927** Honorarium of 2 guineas to be given to Secretary.
- 04/09/1927** First competition held at Tylden.
- 25/09/1928** Loch Leven trout caught, mounted and loaned to the Club until we were able to obtain our own fish.
- 21/04/1931** A casting competition was first included on the club syllabus.
Mr Meyer donated a Grand Piano to the Club-now resides with Mr Terry Beckwith.
- 10/07/1941** Saltwater competitions were included for championship points.
- 20/12/1942** A steward was appointed to be in charge each time the clubrooms were let for socials to outside bodies.
- 1949** A senior member was to be delegated to look after junior members.
- 06/04/50** Firearm Captain elected – Mr. G. Rainbow. Permission was required to take firearms on trips
- 14/09/1950** A ten and a half (10 ^{1/2}) pound trout was taken at Tarrawarra by B. Carter Snr.
- 25/01/1951** No. of hours decided for competitions:
Under 50 miles – 12 hour competition.
Over 50 miles – 10 hours for day trips.
Permission required to take a friend on a Club competition.
- 03/05/1951** One Cod of 20 lb caught at Tarrawarra.
C. Neilson awarded Life Membership.



1952 - 1977



Presentation Night 26/11/1971 – Tournament Winners
(L-R) Arthur Moore, Bob Alldridge, Jack Kewood, Rick Douglas, Phillip Campbell, Colin Moore, John Douglas, Clarrie Wilson, Stan Russell

A LETTER FROM STAN RUSSELL (President 1971 – 1973)

These are my memories of the history of the Greensborough And District Angling Club. I apologise in advance for any errors that may surface later. There will be some as I am relying on my failing memory of events, conversations and reading of records, all of which took place up to 35 years ago.

I joined the angling club in 1967 after seeing a picture and article in the "Diamond Valley News" newspaper. I had only recently moved to Greensborough from Brisbane with my family. The picture showed two Greensborough members, Gerard Power and Les long, holding a large trout that Gerard had caught in a Club competition. Joining the Club seemed to be a good way to meet people and learn how to fish for trout. Time was to prove this correct.

In the sixties, club meetings tended to be a bit formal but by the early seventies, we were able to turn the Committee into a proper Management Committee looking after the day to day management of the Club. This enabled us to concentrate on fishing at the Meetings.

The late 60's also encountered some ownership of the some legal advice, it form the Club into a protect the assets of

When I joined in was mainly a with about 70 40 of whom were Saltwater trips were boat trips from

Altona, Newhaven, Port Franklin etc. Bus trips to freshwater venues such as Laureston, Malmsbury and the McAllister River were still common. The one day bus trips were usually family competition picnic days.

Other popular Club venues included the Yarra River, King Parrot Creek, Murray River, various Goulburn River locations, Big River, Rubicon and Stevenson Rivers, Twin Rivers, Campaspe and Coliban Rivers.

In the early 70's , the Club began yearly Bream trips to Metung. We used to camp on the banks of the Tambo River.

The 70's were a time of growth and change in the Club. Our membership grew to exceed 120 members. A breakaway group formed the Diamond Valley Sportfishing Club. Other members became foundation members of the Altona Sports Club at Lake Eppalock.

The foundations were also laid for the formation of the Sport and Game Fishing Division of Greensborough Angling Club. This later became the Greensborough Game Fishing Club and then changed its name to the Melbourne Game Fishing Club.

Stan Russell



General

saw the Club problems with land and after was decided to co-operative to the Club.

1967, the Club freshwater Club members, up to active members.

mainly large hire Williamstown,



GOLDEN JUBILEE YEAR – 1926 - 1976

Events organised to celebrate this memorable time in our club history included four combined fishing trips with other angling clubs.

A B-B-Q in April for all members and past members.

A Ladies Committee Progress Group was established and Mrs Shirley Douglas and Mrs Helen Beeche were asked to assist in the arrangements for the presentation night to be held in the Greensborough Masonic Hall on the 15th October 1976. Wives and lady friends to all members were invited to help make the Golden



J u b i l e e
Dinner Dance a night to remember.

A special fishing competition was organised and open to the public, banners specially made for the occasion were displayed at the front of the clubrooms.

Local papers printed editorial's and advertisements concerning the competition which included both salt and fresh species, providing the fish were caught in Victorian waters and weighed at the clubrooms over the weekend.

The competition was duly won by a 10 year old lad with a good bag of eel's caught in the Plenty River.



GOLDEN JUBILEE OFFICE BEARERS 1976-1977

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| PRESIDENT: | Mr W. Eberbach |
| VICE PRESIDENT: | Mr B. Benneli, Mr F Griska |
| HON. SECRETARY: | Mr G. Haffenden |
| ASS. HON. SECRETARY: | Mr M. Beeche |
| HON. TREASURER: | Mr B Brown |
| ASS. HON. TREASURER: | Mr F. McConnell |
| COMMITTEE: | Medi Jones Roberts, Mr A. Snow, Mr B. Macintyre,
Mr A. Green, Mr R. Gribble, Mr R Cassar, Mr G Lacey. |
| LIBRARIAN: | Mr F. Garton |
| PUBLICITY &
PUBLIC RELATIONS: | Mr G MacDonald, Medi Jones Roberts. |



1973 - FIRST EXTENSION TO CLUBROOMS

Every club relies on its members to make it a success. G.D.A.C. is no different. Over its 75 years of existence, building committees and loyal regulars at Club working bees have been responsible for extensions and maintenance to the club rooms and grounds. The dedication and loyalty of members has saved the Club a great burden of financial debt.

The construction of the new toilet block was the first major building extension since the rooms were opened in 1937. Building was commenced in 1973 and Club funds paid for all accounts for this project.



B. Brown – 1970

1977 – THE ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICER

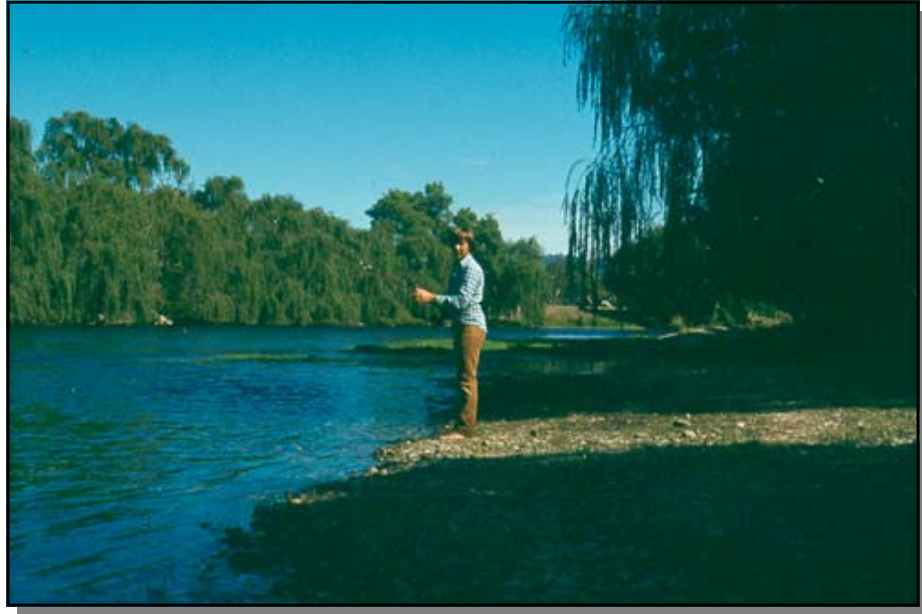
Bill Eberbach was our first Environment Officer. The position was created in 1977 and was setup mainly to keep members informed about such things as European Carp, river improvement and pollution of our waterways which can greatly effect our fishing as a Club.

One of our first forays into environmental politics was when Greensborough made a submission to the Conservation Council of Victoria on the uses of the East Gippsland area. We voiced our protest of the proposed setting up of a woodchip industry based in the area. Our submission was based on the devastation caused by wood chipping in and around the Eden area which was a masterpiece of mismanagement.



INTERESTING FACTS – 1952 to 1977

- 22/01/53 Mounted Blackfish and Catfish donated to Club by Mr Pringle. (still at Club today).
- 04/02/54 "Go Anywhere" competition explained and adopted for trial.
- 01/07/54 Trophy for the club member who introduces the most number of new members.
- 04/11/54 Suggested that the Club's neighbour be approached re grazing his cows.
- 13/06/57 Members hiring the hall and using the power points were charged 2/6- per point.
- 27/03/58 Secretary to get cost to brick veneer front of building.
- 19/02/59 T.P.I. and old age pensioners granted free membership.
- 05/03/59 Enquiries were made about leasing land on Howqua River.
- 30/04/59 Possibility to lease land and erect building on same.
- 27/08/59 Trip to Eildon Weir. If some members used boats, it was deemed to be a separate competition.
- 05/11/59 Inspector of Gaming & Police rang regarding gambling and raffles in the clubrooms - to stop at once.
- 07/03/60 Club guilty of keeping liquor - President & Secretary put on bond.
- 25/03/60 Committee recommendation - not to go-ahead with land at Howqua.
- 30/06/60 Letter from A. Fletcher's Assoc. - Printer offering to produce a booklet of the history of the Club.
- 15/09/60 Any member of an affiliated angling club who is invited to attend any club trips be made an Honorary Member for the day and can participate in the competition.
- 13/10/60 Letter from Moscow, assistance in forming Russia/ Australia Society in Moscow.
- 10/10/63 Two boys found a Murray Cod, weight stated to be 120 lbs stranded between two logs in the Goulburn River, Yea.
- 04/06/65 Members suggested that the Club hold surf fishing competitions.
- 01/04/66 Trophy to be awarded for Freshwater Aggregate. Fish caught out of competition accepted when weighed with trades people's note supplied, eg. Delta Hardware.
- 01/07/66 Membership fee left unaltered at \$2.10. Senior Members, 1964/65 - 11, 1965/66 -19.
- 02/06/67 Secretary to write to Greensborough Upholstery re blocked downpipe draining water on Club land.
- 16/06/67 Letter received from Greensborough Upholstery Co. enquiring if we were planning to sell our property. Secretary to write again re down pipe and put a price of \$20,000 on property.
- 23/10/68 Members notified of the death of Mr A. Bowers while at sea on a holiday cruise.
- 23/01/70 Stolen from the rear of the clubrooms - 40 dozen beer bottles.
- 07/08/70 Visitor - Master P. Campbell.
- 07/05/71 Visitor - Master Colin Moore.
- 06/07/71 New members will not be accepted until they have attended 2 meetings as a visitor.
- 09/08/71 Diamond Valley Shire Secretary contacted re suitable building site for new clubrooms.
- 27/10/72 Mr Jim Allen, Complete Angler attended meeting and gave a talk on fishing.
- 30/10/72 D. Young Motors applied to have parking rights at the front of the clubrooms - exclusive rights denied.
- 23/07/73 2 quotes approx. \$20,000 for rework of kitchen and new storeroom.
- 30/04/74 "Pig of the Trip" award may be introduced if rubbish left by members at competition venues.
- 25/06/74 1974/75 syllabus to be printed-1500 copies.
- 15/07/77 GDAC's mail box No. 7 is up and running.
- 13/09/77 Glass case housing 9 lb 11 oz brown trout caught in the Yarra by B.D. McGill 12/9/40 at Tarrwarra to be repaired.



1978 - 2001





1978 - SECOND BUILDING EXTENSION

In December 1978 plans and specifications were approved by the Council for minor additions to the kitchen area which also included construction of a storeroom.

Work commenced in January 1979 with the demolition of the old chimney and wall at the rear of the kitchen. At the next working bee the loyal workers of the Club started on the holes for the stumps.

These working bee's continued for many months until they received formal approval for the opening of the above project from the Health Commission of Victoria on 7th May 1980.

1981 - GAME FISHING COMES TO GREENSBOROUGH

Due to increased interest and many enquiries from the northern and western suburbs a meeting was convened for the purposes of forming a Big Game and Sportsfishing Club, to be held on 4th September 1981. Duly formed that night, the title of same was The Greensborough Sport & Game Fishing Division which was a division of the Greensborough and District Angling Club. It was also affiliated with the Victorian Game Fishing Association, the Game Fishing Association of Australia and A.N.S.A.

Membership of this Division automatically included membership to Greensborough & District Angling Club. This controlled by the current the first 6 months. their second meeting was the Greensborough

Early in 1985 the GGFC become the Melbourne The executive and the pros and cons of this unanimous decision was club's involvement in the Invitation Game Fishing the fact that membership base has

where, they did in fact represent Melbourne Game Fishing People.



division of GDAC was Committee of the club for (Interesting to note that held at the clubrooms of Swimming Pool)

took the decision to Game Fishing Club Inc. members agonised over name change, however a reached because of the Melbourne Open Tournament and secondly, geographically, the broadened to the point

Over the years, members of the Game Fishing Club have visited many of Australia's premier game fishing locations. These include Eden, Tathra, Broome and Bermagui.

In the 90's, the Game Club also organised the annual Westernport Classic where a number of game fishing records have been achieved.



1981 – GREENSBOROUGH & NATIVE FISH AUSTRALIA

Thanks to Graeme Creed and Ron Lewis for contributing the following information:

The Greensborough & District Angling Club played a major role in the formation of Native Fish Australia here in Victoria.

The Melbourne Branch of NFA was officially formed at a meeting held in the G.D.A.C. Club rooms on 5 December, 1981.

Some of the G.D.A.C. members who come to mind who helped establish NFA were Ray Gribble, Ernie Hatfield, Colin Luker, Andrew Frolley, Mark Bennett and Joe Micallef.

Many of these members were involved with the establishment of our first native fish hatchery at the Mornington Sewerage Authority.

Successful spawnings at Mornington helped provide the impetus for Victorian Fisheries to expand their fish breeding facilities at Snob's Creek to include native species such as Golden Perch, Trout Cod, Murray Cod and Macquarie Perch.

In 1983, NFA began displaying live fish in aquaria at the Melbourne Boat Show with the ever reliable Ernie Hatfield providing the transport for the display equipment to the Exhibition Buildings and home again.

In 1986 the G.D.A.C. Club rooms became "home" for NFA who held their monthly meetings there for about 6 years.

G.D.A.C. have continued their contribution toward the re-establishment of native fish populations by supporting our hatchery and breeding programs and by donating a freezer for the storage of food for our broodstock of Trout Cod held in aquaria in the hatchery.

One of NFA's most popular activities is the annual *Ray White* Native Fish Challenge conducted on the Murray River at Yarrawonga where a number of angling clubs compete in a catch, measure and release competition with the results being used by NSW Fisheries as part of their angler catch database research program.

NFA appreciates the continued support from G.D.A.C. and we look forward to continued co-operation especially with the Latrobe University Environment Education Resource Center – an educational facility to be established within the grounds of the LTU wildlife reserve at Bundoora in which NFA will be constructing and managing a live display of native fish

G.D.A.C. members have always been most welcome to visit our hatchery.





GREENSBOROUGH & DISTRICT ANGLING CLUB INC.

LETTER FROM TED JOHNSON - 1984

26-8-84

To A Johnson
27 Bakenwell Street
Bawtry
3550

To the President Greensborough Angling Club.

Sir,
After seeing the report of your Club in Thursday August 23rd saw as your Club going into deep-sea beam trawling, I thought I would write and send the enclosed Membership Card of the S. D. A. C. that was present to my father after we had left Greenstee had was one of the foundation members of the Club and it was his with all the other members to have their own rooms, for this the members used to hold card evening, dances and other entertainments, among a good trip we as kids had on pic-nic on Lakeside.

I still have the month Club that was presented to my father by the Angling Club when we were leaving Greenstee in 1984, after being burnt out, and it is still in good going order.

Frankly, it is only a little thing, but I thought it may bring back a few memories for some.

I would like one day to come down to Greensboro and just look at the hall, the hall at some of the old photos, and the mounted fish, which I would say that there are few that my father actually mounted.

I remain
Yours Fraternally
Ted Johnson

Greensborough Districts Fish Protection Society and Angling Club

This is to Certify that

is a Member of the above Club for Seasons 19

T. J. KELLY, Hon. Sec.
Licence No.

The Bearer of this Membership Card is a Shareholder in this Building, and will Protect your Property.



Ratray Road,
Montmorency

MINIMUM LENGTHS OF FISH

Bas (Gippeland)		Pike, Lenon	14 in.
Perch	10 in.	Quinn Salmon	25 "
Blackfish (except those in streams flowing north from the Great Dividing Range)	10 "	Rock Cod	25 "
Bream	10 "	Hull (Roughy)	7 "
Butterfish	10 "	Salmon, Australian (Salmon Trout)	8 "
Callop (Golden Pheasant or Yellowbelly)	11 "	Snapper (Schmapper)	105 "
Crayfish	41 "	Shark (School or Tiger)	26 "
Flathead	10 "	Silver Trevally	8 "
Flounder	9 "	(Silver Bream)	8 "
Garfish (River and Sea)	8 "	Sole (Pike)	14 "
Liver	13 "	Sole	8 "
Lokefish	8 "	Stranger	8 "
Mullet, Flat Tail	8 "	Taylor (Skylark)	9 "
Mullet, Yellow Eye	9 "	Trout (Brown and Rainbow)	11 "
Norway Cod	18 "	Trumpeter	9 "
Perch, Macquarie	10 "	Whiting, Spotted or King George	105 "
Poach, Silver (Greater)	10 "	Whiting (Sand)	8 "
		Whiting	8 "

Length is ascertained by measuring overall, except in the case of Garfish and Crayfish. Garfish are measured from the end of the upper jaw to the end of the lower half of the tail; Crayfish are measured from the tip of the rostrum horn between the eyes along the median line of the carapace to the end of the carapace.



CLUB INCORPORATION – 23 MARCH 1988

A meeting was held on Friday 12 February 1988 to consider and pass a resolution to change the Club's status from a co-operative to and incorporated body.

The resolution was passed and the incorporation was proclaimed on 23 March 1988.

INTER CLUB COMPETITIONS



As far back as the early 1930's, G.D.A.C. has been involved in competitions with many angling clubs in Victoria. Card competitions between club teams were enjoyed through the years with euchre being the main game played.

The Womens' Auxiliary had their own days at cards and these were used as fund raising events. We note with interest an organised casting competition with Fairfield Angling Club had to be deferred in April 1931 because of inclement weather. Some of the clubs were active in only salt water fishing, bay, estuary and surf while others fresh

water, rivers and impoundments so our interclub days have been quite a mixture. Travelling to venues with other clubs in chartered buses, members formed many friendships that developed through these outings over many years. These interclub events are looked forward to eagerly by many GDAC members.

Shields and trophies adorn the walls and cabinets of all clubs and were contested for in earnest by keen G.D.A.C. members. Unfortunately some of our rival clubs are no longer active today and have disbanded. G.D.A.C. would like to remember the good days over 75 years of angling and we look forward to future competitions with other angling clubs.

Listed are some of GDAC Rival Clubs over the years.

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| Preston | Police Angling | Hurstbridge |
| Dunlop Bayswater | Diamond Valley | Richmond |
| Yarraville | Oakdale | Camperdown |
| Northcote | Epping RSL | Alphington |
| Fairfield | Yea | Montmorency RSL |
| Elwood | Whittlesea | Abbotsford |
| Deepdene | Glenroy | |



1988 – GDAC HITS THE AIRWAVES

On Sunday 18th September 1988, the then President of the Club, John Cranston organised with community radio station 3CR and co-presenters Jack “Yabby” Wells and Martin Dawes to provide a 15 minute fishing segment sponsored by the G.D.A.C.

So successful was the show, with a few laughs to boot, that the station gave us a one hour time slot on Saturday mornings at 6.30 am. Yes that’s right 6.30 am!!! In those days the Club met on a Friday night and it was no mean effort to rise at 4.30 am on the Saturday, be at the studio at 5.15 and ready to record interviews with our stalwart reporters John Considine from Warrnambool and “Pedro” from Ballarat.

Under the watchful eye of our panel operator Kent Cochrane, the show continued for 5 years until the Club decided that the costs were too prohibitive to continue to sponsor the show.

Although the Club’s support ceased, I’m glad to report that the show still continues today under the leadership of Jack Wells. His passion for fishing and spreading the “fishing word” never ceases to amaze his many friends at the G.D.A.C.

1993 – NSW WATERWAYS COMES TO THE GREENSBOROUGH



At the 1993 Fishing Expo held in the old Exhibition Buildings, the then Secretary, Terry Beckwith approached Roy Cornwall, Regional Manager, Murray Inland Waterways Authority and requested that the Authority run a seminar at the Clubrooms. This was the start of a very close liaison between the Waterways Authority and the Greensborough Angling Club.

Roy Cornwall reflected by saying “The seminars have always been provided free by the Waterways Authority. Both members of the fishing club and the boating public have benefited from this service, and I believe that Victoria has also benefited from the service. Some of the Officers that have presented seminars at the Club over the years were John MacDonald, Marion Hoyt, Graham Goodsell, (Woody) Steve Jordan and of course myself. It is estimated that 2,500 people have attended the seminars and the club has been able to grow by this exposure. The Greensborough Angling Club has also assisted us with the issuing of NSW Boating Licences over this period, and the help has been very valuable to all our Officers especially when there has been a large crowd in attendance”.

“The Club has even given us assistance at the various Boating and Fishing shows, helping to set up and supplying important materials that were used in the displays”.

“The Greensborough Angling Club is one Club in Victoria that our Authority has always cherished for both the friendship and the partnership that still exists today. Our association with the G.D.A.C. has lasted over eight years and the Club members have provided their time free, and, of course those really beaut BBQs that we enjoyed after the seminars were always welcome”.

“Some special people to mention that have kept in touch with the Waterways Authority over the years are Martin Dawes, John Cranston, Terry and Chris Beckwith, Denis Rowlands and current President, Russell Conway. I could not forget to mention Ammando Ammendola that always supplied some very spicy food that made us drive home a little faster”.



BUY-A-BRICK CAMPAIGNS 1995 AND 2001

The Club would like to acknowledge the following members and to thank them for their financial support in these two special fund raising events. Further more, a thank you to all our sponsors and member for their continued assistance in raising funds for improvements to the club's hall and facilities. Since the Club was formed members have always responded to the needs of the Club, supporting raffles, social nights, card nights, presentation nights and auction days.

REMEMBER, Greensborough is your Club, it belongs to the members not to any office bearer or to the committee and it will be as good or as bad as you make it.

1995 - CLUBROOMS "GROW" WITH THIRD EXTENSION

"1995" - was an important year in the club's history. With President, Denis Rowlands, the Committee and Club members deciding to extend the hall 6 metres towards Para Road.

Once again a Building Committee was formed to organise the loyal workers of the Club. To help with the finances, a "Buy-A-Brick" Campaign was instituted at \$50 per brick. 60 bricks were bought by members, sponsors and local businesses.

The Melbourne Game Club donated \$2000 towards this large project. The Club was fortunate to have trades people in business - bricklaying, carpentry, electrical and drafting & design which helped to keep down the costs of the building. Building materials discarded by some were gladly used on our site with slight modifications to suit.



Once the front wall was removed, the front section of ground had to be dug out with a bobcat. Bricks had to be moved manually from the back of the club rooms to the front.



Rubbish from walls loaded into skips by the enthusiastic labourers, along with many other chores.

When the extension was finished, it was officially opened by the Life Members of the Club at an "Open Day" in July 1996.

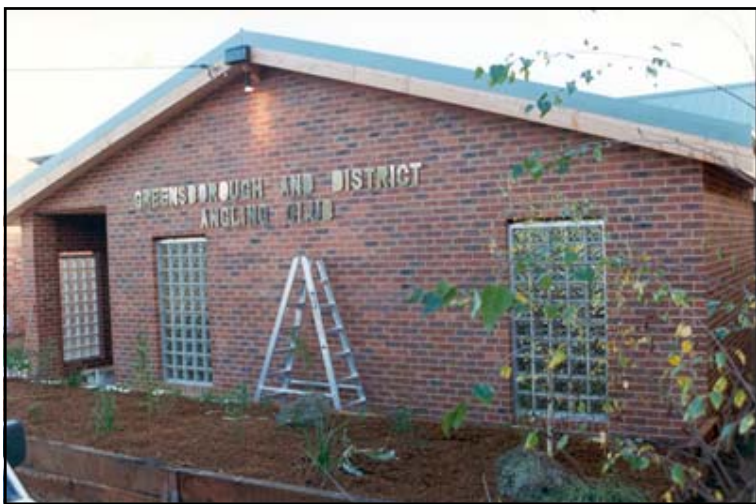
The members, one and all, who helped were entitled to be proud of their efforts. The plaques with the names of the "Buy-A-Brick" campaign donors adorn the wall of the extension.



BUY-A-BRICK CAMPAIGN 1995

BUY-A-BRICK 1995 DONORS

Action Angler & Marine (Shane Carrucan).
Aussie Angler P/L
Baird Family Diamond Village Meats
Balfour Constructions
The Beckwith Family
Brian Blethyn
Ron & Val Boardman and Family
The Bradshaw Family
Bob Brown and Family
Berti Brown
Glen, Linda & Jamie Bussey
Michael, Sam & Jennifer Carrucan
Central Transmissions
Maria & Russell Conway
John Cranston and Family
John Dafilis "Kingfisher"
Michael Dafilis Architectural Drafting &
Building Consultant
The Dawes Family
The Dyson Family
G & I Durrington and Family
Diamond Valley Garden Supplies
D.V.F.L. Umpires Association
Furniture Australia
Kath & Ray Gribble
Bob Hall
Mark Hall
Ern Hatfield
Con Hountis (Pyro)
Integrity Paints
The King Family
Knights Windscreen Repairs (Northern)
T Kozaris & Assoc. Civil Engineer
Les Long and Family
Melbourne Game Fishing Club
Allan Moore "Cormorant"
Colin Moore
Nat's Place Pizza & Pasta Restaurant
N.S.W. Waterways
L & T Pannunzio and Family
Luke Benjamin Pannunzio
Ross & Scott Patrick
Tom & Dawn Phillips "Turtle"
Tim "Toolman" Plummer
John Rainbow Life Member
J Ripa & Family
D & A Rowlands and Family
S. B. Outboard Services
Brian Smith
Sport Awards
Terry Arthur Stephens
Streaker Boats P/L
Summerhill Village Takeaway
The Thornton Family
Tramstop Nursery
Tulipano Family
Tyrrell Family East Keilor
Vitas Engineering
Wanderin 4 Wheelers
J & D Whitfield & Family
Zina's Hairdressing Headquarters





BUY-A-BRICK CAMPAIGN 2000

TOILETS ARE WELCOMED INSIDE WITH FOURTH EXTENSION

President Russell Conway, Committee and members decided it was time to modernise the toilet facilities and bring them within the Club rooms.

“Buy-A-Brick 2000” was launched and members and sponsors again rallied to collect \$2,000.

A “Building Committee” was established with plans & specifications drawn up by Ken Leamon. The framework of this extension was organised by Jim Walker, with his contacts at the Northern Metropolitan Institute of Technology.

Ken Thomson and his NMIT apprentices, as part of their course curriculum erected a building that they should be extremely proud of. All the stumps, frame, floor and walls were done on a material cost basis only with the savings amounting to many thousands of dollars. Again materials that were “abandoned” on other jobs were put to good use here.

The efforts of particular members require special thanks for the time and expertise they donated to the Club. Tim Scale and Anthony Rocca for their efforts over many nights with the carpentry and plastering, John Battista for his electrical skills, Ken Leamon for his architectural prowess and Frank Griska, who has the distinction of working on all 4 extension projects that the Club has undertaken over the years.



The efforts of all other Club members who also volunteered their time to help with the building of the toilets are also greatly appreciated. Without your help, the project would not have seen a successful conclusion.



BUY-A-BRICK 2000 DONORS

John Battista and Family
The Beckwith Family
Lucas and Julie Birchall
Brian Blethyn
The Bradshaw Family
Bunnings North Croydon
Glen and Linda Bussey. In memory of Jamie.
Marco, Jayne and Jack Cavaggion
Maria and Russell Conway
The Dawes Family
Brian and Pat Dyson
Paul Frazer and Joanne White
Mark and Di Hall
Greg Hayton
Conway and Sandra Knight
Ken and Dee Leamon

Les Long and Family
The MacGibbon Family
Allan Moore “Cormorant”
Hughie Mizzo
N.S.W. Waterways
Tom and Dawn Phillips
Tim and Carol Plummer
Preston Seafoods
Quick Power Electrical
D and A Rowlands and Family
Tim and Heather Scale
Streaker Boats
Graeme and Carolyn Tomkins
Jim Walker and Family
J and D Whitfield and Family

SUGERLOAF FAMILY FISHING DAYS

At the request of John Gower from Parks Victoria, Greensborough took on the task of organising and running the annual Sugerloaf Reservoir Family Fishing Day.

Sugerloaf is one of Melbourne's largest reservoirs, and it was to the credit of the members who volunteered their time that the Club was congratulated on the professional manner in which we managed the event.

The competition was open to both junior and senior anglers who fished for individual and team prizes.



Presentation of prizes

Individual sections were based on secret weights while the Team Section was for the heaviest bag of Carp.



Conway Knight, Brian Dyson, Lance Brosnan

Our first effort in 1997 saw about 150 anglers participate in the competition. Participants began arriving at 7 am and after registering at the control centre, wandered down to the waters edge for a relaxing day's fishing.

G.D.A.C. members patrolled the shoreline and provided tips on fishing techniques and tactics.

In 1998, the Club contacted the Diamond Valley News to advertise the day. Jim Walker and his daughters were

photographed and the picture appeared on the front page of the newspaper.

The advertising was very successful and we more than doubled the attendance at the 1998 Family Day.

Anglers were provided with hot food and cold drinks by Brian Dyson and his able helpers, Conway Knight and Lance Brosnan. The chef and his helpers did a terrific job and kept both the participants and G.D.A.C. members well fed.

Major prizes were donated by Boronia Marine, Aussie Angler, Hoogies Hardware and Real Estate Weekly.

1999 was the last year for the Sugerloaf Day as Melbourne Water, who now manage the reservoir decided to no longer stock the reservoir with Trout fingerlings.

Nonetheless, the Sugerloaf Family Days were very useful for the Club as they provided us with exposure and advertised our existence in the Greensborough area.

John Whitfield printed special T-shirts for all G.D.A.C. members for each year of competition. These are now collectible items. Special thanks must also go to the members who arrived in the early hours to help erect tents and supervise the registration of the participants.

A great team effort by all concerned.



SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENTS BY G.D.A.C. & IT'S MEMBERS

- Pride of place would be that the Club through good and lean years, has reached 75 years of existence. Full credit must go to all past and present members.
- Without a doubt, an accolade must goes to Mr. Tom Kelly who was co-instrumental in the formation of this Club. He was elected Secretary-Treasurer at the inaugural meeting and held these positions until he passed away in 1965. An amazing 39 years of leading and organising many events, card nights, fund raising and handwritten minutes of meetings. Best of all, he still had time to pursue his love of fishing. The trout caught by Tom still adorns our wall today.
- With the best interests of the Club in mind, cognisant of the efforts of members in years gone by, and with a wish to give the Diamond Valley community and future GDAC members a resource they could be proud of for many years to come, on 12th of August 1994, the members voted unanimously to remain at 161 Para Road and upgrade the clubrooms to that which we see before us today.
- George & John Rainbow – both life members.
- Arthur & Geoff Snow – both life members.
- Bruce & Bruce Bennell Jnr - 1975 Senior & Junior Champion Angler respectively.
- John & Adam Whitfield - 2000 Senior & Junior Champion Angler respectively.
- June Adams - The first & only Female Champion Club Member and Executive Member of the Club. June was Secretary in 1984-85.
- Alan Moore - Our first member to come from Junior ranks to win the Senior Angling Championship.
- ANSA Master Angler Certificates to Denis Rowlands & John Whitfield.

Highs & Lows of Club membership.

1964-65	11 Senior members
1965-66	19 Senior members
1969-70	92 Senior & 40 Junior members
2000-01	78 Senior & 19 Junior members

Club Membership Levels between 1950 & 1970

1950-51	73 seniors, 10 juniors	1961-62	26 seniors, 3 juniors
1951-52	66 seniors	1962-63	28 seniors, 6 juniors
1952-53	66 seniors	1963-64	23 seniors
1953-54	61 seniors	1964-65	11 seniors
1954-55	53 seniors	1965-66	19 seniors
1955-56	61 seniors, 1 junior	1966-67	26 seniors
1956-57	39 seniors, 1 junior	1967-68	44 seniors
1957-58	39 seniors, 2 juniors	1968-69	42 seniors, 6 juniors
1958-59	43 seniors, 5 juniors	1969-70	92 seniors, 40 juniors
1959-60	72 seniors	1975	101 seniors
1960-61	32 seniors, 4 juniors		



INTERESTING FACTS – 1978 TO 2001

- 10/02/78 Members invited to a film night by the Diamond Valley Sportfishing Club.
09/03/79 80 lb Cod caught near weir wall, Eildon.
27/05/83 Boat licence soon to be required in Victoria.
03/08/84 Rod fee abolished. All fish to be weighed in cleaned (gilled & gutted).
22/01/85 Pat Lewton to be nominated by G.D.A.C. for Angling Services Award.
05/02/85 Function to commemorate 50th Anniversary of hall opening to be organised.
12/04/85 Club Member's claim for world record 3.7 kg brown Trout on 1 kg line.
23/07/85 Article sent to Diamond Valley News on first woman Executive member of G.D.A.C. -June Adams, Secretary.
13/09/85 G.D.A.C. was made an Honorary Member of NFA (No other Club has this.)
31/01/86 Murray Cod (86 lb) run over by speed boat.
09/05/86 Coast Guard Course conducted. Dux of Class - Glen Bussey.
15/08/86 Pat Lewton awarded Angling Services Award 1986
Offer to buy club property from Able Scales rejected.
15/03/88 "Go Anywhere" competitions removed from syllabus.
09/08/88 Club participates in 3CR community radio. Opportunity to deliver 15 minutes of news and results. Commencing on 18/9/1988 at 6.15am
16/08/88 John Cranston and Martin Dawes to visit 3CR studio on Saturday night to inspect studio and learn to use the equipment.
16/08/88 3CR Diamond Valley radio program. G.D.A.C. to host show starting 18/09/88.
23/09/88 Membership application from Jack "Yabby" Wells.
07/02/89 Frank Griska nominated for Life Membership. Awarded at Presentation Night.
04/04/89 Discussion on banning smoking in the hall during meetings.
07/07/89 Smoking banned in hall during meetings.
30/11/90 Restumping of hall to commence late January 1991.
18/12/90 Valuation of club premises - \$230,000 - \$270,000.
22/03/91 Garage Sale profit - \$955.
12/07/91 Repolishing of floorboards. Quotes \$1000, \$1,400 & \$1,320.
09/08/91 3CR "Let's Go Fishing" radiothon raised \$1500 for station.
13/12/91 First Trash-N-Stash bill.
17/12/91 Bumper sticker "Drop a line with the G.D.A.C." with address suggested.
07/07/92 Tournament Committee raised club size limit on trout to 35 cms for club competitions.
28/08/92 NSW Waterways contacted.
11/09/92 First NSW Boating Licence day at GDAC on 3/10/92-28 attended.
05/02/93 Trout size back to 30 cms.
10/08/93 Marlin head donated by Conway Knight.
Siting of new clubrooms discussed.
02/06/95 Meeting minutes written twice.
25/08/95 "Buy A Brick" campaign commenced.
07/12/95 Constitution & Bylaws to be provided to new members.
09/02/96 Minutes to written twice.
12/04/96 Letter received from a student in Switzerland
10/05/96 Correspondence sent to Swiss student.
05/07/96 First general meeting held within new extension.
16/08/96 Smoking banned in hall at all times.

INTERESTING FACTS – 1978 TO 2001

- 17/08/96 First NSW boat test day. 75 people nominated to sit for boat licence test.
- 09/09/96 Building Committee to look at 5 year plan to relocate toilets and erect BBQ.
- 27/09/96 Digital scales purchased with calibration report.
- 08/11/96 Hand held marine radios available for members use.
- 07/03/97 Bar to close at 10.15 pm on meeting nights.
- 04/06/97 Request from Andrea Brown – copy of grandfather's photo on club room wall.
- 05/09/97 Community bus to be hired for some trips.
- 23/01/98 Special trip rules for Murray River – Cod may be weighed in alive and in good condition for return to river. All other fish to be weighed in gilled and gutted.
- 29/05/98 General meetings to be held on Thursday nights – starting 23/7/1998.
- 25/05/00 New toilet area to commence being built on 7/8/2000.
- 14/09/00 15% reduction where a fish is weighed in whole for trophy reasons.
- 28/09/00 120 million starfish estimated to be in Port Phillip Bay.



Thank you for your continued support of the Greensborough Angling Club